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CAIRO, Dec. 11—Thirteen alleged Zionist spies and agents-provocateurs went on trial here today before a military tribunal. They are accused of having spied for Israeli and of having placed fire bombs in United States Information Service libraries here and in Alexandria, and in movie theatres and mail boxes.

The Government alleges that a Zionist espionage ring was organized by an Israeli Army officer named Abram Dar, alias John Darling, who has left Egypt. The ring's activities were said to have been designed to disrupt relations between Egypt and the United States and Britain to prevent settlement of the Suez Canal base dispute. The departure of the British garrison had been strongly opposed by Israel.

Fifteen defense lawyers, including a Briton, appeared in court. The French and West German consuls were present at the opening of the trial because some of the accused are nationals of those countries. One other person is still a fugitive.

The president of the tribunal is Brig. Gen. Mohammed Fuad el-Degwy.

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