

Dr. MacRae Interviewed by Jim Neher 8-8-79

These are some interesting questions. First about Dr. Murray. He entered Faith Seminary the first year it began. He was just out of college. He entered as a first year student. He was there three years. Like most of our students he became very much devoted to Dr. McIntire's stand and Dr. McIntire's teaching.

I remember one time in chapel--there had just been some talk about a fire drill, and Dr. McIntire said that's right, if a fire starts put it out if you can; if you can't get out. He said, It's the same way with a denomination. It was an excellent illustration. The only thing is that if you decide that the fire is so bad you decide to get out does not necessarily mean everybody has got to agree with your judgment on it.

I've always thought it was very silly to stay in --- it was like when I was in seminary, or when I was first teaching, I remember hearing about the presbytery of NY, and they had quite a few sound men who were teaching there and who had churches there--~~xxx~~ small churches, one or two big ones-- they were in a pretty small minority, and they said some ~~ix~~ of these men if an important vote came up they would always get out of the way. They would have some reason to be out of the room, so they would not be on record as voting.

When one is working with people who are definitely trying to hurt the gospel, he certainly should get another affiliation under those circumstances. But if there is a real chance of reclaiming the organization--not just a vain hope, but a real chance--then one certainly ought to do it.

When we first spoke of starting Faith Seminary someone said that Collingswood Presbyterian church would be a wonderful place to start because they had very nice Sunday School rooms. A very nice building. It had been built before Dr. McIntire went there. But Dr. McIntire said, we could not hardly start then in his church because he had just been "defrocked" by the presbytery of NY for being a member of the Independent Board. It would be altogether possible that they might lose their building.

I think they had ~~about~~ around 1500 members. I'm not sure it was as large as that at that time. At any rate out of the members all but 6 stood with Dr. McIntire. These 6 went to court and the court rewarded them the building. So they got that fine building. During our first year the church walked out and left the building and put up a big tent in which they met for a few years and then they built a tabernacle-- rather roughly built sort of building(temporary thing they used for a number of years) and then eventually built the fine big building they have now. Their losing their church right at that time had a tremendous effect in pushing and making our students realize the force of the modernists and the unreasonableness of their effort.