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'Fronter' Tells Jury How He Made Bombs

Tells Ridiculous Tale of Preparing to Combat 'Communist' Uprising

John A. Viebrock, on trial with 13 co-defendants on charges of plotting "to overthrow the United States" government, testified under cross-examination yesterday that he had all but completed three types of "experimental" bombs before his arrest.

Viebrock, who had testified previously that he had not finished any bomb, said, when questioned by T. Vincent Quinn, Assistant United States Attorney, that it would have taken "only 20 minutes" to complete the bombs.

The "experimental bombs," Viebrock said, were worked on by him and other members of the "action committee" and were to have been used on "Communist centers after a Communist Revolution started."

Viebrock testified earlier that John Cassidy and William Bishop, both co-defendants, had split over leadership of the group and that he had "gone along" with Bishop's group as the undercover "agent" of Cassidy.

Did you tell Cassidy you were making bombs?" Quinn asked.

"I did, Viebrock replied. "I told Cassidy they were being made for experimental purposes."