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WASHINGTON, Aug. 16 — Senator Thomas F. Eagleton, in his first major appearance in support of the Democratic ticket since leaving it two weeks ago, charged the Nixon Administration today with having "embarked on a course of raw retaliation" in Vietnam.

In a speech before some 400 representatives of the National Student Association's convention here, the Senator described as "deeply disturbing" the recent reports by "prominent Americans" that schools, hospitals, homes and dikes in North Vietnam "have been obliterated by American bombs."

But, he said, the Adminis-

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tration prefers "to question the loyalty and patriotism of the messengers" rather than address "the larger issue — the bombing of a backward, agricultural society to preserve a policy built on the false pride

of the President of the United States."

The Senator received enthusiastic applause when he criticized Henry A. Kissinger, the President's foreign policy adviser, for traveling "to Saigon and not to Washington" in the wake of reports that "a peace proposal is on the table" at the Paris conference.

"The only approval Dr. Kissinger should seek is the approval of the American people," he said. "Our decision to withdraw from Indochina should not be subject to President Thieu's veto."

In response to a question, Mr. Eagleton conceded that the Democratic ticket of Senator George McGovern and Sargent Shriver faced a hard fight in the campaign against the President.

Quoting odds by Jimmy the Greek, the Las Vegas oddsmaker, of eight to one against the Democrats, he conceded

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that there was a "possibility we will have four more years of Richard Nixon."

He said that Democratic hopes lay in a large turnout by young people and blacks in the November election, which he maintained would "be decided by Oct. 7"—the day when most voter registration will have been completed.

Clark Displays 'Bomblet'

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16 (UPI)—Ramsey Clark, at one point holding up a United States "bomblet" given him by Hanoi's Mayor, told a Senate subcommittee today of seeing extensive damage to dikes, homes and hospitals during his visit to North Vietnam.

Testifying before a special panel on refugees headed by Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Democrat of Massachusetts, said that he saw one hospital that had been "bombed into

the ground. You could see hospital beds. It was demolished. There is no way you can destroy the buildings I saw without killing people. . . ."

Showing the subcommittee a grapefruit-sized fragmentation bomb that he said was given him by the Mayor of Hanoi, Mr. Clark said: "It has only one purpose and that is to kill people. I know of no justification in law or morality to justify their use."

At the Pentagon, Jerry W. Friedheim a spokesman, termed it "ridiculous" to contend that the United States was carrying out indiscriminate "campaigns against personnel in North Vietnam."

The Defense Department acknowledges that the United States has dropped antipersonnel bombs in North Vietnam but insists that they have been used only on military targets such as troop training areas.