

to express themselves actively and effectively regarding matters of politics ~~and government~~ and government. When there is a moral issue clearly involved, not simply a question whether there may be some, but when it is clear ~~that~~ that there is, the Christian and the Christian church should speak actively and effectively. When there is a matter of keeping mission ~~boards~~ boards open. When there is a matter of ~~preventing~~ preventing our government from giving its support to another religion at the expense of the Christian religion, the Christian church, as a church, should speak up.

We had an instance of this about three years ago. Our president, President Truman thought he would like ~~a few~~ a few more Roman ~~Catholic~~ Catholic votes, and he announced that he was going to appoint an ambassador to the Vatican. Well, now, if you ~~were~~ were to appoint an ambassador to the man who rules a square mile of land somewhere, as a secular ruler, that would be ~~one~~ one thing. But nobody like the rank of ambassador is needed for that. This was the appointment of a man to go to headship, who is head of a church, and they ~~were~~ were giving that church a privilege which other ~~churches~~ churches in the nature of things could not equally share. The American Council of Christians/ Churches spoke out in protest against that, and held a protest meeting in Washington. Went to see the senators. The matter was ~~quietly~~ quietly <sup>shoved</sup> and no ambassador to the Vatican was appointed. Some people have criticized the American ~~Council~~ Council, that it entered into ~~politics~~ politics where it should not do so. I say that where politics or government are used for the ~~advancement~~ advancement of a religion, and that not the Christian religion, we do not go in there and ask for a privilege for ourselves, as a particular ~~religion~~ religion. No. But we go in ~~and~~ and we demand that all religions be treated equally, and that no privilege be given to another religion which ~~is~~ in ~~the~~ the nature of things cannot be given to all.

I say, we did what it was our duty ~~as~~ as a council of churches to do. Now, in relation to this matter, we found that in Germany there were