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POWERS TRIAL.

Moscow's Hall of Columns was packed for the most dramatic trial that even Russia has staged for many years. Francis Gary Powers, U.S. pilot of the U-2 espionage plane, had pleaded guilty and could only hope that the sentence passed by the three judges - Lieutenant General Borisoglebsky presiding - would be lenient. As was expected, Prosecutor Rudenko did not ask for the death penalty. Even so, Powers could have got fifteen years. But the best that Defence Counsel Mikhail Grinev could expect for his client was a somewhat lighter sentence. Power's mother, father and wife, even earlier in the trial, were tragic figures...

Against Powers, there was little hate at the end; Russia directed her venomous attack largely against America itself, for all the world as if Soviet spies were not in every Western country. Powers got ten years. In Washington, President Eisenhower was asked by Pressmen about the charge that America herself had been on trial.