

clashes with guerrillas. Early  
day, Mr. Gemayel appealed for  
lm on all sides, warning that  
narchy could only benefit the Is-  
eli enemy."

In Phalangist strongholds, offi-  
cials handed out muskets and sub-  
machine guns, as fighting raged in  
e city center for the first time  
ince the 1958 civil war. The vio-  
lence had previously been confined  
outskirt areas near the refugee  
mps.

Gendarmes and armored cars

## ites Observed in Jerusalem

edience at Maundy Thursday  
rives.

Terence Cardinal Cooke of New  
ork led about 35 priests and  
fifteen bishops in two prayers of  
priestly renewal" during a morn-  
ing mass yesterday. Similar rites  
took place in Buffalo, St. Louis,  
New Orleans, Washington and else-  
where.

In numerous other dioceses, how-  
ever, bishops ignored the Vatican  
request, and chancery officials  
cross the country reported a gen-  
eral desire not to stir up contro-  
versy by making a point of the  
proposed reaffirmation.

# Athens Trying 34 on Charge Of Plotting to Topple Junta

ATHENS, March 27 (NYT).—  
American film producer Jules Das-  
sin was named in an Athens court-  
martial today as a leading sponsor  
of "Democratic Defense," a Greek  
underground organization accused  
of plotting to overthrow Greece's  
army-backed regime.

Thirty-four leaders and members  
of this organization, including  
prominent Greek university pro-  
fessors, judges, lawyers and stu-  
dents, went on trial before the  
Athens Special Military Tribunal  
today charged with sedition for  
exploding bombs and distributing  
anti-regime propaganda.

The first prosecution witness,  
Gendarmerie Maj. Vassilios Favatas,  
told the military tribunal the de-  
cision to switch Democratic De-  
fense activity from propaganda to  
bombs was taken early in 1969 at  
a Brussels meeting between Jules  
Dassin and several Greek expa-  
triatees.

Mr. Dassin, husband of Greek  
actress Melina Mercouri, both best  
known abroad for the film "Never  
on Sunday," was said by Maj.  
Favatas to have supplied Demo-

cratic Defense in Greece with U.S.  
Army manuals on the manufacture  
of bombs and booby traps that  
were used by the defendants.

The American film-maker was  
one of two Americans and 18  
others charged with subversion who  
cannot be put on trial because they  
are abroad. The second American,  
Alan Malcolm Wenger, a New  
Yorker, who taught literature at  
"Athens College" and was charged  
with planting bombs in Athens, is  
now said to be in Paris.

Three Scandinavian parliamen-  
tarians who landed at Athens Air-  
port late last night to observe the  
trial were ousted four hours later  
on a Rome-bound plane on "gov-  
ernment orders."

It was believed they had been  
ousted because they were accom-  
panied by a Danish lung physician  
who was to examine jailed com-  
poser Mikis Theodorakis, who re-  
cently suffered from a relapse of  
tuberculosis.

Other foreign observers, however,  
were admitted in the tightly guarded  
and overcrowded courtroom today.

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TRIAL IN ATHENS—Some of the 34 members of the Democratic Defense (right foreground) are photographed prior to the start of their special court martial.

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# 34 Go on Trial in Athens on Plot Charges

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including two envoys from the International Commission of Jurists.

With 34 defendants in the dock, some 50 defense lawyers and over 100 witnesses, the new sixth-floor courtroom of the Athens Special Military Tribunal was overflowing today.

## Police Make Room

The court, composed of presiding Judge Constantine Atsalis, wearing a temporary lieutenant colonel's uniform, and four infantry majors, tonight gave in to a defense demand that plainclothes policemen sitting in the courtroom should yield their places to the throng of relatives of the defendants who were kept outside the court building on grounds there was no room for them at the trial.

Earlier, the judges rejected a defense demand for a postponement because the lawyers had been given no time to study the 1,000-page file nor to consult with their clients.

Although the 71-page indictment brands only three defendants as alleged Communists and a dozen others vaguely as leftists, the sedition charge, which carries a maximum death penalty, was based on a 23-year-old law aimed at combatting Communist subversion.

The chief defendant, retired Lt.-Gen. George Iordanides, 69, who is named as leader of Democratic Defense, was a onetime Greek military representative in NATO and distinguished himself in the Greek anti-Communist war.

The link-up with Communism was made by accusing the Democratic Defense of signing a pact with the Communist-led Patriotic Front and with Andreas Papan-

dreou's Panhellenic Liberation Movement in a concerted bid to topple "the existing political system and social order" in Greece.

## Bomb Planting

Seventeen of the accused are also charged in connection with the planting of 19 bombs in the Athens area, which resulted in injuries to 20 persons. Two of the bombs had been aimed at blowing up gas stations of the American-owned Esso-Pappas chain, near Athens, but failed to explode.

Prosecution witness Maj. Favatas said the time bombs had been smuggled into Greece by Swedish art critic Bengt Holmquist and were delivered to Prof. George-Alexander Mangakis, one of the defendants.

Prof. Mangakis, he said, gave 13 bombs to Prof. Dionyssios Karayorgas. It was an accidental explosion of one bomb which mutilated Prof. Karayorgas's right hand and face that betrayed the whole plot to the security authorities.

The indictment said other bombs had been set off at the Athens Hilton Hotel, the American Express and in several American-owned cars.

The trial, which features such defense witnesses as ex-Premier Panayotis Kanellopoulos, whose conservative cabinet was toppled by the military coup almost three years ago, ten former ministers and five retired generals, is expected to last two weeks.

## Newsmen to Be Charged

ATHENS, March 27 (AP).—Publishers and editors of the newspaper Ethnos who were arrested Tuesday for violating martial law were expected to be formally

charged by a crown prosecutor tomorrow.

Co-publisher Achilleus Kyriazis, in hiding since the arrests, turned himself in tonight. He was the sixth person to be arrested following the Ethnos publication of a statement by a former cabinet minister calling for an all-political government to replace the army-backed Athens regime.

## WEATHER

	C	F	
AMSTERDAM...	4	39	Snow
ANKARA.....	19	66	Cloudy
ATHENS.....	17	63	Overcast
BEIRUT.....	21	70	Partly cloudy
BELGRADE.....	16	61	Very cloudy
BERLIN.....	4	39	Snow
BRUSSELS.....	4	39	Showers
BUDAPEST.....	11	52	Overcast
CAIRO.....	26	79	Sunny
CASABLANCA..	19	66	Very cloudy
COPENHAGEN..	1	34	Cloudy
COSTA D' SOL..	14	57	Rain
DUBLIN.....	6	43	Very cloudy
EDINBURGH...	5	41	Cloudy
FLORENCE.....	15	59	Very cloudy
FRANKFURT... 5	41	Cloudy	
GENEVA.....	7	45	Very cloudy
HELSINKI.....	-1	30	Overcast
ISTANBUL.....	17	63	Very cloudy
LAS PALMAS... 21	70	Cloudy	
LISBON.....	14	57	Very cloudy
LONDON.....	6	43	Partly cloudy
MADRID.....	9	48	Overcast
MILAN.....	11	52	Cloudy
MONTREAL.... -1	30	Snow	
MOSCOW.....	2	36	Sunny
MUNICH.....	4	39	Overcast
NEW YORK.... 8	46	Sunny	
NICE.....	17	63	Cloudy
OSLO.....	-2	28	Very cloudy
PARIS.....	6	43	Partly cloudy
PRAGUE.....	4	39	Rain
ROME.....	15	59	Overcast
SOFIA.....	21	70	Very cloudy
STOCKHOLM... 0	32	Snow	
TEL AVIV.....	29	84	Sunny
TUNIS.....	26	79	Very cloudy
VENICE.....	10	50	Rain
VIENNA.....	5	41	Rain
WARSAW.....	8	46	Cloudy
WASHINGTON 12	54	Sunny	
ZURICH.....	4	39	Very cloudy

(U.S. Canadian temperatures taken at 1700 GMT, others at 1200 GMT.)