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# World Reaction to the Shooting Varied

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France-Soir, France's most popular daily, displayed a photograph of Monday's assassination attempt on President Ford across half the front page and a Rome left-wing newspaper gave the news a six-column headline, but Communist countries seemed hardly to notice the news.

Editorial reaction and reaction in the street around the world ranged from indifference to disbelief, mixed here and there with the notion that the President might be playing politics with his own life.

Initially, at least, governments limited official comments to expressions of regret. Japanese authorities were reported nervous about the ability of American security agents to assure the safety of Emperor Hirohito on his visit to the United States next month.

France - Soir commented: "amazed, irritated. Americans

have difficulty understanding this. Aides close to Ford say he likes to take risks to multiply his contacts with the public. Gossipers add that the Presidential elections are coming up."

The six-column headline in Il Paese of Rome said: "Woman arrested in San Francisco—fired at Ford and missed."

The Moscow radio broadcast a brief report on the incident and then dropped all mention of it. A Moscow television commentator, Valentin Zorin, called the shooting "the tip of an iceberg" of crime in the United States and suggested that it might have been the work of "enemies of détente."

The East German news agency distributed a nine-line report on the attempted killing.

In Seoul, South Korea, Lee Young Hoon, 21 years old, said it was "crazy," adding: "I don't know where this damn world is heading for." But Jacqueline

Michel of Paris, 35, said she was "not very impressed by the news."

Premier Chiang Ching-Kuo of Nationalist China said in Taipei that "It is indeed a chaotic world and turbulent time." A Venezuelan Foreign Ministry official said, "Political assassination has always been condemned by everyone," and a Vatican spokesman said "This kind of thing cannot leave us indifferent."

Premier Takeo Miki of Japan and Emperor Hirohito both sent messages to Mr. Ford expressing regret over the action and adding that they were glad he was unhurt.

The West German news agency said, "Any doubts about the United States' stability are superfluous," and a Cairo newspaper editor, Mustafa Amin, said it was a "tragic phenomenon of the world of today that shots are fired or a bomb is thrown at every leader who advocates peace."