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Gerald Brooke, British teacher, listens at trial in Moscow where he was found guilty of smuggling anti-Soviet propaganda into the Soviet Union.—AP Wirephoto.

British Teacher Given 5-Year Term in Russia

MOSCOW (AP)—A civilian court has given a 5-year sentence to Gerald Brooke, a British teacher who pleaded guilty to charges of anti-Soviet activity.

Brooke, 28, heard the sentence yesterday without visible emotion. He is to serve one year in prison and four in a labor camp. The court gave him seven days in which to appeal to the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation, the largest Soviet republic.

Brooke's Russian lawyer, Nikolai Borovik, said today, "I think we should appeal. I will see Brooke on Monday and we will decide then."

Brooke "Pleased"

An appeal, he said, may reduce the sentence.

"Brooke is very pleased," the lawyer said. "He was very afraid when the prosecutor asked for seven years."

The three months that Brooke has spent in prison awaiting trial will count toward his jail term.

On the first day of the trial Thursday, Brooke admitted trying to distribute propaganda provided by London members of the Popular Labor Alliance, a Russian emigre organization with headquarters in Frankfurt, West Germany. Its Russian initials are NTS.

Prosecutor Gennady Terekhov had sought a maximum 7-year sentence. He charged that the NTS worked for the Nazis in World War II, switched to reactionary Western circles later, and has been trying to collect information with funds supplied by U.S. and British intelligence agencies.

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"NTS advocates murder and espionage," Terekhov said.

(The NTS issued a statement in Paris saying that it had never engaged in espionage and that the alliance "does not have ties with official foreign circles" in its activities in the Soviet Union.)

The court recommended that the Soviet Foreign Ministry consider expelling a British Embassy second secretary, Anthony Bishop, from the Soviet Union. The prosecution said Brooke was supposed to contact Bishop at the embassy. The embassy denied that Bishop was involved.

Came on Tour

Brooke, a London college instructor, was arrested in the apartment of a Russian acquaintance April 25. He had come here on a tour with other British teachers.

Brooke took the stand near the end of the trial and said he could find no excuse for what he had done.

"I committed a grave crime," he said. "But when I was arrested it was a cold shower on my flaming head. My activities were stopped, and I am fortunate that this has happened." "In prison," he said, "I can at least partly atone for my guilt."

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