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McIntyre Silences Pirate Radia at Sea

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COLLINGWOOD, N.J., Sept.

20—After a one-day stand, the Rev. Carl McIntire took his Seaborne pirate radio station off the air today.

The fundamentalist minister said in an interview in his office here that he had acted because Radio Station WHLW in Lakewood, N. J., had complained to him that his unlicensed station was interfering with the WHLW signal. WHLW also complained to the Federal Communications Commission.

"There is no dearth of wavelengths, and we do not want to interfere with any other station," the 67-year-old preacher said.

He said he would return to

the air soon on another frequency or with a directional antenna that would avoid interference with WHLW.

The shutdown halted plans by the F.C.C. to go to Federal Court in New Jersey for a restraining order against the extralegal McIntire station.

Mr. McIntire went on the air yesterday afternoon in defiance of F.C.C. licensing regulations, broadcasting from a 28-year-old converted minesweeper in international waters 12 miles off Cape May.

He said he was doing so to regain his East Coast audience and to provoke a confrontation with the F.C.C. on what he called its abuse of its licensing authority.

Last July the agency revoked Mr. McIntire's license to operate Station WXUR in Media,

Pa., charging the station had misrepresented programing plans and had favored conservative over liberal speakers.

The minister said today that if a new antenna was insufficient to prevent interference with the Lakewood station at 1170 on the AM band, he would shift his unlicensed station from 1160 to 1613.

"That's way up at the top of the band," he said. "There's nobody up there."

He said he hoped to be back on the air within a week. His ship is now anchored three miles off Cape May but would be taken beyond the 12-mile territorial limit again when broadcasting resumes. Mr. McIntire contends the F.C.C. has no licensing jurisdiction in international waters.