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DALLAS, TEX., JUNE 21 (AP)-COUNTY OFFICIALS EXPRESSED RELUCTAANCE TODAY TO START WORK ON THE JOHN F. KENNEDY MEMORIAL UNTIL AN UNDERGROUND PARKING LOT IS ADDED TO THE PLANS.

DEMOLITION OF OLD BUILDINGS ON THE BLOCK FOR THE MEMORIAL WAS COMPLETED LAST WEEK. IT IS LOCATED TWO BLOCKS FROM THE SPOT WHERE PRESIDENT KENNEDY WAS ASSASSINATED IN NOVEMBER 1963.

WORK ON THE MEMORIAL WAS TO START NEXT WEEK BUT THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT ASSOCIATION HAS URGED THAT AN UNDERGROUND GARAGE BE INCLUDED BECAUSE OF THE GROWING NEED FOR DOWNTOWN PARKING SPACE.

"BUILD THE MEMORIAL FIRST AND WE'LL SEAL OFF A MILLION-DOLLAR PIECE OF PROPERTY," ONE COUNTY OFFICIAL SAID.

ARCHITECTS SAID A COMBINATION OF THE EXISTING PLANS FOR THE MONUMENT AND THE PARKING LOT WOULD BE AN "ARCHITECTURAL ATROCITY."

COUNTY JUDGE LEW STERRETT ASKED THE COUNTY ARCHITECTS TO MEET WITH THE DESIGNERS OF THE MEMORIAL TO WORK OUT A COMPATIBLE DESIGN FOR THE MEMORIAL AND UNDERGROUND GARAGE.

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