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Jury Out All Day on 'Front' Trial Verdict

Deliberates Since Wed.

DW 1 P. M. on 14

6/21/40 Plotters

A jury of eleven men and one woman argued yesterday throughout a second day in their efforts to reach a verdict in the case of 14 members of the Christian Front charged with plotting to overthrow the United States Government and to steal government munitions.

The jury was locked up again yesterday after luncheon to continue its deliberations.

They received the case at 1 P.M. Wednesday after an 11-week trial during which the prosecution produced 59 witnesses.

Evidence produced in court included several thousand rounds of rifle ammunition and quantities of a heavy explosive, together with several home-made bombs.

Evidence indicating links between the defendant and Father Coughlin, Martin Dies, Father John Lodge Curran and similar professional red-baiters and anti-Semites was carefully concealed by the prosecution.

Defense lawyers in their summation outdid themselves in "fifth column" hysteria and blared invectives against the Communist Party.

Thirteen of the defendants face up to eight years in prison if convicted. The fourteenth is liable to two years imprisonment.