

'Funeral Summitry' By Nixon Criticized

PARIS, April 8 (AP) —

French officials are resentful that President Nixon went politicking in Paris while President Georges Pompidou was still fresh in his grave.

There has been no official comment or protest. "But this does not mean that we were necessarily pleased with Nixon's behavior here," one official source said.

The state-owned television system and pro-government newspapers noted critically that Nixon met with six world leaders here while France had only an interim president in office.

Nixon attended a 55-minute memorial service for Pompidou here last Saturday and met with Acting President Alain Poher for another 45 minutes. Then he spent a total of seven hours conferring with the leaders of the Soviet Union, Japan, West Germany, Britain, Denmark and Italy.

"The spectacle of Mr. Nixon holding court in Paris and receiving . . . the homage of certain of his European vassals is just a big show . . ." Figaro said today.

It was meant "above all to show to the American people that their President, despite Watergate, has not lost credit with Europeans," Figaro said. "This show was judged in political circles to be a supreme lack of tact."

Le Monde noted scathingly that a British newspaper quoted Nixon as saying "this is a great day for France" shortly after the memorial service. Nixon had been enthusiastically shaking hands with a crowd just a few hundred yards from the Elysee Palace, Le Monde noted.