

FBI FEASTED 'FRONT' CHIEFS, SAYS WITNESS

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But 'Dining Nook' Was Wired, Jury Is Told

NEW YORK, April 9 (C.T.P.S.). The "Revolution" of the Christian Front was plotted over roast pheasant and alcoholic appetizers—and J. Edgar Hoover's FBI paid the bill, Denis A. Healy, the little man who was there, told judge and jury today in Federal Court, Brooklyn, at the trial of 17 men as seditious conspirators.

Healy kept track of names and dates by memorandum on his shirt cuffs, transferring the information to his little brown book, and that's how he knew so much, he said.

Grilled All Day

Leo Healy, the defense lawyer, who had him under cross-examination all day, and isn't finished yet, made it a bit uncomfortable for witness Healy and several times the latter appealed to Judge Marcus B. Campbell for respite.

Witness Healy, round-faced, bland, did his entertaining at Government expense in the cellar of his home—in a dining nook and at a bar which the FBI had wired for sound.

William Gerald Bishop, military expert of the reputed revolutionists, and John F. Cassidy, their "Little Fuehrer," didn't figure so prominently in today's testimony. The wining and dining mostly concerned Claus Gunther Ernecke, the defendant who introduced Healy to the others.

Denies Asylum Charge

Lawyer Healy rapped at Witness Healy with sarcasm and ridicule, and tried to make him out a story-book detective who once had been in an asylum or sanitarium, but the witness denied the inference.

As the trial continued, Brig. Gen. Alexander E. Anderson and Lieut. Col. Martin H. Meany, National Guard officers, wrote to United States Attorney Harold M. Kennedy, characterizing Healy's testimony concerning them as "outrageous and injurious." Healy had said on the stand that Fronters told him Anderson and Meany were behind "the revolution."

"We demand the right to appear for the sole purpose of putting on record our categorical denials," Meany and Anderson wrote. Kennedy would not say whether they would be called.

The trial will continue tomorrow.