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## Peoria Poll Data Sought By Ziegler

PEORIA, Ill., Feb. 15 (UPI) — Presidential press secretary Ronald Ziegler has asked a local newspaper for the results of a poll surveying President Nixon's popularity, and found 51 per cent thought impeachment proceedings should be initiated.

The letter and the results of the poll were published Thursday in the Penny Press, a weekly with a circulation of 15,000.

Peoria, the third largest city in Illinois, has a population of 125,000. It gave 61.2 per cent of its vote to Richard Nixon in 1972, just one-tenth of a point off the national outcome.

"We'd like to know how it is played in Peoria, too," Ziegler wrote, using a phrase originated by Vaudeville players who left their act was popular in Peoria, it would do well in the rest of the nation.

About 1,500 persons responded to the poll, 40 per cent classifying themselves as Republicans, 47 per cent as independents and 12 per cent as Democrats.

Of those responding, 51 per cent said they thought impeachment proceedings should be initiated and 46 per cent said they should not. Some 49 per cent said Mr. Nixon can still lead the nation effectively, but 48 per cent said he cannot.

Asked how they regard Mr. Nixon, 50 per cent said they hold him "in sharp disfavor," 33 per cent said they have the same esteem for him as before the election and 17 per cent said they held him in "slightly less" esteem.