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DIPLOMATS TOLD TO STAY ON JOB

Johnson Doesn't Want Any Customary Resignations

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Washington, Nov. 23—Chiefs of United States diplomatic missions all over the world were notified by President Lyndon B. Johnson today that he wants them to stay on the job.

He emphasized that he does not wish them even to submit the customary formal resignations which would give the new President a free hand to make changes by merely accepting or rejecting them.

Should Help Assure World

This action, coupled with the President's request that the Secretary of State, Dean Rusk, continue at his post, should help to assure an anxious world that there will be no quick changes in this country's foreign policy. Most observers here agree that assurance is needed at this moment because in most capitals of the world, Mr. Johnson is an unknown quantity.

To let the foreign chancelleries know that they will continue to deal with the same ambassadors and the same Secretary of State is thought to be the most effective stroke of diplomacy the new President could have ordered on his first day in office.

"Not Requested Or Desired"

The reassuring message to all United States chiefs of missions was sent out this morning by the State Department.

It said: "While in the past it has been customary to request the formal resignation of chiefs of American diplomatic missions upon the succession of office of a new President, the submission of formal letters of resignation is not requested or desired."

"The new President has asked that all chiefs of missions remain at their posts and continue to discharge their duties."

The State Department noted that these instructions were being sent at the direction of the President.

Sent To Embassy

The message was sent to each of this country's 106 embassies and 3 legations abroad.

It also went to the United Nations mission, headed by Ambassador Adlai Stevenson, and to the chiefs of mission in Berlin, the mission to the United Nations in Geneva, to the military and economic missions of Europe, and to the United States mission to the Organization of American States, here in Washington, which is temporarily without a chief of mission.

Assassination Spurs Fear In U.N. Of Intense Racism

By PAUL W. WARD
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New York, Nov. 23—Not yet recovered from the shock of President Kennedy's death yesterday, the United Nations Assembly today got another jolt on being told today that his assassin is now officially charged with a Marxist.

The representatives of 116 foreign governments gathered here for the Assembly's 1963 meeting had almost uniformly assumed until then that the assassin was a Southern segregationist, or, at most, a "racist", and as such, a fanatical foe of President Kennedy's civil rights program.

Hopes Replaced By Fears

They also tended toward a general indulgence in hopeful speculations that the Dallas tragedy would create a tidal wave of emotion that would sweep into extinction all groups and organizations in this country which, in the words of a condemnatory "Declaration," the Assembly adopted Wednesday with only South Africa dissenting—"promote or incite to racial discrimination."

Today, judged by what they were telling local representatives of their "homelands" newspapers and radio stations, their hopeful speculations on that score had been replaced by fears that the Dallas tragedy will, instead, lead to an intensification of organized "racism" and related forms of "rightist extremism" in this country.

Their apprehensions even extended to predictions that the stressing by Dallas police authorities of the alleged assassin's Russian background and pro-Castro affiliations will lead to a renewal of rightist demands for a United States military invasion of Cuba and to an even more acute Soviet-Caribbean than the one last fall.

File On Oswald

Guards at United Nations headquarters reported, meanwhile, that Lee Harvey Oswald, the alleged assassin being held at Dallas, was known to them as one of several pro-Castro, or "Fair Play for Cuba," demonstrators they had had to grab and throw off the premises in past years.

They also said a dossier, including photographs of him, was on file here. But confirmation was unobtainable in the absence tonight of any officer with authority to open the security files.

The majority of foreign delegates here tend to be not only distrustful of "Communist" or "Marxist" labels pinned upon the alleged assassin but also resentful of their use by "Rightists."

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Along with Mr. Johnson, the West has new leaders in Great Britain, West Germany and Italy. It is hardly a situation to permit a careful Soviet test of the mettle of any one of them.

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Kennedy

It means that the Kennedy tradition of hard-earned money and hard-earned money is not being broken.

The Thanksgiving tradition of turkey and their parents.

For years it came from a turkey and their parents.

Always At

The Thanksgiving dinner first in the adults, then their three sons, then their hands, and close friends later in the day.

Tradition

Sometimes it before dinner, too, when for the cooking in the dining room at table bearing for on a platter for the kitchen.

The election

John F. Kennedy the United States

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