



MEMORIAL TO KENNEDY

Bishop Cuthbert K. N. Bardsley, of Coventry, England, dedicates a memorial to President John F. Kennedy outside the Trade Mart.—Staff Photo.

British Bishop Cites Hope At JFK Monument Rites

"The Power of God can overcome and bring out of disaster something finer."

It was Anglican Bishop Cuthbert K. N. Bardsley, speaking from experience.

As the noted bishop of Coventry, whose cathedral was practically destroyed by German bombers in 1940, there was initially despair.

But now the Coventry Cathedral has been rebuilt—acclaimed finer than ever.

Bishop Bardsley made the observations as he unveiled and dedicated a monument to President John F. Kennedy Monday afternoon outside the Trade Mart.

It was inside the Trade Mart that a crowd of Dallas leaders waited Nov. 22 to hear President Kennedy speak. President Kennedy was assassinated en route to the Trade Mart.

And some of these very friends who awaited his arrival placed his memorial, a bronze eagle, wings spread as if just settling from a long flight, mounted on a quartzite-covered shaft and base.

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"The Eagle," by Elisabeth Frink of England, is a companion casting to a lectern at Coventry Cathedral, noted Bishop Bardsley.

Somehow, he said, in the death of President Kennedy, "We shall live by high ideals for which he stood . . . and build a family of nations."

The speaker termed the president's assassination "a mystery caused by the sin of man" just as the Coventry Cathedral's ruin was somehow inexplicable.

He said that churchmen were resolute after the bombing of Coventry that it should be rebuilt.

"We have rebuilt . . . more glorious than ever."

Bill Cooper, executive vice president of the Market Center of which the Trade Mart is a part, helped unveil the monument. Previously, Edmund J. Kahn, director of the Market Center, and Dr. Luther Holcomb, executive director of the Greater Dallas Council of Churches, spoke.

Dr. Holcomb recalled the "mood of shock" when Mayor

Erik Jonsson told the Nov. 22 crowd that "We have lost our President." On behalf of Mayor Jonsson, Dr. Holcomb presented an honorary citizen's certificate to the bishop.

A gentle rain fell during the ceremony. Most of the guests present at the ceremony were under a tent.

"MAN OF GOD"

Bishop Bardsley praised the late president as "a man of God" never ashamed to credit the source of his faith.

"He believed in Jesus Christ and sought to serve Him."

The speaker also characterized the late president as "a great inspiring leader" who led by "persuasion and character, not force."

"I, together with millions of Europeans, felt numbed, shattered over one of the great tragedies of the century," said Bishop Bardsley.

He said that the erection of the monument outside the Trade Mart was fitting. He said holiness years ago had been associated with the idea of "running away from the world."

Now, noted the speaker, it is more associated with being a part

of the world, "a coming to grips with work, commerce and industry."

Specifically, he dedicated the monument "to the glory of God . . . to be a lasting tie between two cities . . . as a memorial to John F. Kennedy, a leader of men."

And in the inscription at the base of the monument, Bishop Bardsley noted, there is an optimistic, promising note:

"When thou seest an eagle, thou seest a portion of genius. Lift up thy head!"

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