

Kremlin's

U.S. Expert

Lauds Nixon

Moscow

The Kremlin's top expert on American affairs last night praised President Nixon and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger for "recognizing the realities" of the modern world.

The praise came from Dr. Georgy Arbatov, head of the Academy of Sciences U.S. Studies Institute, at a meeting here to mark the 40th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Washington and Moscow.

His remarks followed publication in the Communist party newspaper Pravda earlier yesterday of an article seen by many observers here as expressing understanding of Mr. Nixon's problems with anti-Communist "reactionary forces" in the U.S.

The article, which charged that these forces were trying to wreck detente between the two countries, appeared to be aimed at assuring Mr. Nixon that he was not held responsible by the Kremlin for the failure to get a bill through Congress granting trade concessions to Russia.

The praise from Arbatov, known as one of the brains behind the Soviet Union's new American policy, was seen as indicating that despite Kremlin doubts about Mr. Nixon's future Soviet leaders would like him to survive his current difficulties.

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