

Nixon Tax Man Quits as Notary

Sacramento

President Nixon's tax lawyer resigned his commission as a California notary public in the face of formal revocation proceedings, state officials announced yesterday.

Frank DeMarco Jr. was accused by Secretary of State Edmund G. Brown Jr. of falsely notarizing the deed donating President Nixon's vice presidential papers to the National Archives.

The validity of the deed, and the timing of its execution, played a critical role in Nixon's claiming a \$482,000 tax deduction for the gift.

The donation was later disallowed by a joint congressional committee and Mr. Nixon was assessed \$476,431 in back taxes.

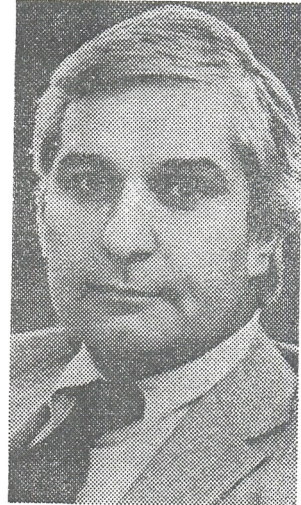
Word of DeMarco's decision came just as the state was to start an administra-

tive hearing in Los Angeles into the revocation action brought by Brown, the Democratic nominee for governor.

The announcement was made within the same hour that DeMarco's former law partner, Herbert Kalmbach, was sentenced in Washington to a minimum six months in prison for election law violations.

Brown's action against DeMarco was an administrative proceeding. There was no allegation of criminal action.

DeMarco's office issued a statement saying he could not justify the time needed to defend himself against the action "in view of other commitments to his law practice and in view of the fact that all of the questions involving Mr. Nixon's income taxes are being resolved at the federal level."



AP Wirephoto

FRANK DeMARCO
He was under attack

The Newport Beach and Los Angeles attorney earlier denied the allegations in a legal brief filed with the hearing officer.

Brown said he has turned all the evidence over to the office of the special Watergate prosecutor and the California State Bar "for any further action those offices might want to take."

Associated Press