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**Moscow Expels Bonn Aide
Accused of Opus Dei Link**

MOSCOW, Jan. 3 (Reuters)—The Soviet Union expelled today the West German Embassy's First Secretary, three months after he was accused of spreading anti-Soviet propaganda and collecting information for the Roman Catholic organization Opus Dei.

A spokesman for the West German Embassy said the diplomat, Dr. Alois Hertel, 44 years old, had been given four days to leave Moscow. The charges were denied.

Dr. Hertel has denied that he is or ever has been a member or supporter of Opus Dei, a secular, semi-secret Roman Catholic organization founded in Spain in 1928 to promote the application of Christian ideals to everyday life.

The West German spokesman said the Russian move appeared to have been in retaliation for the expulsion of a Soviet diplomat, Yakov Barzakov, from West Germany last month.