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Denies Guilt

LITTLE ROCK, Ar., March 27, (AP)—Harold S. Nelson, former general manager of Associated Milk Producers Inc., pleaded innocent Tuesday to charges of having perjured himself last year in testimony before a federal grand jury.

Nelson is accused of having perjured himself on Sept. 7, 1973, in testimony given to a federal grand jury that was probing illegal political campaign contributions.

The three-count indictment charged that Nelson gave false testimony before the grand jury when he was questioned by an assistant U.S. attorney about Nelson's having told Keifer L. Howard of AMPI to issue a \$20,000 contribution check to the 1968 Democratic presidential campaign.

Howard had testified that a telephone call from Nelson had authorized him to issue the check, but Nelson told the grand jury he had not authorized the payment.

Howard and David L. Parr, also a former AMPI general manager, later pleaded guilty to having conspired to make illegal donations to AMPI funds to the campaign. Each was fined \$2,500 and was placed on 18 months probation.

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