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Nixon Trip Called TV Spectacle

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NEW YORK — (AP) —
Federal Communications
Commissioner Nicholas
Johnson yesterday said
President Nixon's trip to
China was "a propaganda
effort to make a President
look good in an election
year."

The outspoken commis-
sioner said at a news confer-
ence that the public should
know the propaganda effect
"was a major point of moti-
vation for the trip."

Johnson called the cover-
age a "TV spectacular,"
and cited the China visit as
an example for putting news
events into "perspective."

Similarly, Johnson said,
the public should be in-
formed not just of "the de-
tails" of the International
Telephone & Telegraph
anti-trust action controver-
sy, but of the basic issue in-
volved.

"How can you conduct a
democratic government,"
Johnson said, "when 100 ma-
jor corporations will give
money to those in power to
keep the corporations at a fi-
nancial advantage."

Johnson said, "The prob-
lem is not that the 100 larg-
est corporations violate the
law, although they do. The
problem is that they write
the law."

He added, "It's perfectly
all right for Richard Nixon
to accept hundreds of thou-
sands of dollars from busi-
nessmen whose fortunes he
controls, so long as the mo-
ney is called a campaign
contribution rather than a
bribe."

"What is wrong with the
ITT case is the system not
the details of the case."