

The Russians and Watergate

Moscow

Communist party leader Leonid Brezhnev says Russia wants really stable relations with America that are not dependent on temporary considerations, Pravda reported yesterday.

President Nixon arrives Thursday, and the Communist party newspaper appeared to be saying Watergate should not block a developing understanding be-

tween the two superpowers.

Pravda also quoted Senator Edward Kennedy as saying that Mr. Nixon and Brezhnev should talk without hesitation when there is a real basis for discussions.

This was an implicit acknowledgement of opposition within the United States to negotiations with Russia at a time when Mr. Nixon's leadership in the United States is being questioned.

The commentary recalled that previous Nixon-Brezhnev meetings had produced a charter of peaceful coexistence, an agreement on preventing nuclear war and an accord on limiting strategic arms.

In addition, Pravda said agreements on mutually beneficial cooperation in many fields were signed and are being implemented now.

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