

Nixon in Peking

His visit following so closely on President Ford's is precisely intended as a mark of Chinese displeasure at Washington's current policy. . . . The Chinese think that Mr. Nixon belongs among those Americans who look across the Pacific and see the Far East as an area of first importance rather than looking across the Atlantic towards Europe . . . that is the message.

—The Times, London
(independent)

Just what the Chinese hope to gain . . . by honoring a discredited ex-President is mysterious . . . plainly they care nothing for the confusion they have brought to the "progressive" consensus which long ago decreed that Richard Nixon was beyond the pale.

—The Sunday Telegraph, London
(conservative).

The Chinese just love a loser, particularly a bad loser. If you lose face in the West you can apparently still hang on to it in the East. . . . It makes such a pleasant change from the grim worship of success which prevails everywhere else.

—The Daily Mail, London
(conservative).

The Chinese rehabilitation of Nixon may be the precursor of an American rehabilitation. After all, Ford pardoned him. . . . The Americans are engaged in a cultural revolution of their own with a relentlessness which other Westerners . . . find it hard to comprehend. . . . In Washington, instead of wall posters there are congressional reports, leaks, and newspaper exposes. It is this America that Mao should bow to rather than the one epitomized by Nixon.

—Richard Liscia, *Le Quotidien de Paris* (liberal)