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Grave of John F. Kennedy is marked with floral tributes this third anniversary of his assassination.

Old Friends Return to JFK Grave

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Washington, Nov. 22 (CDN) —Members of the New Frontier planned a sorrowful pilgrimage today to the Virginia hillside where a flame burns brightly over the grave of John F. Kennedy.

No flags will fly; no bougies blow for the third anniversary of the President's assassination in Dallas. Only the silent, brooding presence of friends from his White House years will mark Nov. 22 as a day apart in Arlington National Cemetery.

Ten thousand persons are expected to file by the temporary burial place, covered with evergreen boughs, on a slope overlooking the famous landmarks in the U.S. capital.

Before another year is gone, constructions will be completed on a \$2,200,000 memorial for the fallen Chief Executive.

Words from the famous inaugural speech of 1961 already

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have been carved into Vermont marble on a plaza near the permanent grave site.

The late President's brother, Senator Robert F. Kennedy (D-N.Y.) made an unannounced trip to the grave yesterday with Defense Secretary McNamara.

[Early today, the Senator returned to the grave site with his wife, Ethel. It was not known whether the President's widow, Jacqueline Kennedy, planned to visit the cemetery today.]

Guides at the cemetery report that McNamara, a close friend of the Kennedy family, appears often to check on progress of construction.

He and Robert Kennedy together chose the burial site on another November day nearly three years ago. It overlooks the Lincoln Memorial, the Washington Monument and the Capitol.

In that dark November of 1963, Robert Kennedy had stood bare-headed as Air Force jets roared over the grave. Then, a 21-gun salute, three musket shots and the bitter-sweet notes of taps.

The crisp autumn air was still yesterday. Only the tolling of chapel bells at nearby Fort Myer broke the silence.

Robert Kennedy, a far-off look in his deep blue eyes, left the cemetery, as he came, without ceremony.