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<p>The coming into office of the Popular Front Cabinet, on June 2, 1936, determined as it was to oppose Laval in everything, fed the fury of the pro-fascist press. During the first fortnight of January 1937 I stated in the Echo de Paris that the Germans were making ready to enter Morocco. My articles were based upon dispatches from General Mogues, High commissioner at Rabat, from M. Vaux St. Cyr, Consul General at Cologne; and upon the serious warning conveyed to the German Ambassador by the secretary-general of our Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The weekly Gringoire commissioned Georges Suarez to insult me in its columns? I had invented that piece of news out of whole cloth in order to precipitate war between France and Germany, I sued that sheet for libel in the Seine criminal court, M. Delbos, Minister of Foreign Affairs, wrote a letter stating that all I had said reflected the truth, as it stood on record in the archives. Come what might, Horace de Carbuccia insisted on parading a string of witnesses whose shamelessness has become today a blatant scandal: Fernand de Brinon, Bertrand de Jouvenel, Edouard Pfeifer, Gaston Bergery, <u>Paul Marion</u>, Eugene Frot, most of them now bedecked with honors either in Paris or in Vichy. I am really proud of having been</p>			
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chosen by those men as their common target. The court awarded me damages of thirty thousand francs (an amount rarely exceeded in cases of that sort) and, besides, imposed a fine. The defendants did not dare lodge an appeal. Pfeifer and Marion (himself a former official of the Comintern) argued that I had been hostile to Russia until 1934, during the years when she had been peace-loving, but that I had turned friendly to her as soon as her war-like mood had become belligerent. According to these gentlemen, then, the proper thing to do had been to praise the Soviets when they were bound to Germany by the Treaty of Rapallo and to revile them after they began turning toward the Western Powers!

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