

Dean to Earn \$100,000 on Lecture Tour

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Former White House aide and Watergate conspirator John W. Dean III will speak Sunday at the University of Virginia, his first appearance in a six-week college lecture tour certain to gross more than \$100,000.

Dean's speech in Charlottesville Sunday will be the first since he got out of jail Jan. 8 having served four months of a one-to-four year sentence for conspiracy to obstruct justice.

Dean will get \$4,000 for the appearance, according to Andrew Purdie, a law student at Virginia and chairman of the university's speaker's bureau, sponsors of the speech.

The former counsel to former President Nixon is also scheduled to speak at both Georgetown University and the University of Maryland on Feb. 17, but stirrings of discontent have greeted announcement of his appearances on those two campuses.

Petition drives have been organized against both the appearances and the fee Dean will get. "The arguments basically deal with the fact that we are helping a Watergate criminal become rich," said Kathy Sherman, chairman of the speakers committee at Maryland.

The Dean tour will cover the nation from Maine to Oregon and will average between six and eight appearances a week, according to Dean's booking agent, Robert Walker of Boston.

"The response has been fantastic. Dean is in a class all by himself," Walker said. "We made arrangements for the tour the Sunday after Dean got out of prison and it was sold out in a week and a half."

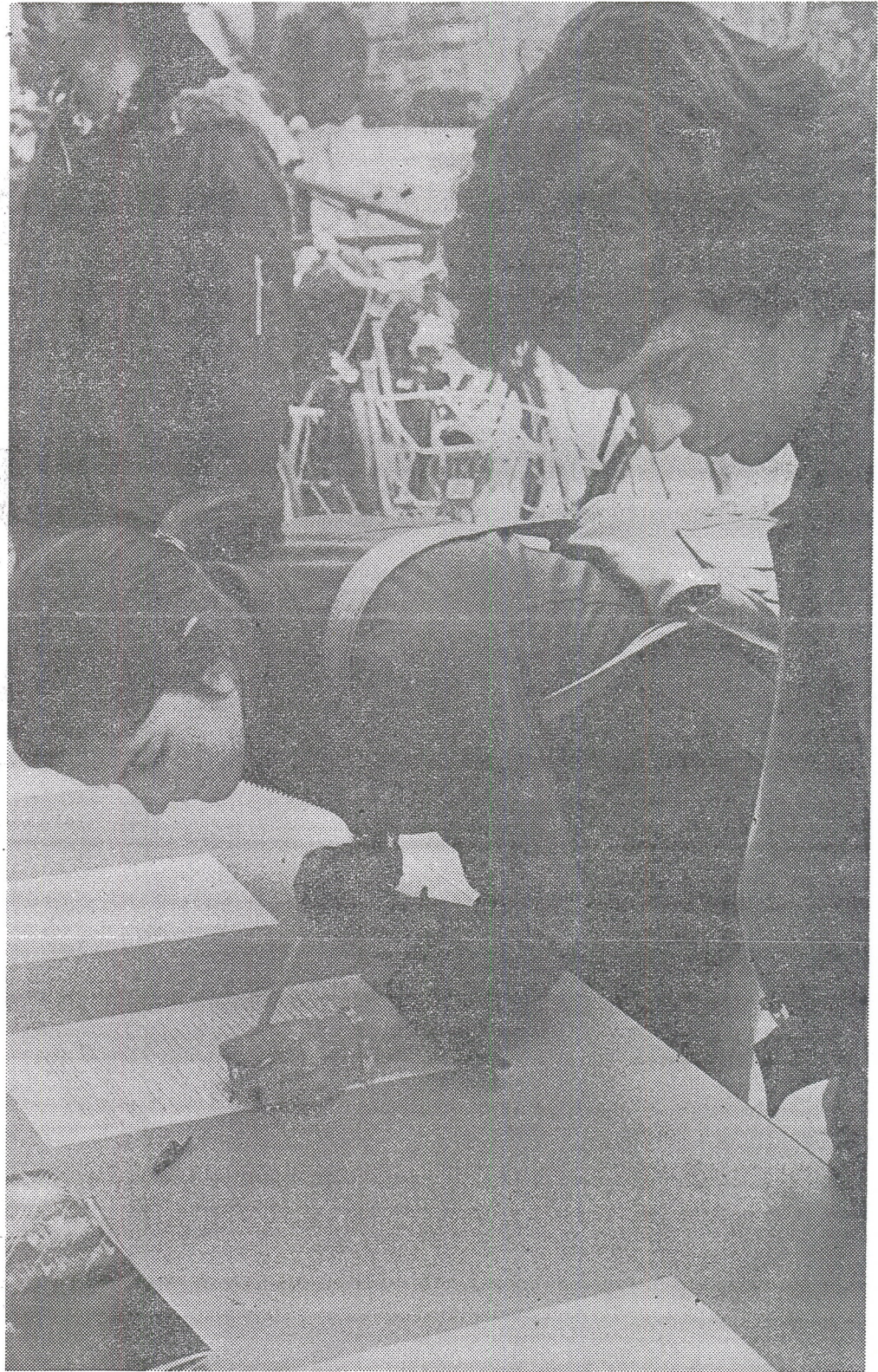
He said that organized student protest to Dean's appearances has been scant.

But at Georgetown University, more than 1,000 faculty and students signed petitions protesting the \$3,000 fee Dean will be paid for his appearance there. In making that payment, the petitions said, "we feel that we are tacitly encouraging the practice of rewarding serious and sensational crime."

Dean's fee "represents a tremendous implication that crime does pay," said Jonathan Orloff of Rockville, a cophomore and organizer of the petition drive.

Georgetown's student senate meets Sunday to consider a response to Dean's appearance. Student body president Jack Leslie yesterday urged a boycott of the speech.

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Georgetown students Joanne Simon and Carlos Morrison sign paper opposing Dean speech.

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In today's editions, the campus newspaper, Hoya, also will urge students in an editorial to boycott Dean's lecture.

At Maryland, the student speaker's bureau has signed a contract with Dean for \$3,000 for an engagement later on Feb. 17. But the contract is not binding until a copy has been returned to Dean or his agent, and late yesterday the Maryland students were still holding all copies of the contract and considering whether to go through with the deal.

Speakers committee chairman Sherman said Dean's agent called her at home and said "I can get you John Dean, but he's really expensive. He's getting between \$4,000 and \$5,000."

"I told him 'No Way,'" she said, and eventually an agreement was reached on the \$3,000 figure.

Even at \$3,000, Dean's fee is still higher than most, she said. Former Sen. Sam J. Ervin Jr. (D-N.C.), chairman of the Senate's select Watergate committee, drew only \$2,500 when he lectured at Maryland last spring.

"But everything's gone up since then," Sherman said.

Dean's appearance in Charlottesville will be the first on a three-day swing through colleges in Virginia and West Virginia. After the University of Virginia, he will speak at Old Dominion University in Norfolk for \$3,000; at the College of William and Mary for \$3,500; and at Marshall University in Huntington, W. Va. for \$3,000.

At the University of Virginia, about 2,000 persons have purchased tickets (at \$1.50 for students, \$2.50 for nonstudents) to hear Dean speak in a 6,000-seat auditorium.

Virtually the only criticism of Dean's appearance came editorially in the campus newspaper, Cavalier Daily, which criticized the size of the fee.

In addition to his lecture earnings, Dean has received a \$300,000 advance for his book about Watergate, and his wife, Maureen, has received an advance of \$150,000 for a book on her life and courtship with Dean.

Another Nixon administration figure, press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler, had a Feb. 26 appearance at Boston University canceled after student protests. He was to have received \$3,000 for his appearance.