

Long to File Huge Suit On Time, Life Magazines

WINNFIELD, La. (AP)—Louisiana Gov. Earl K. Long pulled the trigger on a two-million-dollar suit against Time and Life magazines Friday for what he called "slandering articles and pictures." The 63-year-old governor, mapping final plans for an extended vacation through the Western states, Canada and Mexico, also indicated through a political follower that he plans to call the Legislature into special session early next month.

The governor — there are conflicting reports about his physical condition—spent the day at his "pea patch farm" near here. His aides said he would go to Shreve-

port, La., Friday and then catch a commercial flight for a stay in Fort Worth.

A proposal introduced in the Texas House of Representatives Friday would invite the loquacious Louisiana chief executive to address a joint session of the Texas Legislature Saturday morning.

Long said he expects his attorney, Joe Arthur Sims, to file the suit against Time, Inc., in 19th District Court in Baton Rouge Monday.

There was no comment on what material in the magazines irked the governor. But two of his top followers in the legislature were upset Thursday night when they

read this week's issue of Life. State Sen. B. B. Rayburn and State Rep. Jesse McLain were particularly critical of a picture which showed Long on a bed in the Covington, La., motel where he spent last week after his release from a state mental hospital. Long had a sheet wrapped around him and he was without the new false teeth he has trouble handling.

State Rep. Wayne Gaudin said he attended a meeting in the mansion at Baton Rouge Thursday night. Gaudin said Long indicated he would call the Legislature into session Aug. 10 or 11 after completing his vacation.

Long's chief aims during the session, Gaudin said, would be to continue his battle to liberalize state voter registration laws and shake up state laws on commitment to mental hospitals.

Long went to a psychiatric clinic in Galveston, Texas, May 30 after a flareup during the meeting of the fiscal legislation where he laced opponents in profanity-strewn outbreak. His wife signed papers committing him and later asked a Baton Rouge judge to confine Long to the state mental hospital at Mandeville. Two psychiatrists told the judge the Governor suffered from paranoid schizophrenia—delusions of persecution.

Long's executive secretary told newsmen Thursday a team of physicians decided he could get along without a doctor in constant attendance. But Rep. Lloyd Teekell, another Long legislative follower, said the governor looked in weak condition.

Long's aides did not reveal the itinerary of his vacation. There were reports he would stop first at Fort Worth and then move on to Tucson or Phoenix, Ariz., Los Angeles, San Francisco, Death Valley, Portland, Seattle, Canada, the Dakotas and through St. Louis on the way back home. There was some speculation he might go through Mexico on his way West.

Despite state laws prohibiting such a move, Long apparently is still determined to run for re-election.