

Final Athens Defense Pleas Stress Torture, Junta Errors

ATHENS, April 7 (Reuters).—Final defense pleas today in the Greek plot trial brought allegations of torture and a bitter attack by an Athens economics professor on the government's conduct of national affairs.

The prosecutor is expected to sum up his case tomorrow and demand sentences for the 31 men and three women accused before a military tribunal of plotting to overthrow the regime.

Eleven of them, alleged to belong to the Democratic Defense underground organization, risk the death sentence.

Speaking in his own defense, Dionyssios Karageorgas, British-educated professor of applied economy and former executive of the Greek Central Bank, accused the government of dictatorship and mismanagement of the economy.

Spending Charged

He said that the regime had spent the entire Greek reserves of foreign exchange, totaling \$120 million, and that under the first two years of its rule the rate of development of the country's economy had dropped from 7 percent to 4 percent.

"I am not exaggerating when I assure you that the Greeks of today are eating the bread and butter of the Greeks of tomorrow,"

Britain Pledges Never to Employ Biological Arms

GENEVA, April 7 (UPI).—Britain pledged today that it will never acquire biological weapons.

"We have never had any biological weapons, we have none now, and we have no intention of acquiring any," Lord Chalfont, British minister of state, told the Geneva disarmament conference.

He appealed to the conference

he declared as he explained why he opposed the men in power.

"It is the duty of all university professors to teach their students not only their science, but also how to defend democracy."

Prof. Karageorgas, who blew off part of his right hand while setting a time-bomb last summer, denied an allegation made by a girl student in court last week that he had blackmailed her into a love affair by threatening to fail her in examinations.

"A police captain who was my interrogator and torturer fabricated this story to stain my integrity and honor," he said.

Explosive Devices

Allegations of ill-treatment also came from university professor George Maghakis, who admitted receiving 13 explosive devices from abroad for use when other means of bringing down the regime had failed.

"During my five months of interrogation I went through a human tragedy, and my life has become a nightmare," he said. "When I was taken to an ordinary prison after five months of solitary confinement I thought I had returned again to human society."

He said the regime has stopped the cultural and political development of Greece and is cutting it off from Europe.

A young chemist, Ionnis Loukas, and his fiancée, Venetia Stavropoulou, a lawyer, said they had been tortured to make them admit responsibility for a bomb explosion in the Olympic Airways offices in which ten people were injured last summer.

"In four hours, they made me admit four bomb explosions after submitting me to the so-called 'special treatment' by military police," Mr. Loukas said.

All the accused have pleaded not guilty to the charges against them, while admitting opposing the regime because they say it has abolished democracy in Greece.