

belief in the equality and dignity of man and an unusual ability for tackling problems in a fast and effective manner. He was a master in the art of political debates and organizing... Even before he took the oath as Head of the most powerful nation in the world, he organized a nation wide "battue" to select the most qualified candidates (without consideration of political conviction, religion or color) to serve as his advisers. Because of this he was surrounded at the very beginning of his term by a group of men who could be considered as the best available brains of the nation. He had never even heard of some of these men before. In his choice for Secretary of State, he bypassed such prominent figures of the Party as Adlai Stevenson and Dean Acheson for the less known, Dean Rusk.

The young President also brought a new spirit in American politics; his foreign policies as well as his domestic policies... He faced the Communist threat courageously, and was not afraid to risk the possibility of a nuclear war when it was a question of defending the principles of the United States and the Free world. This was demonstrated in the Berlin as well as in the Cuban crisis. On the national level Kennedy stood firmly against the Southern States in their attempt to maintain racial discrimination, and when necessary he even used the "strong arm" of the law (as in the case of James Meredith at the University of Mississippi) to uphold the Constitution of the United States which guarantees equal rights to every citizen.

In order to assist his Latin American brothers he launched the "Alliance For

Progress" program, in an attempt to strengthen the economy of those countries.

What effect his death will have on the world, is still difficult to forecast. It is however certain, that with his passing, the world has lost a man of great courage, a man who believed in the equality and dignity of man - the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man, a man who to use his own words - "did not ask what his country could do for him, but who instead wanted to know what he could do for his country", a man who was the greatest champion of the equality and dignity of man the world has ever known.

He was not only the greatest president of the United States (in our opinion) but a man who because of his unquestionable courage and deep sense of human justice was the undisputed leader of the Free world - He was a loving husband and a kind, devoted and gentle father.

JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY is now no more; he has been snatched from the people of the Free world and the Nation he served so ably, from his wife and two children, Caroline (6) and John Fitzgerald Jr. (3), from his other relatives and close friends

by an assassin's bullet; but the fine principles for which he stood, and which he so courageously defended... The principles for which he laid down his very life, CAN NEVER DIE.

The Windward Islands' Opinion joins other publication media in expressing deepest regret over the death of so noble a figure in so abrupt a manner and expresses the hope that his noble soul may forever REST IN PEACE.

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