DE GAULLE'S ATTITUDE AT TIME OF KENNEDY'S DEATH IMPRESSES MANY

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A religious service in memory of President KENNEDY was held yesterday afternoon in the church in Accra. A particularly large crowd, mostly Africans, literally overflowed the Porticoes. Contrary to the practice of President NKRUMAH, who never participates in religious ceremonies, several members of the government and the President of the Supreme Court of Justice were present. Except for the Cuban and Chinese ambassadors, the chiefs of the diplomatic missions were in attendance.

President NKRUMAH broadcast a message to the nation exalting the personality of the late President "who will be extolled in the annals of humanity for his action against racism and his efforts in favor of peace and human rights."

President DE GAULLE's act of attending the funeral in person and the wording of his two messages to Mrs. KENNEDY and to the new President of the United States impressed many of my colleagues and members of the government, who praised the human and political aspects of our President's attitude.