

## Nixon's Future Dim, European Papers Say

LONDON, July 29 (AP)—Numerous European editorial writers agreed that President Nixon's prospects are bleak following the House Judiciary Committee's vote approving an article of impeachment.

"Unless there is a sudden change of sentiment, impeachment looks to be inevitable," said *The Times* of London.

"Impeachment is now almost a certainty," said London's *Conservative Daily Telegraph*.

In Paris, the conservative *L'Aurore* said the White House "will never again be what it was: powerful, glorious, untouchable, a symbol of a most fantastic concentration of power . . . The lamentable Watergate affair has broken all that . . . Nixon may finally escape from this bad situation which is unprecedented in contemporary history. But if he survives, he will have dealt a hard blow to the renown and the power of the White House."

But *Figaro's* Washington correspondent Jacques Jaquet-Francillon, wrote that "the 11 faithful Republicans who vainly pleaded his cause during the last four days before the Judiciary Committee" had underlined "that none of the points of the first charge approved by the majority is really backed by precise facts . . . They are denying him the most elementary right of any accused man: to know precisely for what he will have to defend himself."

The conservative West Ger-

man paper, the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, said the President "has done a lot to turn the initial doubtful suspicion against him into near certainty. Whoever first denies everything, and then under pressure of massive facts has to admit more and more—not without emphasizing every time that now the full truth was out—must not be surprised if he finds few who still believe him . . . The question is not so much whether Nixon has to resign—it is more a matter of when."

Some British correspondents covering the impeachment proceedings were impressed by the serious approach taken by the House committee.

Earlier in the week, however, the *Conservative Daily Express* said the televised debate was "a political version of Peyton Place, a continuing story played up, or hammed up, by politicians chasing the limelight and using every twist and turn of the sad, messy saga for their own ends."

Another British Conservative paper, the *Daily Mail*, accused some sections of the American media of "lynch-mob behavior" and of "the most unscrupulous use of leaked and even stolen material."

(By Monday, the official New China News Agency had not reported the House committee's vote, *Agence France-Presse* reported from Peking.)