

'I'm Not Holding My Breath'

Senator Mark Hatfield (Rep-Ore.) said here yesterday that "I'm not holding my breath" waiting for President Ford to name him vice president.

Hatfield, considered a liberal, has been mentioned among the possible candidates for the number two spot to be filled soon by the new President.

But, Hatfield told an airport press conference, "I

would think the President would be more likely to consider people like (U.S. Senator) Edward Brooke (Rep-Mass.), (former Attorney General Elliot) Richardson, or (former New York Governor Nelson Rockefeller."

Hatfield said he believes Mr. Ford's administration will act as "an agent of reconciliation" for the country.

He said, "This is the time

for a national tranquilizer," adding that President Eisenhower "did reassure the people after a difficult time," and that Mr. Ford could be expected to do the same.

Hatfield will speak at 4:30 p.m. today at Stanford University at ceremonies honoring the 100th anniversary of the birth of President Herbert Hoover.