

REPLIES TO HIS CRITICS

Dr. Niemoeller Explains Visit Is to Bring Blessings

Replying to criticism of his presence in this country, the Rev. Dr. Martin Niemoeller said last night at the Brooklyn Academy of Music that he did not come here to "ask you for anything." Instead, he said, he wanted to "tell you that God has brought sufferings to the churches of Europe but also new experience and blessings."

"We do not feel broken down, but blessed," the Lutheran clergyman declared, "and I wish to pass on these blessings of God to you."

He spoke under the auspices of the Protestant Council of the City of New York, the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America and the American Committee for the World Council of Churches. His audience numbered 3,600 persons, with 1,500 others turned away.