

News Subpoenas

Montreal

U.S. Attorney General William B. Saxbe said yesterday he has authorized 15 subpoenas directed at newsmen during his eight months in office.

Saxbe disclosed the figure as he discussed Justice Department regulations requiring the attorney general's specific approval before federal prosecutors may subpoena newsmen.

"In most of those instances, the newsmen were willing to cooperate but requested the subpoena first be served," he said.

Saxbe's remarks were in a

speech to the Radio-Television News Directors Association, an organization of American and Canadian broadcasters.

Justice Department officials in Washington said they could provide no further information about the 15 subpoenas.

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