## Maze of Roadblocks

## **Gun Control Action Slow**

massacre that left 16 dead and at a department store.

31 wounded.

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His arsenal also included in papeared three pistols. Police said the rifles could have been purchased at most sport-obtaining firearms," there appeared little likelihood of immediate action.

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Chairman James O. Eastland,
R-Neb., said it would be "deD-Miss., said he would call a
meeting at "the earliest opporunity" but indicated that might
not be until next week.

Research Roman L. Hruska,
R-Neb., said it would be "deplorable to trade on the emotion
generated" by the incident to
push through a weapons bill.
He said FBI statistics shows

In any event, Dodd said he doesn't know whether the measure, designed to control the interstate shipment of firearms, can get full committee approval.

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Concurring in this uncertain-ty, Senate Republican leader ty, Senate Republican leader Everett M. Dirksen said in a separate interview he thinks a compromise must be reached before the committee will approve the measure.

Sen. Clifford P. Case, R-N.J., said the sniper rampage points up the need to control mail or der said of firearms. "Any child, criminal or madprove the measure.

If a bill comes out of the Judiciary Committee, it must go next to the Senate Commerce Committee. A member of this panel, Sen. Thruston B. Morton R-Ky., said he believes some legislation can be worked out.

But Morton pointed out the pending bill would not have prevented Charles J. Whitman from amassing the arsenal of weapons he used in his sniper attack from the University of Texas tower in Austin.

"I think it might be worth-while to consider the idea of registering rifles, shotguns and pistols," he said. "If a citizen has to register his car, he could be required to register his guns."

As approved by the Juvenil Delinquency subcommittee, the bill would ban the mail order sale of pistols and revolvers and limit over-the-counter sales to persons 21 years or older who made purchases in their home states.

Rifles and shotguns could b sold directly to persons over 18. But for mail order purchases buyers would have to supply age, residence and criminal record, if any, and comply with state gun regulation laws.

Sellers of rifles and shotguns by mail would have to submit this data to the police chief in the purchaser's home town. If within seven days, the sale)

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fac-could be completed. Any felony man can subvert even the best ing a maze of rondblocks, spon-record would bar a sale. ing a maze of rondblocks, sponsors moved cautiously today in
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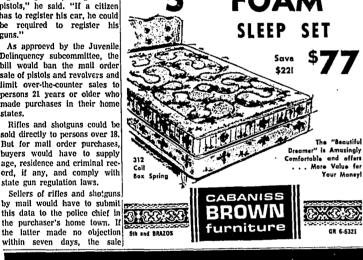


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