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ican Catholic Club for the Allied armed forces, operated here by the National Catholic Community Service, was the scene of a brilliant reception in honor of the newly-created American Cardinals, which was attended by distinguished representatives of Church and State from many countries.

Reds Seen Aiming To Destroy Church East of Curzon Line

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Schools Suppressed
"If one looks at the region of Lower-Carpathia the position of Ruthening Catholics shows the same general characteristics, with however some differences," the Cardinal pointed out. "Catholic schools have been suppressed and their property confiscated by the Soviets. Sermons are censored. Priests, deprived of their means of livelihood, are forced to seek any kind of manual labor in order to live.

"Communist propagandists hold meetings in villages to urge Catholics to join the Orthodox Church of Moscow, and equal pressure is coming to be used in regard to priests. But since the priests have all remained steadfast in the Catholic Faith they are being publicly labeled as enemies of the people, with all the terrible consequences that such a designation carries.

"The seminary at Munkacs has been robbed of its buildings," Cardinal Tisserant continued, "and at least 50 churches of this diocese have been taken from Catholic priests and given to the Orthodox Church."

With reference to the "forced return to one's country" and to the "denial of the right of asylum," which the Holy Father referred to in his allocution at the Consistory on February 21, Cardinal Tisserant had this to say:

Scenes of Sorrow
"It follows as a natural consequence that hundreds of thousands of Ruthenian and Ukrainian refugees are returning, with all their might, to be transferred east of the Curzon Line and to return under the rule of the communists. There is no reason, really, to wonder at this. An enforced return to their own land would mean, in fact, for many refugees deportation to Siberia or even the firing squad.

"Scenes of great sorrow and despair have occurred in concentration camps for displaced persons in Germany, Austria, Italy and elsewhere," the Cardinal said. "The reason for this is that refugees are not submitting to demands made by members of the Red Army, often at the point of a gun, to force refugees back to the countries from which they have come.

On Guard!

By Rev. Patrick J. Flynn

(Continued from page 1) sion and Communist intrigue constitute a growing "peril to Christian civilization," Mr. Churchill called for the equivalent of an Anglo-American military alliance to preserve the peace.

Clearly this suggestion seems to be an appeal to the old "myth of force" rather than to the force of moral righteousness. When it comes to defending peace and particularly the British Empire, no doubt Britain's wartime leader has more faith in several divisions or a good air force than he has in anything else.

Mr. Churchill's proposal of an Anglo-American front is very disappointing to those of us who have no confidence in a questionable peace which depends upon some association of might, especially armed might.

The peoples of both the United States and Great Britain, eager as they are for peace, may ask how long the old-fashioned and dubious peace-making method of "shooting our way through" must continue. As taxpayers, who ultimately pay the costly bills of armies both in peace and in war, we want to know how long we must be added with this crushing burden of armaments.

Mr. Churchill's request for a "fraternal association of English speaking peoples" was the weakest part of his speech because woven into it was some clever bids for the maintenance of the British Empire to which the eloquent Briton is so passionately devoted.

The freedom-hungry peoples of the colonial world in the Far East and the Middle East will certainly eye with sharp suspicion Mr. Churchill's reference to a "special relationship between the British Commonwealth and Empire and the United States."

The ability to speak English, even with an Oxford or Harvard accent, should not argue special privileges for anybody. An English-speaking fraternity might promote Anglo-American business but if we are interested in world peace we must remember that millions of people speak a Slavic language, or an Arabic language, or a Latin tongue. Mr. Churchill's "English-speaking" doctrine smacks too much of our own New England, where allegedly affairs were once so snug that "the Cabots spoke only to the Lowells and the Lowells spoke only to God."

It may happen, of course, that an Anglo-American military alliance will be suddenly necessary as the only practical means of blocking a ruthless aggressor and defending ourselves. If so, then, we shall once again be fighting for peace the hard way — with guns — and once again our national prayer will be, "Buy Bonds! Buy Bonds!"

The best part of Mr. Churchill's Orank speech was what he had to say about the predatory conduct of Soviet Russia. Most Americans were glad to hear Mr. Churchill telling the truth about Moscow and we can only hope that Mr. Churchill has not spoken too late.

Surely diplomats throughout the world must have been nervous and silent when Mr. Churchill began to expose in blunt terms the story of the Soviet "Iron Curtain."

"From Stettin in the Baltic to Trieste in the Adriatic," he said, "an iron curtain has descended across the Continent. Behind that line lie all the capitals of the ancient states of central and eastern Europe. Warsaw, Berne, Prague, Vienna, Budapest, Belgrade, Bucharest and Sofia, all these famous cities and the populations around them lie in what I might call the Soviet sphere, and all are subject, in one form or another, not only to Soviet influence but to a very high and in some cases increasing measure of control from Moscow."

In view of the current Russian spy case in Canada, Mr. Churchill made another significant

ant revelation." . . . far from Russian frontiers and throughout the world," he said, "Communist fifth columns are established and work in complete unity and absolute obedience to directions they receive from the Communist center."

Why did Mr. Churchill speak so frankly and openly about Soviet Russia? Obviously, the man who formerly spoke so confidently of Mr. Stalin and who was a party to the Big Three Councils at Teheran and Yalta, and who publicly defended the Russian partition of Poland is now a worried Briton.

Was Mr. Churchill telling the United States that his beloved empire, lately rescued from Hitler is now freshly menaced by Stalin and that we must again come to the rescue?

The fact that President Truman knew what Mr. Churchill was going to say in his Missouri speech and that the President personally introduced the British statesman is most significant. Was Mr. Churchill's speech also Mr. Truman's speech? Acting on the old axiom that "what you do through others you do yourself," then Mr. Churchill's speech is the most sensational speech ever made by President Truman.

We can only guess at what mutual purposes were shared by President Truman and Mr. Churchill on their visit to Missouri. Our view is that they were two men striving to keep the lights on, in at least our part of the world, and warning us at the same time that these lights may go out again at any moment.

Priests' Body Recovered
Fate — (RNS) — The embalmed body of one of Rouen's most famous archbishops, Jean Cardinal Thomas, who died in 1864, has been recovered from the debris of Rouen's badly-bombed cathedral, it was reported here.

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