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Responsible officials here are highly upset over the continued reports predicting either an indefinite postponement of the trials or a prolonged recess almost immediately after the opening. "These reports", they point out, "are completely without foundation as is clearly evidenced by the fact that sources are never quoted. They are moreover, potentially damaging and designed to favour the defendants rather than the cause for which they are allegedly written".

Authorized prosecution spokesmen of all four powers represented at Nurnburg declare any report denouncing the prosecution as insufficiently prepared to be false. Certain defense lawyers have requested additional time to complete their cases. Dr. Hans Marx, counsel for Julius Streicher, asked for an entire month. Should the Tribunal decide to grant any extension, a recess of ~~at~~ not more than one week appears ~~xxxxxx~~ more probable than a postponement.

~~xxxx~~ Mr Gordon Dean, Press Relations Officer for Mr. Justice Jackson corroborates his chief's statement of a few days ago ~~says~~: "The ~~xxxx~~ U.S. prosecution is ready, and, so to the best of my knowledge are the British, ~~RussianxxxxxxFrench~~ French and Russians". As for a possible recess, Mr. Dean states that the Americans do not want any but that as the British, French and Russians are within easy flying distance of home they might vote for a Christmas holiday of not more than one week. "The trials", he declares, will open as announced on Nov. 20th".

Col. H. Phillimore, Secretary to the British Delegation, declares that the British will be ready at the appointed time and that they consider it of the utmost importance that the date be kept. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

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"There has", he observes, "been much criticism at home regarding our alleged tardiness. Thus far such criticism is not deserved and we do not intend ever to deserve it".

M. Serge Meyer, Public Relations Officer, speaking for M. Francois de Menthon, chief French prosecutor, asserts that the French prosecution is ready and that the trials will begin on Nov. 20th.

The most heated affirmation came from the Russian representative, who, through his legal interpreter answered all of my questions regardless of content with: "The trials will start on Nov. 20th". Asked whether he was in charge of Public Relations for the Russians, he said: "The trials will start on Nov. 20th". His interpreter referred to him as ~~Mr. Voschcow~~ Mr. Voschcow. I inquired how to spell the name. Mr. Voschcow replied that all that mattered was that the trials started on Nov. 20th. Having made a survey of the number of personnel forming the American, British and French casts, I wanted to know what the Russian contingent added up to. Mr. Voschcow said he was not authorized to give out this information. When I explained that nobody else had made a secret of these figures, he assured me that there was nothing secretive about his own attitude and that the strength of the Russian delegation was of no interest. At this point he rose to his feet indicating that the interview was over and said firmly: "The trials will start on Nov. 20th". By then I understood the sentence even in Russian.

Mr. Voschcow's refusal to divulge the figure I asked for makes it impossible to announce the sum total of allied lawyers, judges, interpreters, secretaries, typists, telephonists, sound technicians ect., who

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have been brought here for the trials. It may be stated however, that apart the gigantic security apparatus the American contingent embraces some 600 persons. This includes everyone from the judges to kitchen assistants. There are several reasons ~~for~~ why the American group is by far the largest. First, the U.S. plays host in American occupied Nurnburg providing the facilities for all the participants at the trial. Second, while any member of the other three delegations may at any moment fly home for consultations if neccessary, the Americans must be a self contained unit. Anyone, whose advice they might seek has to be present. Third, a considerable number of Americans are in the document section. The vast ^{all} majority of documents to be used in the trials were discovered in the American zone where they had been shipped for saftey when the Nazis were still redoubt minded.

The British and French delegations number about 150 each. Assuming that the Russians match this figure, the sum total of allied personnel neccessary to run the legal end of the Nurnberg ~~show~~ show adds up ~~to 1050~~ to 1050, or 47.7 pro defendent. ~~if the other three groups~~

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