

Ch 28 Section 2 The New Frontier

The Promise of Progress

Kennedy's Vision of Progress

- **New Frontier**—policies of the Kennedy administration
- JFK faces Republican-Southern Democrat coalition
- Lacks skill to get policies passed
- Also lacks **mandate**—clear voter support for his agenda

Stimulating the Economy

- By 1960, U.S. in recession; 6% unemployment
- JFK administration pushes for deficit spending to stimulate growth
- Gets 20% increase for defense; money for unemployment problems

Addressing Poverty Abroad

- **Peace Corps**—volunteers assist developing nations; great success
- **Alliance for Progress**—economic, technical assistance to Latin America
 - in part meant to deter spread of communism in Latin America

Race to the Moon

- April 1961, Soviet cosmonaut Yuri A. Gagarin is first man in space; US determined not to lose the space race
- Soon after, U.S. puts man in space, uses satellite communications
- July 1969 U.S. astronaut Neil Armstrong is first man to walk on moon
- University science programs grow; new industries, technologies arise

Addressing Domestic Problems

- Michael Harrington's *The Other America* brings attention to poverty
- 1963, JFK begins to work on poverty, racial injustice, civil rights

Tragedy in Dallas

Four Days in November

- November 22, 1963, JFK shot, killed riding in motorcade in Dallas
- Jack Ruby shoots alleged assassin Lee Harvey Oswald
- Vice president Lyndon Johnson, an experienced politician, succeeds JFK

Unanswered Questions

- **Warren Commission** investigates, concludes Oswald acted alone
- 1979 reinvestigation concludes Oswald part of conspiracy