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**Gotham, Detroit,  
Chicago Hail  
New Cardinals**

(N. C. W. C. News Service)  
Three of the four newly created American Cardinals have returned home from Rome and thousands of Catholics from all walks of life gave eloquent expression to their joy in welcoming the Princes of the Church.

Feb. 16 and laymen; representatives of government and civic organizations; men, women and children; rich and poor vied in greeting the distinguished Princes who have been raised to the dignity of the Roman Purple.

They crowded the Cathedrals to offer prayers of gratitude for the safe return of the travelers, who had made their journeys to and from the Eternal City in American airliners of such speed that the 4,500 mile distance to Rome was covered in little more

**Russia Perils Christian Civilization—Churchill**

**Soviets Seen Aiming To Destroy Church East of Curzon Line**

**Hope — (NC) —** Soviet policy has as its aim the destruction of Catholicism east of the Curzon Line in flagrant violation of one of the four basic freedoms, Cardinal Eugene Tisserant, Secretary of the Sacred Congregation for the Oriental Church, said here.

In an interview he struck out against the forced return of refugees to Soviet territory — a measure which, he said, means for many of them deportation to Siberia and even the death squad.

If the end of the war means the end of the right of asylum, he warned, then "manhood has lost every idea of justice and charity."

By their present tactics the Soviet authorities are giving effective aid to Alexis, the schismatic Patriarch of Moscow, who upon his elevation urged Russian Catholics to desert Rome.

Religious and Sisters are being systematically deported by the communists, he added.

Freedom Violated

"East of the Curzon Line," he declared, "the policy of the Soviets aims at the destruction of Catholicism, and this is in open violation of one of the four principal freedoms. Since in Russia, practically speaking, no other Christian church is allowed except the Orthodox Church of Moscow, the order of the day is that the Russian Catholic Church must disappear."

"For Russians the matter is reduced to this dilemma," he added. "Either submit to martyrdom; and martyrdom means arrest, deportation into Asia, prison, forced labor and death. And since deportation is used especially against the clergy one cannot say that still be the lot of the faithful, who and themselves are being deprived of their pastors."

"Priests, nuns and Sisters are being deported systematically," he said. "Of more than 2,000 monks, priests and nuns of the Russian Catholic Church, only 100 have survived the past year. The Russian Catholics have lost all their schools and religious institutions, and more than 30 of them have been ar-

**Holy Father Will Act as His Own State Secretary**

**By THOMAS E. MORGAN**  
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Vatican City — (INS) — For the time being at least, Francis cannot be said to have a State Secretary, but he will not be appointed Papal Secretary of State.

Neither will any other member of the recently enlarged Sacred College of Cardinals.

Pope Pius XII, despite repeated rumors to the contrary, will act as his own "foreign minister" for an indefinite period.

No appointment as a Papal secretary of State is contemplated at the present time. The Vatican has not established a permanent office for an indefinite period.

According to the Pope's own plan, he personally will handle the Vatican's foreign affairs, maintaining in international contacts as did the late Luigi Cardinal Magliocci, the last papal State Secretary. He will use Monsignors Tardini and Montini of the Vatican "foreign office" as his under-secretaries.

Either Signor Tardini or Montini may be named Secretary of State "pro tem" until the Pope finally decides which he wishes to entrust with the task he will continue to be present.

Cardinal Spellman is regarded throughout the Vatican as an excellent choice for carrying the immense weight of Vatican diplomacy. He is known as a proved negotiator, thoroughly conversant with Vatican procedure.

But although these qualities are highly esteemed, his position in New York is regarded as even more important than that of Papal Secretary.

BY ROBERT G. NIXON  
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Fulton, Mo. — (INS) — Former Prime Minister Winston Churchill has branded Russia a "growing challenge and peril to Christian civilization" and called for a virtual U. S. British military alliance to prevent a third world war.

Churchill issued a grim warning that "Communist Fifth Columns" are at work under the aegis of Moscow in most of the world. He termed Russia a threatening "shadow" over both Europe and Asia.

Churchill's ominous words of foreboding were uttered in an address Tuesday before the faculty of Westminster College, to which he had journeyed from Washington as the guest of President Truman.

His speech was devoted in part to exposition of his warnings that Russia's present course threatens world peace and that a "religious association" between the English-speaking democracies may be the only bulwark of preventing the outbreak in the future of a far more devastating global war than the one so recently ended.

Fifth Column Active

The former Prime Minister who steered Britain through its darkest hours bluntly charged: "In a great number of countries, Communist Fifth Columnists are established and work in complete unity and absolute obedience to the directions they receive from the Communist Center."

"Except in the British Commonwealth and in the United States, where Communism is in its infancy, the Communist Parties or Fifth Columns constitute a growing challenge and peril to Christian civilization."

"These are somber facts for nations in their infancy, the narrow of a history, by no means a happy one, and in the hour of freedom and democracy, and we should be most anxious not to face them squarely while they remain."

In blunt words he described Russia as:

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"Today, Russia is a shadow that has fallen upon the world, a shadow that has been cast by the Axis victory. The shadow is dark and it is growing."

He then declared that "Fifth Columns in the United States are at work under the aegis of Moscow in most of the world."



WINSTON CHURCHILL

**Bishop to Speak At Cardinal's Mass**

New York — At the first Pontifical Mass of His Beatitude Cardinal Spellman, Sunday, March 10 in St. Patrick's Cathedral, the preacher will be His Excellency, Bishop Kearney of Rochester.

Bishop Kearney was among the prelates who greeted Cardinal Spellman in the Metropolitan Opera House, Tuesday evening and he attended a Pontifical Mass for religious and clergy on Thursday at which the Cardinal presided.

**than a day's flying time.**

Cardinals Edward Mooney, Samuel A. Stritch and Francis J. Spellman came back to their home country, on Tuesday just slightly over three weeks after their departure. Cardinal John J. Glennon, who interrupted his return journey to spend a few days in his native Ireland, is scheduled to arrive in St. Louis today.

Detroit Landing Cancelled

Unfavorable weather conditions near the Detroit airport made the landing of the Constellation airliner carrying Cardinals Mooney and Stritch inadvisable. The plane went on to Chicago. Cardinal Mooney went to Detroit from Chicago by train later in the day.

Cardinal Spellman's airplane, out of Vatican City, arrived at (Turn to page 8)

**On Guard!**

**By Rev. Patrick J. Flynn**

Accompanied by the President of the United States and standing on the democratic soil of Missouri, Winston Churchill this week delivered what may be the last great speech in defense of the British Empire.

Still the master of eloquence and oratory, the 71-year-old British statesman lifted the lowly and remote Ozarks in the heart of the American midwest into the headlines of the world. If war should ultimately break out — and we hope that it does not — between Soviet Russia and the Anglo-American forces, men will say that Churchill's speech in the Ozarks was the first shot — a shot heard around the world.

Warning that Soviet agents

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**Auburn Novitiate To be Opened by Carmelite Fathers**

Auburn — Conversion of the city-owned Case Mansion on South Street into a novitiate house for the Carmelite Fathers of the Province of St. Elizabeth, New York, was virtually completed when the Order bid \$150,000 for the building and a public auction held here Tuesday afternoon.

The novitiate house will be situated on the site of the Case Mansion, which was built in 1850 and was the residence of the late Theodore W. Case, the South Street estate with its elaborate and immense construction has been offered a purchase price of \$150,000.

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**God Bird At Three O'Clock**

"God Bird At Three O'Clock," a new story by the Rev. Gerald T. Brennan, pastor of St. Bridget's Church, Rochester, and nationally known writer of children's books, begins on page 12 of this issue of the COURIER-JOURNAL. In the clear and lively style which has made him a favorite among boys and girls (and even many adults), Father Brennan now tells the world's most important story in a manner which is fresh and inspiring as well as reverent.

Illustrating this dramatic story in the COURIER-JOURNAL are photos drawn by Sister Margaret Mary of the Sisters of Mercy and a teacher at St. John the Evangelist School, Rochester.