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Cyprus Gives Final Sentences in Ambassador Davies Case

On 20 June two Greek Cypriots who had earlier been accused of murdering Ambassador Roger Davies were convicted of illegally carrying firearms and rioting. Ioannis Ktimatias, a 39-year-old former policeman, was given a seven-year sentence and Neopotolomous Leftis was sentenced to five years in prison. The much more serious charge of murder against both men was dismissed on 3 June. According to press reports from Nicosia, the sentences handed down to the two men are considered harsh and are intended to underscore the point that President Makarios' government does not condone anti-American terrorism.

In their trial the two men admitted being at the U.S. embassy and carrying weapons during the 19 August 1974 riot. They asserted, however, that they were attempting to disperse rioters at the time Ambassador Davies was murdered.

Six men were originally arrested and charged with the assassination. Two were acquitted. On 20 May 1977 Loizos Savva pleaded guilty to rioting and was given a sentence of eight months imprisonment effective 4 February 1977. Also on 20 May Khristakis Kharalambous was found guilty of possessing dynamite and rioting; he was given a sentence of three months in jail. The conviction of Ktimatias and Leftis closes the government of Cyprus' book on the Davies murder.

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