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NEW YORK —(UPI) — A national news council to investigate public complaints against the press and probe threats against freedom of the press is expected to begin operations sometime next year, it was announced yesterday.

The proposal comes on the heels of recent governmental pressures on the news media. Among those pressures have been the jailing of two journalists for refusing to divulge sources, blanket subpoenas of journalists' notes, photographs, and news film and videotape and the Justice Department's efforts to stop publication of the Pentagon Papers in several newspapers.

A task force was set up 18 months ago by the 20th Century Fund to establish and fund the independent council, which will concentrate its efforts on the major suppliers of news and not the local press.

Roger Traynor, former chief justice of the California Supreme Court will be chairman of the council.

The council will focus on the major news suppliers because of their national impact and because of their influence on local news reporting. The major suppliers include the two national wire services, the three television networks and such newspapers as the New York Times, the Washington Post and The Los Angeles Times.

The 15-member council will have no coercive power, and its \$400,000 annual budget will come from several foundations, with none contributing more than 25 percent.

Members of the task force

include Mrs. Lucy Wilson the task force; D. Donald Benson, national president Peterson, associate justice of the League of Women of the Minnesota Supreme Voters and co-chairman of Court,