

# DEAN JAIL TERM TO START TODAY

## Ex-White House Aide Begins Sentence for Cover-Up

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2 (UPI) — John W. Dean 3d is scheduled to go to prison tomorrow for his role in the Watergate cover-up.

Mr. Dean was to turn himself in to United States marshals to begin the 1-to-4 year prison term he received last month for his plea of guilty to a single count of conspiracy to obstruct justice.

The surrender point is to be the Federal Courthouse where,

in a few weeks time, Mr. Dean will be a prosecution witness at the trial of some of his former colleagues who are accused of covering up the scandal in the Nixon White House.

Former President Richard M. Nixon, whom Mr. Dean served as White House counsel during the critical early months of the Watergate crisis, has been named an unindicted co-conspirator and has been subpoenaed as a witness.

The trial is scheduled to begin Sept. 30 before United States District Judge John J. Sirica.

Prison officials said Mr. Dean would be taken to an undisclosed location in the area "until he is no longer needed" by Watergate prosecutors. The balance of his term was ex-

pected to be served at the Federal prison camp at Lompoc, Calif., near his home.

The slender, 35-year-old former White House aide, announced in mid-April last year he would not be made the Watergate scapegoat, and began cooperating with prosecutors. When President Nixon dismissed him two weeks later, Mr. Dean took with him many critical documents that underscored his dramatic testimony before the nationally televised Senate Watergate hearings.

After intensive bargaining, Mr. Dean pleaded guilty to a one-count conspiracy charge last Oct. 19. He was the first major Watergate figure to admit guilt and the last to be brought to justice by Archibald Cox, special Watergate prose-

...cutor, who was dismissed by President Nixon.

Sentencing was delayed until Aug. 2, while Mr. Dean testified again and again before Watergate grand juries. His testimony apparently was crucial in obtaining indictments against the men who will go on trial next month—John N. Mitchell, H. R. Haldeman, John D. Ehrlichman, Robert C. Mardian, Gordon C. Strachan and Kenneth W. Parkinson.

Mr. Dean was also believed to have aided prosecutors in getting guilty pleas from a number of other men.

Judge Sirica delayed the start of Mr. Dean's term for a month because Mr. Dean's mother-in-law was ill and Mr. Dean was helping to care for her in California.

"I admire him for that," Judge Sirica said.