

# Earl Long's Wife Flees Louisiana; Hearing Due Friday

Baton Rouge, La.—(UPI)—The first lady of the state of Louisiana Tuesday night fled its borders and her husband's fight to regain his executive powers from a mental hospital.

Mrs. Blanche Long, whose destination was not known, was known to fear what a psychiatrist termed the "hostile tendencies" of her husband, Gov. Earl Long.

Her departure was not expected to interfere with a

sanity hearing for Long scheduled for Friday, although she signed the commitment papers and had been subpoenaed as a witness at the hearing.

As Mrs. Long fled the props were being carried in for a drama to be played beneath a basketball hoop to determine whether her husband is fit to be governor.

**Head Set to Roll**  
The scene was set for heads to roll if the answer is "yes."

The decision weighed on the shoulders of a soft-spoken judge, his face deeply lined and wearing horn-rimmed glasses, who was an appointee of Earl's brother Huey's hand-picked successor in 1936.

The judge's name is Robert D. Jones. Whether he is a "Long man" is a moot question. He has been 23 years on the bench, appointed first and elected three times without opposition. In Louisiana, if he has Earl Long's disfavor, he would have been opposed.

He has just heard two murder trials and, for the first time, passed the death sentence.

"When it rains it pours," he said Tuesday.

The question very simply was: Is Earl Long insane?

Jones will have to answer that question.

**Long Says He's Competent**

Earl Long says he is completely competent to resume the responsibilities of his office. He says he was "kidnaped" by his wife and others. He says he has been impeached without a hearing and put in a state mental hospital unable to communicate with his aides.

His attorney, Joe Arthur Sims, spoke out Tuesday on Earl's condition for the first time since he was committed, shouting and screaming, as a schizophrenic paranoic.

Sims is one of three non-medical people who have seen Earl Long in the hospital since he was committed last Thursday.

Sims today had subpoenaed Long's wife and the lieutenant governor of Louisiana plus 10 others to appear at the hearing.

Mrs. Blanche Long asked for her husband's commitment. The lieutenant governor has declined to take over power from his political chieftain. Louisiana today is without a governor.



**SPEAKING AT FIRST** press conference since his escape from Tibet, the Dalai Lama tells newsmen in Mussoorie, India, of his flight. The Tibetan God-king accused Chinese Communists of killing 65,000 Tibetans and destroying 1,000 monasteries in "reign of terror" designed to smash ancient Tibet culture. He's taken sanctuary in India.

## The Inquiring Mind

This series of articles, on many different subjects, results from work by senior students at the school of journalism at the University of Oregon. Each is a condensed version of a full-length thesis written as partial requirement for graduation at the school.

### OUR DIMINISHING WILD LIFE

By Cecil L. Wilder

This year Oregon celebrates its 100th year of statehood. In that 100 years we have come far from the sparsely settled wilderness of the beginning to the busy, bustling state of today. But, unfortunately, the development has taken its toll. Our wild life, a very precious resource, is beginning to show the results of the years of mismanagement and neglect. Our wild life is slowly dying out. Oregon, which in the beginning was a great wild life paradise, is now in danger of becoming a wild life barren.

The signs are unmistakable. Already some of our wild life species are gone. The great snowy egret, a beautiful bird of the heron family highly prized for its plumes, once populated the state in great numbers but is now extinct.

The big horn sheep, in great demand as a trophy animal, completely disappeared and had to be restocked on our mountain slopes.

Only by the passages of emergency legislation were the elk and antelope herds saved in 1900. The beaver reached the

brink of total extinction in the 1930's and the state was closed to all trapping of the species by legislative action. Only recently have they increased sufficiently in number to permit trapping on a limited scale.

In 1948, the fish resources in the state had been depleted to such a low point that natural propagation augmented by artificial propagation could no longer maintain sufficient numbers to hold the position of the previous year. Since that time there has been a slow but steady downward trend despite increased stocking on the part of the Game Commission which stocks an estimated 12 million fish per year.

### Combination of Factors

A combination of factors are responsible for the sad state of our wild life resources. As more and more people moved into the state, settling on farm sites and clearing land the wild life was forced back into the higher country and the grazing ranges decreased. Increased population meant increased hunting and fishing pressures. Cities, factories and mills began to spring up, polluting the streams by pumping their refuse into them. Unwise logging practices denuded watersheds, resulting in an increase in water temperatures and a silting over of the spawning grounds. By 1921 it was estimated that from 1/3 to 1/2 of the spawning grounds along the Willamette river had been destroyed. Dams have blocked normal passage to spawning grounds. Predatory birds and animals have cut into the wild life resources.

The State Legislature in 1911 organized the State Game Commission and entrusted it with the administration of this valuable resource. At the same time the legislators so restricted its powers so as to make it incapable of doing the job. **Committee Appointed**

In 1948, under pressure from alarmed groups in the state, a legislative interim committee was appointed to study and investigate the Game Commission. The committee reported that the inability of the Game Commission to solve the wild life conservation problems could be traced to the following causes: (1) Imperfect basic game laws that tended to restrict the authority of the commission and which it had no power to change. (2) Lack of coordination between agencies dealing with natural resources. (3) Inefficient method of administration. (4) Inefficient use of game law enforcement personnel. (5) Lack of sufficient funds to carry on a program of sufficient size to solve the problems of wild life conservation.

Despite increased efforts on the part of the Game Commission, the decline of the wild life resources has continued. A truth which must be faced is that the Game Commission, due to its limited scope of operation, has proven itself incapable of saving our wild life. Something more is needed.

Conservation minded groups in the state that recognize the inability of the Game Commission to solve the wild life problems have proposed a program which, if adopted, could save this important resource.

Under this program the Game Commission would be abolished and in its place would be established a Nat-

# Superman's Suicide Verdict Upheld in Second Autopsy

Hollywood—(UPI)—TV Superman George Reeves committed suicide according to results of a second autopsy, Coroner Theodore J. Curphey announced Tuesday.

Curphey's action, taken after Reeves' mother doubted her son had taken his own life, also disclosed that Reeves was under the influence of alcohol at the time of his death.

Reeves left guests in the living room of his home June 16 and mounted to the second floor bedroom. A shot then

was heard. The television performer was found dead.

"It is my opinion the wound was self inflicted," Curphey said.

**Questions Puzzle Friends**  
Several questions which continued to puzzle friends and associates included:

"The incessant phone calls police said he received from a former girl friend."

"Why he would leave most of his \$50,000 estate to the wife of a film executive instead of to his fiancée."

"And why a coroner's seal on his Benedict Canyon home was broken."

The city attorney's office disclosed that Reeves had complained about phone calls which came from a woman. Reeves said he believed the calls came from Mrs. Toni Mannix, the main beneficiary, but a subsequent investigation showed the calls did not come from her home.

Mrs. Mannix, wife of Eddie J. Mannix, former general manager of MGM and president of Lowe's, in turn had accused Reeves of annoying her, police said. She recently hired a bodyguard.

No action was taken on the phone calls. Reeves' will leaving most of his estate to Mrs. Mannix, who said she had been a "close friend" of Reeves, will be contested at a July 10 hearing by his mother, Mrs. Helen Lescher Bessolo, of Galesburg, Ill.

**Discloses Broken Seal**  
She said the matter would be handled by famed Hollywood attorney Jerry Giesler, whom she retained several days ago to investigate the suicide. Two days ago Giesler disclosed the broken coroner's seal and also said \$5,000 had been taken from the Reeves home.

That was one mystery which was cleared up by a statement from Reeves' fiancée, New York cafe society figure Lenore Lemmon, 35, who was in the house when Reeves shot himself to death. She said it was \$4,000 and not \$5,000 and was in travelers checks which were to be used on their honeymoon.

Miss Lemmon, who said they were to have been married a few days after Reeves shot himself, said the money belonged to both of them. She gave it to her attorney who said he would give it to the Reeves estate.

### Contract Awarded For Road Work

Portland—The bureau of Indian affairs has awarded a \$83,305 contract for grading and surfacing 8.25 miles of roadway on the Klamath Indian reservation in southern Oregon, the department of the interior announced today.

The work will be the last involved in a program of more than 80 miles of new and reconstructed roads being built by the Indian bureau in preparation for final termination of federal responsibilities on the reservation under the Klamath Termination act. Under an agreement between the United States and Klamath

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county, the roads are being built to county standards and will be taken over by the county for maintenance upon completion.

Under the contract announced today, the work will be done on what is known as the Bray Mill-Lone Pine road approximately six miles north-east of Chiloquin, Ore. The improvement is important to the reservation area for timber access and fire protection as well as for general transportation.

The work will be performed by Beaver Excavating company, Gresham, whose bid

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## Ashland Youth Gets Scholarship

George A. Converse, a 17-year-old student at Ashland High school, topped 21 other candidates to win a \$600 scholarship given by the Oregon State Employees association, the association has announced.

The scholarship, given annually by the OSEA to assist students of high standing to attend institutions in the Oregon system of higher education, was awarded on the basis of the pupil's high scholarship and all-around ability.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Converse of Ashland. He has indicated his intention to attend Southern Oregon college.

Young Converse has a four-year grade point average of 3.86. He was chosen "Man of the Month" by the men's club of the First Presbyterian church and received the "most valuable student" award from the Elks club.

His school honors include a certificate of merit in the finals of the National Merit Scholarship contest, the Bausch-Lomb science award, and top score in his school in the national mathematics test given by the Society of Actuaries.

His other school activities include a term as president of the local chapter of the National Honor Society, membership in the Thespian Society, and participation in wrestling, debate, and tennis. He was chosen as salutatorian of his graduating class.

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