

De Gaulle Plot

Assassin Held

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PARIS—(UPI)—Police yesterday announced the arrest of a 35-year-old Corsican who has been convicted in absentia of plotting the unsuccessful assassination of President Charles de Gaulle two years ago.

Police said Antoine Severin Luciani also was involved in a conspiracy to assassinate French Premier Georges Pompidou and helped another convicted Secret Army Organization (OAS) agent escape from prison.

Luciana, who was arrested as he stepped from a Paris bar Dec. 3, was sentenced nine months ago to 20 years in prison for his part in the plot against de Gaulle. The President's automobile was raked by machine gun fire

as he drove through the Paris suburb of Petit Clamart on Aug. 22, 1962. The president escaped.

Police said Luciana was not present during the shooting in Petit Clamart but that he was involved in the plot. They said another plot to kill Pompidou failed because the minister switched his scheduled plans at the last minute. Police said Luciana also participated in the successful escape of an OAS agent from Paris' Fresnes prison in September, 1963.

Authorities said Luciana would be charged with plotting against the security of the state today.

Police said they found three pistols, 90 U. S. \$100 bills, and letters to another

OAS agent in Luciana's apartment. The letters were from exiled opposition leaders Georges Bidault and Jean Jacques Susini.

They demanded 1.5 million francs (\$200,000) being held by the OAS office here.