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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.

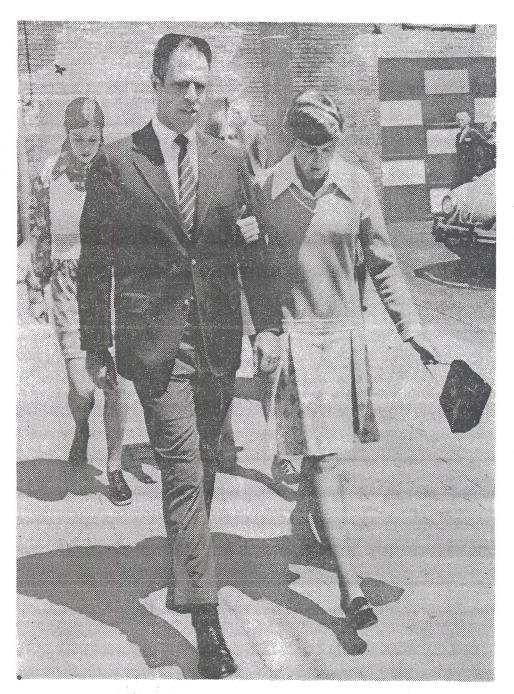
Newsweek Magazine reports in this week's issue that Dean is ready to testify about meetings at the White House which, the report says, would indicate the President knew at least nine months ago of efforts to keep the Watergate conspirators quiet.

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 rand jury.

The Newsweek report, confirmed by the Washington Post, says Dean has told fed eral investigators that Presi dent 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

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



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

Ehrlichman then walked into said. the Oval Office and returned Leader Robert C. Byrd of Capitol Hill resolutions calling with what he said was a prom- West Virginia said in an interise of executive clemency for view that he felt the President man told Colson to tell Hunt's prosecutor.

Assistant Senate Democratic

According to Newsweek, cific," Dean reportedly has don't think that went far enough."

for a special prosecutor said: "There is no doubt in my Hunt, Dean has said. Ehrlich- himself should select a special mind and if there should be a roll call next week or the next lawyer that "everything is "He gave Mr. Richardson week, I am certain the vote okay" but not to be "too spe-that authority" said Byrd. "I would be overwhelming."