

Deering

Has Talk

With Nixon

WASHINGTON, D. C. — President Nixon sat down Thursday night to exchange views with 10 farm magazine editors from across the nation.

Ferdie J. Deering, editor and manager of The Farmer-Stockman of Oklahoma City, was among them.

Topics discussed ranged from ways of maintaining high agricultural productivity to feed this nation's growing population to American competitiveness in the world market.

Response Pleasing

Deering said after the session he had an opportunity to mention the proposed cloudseeding project designed to end the drought in the southern plains region and was pleased by the President's response.

Following the White House conference, the editors attended a dinner at the famous Blair House with Secretary of Agriculture Clifford J. Hardin as host.

Undersecretary Phil J. Campbell and Dr. Paul McCracken, chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisers, also were present.

Talks Lengthy

This proved to be another lengthy discussion of a broad range of agriculture problems, Deering said.

Concern was expressed about the ability of the U. S. to remain competitive in the world market due to this country's less favorable position in balance of payments and to inflation.

Dr. McCracken reviewed steps being taken by the administration to retard inflation. Secretary Hardin observed that American agriculture has remained more competitive than ~~some~~ other industries in the world market.