

Nixon's Demeanor During Paris Visit Draws Sharp Criticism From French

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PARIS, April 8—President Nixon's talks with world leaders and his activities on the streets of Paris this weekend brought sharp criticism in France today, as well as some grudging acknowledgment of continuing United States power.

On three occasions on Saturday and Sunday, Mr. Nixon plunged through police lines to shake hands and talk with curbside crowds. This was in addition to talks with foreign leaders assembled here to honor the memory of President

Georges Pompidou, who died on Tuesday.

A letter circulated to journalists and made available today to the bureau of The New York Times by a high official of a French ministry said Mr. Nixon had "shamelessly substituted a publicity campaign for the mourning of an entire nation, introducing an atmosphere of loud feverishness, the discourtesy of which is equaled only by its clumsiness."

Le Monde, the most respected newspaper in France, joined in the indignation in a front-page editorial titled "The Nixon Fes-

tival." But it added that the American President had spectacularly demonstrated his continuing ability to dominate international politics — even without the presence of Secretary of State Kissinger.

The newspaper said Mr. Nixon had asked for and received the allegiance of the European statesmen he saw one after the other and that he had continued the "superpower dialogue" with President Nikolai N. Podgorny of the Soviet Union.

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