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## Church Leaders Rally in Capital Against Nazism

### Bishop Freeman Joins With Father Walsh in Protest Against Persecutions as Burke Asks U. S. Action

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (AP).—Catholic and Protestant church leaders joined with Senator Edward R. Burke, Democrat, Nebraska, tonight in a call for "moral rearmament" against racial and religious persecution throughout the world. The need for a union of religion and democracy to protest current outbreaks of intolerance was the theme of speeches prepared for delivery at a mass meeting of all faiths in Constitution Hall.

Bishop James E. Freeman, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, said: "Germany's attack on its Jewish minority and its more recent attack upon the distinguished prelates of the Roman church indicates that all religious institutions are imperiled."

Using such words as "brutal" and "fanatical" in connection with Germany's actions, Bishop Freeman said the necessity of destruction of religion and religious institutions "before a ruthless and cruel despotism can have its unhampered sway" had been evident in all the totalitarian states.

Senator Burke mentioned no countries, but declared that America's record of protesting against persecutions in other lands had been consistent.

"Our duty to express moral indignation," he said, "is heightened by the realization that failure to do so will give a form of approval to

intolerance, and that such prejudices will spread beyond the borders of countries now affected."

The Rev. Edmund A. Walsh, vice-president of Georgetown University, declared Communist and Nazi efforts against religion were the inevitable course of a government which "arrogates to Caesar the things that are God's."

"The Catholic Church will not compromise on the basic issue with either of these new Caesars," he declared. "It must perish first—if that were possible. To denounce and protest is only half our obligation. Religion and democracy must not only be believed in: they must be lived in the concrete."