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**'Mr. Big' Sentenced**

NEW YORK—Louis Cirillo, kingpin of a "French Connection" narcotics ring who kept a \$1 million cash reserve fund buried in his back yard, was sentenced yesterday to 25 years in prison for dealing in heroin.

Federal Judge Edward Weinfeld also ordered Cirillo, 48, a Bronx bagel maker and one of 23 persons authorities said belonged to the ring, placed on 10 years probation after his 25-year sentence.

The judge called Cirillo the largest narcotics distributor in the United States and said he "was responsible for causing untold misery to untold thousands of adults and children."

### **25-Year Sentence Set in Heroin Case**

NEW YORK, May 25 (AP)—Louis Cirillo, in whose Bronx backyard and house more than \$1 million in cash was found, got a 25-year prison sentence in U.S. District Court today after being called "the most important heroin distributor ever tried and convicted" here.

Cirillo, who also faces an indictment for obstruction of justice in an alleged plot to do away with a trial witness, was convicted April 25 of conspiring with French and U.S. smugglers who imported heroin hidden in autos.