

Christian Front F-H-4/27/40-5 'Plot' Recounted

Proper Way to 'Shoot Congressmen' Related

NEW YORK, April 26 (C.T.P.S.) Revolution with chocolate icing in which the shooting of stationary Congressmen was tabooed as not being cricket—presumably, one should be sporting and take them on the wing—was described at the Christian Front trial in Federal Court, Brooklyn, today.

Slightly baffled Government witnesses revealed two more sinister facts: (1), That a conspirator had a bugle in his home; (2), that a fearless FBI man-tracker in Brooklyn couldn't find New York.

Technique Is Bared

The niceties of potting our elected Representatives were set forth, a G-man told Judge Marcus B. Campbell and the jury, by John F. Cassidy, national director of the Front. The learned treatise, it was added, was delivered in the home of Denis A. Healy, agent provocateur, who is the Government's star witness.

Cassidy was not aware of the circumstance, but two of Hoover's men, Special Agents Peter J. Wacks and Roy H. Bernard, were listening to the discourse over a detectaphone. Bernard testified that he heard as follows:

"Mr. Cassidy stated he couldn't recommend shooting of Congressmen from the platform, but he thought they ought to knock off a dozen to show them they were on the wrong track."

Deeper and Deeper

This was somewhat cryptic, but it got more so. Bernard went on:

"They'd better reverse themselves, Cassidy stated, on the embargo, or there would be a revolution. Mr. Bishop (William Gerald Bishop, another defendant) then said he had 300,000 men under arms in the United States."

The startling information that even a Christian Fronter can't have his cake and eat it, too, was provided by FBI Agent Walter J. Higgins, who testified to having taken a confession from William H. D. Bushnell jr., another of the defendants.

It appeared that Higgins had searched Bushnell's Brooklyn home. Leo Healy, chief of defense pounced on this and asked the G-man what he had found. Higgins said he had uncovered a bugle and several medals for rifle-shooting proficiency.

Lawyer Healy, switching a bit abruptly, asked Higgins:

"Did Bushnell ask you to have a piece of chocolate cake?"

"Yes," replied Higgins. "I told him I did not care for any, but I stayed with him until he finished his piece."