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This item answers Polish BD's query and may be of interest to others.

G. Iu. Sokolnikov was tried together with Radek, Preobrazhensky, Pyatakov and Serebryakov and twelve others in the last week of January 1937. The charges included a plot to dismember the USSR for the benefit of Japan and Germany. Trotsky was alleged to be the master-mind. Like Radek, Sokolnikov was not sentenced to death (possibly because he had been Ambassador in London and was on good terms with Sydney and Beatrice Webb). Nothing reliable is known of his subsequent fate, but it seems likely that he died in prison..

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