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Sofia Reads Methodist 'Confession'

Sofia, Bulgaria, Feb. 20 (U.P).—

All Sofia newspapers today printed a "confession" by another of the 15 Protestant clergymen to be tried here next week on charges of treason, espionage and black marketing.

The statement, attributed to Yanko Ivanov, Methodist Church supervisor, named American Legation officials, Methodist educators, and a Hollywood movie company as instigators and paymasters of an alleged Protestant spy ring in Bulgaria.

Ivanov is a deputy to Vassil Zypkov, head of the Supreme Council of Evangelical Churches, who "confessed" yesterday that he sent espionage data to British and American officials.

Ivanov was said to have named Cyril Black, an American Legation secretary in 1945, as the key man in "espionage activities." The newspapers said that Miss Melany Turner, principal of the Methodist American College at Lovetch, and her successor, Helen Cooper, were Black's chief assistants.

Ivanov reportedly admitted receiving large sums of money from Black, the two college principals, and a representative of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, Hollywood studio.

Meanwhile, Catholic, Jewish, Protestant, Moslem and Orthodox Church leaders issued declarations "condemning the activities" of the 15 Protestant ministers. Various Protestant leaders have been making similar declarations since the arrests were announced 10 days ago. The pastors are scheduled to go on trial Friday.