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1. Tuesday's plenary session was devoted exclusively to honoring KENNEDY's memory and there was very little occasion for political declarations. The chairman agreed with all the delegations that only vice-chairmen (13, among them, the great powers), the chairmen of the seven committees, and the ex-chairman of the assembly will appear.

A. FEDORENKO, appearing in the name of all the Socialist countries, and the Bulgarian expressed hope that KENNEDY's policy will be continued. The Romanian's appearance was without political accents.

B. The Western delegations emphasized European solidarity with the States - except the Frenchman, who limited his appearance to expressions of sympathy.

C. The Latins and Asians stressed the necessity of international agreements, the Africans - the continuation of the process of decolonization.

2. The leading motive, authorized by JOHNSON, of STEVENSON's declaration was the continuation of efforts to reach agreements through negotiations and full support for UN activities to "uphold the peace." However, the formulation of the thesis that there will be no JOHNSON policy as there was no KENNEDY policy can be interpreted as a signal that the new administration intends to have a free hand also in matters begun by KENNEDY. From our conversation with American delegates we deduce that they do not expect a change

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in the State Department. STEVENSON will probably remain until elections. They flatly denied the rumors that at the beginning of 1964 they will renew intrigues against us at the session (article 19 which deals with the loss of vote) on the question of payments for the Congo operations and UN forces in the Near East (see our Nr EXEMPT)

From the constant emphasis that the new administration in Washington will concentrate on internal matters and that it needs time before it will be capable of conducting an active foreign policy, we surmise that they fear pressure from our side.

3. The tempo of the session slowed down but EXEMPT will be able to adjourn before the holidays. To date there are no signs that the atmosphere is worsening.

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