

# New Set Of Rules Issued On Criminal News In U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP)—A new set of rules governing the release of information on criminal cases by all U.S. Justice department officers has been issued by Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach.

The attorney general announced the code in a speech to the convention of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, a body always hostile to any apparent attempt to suppress news.

But Katzenbach described the guidelines as a formalization of "the same policies generally now observed by the department" in trying to protect a defendant's right to a fair trial while respecting the public's right to be informed.

"The first consideration, I believe, is that it is not for us to

regulate the conduct or the content of the press," Katzenbach told the 450 editors.

Katzenbach's move was a fresh development in a debate which has raged among journalists, lawyers and jurists since the arrest of Lee Harvey Oswald for the assassination of President John F. Kennedy—whether there should be additional safeguards against the publication of information which might influence a jury.

**REACTION FAVORABLE**

The first reaction from the editors was favorable. Alfred Friendly, managing editor of the Washington Post and chairman of an ASNE committee that on Tuesday rejected proposals for laws and regulations curbing pre-trial news coverage, told the convention:

"The policy the attorney general has enunciated is one that I would like to think conforms

1,000 per cent with the principles we have enunciated in our report.

The department's new code specifies a number of facts which may be released, following an arrest, by FBI agents, U.S. marshals, federal prosecutors and other officers of the department.

The code includes the defendant's name and identifying background information; the charges against him; the arresting agency and length of the investigation; and the circumstances of the arrest, including the time and place, resistance, pursuit, possession and use of weapons, and a description of items seized.

But Katzenbach's order directs that officials "should refrain from making available the following:" and lists these items:

"Observations about a defendant's character.

"Statements, admissions, confessions, or alibis attributable to a defendant.

"References to investigative procedures, such as fingerprints, polygraph examinations, ballistic tests, or laboratory tests.

**RULES ON WITNESSES**

"Statements concerning the identity, credibility, or testimony of prospective witnesses.

"Statements concerning evidence or argument in the case, whether or not it is anticipated that such evidence or argument will be used at trial."

The attorney general ruled that officers shall not volunteer for publication any information on a defendant's prior record but may provide a record of convictions upon a specific inquiry. His statement also declared:

"Personnel of the department of justice shall take no action to encourage or assist news media in photographing or televising a defendant or accused person being held or transported in federal custody.

"Departmental representatives should not make available photographs of a defendant unless a law enforcement function is served thereby."

# Second Phase Jordan River Plan Started

JERUSALEM (AP)—Authoritative Israeli sources claimed that Lebanon last week launched the second stage of its part in the plan by Arab countries to divert headwaters of the Jordan River.

The tract cleared along the route for diversion channels has now been widened, permitting the use of heavy earthmoving equipment, the sources reported.

The Syrians have not resumed diversion work since a brief battle in which Israeli gunfire put four Syrian tractors out of action.

Syrian and Lebanese ends of the diversion project, near the Israeli border, now are only one mile apart.

The Arab states have vowed to divert the Jordan before the river reaches Israeli territory to sabotage Israel's multi-million-dollar project to bring Jordan River water from the Sea of Galilee to the Negev Desert. Israel has said interference with the irrigation project would be regarded as a cause of war.

# 14 Disappear In Fraudulent Bankrupt Cases

MONTREAL (CP)—The Gazette says 14 men all wanted by Ontario and Quebec police in connection with fraudulent bankruptcies, have disappeared in the last few months.

Among those who have disappeared "under mysterious circumstances," the newspaper lists Miklos Kovacs, 46, and Sandor Katz, 43, both of Toronto, who did not show up for a scheduled court appearance here.

The Toronto men are charged with having defrauded creditors in a \$30,000 bankruptcy here.

Defence lawyer Myer Gross said the wife of one of his clients expressed fears about her husband's safety, but he had no reason to believe the men would not appear for preliminary hearing as scheduled.

Gerard Laganier, special officer of the Quebec attorney-general's department, told the court "we have reason to believe the men are not here today and won't be here for a while."

He said police were told the men left their Toronto home earlier this week. Their telephone lines had been cancelled.

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# Suspension Reconsidered

MONTREAL (CP)—The Montreal Roman Catholic school commission has announced it will reconsider its suspension of teaching brother Rene LaHaie who contrasted Christ and Hitler in the classroom.

The commission, in a brief statement, also said it will reconsider its suspension of Brother LaHaie's two superiors: Brother Hector Asselin, principal of La Mennais school, and Antonio Gerard, director of the school district.

Brother LaHaie put up pictures of Christ and Hitler in his classroom and told his Grade 7 pupils the two had exceptional qualities, one using them for good, the other for evil.

Protests against the action of the commission have come from the Alliance of Catholic Teachers of Montreal, the Brothers of Christian Instruction, who run La Mennais school and from the Alumni Federation of the Brotherhood.

Some 350 parents of children at the school signed a petition Thursday night for the reinstatement of Brother LaHaie, Brother Asselin and Mr. Gerard.

WEST GERMANS HELD

BERLIN (AP)—Six West Germans—five men and a woman—have been arrested and charged with spying and scheming to spirit East Berliners out of East Germany, the official East German news agency ADN reported Saturday. ADN said all six had been working with the consent of the West Berlin government, which declined comment.

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