## Connally Pleads Not Guilty to Bribery,

## No Date for Trial Is Set And No Bail Is Required

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## Perjury and Conspiracy

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 9—
John B. Connally, Secretary of the Treasury for 16 months in the Nixon Administration, pleaded not guilty today to spiring to obstruct justice.

He appeared before chief Judge George L. Hart Jr. in United States District Court for an arraignment that took five minutes.

Judge Hart asked Mr. Connally and his lawyer, Edward Bennett Williams of Washington, whether they had read the five - count indictment and whether Mr. Connally intended long bead not guilty.

"Yes, your honor, I do," Mr. Connally to giving Mr. Connally to giving Mr. Connally to giving Mr. Connally the money and is coperating with the special prosecutor.

The indictment alleges that Mr. Connally received \$10,000 in two cash payments from the Associated Milk Producers, Inc., in exchange for his recommendations that the milk price support level be raised. President Nixon raised the price support lin March of 1971.

The indictment said that Jake Jacobsen, a lawyer from Austin, Tex, delivered the money. Earlier this week Mr. Jacobsen pleaded guilty to giving Mr. Connally the money and is coperating with the special prosecutor.

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The indictment alleges that Mr. Connally and Mr. Jacobsen conspired to make up a false story to cover the alleged paymen

Frank Turkheimer, an assistant special prosecutor, asked about it.

"If there is any doubt, I plead not guilty to all counts," Mr. Connally said firmly.

Mr. Williams asked the court for 45 days in which to file motions and requested that no triall date be set. He told Judge Hart that he was not seeking a speedy trial. The judge agreed, and Mr. Connally was released without bail.

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He became a Democrat for Nixon in the 1972 campaign and last year switched to the save thought at one time to be a of the firm.

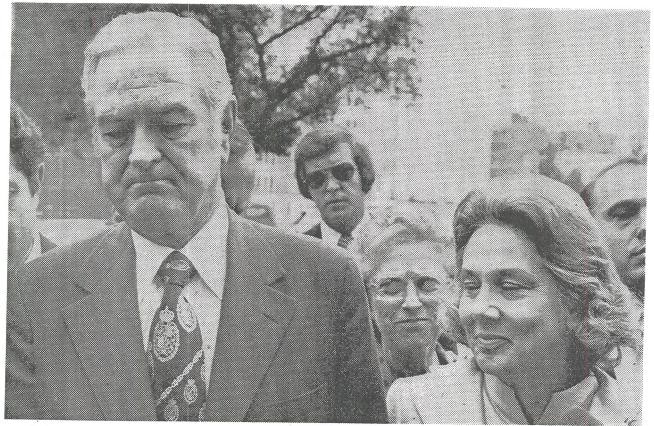
Mr. Connally was released without bail.

Mr. Jacobsen was also charged in the case, but the charges were dropped after he pleaded guilty earlier this week to paying a bribe to John B. Connally.

United States Attorney Frank McCown would not comment today on whether Mr. Jacobsen would testify in the Cowan case.

Mr. Cowan was charged with participating in the misse of a \$825,000 loan from the First Savings and Loan Association in San Angelo while a director was thought at one time to be a of the firm.

in the Milk Case



John B. Connally and his wife, Nellie, arriving at Washington courthouse yesterday before he pleaded not guilty to charges of accepting a bribe, as well as perjury and conspiracy to obstruct justice in the milk case.