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Senator Buckley Criticizes

Nixon's Trip to Moscow

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Senator James L. Buckley said yesterday that he believed President Nixon's forthcoming trip to the Soviet Union would be a "mission in futility" because the Watergate affair had hardened Soviet attitudes.

"What concerns me here, the Conservative Republican Senator from New York said, "Is that we are going to Moscow at a time when our relation-

ships with Western European countries, our natural allies, are at an all-time low."

The Senator, speaking on the WABC "Radio Press Conference," he said he believed the President might be negotiating from a position of weakness because of his troubles at home, and might "further injure our relationship with the Europeans." He said the Europeans were skeptical and suspicious people who fear "under-the-table negotiations at their expense."