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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."