

Ford Plans to Appoint Controversial Envoy

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President Ford yesterday announced his intention to nominate a controversial career diplomat, G. McMurtrie Godley, as American ambassador to Ethiopia.

However, the Senate may not have time to act on the nomination before it adjourns Friday.

Godley, 59, retired from the Foreign Service last spring because he was suffering from cancer of the throat. He has apparently recovered from that illness.

In 1973, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee voted 9 to 7 to reject President Nixon's nomination of Godley to be assistant secretary of state for East Asian and Pacific affairs. The committee voted against Godley because of his active role in the Indochina war when he served as ambassador to Laos.

The committee subsequently confirmed Godley as ambassador to Lebanon, a post he held from 1974 to 1976.

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