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[illegible] President Nixon, and never re- [illegible] explaining what the crisis was all about.

The lecturer here did not offer any explanation either, but he made it clear that members of his audience should be sympathetic to Mr. Nixon, and not to his critics.

The lecturer also disclosed that polls showed 25 per cent of the American public favoring Mr. Nixon's retirement or removal from office, a fact that at least gives Soviet citizens an idea of the seriousness of the affair.

The lecturer described the President's opponents as a combination of forces representing "the military-industrial complex", politicians and commentators who "made a living on the cold war" and hated to see it end; elements of the press, and "Zionist circles." Zionists have now become the world's leading reactionaries in all Soviet propaganda.

"Seventy-five per cent of the means of mass communication in the U.S.A. are under the control, directly or indirectly, of Zionist circles and Jews," the lecturer claimed.

He quoted Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir as saying that Watergate had weakened Mr. Nixon, as if to show that Mrs. Meir approved.

The lecturer also warned that "there are people in the United States who would like to have a new war tomorrow—people who make arms for the arms race, and earn profits from it."

Even if this line is only propaganda, there is little doubt that the Soviets are baffled by Watergate. From the mighty to the masses, they have expressed bewilderment to Americans here. In a country where respect for authority is axiomatic, many ask how Americans could treat their President so badly.

[illegible] Soviet Union [illegible] Soviet Union [illegible] visiting Americans in recent weeks.

Political lectures [illegible] Soviet [illegible] political education [illegible] lecturers [illegible] lecturers [illegible] Mr. [illegible] People's telephone calls under Eisenhower, they listened in under Johnson, they listened in under Kennedy, so why do they pick on me now?

The answer, the lecturer suggested, was obvious.

The lecturer handled the Watergate affair with extreme care, never publishing anything that reflected badly on [illegible]