

The President Is Dead: Focus Back To Stock Market

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Foreign newspapers, apparently, are unwilling and unable to take the sinister circumstances surrounding the assassination of President Kennedy with the same equanimity displayed by America's media of communication. The contrast is marked and painful.

On the day following the President's burial, while both Los Angeles Metropolitan newspapers, with unequaled vulgarity, appeared with screaming headlines and full front pages dedicated to the rally of the stock market, the press all over the world was filled with stories mirroring uneasy suspicions and deep disquiet over the violence.

FROM RUSSIA's Izvestia to Britain's arch-conservative 'Daily Mail,' from Madrid to Amsterdam and from Hamburg to Tokyo, newspapers uttered disbelief in, and dismay over, the explanations emanating from the police in Dallas.

London's staid and conservative 'Daily Telegraph' in a front page article addressed itself to the "monumental absurdity" of Dallas' Police Chief Curry's declaration that the Ken-

nedy murder was "closed" with Oswald's death. It stated that "the killing of Oswald closed nothing but the main doorway, 'till then still open to the whole truth. It opened the door to every sort of rumor and insinuation that evil men can invent to serve their own ends."

THE RIGHT WING 'Daily Mail' pointedly stated unwillingness to believe that the deed was Communist inspired. It subscribed to the theory of a racialist plot, supporting with the inexplicable "ease with which Oswald was picked up after having been allowed to leave the scene of the assassination,

France's respected newspaper "Le Monde" devoted an entire page to serious doubts about the Dallas police, its methods of investigation and its fantastic dedication to publicity.

EUROPEAN reaction was, perhaps, typified by London's Evening Standard whose editorial writer remarked that it came as a shock to most Englishmen "to discover that the trigger-happy philosophy of the Western movie was still tragically part of American life today."