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BUT AS THE WIFE OF THE PREMIER AND RUSSIANS MOURNED, THE COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA MACHINE CONTINUED TO DENOUNCE THE KILLING OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD AS PART OF A RIGHT-WING PLOT THAT TOOK THE PRESIDENT'S LIFE.

RUSSIANS IN MOSCOW WATCHED PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S FUNERAL LIVE ON TELEVISION VIA THE RELAY SATELLITE. SOME RUSSIANS TURNED OUT DURING THE DAY FOR SEPARATE ROMAN CATHOLIC AND PROTESTANT MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR AMERICANS AND MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORP.

MRS. KHRUSHCHEV DID NOT ATTEND THE SERVICES BUT, AS HER HUSBAND HAD DONE ON SATURDAY, SHE CALLED AT SPASSO HOUSE, RESIDENCE OF U.S. AMBASSADOR FOY D. KOHLER. AS THE HEAD OF THE AMERICAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY, SHE MET THE AMBASSADOR AND MRS. KOHLER FOR 15 MINUTES AND SIGNED A BOOK OF CONDOLENCES.

SHE CAME OUT ARM IN ARM WITH MRS. KOHLER AND TEARS GLISTENED IN HER EYES. THE TWO WOMEN THEN SAID GOODBY.

AFTERWARD, KOHLER SAID MRS. KHRUSHCHEV HAD EXPRESSED SYMPATHY FOR MRS. KENNEDY ON BEHALF OF HERSELF, HER FAMILY AND THE FRIENDSHIP ORGANIZATION.

MEANWHILE, SOVIET PROPAGANDA ORGANS EXPRESSED DOUBT AND SUSPICION ABOUT THE SLAYING OF HARVEY, 24, SELF-PROFESSED MARXIST ACCUSED OF ASSASSINATING THE PRESIDENT. NEWS MEDIA PROVIDED BLANKET COVERAGE OF THE TWO SENSATIONAL KILLINGS.



OUTSIDE THE IRON CURTAIN, IN ROME, THE PRO-COMMUNIST NEWSPAPER PAESE SERA DEMANDED THAT ATT. GEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY FIND OUT "WHO SHUT OSWALD'S MOUTH." IT SAID:

"KENNEDY'S DEATH IS NOT AN INTERNAL AMERICAN AFFAIR BUT PERTAINS TO THE ENTIRE WORLD. WE ASK YOU (ROBERT KENNEDY) TO ENGAGE DEEPLY IN A FIGHT TO DISCOVER THE TRUTH; TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER THE KILLER WAS REALLY OSWALD...AMERICA OWES THIS TRUTH TO THE WORLD."

IN PRAGUE, THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY NEWSPAPER, RUDE PRAVO, REPORTED IN A DISPATCH FROM NEW YORK:

"MANY PEOPLE CANNOT RID THEMSELVES OF THE THOUGHT THAT THE DESIGNER OF THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY MUST BE SOUGHT ELSEWHERE THAN IN OSWALD--NAMELY, IN THE CIRCLES OF THE AMERICAN ULTRA-REACTION."

IN BUDAPEST, THE BULGARIAN NEWSPAPER ESTI HIRLAP PUBLISHED A PICTURE OF RUBY WITH HIS GUN AIMED AT OSWALD. THE CAPTION SAID: "THIS IS HOW THE FRIEND OF POLICEMAN KILLED HIM."

BORBA, THE MAJOR YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT NEWSPAPER, SAID, "THE MURDER OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN PERFORMED WITH PERMISSION." BUT IT TEMPERED ITS REPORT SAYING:

"THERE REMAINS THE HOPE THAT (THE UNITED STATES) WILL FIND THE POWER TO CUT THE THREATS OF THE COMLOT, TO AVOID THE DANGER OF PANIC, TO CALM DOWN AND TO START AGAIN A LIFE IN PEACE WHICH WILL NOT DISTURB THE PEACE OF OTHERS."

THERE WAS THIS SORT OF TEMPERING ALSO IN AN EDITORIAL IN IZVESTIA. IT SAID IT IS TO BE HOPED THAT KENNEDY'S DEATH WILL IMPEL HIS POLITICAL HEIRS TO FOLLOW IN HIS FOOTSTEPS.

"THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES SOLEMNLY PLEDGED HIMSELF TO CONTINUE CARRYING OUT THE CAUSE OF HIS PREDECESSOR," IZBESTIA SAID. "THE SOVIET PEOPLE AND THEIR GOVERNMENT WILL ALWAYS POSITIVELY RESPOND TO ANYTHING THAT HELPS TO EASE INTERNATIONAL TENSION.

"COMMON EFFORTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THIS CAUSE WOULD BE THE FINEST MONUMENT TO PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY WHO DIED IN TRAGIC CIRCUMSTANCES."

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(EDS: IN 6TH GRAF ABOVE READ IT X X X THE SLAYING OF OSWALD, 24 X X X (NOT HARVEY)

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