

# Soviet Encyclopedia Calls Nixon a Realist

MOSCOW, Jan. 8 (AP) — Soviet citizens who consult their most authoritative reference book for guidance on how to judge Richard M. Nixon will find a sympathetic portrayal of the former President as a realist who reduced American imperialism and turned toward detente.

The 18th volume of the Great Soviet Encyclopedia, which came out this week, devoted more than a full column to Nixon's biography and achievements.

By contrast, John F. Kennedy received about half a column in an earlier volume and Lyndon B. Johnson less than one-fourth of a column.

The outstanding developments of Nixon's administration, as the encyclopedia saw them, were devaluation of the dollar, enunciation of a "Nixon doctrine" that envisaged reduction of American obligations around the world, signing the 1973 Vietnam peace agreement and easing U.S.-Soviet relations.

U.S. rapprochement with China—which Nixon considered one of his major achievements—was not mentioned.

And the encyclopedia devoted only one sentence to how Nixon's presidency ended: "On Aug. 9, 1974, as the result of the internal political situation connected with the Watergate affair, Nixon resigned."

The edition promised that readers would be able to read all about Watergate when the W volume comes out. But considering that the A volume was published in 1970 and the N-O book just came out now, Russians hungering to learn about this mysterious incident may have to wait a few more years.