

EXTRADITION SOUGHT IN NEWSMAN DISPUTE

FRANKFORT, Ky., Oct. 26 (UPI)—Gov. Wendell Ford has asked Gov. William O. Milliken of Michigan to extradite a former Louisville Courier-Journal reporter, Paul Branzburg, to Kentucky, where Mr. Branzburg faces a contempt of court sentence in Jefferson County.

Mr. Branzburg, now a reporter with the Detroit Free Press, could evade the six-month contempt sentence by answering questions about an alleged hashish-making operation before the Grand Jury at Louisville.

Mr. Branzburg contended earlier that the Grand Jury could not force him to disclose his confidential news sources under Federal constitutional guarantees.

He was sentenced Sept. 1 by Jefferson Circuit Judge John P. Hayes for contempt in refusing to answer the Grand Jury questions.

The case went to the United States Supreme Court, which ruled last June that newsmen cannot claim a privilege of refusing to reveal confidential information to Grand Juries investigating criminal matters but have the same responsibilities as other citizens.

After the Supreme Court ruling, Kentucky officers requested Mr. Branzburg to return to Louisville to testify. Mr. Branzburg refused. He said the men involved in the alleged drug-making operation had left the Louisville area.