

Americans' Choice Of the Top Ten

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Pat Nixon heads the list of women most admired by the American people, marking the first time she has won top honors since the Nixon Administration took office in 1969.

Mrs. Nixon is followed in this year's balloting by Prime Minister Golda Meir of Israel, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi of India and Mamie Eisenhower.

In 1971, Mrs. Nixon was in second place (behind Mrs. Meir), while in 1970 she took runner-up honors to Mrs. Eisenhower. In the 1969 survey Mrs. Nixon trailed both Mrs. Eisenhower (who led the list) and Mrs. Meir who was in second place that year.

Mrs. Nixon has figured prominently among the top ten in nine of the last 13 audits.

Mrs. Eisenhower has the fourth greatest number of votes, while Jacqueline (Kennedy) Onassis is in fifth place, as she was last year.

U.S. Representative Shirley Chisholm is in sixth place, having climbed from tenth position on last year's list.

Mrs. Chisholm is followed in the 1972 balloting by Queen Elizabeth II (7th place), Senator Margaret Chase Smith from Maine (8th), Mrs. Joseph (Rose) Kennedy (9th) and Mrs. (Coretta) Martin Luther King (10th).

These annual audits were started in 1948 and are based on samples designed

to represent the views of the entire adult population. Survey respondents are asked to give their choices, without the aid of a list of names.

In the latest survey, a total of 1008 persons 18 and older were interviewed in a survey held December 8-11. The following two questions were asked to determine first and second choices:

"What woman that you have heard or read about, living today in any part of the world, do you admire the most?"

"Who is your second choice?"

Following are the top ten in the voting, with first and second choices combined:

1. Mrs. Richard Nixon
2. Golda Meir
3. Indira Gandhi
4. Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower
5. Mrs. Aristotle Onassis
6. Representative Shirley Chisholm
7. Queen Elizabeth II
8. Senator Margaret Chase Smith
9. Mrs. Joseph (Rose) Kennedy
10. Mrs. Martin Luther King

Receiving honorable mention in this year's survey were (in alphabetical order):

Pearl S. Buck, Jane Fonda, Mrs. Lyndon Johnson, Mrs. Robert Kennedy, Margaret Mead, Mrs. John (Martha) Mitchell, Bess Myerson, Shirley Temple Black and Mrs. Harry S. Truman.

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