

Ordinary Russians Pay Tribute to Khrushchev, and

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MOSCOW, Sept. 14—Small clusters of ordinary citizens gathered around the grave of Nikita S. Khrushchev today to reminisce about the man who led their country for 11 years until he fell into disfavor with his official associates.

As the group around the grave near the rear wall of Novodevichye Cemetery swelled and thinned under

threatening skies, people speaking in muted tones sought to reconstruct the details of the funeral yesterday, from which all but family and friends were excluded.

"It is a disgrace," said a man in a worn leather coat. "They should have given him Red Square. After all, he did fight for his country and he planted corn."

The man was referring to Mr. Khrushchev's wartime service as a leading military commissar and to his pas-

sion for the cultivation of corn, particularly after a visit to the rich farmlands of the United States corn belt in 1959.

One-Sentence Notices

Except for one-sentence announcements within black borders on the front pages of Pravda and Izvestia, the principal national newspapers, the Soviet press has not mentioned the name of Mr. Khrushchev, who died Saturday at the age of 77. The death notice was not re-

printed in provincial newspapers.

At the grave, heaped with pine twigs and fresh flowers, Russians peered at the framed photograph of Mr. Khrushchev above a slab of white marble on which his name and the dates of his birth and death had been carved in gilt letters.

"That's an old picture," a man said knowingly. "He must have been 50 at the time."

A white-haired man with a full beard noticed the gold

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lettering on a red linen ribbon that bore the name of Anastas I. Mikoyan, the only former associate of Mr. Khrushchev who sent a wreath.

"Attaboy, Mikoyan!" the man exclaimed. "He was not afraid."

"Oh, a traitor," someone chimed in, laughing. "So he broke with the ranks. How do you like that?"

Older people took a more positive view of the situation.

"At least, anyone has free access to the grave," said a woman as a policeman stationed nearby to keep order looked on with nothing to do.

Many of those who had traveled to the cemetery in a southwestern district of Moscow appeared to be sympathizers of the one-time Premier and Communist party leader. Their reactions seemed to contrast with the indifference to his death voiced by others in the last few days.

Those who appeared to be better informed than most passed on tidbits about the funeral, which was attended by about 200 people.

"No one was there," said a woman, alluding to the absence of any leading officials. "Just his wife and other relatives. They brought him here straight from the hospital where he had died."

It was nearly closing time. A middle-aged woman gathered up a few flowers that had fallen to the ground and

carefully placed them on top of the grave before joining the crowd as it filed out.

Jail Penalty for Manson
LOS ANGELES, Sept. 14 (AP)—Charles Manson, cult leader sentenced to death for the Tate-LaBianca killings, has lost his visitor privilege for 10 days because he set fire to the bedding in his cell, according to the prison authorities. Manson set fire to blankets yesterday, they said.