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VERDICT: FBI agents last January arrested seventeen young men of Brooklyn, charging them with conspiring to set up a Fascist dictatorship. Indicted the seventeen went on trial last April in Brooklyn's dignified old Federal court. Soon after the trial began one defendant committed suicide; two others were discharged by the presiding judge. Last week a jury of eleven men and one woman reached a verdict on the remaining defendants. Nine of the fourteen were found innocent; on five the jury could not agree.



The verdict was announced by the jury's foreman and sole woman member—Mrs. Helen R. Titus, a middle-aged Brooklyn housewife. Like the other jurors, she looked tired and grim. The jury had been out 124 hours. So many ballots were taken, Mrs. Titus said, that she could not remember the number. On the final ballot only one juror voted against freeing all the defendants.