



RICHARD ALLISON  
A month's probation

## Dairy Man's Guilty Plea On Donation

### Washington

The former president of a Pennsylvania dairy cooperative, Richard L. Allison, tearfully pleaded guilty yesterday of consenting to an illegal \$50,000 corporate contribution to President Nixon's 1972 re-election campaign.

After his lawyer pleaded that Allison had lost his job as head of Lehigh Valley Cooperative Farmers of Allentown, Pa., because of the contribution, U.S. District Judge George L. Hart Jr., suspended a \$1000 fine and placed Allison on a month's unsupervised probation.

It was the first time in ten illegal corporate contributions cases that a defendant has gotten off without paying a fine.

"He throws himself on the mercy and understanding of this court," said Allison's attorney, Richard Stevens of Philadelphia. He said Allison, 42, lost his job, lost his company car and is still unemployed. Allison and his wife have five children.

The cooperative pleaded guilty before Hart on May 6 of making the \$50,000 contribution and was fined \$5000.

Lehigh Valley is a dairy cooperative but not one of the three giant cooperatives frequently mentioned in connection with milk fund contributions and a boost in dairy price supports in 1971.

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