

Soviets Compare Nixon, Lincoln Foes

Moscow

A Soviet newspaper said yesterday that the same forces which "conspired" to assassinate Abraham Lincoln more than 100 years ago are today opposing President Nixon and U.S. - Soviet detente.

Those forces, described as "reactionary," "were ready" to use any methods in the struggle against unwanted political leaders — like

now." Komsomolskaya Pravda said in an article on the 109th anniversary of Lincoln's death.

The article by historian R. Ivanov invited the Soviet reader to draw parallels between Lincoln and President Nixon, whose tax and Watergate problems have received brief but sympathetic mention in the Soviet press.

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