Fuller account, and break-down by table, filed Watergate. (SFChronicle 23 Apr 73.)

40% Think Nixon Knew

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — A new Gallup poll shows four of every 10 persons questioned believed President Nixon knew about the Watergate affair in advance.

The poll, published yesterday, also showed that about one-third of the persons interviewed felt the case revealed corruption in the White House.

A large majority of Americans — 83 percent — had read or heard about the case when the poll was taken last week, before Nixon made his announcement that there had been "major developments" in the case and that his aides would testify about it.

The percentage who had

heard about it by last week compared to 52 percent in October shortly before the presidential election. Gallup concluded the high level of awareness could seriously affect Republican chances in n ext year's congressional elections.

The persons questioned were asked whether the Watergate case revealed "corruption in the Nixon administration" or was a case of "just politics." Thirty-one percent chose the "corrup-

tion" response, while 53 percent thought it was "just politics." The remainder of the persons polled either had no opinion or had not heard of the case.

Asked whether Nixon "knew about the Watergate situation in advance," 41 percent said yes, 32 percent said no and 27 percent had either not heard of Watergate or had no opinion.