

SOVIET READERS GET WATERGATEROUNDUP

MOSCOW, May 17 (UPI)—
Soviet newspaper readers got
their first full-scale view today
of the Watergate Affair.

The official Soviet press
broke a three-month silence with
a 500-word article in the cur-
rent issue of Literaturnaya
Gazeta, a weekly published by
the Writers Union and directed
at the intelligentsia.

The unsigned article, entitled
"Watergate Affair: What's Hap-
pening?," was carefully worded.
It did not indicate that either
President Nixon or the White
House was involved in the
case.

The article recalled the basic
facts of the Watergate burglary
and subsequent trials, and
noted that government officials
had resigned as a result of the
continuing investigation. It said
John N. Mitchell and Maurice
H. Stans "turned out to be in-
volved" and it listed some of
the recent resignations in
Washington, including those of
Herbert Kleindeinst, H. R. Hal-
deman, John C. Erlichman and
John W. Dean 3d.

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