

Col. de la Roque Trial

Col. de la Roque, leader of the French Social Party (an emanation of the "Croix de Feu", ex-soldiers' League) is taking criminal libel proceeding against 28 French newspapers which reproduced statements made by the Duc Pozzo di Borgo assuring that the Colonel de la Roque had received money out of the Governmental secret funds.

This affair brings to the 12th Correctional Court in Paris the Colonel de la Roque who is suing Directors, writers and managers of the incriminated newspapers, as well as numerous witnesses.

Colonel de la Roque, leader of the French Social Party, according to what say the accused persons, had received money from secret State funds, placing his organization at the disposal of the Government.

The Duc Pozzo di Borgo was the first to bring up the accusation against Colonel de la Roque in the newspaper "Choe". This article was based upon a conversation with M. Tardieu, French ex-Premier, who declared that when he was Premier he gave the Colonel money from State funds.

Senator Lemery, former Minister of Justice in Doumergue's Government, bears a favorable witness to the assertions made by the Duc di Borgo.

Commander Schreyock, who directed the section of "Creix de Feu" at Vincennes and who resigned in view of the Colonel's attitude.

Colonel Guillaume, manager of the newspaper "Choe" who, following the publication of the Duc di Borgo's article in his newspaper, has been assaulted in his villa in Brittany by members of the French Social Party, the leader of which is Colonel de la Roque.