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DR. KARL BARTH IN LONDON

It was my privilege to have luncheon at the Hotel Russell on Monday, together with a representative company of about thirty others, with Dr. Karl Barth, the world-famous professor who was expelled from his position in Bonn University because of his resistance to the dictatorship of Hitler in Church affairs.

A sentence from each of the distinguished men who welcomed him at the luncheon reveals the attitude of British theologians. The Dean of St. Paul's said, "Dr. Karl Barth has sounded a trumpet in Europe for religious freedom." Dr. J. A. Hutton: "He has confronted this age with an absolute." Dr. Carnegie Simpson: "He has stood for the supremacy of the idea of God and for the rights of man in the State."

Dr. Karl Barth spoke in English, and said that not since the days of Mahomet has Christianity been so threatened in Europe. Germany seems to say, "There is one God, and Herr Hitler is His prophet." There was a great peril of a State Church like that of the Age of Charlemagne and of the eighteenth century. Such an event would crush the liberty of preaching and of theology. The Bishops would be after the pattern of Hitler. He said this was not only a German question, but a world question. He did not think it would be wise to send letters of sympathy from this country to the churches in Germany. The best way Britain could serve would be to stand resolutely for the same evangelical truth and for spiritual freedom. The luncheon was arranged by the World's Evangelical Alliance.

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