

*Monument to late President*

United States but the peoples of the world were shocked at the sad news of his cruel assassination. I am sure all the Canadian people will warmly welcome the decision of the government to have this permanent memorial to the memory of a great president, one who was a friend of freedom the world over.

**Mr. R. N. Thompson (Red Deer):** Mr. Speaker, it is significant that Canada should commemorate the late President of the United States, J. F. Kennedy, by naming a mountain peak after him. I agree that this is something with which I am sure all the Canadian people will be wholeheartedly in sympathy. There is no doubt that this man made a greater impact on the world in a fewer number of years than any other person, at least in our generation. As we observe the first anniversary of his death, which in itself is rather significant as far as the Canadian parliament is concerned, I know that around the world people in similar ways are remembering the sad occasion, which I am sure all of us clearly recall just one year ago in this same chamber.

Thus, Mr. Speaker, it is with pleasure that we in this party give our support to the action the government has taken in remembering that our great neighbour to the south lost one of its great leaders, who was certainly a man we find very close to our own affections.

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford):** Mr. Speaker, as was recalled by those who spoke before me one year ago on this date as we were sitting in this house, the whole population of Canada and of the world heard the incredible news that the President of the United States, John F. Kennedy, had been assassinated.

Since that date his memory lives in all our minds.

The memory of the late President Kennedy, his policies, his prestige, the works he achieved, although he did not remain long at the summit of American politics, still were alive when the last American election was held.

Monuments and commemorative works are being erected almost everywhere in the world in remembrance of this American president in whom the democratic world had placed all its hopes.

In Europe, now, when discussions are getting under way to remove obstacles which prevent free trade between nations, everyone knows that this is another of President Kennedy's undertakings and that the expres-

[*Mr. Douglas.*]

sion "Kennedy round" has been kept to describe the negotiations.

May his reputation and the things he did to establish a truly economic and political democracy, not only throughout the world, but especially in his own country through his fight to promote the emancipation of Negroes, remain forever alive and incite his successors to follow in his footsteps on the road to peace and true democracy.

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[*Later:*]

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon):** Mr. Speaker, may I ask a question of the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources arising out of the statement made by the Prime Minister this morning. I would first say how proud and honoured we are in the Yukon that the mountain selected to honour the memory of President Kennedy is situated in our territory. May I ask the minister the location of the particular mountain; I believe he might be aware of it.

**Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources):** Mr. Speaker, I am assured that this is a particularly spectacular peak, a very sharp spire indeed, located some five miles south and slightly west of Mount Logan, Canada's highest mountain. It is part of the St. Elias range, which I think in over-all composite height ranks as the greatest single mountain range anywhere in the world. There have been discussions in the Yukon in reference to the establishment of a national park in that area. While there are differences of opinion at this time and some people think it is premature, it would be my thought that when it is established it will be in the St. Elias range region.

**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS****CONGO—REQUEST THAT INDIA INTERCEDE ON BEHALF OF HOSTAGES**

On the orders of the day:

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister and ask him whether it is a fact that Canada has joined with the United States, the United Kingdom and Belgium in requesting the government of India to do what it can to secure the safety of foreigners held by rebels in the Belgian Congo; and what reaction, if any, has been received by the government in reference to this action. Does the fact that Canada