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# Bank forecloses on depository

Despite last ditch efforts to prevent it, a foreclosure notice has been posted on the historic Texas School Book Depository in downtown Dallas.

Republic National Bank Tuesday afternoon foreclosed on the building after Aubrey Mayhew, a Nashville, Tenn., businessman failed to post a bond in a court action seeking to halt foreclosure.

The bank acted in behalf of oil millionaire D. Harold Byrd.

The building entered into infamy Nov. 22, 1963, when Lee Harvey Oswald is said by the Warren Commission to have

fired from it the shots which killed President John F. Kennedy.

The building has been involved in a series of controversies in recent months, culminating in a July 20 fire, which officials call arson.

Winfred Jack (Win) Anderson, an employe of Mayhew, has been charged with setting the fire and is in county jail after failing to post \$10,000 bond.

John J. Solon, Mayhew's attorney, has filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus to free Anderson.

The attorney also attempted

to submit a petition for a temporary restraining order to halt foreclosure, but U.S. Dist. Judge Robert M. Hill refused it, saying no ruling could be given until more details were submitted.

A revised petition was submitted Tuesday, but, according to Byrd, Mayhew failed to post a bond necessary for such proceedings.

Byrd, who is asking \$1.1 million for the seven-story building, said Mayhew's payments were \$6,000 per month. It was reported the Tennessean was three months behind on payments.

Byrd said he prefers the building become office space, although he is not unalterably opposed to a museum plan.

He opposes a museum, he said, "unless it is done right," but would not object if some level of government took charge "like they did with Ford's Theater in Washington."

Byrd added: "I am not a Kennedy advocate. Dallas went all out to see that he got the proper treatment. I reserve the right of approval over whatever the building becomes and I don't want some cheap something."

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