

The Gallup Poll

U.S. Mood Shifts On Pullout Rate

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With United States forces scheduled to be out of Cambodia before the end of the month, the debate over the war will almost certainly center on the rate of withdrawal of troops from Vietnam.

The latest post-Cambodia appraisal of the public's mood shows the weight of opinion now on the side of withdrawing all U. S. troops from Vietnam by July 1971 or earlier.

A pre-Cambodia survey showed the nation about equally divided between those who favored this timetable and those who supported a timetable more in line with President Nixon's.

Senator George McGovern of South Dakota, a possible Democratic presidential candidate in 1972, has introduced an amendment to a bill that requires the withdrawal of all U. S. military manpower by July 1971.

Mr. Nixon promised in his speech of April 30 to return

150,000 troops in one year's time, which would leave about half of the total there after July 1, 1971.

Attitudes on the withdrawal of troops fall into four main categories. These were presented on a handout card to a sample of 1509 adults in a survey conducted in 300 selected communities during the period May 22-25. This question was asked:

Here are four different plans the U. S. could follow in dealing with the war in Vietnam. Which one do you prefer?

Following are the latest results and those from two earlier, pre-Cambodia surveys:

	May 1970 %	Feb. 1970 %	Dec. 1969 %
Plan A: Withdraw all troops from Vietnam immediately	23	21	19
PLAN B: Withdraw all by July, 1971	25	25	22
PLAN C: Withdraw troops but take as many years to do this as are needed to turn the war over to the South Vietnamese	31	38	40
PLAN D: Send more troops to Vietnam and step up the fighting	13	7	11
No opinion	8	9	8

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