

# Embassy used by smugglers in dope ring

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WASHINGTON — A drug-smuggling ring alleged to have brought \$32.7 million worth of cocaine into this country from Chile in military aircraft and diplomatic pouches has been crippled with the arrest of 22 persons, the Justice Department says.

Chilean authorities arrested 16 persons in Santiago, including members of the Chilean air force and navy. Six others were arrested this week in the Washington area, New York City and Madison, Wis.

The Justice Department said all 22 were key members of the ring; indictments were returned in New York on June 5 but kept secret so that authorities could make simultaneous arrests.

The ring was said to have smuggled at least 162 pounds of cocaine from Chile to New York via Washington between May, 1973 and last month, Bartels said. A spokesman said cocaine has street sale value of more than \$500 a gram.

The five-count federal indictment said a naval officer stationed in Valparaiso with access to diplomatic pouch-

es arranged the smuggling and that an officer stationed at the Chilean embassy received the drugs.

Diplomatic pouches, routinely used by diplomats to carry communications, are not subject to customs inspections.

Among those arrested in the United States was Marion R. Brown, a University of Wisconsin professor of agriculture who worked in Chile last year at the University's Land Tenure Center.

Another was Mrs. Eduardo Diaz of Silver Springs, Md., whose husband is a chief petty officer in the Chilean navy assigned to the country's embassy here. He was arrested in Santiago.

Arrested in New York City Monday and Tuesday were Lina Gotes, owner of a dry cleaning firm; Lionel Marques, owner of a food market; Elva Morales and Jose Rey-Ferrero.

The Justice Department said Mrs. Gotes was mastermind of the ring; the indictment charged that she picked up the narcotics in Washington after they had been smuggled into the United States.