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DOMINICI TRIAL

Positive developed: 111 meters - 370 ft

Gaston DOMINICI the 78-year old peasant and family autocrat was yesterday condemned to death for murdering Sir Jack Drummond, Lady Drummond and their ten-year old daughter while they were camping on his farm estate in August 1952.

DOMINICI was convicted of killing Sir Jack Drummond, Lady Ann Drummond and their daughter Elizabeth. The Drummonds picked a camp site on the Dominici property LA GRAND TERRE, near Lurs in the afternoon of August 4, 1952. During the night all were killed. The investigation of the slayings, Dominici's confession and later his retraction, and the 11-day trial attracted the interest of all France and even abroad. The trial has been called one of the most eagerly followed criminal proceedings since the conviction of Petain for treason.

The seven-man jury deliberated a little over two hours yesterday to find Dominici guilty of willfully slaying all three members of the Drummond family,

picture shows shots taken during the last two days of the trial in Digne, and shots of the principal actors in the drama.

- Dominici coming out of Court building is returned to his jail between two audiences.
 - Views inside Court Room, on the witness benches Clovis DOMINICI (the old man's eldest son who first admitted to his father's guilt) and Paul MAILLET, a friend of Clovis who admitted he knew the gun when it was found.
 - crowd waiting outside Court as the room is too small for all to go inside.
 - Important transmission installations especially organized for international press.
 - Digne Court of Justice, the judges, jurors, lawyers and defendant come out of court room and walk to the nearby Gendarmerie courtyard where reconstitution and verifications are made on an HILLMAN car of the same model as that owned by the Drummonds on the fatal night.
- there are PRESIDENT BOUSQUET with his two assessors CHARRIER and CHARLES ALFRED Drummond Family's lawyer Me Delorme, State Prosecutor SABATIER and General Advocate Rozan, the jurors, press representatives and Gaston Dominici with his guards.

