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Rev. Joseph P. Spellman (center), President of Catholic Bishops, speaking at a luncheon of the National Council of Catholic Bishops.

## Comintern Rebirth Recalls Warning on Red Spy Ring

New York (NC) — An announcement from Moscow of the formation of a communist international organization in which Russia, France, Italy, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Romania, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia and Hungary took part and which is to have headquarters in Belgrade, brings to the minds of Catholics a particularly emphatic warning that the so-called death of the Comintern in 1943 was a fake.

Ignor Gouzenko, former Soviet cipher clerk at the Russian Embassy in Ottawa, who in 1951 disclosed the existence in Canada of a Russian spy ring and whose disclosures resulted in an investigation by the Canadian Government, has said to say in the official Canadian inquiry:

"The announcement of the disavowal of the Comintern was, probably, the greatest farce of the communists in recent years. Only the same was liquidated, with the object of reassuring public opinion in the democratic countries. Actually, the Comintern exists and continues its work, because the Soviet leaders have never relinquished the idea of establishing a communist dictatorship throughout the world."

## Churchill Extolls Al Smith at Dinner

New York (NC) — Catholic, Protestant and Jew, alike were cheered by the news that work soon will be started on the \$5,000,000 annex to St. Vincent's Hospital as a memorial to the late Gov. Alfred E. Smith.

The announcement was made in conjunction with the third annual subscription dinner of the Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation, Inc., held in the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria and attended by a distinguished gathering of 2,500 persons.

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## Editor 50 Years



Joseph Matt, Editor of the St. Bonaventure Daily News, celebrating 50 years as editor.

## EDITOR WINS ST. BONA MEDAL

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## Purge of Catholics Seen Slovak 'Plot' Aim

Bratislava (NC) — The "discovery" of a "big fascist anti-government plot" in Slovakia — which has led to the detention of 237 persons, including 24 priests and religious — is being called here a part of a Communist campaign to destroy the Catholic supported Democratic party, the victorious party in the elections held last year.

In making this charge, the newspaper Cas, organ of the Democratic party, asserts that soon after their 1946 election defeat the Slovak Communists "worked out a detailed plan how to crush the Democratic party, that 'fascist' body, and how to win back for the Communist party its former strength."

The newspaper quotes a Communist deputy, Ladislav Holdos, as declaring at a party meeting on June 6, 1946: "At all costs, it must be proved that the Democratic party is engaged in anti-state activities and on the basis of such evidence, the party must be dissolved."

Many observers of current political developments in Slovakia see a striking parallel to recent events in Hungary, where the "discovery" of plots and conspiracies, charged to leading members of the Small Landholders party, was the means of bringing about a split within the ranks of that party and reducing it to the rank of a minority group.

SINCE ALL persons arrested in connection with the Slovak "conspiracy" are Catholics, the Communist offensive against the Democratic party has succeeded in causing considerable tension and disquiet among Slovak Catholics composing the overwhelming majority of the population.

The latest list of those held on charges of being connected with the "conspiracy" contains the names of five priests. The Rev. Alexej Janovic, professor of theology at Bratislava University, Jan Martin, professor of theology in Nitra, and three parish priests, Jan Huttya of Ladce, Alojz Zemanik of Zohor and Alfred Stach of Umpal. Also reported to be under arrest are several sisters working in the laboratory of the state hospital here.

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## Cure Reported At Fatima

LISEON (RNS) — During a Mass for sick pilgrims at the famous national shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, patron of Portugal, 22-year-old Arminda de Jesus Campos, a paraplegic for many years, was reported to have sprung from her stretcher, crying, "I am cured."

Thousands of other pilgrims, according to informants, immediately battled to reach the spot and a group of men formed a guard to protect the girl from the crowd.

The reported cure took place toward the close of a mass pilgrimage to the Fatima shrine during which an image of the Virgin was carried through flower-strewn streets.

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## Fatima Statue Hungarians Reaches Paris Pledge Faith

Paris (NC) — The statue of Our Lady of Fatima which is being carried on pilgrimage through Europe to the borders of Russia arrived in Paris this week from Belgium and was received by the Cathedral of Notre Dame.

This statue is a replica of the original at the shrine in Portugal. Another replica is now touring the United States and Canada. Both have been made by the same sculptor.

The aim of the two pilgrimages is to hasten fulfillment of the promises of the conversion of Russia made by the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima. Both pilgrimages were planned to move the hearts of the faithful through the world to increased prayer for that intention.

The statue which will arrive here this week has already been carried from the shrine in Portugal through Spain, France, Holland, Luxembourg and Belgium.

India Gets Native Bishop Allahabad, India (NC) — A plea by a non-Catholic that the new Bishop be the pastor not only of the Catholic flock but the "moral and spiritual leader of all communities" marked the installation of Bishop Leonard Raymond as the first native ordinary of the See of Allahabad.

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## Hungarians Reaches Paris Pledge Faith

Budapest (NC) — This year's National Marian Congress was one of the most significant manifestations of Hungarian Catholicism since the unforgettable days of the International Eucharistic Congress, which was held at Budapest in 1928 in the presence of Cardinal Pacelli, now gloriously reigning as Pope Pius XII.

Close to 25,000 people prayed at the open-air Pontifical Mass celebrated by His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary.

"Hungarian Catholics will remain faithful to Christ, the Church and the country and will stand its ground, firmly in faith," those were the closing words of the Primate in his final address during which he formulated the demands of Hungary's Catholics for the acknowledgement of the Catholic university, the licensing of a Catholic daily newspaper, and the preservation of religious education in the schools.

Convert Authorizes Dies Washington (NC) — Isabelle E. Keeler, convert author and contributor to Catholic magazines and newspapers, has died here.

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## Rome Pilgrimage Will Draw 12,000

Washington (NC) — Twelve hundred American Catholics will travel in pilgrimage to Rome to the tomb of Pope Pius X next September, Bishop Matthew J. Brady of Manchester, N. H., announced to diocesan directors of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine at their annual national meeting here.

The pilgrimage will be under the patronage of Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston and under the auspices of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. The pilgrimage is a part of the confraternity's efforts to promote the beatification cause of Pius X, pontiff from 1903 to 1914, who is regarded as the founder of the Confraternity in modern times.

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