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**Russians Told for First Time  
That Nixon Faces Impeachment**

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MOSCOW, July 26—In three paragraphs inconspicuously displayed on page five of the Communist party newspaper Pravda, the Soviet public was openly informed today for the first time that President Nixon could be removed from office.

The first two paragraphs of the Tass dispatch from Washington reported the ruling by the Supreme Court that Mr. Nixon would have to surrender contested tape recordings, and that he had announced he would comply.

But the third paragraph quoted Vice President Ford as saying that the President's decision to comply with the Court order would enhance his public support in the face of measures in Congress to remove him from office.

Experienced analysts of Moscow's highly controlled press saw in the report the first preparation by the Kremlin for breaking the news of impeachment to the Russian people.

The official Soviet position on impeachment proceedings against Mr. Nixon is that they

are part of a conspiracy by American militarists to sabotage the atmosphere of détente that has developed between the United States and the Soviet Union.

The public is told, to the extent that it has been informed about Watergate and the possibility of impeachment at all, that "certain circles of the military-industrial complex" are seeking to undermine President Nixon because of the work he has done to make friends with Moscow.

Elliot L. Richardson, a former member of the Nixon Administration who is touring the Soviet Union, told reporters this week that Soviet experts were fully informed about the situation in Washington and perfectly capable of drawing valid conclusions.

But once a party line has been established in the tightly controlled press it cannot be changed abruptly without a period of adjustment. Mr. Nixon has been presented to the public, particularly since the latest summit conference here, as a hero of world peace.