

Stomach Flu Puts Douglas In Hospital

SEATTLE, Sept. 6 (UPI) — Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas, just back from a three-week visit to China, was hospitalized today with an apparent attack of stomach flu.

Douglas, 74, was taken by ambulance to the hospital from a hotel near the Seattle-Tacoma Airport after talking with his physician in Washington, D.C.

A hospital spokesman said the jurist was apparently suffering from "gastroenteritis," which he described as a common stomach ailment. He added that Douglas would be tested for two days and probably remain hospitalized for three or four days.

His condition was described as "stable."

Douglas and his wife, Cathleen, left for China Aug. 10. Mrs. Douglas reportedly did not return to the United States with her husband and remained in China.

The justice had a heart pacemaker installed in 1968 to correct an unusually slow pulse. He was also hospitalized briefly in 1971 for adjustment on the pacemaker.