

2 Churchmen Plead Guilty As Traitors

Protestant Leaders In Bulgaria Admit Charges at Trial

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SOFIA, Feb. 25.—Two of 15 Protestant clergymen accused of treason, black marketing and spying for the United States and Great Britain pleaded guilty today when they testified in district court on the first day of the mass trial.

Leading the parade of defendants before the three-man court were Nikola Naumov, president of the supreme council of the United Evangelical Churches of Bulgaria, and secretary to the Baptist Church Union Board, and Yanko Nikolov Ivanov, Methodist Church supervisor. They admitted their guilt, as charged.

Weeping copiously at times in the more than three hours he testified, Mr. Naumov said he would "advise all wavers to go to the state security people for their re-education."

He said the World Council of Churches, from whom he and his co-defendants were alleged to have received financial backing, was "the last U. S. organization aiming to unite all churches in the struggle against communism."

His voice cracking time after time and tears streaming down his face, Mr. Naumov, 49, said he had not been mistreated, beaten or "burdened" since his arrest last December. He was treated "very well" by the state security section of the militia, he added.

He was lavish in his praise of the Bulgarian state. "Never in its history has it had so much religious freedom as now," he said. Christians and Communists are "Brothers" who have by-passed each other. He said, but they will find each other some day.

He admitted that from 1944 on he got economic, political and military information and delivered it to the "foreign intelligence service" which the government charges was headed by Americans in Bulgaria.

He repeated in detail each of the charges contained in a "yellow book" issued by the government on the case.

Financial magnates were behind the Protestant movement, he said. He named "Rockefeller" as a Baptist and "Ford" as a Methodist.

In 1947, he said, he decided to break with "the Americans" because "the (Bulgarian) people were pro-Communist" and because authorities were becoming suspicious.

Mr. Naumov said he received \$350 for his first report from Dr. William Goen of the Baptist Missions, and that he sent letters to the United States giving information on factory production, Danube traffic, political attitudes and related material.

In Indianapolis

EVENTS TODAY
10 a. m. Friday and Saturday in the World War Memorial Auditorium—Speaker, "Prince Curtis" (see page 11).
11 p. m. Mutual Theater.
Matines Musicals, Student Section Program—Civic Theater. "The Ghost of Mr. Penny"—4 p. m. Civic Theater.
Festivals—2 p. m. Indiana State Fair.
Shows—8 p. m. Brookside School auditorium.
Kenneth Abel, Graduation Piano Recital—4 p. m., Odeon Hall.

EVENTS TOMORROW
None except Boating Tournament—Deltaplano Club.
Indiana Symphony Concert, Jasha Heifetz—8:30 p. m., Murat Theater.

MARRIAGE LICENSES
Richard John Gross, 24, 1428 Park; Mary Charlotte Clark, 24, 1818 N. Meridian; John William Alspach, 27, 140 McKinnon; Margaret L. Persing, 23, 1829 N. Talbot; Harry M. Ernsberger, 28, 206 Gothen; Doris Gosselin, 21, 1100 N. Meridian; Robert L. Carmichael, 20, 63 N. East; Margaret K. Johnson, 21, 101 N. East; Harry R. Riddle, 21, 210 Connerly; Ines Krommer, 25, Connerly.
Richard Lindsey, 22, 101 S. Reimer; John Martin, 20, 100 N. Tuxedo.
Lorraine Hall, 20, 1918 Moorefield; Eve Alice Smith, 23, Oberlin.
Floyd D. Garrison, 20, 1914 College; Norma J. Garrison, 19, 1912 Franklin Rd.; Charles A. Ireland, 27, 3406 Julian; Thelma Mae Lewis, 21, 534 N. Washington; Eddie Duran, 19, 2008 W. Michigan.
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BIRTHS

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At Home—Paul Jewell Bennett, 43 S. La Salle.

At Methodist—Alva, Winifred Broadbent.

Albert Joyce Lucas; Robert Patricia Morey; Warren, Emily Franklin, wife of Charles, Charles Arthur.

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