

Your cute ? on Chron 1/18 "The Chinese Connection" story spells ~~base~~ ^{STRIKE} "WHO"? (Now WHO would think of fingering the Peoples Republic of China? rpt?). Because I've been getting the NYTimes, I know that has not yet reached you, that Gold blames ~~me~~ his assistant and that both have backed down. One might ask under what pressure, if more than reporters' questions (I've forgotten details). All the evidence cited is evidence China could not be the source. Too many have understood their Orwell. HW 1/24/73

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Heroin Smuggling Charged

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'The Chinese Connection'

New York

Authorities said yesterday they have uncovered a "Chinese connection" for smuggling "hundreds of kilograms of heroin worth millions of dollars" in the United States by way of China and Hong Kong.

They said they have begun to crack the ring with a number of arrests, but the kingpin — a Chinese national said to visit the U.S. frequently — is still at large. Officials would neither elab-

orate nor name him.

"I would recommend that the U.S. government make aware to China that drugs leaving their shores are coming into the U.S.," said Frank Rogers, a special city-wide prosecutor in charge of major narcotics cases.

"We can refer to this as the 'China Connection' for narcotics," said Brooklyn District Attorney Eugene Gold. "This is the first clear and substantive evidence we have that the mainland of

China and Hong Kong are being used as a means of getting heroin into the U.S."

They said the operation used Oriental sailors who jumped ship in New York and New Jersey with their contraband.

The operatives also smuggled heroin into the U.S. concealed in canned goods and in at least one brocade smoking jacket from Hong Kong, they said.

Rogers said some of the heroin was packed in cello-

phane envelopes marked with a red star or imprinted with the English words: "The People's Republic of China." He said his office had "other evidence" to link the narcotics to the China mainland, but he would not elaborate.

The Soviet Union, in its running battle with China, has tried to pin an opium-running label on the Chinese but the Chinese leaders have vehemently denied any such activity. *Associated Press*