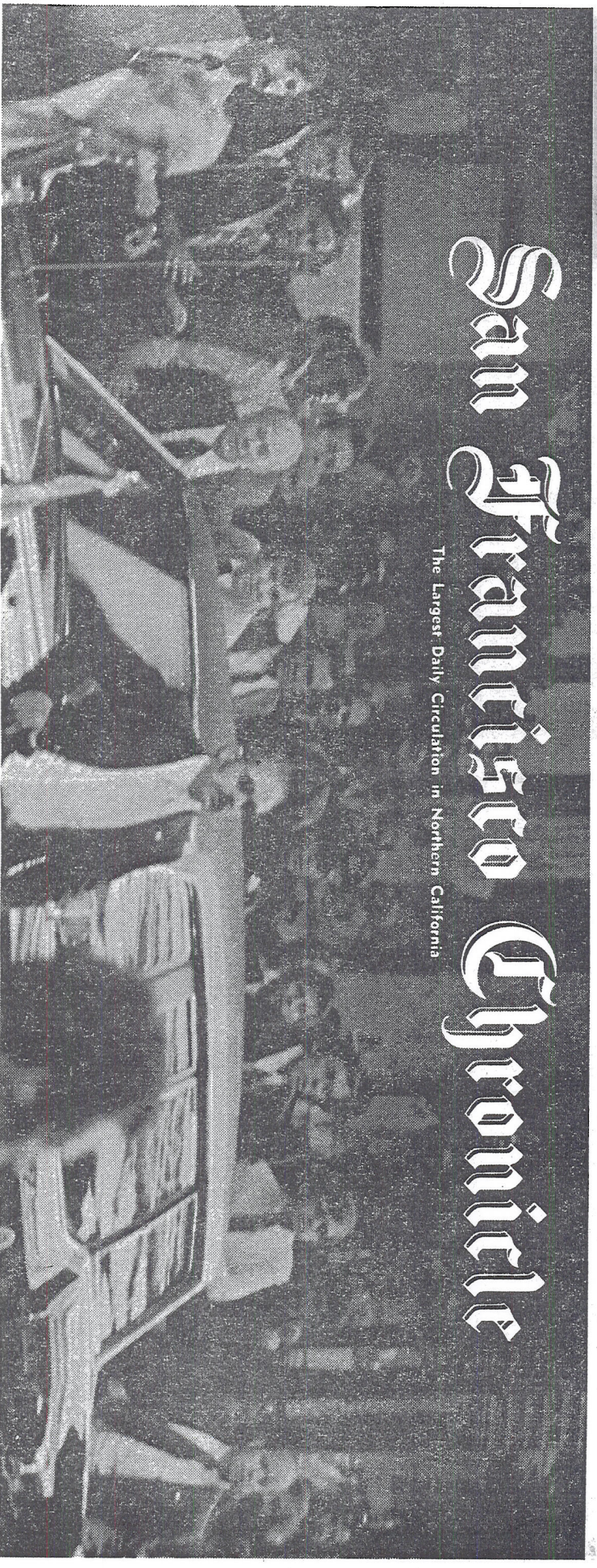


WOMAN SHOOTS AT FORD IN S.F. STREET

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Seconds after the shot, Secret Service agents pushed Mr. Ford down behind the bullet-proof car and then bundled him into the car

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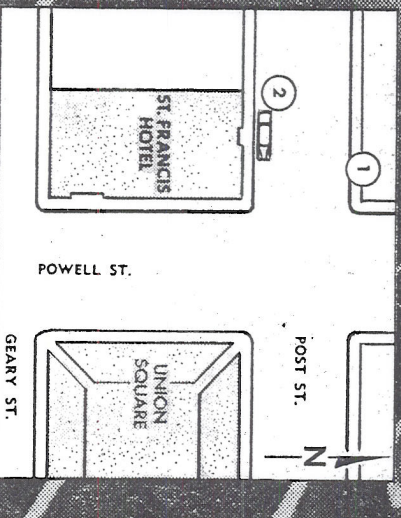
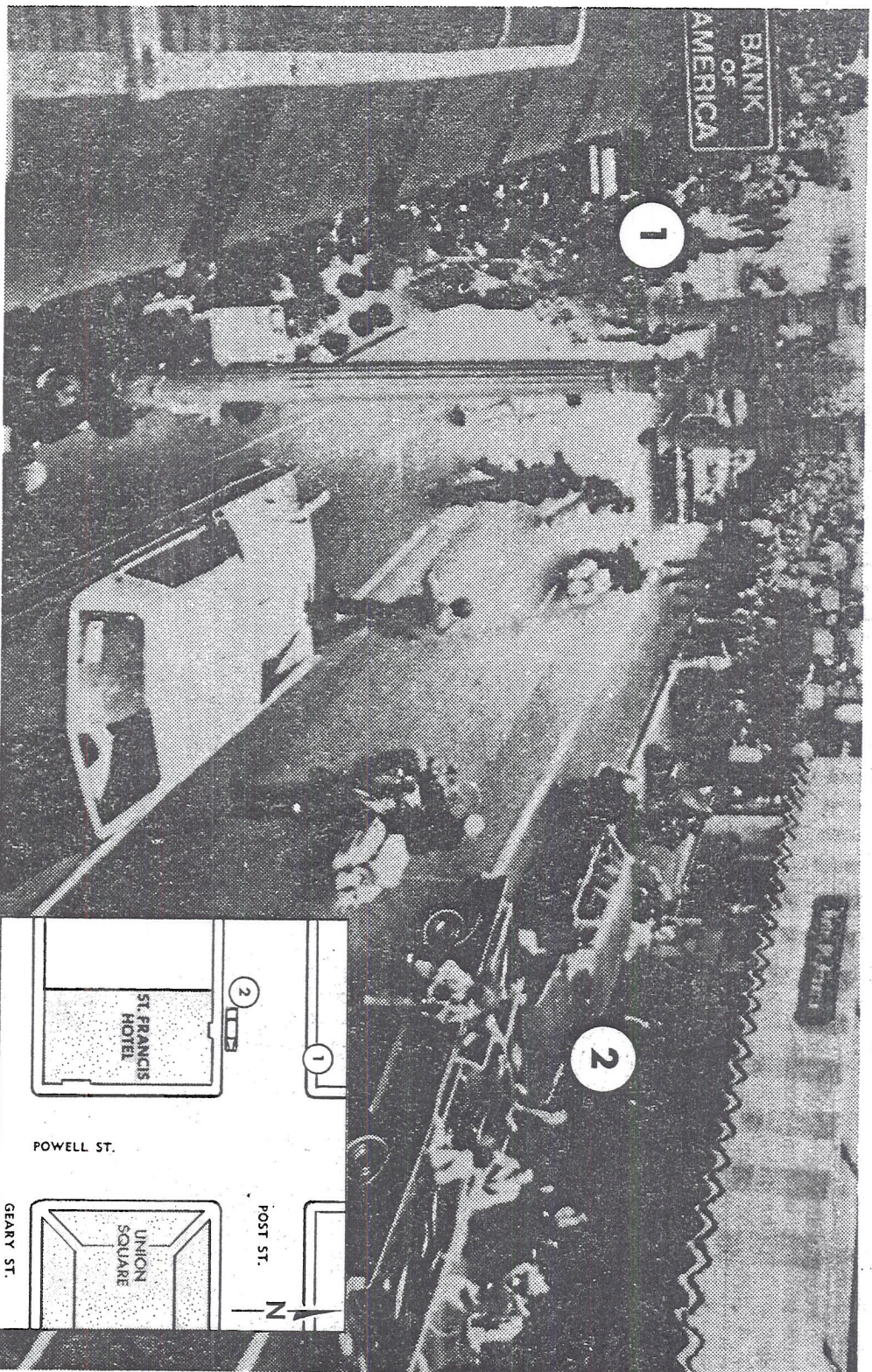
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The scene on Post street just after the shot. The assailant fired from the point marked # 1 on the map; the President was standing at the point marked # 2 in front of the St. Francis Hotel

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Ford Is Rushed To Airport

By George Murphy and Jerry Carroll

A shot was fired at President Ford by a woman in a dense crowd outside the St. Francis Hotel off Union Square yesterday. The President was not hit.

It was the second assassination incident against the nation's chief executive in 17 days.

The arm of the woman, Sara Jane Moore, 47, was apparently struck by a policeman as she aimed a chrome-plated .38-caliber revolver at Mr. Ford. She was standing about 40 feet away and across the street from the Post street entrance of the hotel.

The gun went off and the bullet splattered into a wall across the street, a fragment striking cab driver John M. Ludwig, 46, in the groin. He was not seriously hurt, receiving treatment at Central Emergency Hospital.

For the briefest of seconds, Mr. Ford stared fearfully at the crowd at the point where a puff of gunsmoke was rising before he was bent double behind the armor-plated limousine, by Secret Service agents.

"Gun!" shouted an agent.

"Get the son-of-a-bitch," a policeman cried as gasps and screams were heard from the 2000 people standing shoulder-to-shoulder watching Mr. Ford's departure for San Francisco International Airport and his return flight aboard Air Force One to Washington.

Mr. Ford was lifted from the sidewalk and manhandled into the back of the car. As the big black car sped from the curb, agents could be seen shielding the President with their own bodies.

By then, a policeman with a nightstick in hand had plunged into the crowd and Miss Moore had been wrestled to the sidewalk. Almost instantly, he was joined by several other agents and policemen as shrieks and screams were heard in the crowd.

All up and down the street, agents and officers pulled their guns and trained them on the milling, frightened crowd, many



Sara Jane Moore ducked her head as officers led her from the St. Francis Hotel and took her into custody

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of whose members began running to the safety of neighboring shops.

Mr. Ford, who escaped injury September 5 in Sacramento when Manson cultist Lynette Fromme pointed a loaded .45-caliber pistol at him from a distance of about two feet before being overpowered by a Secret Service man, quickly recovered his calm after yesterday's incident.

Unlike Miss Fromme, Miss Moore was on the Secret Service list of "potential threats" to the President and she was also questioned Sunday by San Francisco police. She was found to have a .44 caliber pistol in her purse along with 13 rounds of ammunition. The woman was cited for having a concealed weapon on her person and was cited to appear in court October 8.

After finishing the 20-minute trip to the airport where he was greeted by his wife, Betty, the President was commenting on the weather. "It's nice weather, but the wind is blowing," he remarked affably.

White House press secretary Ron Nessen, on board Air Force One, described Mr. Ford as "relaxed and smiling" after the plane was airborne.

When Miss Moore was taken

into custody, she was lifted bodily by several men and carried almost like a battering ram across the street and into the hotel to the Borgia suite on the mezzanine. She appeared last night before a federal magistrate for arraignment on a charge of attempting to assassinate a president.

U.S. Attorney James Browning said last night he will ask for a mental examination of the suspect. "We have some reason to believe she will not be able to adequately assist in her own defense," he said.

Browning, who said he will recommend a \$1 million bail for Miss Moore, said a medical examination will be held for the woman. He said federal authorities expect soon to find out where Miss Moore obtained the gun used in the assassination attempt.

Two San Francisco policemen, William Welch and Donald Gleeson, were standing near the Presidential limousine when Mr. Ford emerged from the entrance. An incorrigible handshaker throughout his political career, Mr. Ford saw the crowd and it looked like he was going to "press some flesh," as President Johnson would have said. "Hi," he said, "How are you," to those nearest him.

"I could see her," Officer Welch said. "As she pulled out her gun she was jumped. But she let one shot go." His partner, Officer Gleeson, said he saw the sunlight glint on the gun barrel just before the shot was fired.

"They moved the President right into the car and he stayed low and they rolled right out of there," said Officer William Gay.

To Richard Krohn, a business consultant who attended the World Affairs luncheon where the President spoke, Mr. Ford "seemed stunned" when the shot rang out.

Two Australian tourists, Colin Glassborow, 30, and his brother, Geoff, 33, were standing on a Post when the President came out of the hotel. Said Geoff Glassborow: "He's got his hands up in a wave. Suddenly a gun went off. Cops ran from everywhere. I heard someone yell, 'Get the son-of-a-bitch!'"

Colin Glassborow was taking a picture of Mr. Ford. The shutter clicked as the gun went off.

Just hours earlier, a man who tried to deliver a note containing a threat to shoot President Ford was arrested by the Secret Service outside the St. Francis Hotel.

Agents said Ronald Carlo, 24, was unarmed. They refused to say whether the note gave a

reason for Carlo wanting to kill the President.

Bill Greener, assistant White House press secretary, said all officials took the threat seriously.

Greener said Carlo approached a hotel cashier and gave her the note. The cashier went to get help, he said, and when she returned both Carlo and the note were gone.

When Carlo passed the hotel doorman on his way out, Greener said, Carlo said something to the effect that "you had better get out of here. Here's what's going to happen."

Carlo, who is believed to come from Mobile, Ala., gave a local address of the National Hotel at 1139 Market street. He was arrested at 10:40 a.m., seven minutes before the President arrived at the Hyatt Union Square.

In another incident during the President's visit here, two men were arrested shortly before noon outside the St. Francis by San Francisco police officers.

They both wore visored caps and assorted protest buttons. They were released after being questioned at the Hall of Justice.

One of the men, police said, shouted: "Free Patty Hearst, jail Gerald Ford."