

# Dean concludes testimony; *F Post 10/26/74* jury to hear Hunt Monday

WASHINGTON (AP) — John W. Dean III, the prosecution's main witness in the Watergate cover-up trial, completed his testimony Friday after eight days on the witness stand.

Dean's vivid and painstakingly detailed narrative of the attempt to cover up the original Watergate burglary remained unshaken despite repeated attacks on his credibility and character by defense lawyers.

On Monday, the jury will hear the testimony of convicted Watergate conspirator E. Howard Hunt.

U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica referred to the long and frequently repetitive questioning of Dean as he sent him back to prison, where he is serving a

one-to-four-year term for his own part in the coverup.

"Mr. Dean, I would suggest you get off the stand as quickly as you can before some lawyer thinks of some other question to ask you," the judge said.

As Sirica admonished Dean in jest, Dean grinned broadly and walked from the courtroom.

He has answered hundreds of detailed questions about dates, times, meetings and events over the nine months covered by the indictment in the case against five defendants.

Almost all of Dean's testimony Friday was drawn out under cross-examination by David Bress, one of the lawyers for former Asst. Atty. Gen. Robert C. Mardian.

At one point, Bress questioned Dean about an obscure piece of testimony Dean had once given to the Senate Watergate Committee on whether Dean had ever promised never to seek immunity from prosecution.

That prompted Sirica for the second day in a row to refer to Dean's credibility in the presence of the jury.

"I think we're going far afield here," Sirica said, asking Bress, "Is this just to make him (Dean) out another liar on a piece of evidence, is that the idea?"

Sirica went on to say he thought the defense lawyers had done a good job, but declared that Dean "has admitted his participation in this alleged cover-up case."