

Bulgars Send U. S., Britain Stiff Protests

Sofia, April 10 (U.P.)—The Bulgarian Foreign Office sent strongly worded protest notes to Britain and the United Nations late last night protesting alleged foreign interference in her "internal questions."

In a cabled protest to U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie, Foreign Minister Vassil Kolarov said the U.N. had no business discussing "imaginary restrictions of religious and other freedoms in Bulgaria."

Simultaneously, the government released the text of a note to Britain flatly rejecting as completely groundless a recent British protest against the trial of 15 Protestant pastors sentenced to prison for alleged treason, espionage and black marketeering.

The note followed a renewed demand that Britain recall D. A. Greenhill, first secretary of the British Legation in Sofia, for his alleged complicity with the defendants in the pastors' trial.

In the second such demand since mid-March, the government said Greenhill was *persona non grata*. British officials here said they viewed the incident "in a very serious light."

The note to Britain said Britain's attack upon "Bulgarian justice" was "against the principle of equal respect for the sovereignty of institutions of countries having regular diplomatic relations."

The protest to the U. N. declared that the sponsors of a U. N. discussion on Bulgaria's "imaginary restrictions" on religious freedoms are being unfair since Bulgaria is not a member of the U. N. and does "not have the rights and guarantees necessary to defend itself."