

'Tears Will Fix Profile'—Mansfield

Washington, D. C. —P— Here is the text of remarks made by Democratic Leader Mansfield of Montana at a meeting of members of the senate Monday: "The senate has assembled today to remark for the record the death of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, president of the United States. I shall be brief. For

his life, too short, shut off too soon, speaks for him.

"In these last hours, a profile in courage has emerged from the emulsion of his death. And the tears of those who knew him and did not know him will fix that profile forever, in the experience of the nation and the world.

"John Fitzgerald Kennedy's courage was the human courage, the courage which all must have merely to live in this world, in the ever present shadow of death. It was the special courage to defy the cold hand of death when it reaches out too eagerly, as twice it did in the wounds of the war and in the grave illness of his senate years. It was the quiet courage to accept death's finality when it would be denied no longer.

"And his was an extraordinary courage. It was the courage to believe in, with all his heart, and to dedicate himself to the attainment of the proposition that Americans—all Americans—are born with an equal right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

"His death, Mr. President, has fused the many faces of courage into a single profile of courage set in the enduring frame of faith and reason. This is what we have of him now. It is so little to have and yet so much.

"In a moment, I shall send to the desk a resolution of regret on the death of John Fitzgerald Kennedy. But that will not be the end. It will not be the end of our responsibility, of our debt to this decent man, this American who gave of himself until there was no more to give.

"We will find, in his death, the strength to do what must be done to bridle the bigotry, the hatred, the arrogance, the iniquities and the inequities which marched in the boots of a gathering tyranny to that moment of horror.

"We will find in his death the strength to renew our faith in what is good in ourselves and

in one another throughout this nation.

"We will find, in his death, the strength to follow these paths of reason on which he walked until they lead us out of the morass of an all-consuming and cynical self-concern.

"We will find in his death some of his love and reverence of life, some of his humility, some of his patience and forbearance, some of his wisdom and some of his humor. And, so strengthened, we will join with the president in forging a new decency at home and a reasoned peace in the world.

"God willing, those things we shall find, or God help us all."