

Dean's Opening Lecture

Charlottesville, Va.

John W. Dean III said last night he is considering canceling a nationwide speaking tour because of controversy over whether former Nixon administration aides should profit from Watergate.

An estimated 5000 persons turned out for Dean's initial appearance on the tour at

the University of Virginia here.

Before Dean began, about 20 persons picketed outside University Hall carrying signs calling on students not to pay \$1.50 to hear the former White House counsel.

One of the signs said, "The Bigger the Crime, The Bigger the Payoff."

Dean spoke for an hour

and a half, apparently using no prepared text. He drew applause four times.

For most of his appearance, he took questions from the floor.

Dean said before discussing Watergate he wanted to encourage questions about the \$4000 lecture fee he was

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JOHN W. DEAN III ON LECTURE TOUR
His first stop was the University of Virginia

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to receive. He said he has \$30,000 in outstanding bills, plus some outstanding loans.

He served four months of a one-to-four-year sentence for conspiracy to obstruct justice.

"I'm not merely broke," he said. "I am deeply in debt."

Nonetheless, Dean said he was troubled by the moral implications of profit-making from the scandal.

"I hadn't viewed this lecture tour as a get-rich scheme," he said. "I am still considering canceling the lecture tour and going home to work on my book."

Unofficial estimates indicate that Dean will gross \$175,000 in about 40 campus appearances through the first week of April.

Dean said these estimates are exaggerated. For example, he said, of the \$4000 he is receiving at the University of Virginia about \$2000 goes for agent fees and travel expenses.

Dean was asked if there are other "smoking guns" to be disclosed about the Nixon years.

He said the various congressional committees investigating abuses by the Central Intelligence Agency should examine certain events that occurred in

connection with the original June 17, 1972 break-in at the Democratic National Committee headquarters.

Dean said the investigation should focus on Spencer Oliver, a Democratic National Committee official whose phone was bugged under the direction of Watergate burglar E. Howard Hunt.

Dean said Oliver's father worked for billionaire Howard Hughes, but there was no apparent reason for his phone to be tapped.

Dean said there was also a connection among Hunt, Oliver and Robert Bennett, president of Mullen Co., a Washington public relations firm with known CIA connections.

Dean said the congressional inquiries should ask Bennett about his role in keeping the CIA informed of events during the first several days following the break-in.

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