

# Jacobsen Doesn't Get 'Milk Money'

## Washington

The judge who presided over the acquittal of John B. Connally refused yesterday to order the government to return \$20,000 to the principal witness against the former secretary of the treasury.

U.S. District Judge George L. Hart Jr. ordered the funds forfeited to the federal treasury. Charles A. McNelis, a Washington attorney representing Jake Jacobsen, said he would not appeal.

Connally, who served in the cabinet of former President Nixon, was acquitted on April 17, 1975, of charges that he pocketed \$10,000 for influencing a milk price decision.

Jacobsen, a Texas lawyer who was then a milk industry lobbyist, testified that he obtained the money from Associated Milk Producers Inc. and gave it to Connally in 1971.

Jacobsen also testified that in 1973, after federal investigators began looking into the transaction, Connally gave him \$10,000 to deposit in his Austin safe deposit box in an attempt to cover up the payment.

He said the former cabinet officer gave him an additional \$10,000 after discovering that the bills originally deposited bore dates subsequent to the alleged payment.

Jacobsen turned the money over to the government for use as evidence in Connally's trial.

McNelis argued that Jacobsen was entitled to the money back because he had told the truth on the witness stand.

Hart said the jury obviously did not believe it and that settled the matter.