

Sen. Scott Assures Russ About Nixon

MOSCOW — (AP) — Senate minority leader Hugh Scott said today he has told the Soviet Politburo's chief ideologist that President Nixon is a man of peace and wants to lay the foundations for a generation of peace before he leaves the White House.

Reporting on his long meeting in the Kremlin Friday with Mikhail Suslov, Scott said he had stressed this because Nixon had asked him to do so.

What was Suslov's reaction, the Pennsylvania Republican was asked.

'No Direct Answer'

"There was no direct answer . . . It did not come up in a way to provoke a reaction," Scott told newsmen.

He said he had a "thorough discussion of many areas of foreign policy where they concern U.S.-Soviet relations around the world.

Scott said he wanted to "correct an impression" that he had spent much time talking with Suslov about China, Nixon's visit to Peking, or its effect on Soviet-American relations.

This sensitive area was touched on only in passing, he said:

"We couldn't have spent more than 10 seconds discussing the People's Republic of China."

'Peripheral'

Concern about the Nixon visit has been a constant theme in the Soviet press for a month. Suslov is the Politburo's leading spokesman on Chinese affairs, and the U.S. Embassy's China expert accompanied Scott and Ambassador Jacob Beam to Suslov's Kremlin office.

"References to China were only peripheral," Scott said. Central were Berlin, the arms limitation talks, European security, Indochina, "Asia," the Middle East and bilateral trade, he reported.