

EX-MANAGER SUES DAIRY CO-OP IN TEXAS

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SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Oct. 14 (AP)—The former general manager of Associated Milk Producers, Inc., contends that the board of directors of the cooperative "acquiesced and participated" with him in making illegal contributions to political candidates.

Harold S. Nelson, who was removed as the dairy co-op's general manager in January, 1972, made the assertion in an answer filed Monday to the co-op's suit against him in state district court. His attorneys then filed a \$3-million damage suit against the co-op, saying it had tried to destroy his reputation.

The co-op suit seeks to recover from Mr. Nelson \$332,000 that the co-op alleges he misappropriated through political contributions to former President Richard M. Nixon's 1972 re-election campaign, to two Democratic Presidential hopefuls, Edmund S. Muskie and Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota, and to several Congressional candidates.

Mr. Nelson pleaded guilty last summer to participating in a conspiracy to bribe former Treasury Secretary John B. Connally for help in securing rises in Federal price supports for milk.