

McIntire Denounces China Trip

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A rally to protest President Nixon's visit to Peking began 22 minutes late last night in St. Mary's Square, when the Rev. Carl McIntire arrived to the somewhat less than tumultuous welcome applause of 32 shivering sympathizers — and two (uncommitted) dogs.

Undaunted by this failure of The City to respond to numerous advance press releases, the ultraconservative pastor of the Collingswood, N.J., Bible Presbyterian Church and advocate of

"Victory-In-Vietnam" proceeded to denounce President Nixon.

"Nixon is dining with slave-masters Mao Tse-tung and Chou En-lai," charged Dr. McIntire, who subsequently explained that "the slavery in present day China is worse than the slavery we had in the U.S. — because at least the Negroes were allowed to worship and sing spirituals."

He then introduced Mrs. Fairy McIntire, his wife, who denounced Mrs. Richard Nixon for what she said

was the First Lady's "congratulating the communes."

"Thank you, Mrs. McIntire for answering Mrs. Nixon," replied her husband, who proceeded to introduce seven additional speakers.

Bill Buckingham, identified by McIntire as "formerly with the Associated Press in Saigon," denounced President Nixon for what he called "belly-crawling to China."

Added Buckingham (who later clarified his relationship to AP as having been "on contract to provide spe-

cial stories"): "Castro is the only Communist we can't call a bare-faced liar!"

After informing the sparse gathering of "a great rally in Washington, D.C., on Saturday, as the climax of our visiting 20 major cities in eight days," Dr. McIntire led his supporters on a single-file march six blocks into Chinatown.

Only one Chinese-American followed the McIntire procession, while the few others who noticed the procession along Grant Avenue either smiled, or went about their business.