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Dallas Depository Brings $650,000

The Texas School Book Depository building, from which a hidden rifleman killed President John F. Kennedy, has been auctioned off for $650,000.

It was bought last night by Aubrey Mayhen, head of a Nashville, Tenn., recording house and a collector of Kennedy memorabilia. He said he has not decided what to do with the drab old seven-story structure but ultimately might turn it into a shrine.

Shots from a sixth-floor window in the tan brick building killed Kennedy as he rode in a Dallas motorcade Nov. 22, 1963. The Warren Commission said Lee Harvey Oswald fired the bullets.

Col. D. Harold Byrd, majority stockholder of the Dallas Trust Corp., which owned the warehouse, said he was offered $1 million for the building soon after the assassination. He turned it down, he said, because he did not want to capitalize on the tragedy.

The new owner appeared to share Byrd's feelings.

"I will never allow it to become a commercial entity centering on the tragedy," Mayhew told newsmen.

years in prison on a 1954 conviction of the murder of his first wife, then won a new trial and acquittal. He died in his home in Columbus, Ohio, April 6.

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Sale of Dallas Book Depository

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The Texas School Book Depository, from where the Warren Commission says President Kennedy was shot, goes to the highest bidder today.

Colonel D. Harold Byrd, major stockholder in the Dallas Trust Corp. which owns the old red brick building, said he had previously turned down offers of $1 million to $1.5 million.

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