

Senate Objections To Envoy Nominee

Washington

President Ford was urged yesterday to withdraw the nomination of Peter M. Flanigan as ambassador to Spain by Senate Democrats who charged too close an association with Watergate scandals.

Senator Thomas F. Eagleton (Dem-Mo.) called the appointment a "cruel hoax" and Senate Democratic whip Robert C. Byrd said Flanigan was an "unsuitable man" to become ambassador.

Senate Republican leader Hugh Scott countered by saying Flanigan, former President Nixon's assistant for international economic affairs, would "make a very good ambassador."

In a Senate speech, Eagleton said, "If President Ford wants to divorce his administration from Watergate and all its nefarious manifestations, he will immediately withdraw Mr. Flanigan's nomination

"This nomination is an insult to the Senate and an affront to the American people."

Eagleton said, "The President could not perpetrate a more cruel hoax, whether international or not, than to nominate a man as an American ambassador who has been accused under oath of participating on behalf of Richard M. Nixon in the illegal sale of ambassadorial positions."

Herbert W. Kalmbach, Mr. Nixon's former personal lawyer, told the House impeachment inquiry that it was Flanigan who told him Ruth Farkas was willing to contribute \$250,000 for the post in Costa Rica.

Kalmbach said it was his understanding from the Flanigan conversation that Mrs. Farkas would give the money to Mr. Nixon's re-election campaign in return for the Costa Rica ambassadorship.

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