

3 July 1974 9:30 a.m.

Clem's office called with this message from Coop:

Robert Thomas of the National Farm Organization (NFO ?) called this morning to say that the SEC (Securities and Exchange Commission) is going to federal district court in Des Moines, Iowa, to seek a temporary restraining order to prevent the leadership of the NFO X from discussing any of the SEC actions with Members of Congress. It is this morning at 9:00 a.m. CST.

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DEPARTMENTAL

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Mr. Speaker:

316-663-1101, Room 218 SEC

Mr. Robert Thomas of Kansas, who seems to know you, called frantically

this morning (7-3-74) to say they had just learned that the

Securities Exchange Commission

is going to a federal judge at 9:30 today to get an order issued against the National Farmers Organization restraining the officers, directors, executive board and field staff from talking to members of the organization./

He thinks this is an outrage. The NFO celebrates its anniversary July 4 (tomorrow).

He says freedom of speech has gone by the wayside, when 200,000 farmers and ranchers are prevented from talking with each other.

He says this is more serious than the cattlemen's plight and he feels something should be said and done on the Floor today. He said NFO controls 90 per cent of wheat..

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He wanted me to get this message to you. He said he knew you would be concerned because of your interest in agriculture...

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7-3-74

Do you want me to do any checking or anything?

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The House does not have a quorum & I don't know of anything we can do today's

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