

Gallup Says Nixon Is at New Low

North Adams, Mass.

Pollster George Gallup said yesterday that a poll to be released this weekend shows that President Nixon's popularity has dropped to 27 per cent.

This marks the lowest point in popularity for any American President in the past 20 years and is only four points above President Truman's low of 23 per cent in 1951, he said.

By comparison, in a September 25 Gallup poll 35 per cent of those surveyed said they approved of Mr. Nixon's performance in office.

Gallup's comment was made at a meeting at the Roper Public Opinions Research Center at Williams College here. There was no elaboration.

Burns Roper, head of the

Roper Poll, said. "The question in my mind now is not whether he (Mr. Nixon) will or will not last out his term, but whether he will or will not last out the calendar year."

Roper said Republicans have been defecting from the ranks and this makes it almost certain that Mr. Nixon will leave office. He said it will be by resignation rather than impeachment because "impeachment is too complex and confusing."

However, a spokesman for Mr. Nixon said in Key Biscayne, Fla., yesterday that the President has no intention of resigning.

Gallup is a member of the center's board of directors and made his remarks during a panel discussion.

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