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Her Beauty Stars at Hearings

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Mrs. Dean Is Seen

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John W. Dean III told his future wife in September that "at some point down the road it's going to be a rough situation." He didn't explain why.

Maureen Kane Dean heard this repeated by her husband yesterday as she sat through the second long day of the Senate Watergate hearings.

His testimony rolled on about the "rough situation" of which she now fully was aware — her husband's involvement in the Watergate scandal.

Her porcelain features seem almost too perfect, her complexion city smooth, her teeth toothpaste white. Her canary yellow suit is impeccably fitted over a white riding blouse.

"It's so hot here," she said once during the hours of testimony. And each time she sipped a glass of icewater or popped a wild



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Maureen Dean was on camera again

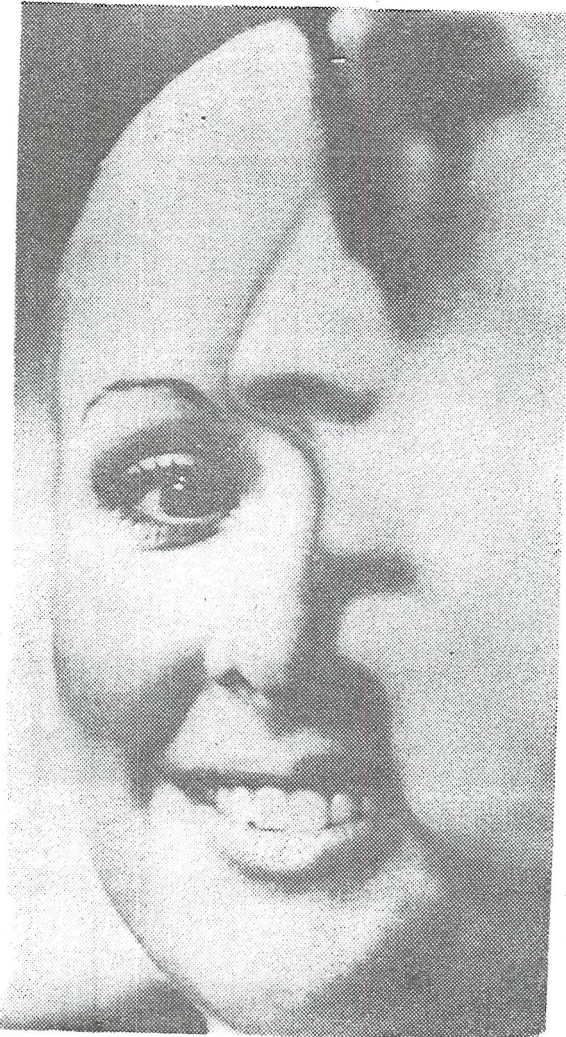
cherry cough drop into her mouth, the cameras clicked.

From time to time Mrs. Dean looked over the shoulder of newsmen taking notes. "I'm 27," she said with a huff to one newswoman who had written that she looked to be in her early 30s.

Asked about her background, Mrs. Dean said she didn't want to talk about herself but, when pressed, she said that Los Angeles is her home town and she worked there as an insurance broker before moving east.

Before marrying Dean in October, she had worked as an executive assistant to the president of the now defunct National Commission on Marijuana and Drug Abuse in Washington. She said that she didn't meet Dean there but in California.

Mrs. Dean is learning the ways of the press. At one point during Dean's testimony, his



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Maurcen obviously had eyes only for John

lawyer passed him a note that read, in part, "bring out Secret Service now." But before a

newsman could read the rest, Mrs. Dean leaned over to get in the way. *Associated Press*