Basel Professor of Theology urges Christian Dynamism

"Americans can beat nazi heathan dynamism with a dynamism based on a true knowledge of the will of God," says Professor Karl Barth well-known Swiss opponent of National Socialism and leader in the German Confessing Church. "Nazi dynamism based on self-glorification the deification of natural instincts is stronger than skepticism and unbelief. It can only be beaten by the real Christian faith." "I am against making a crusade of this war or of putting an Americaninvented God up against a nazi-invented God. Only soldiers serving the true x God can beat the soldiers of the nazi manamade God." Recent anti-Christian utterances and acts of nazi leaders leave Professor Barth cold, because he has long forseen and prophesied them. "These things are only the logical consequence of nazi principles which we of the German Confessing Church reckognized mannamakamakan in 19303 and have fought since then. They are nothing compared with what will come if the nazis continue to win military summer success." Professor Barth mamamamamamam characterized Communist anti-Christianity as mere bungling compared to nazi anti-Christianity. Why? "Because nazi anti-Christianity is coupled with anti-Semitism of a most violent and thorough form. When you strike Israel you strike directly at Christ. Israel is the root Christ is the branch. Hitler when he axamantanaman said recently that the sole aim of this entire war is the man extermination of the Jews meant also the extermination of Christianity. Hitler is fighting Christ through the Jews though he is sometimes unaware of it himself. Communist anti-Christianity on the other hand is based on a misunderstanding, the confusion of the corrupt Tsarist church with Christianity. If I had to choose I would a thousand times prefer living under Communism." "The strongest weapon against nazism is fixmx an absolute Christian point of view. Where in the occupied countries is there still meminamen resistance? In Christian circles especially in Manham Holland and Norway. Hitler has made himself into a god. He has assumed divine powers to decide on good and evil and to form men's conscience. He will be swept away by a higher maman power as the many like him in history." "I wish you Americans luck," said the plucky pastor biting his mind pipe and looking out of his window from where he can almost see across the German border. "American tanks, airplanes, rifles - they are good weapons being used in a good cause. Just one warning- watch out for msawmamrakmymmxmmm pseudo-religiondon't be like Hitler."

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Professor Barth is min the best-hated theologian of the nazis who have reckognized him as their enemy for years. Among the Swiss Christians ms and German Christians is mxixmxhrm a fearless and respected leader. He has one advantage which many European Christian leaders lack- he has never been fooled by nazi attempts to make friends, he has never accepted the slightests mingling of nazi and Christian doctrine, and has never yielded an inch from pure Christianity dwaxminn of the Lutheren brand. He still writes tracts which xere mantarmin was management and sermons which are masterpieces of rhetoric against National Socialism. The Swiss military censors bann them occasionally "out of consideration for management the sensibilities of our northern neighbors" but see to it that they are widely distributed among leading Swiss by wasnexhow less obvious news routes. Professor Barth has the further distinction of handelmam helping to hold ax the last culturally allemanic, or germanic region against the next wave. Basel speaks a germanic dialect. The plays of Goethe, Schiller and Waby Hebbel are hits in Basel. Diamannam mxmmsxmmmmmxmkimmm Externally Basel looks like a middle-western American city The Swastika m waves just across the Shine. Professor M Barth is one of the reasons that Basel is still under the white cross on a red field of the Swiss banner and, what is more important, still thinks Swiss and spiritually mamammam forms a part of Western, European, Christian civilization. In 1938 Professor Barth was in England where he tried to warm the English of what was coming from Germany. "Bad news", said one Englishman as they listened to the mm occupation of Vienna and then talked of something else. Professor Barth would like to go to America where he has never been, but is afraid that he could not swing the trip min without being required to give lectures and interviews.

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