

# SENATE RENEWS HEARING TODAY; DEAN ON STAND

## Ex-Counsel Will Testify Publicly on President's Role in Watergate

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WASHINGTON, June 24—John W. Dean 3d goes before the Senate Watergate committee tomorrow for his first public testimony on the roles of President Nixon and other high-level officials in the bugging of the Democratic National Committee's headquarters last June in the Watergate complex.

On the eve of the testimony by the ousted White House lawyer, there were these developments:

Newsweek magazine said in the current issue that in a number of "tense conversations" with Mr. Nixon this spring, Mr. Dean warned that the scandal could lead to the President's impeachment. It also said "some particularly touchy bugging files, according to Frederick C. DaRue, an official of the Committee for the Re-election of the President, were burned at the outset of the cover-up in former Attorney General John N. Mitchell's apartment.

Herbert G. Klein, the outgoing director of communications for the executive branch, said it was "apparent that some [in the Administration] who were trusted with power misused the power, or misinterpreted it." Mr. Klein, who appeared on N.B.C.'s "Meet the Press" program, declined to say "who is guilty or not guilty" on the President's staff. He added that Mr. Nixon "felt badly hurt" when he learned that "some we trusted" may have been involved in the scandal.

The indirect and sometimes speculative previews of Mr. Dean's long awaited testimony, scheduled to begin at 10 A.M. tomorrow and to continue for three days, continued to circulate.

Some Senate investigators said today, for example, that Mr. Dean may have withheld explosive information during his preliminary interviews with them and his talks with other persons.

The 34-year-old former counsel to the President broke off his discussions with the Senate committee staff after a summary of his testimony and other details began to leak into the newspapers last week.

### Indicates Awareness

The summary showed that Mr. Dean was prepared to suggest that Mr. Nixon was aware of the Administration effort to cover up responsibility for the Watergate scandal as early as last September.

The interest in Mr. Dean's appearance is based in part on the question of whether he has, as some suspect, held back documents or other firsthand evidence to back up his assertions of Presidential involvement.

The former official, whose testimony will be broadcast by the three major television networks, is expected to spend most of tomorrow reading a prepared statement on the

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scandal that is said to exceed 150 pages.

In an apparent effort to discredit Mr. Dean before he testifies, the White House has indicated that he had maintained the innocence of himself and others until late March.

There was also a report that Mr. Dean had used \$4,858 in Nixon campaign funds—reportedly repaid later by Mr. Dean—to finance his wedding and honeymoon last fall. And the Senate Republican leader, Hugh Scott, of Pennsylvania, branded him an "embezzler" when the allegation was disclosed.

The concentration on Mr. Dean's evidence against the President has somewhat limited advance interest in what may be more comprehensive evidence against other White House aides.

### Said He Bars Data

Mr. Dean told the Senate investigators, for example, that he had given two ranking assistants to the President, H. R. Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman, some information on the Watergate affair soon after the break-in became known publicly. Both men resigned on April 30.

Mr. Ehrlichman recommended the destruction of evidence on wiretapping, Mr. Dean was quoted as saying, and he said Mr. Haldeman was told of meetings to plan the espionage effort in early 1972.

Two of these meetings were held in the Justice Department office of Mr. Mitchell and were attended by Mr. Dean, who can therefore produce his version of what took place.

Mr. Mitchell, who is scheduled to testify later in the week, has admitted hearing the plans discussed by G. Gordon Liddy,

one of the men convicted in the plot, but has insisted that he opposed them.

Jeb Stuart Magruder, the former deputy director of the Nixon campaign who was the four person present, has testified that while the plans were rejected initially as being too elaborate they were finally approved at a third meeting.

Mr. Dean may also have significant testimony about other operations within the Nixon Administration which, while not directly relevant to Watergate, may be highly damaging.

### Reported Alleged Threat

He told the Senate committee staff, for example, about alleged White House efforts to block an earlier Congressional investigation and about a purported threat from Mr. Nixon to "take care of" unfriendly reporters.

Meanwhile, a White House official said today that a list of Mr. Nixon's contacts with Mr. Dean, described in The New York Times last week as a "White House account," was in fact a Senate committee document.

Leonard Garment, who replaced Mr. Dean as counsel to the President, said the information had been obtained from the White House by Fred D. Thompson, minority counsel to the Senate panel.

The account of the Nixon-Dean conversations is "not a White House document," Mr. Garment said, and the White House "does not vouch for the accuracy of it." The information was supplied to Mr. Thompson to aid in the questioning of Mr. Dean, Mr. Garment explained.

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