

## *Peking Plot to Kill Nikita?*

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LONDON—Reports of a Red Chinese plot to assassinate Soviet Premier Khrushchev circulated widely yesterday among Iron Curtain sources in Hungary, where Khrushchev is visiting.

The reports said the assassination was to have taken place during the turmoil following the murder of President Kennedy. The theory was that Khrushchev's death would have given the Chinese the upper hand in the Communist ideological struggle.

The Red sources, according to reports received here, said the assassination plan was abandoned after the Soviets got wind of it and warned the Mao Tse-tung regime that two could play the same deadly game.

One source said the reports were given strong credence.

"In Communist countries," he said, "the apparatus exists for assassination."