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Tells Tokyo Group Officials
Will Likely Be Restricted

TOKYO, Sept. 4 (UPI)—Chief Justice Earl Warren predicted today that more restrictions protect the rights of persons would be placed on public officials in the United States to accused of crimes and curtail sensational coverage of trials.

He said the problem was to balance the right of freedom of the press with the right of the accused to a fair trial.

"We must find out how far both of these rights can be extended," he said in an address to the Foreign Correspondents Club of Japan.

Justice Warren cited the Supreme Court's reversal of the conviction of Sam Shepherd of Cleveland, who was sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of his wife.

He said the Supreme Court had ordered a new trial because of "unbridled" news coverage of the first trial.

He said the Court found that "the play was to the gallery," that nine-tenths of the space in the courtroom was allotted to press and that court officials "let photographers roam around the courtroom."

Chief Justice Warren said the press "must be admitted to our courtrooms."

'Makes People Actors'

"But when it comes to moving pictures and television, the picture is different," he said. "This makes people actors and actresses whether they want to be or not."

The Chief Justice said the focus of the new restrictions would be on public officials, not newsmen.

He also told the correspondents that he had not heard

"of one fact" in the Warren Commission's report that had been contradicted by all that has been written on the assassination of President Kennedy.

Asked about the investigation being conducted by District Attorney Jim Garrison of New Orleans, Chief Justice Warren said:

"I want to skirt this very carefully because the case could someday come before the Supreme Court."

But he added that "so far as Mr. Garrison's information to the public is concerned, I have seen absolutely nothing that would conflict with the report of the commission."

Justice Warren and his wife are on a 10-day visit to Japan as guests of the Supreme Court here.