## Cox Asked to Probe Soviet Grain Deal

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Rep. John Melcher (D- secretary for international af-Mont.), a member of the fairs, on July 3, 1972, to report House Agriculture Committee, Soviet efforts to buy 4 million yesterday called on special tons of wheat—roughly 10 per Watergate prosecutor Archicent of the U.S. crop. It is the bald Cox to investigate the largest such deal on record. controversial 1972 grain deal, involving the export of more and got—assurances that U.S. than 25 per cent of the U.S. export subsidies would be wheat crop.

There is a serious question of the sale. of fraudulent misrepresentaion [by the Nixon adminiseration] of the Russian grain ales to reap a harvest of export subsidies [for U.S. trad-Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.) ers] at the expense of Ameri-an farmers and taxpayers USDA officials. which must be fully explored," Melcher said.

Melcher set out his charges porters that they had in-formed top Agriculture partment officials early in frederal export subsidies. July, 1972, that the Soviet the affidavits represent the union was buying record the affidavits represent the district major contradiction of quantities of wheat and other statements since last summer

Steinweg, senior vice presi- Nixon administration officials

export subsidies would be forthcoming despite the size

In affidavits, three other large sellers of grain to the Soviet Union told the Senate subcommittee, headed by

The grain deal involved more than 8 million tons of Melcher set out his charges wheat (plus other grains) in after testimony on Capitol exports to the Soviet Union, Hill Friday by major grain ex- driving up domestic wheat

ed grains.

by Brunthaver, Agriculture
As Melcher noted, Bernard Secretary Earl Butz and other dent of Continental Grain Co., that the huge volume of Sotestified before a Senate inviet purchases took them by vestigating subcommittee that surprise. Brunthaver is due to he met with Carrol Brunt testify before the Jackson thaver, Agriculture's assistant committee Monday.