

IN THE LAST FEW weeks I have been reading some article sent to me on the so-called 'Supergrass TRIALS'. It has sickened me. I have known of cases of political prisoners breaking under torture giving out information and even actively co-operating with the security forces in the arrest of their former friends and colleagues. But elemental human decency cringes at a public Spectacle mounted in the courtrooms where a former friend and militant accuses publicly many people sending them to prison for sentences of up to 10 years.

The inhumanity of it all is best underlined by the drama of that person's family who are denied all access to the prisoner as if a mother or father have no rights whatsoever.

However I think on reflecting on this sad Spectacle which British justice is

offering. World it important to highly some aspects
of ^{the} problem. To my mind the focus should
not be on the 'superfluous' or his family but
rather on a system which has resorted
to that type of extortion to imprison people.
Normally any regime which has to
handle political imprisonment of opponents
offers amnesties ~~and~~ in order to win
round the opposition. It was the
Italians who began to encourage this new
practice of political prisoners accusing
colleagues and is counteracted even by
enimist friends the rest of the
process.

However there is one point which
is particularly repugnant. While all citizens
have the obligation to guarantee peace
and justice in society, ~~then~~ each citizen
has the right to silence when requested.