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**Dole Urges Selection
Of Special Prosecutor**

Pressure for appointment of an independent prosecutor in the Watergate case continued to mount yesterday following a report that ousted White House counsel John W. Dean III is prepared to link President Nixon with cover-up attempts.

Sen. Bob Dole of Kansas, former Republican national chairman and a co-sponsor of a Senate resolution urging Attorney General-designate Elliot L. Richardson to name a person from outside the government to take over the case, said he had no doubt the vote in favor of it "would be overwhelming."

The Senate opens debate today on the resolution, offered by Sen. Edward W. Brooke (R-Mass.) with the backing of Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania.

Newsweek Magazine reports in this week's issue that Dean is ready to testify about meetings at the White House which, the report says, would indicate the President knew at least nine months ago of efforts to keep the Watergate conspirators quiet.

Dean, fired by Mr. Nixon at the same time the President accepted the resignations of White House chief of staff H. R. (Bob) Haldeman and domestic affairs adviser John D. Ehrlichman, is widely reported to be seeking immunity from prosecution before testifying before the Watergate grand jury.

The Newsweek report, confirmed by the Washington Post, says Dean has told federal investigators that President Nixon and Haldeman apparently were pleased by Dean's efforts "to keep the lid on," and that Dean quoted the President as saying: "Good job, John. Bob (Haldeman) told me what a great job you've been doing."

Newsweek also reported a second incident when, according to Dean, a lawyer for Watergate defendant E. Howard Hunt approached White House special counsel Charles W. Colson and said that "something had to be done" to avoid a long jail term for Hunt.

Colson referred the request to Dean and Ehrlichman, who answered, "I'll check," according to Dean.



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Former White House chief of staff H. R. Haldeman and his wife, Jo, followed by two daughters, leave Fifth Christian Scientist Church after Sunday services.

According to Newsweek, Ehrlichman then walked into the Oval Office and returned with what he said was a promise of executive clemency for Hunt, Dean has said. Ehrlichman told Colson to tell Hunt's lawyer that "everything is okay" but not to be "too spe-

cific," Dean reportedly has said.

Assistant Senate Democratic Leader Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia said in an interview that he felt the President himself should select a special prosecutor.

"He gave Mr. Richardson that authority" said Byrd. "I

don't think that went far enough."

Dole, discussing support for Capitol Hill resolutions calling for a special prosecutor said: "There is no doubt in my mind and if there should be a roll call next week or the next week, I am certain the vote would be overwhelming."