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Defense Grills FBI Agent In Plot Trial

**Healy Acknowledges
Father Was a Spy
For British in Eire**

By the Associated Press

New York, April 17.—Denis Healy, chief prosecution witness against 16 men on trial for seditious conspiracy to overthrow the United States Government, acknowledged today that his father had been a British secret agent in Ireland and said he himself still had many friends in "various agencies" of the empire.

Under all-day cross-examination by first one and then another of a sarcastic corps of defense attorneys, the witness—a spy for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who associated with the accused plotters only to inform against them—persistently failed to clear up much of the mystery surrounding his own background.

As to the facts of his birth he knew, he said, only that it was "somewhere in the British Empire," and wasn't sure whether his father's name was Donald Thomas or Thomas Donald. He conceded, too, that there were several discrepancies in various signed documents relating to his age and place of birth.