

Dean Said to Admit Using GOP Funds for Wedding

\$14,000 Put In Trust, ^{6/14/73} Panel Told

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Washington — John W. Dean 3d has told federal investigators that he kept \$14,000 in 1972 Republican campaign funds and at one time "borrowed" \$4,000 to finance his wedding and honeymoon, sources close to the Watergate case said yesterday.

The sources said that Dean later returned the \$4,000—he said he secured it with his personal IOU — and placed all of the cash in a special trust fund set up after his break with the White House.

\$22,000 Fund for War Ads

The trust fund "is not in John's name," but "the feds (prosecutors) know where the money is," one well-informed official said.

The \$14,000 was the remainder of a special \$22,000 fund that was authorized by high White House officials to purchase newspaper advertisements to support President Nixon's Vietnam War policies in May 1972 during the Democratic and Republican primary campaigns, sources said. They said the money was left in Dean's safekeeping.

[Syndicated columnist Jack Anderson made a similar report in a commentary broadcast by Metromedia Television in Washington. Anderson said Dean had admitted to Senate investigators that he borrowed \$4,000 from cash campaign funds in his possession and left an IOU.]

Senate sources said that Dean was questioned about his handling of campaign cash during his five-hour appearance Saturday before committee counsels. It could not be learned precisely what took place during that appearance, but sources said that a summary provided yesterday to members of the Watergate committee noted that Dean borrowed \$4,000 last year to

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pay for his wedding and honeymoon and later paid it back by check.

Partisan Discussion Reported

The question of Dean's handling of the cash was reported to be provoking some partisan discussion among senators and staff members of the committee. At least a few were believed to have concluded that Dean misappropriated the funds.

Dean has been linked to a major role in the Watergate cover-up, a responsibility he reportedly is ready to accept during his public testimony

next week, but this was the first indication that one of the major cover-up participants might have put 1972 campaign cash to personal use.

Some members of the committee are known to be ready to fully explore Dean's handling of the \$14,000 in cash and his decision to set up the trust fund in a possible effort to discredit his future disclosures. Dean is reportedly ready to link President Nixon to knowledge of the extensive White House cover-up.

Samuel Dash, chief counsel of the Senate committee and a former Philadelphia district attorney, refused to comment on Dean's testimony in a telephone interview. But Dash did note that Dean "continues to be a key witness before this committee."

Another well informed source noted that Dean did not place the \$14,000 in a special trust account until he was advised to do so in late March or early April of this year by Charles Shaffer, his lawyer.

No Charge Expected

A justice Department official confirmed that \$4,000 was "borrowed" from the account shortly before his wedding in October 1972 and described the act as a technical crime. The

federal prosecutors are not planning to charge Dean in connection with the "borrowing" because "nobody's complained," the official said.

"There is no crime unless someone goes in and makes a complaint," he claimed.

He said Dean's action was similar to that of a bank teller who "borrows" some bank funds and is caught. In most cases, the funds are returned and the teller is only fired although the act technically is a crime, he said.