

CYPRUS TRIAL.

It's barbed wire and fixed bayonets round the Assize Court at Nicosia when 22-year-old Michael Karaculis is tried for murder. Karaculis, an ex-Government clerk, is charged with killing a Cypriot policeman. Strict security precautions are taken because the prisoner is alleged to belong to the Greek underground terrorist organisation E.O.K.A.

Karaculis, pleads not guilty, but is sentenced to death. He has six counsel to defend him, including two Q.C's.; they have to be searched like everyone else entering the courtroom. No one is exempt - not even the Chief Justice, Sir Eric Mallinson.