## S MILLION SOUGHT Deny Cash for Oswald Gun

DENVER (AP) — Oilman John J. King lost his bid today to be paid for the rifle used to assassinate President John F. Kennedy.

A federal court jury ruled Lee Harvey Oswald abandoned the rifle after the Dallas shooting and therefore King could not have purchased it from Oswald's widow.

The jury, in a verdict reached Friday and opened today, set the value of the Italian mail-order rifle at zero.

The panel of three women and nine men awarded King \$350 for the .38-caliber pistol used to kill Dallas patrolman J. D. Tippitt following the Kennedy slaying.

King had paid Mrs. Marina Oswald \$10,000 for the weapons and the right to exhibit them, and Mrs. Oswald was to get another \$35,000 once King actually got possession of the weapons.

After the contract was signed, Congress passed a law making the guns part of the national archives and specifying owners of the property would receive "just compensation."

King filed suit, seeking \$5 million for the two guns. He testified during the trial last week that as a gun collector he valued the rifle at \$450,000, although Oswald paid \$21.45 for it.

The government contended Oswald abandoned the rifle and therefore Mrs. Oswald had no claim on it or authority to sell it. The jur; up-; held this view. The award for the pistol was not connected with the abandonment question, since

that gun was taken from Oswald when he was arrested. He had paid \$29.95 for it.