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## KENNEDY PLAZA (220)

DALLAS, TEX. APRIL 18 (AP)-A NEW DOWNTOWN PARK, NEAR THE DALLAS COUNTY COURT HOUSE, WILL BE DESIGNATED THE JOHN F. KENNEDY PLAZA IN MEMORY OF THE LATE PRESIDENT.

KENNEDY WAS SHOT TO DEATH LAST NOV. 22 AS HE RODE IN A DALLAS MOTORCADE WITH GOV. JOHN B. CONNALLY OF TEXAS. CONNALLY WAS SERIOUSLY WOUNDED BY THE SAME SNIPER.

THE PARK WILL BE LOCATED IN THE BLOCK BOUNDED BY MAIN, ELM, RECORD AND MARKET STREETS, NOT FAR FROM THE SPOT WHERE THE SNIPER'S BULLETS STRUCK KENNEDY.

THE REV. LUTHER HOLCOMB, SECRETARY OF THE JOHN F. KENNEDY CITIZENS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE, SAID AN APPROPRIATE MONUMENT IS BEING PLANNED FOR THE CENTER OF THE PLAZA.

CHAIRMAN W. DAWSON STERLING OF THE COMMITTEE SAID DESIGNATION OF THE PARK AS A MEMORIAL REPLACES EARLIER PROPOSALS TO BUILD A MONUMENT AT THE ASSASSINATION SITE.

SITE OF THE PROPOSED PARK IS ALREADY OWNED BY THE COUNTY. IT WILL BE ONE OF TWO PLAZAS IN THE AREA OF THE NEW DALLAS COUNTY COURT HOUSE, NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

THE SITE IS ON THE ROUTE OF THE MOTORCADE IN WHICH KENNEDY WAS RIDING AT THE TIME OF THE ASSASSINATION, AND IT IS WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF THE ASSASSINATION SITE.

DETAILED PLANNING OF THE PLAZA IS IN THE HANDS OF DESIGNERS, STERLING SAID. HOLCOMB ADDED THAT ALL PLANS WOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE PRESIDENT'S WIDOW, MRS. JACQUELINE KENNEDY. HE SAID STEPHEN E. SMITH, A BROTHER-IN-LAW OF THE PRESIDENT, ALREADY HAD APPROVED THE PARK PLANS.

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