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ABM struggle—despite obvious temptations to do so—has also won him a vote of confidence among hard-line foreign policy experts. By refusing to panic, despite the narrow victory for the ABM in the Senate last week, the President will now be able to go ahead with deployment of this vital defensive system.

The House, it is expected, will overwhelmingly approve the Administration measure. As a result of the Senate victory and Nixon's holding firm against any compromise, it is said, the President will no longer have to fear that he must deal with the Soviets from a position of weakness.



• Other decisions by the President and his Cabinet officials in recent weeks have also won the Administration high praise, again especially from the conservative wing of the party. In keeping its promise to promote an all-out drive against crime, the Justice Department has taken a significant step to get the courts to uphold convictions based on uncoerced confessions. A department memorandum instructs its lawyers to offer confessions as evidence in court, even though the suspects who confessed were not provided all the warnings requested by the Supreme Court's decision in Miranda vs. Arizona. This strategy is being pursued largely on the basis that the Supreme Court, with a conservative chief justice and sans Abe Fortas and Earl Warren, will modify, if not overturn, the 5-to-4 Miranda ruling.

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