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## Professor Who Refused Oath to Hitler Is Ousted

### Barth Loses Post at Bonn, Pension Cut in Half

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BERLIN, Dec. 21.—Dr. Karl Barth, noted theologian and professor of Evangelical theology at the University of Bonn, was dismissed from office yesterday by the civil service administration court at Cologne for his refusal to take the prescribed oath to Chancellor Adolf Hitler. Professor Barth has the right of appeal against the judgment, which awarded him half his pension for one year, to the superior Prussian administrative court at Berlin.

The theologian was suspended from office and disciplinary measures were opened against him by Dr. Bernhard Rust, Nazi Minister of Education, on November 22, because he declined to take the oath to Hitler required of all German civil servants by the law of August 20, unless he could add the proviso, "so far as I, as an Evangelical Christian, can answer for it."

Professor Barth has been a leading figure in the Protestant church conflict against the autocratic regime of Reichsbishop Ludwig Mueller, both by his famous pamphlet, "I Say No!" and by his drafting of the theological declaration of Barmen last June. He is a citizen of two countries, since he was born in Switzerland and acquired German citizenship, while retaining his Swiss papers, on his appointment to the chair of theology in the University of Goettingen in 1921.