Tower Denies Helping Oswald Return to U.S.

By CHARLES CULHANE

WASHINGTON—Sen. John G. Tower, R-Texas, is becoming increasingly disturbed by the widespread but mistaken impression that he helped Lee Harvey Oswald return to the United States from the Soviet Union.

Tower has asked his staff to study the possibility of legislation which would tighten up the laws which govern the return of American defectors to this country after they have renounced their citizenship or expressed a desire to renounce it.

The implication that the Texas Republican helped Oswald return to America from Russia has turned up in several newspapers and recently a new supplement to a popular encyclopedia left the same mistaken impression.

Tower did receive a letter from Oswald in January, 1961, asking the senator to help him and his wife get out of Russia. But Tower forwarded it to the State Department, without any recommendations on the case.

Tower forwarded Oswald's letter to the State Department with a covering letter saying he knew none of the facts of the case. He said he believed the letter should have gone to the State Department in the first place but he did nothing to assist Oswald in returning to this country.

Tower said Tower said the results of the Wisconsin Primary, where Gov. George Wallace of Alabama got approximately a third of the Democratic vote, will have a definite influence on getting the modifications of the two sections through.

"IT WILL PASS, although modified," the senator said. "You will get this year the most comprehensive civil rights bill you have ever seen."

Kilgore, in his talk Friday

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As any good American should be, I am for the separation of church and state in any form or fashion. By this I mean opposition to using state money to further a religious belief in schools. Equally I'm opposed for a man holding a public office to use his influence as a public official to further the aims of some religion.

In the shopping center near me are posters. It has a large picture of Sen. John Tower on the poster and the lettering reads:

Church invites you to hear special guest speaker Sen. John G. Tower.

"TICKETS $5 EACH. All money will go to pay up world service and obligations of the church."

I ask you and the readers of SoundOff! is this proper and ethical?

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We checked with the pastor of the church and he says the fund-raising banquet has been canceled because ticket sales fell short. He says Sen. Tower was not to speak on politics and was to be paid only his travel expenses.

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