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A FEDERAL JUDGE yesterday denied an attempt by the Committee for the Re-election of the President to dismiss a Common Cause suit seeking to force disclosure of the contri-

butors who gave more than \$10 million before the new elections-reporting law became effective April 7.

U.S. District Court Judge Joseph C. Waddy denied the

motion of the Finance Committee to Re-elect the President to dismiss the suit. Committee lawyers told Waddy they would file an emergency appeal of his ruling with the U.S. Court of Appeals.

In a brief filed with Waddy supporting the motion to dismiss and in their arguments, lawyers for the finance committee argued that Common Cause could not legally bring the suit, that the 1925 law under which the suit was brought did not require disclosure and that Common Cause was misinterpreting the law.

If the court interpreted the 1925 law as requiring disclosure of the anonymous contributors, finance committee lawyers argued, then the requirement of disclosure would be contrary to "the precious First Amendment right of association."

After his ruling denying the

motion to dismiss, Waddy agreed to sign an order implementing his ruling immediately in order to permit finance committee lawyers to appeal. Waddy agreed on the

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condition that committee lawyers file their appeal expeditiously. Thomas Penfield Jackson, one of the committee lawyers, said the appeal would "probably" be filed Monday.

John T. Connor, who served as Secretary of Commerce for two years under President Johnson, has been named chairman of Democrats for Nixon in New Jersey, it was announced yesterday.

Connor, chairman of the board of directors of the Allied Chemical Corp., said,