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We are on the road to salvation. This phrase could be the motto of the Hague Congress, the congress for a united Europe held beneath the gothic vaulting of the Dutch Parliament in the presence of Princess Juliana and Prince Bernhardt. Addressing 800 delegates representing 25 countries, Winston Churchill, Honorary President of the congress, declared: This is not a movement of parties but a movement of peoples. United Europe provides the only solution which can be implemented without delay. Afterwards the congress participants met at a garden party held in the gardens of the Royal Palace.