

Kennedy Monument Unveiled

DALLAS, Oct. 12 (UPI) — A monument was unveiled today of an eagle flexing its wings skyward in memory of John F. Kennedy.

The Right Rev. Cuthbert K. N. Bardsley of Coventry, England, dedicated the 10-foot tall memorial at the Trade Mart, a mile from the spot where the assassination took place.

"As the eagle soars into the air, so may we believe that the soul of John F. Kennedy has soared into life and eternity," the Anglican bishop said. "May this eagle point the way to peace, progress and prosperity for all men everywhere."

The eagle is small, standing upright on two legs, with a wingspan of 3 feet, 10 inches. The monument on which it stands is on a triangle of grass directly in front of the Trade Mart building.

About 250 persons attended the unveiling ceremony.

It was at the Trade Mart that a crowd of 2,600 civic leaders were gathered last Nov. 22 to await the President at the end of his tour of Dallas.

The monument bears a quotation from the 18th century English poet, William Blake: "When thou seest an eagle, thou seest a portion of genius; lift up thy head."

To one side, there is inscribed on a bronze plaque:

"Placed in memorial by the friends of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy who awaited his arrival at the Dallas Trade Mart Nov. 22, 1963."

The eagle was sculpted by Elisabeth Frink, and is a companion piece to the lectern at the new Coventry Cathedral. It is one of five castings made of the lectern.