

Government Goes After JFK Gun

DALLAS—(UPI)—The federal government put advertisements in newspapers yesterday in a first step toward establishing ownership of the mail-order rifle with which Lee Harvey Oswald assassinated President Kennedy.

The newspaper ads said all claimants of the rifle must file a claim and post a \$25 bond with the U. S. Treasury Assistant U. S. Atty Tim Timmons said.

The advertisements will run weekly for three consecutive weeks and also will be addressed to claimants of the 38-caliber pistol that killed Policeman J. D. Tippitt.

Tippitt was shot to death while trying to question Oswald a few minutes after the assassination.

Claimants will be given 30 days after the last advertisement appears to file claims. If nobody files a claim within the time limit, the Treasury will declare the weapons forfeited to the government.

The weapons are now at the FBI office in Dallas.

Examiner appears alone in reporting as fact the alleged appearance of the ad. No substantiation found elsewhere for this. Examiner, which knocks dates off wire service stories and denotes times by "yesterday, today, tomorrow," etc., appears to have rewritten a story originally done in the future tense, and in converting it to its usage changed the language to the past tense and thus treated as accomplished fact something that was merely expected to happen.

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