

# Mrs. Long Leaves Louisiana Abruptly

BATON ROUGE, La. (UPI) — Mrs. Blanche Long left the state of Louisiana Tuesday night as her husband, Gov. Earl K. Long, attempted to regain power from a mental hospital.

The governor's wife was known to fear what a psychiatrist termed Long's "homicidal tendencies."

Her abrupt departure still was not expected to interfere with a sanity hearing for Long scheduled for Friday. It was not known where she was going.

Earlier followers of Long were reported "scared as hell" that he would emerge from the mental hospital Friday and send political heads rolling.

His attorney included high state officials on a list of witnesses to be subpoenaed for Friday's hearing in Covington, La., to determine whether Long is being illegally held in the state hospital at nearby Mandeville.

Included on the list of witnesses were Mrs. Long, Lt. Gov. Lether Frazar, Atty. Gen. Jack Gremlion, and Jesse Bankston, director of state hospitals.

Attorney Joe Arthur Sims said in an interview in his home at Hammond, near Baton Rouge, that doctors at Southeastern Louisiana Hospital might come to the hearing with a certificate saying it would be injurious to the gravel-voiced governor's condition to produce him in court.

In that case, Sims said, he would hire doctors of his own to examine Long to see whether a

public hearing would hurt him.

Sims said his case before Judge Robert D. Jones Friday would attempt to prove that Long is held illegally because:

He received only a hasty examination in a "circus-like atmosphere" in the back of a police car that tended to excite him.

The papers on which Long was committed say only that he was in a "run-down condition" and in need of treatment.

The two doctors who examined him left more than 100 detailed psychiatric questions on the papers unanswered.

Sims said that if these points are rejected by Judge Jones, the hearing will turn into a sanity hearing and he will contend that if Long was insane when he was committed, he has now recovered and should be released.

Long's followers in the Legislature flocked to Baton Rouge Tuesday and closeted themselves with Lieutenant Governor Frazar, who is still backing away from the acting governor's job while Long is away.

A reliable source who asked not to be identified said they were afraid Long would come roaring back to Baton Rouge Friday and accuse them of taking part in his troubles.