

JURY BARS PAYMENT FOR OSWALD'S RIFLE

DENVER, Feb. 24 (AP)—John J. King, an oilman, lost his bid today to be paid for the rifle used to assassinate President Kennedy.

A Federal court jury ruled that Lee Harvey Oswald had abandoned the Italian mail-order rifle after the Dallas shooting and that its value was zero.

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

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

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

Mr. King filed suit, seeking \$5-million for the two guns. The Government contended that Oswald abandoned the rifle and that Mrs. Oswald had no claim on it or authority to sell it. The jury upheld this view.

The rifle remains in the possession of the national archives.