

Schuler would have been an excellent one to speak. His term has expired just before and we had elected a layman, a very fine man but not a particularly good speaker. They had someone who was quite a good speaker. Each of them spoke. When they finished others wanted to say something. But Dr. McIntire said, No more discussion; you've heard from the moderators and stated clerks and he says now all those who were not members of either group will vote on which group will be seated, which is the true Philadelphia Presbytery.

They voted. There was an overwhelming "Aye" for their group. Then, I think it was Ken Lee or someone, who asked that all those who voted against it stand. I think there were three that stood. Then they asked that all those who didn't vote stand. Then they said, This is the presbytery (of Phila.). Any who have not signed up as members of this presbytery but have been members of Phila. Presbytery in the past, simply have to go to the moderator or stated clerk and give their name and they will become members of the presbytery and be registered to vote here.

Of course these folks would not do that. So somebody told me that as he went out of the room he passed Mrs. McIntire and said, What on earth did they do this for? She said, Oh, they had to get rid of Dr. Allan MacRae! That I only heard second hand. Dr. McIntire met that afternoon with some of them, and he said h=== and they said he was practically in tears when they insisted they were leaving and would not stay for the Synod meeting.

But to go through all of that in order to get me out was certainly ridiculous. The result was that the little group which had been a bare majority in the Phila. Presbytery continued and called themselves, they changed their names to the Covenant Presbytery. Then Dr. McIntire tried to get the churches of John Myers and of Ralph Shuler to come with him. They said the churches were members of the presbytery. In John Myer's church in Stanton I think they distributed a paper McIntire wrote, urging them not to have him as their pastor any more unless they came (he came) into the presbytery-- the right presbytery. Maybe 1/3 of the people left the church and organized a new group.

In Schuler's church Dr. McIntire left his own service on Sunday Morning. Got someone else to preach, and went all the way from Collingswood to Washington to come to the service. When the service was over -- I think they were having a congregational meeting two or three members had asked for after church -- and then when they opened the meeting Dr. McIntire got up and started to speak, and Mr. Schuler told him he was not a member of the church. He did not have a right to come there and speak, and so he tried very hard to let them let him speak. But they refused. They went ahead and voted. A small group of them left and started meeting elsewhere taking the same name as that church, ~~xxx~~ taking that name and then they brought suit against that church for its property. But it was eventually thrown out of court.

The group unfortunately that left -- there were only 3 churches ~~xx~~ with us, and we had more ministers in it. We had