

MRS. LONG FILES SUIT; T-MEN CHECK BANK BOX

COVINGTON, La. (AP) — Two new kinds of trouble hit Gov. Earl Long of Louisiana Tuesday—his wife began divorce action and federal agents opened his public relations advisor's bank box.

Long's 51-year-old wife, Blanche, charging he once threatened to kill her in a rage, filed a counter suit Monday night to the governor's petition for separation, first step toward divorce under Louisiana law. Her suit asked for \$2,500 alimony monthly.

Long snorted at her claim.

"She's got more than I have, and besides, she's 12 years younger, she can work."

Federal agents probing the governor's income took a look into the safety deposit box of Mrs. Cora Russell Schley of Alexandria, La.

She didn't say how much of the governor's money they found, "but it wasn't much."

Both developments came just a few hours after psychiatrists attending the tempest-tossed 63-year-old governor said he was suffering from a nervous breakdown and ruled out any mental disorders.

Mrs. Long contended the governor, whom she married in 1932, was guilty of "multiple acts of cruelty" and claimed he tried to kill her on May 28. She said she would furnish necessary details when the case comes to trial.

Hearing on Mrs. Long's petition was set for Monday.

It was Mrs. Long's first contact since she reportedly slipped out of the state last week while the governor was still in the hospital.

Mrs. Long's attorney later indicated the temporary alimony plea was left in the suit inadvertently and said he would amend the petition to remove the request.

Long's attorneys filed a similar suit Tuesday in Winnfield in a move they described as the same type of court action the governor took last week.

Mrs. Schley, wife of an Alexandria train engineer said she believed federal agents are checking "everybody who might have had some of his (Long's) money."

Mrs. Schley has been Long's public relations adviser since 1952.

Long startled the fiscal session of the legislature last month when he revealed the Internal Revenue Service was investigating his income.

He went to Washington and asked that the probe be delayed until after the Democratic primary election in early December when he plans to run for governor.