

# Senate Parley to Air Trial Rights of Press

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Possible conflicts between at the trial. Such contempt the constitutional rights of a shall be punished by a fine of free press and a fair trial will not more than \$1000." will be aired Tuesday at a Senate hearing. Ervin and Tydings said witnesses will be asked:

Editors, judges and attorneys have been asked to testify before a Senate judiciary panel on a bill that would permit a fine of up to \$1000 in Federal courts for making certain information available involving criminal cases.

Sens. Sam J. Ervin (D-N.C.) and Joseph D. Tydings (D-Md.) will conduct the hearing for two judiciary subcommittees.

Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) and 14 other Senators of both parties co-sponsored the proposed addition to the U.S. Criminal Code, which reads:

"It shall constitute a contempt of court for any employee of the United States, or for any defendant or his attorney or the agent of either, to furnish or make available for publication information not already properly filed with the court which might affect the outcome of any pending criminal litigation, except evidence that has already been admitted

"The extent to which the communications and legal professions monitor the activities of their members.

"The extent to which state and local action bearing on the problems has been taken.

"How the courts have defined the rights and responsibilities involved."

Morse and Fred Vinson, Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Criminal Division of the Justice Department are listed as initial witnesses.

Others scheduled to testify are Sam Ragan, executive editor, Raleigh (N.C.) News and Observer and Raleigh Times; Alfred Friendly, vice president and managing editor, The Washington Post; Theodore Voorhees, Philadelphia attorney and Ronald Goldfarb, Washington attorney.