

Problems Face Church Says Cardinal

Washington (NC)—"Urgent and momentous problems" face the Church in this country last year, "in many respects the most historic and fatal that the war years that have passed," Archbishop Francis Spellman said today.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the National Council of Catholic Bishops, Spellman said that the Church must face the "urgent and momentous problems" of the war years that have passed. He said that the Church must face the "urgent and momentous problems" of the war years that have passed.



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Canada Gets Report on Soviet Spies

Ottawa (NC) — So great has been the demand for copies of the 723-page official report on Canada's spy probe that a second printing of the document has been ordered. A total of 12,000 copies of what has become an official "best seller" has been printed.

The document contains the report of the Royal Commission appointed "to investigate the facts relating to and the circumstances surrounding the communication by public officials and other persons in positions of trust of secret and confidential information to agents of a foreign power." The "foreign power" is the Soviet Union, and its "agents" were Soviet officials in Canada.

Polish Treasures Vanish from St. Anne's

Ottawa (NC) — The so-called mystery of the missing Gobelins, tapestries and other priceless historical objects "stolen" from the Shrine of St. Anne de Beaupre and Precious Blood Convent in Ottawa, which startled Canada for several days, has now simmered down to a dispute over the ownership of the objects between the former Polish government, which brought them to Canada for wartime safekeeping, and the present Moscow-backed Warsaw regime.

The story was broken sensationally by Dr. Alfred Fiedorowicz, the present Polish Minister to Canada, and it had the elements of a crime melodrama: a mysterious stranger, the secret code password "Wojna of Czeslawa Chon" and missing objects of tremendous value. The Minister declared that 136 pieces of priceless tapestry woven about the year 1560 had "disappeared" from the places where they had been stored.

Bishops' Meet Sets Record

Washington (NC) — The annual meeting of the Archbishops and Bishops of the United States, held here last week, brought together the largest group of the American hierarchy ever assembled in the country's history.

A total of 124 members of the Hierarchy attended the three-day session, which ended Saturday. All four of the United States Cardinals, 16 Archbishops and 104 Bishops were present. Bishop James E. Kearney of the Rochester N. Y. Diocese was in attendance.

Former Minister at 58 Studies for Priesthood

London (NC) — A 58-year-old former Protestant minister will complete his studies for the priesthood at the Beda College for British clerical students in Rome.

In London, the Rev. John Stephenson, has received the subdiaconate from Archbishop Peter Amigo, Bishop of Southwark. He

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San Diego (NC) — The Rev. John H. McCannick, S.J., has concluded a week long mission at St. Joseph's Cathedral here, where he preached every night without speaking a word. The Jesuit priest, who is in charge of activities for the physically handicapped in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, held a series of services for the deaf-mutes of the San Diego Diocese.

Before preaching each evening in the sign language, Father McCannick also "heard" confessions in the sign language and baptized a deaf-mute baby at the end of the mission.

While known for his work among the afflicted, the priest has been moving among deaf-mutes for 22 years and preaches to them each Holy Week month at St. Joseph's Church in Hollywood. His interest in the afflicted has led the Jesuit priest to visit the Lepor colony at Bolinas where he brought happiness to a deaf-mute leper by conversing with him in the sign language.