

Kennedy Assassination

A Field Day for Reds

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ROME — Anti-American elements in Europe are having a field day fulminating against America as a result of the assassination of Robert Kennedy.

Soviet and European Communist propaganda organs, intellectual leftists and cynics are gloating in their criticism of America as a country of violence, crime and immoral materialism.

Despite this tarnishing of America's image, the mass of the common people of Europe still regard the United States as the greatest land of opportunity and freedom in the world.

IMMIGRATION

If the immigration barriers were removed, hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of Europeans would flock to the United States.

This is particularly true of the youth, and especially those who live in the Communist-dominated countries of Eastern Europe.

With all its imperfections, it is widely recognized that

no other nation in the world gives so much to so many as America.

This, of course, is ignored by the Communists, the fellow travelers, and those whose envy of America's wealth, power and greatness incites them to take advantage of any opportunity to denigrate the United States.

It is of course, not surprising the Soviet press should use this tragic event to publish strongly worded articles criticizing American society.

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It is hardly less surprising the French intellectual organs like Le Monde, which so frequently reflect an anti-American tone, should make the most of this opportunity to tarnish America's image.

What is, however, surprising is to see the leading British newspapers like the Times and the Daily Express creating the impression the stability of the American society is disintegrating because of the political assassinations and a climate of crime.

The British have a reputation for under-statement, but

it is a gross over-statement of exaggeration for the Times to say that "with both Kennedys murdered, Americans will be tempted to say their country's institutions are a sham and its destiny a mirage."

LEADERSHIP

The Times also seemed to be playing right into de Gaulle's hand in adding that "the rest of the world will be tempted to turn away from America, too. Each fresh act of violence spreads fresh doubt about American capacity for leadership."

The foreign editor of the Daily Express, David English, outdid the Times in exaggerating what was happening in America. He said the country was "paralyzed by fear, tormented by indecision . . ." and ". . . allowing violence — the fatal flaw in the national character — to become the most dominating influence in its life."

There would be just about as much justification for saying violence was a fatal flaw in the British national character because it was largely by violence that Britain built its empire.