

# Nixon Losing in Europe

BRUSSELS — (UPI) — Two Democratic U.S. senators said yesterday that the Watergate scandal will undermine President Nixon's power so severely that he may be forced by Congress to withdraw some U.S. troops from Europe.

"The Watergate affair has diminished the ability of the President to have his pro-

gram succeed in Congress, whatever the issue might be," Sen. John Tunney (D-Calif.) said. "On troop withdrawals, it has had an impact. Those men who sponsored proposals (for a partial U.S. unilateral withdrawal) now have a greater opportunity."

Tunney spoke to newsmen after a meeting of commit-

tees of the North Atlantic Assembly, a group of parliamentarians from NATO nations.

Speeches here by Tunney, Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) and Rep. Wayne L. Hayes (D-Ohio) provided the bluntest warning to Europeans so far that Watergate might damage Nixon's foreign policy and affect troop and trade negotiations in which Europe's stake is as large as America's.

Kennedy told the Assembly's military committee that sentiment in Congress already was running strong against continued high U.S. defense spending in Europe. He asked European governments to pay a "fairer share" of these costs.

Kennedy said that, in the long run, "the presidency and our other institutions will emerge from this ordeal stronger and more responsive than before."

But he said that "it is unrealistic not to feel that it (Watergate) will have an impact" on Nixon's foreign policy "and on our relations with Europe."

"No one can prognosticate what the outcome will be," Tunney said. "But clearly the President will have less influence with Congress than he would have had."