

# JFK DEATH SHOCKS THE WORLD

## BUT THE LEGACY OF SON OF MASSACHUSETTS SET TO LIVE FOREVER

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**J**OHAN F. KENNEDY, 35th U.S. President, was fatally shot earlier today by a hidden gunman as his open-top limousine left downtown Dallas, Texas. The President was rushed to hospital, where frantic efforts were made to save his life, but sadly, he did not survive. He was 46. Mercifully, First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy, who was seated next to her husband, was not hit.

The nation is reeling with horror at the news. Everyone on the streets seems to wear a look of shock and disbelief.

The legacy of this popular Massachusetts politician will surely inspire generations. Kennedy was not only one of the youngest presidents ever but also the first Catholic to hold the office in U.S. history.

Brookline-born “JFK” served as a naval officer in World War II, and was made a hero after saving members of his crew. He went on to represent Massachusetts as a U.S. Congressman and then a U.S. Senator before the presidency.



At his inaugural address, President Kennedy urged: “... ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country.”

In May, 1961, he announced to the nation the goal of landing a man on the Moon and returning him safely to Earth before the end of the decade.

In the Cold War era, the world teetered on the brink of nuclear war when the Soviets began constructing missile sites in Cuba. Kennedy said the missiles—capable of reaching U.S. cities—must be removed. After a tense standoff with the Soviets, Kennedy got his way.

On a visit to Europe, Kennedy

spoke for the free world when he declared “Ich bin ein Berliner” (“I am a Berliner”) after visiting the Berlin Wall which the Communists had erected to divide the German city.

One of his most popular achievements has been the Peace Corps, which has sent Americans to underdeveloped countries to fight poverty and disease.

JFK was the son of influential businessman Joseph P. Kennedy, who, as World War II loomed for America, resigned as ambassador to the U.K. over his desire for the U.S. to stay out of the conflict, despite the Nazi threat. “Joe” later devoted his energies to forging a political dynasty led by JFK.

The office of president now falls to Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson. The police, meanwhile, have launched a huge manhunt to find the assassin.

PRESIDENT John F. Kennedy appointed his “inexperienced” brother Robert F. Kennedy to be U.S. Attorney General. “RFK” silenced critics by enforcing civil rights laws, challenging segregation, and combating organized crime. In 1968, less than five years after his brother’s death, RFK was tragically assassinated. He was 42.