

Agnew Shouldn't Quit, Public Says

NEW YORK — (UPI) — Two-thirds of the American public are opposed to Vice President Agnew resigning now, but 58 percent would approve his leaving office if he is indicted, the Gallup Poll reported yesterday.

The poll, taken for Newsweek Magazine, disclosed an "undercurrent of suspicion" that President Nixon may not be treating Agnew fairly. Only 40 percent agree that Nixon is being fair to the Vice President, while 35 percent say he is not, and 25 percent voiced no opinion.

Asked if they thought the vice president should resign if he is indicted, 58 percent said he should, 30 percent said he should not and 12 percent had no opinion. Only 16 percent thought Agnew should resign now while 66 percent said he should not.

Former secretary of the Treasury John Connally (24 percentage points) headed the list of candidates to succeed Agnew if he resigned, followed by Sen. Barry Goldwater, with 19 percent, and Sen. Howard Baker, 15 percent.

Newsweek said an unusually large number — 89 percent — of those polled said they were familiar with the investigation of Agnew.