

Warren Speech Hits On Court Criticism

MANILA, Feb. 9 (UPI) Chief Justice Earl Warren said today that people who are impatient with court rulings protecting individual rights should remember that "the rights of one are the rights of all."

"The true believer in constitutional government knows that the rights of the most powerful are jeopardized

when the rights of the weakest are violated," Warren said. "Implicit in a democratic system is the realization that one charged with even the most serious crime must under the Constitution be tried by civilized standards of criminal justice."

Warren made the comments in an address prepared for a dinner of the Philippine Constitution Association in obser-

vance of the 30th anniversary of Philippine Constitution Day. Warren also addressed a convocation at the University of the Philippines, where he received an honorary doctor of laws degree.

Warren seemed to be answering critics of the U.S. Supreme Court for what they consider too lenient rulings in criminals cases.

Only a few days ago, Lewis

F. Powell Jr., president of the American Bar Association, said there was a "growing body of opinion that the rights of law-abiding citizens are being subordinated. The pendulum may have swung too far in affording rights which are abused and misused by criminals."

The Chief Justice said impatience with courts is great when a crime is particularly odious and a defendant's guilt appears obvious. But he said that when a defendant is granted a new trial it is important to "evaluate what has occurred in the larger perspective of the Constitution."

In such cases, he said, the accused may not have been accorded the right to counsel, or a confession may have been extorted from him, or he may have been convicted on illegally seized evidence.

Constitutional bars to these practices "can never be compromised by short cuts," Warren said.