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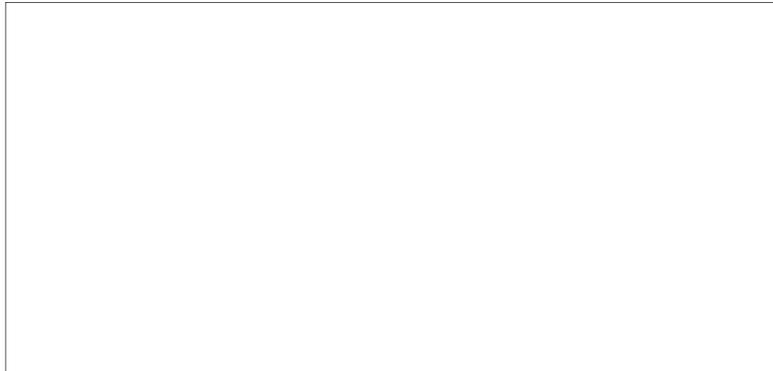
3. Soviet Union - Egypt

Soviet press and television have seized upon the assassination of Senator Kennedy to launch a vicious tirade at US domestic and foreign policies and the entire American system. Conspicuously missing is any message of sympathy to the Kennedy family or the people of the US.

This propaganda is suggesting both official US negligence and even connivance in the shooting. Pravda, for instance, says that a leader of the bourgeois who departs even slightly from the imperialist line is subject to elimination. So far, the Soviet media have been completely silent about the national origin of the accused killer.

Some Arab newspapers are dishing up similar but more direct charges of official US complicity in the murder. One Cairo paper talks about "certain circles, including the CIA," which were involved. A Beirut paper says, "US intelligence was probably behind the assassination."

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5. France

We doubt that De Gaulle's radio-TV broadcast yesterday convinced many uncommitted voters to support the regime in the parliamentary elections later this month. The General's rather vague idea of a partnership for management and labor will probably be rejected as paternalistic and dangerous for the unions. His continuing attacks on the Communists are also not very effective electoral ammunition.

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