

# R. W. Leche Dies; Protege of Long

NEW ORLEANS, La. (AP)—Richard W. Leche, Huey Long's protege who rode the Louisiana hayride into the governor's office and on into prison, died Monday of cancer. He was 66.

During his three years as governor, from 1936-39, it was estimated Louisiana was looted of \$100,000,000. Leche once testified he got nearly \$500,000 in profits and commissions.

Before the scandals subsided, Leche was in prison for mail fraud. Scores of Louisiana officials were jailed or fined. Four men had committed suicide. Leche served three years, later was pardoned.