

Asts to Make Rifle and Pistol U. S. Property House Bans Oswald Weapon Sale

By ~~action~~ Congress moved yesterday to stymie efforts by a Denver oilman to buy the rifle with which President Kennedy was slain. The House passed on a voice vote a measure by Rep. Byron Rogers (D., Colo.) making all evidence in the assassination Federal property.

John J. King of Denver contends he has made a \$10,000 down payment to the widow of Lee Harvey Oswald for the rifle and the revolver used to kill Dallas Patrolman J. D. Tippit. Total price of the grisly items reportedly is \$50,000.

PETITION

Turned down in a request for a hearing before Rep. Rogers' Judiciary Sub-committee, Mr. King has petitioned Sen. James O. Eastland (D., Miss.) to appear before the Senate Judiciary Committee when the bill comes up there.

Rep. Rogers said his measure provides for "just compensation" to the owners of the weapons. How much the Government would pay would be up the Federal Claims Court or District Court. The Congressman said claimants could ask for a jury trial in district court.

The rifle, revolver and other physical evidence are being held by the FBI, Rep. Rogers said.

NO TEXAS LAW

But he explained that because Texas has no laws calling for confiscation of murder weapons and because the assassination never came to trial, the guns technically still belong to Mrs. Oswald.

"The committee is persuaded the national interest requires these critical exhibits be permanently retained by the United States," Rep. Rogers said.

Elsewhere on the Hill:

✓ Military Bases

The House grudgingly yielded to President Johnson's veto yesterday and voted to drop the sharp restrictions it had imposed on his authority to close military bases. Led by Rep. L. Mendel Rivers (D., S.C.), the members voted 340 to 0 to go along with the President in the interest of national security.

At stake was a \$1.7 billion military construction bill being held up because of the bases dispute. The measure was sent to the Senate where little difficulty was expected in passing it. (UPI).

✓ Immigration

A legislative stalemate in the Senate Judiciary Committee was expected to be broken today, freeing President Johnson's immigration reform bill for early floor action.

The bill was blocked by

Senate Republican Leader Everett M. Dirksen, last week when committee liberals refused to clear his proposed Constitutional amendment on state legislative reapportionment. But Sen. Dirksen was "pretty sure" his amendment would be cleared by the committee at the meeting today. (UPI).

✓ Compensation

The House voted to increase the compensation of service-disabled veterans by between 5 and 20 per cent, with the biggest increases to go to the more severely handicapped. The measure, expected to boost compensation costs by about

\$170 million yearly, goes to the Senate for expected early passage. (UPI).

✓ Beautification

A House Public Works subcommittee concluded hearings on what kind of legislation is needed to make U.S. highways more beautiful. Chairman John C. Kluczynski (D., Ill.), said a bill would be ready for House action ext week. The Senate has approved a \$400 million two-year program. (UPI).

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