

LOBBYIST GUILTY IN CAMPAIGN GIFT

He Confessed Role in Illegal Donation by Dairy Group

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WASHINGTON, May 28—
The former Washington representative of a small milk producers' cooperative pleaded guilty today to charges of aiding and abetting the cooperative's former president in making an illegal \$50,000 contribution to President Nixon's re-election campaign.

Francis X. Carroll of Washington pleaded guilty to the charge before Chief Judge George L. Hart Jr. in Federal District Court. It was the third case to stem from a special prosecutor's investigation of an unusually large speaker's honorarium paid by the Lehigh Valley Cooperative Farmers Inc., of Allentown, Pa.

Judge Hart placed Mr. Carroll, who is unemployed, on a month's unsupervised probation and suspended a \$1,000 fine against him.

Substitute Speaker

The honorarium, which in reality was a contribution to the Committee for the Re-Election of the President, was paid by the cooperative to obtain a speaker for its annual meeting in April, 1972.

The cooperative had hoped to get then Vice President Spiro T. Agnew for a \$100,000 honorarium but there was a conflict in Mr. Agnew's schedule and Agriculture Secretary Earl L. Butz spoke before the group for half that amount, according to a Republican official.

The dairy cooperative's former president, Richard L. Allison, pleaded guilty on May 17 to making the illegal campaign contribution and received a sentence similar to that of Mr. Carroll.

Lobbyist Dismissed

Leonard Greenbarm, Mr. Carroll's lawyer, said that the former lobbyist had been "discharged" by Lehigh last November.

Mr. Allison, after his guilty plea, had said that the dairy cooperative paid an additional \$10,000 for the affair but that this amount never reached the President's re-election committee.

"We don't know anything about that," Mr. Greenebaum told reporters today after Mr. Carroll pleaded guilty.

Lehigh represents some 950 milk producers in eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Maryland. It is not one of the major milk producers groups under investigation by the Watergate special prosecutor.