

# Bulgaria Jails More Pastors

Sofia, Bulgaria, March 3 (U.P.) Church leaders said today that nearly one-third of the Protestant pastors in Bulgaria are under arrest or investigation and that more trials will follow.

The leaders counted 40 ministers in jail or under investigation, including the 15 now on trial for espionage, treason and black-market currency dealing. There are only 138 Protestant pastors in the country.

Sixty of the churchmen still

free met in Plovdiv February 20 to outline a new policy of cooperation with the government for the Evangelical Church of Bulgaria, the sources said.

The pastors condemned the activities of their "traitorist" colleagues.

More trials are expected to follow the present court proceedings.

Today was a national holiday, the seventy-first anniversary of Bulgaria's independence from Turkey following Czarist Russian liberation, and the trial of the 15 was in recess.