



JFK UNSILENCED SPEECH HIGHLIGHTS

VIDEO TRANSCRIPT

INTRODUCTION:

On November 22nd, 1963, JFK was assassinated as he made his way to give a speech at the Dallas Trade Mart.

Now, thanks to the latest technology and months of painstaking sound engineering, JFK finally gets to make his unspoken Trade Mart speech.

The Times presents JFK Unsilenced

JFK'S VOICE:

In a world of complex and continuing problems, in a world full of frustrations and irritations, America's leadership must be guided by the lights of learning and reason, or else those who confuse rhetoric with reality, and the plausible with the possible, will gain the popular ascendancy with their seemingly swift and simple solutions to every world problem.

There will always be dissident voices heard in the land, expressing opposition without alternatives, finding fault but never favor, perceiving gloom on every side, and seeking influence without responsibility.

Those voices are inevitable.

We cannot expect that everyone, to use the phrase of a decade ago, will "talk sense to the American people."

But we can hope that fewer people will listen to nonsense.

And the notion that this Nation is headed for defeat through deficit, or that strength is but a matter of slogans, is nothing but just plain nonsense.

But in today's world, freedom can be lost without a shot being fired, by ballots as well as bullets.

The success of our leadership is dependent upon respect for our mission in the world as well as our missiles.

On a clearer recognition of the virtues of freedom, as well as the evils of tyranny.

We in this country, in this generation, are by destiny rather than choice, the watchmen on the walls of world freedom.

We ask, therefore, that we may be worthy of our power and responsibility, that we may exercise our strength with wisdom and restraint, and that we may achieve in our time, and for all time, the ancient vision of "peace on earth, good will toward men."

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