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Former first lady in intensive care after hip surgery

Bess Truman, 96, develops pneumonia in left lung

United Press International KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Former first lady Bess Iruman Tuesday contracted pneumonia in her left lung despite antibiotics to aid recovery from hip reconstruction surgery a week ago, her doctor said.

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"Mrs. Truman remains in quite serious condid this summe tion," said Dr. Wallace Graham, Truman's personal physician.

Doctors Tuesday noted the early stages of pneumonia in the lower left lobe of Truman's ung. Graham said the use of broad-spectrum antibiotics would therefore increase, and the former first lady would stay under constant monitor-

ing in intensive care at Research Medical Center. the job," Graham said. Graham said his 96-year-old patient's temperature was gradually increasing during the morning, and that she was receiving respiratory ther-

apy treatments. Mrs. Truman is getting adequate fluids, continually, with perfect physiological balance of electrolytes, vitamins and nutrition," Graham

said. Doctors were concerned about Truman's fluids because she was receiving diuretics to increase urinary output, reducing fluid collection in the body to reduce the chances of pneumonia. "Her kidneys are tired and want to lie down on

We are keeping her just a bit dehydrated so as to not accumulate any fluid in the lungs.

The slowdown in Mrs. Truman's kidney out-put has caused what Graham referred to as an electrolyte imbalance in the blood stream.

'You've got to keep the electrolyte balance up to absolute normalcy or she gets sluggish. It can affect her mental outlook and metabolic system, which affects how she responds to treatment.

The morning discovery of pneumonia ended what doctors called a quiet night after Truman's first setback Monday from surgery a week ago. Monday Truman's blood pressure and potassium

level were fluctuating, but they returned to normal early Tuesday. Late Moday doctors inserted a catheter near

Truman's heart to administer medication directly into her bloodstream, a procedure Graham called dangerous

"In a patient of this age, this technique is not without inherent dangers," Graham said, "but I'd rather not go into those dangers because we would frighten everybody in the United States.

Anyone 96 years old should be considered in critical condition until moved from the intensive-

care unit," he added. Truman, wife of the late President Harry S. Truman, has been in the hospital since Wednesday when she fell at home and broke her right hip. She underwent surgery Thursday to reconstruct her hip.

Until Monday, Truman had been "doing as well as can possibly be expected," Graham said. She was able to sit up in a chair Saturday, two

days after surgery. During a 45-minute operation surgeon Dr. Howard Ellfeldt removed the ball portion of Truman's splintered hip joint and replaced it with metal parts and acrylic glue. The bone was then reinserted into the socket.

Judge orders reform of Texas prisons

eral judge's sweeping prison reform order is upheld on appeal, Texas has two options — spend billions to build new penal institutions or develop programs for inmates outside managing

U.S. District Judge William so far have ; of Lidocain reform case that grew from the used in in 1972 complaint of inmate David control theh Ruiz, who is finishing his robbery uspected of a sentence in a federal prison.

Justice's order makes the usual equirements that inmates receive better medical care, fairer disciplinary proceedings and unmpeded access to the courts.

It orders the Texas Department of Corrections to increase its guard to inmate ratio from 1-to-13 to 1-to-6 by Nov. 1, 1982, a change which would entail hiring more than 2,000 more guards if the inmate population stayed the same. But the provisions most startling to many Texans attacked TDC's basic approach: large, rural prisons housing all inmates in maximum security and working them hard on farms or in prison

She said not factories Justice required immediate eps to reduce overcrowding in the nation's most populous prison stem, which as of April 27 had 30,900 inmates and a net monthly

crease of 275. Iaw By Aug. 1, 1983, Justice de-creed that no Texas prison cell shall hold more than one inmate. Currently, many of the 45-squarefoot cells house two or three in-mates, one on a floor mattress.

o procrastin The judge promised to close n a prison u Texas' 17 prisons if deadlines for ed to get d improvement of various condis finished," tions are not met by Nov. 1 of le who make 1981, 1982 and 1983. That could prosecuted back inmates up in Texas' 254 county jails, at least three of which ey would have syrup, also face court orders.

ould try tom Justice also said Texas should ing would a eorganize its prisons into administrative units of no more than th had and 500 inmates each. The largest n mind. prison now has 4, 100. Justice said

The outcry was immediate. HOUSTON — Assuming a fed- TDC Director Jim Estelle, who himself has complained that Texas overcrowded, prisons are nonetheless rejects Justice's "oneman, one-cell" approach. "The time frames are impossible," he said. Attorney General Mark White,

a Democrat expected to challenge Wayne Justice April 20 issued his final decree in a massive prison Republican Gov. William P. Cle-ments Jr. in 1982, blasted Justice's call for "hotels" for inmates and a judge telling Texas where and how to build prisons. White said Tex-

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publicans now in power in Washington for help in overturning the order. He received a courteous hearing but as yet no official leading

Dallas lawyer John Albach, federal court-appointed monitor of Oklahoma's compliance with a similar court order, dismissed the complaints of White and Clements as the "jockeying" of oppos-

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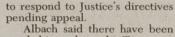
Clements, expected to seek re- has said changes need to be made, election, publicly appealed to Re- including creation of more community-based programs to handle lesser risk inmates outside prisons, but he critized Estelle for not

Albach, staff director of the Texas Legislature's Joint Committee on Prison Reform that in 1975 recommended some of the same changes mandated by Justice's order, said the Texas Legislature has heard reform ideas before.

"One of the things we put in our report was that unless changes were made by Texas they would be ordered by a federal judge," Albach said.

"I think most states start off being resistant. Oklahoma did in the beginning. Louisiana did in the beginning. Then they begin to see it as an opportunity to have the leverage from a federal court to make changes.

Indeed, the Texas Senate last week approved expanded work furloughs proposed by TDC and the Senate Finance Committee began shifting funds within TDC



good things about the Texas sys-tem. It is generally clean, orderly, relatively safe and well run from a business management standpoint. It has some good educational programs for inmates

But Albach said TDC's reputation as a model among state pris-ons was partly myth: "I think its fair to say TDC had the best public relations department of any system in the country

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