

# Court Threatens Chetnik Witness For Mihailovic

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Belgrade, July 4.—Presentation of evidence in the trial of Gen. Draja Mihailovic was completed today by both the prosecution and the defense, and the court adjourned until July 8, while the prosecution and the attorneys for the 24 defendants prepare their final addresses to the court.

The last item presented in evidence was a bitter attack by Sava Kossanovitch, new Ambassador to the United States, upon his predecessor, Constantin Fotitch, who is one of the 10 defendants in absentia.

The defense presented a total of only six witnesses, beginning with two women who braved the hisses and boos of a hostile crowd to testify that the Chetniks were the enemies of the Germans. The judge threatened them with jail for contempt of court in trying to give more evidence than he asked for.

"You are not here to give evidence on everything," the presiding judge, Col. Mihailo Georgevitch, told one of them as he warned her of a possible jail sentence, after scolding the other.

In both cases their evidence contributed nothing to the case, but the attitude of the spectators was so threatening that a soldier escorted one woman to the door of the court after she bowed to Gen. Mihailovic in passing.

The testimony began with Maria Orgogno, 25, who testified that her husband was tried by a German court-martial in September, 1944, for having delivered a truckload of ammunition to the Chetniks when he was employed by the Germans, and that the police told her he was shot.

The prosecutor suggested he had left voluntarily with the Germans, but she testified she was present at his trial.

The court refused to let her say more and dismissed her.

She was followed on the stand by Mrs. Vida Tukulyatch, 22, who, when asked her occupation, said: "I have no right today to work." This brought loud hisses from the crowd.

Mrs. Tukulyatch, who startled the court room by turning and bowing to Gen. Mihailovic as she entered and left, testified she was in a truck on the road from Belgrade to Sabal in May, 1943, with a group of civilians and six armed German soldiers when the truck was halted by a group of bearded men she recognized as Chetniks. One of the Germans drew a pistol and shot a Chetnik.

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