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LONDON, March 7—Reports received by Foreign Secretary Bevin from the British Legation in Sofia show that most of witnesses for

the prosecution in trial of the pastors were persons already under arrest and their testimony dealt largely with the pastors' association with former opposition parties, Minister of State Hector McNeil said in the House of Commons today.

He added there was strong ground for believing the trials not only in Bulgaria but in comparable countries were part of a propaganda campaign rather than a judicial process. Replying to another question, Mr. McNeil said the British Government had no evidence that the recent trials in Hungary and Bulgaria had been characterized by the starving of prisoners and the administration of drugs.