

Niemöller Redux

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First they built a mosque on my block, but that was OK by me
since I was tolerant of all religions, especially religions of peace;

Then they came for the dog, but I was not particularly disturbed
since it relieved me of thrice-daily walks;

Next they came for my driveway during Friday prayers
and that was fine too since they needed somewhere to park;

Then they came for my neighbour's house at market-depressed prices

but I was not concerned since it wasn't my house;

Next they began to patrol the streets and cordon off the district

but I could understand the desire to feel at home;

Then they came for my Broil King, my satellite dish and my lawn mower

but that was copacetic too since they needed to cook, watch TV, and keep a tidy yard;

Finally they came for me but that was not a problem

since I had already converted.

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