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Front Claimed 175 Cops for Revolt Plot

A federal agent testified at the trial of 16 alleged conspirators against the government yesterday that their leaders last fall discussed a plan "to knock off a dozen" Congressmen who voted for repeal of the United States arms embargo.

Roy H. Barnard, special agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, said he listened with a recording device to a conversation last Nov. 4 in which John F. Cassidy and William Gerald Bishop, alleged leaders of the plot, considered the feasibility of shooting Congressmen in order to impress on them the danger of revolution.

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

"They'd better reverse themselves," Cassidy stated, "on the embargo, or there would be a revolution."

"He said they had 175 police in the Police Department in New York City ready to join the revolution at that time."