

Milk Group's Data Reported Destroyed

CHICAGO, Nov. 28 (AP)—Some records of Associated Milk Producers Inc., were destroyed in the spring of 1971 by employees in the Ar-

kansas division office in Little Rock, the Chicago Tribune reported today.

The newspaper, in a report from San Antonio, Tex., said the records could

have shed new light on the dairy cooperative's funneling of campaign contributions to President Nixon's re-election effort.

The Tribune quoted E. C. Heining, a lawyer for the 40,000-member dairy group with headquarters at San Antonio, as saying he recently learned that employees had destroyed the documents in March or April of 1971.

The newspaper quoted federal investigators as saying the documents could have been significant because David Parr, former general manager of the Arkansas division, met with President Nixon in the fall of 1970 and later was instrumental in arranging a meeting between the President and major dairy producers.

Parr would not comment Tuesday on the reported destruction of the documents. His lawyer, Robert Light, said he had not been aware of any such incident.

In March 1971, the Nixon administration raised milk price supports. Nixon critics have charged that the increase was granted in return for a \$2 million pledge by dairymen to the President's 1972 campaign.

In a deposition given to prosecutors in a Justice Department antitrust suit against AMPI, Parr contended that he knew of no condition that a price support increase be tied to any political contribution.