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On Campus

**Nixon's
Image
Slipping**

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NEW YORK — President Nixon's campus image slipped heavily during the last month and has reached a point almost as low as during the Cambodian invasion, a College Poll survey shows.

The poll shows the President never had 50 percent of the students behind him at any time during his term of office.

During the Cambodian invasion last year, only one out of ten students felt he was doing a good or excel-

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lent job as President. It had been as high as 40 percent which was reached following the recent China trip.

However, in a poll of 341 college students across the country this past week, only 19 percent felt the President was doing a good or excellent job.

The students' reaction was evidenced by demonstrations on the campus across the country. However, as in previous years, the actual demonstrators represented a very small percentage of the students themselves.

Nevertheless, the resentment against the continued

bombing, particularly in North Vietnam, has raised tempers among the students.

Typical comments were as follows:

- "The bombing is inhuman. It is indefensible. It is as much an escalation as putting more troops back on the line" — Rosemont sophomore.

- "When President Nixon said he's de-escalating, he's taking out troops but increasing the airplane power. He's not fooling anybody although he's trying to fool the American people in order to get re-elected" — Occidental College junior.

- "The simple fact is that President Nixon has failed to keep his promise to get us out of the war" — University of Conn. coed.

While the war is the principal issue, there is growing concern about President Nixon's domestic performance. The continuing combat against inflation is affecting the Administration's image adversely. A new round of tuition raises has been announced on most campuses.

Jobs appear to be scarce again this summer, according to student reports, and there still is a back log of unplaced graduates from previous years.

Assuming that 90 percent of the students will vote this year, with over 60 percent already registered according to College Poll studies, the next few months could be crucial in assessing the trends of voting this November.

Less than 20 percent of the students profess to being Republicans; so the Republican party has no strong campus base. Against this background the weakness of President Nixon's personal popularity will weigh heavily in the fall elections.