

Opinion Polls to Continue During Debate

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The heads of both major public opinion polling organizations said yesterday they plan to sample and report public attitudes toward the impeachment debate unless Nixon right through the impeachment debate unless Congress asks them to stop.

"We will continue until we have reason not to," said George Gallup, Jr., president of the Gallup Poll. "We haven't addressed the issue of what we would do if there were a request from a commit-

tee or Congress to stop. The present plan is to keep going."

Lou Harris, president of Louis Harris and Associates, said he would continue to poll and publish because, "I've decided this is a political-judicial process, in that order, and in that kind of process, public opinion in the country is germane and pertinent."

Harris also said "the very pragmatic fact is that, whether it's right or not, members of Congress will pay attention to public opinion."

Harris said his organization would release on Friday the

results of a survey completed last Sunday, including attitudes toward House impeachment and Senate conviction of the President. The survey also includes public ratings of the Judiciary Committee, its chairman, Rep. Peter W. Rodino Jr. (D-N.J.), its majority and minority members, its special counsel, John Doar and Albert Jenner, the President's attorney, James St. Clair, and special prosecutor Leon Jaworski.

Later, Harris said, he will have studies of public opinion on whether the President

should comply with the Supreme Court decision on turning over tapes to Jaworski, (the poll was conducted before the decision) on whether the Watergate grand jury had a right to list the President as an unindicted co-conspirator, and on the overall job rating of both The President and Congress.

Gallup said his organization has "virtually completed" another survey on the impeachment and conviction questions and would release the results "within a couple weeks."