Agnew's Friend Quits U.S. Posts

Washington

I. H. Hammerman, a wealthy Maryland mortgage banker and close friend of former Vice President Spiro T. Agnew, has resigned from two federal posts, it was learned yesterday.

Hammerman quit as a public interest member of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board regional bank in Atlanta and also as a director of the National Corporation for Housing Partnerships.

No reasons for the resignations were given by the agencies, but it was learned that Home Loan Bank Board

had put pressure on Hammerman to resign from the Atlanta bank position.

Hammerman agreed on October 10 to plead guilty to a federal felony charge in connection with alleged tax law violations. He has not yet been sentenced.

Hammerman was appointed by President Nixon as a director of the quasi-governmental National Corporation for Housing Partnerships in January of 1972 and received his appointment to the Atlanta Bank Board position in May of this year from acting bank board director Carl O. Kamp.

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