

# Republican Group Opposes Gun Laws

Members of the Republican Central Committee in the 17th Congressional District have voted to oppose further gun control legislation and called for more rigid enforcement of present laws.

The GOP group, meeting last week, said gun control legislation now before the State Legislature and the Congress is "hastily prepared, ill-advised, and wholly unnecessary."

William C. Johnson, chairman of the central committee, said the members were unanimous in their feeling that "existing laws are adequate for control of illegal activity and that the primary need at this time is for vigorous enforcement of present laws, as well as

more effective punishment of offenders."

Proposed legislation, the resolution adopted by the committee said, would restrict the use of firearms

by peaceful and law-abiding citizens while doing nothing to either enforce or increase penalties for illegal use of weapons.

The 17th Congressional

District group is composed of the 67th and 68th Assembly District, as well as small parts of the 38th, 44th, and 46th Assembly Districts.

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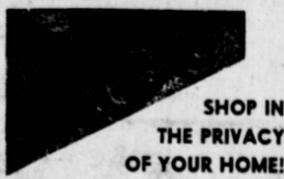
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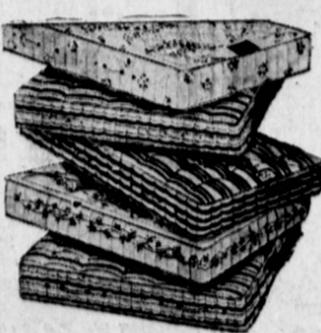
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