

Dr. MacRae Interviewed by Jim Neher 2-12-79

I thought I'd start this morning by mentioning a man I don't think I'd mentioned before in these talks. He is Roland K. Armes. When I went to Phila. to teach in Westminster Seminary, it was not long before I became acquainted with him. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of the seminary, treasurer in fact. He was also the clerk of the (session) of Tenth Presbyterian Church, and thus very intimate with Dr. Barnhouse and actively concerned with the work of that church. I saw him many times during the 8 years I was there. Incidentally, Harold S. Laird was the Secretary of the Board at Westminster during all those years.

Toward the end of my time at Westminster, Mr. Armes planned a program-- I forget what the exact nature of the program was at Tenth Church one evening. He invited the students of Westminster to come over and sing in the choir. They were going to sing, Wonderful Grace of Jesus. It just happened that day I had a visit from a man named Manford H. Gutzkie whom I had known at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles who has written a number of books in recent years and been on radio in the south (and also in the north). I have not seen him since that time. He dropped in to visit me. I took him with me at the dining club at Westminster. In fact I was hoping he might become associated with our work in some way. He had been teaching in a Presbyterian Seminary in the south before that.

After we ate dinner, a young fellow named Atwell whom incidentally I saw last fall for the first time in many years-- Atwell who was a senior student got up at the dining table and he made an impassioned speech: We are a Calvinistic seminary; how can our students go and sing Wonderful Grace of Jesus reaching out to all the lost? How can we sing such a thing as that? He made an impassioned