

Wyman Tells of 2d Farkas Testimony

CONCORD, N. H., Aug. 25 (AP)—The Republican candidate in New Hampshire's special United States Senate election, Louis C. Wyman, said today that he had voluntarily testified before a Federal grand jury investigating the possible sale of Ambassadorships during the Nixon Administration.

Mr. Wyman said he appeared 10 days ago before a grand jury in Washington where the Watergate special prosecutor's office has been investigating the appointment of Ruth L. Farkas as Ambassador to Luxembourg.

Dr. Farkas, wife of a George Farkas, founder of Alexander's department store in New York City, contributed \$300,000 to the re-election of President Nixon just before her nomination.

Mr. Wyman, a former five-term Congressman, is the self-acknowledged middleman in the appointment. He said in a statement today that he had voluntarily testified twice before grand juries in connection with the appointment.

"I am satisfied there is no evidence to support the bringing of any criminal charges against anyone in this matter," Mr. Wyman said today.

Asks Record Be Cleared

He said there had been no change in his testimony since he appeared in March before a grand jury investigating the situation, and he asked that he be cleared by the special prosecutor, Henry S. Ruth Jr., of all involvement in the case.

In Washington, Mr. Ruth had no comment on Mr. Wyman's grand jury appearance. A spokesman for Mr. Ruth said that Mr. Wyman's letter asking that his name be cleared had been received but that no immediate reply would be received.

The spokesman, John Barker, said, however, "The investigation into the sale of Ambassadorships is continuing."

The Farkas affair was a major

issue in last November's inconclusive Senate election between Mr. Wyman and his Democrat opponent, John A. Durkin. It was the closest Senate election in history. After months of hearings in the Senate, the seat was declared vacant and the candidates are now involved in a re-run campaign for a Sept. 16 election.

Mr. Wyman today accused Mr. Durkin of "slandering" him

again in connection with the case.

Reached in Berlin, N. H., where he was campaigning, Mr. Durkin said he had not and did not intend to make the Farkas affair an issue in this campaign.

"I don't have time to wage a whisper campaign," he said. "People don't care who Mrs. Farkas is unless she has their parking space."