

Yemenis Report 2 U.S. Aid Officials Will Be Tried

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CAIRO, May 13.—Two American foreign-aid officials were indicted in Yemen today on charges of having killed two Arabs and damaged military installations with a bazooka, the United Arab Republic's press agency reported.

In a dispatch from Sana, the Yemeni Republican capital, the agency said Yemen's President, Abudllah Al-Salal, had decreed that the two Americans, Stevens Liapis and Harold Hartman, be tried before the supreme state security court. No date for the trial was announced.

The announcements also were

broadcast by the Sana radio.

The United States contends that the two men are entitled to diplomatic immunity and that the charges against them are without foundation.

As reported by the Egyptian agency, the two men are accused of making a bazooka attack April 25 on a Yemeni army camp near Taiz, where they were stationed. The agency said an Arab soldier and a Yemeni civilian had been killed and two soldiers wounded in the attack, which damaged military installation and "threatened the independence of the country and the security of its citizens."

Diplomatic sources have con-

firmed that there was a burst of weapons fire in Taiz on that evening, but they have speculated that it might have been started by Yemeni opponents of the Republican regime, which is dominated by Egypt and fighting a civil war with the Royalists.

Republican officials have declined to predict what sentence the officials might be given if they are found guilty, a verdict that seems assured, since Yemeni officials have referred to the two men as "criminals."

But sources close to the Yemeni Government said in Cairo tonight that it was likely they would simply be expelled from Yemen, no matter what the verdict was. These sources

declined to be identified for publication.

The two men were arrested a few hours after an alleged bazooka incident. Yemen then demanded withdrawal of the rest of the staff of the aid mission, which was to have given \$2.4-million in assistance to Yemen this year. It was charged that mission members had been engaging in espionage and sabotage.

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