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**U. S. Sedition Case  
Jury Frees Nine,  
Disagrees on Five**

New York, June 24 (AP).—The Federal Government's first mass sedition case in many years—an 11-week trial of 14 young men charged with conspiracy to overthrow the Government and to steal Federal property—ended late today with a jury acquitting nine defendants and disagreeing on the other five.

No indication was given by Federal officials immediately as to whether they would seek retrials for these five.

Scores of anxious relatives crowded into the courtroom to congratulate the defendants, whom J. Edgar Hoover, FBI chief, had accused when they were arrested in January of plotting to kill a dozen Congressmen and set up an anti-Semitic dictatorship in this country.

All except Alfred J. Quinlan were charged with both offenses; he was accused only of conspiracy to steal Government ammunition.