

Mansfield: TV for Nixon trial

WASHINGTON — Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield said yesterday that if the House impeaches President Nixon, the Senate trial should be open to live television coverage.

Mansfield would not address himself directly to the demand of presidential lawyer James St. Clair that the House Judiciary Committee impeachment proceeding be opened to the public.

"It's a matter for the House to decide," he said.

But he added: "I would like to see open hearings and television, so we could avoid different interpretations."