

# Tie top Paris spy to drug

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PARIS — French authorities will send their top narcotics prosecutor to the United States to get to the bottom of charges that a high-ranking French spy is a heroin racketeer.

The approval by the justice ministry should unblock the truth about 44 kilograms of heroin worth \$12 million (retail, on the street) seized from former French secret agent Roger Delouette nine months ago in New Jersey.

Delouette, who later pleaded guilty to bringing the heroin into the United States, charged the transaction was masterminded by Col. Paul Fournier, chief of investigations for S D E C E, the French intelligence agency.

THE CHARGES became an international incident when

French officials backed up Fournier and accused Delouette of lying. Delouette passed a lie detector test, and a U.S. federal grand jury indicted Fournier.

Judge Gabriel Rousell, the French prosecutor, is expected to go to Newark, N.J., soon to question Delouette officially. Rousell already has grilled Fournier, but no charges have been brought in France.

THE GO-AHEAD followed a high-level agreement between U.S. Atty. Gen. John Mitchell and French authorities to crack down on a loud exchange of insults between the two countries and to get to work on the case.

French co-operation was held up for months while Delouette refused to submit to his own country's justice unless promised immunity from further punishment.

He is awaiting sentencing in the United States for smuggling the heroin, but also faces other potential charges in France because of \$17,400 in counterfeit U.S. money found in his young mistress' apartment.

DONALD ROBINSON, Delouette's court-appointed attorney, saw Judge Rousell in Paris just before Christmas, presumably to arrange an immunity deal.

Under French law there is no immunity for narcotics offenders. However, the record shows that Frenchmen convicted in the U.S. on these charges haven't been bothered in France after punishment in the United States.

Perhaps fortunately for Delouette, counterfeiting is one of the very few French crimes for which immunity may be

granted, in order to persuade witnesses to testify against their cohorts.

WHILE COL. Fournier denied everything except that Delouette once had worked for him, the case sparked sensational charges of corruption in the French intelligence services, including "high treason" and political opposition to President George Pompidou.

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with S D E C E connections arrested in various heroin cases. Defenders of S D E C E explained that gangster types of ten are used by intelligence agencies.