

John W. Dean III

Isn't Hurting

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John W. Dean III, who testified during the Watergate hearings that his financial circumstances forced him to "borrow" money from a White House safe, is still presenting an affluent image.

Unemployed since April, Dean was driving a \$16,000 Mercedes convertible when he showed up at the District Courthouse recently. His lawyer, Charles N. Shaffer, declined to say whether Dean owns the car, rents it or merely borrowed it.

Dean does own a four-year-old Porsche which was parked in the driveway of his \$72,500 house in Alexandria last week.

Dean, who said he was short of cash last year when he used \$4,850 from campaign finance money entrusted to him to pay for his honeymoon, does not give the appearance of a man currently worried about money.

He has told real estate agents that he has no intention of selling his house anytime soon. He and his wife, Maureen, have made frequent trips to California in recent months.

And both Deans seem to be keeping up their wardrobes. He recently paid \$400 for new clothes for himself and was seen shopping for his wife the other day in one of Alexandria's most expensive and exclusive boutiques.

Potpourri

The mood was too sad to reflect a housewarming, but the party was the first time most of Spiro T. Agnew's former staff members had been inside the \$190,000 house he had bought in Kenwood. About 120 guests were invited last Saturday night for a farewell dinner of baked ham and chicken. . . . Ethel Kennedy, who sent lawyer Edward Bennett Williams a gag telegram after his house was robbed, sends so many kidding wires to friends that she keeps a stack of Western Union blanks handy on her desk at Hickory Hill. . . .

Plumbers and leaks were still plaguing former Attorney General Richard Kleindienst last week as he joined the National Symphony's board of directors. A pipe burst outside the Kennedy Center's Concert Hall during a reception-dinner-concert to honor the group and Kleindienst found himself directing traffic around the gushing water. . . . Washington's Waltz Group, one of the most exclusive social organizations in the nation's capital, has invited its first black couples to join: Dr. and Mrs. William Funderburk and Dr. and Mrs. LaSalle D. Leffall Jr. Both men are physicians at Freedmen's Hospital.