

Editor — Richard Nixon's presence at Notre Dame was a desecration. His use of the solemn occasion of the death of President Pompidou to bolster his failing political image by staging "mini-summits" with other heads of state was disgraceful.

Compare Nixon's behavior with that of Charles de Gaulle who, without fanfare, flew to the capital, walked in dignity behind the caisson bearing the remains of John Kennedy, sat solemnly through the Requiem, quietly paid his respects to the bereaved and immediately returned to France.

Along with all his other guilts, faults and minuses, Nixon lacks class — in any category . . .

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