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REACTIONS IN PRAGUE TO KENNEDY MURDER

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1. The news of President KENNEDY's death caused great grief mixed with anxiety among the local population. The morning and evening editions of Friday's newspapers were (B val delivered) and sold out in a short time. I heard that it was necessary that the crowd which gathered in front of the American Embassy be dispersed EXEMPT civilian police. In spite of this more than 4,000 residents signed the special book. At the religious ceremony arranged by the ambassador, the church filled and overflowed.

2. The government however, EXEMPT ed the smallest interest. Flags were not half-masted on any official buildings. Although the Foreign Minister went to the embassy and personally expressed their EXEMPT only the (B val Minister of Health), the Chief of Protocol and Director General of the American Section attended the church service. Furthermore, the government was content with charging their American representative to participate in the ceremony in Washington.

3. The press writes that this EXEMPT was a crime directed against world peace and co-operation and is expressing anxiety that the new American administration will change its policies under extreme rightist influence.

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