

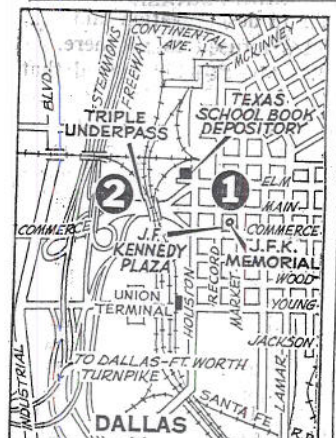
Dallas Memorial Dedicated to Kennedy 200 Yards From Site of Slaying

JUN 25 1970



Philip Johnson pausing by a plaque in front of John F. Kennedy memorial he designed that was dedicated in Dallas yesterday. Spot is near site of President's assassination. United Press International

memorial commission that pushed the project. Another outside plaque will read: "The joy and excitement of



The New York Times June 25, 1970
Memorial (1) is 200 yards from site of killing (2).

By MARTIN WALDRON
Special to The New York Times

DALLAS, June 24—A cenotaph, or empty tomb, was dedicated today to the memory of President Kennedy in brief ceremonies held 200 yards from the site of his assassination Nov. 22, 1963.

No member of the Kennedy family was present.

A crowd of 500 people stood in a hot sun on the Main Street side of the 32.5-foot-high, four-side memorial during the 20-minute dedication.

Dallas officials used the occasion to call attention to their city.

One of them, County Judge W. L. Sterrett, said that the block of land at the memorial was one of 37 blocks "which have been cleared of flop-houses, beer joints and liquor stores" to bring new life to downtown Dallas.

He outlined other projects planned for the downtown area and referred to the dedication ceremony as "a great occasion."

Much of the proceedings was lost to the crowd because of the noise made by trucks going up and down Main Street.

Dallas officials had delayed construction of the cream-colored concrete memorial until a four-story parking garage

Continued on Page 27, Column 1

Continued From Page 1, Col. 6

beneath it could be completed.

The four walls of the cenotaph are 50-foot raised two and a half feet from the concrete floor. The walls are formed of 2-foot-wide columns held together by steel rods and cables. The structure has no roof.

There are 5-foot-wide slots on the north and south sides to

afford entry into the memorial. Inside, there is a 4-foot square of unpolished Canadian black granite six inches high, with the name John Fitzgerald Kennedy chiseled on two sides. The letters are covered with gold leaf and make a vivid contrast to the dull blackness of the granite.

The architect for the cenotaph, Philip Johnson of New York City, was present at the dedication.

Clarence E. Overbeck, architect for the Dallas County government, said that the real cost of the cenotaph, which was built from public subscription, could not be determined. Almost all the professional services, including those of the architect, were donated.

Mr. Overbeck said that the memorial probably cost \$175,000. The land was provided by Dallas County.

A black granite plaque to be fixed outside the cenotaph will list the names of city and county officials and members of a

John F. Kennedy's life belong to all men.

"So did the pain and sorrow of his death.

"When he died on Nov. 22, 1963, shock and agony touched human conscience throughout the world. In Dallas, Texas, there was a special sorrow.

"The young President died in Dallas. The death bullets were fired 200 yards west of this site.

"This memorial, designed by Philip Johnson, was erected by the people of Dallas. Thousands of citizens contributed support, money and effort.

"It is not a memorial to the pain and sorrow of death but stands as a permanent tribute to the joy and excitement of one man's life.

"John Fitzgerald Kennedy's life."