

A One-Sided Phone Line on Nixon Vote

NEW YORK — (UPI) — There's a phone number in Washington — (202) 456-2833 — that ostensibly has been set up for persons wanting to voice approval or disapproval of President Nixon's Cambodia policy.

United Press International made four phone calls in rapid succession yesterday. Two were favorable to the President and the caller immediately was switched to someone who answered "White House."

The other two callers were against the President. They never got past the first man to answer.

Here's how the calls went:

UPI — "I'd like to register a vote for the President."

White House — "Yes, you certainly can."

UPI — "This is the White House, I hope."

White House — "Yes. Where do you live?"

UPI — "New Jersey."

White House — "All right. Thank you very much for your call."

UPI — "Listen, are you taking votes?"

White House — "No, I'm not taking votes. Are you taking votes?"

UPI — "I'd like to register a vote against President Nixon."

White House — "You're way late, where have you been?"

Nixon's policy, please."

White House — "You certainly can. Can I have your name please?"

UPI — "James Coburn, Weehawken, N.J."

White House — "I'll take a message if you want to give me one. Give it to me."

UPI — "I don't want to say too much except that I am thoroughly in agreement with everything that the President has said."

White House — "Okay, James, and we really appreciate that now, and I can tell you that he does, too. Thank you very much."

UPI — "I understand you are taking votes and I'd like to say I'm against the President and Vice President Agnew too, and the policy. Can I register that, please?"

White House — "You want to vote on the President?"

UPI — "Yeah, I'm against the President and against what he has been saying."

White House — "This poll is being taken on the extension of troops in Cambodia and not on whether or not you're against the President."

UPI — "I'm against the extension of troops into Cambodia and against any more American troops going anywhere in south-east Asia."

White House — "Where are you calling from?"

UPI — "New York City."

White House — "From New York. Well, this office is closed here in Washington, it's almost six o'clock."

UPI — "You're not taking votes?"

White House — "I'm not taking any votes and haven't been taking any votes."

UPI — "I'd like to register a vote for President