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The Jean-Marie Deveaux case and its consequences on the French indemnification system

The French **print** and **radio press** recently **looked back** at the so-called **Jean-Marie Deveaux case**, known as **one** of the **biggest miscarriages of justice** in **French history**.

In **1963**, **Jean-Marie Deveaux**, a retailer butcher helper, is **sentenced** to **twenty years of prison** for the **murder** of his **employers' daughter**. After a **long judicial fight** led by André Soulier, **Jean-Marie Deveaux** is **retried** in **1969** and finally **acquitted**.

This case, that hit the **headlines** for **many months** in the **late 1960's**, is **directly** at the **origin** of the **1970 French Indemnification Act** which provides for the **indemnification** of **people charged** or **sentenced wrongly**, whose **one** of the **main instigators** was **André Soulier**.

Listen to André Soulier's interview broadcasted on September 14 on RTL, a French leading radio network

Read the article published on September 26 in Libération, a top selling daily newspapers in France (in French)

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