Uris Sued for $2 Million

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LOS ANGELES (AP)—Novelist Leon Uris has testified that the French secret service agent who collaborated with him on his spy novel "Topaz" hoped his revelations would set off a reaction in France that would allow the agent to return home a hero.

Uris is being sued for $2 million by the agent, Phillippe de Vosjoli, who says the author violated a contract which provided an even split of royalties and film proceeds from the book.

In Superior Court Wednesday Uris said De Vosjoli, 51, wanted to expose alleged Communist influence in the French secret service so he could return home a hero.

Uris, 47, admits there was a contract, but says De Vosjoli violated it himself by selling some of his material to Life, Look, and the Sunday London Times.

The two men worked together in 1955 on a novel based on De Vosjoli's experiences as head of the French Deuxieme Bureau in the United States. De Vosjoli said that during the Cuban missile crises he discovered his agency was heavily infiltrated by Communists.