

# Attorney Is Charged With Illegal Donations

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Stuart Russell, a private attorney who worked for the nation's largest dairy cooperative, was indicted yesterday in connection with helping funnel \$13,400 in illegal contributions to the 1970 re-election campaign of Sen. Edmund S. Muskie (D-Maine).

Russell, 58, of Oklahoma City, was charged by a District of Columbia federal grand jury with one count of conspiracy and two of "aiding and abetting a willful violation" of the campaign laws by Associated Milk Producers, Inc.

If convicted, he could receive up to nine years in prison and a \$30,000 fine.

Also named in the indictment, but not as a defendant, was general manager Harold Nelson of AMPI.

The government alleged that Russell, who was operator to the big milk cooperative, provided checks and cash to AMPI officials. The officials, in turn, allegedly con-

tributed the money to Muskie's campaign committees.

Russell would then be reimbursed from AMPI corporate funds, the government said.

Russell, the government said, "would submit an invoice to AMPI ostensibly for legal services performed when in fact the invoice represented a claim for reimbursement for said checks and cash." He was also compensated for "additional income tax liability" as a result of the reimbursements.

Nelson and former AMPI special counsel David Parr earlier pleaded guilty in connection with \$360,850 in illegal campaign contributions to members of both parties in the 1968, 1970 and 1972 elections.

A grand jury has also indicted former Treasury Secretary John B. Connally and former AMPI lawyer Jake Jacobsen in connection with a bribe of \$10,000 in AMPI funds that allegedly went to Connally for his efforts in obtaining a federal price support increase.