

# 38% Pro-Nixon in Poll Held 'Loyalist Bastion'

NEW YORK, May 27 (UPI)—While President Nixon now has fewer supporters than he did in August, those remaining are "solidifying into a loyalist bastion that is supporting him with growing determination," according to a poll conducted one week after Mr. Nixon released edited transcripts of tape-recorded White House conversations.

An August survey made for Time magazine by Daniel Yankelovich, Inc., showed 60 per cent of the respondents in favor of the President's remaining in office.

Today that figure is down to 38 per cent, according to another Yankelovich survey for this week's issue of the magazine. There are "significant differences" between the two groups, the survey shows.

"Compared with the August

figures," said the survey, "the Nixon loyalists today are more likely to be over 50 years of age, not to have gone to college, to be blue-collar workers, and live in the south."

The survey was based on a national telephone sampling of 771 persons.

Those defending the President, according to the poll, base their support on three beliefs:

- "A feeling that the President's associates are to blame for his troubles rather than Nixon himself."

- "The prevailing view that politics is a dirty game."

- "The conviction that the President has the right to bend the law a little—even to bend the law a little—even to the best interests of the nation."