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Trip 'a Stunt'

MOSCOW — (AP) — A major Soviet newspaper today described President Nixon's trip to China as an elaborate publicity stunt aimed at American voters.

The newspaper again voiced suspicion of a "dangerous plot" between Peking and Washington.

Trud, the daily organ of Soviet trade unions, made the assessment in its weekly review of international affairs.

It was the fullest, sharpest and most direct Soviet comment on the trip.

Earlier Soviet press accounts refrained from di-

rect comment and instead quoted selectively from foreign reports to present the Kremlin's point of view.

Noting the extensive U.S. press coverage of the trip, the newspaper said:

"The correspondents who accompanied Nixon half jokingly, half seriously called it the performance of the century — so carefully was it planned, rehearsed and polished . . . From the very beginning the visit was thought out and planned as a kind of show.

"It was to capture the imaginations of American voters who are preparing for the 1972 presidential elections, staggered the brains of people not experienced in politics with the scale of the ballyhoo and verbal fireworks.