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BRITISH TEACHER GIVEN 5 YEARS IN SPY CASE

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(Text) Moscow, 3 July--Gerald Brooke, 27-year-old British subject was sentenced today to five years imprisonment by the Moscow city court. He is to spend the first year in prison, and the other four in a strict regime labor colony. The trial of Brooke, who was found guilty of subversive anti-Soviet activities on Soviet territory, has ended.

REPORTAGE, COMMENT ON BROOKE SPY TRIAL

Second Day of Trial

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(Text) The trial of Gerald Brooke, a British citizen, accused of subversive, anti-Soviet activities is in its second day. He carried out these activities in our country on the instruction of a group of traitors to the motherland, settling abroad and calling themselves the People's Labor Alliance.

This morning, the court heard witnesses and experts. Witness Konstantinov was the first to be interrogated. The People's Labor Alliance regarded him as a reliable agent. But it was he who, as soon as Brooke called on him, informed the state security services of the fact. Konstantinov confirmed that Brooke handed him a toilet case with a double bottom which concealed material for espionage work, and that anti-Soviet literature and instructions for the receipt and decoding of coded radio transmissions were contained in the cover of an album.

Another witness, who from 1949 to 1954 was a member of the People's Labor Alliance group, spoke with anger of the leaders of that Medley. They are occupied with supplying agents for the American, British, West German and other intelligence services. All the witnesses exposed the unseemly activities of the group, directed against our state. Forensic experts, radio specialists, and chemists reported to the court that the material found in Brooke's possession served a single aim--espionage activities.

It has been confirmed in court that, in case of failure, Brooke was to contact members of the British embassy, who, following an agreement with the People's Labor Alliance, were to give him the necessary help.

The prosecutor has just ended his speech in court. The counsel for the defense and the accused will then be called upon to speak. The court will then retire, to confer before giving the verdict.

Prosecution's Demand

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(Text) Moscow, 23 July--The prosecution demanded seven years' deprivation of freedom for confessed spy Gerald Brooke, with the first two years in prison. Speaking for the prosecution at Brooke's trial today, Gennadiy Terelkhov, senior assistant to the procurator general of the USSR, declared that the defendant had "committed a serious crime and the sentence should be harsh." This sentence "will be a serious warning to all foreigners who would like to interfere in the internal affairs of the Soviet Union," he said.

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