

Sen. Long Charges Post With Smear

Sen. Russell B. Long (D-La.) yesterday charged The Washington Post with conducting a "smear campaign" against him and offered the newspaper \$500 if it would publish a front-page account of what his home town bankers think of him.

But he also cast light on his reported involvement in a boisterous evening episode at the 823 Restaurant on Oct. 11. Two days after the incident, Long personally apologized to two Connecticut policewomen and offered to pay all medical, dry cleaning and other expenses growing out of their encounter with him.

A story about the incident and its aftermath appeared on the front page of yesterday's edition of the Post.

During the session with newsmen yesterday in the Senate break room, Long declared he was going to answer this whole smear campaign against me in due course.

He declined other direct comment on the story, but said it requires an answer.

Long said the article in the Newsweek magazine, which is published by The Washington Post Co., had sent reporter Warren Thomas, wife of Baton Rouge, La., to investigate his personal finances.

He said chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, Charles McNair, had sent to the Baton Rouge banker about the article and that McNair had an

man and print their answer on the newspaper's front page. But will pay The Post \$500 if it does so, he said.