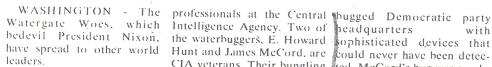
Merry-Go-Ro

by Jack Anderson



In Russia, for instance, party chairman Leonid Brezhnev had to overcome powerful opposition before he could establish friendly relations with Nixon. Brezhnev, therefore, must show his rivals in the Kremlin that his new friendship with Nixon will benefit Russia. As Watergate erodes Nixon's authority, it also -reduces Brezhnev's chances to make favorable diplomatic and economic deals. The impeachment or resignation of Nixon, according to intelligence reports, could being on the overthrow of Brezhnev.

In China, Premier Chou En-lai also encountered bitter opposition when he recovered inside befriendee Nixon. The Watergate was bulky and obof Nixon, weakening therefore, also weakens Chou.

In Japan, Premier Tanaka is beset with problems that have plunged his popularity to an all-time low. He needs helpful decisions out of Washington, as the two allies become competitors for world trade and oil resources. Nixon's unpopularity therefore, increases Tanaka's unpopularity.

In England, Prime Minister Heath is plagued with rising prices and sinking political fortunes. His administration has also been suffied by a sex scandel. In France, President Pompidou is politically beleagured and physically in poor health. Both leaders are associated in the public mind with Nixon.

Ad this has become a liability around the world.

CIA Embarrassed: No one is more embarrassed over the Watergate fiasco than the

Intelligence Agency. Two of headquarters the waterbuggers, E. Howard sophisticated devices that Hunt and James McCord, are could never have been detec-CIA veterans. Their bungling sted. McCord's bug was so obcould give the profession a solete that Washington bad name.

For example, Hunt disguished himself in a CIA device and called the bomb wig when he flew out to Denever to suborn the testimony experts. of ITP's Dita Beard. But Hunt put on the wig crooked, the professionals are-mor-A professional disguises him-tified. self to look as inconspicuous as possible. Hunt, in his preposterous ill-fitting red wig, attracted attention to himself

McCord was supposed to be an expert in the art of electronic eavesdropping - in the worlds of the trade, " a good wire man." But he used the equipment and methods of a bumbling novice.

The listening devise police solete. Such bugs are known as "throwaway" equipment. which are sometimes planted by seedy practitioners of the bug-sweeping trade. Then they pretend to discover the devices later for the benefit of naive clients.

Professionals could have

policemen, who discovered at, thought it was an explosive squad instead of the wiretap

Inside the CIA, meanwhile,