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Reveal Arms Seized From 'Fronters' 3

Defense Charges FBI Raided Homes Illegally

Evidence of the seizure of arms, ammunition and material for making bombs, seized in the homes of Christian Fronters accused of sedition featured the trial of the 16 defendants in Brooklyn Federal Court yesterday.

Defendants protested in court yesterday that Federal Bureau of Investigation agents seized such arms illegally.

Agent Arthur M. Thurston admitted under cross-examination by Leo J. Healy, defense attorney, that Defendant John F. Cassidy had protested at the search of his home the night of his arrest. Cassidy was handcuffed at the time.

Thurston seized a Spanish mauser rifle (model 1893), a bayonet and other articles at the time.

Yesterday judge, attorneys and jurors spent much time listening to FBI recordings of alleged Christian Fronters conversations in a basement club room in the home of Dennis A. Healy, New York Central inspection engineer, who served as a federal informer.

There was talk of girls, drinking some German expressions and vague references to Communists.

MOSELEY FOR DICTATOR

More significant was a statement that General George Van Horn Moseley, retired, was to be set up as the dictator of the U. S. if possible.

This statement, read into the record, was attributed by FBI agents to John A. Voebrock, 34, one of the 16 defendants.

Father Coughlin, Detroit radio priest, was brought into the tale of conspiracy also in the statement, which said that Coughlin had designated John Cassidy as "the recognized national director of the 'Christian Front.'"

William G. Bishop, another defendant, was named in the statement, as the arch-plotter of the 16.

Bishop, said the statement, had said that Moseley was the logical "temporary dictator" for the country, after the "power, which the Jews have in the United States" was overthrown.