Yale professor arrested in Russia last November to speak at MIT

Frederick C. Barghoorn, one of America’s authorities on plants, will speak in Science Auditorium at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, as an LSC lecturer.

Barghoorn, a professor of biological science at Yale, was arrested on charges of espionage while doing research in the USSR last November, and held incommunicado for seventeen days. He was finally released on the insisten-

ciate of the United States.

The story of what happened after his release is not clear. Barghoorn will speak on a topic in his field of specialization:

“Struggle in Soviet Botanical Communication Policy.”

His book, also on this general subject, is "The Soviet Botanical Offensive" or "Soviet Foreign Propaganda." His analysis of Russian techniques, as em- phasized in three books, may have caused his arrest.

Barghoorn was in press attention at the USSR embassy in Moscow from 1963 to 1964. He returned to his re- search in 1956, 1958, 1959, and 1963, when he was arrested.

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