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Abused Canadian Prisoners, Trial of Jap Captain Near

Tokyo, Sept. 3 (Special).—Preparations are nearing completion for the trial of Capt. Takio Kaneko and Sgt. Tashiharu Uchida, formerly in charge of Fukuoka No. 5 Branch POW camp, Omine, on charges of abusing Canadian and Allied prisoners of war and misappropriating Red Cross parcels.

Charges and specifications for the trials, to be held in Yokohama Courthouse, have been signed by Col. Alva C. Carpenter, chief of the legal section, Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers, and forwarded to the commander of the 8th Army for reference to a military commissioner. Chief prosecutor will

be Capt. John H. Dickey, Canadian Army, of Halifax, N.S. He will be assisted by Jesse Deitch of White Plains, N.Y.

Capt. Kaneko is accused of forcing prisoners whose health was undermined by malnutrition and disease to perform arduous manual labor. Uchida is allegedly involved, as second in command of the camp, in the death of several prisoners from mistreatment and malnutrition. Both will be identified by witnesses.

Among those allegedly mistreated by the Japanese officers were John F. Burns of 1602 Bathurst St., Toronto, and Vincent A. Calder of 148 Markland St., Hamilton.

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