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DALLAS, TEX., AUG. 3 (AP)-DISAPPROVAL WAS VOICED TODAY WITH THE DISCOVERY THAT WREATHS AND TRIBUTES TO THE LATE PRESIDENT KENNEDY HAD BEEN REMOVED FROM NEAR THE ASSASSINATION SITE.

CITY PARK DIRECTOR L. B. HOUSTON SAID HIS EMPLOYEES TOOK THE ITEMS WHEN EXTREME HEAT WILTED FLOWERS AND DAMAGED ARTIFICIAL TRIBUTES.

"STYROFOAM CROSSES DON'T MELT AND THOSE FLAGS WERE NOT FADED," SAID ONE PERSON WHO ASKED NOT TO BE IDENTIFIED.

THE FLAGS, FLOWERS AND CROSS WERE APPARENTLY TAKEN SUNDAY NIGHT. THERE HAD BEEN SOME FORM OF TRIBUTE AT THE HOUSTON STREET SITE ALMOST EVERY DAY SINCE THE ASSASSINATION.

DOZENS OF TOURISTS CONTINUED TO VIEW THE AREA FROM THE HOUSTON STREET PLAZA SITE AND TEXAS SCHOOL BOOK DEPOSITORY.

ONE GROUP TOOK PICTURES OF A NUN WHO STOOD WHERE THE WREATHS HAD FORMALLY BEEN PLACED.

HOUSTON SAID THE REMOVAL WAS "REGULAR PROCEDURE" TO REMOVE THE MOMENTOS WHEN THEY BECAME "DROOPED AND SPENT." HE INDICATED NEW FLOWERS WILL BE ALLOWED TO STAND AT THE SCENE.

SEVERAL COURTHOUSE EMPLOYEES COMPLAINED OF THE REMOVAL AND CLAIMED IT WAS PART OF A MOVE TO DISSUADE PLACEMENT OF A PERMANENT MEMORIAL IN THE AREA, THE DALLAS NEWS REPORTED.

LAST FRIDAY, OFFICIALS OF THE DALLAS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED A DESIRE TO CREATE "PICTURESQUE BUILDING REPRESENTING DALLAS' PAST" IN THE AREA NEAR THE SITE. THE PROGRAM WOULD BE DESIGNED TO AUGMENT THE PROPOSED KENNEDY MEMORIAL PLAZA.

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