

'Perhaps 50'

More Clerics Are Arrested In Bulgaria

Sofia, Bulgaria, March 7 (U.P.).—A government spokesman announced today that security police had seized more Protestant clergymen and he said it is "possible" as many as 50 are in jail.

The latest roundup was disclosed as 15 other Protestant pastors waited in bleak Sofia central prison for their sentences Tuesday on charges of treason, espionage and black marketing. All are liable to death by hanging.

Asked to comment on reports circulating in Europe that 50 more clergymen had been arrested yesterday, the government spokesman said:

"I don't know how many are under arrest or are being questioned. It is possible they number 50. As you could see during the present trial proceedings, some witnesses were pastors under detention. Others also were named as involved in the spy ring."

Four days ago church circles reported that 25 ministers, in addition to the 15 on trial, were held by authorities. The spokesman did not say whether yesterday's arrests brought in 50 or whether that was the total number.

However, the arrests mean that more than one third and possibly more than one half of Bulgaria's 138 Protestant churchmen are in custody.

Royall to Resign In 10-20 Days, Truman Aides Say

Key West, Fla., March 7 (AP).—Word came from President Truman's associates that Secretary of the Army Royall is stepping out within 10 to 20 days.

There was no official comment for the record on the forthcoming Administration change, but two of Mr. Truman's highly placed aides disclosed that Royall is leaving his post soon, possibly around March 20. They said no successor has been decided upon.