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**Nixon's Difficulties  
Likened in Moscow  
To Lincoln Murder**

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MOSCOW, April 15—A Communist youth newspaper here has drawn what appears to be a veiled parallel between the assassination of Abraham Lincoln and what it described as a press campaign against President Nixon.

Both the 1865 murder of Lincoln and press hostility toward Mr. Nixon were designed to eliminate political opponents from the American scene and thus change the course of history, the newspaper, *Komsomolskaya Pravda*, seemed to suggest yesterday in commemorating the 109th anniversary of Lincoln's assassination.

Contending that the event was reflected in "current political life in the United States," the organ of the Young Communist League said the assassination represented "almost the first major act of violent interference by reactionaries with the historical course of the American people."

*Komsomolskaya Pravda* did not mention Mr. Nixon by name. But in several references it implied that his domestic problems were similar to those that had contributed to Mr. Lincoln's death. The most prominent mentioned was hostility of the American press toward President Nixon.

The controlled Soviet press has generally avoided mention of the Watergate affair in deference to Mr. Nixon's rapport with the Kremlin leadership.

*Komsomolskaya Pravda* observed that "in the arsenal of reaction, the bullet of the hired or fanatical killer is the extreme but not the only means of eliminating political opponents from the scene."

It said that the American press had set the stage for Lincoln's assassination by being "especially zealous" in attacking him.

"Again and again reactionaries have repeated their desperate gamble in the belief that, having eliminated a president (by whatever means) whose policy did not suit them, they would be able to turn back the course of history," *Komsomolskaya Pravda* said.

It recalled that Lincoln, before he was killed, had tried to improve relations between the United States and Russia.