

IN MEMORIAM

JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, 1917-1963

The *Journal* joins most of the world in expressing its feeling of grief and loss at the untimely passing of a great and good man, dedicated to progressive and democratic principles that the times require. For Latin America, he represented the Alliance for Progress. This, as he visualized it, was to be “a vast cooperative effort, unparalleled in magnitude and nobility of purpose, to satisfy the basic needs of the American people for homes, work and land, health and school—techo, trabajo y tierra, salud y escuela”. Is there anything more practical or more idealistic than this? Can't free men and free nations unite to attain these things?

Fortunately, the new President of the United States, addressing the Latin-American diplomatic corps on November 26, 1963, said:

‘Here, reunited with you in this same room, I reaffirm that Alliance and pledge all the resources of my government to the achievement of our common objectives. . . . Let the Alliance be his living memorial.’

It remains for all of us, democratic Americans on both sides of the Río Bravo, to push for these aims which are possibly the only sensible alternative to violent and unproductive revolution. If such a sacred cause required its martyr, it has already received the sacrifice of one who represented the best traditions and the greatest hopes for our free America.