

Senator Long Apologizes For Restaurant Incident

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Sen. Russell B. Long (D-La.) personally apologized to two Connecticut policewomen on Capitol Hill last Friday after an encounter with them in a downtown Washington restaurant the night of Oct. 1.

The meeting took place in the office of Sen. Thomas E. Dodd (D-Conn.), at which time Long offered to pay all medical, dry cleaning and other expenses growing out of the incident.

Two congressmen, Robert H. Michel (R-Ill.) and Harold R. Collier (R-Ill.), were present during the evening episode in the 823 Restaurant, a rathskeller at 823 15th St. NW.

The two policewomen showed up for a meeting in

the office of Dodd, their home senator, after complaining that blows were struck during the boisterous episode at the restaurant. They were Ann D. Lackey of the Groton, Conn., police department and Patricia A. Graves, of the Manchester, Conn., department.

Mrs. Lackey complained at the time that she had been hit. But yesterday, she and two other policewomen who were present at the time of the incident refused to discuss the matter with reporters. A fourth policewoman present was unavailable for comment.

The policewomen were here for a training session of the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs.

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SEN. RUSSELL LONG
... "works his heart out"



ANN LACKEY
witness to episode

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Rep. Michel said he had just joined the table at which several policewomen were sitting when suddenly "I got this brush on the back of the head and I lurched forward and a couple of glasses broke."

He said the vigorous brush was administered by Sen. Long, who had come up behind him.

"I don't know him from Adam's housecat," said the Illinois Republican. But he said he recognized the senator from his photographs.

The congressman said he did not see any of the women struck. "The senator was behind us, his armed

flailed and a couple of glasses broke and one of the women said 'who does he think he is?'"

Discussion Overheard

Robert E. Hunter, administrative assistant to Sen. Long, said "There was no incident." Hunter was interviewed in front of the 823 Restaurant yesterday afternoon by a reporter who had just overheard him discussing the incident with the restaurant's owner, Carl Miller.

During yesterday's conversation at 4:40 p.m.—a full week after the incident—Hunter made these observations to Miller:

"He probably had a few under his belt ... that's just the way he is ... I sat next to him at a World's Series game a few years ago and my arms were black and blue for weeks ... He's been working his heart out."

Miller refused to discuss the Oct. 1 incident with a reporter. "When you see the newspapers, you'll probably think there was some kind of brawl of scrap. There wasn't."

Long was reported to be travelling in Louisiana and unavailable for comment.

The Oct. 1 incident was witnessed by policewomen Lackey, Graves and two companions—Joanne E. Ryan of the Chicago police department, who was unavailable for comment and Doris M. Hughes, a Connecticut state police corporal who also declined to discuss the incident.