

**Reagan Signs Bill to Halt  
Contempt Citations on News**

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Dec. 14 (AP)—Newsmen who refuse to disclose sources of information can no longer be cited for contempt under legislation signed by Gov. Ronald Reagan. The freedom of the press

safeguards drafted by Assemblyman Lan Sieroty, Democrat of Beverly Hills, apply to both former and current newsmen. Formerly, reporters were protected so long as they stayed in their profession. A spokesman for Mr. Sieroty said that the bill, signed on Monday, covered published and

unpublished material gathered by newsmen, including notes, film clips and voice tapes.

The new bill covers publishers, editors reporters or anyone else connected with newspapers, news services, radio or television stations.