# DEAN IMPLICATES **4 OF 5 DEFENDANTS** IN COVER-UP TRIAL

He Testifies on Haldeman, Ehrlichman, Mitchell and Mardian on Watergate

## ON STAND FOR 31/2 HOURS

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 16-John W. Dean 3d led off the Government's case in the Watergate cover-up trial today with three and a half hours of testimony in which he impli-cated four of the five defendants in the cover-up.

Mr. Dean, once counsel to Richard M. Nixon in the White House and now a Federal prison inmate because of his own role in the Watergate scandal, testified that John D. Ehrlichman had told him to destroy evidence.

He said also that he had been informed by an aide to H. R. Haldeman and that Mr. Haldeman had also ordered the destruction of evidence.

He told the jury that John N. Mitchell, a third defendant, and Robert C. Mardian, a fourth, had taken part in devising a story that could explain away the transfer of \$200,000 in campaign funds to one of the Watergate burglars,

#### Many Objections Made

Mr. Dean, sitting with his shoulders hunched and his face somber, told the jury much more — especially about Mr. Ehrlichman, former chief domestic adviser to Mr. Nixon, who, among other things, he said, had ordered him to put pressure on the deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency to help the original Watergate burglars.

Mr. Dean gave his testimony in response to questions by James F. Neal, the assistant special prosecutor in charge of the case. He gave it over repeated objections by defense counsel, nearly all of which were overruled by Judge John J. Sirica, sometimes after angry squabbles between the prosecution and the defense.

Most of what Mr. Dean told the jury today, in his flat and sometimes tired-sounding voice, was what he had told the Senate Watergate Committee and the committee's national television audience in the hearings in the summer of 1973. Many

of his phrases and even sentences were verbatim repetitions of his earlier testimony. Mr. Dean's testimony, combined with Mr. Nixon's White House tape recordings, is the basis of the prosecution's case against the five former White Continued on Page 31, Column 3

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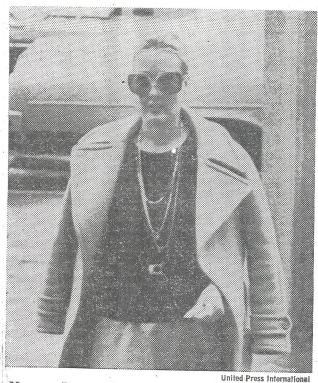
Mr. Dean testified for the most part only about the early stages of the alleged conspiracy. By the time he stepped down from the stand, however, he had supplied much evidence he had supplied much evidence in support of a number of ele-ments of the Government's basic charge—that the defend-ants had conspired to use such means as perjury and destruc-tion of evidence to obstruct the investigation of the Watergate break-in and to conceal the facts surrounding the break-in.

### **80-Minute Statement**

80-Minute Statement Mr. Dean's appearance came after an 80-minute opening statement in behalf of another defendant, Kenneth W. Parkin-son, in which Mr. Parkinson's attorney sought to implicate Mr. Mitchell in the cover-up, and after an unsuccessful at-tempt by Mr. Mitchell, follow-ing the Parkinson opening, to have his case severed. ing the Parkinson openin have his case severed. Mr. Parkinson was hired as a lawver for the Committee for the re-election of

the President to handle the lawsuit that the Democratic National Committee was bringing as a result of the breakin at the Democratic Committee's headquarters in the Watergate complex on June 17, 1972.

Mr. Parkinson's attorney, Jacob A. Stein, told the jury that Mr. Mitchell had repeatedly



Maureen Dean, wife of John W. Dean 3d, arriving at the Watergate cover-up trial in Washington yesterday.

told Mr. Parkinson that there was no connection between the committee and the break-in, and that Mr. Parkinson should ignore stories to the contrary, even from the committee's de-puty director, Jeb Stuart Ma-defendants. He said that Mr. Mitchell should be tried senagruder. Mr. Mitchell's attorney, Wil- rately.

a hearing on the matter late porting to Mr. Nixon on a review that he had made for the President of Watergate-M. Ehrlichman's attorneys, Andrew C. Hall and William S. related tapes.

Judge Sirica rejected the re- examine Mr. Nixon to see if he Judge Sinca rejected the re-quest and then also rejected a similar one by Frank Strickler, an attorney for Mr. Haldeman, that Mr. Haldeman be severed from the case. The prosecution disclosed to-base of the france the severed base of the france of the france of the france of the france the france of the fran

Andrew C. Hall and William S. sel, particularly Mr. Frates, Frates, and the special prosecu-stressed in their opening state-

versations that the Government plans to introduce at the trial. He offered a number of rea-sons, including the alleged lack of relevance of the references. The Government, in its legal papers today, argued against deleting the references to Mr. Parkinson, saying that even though the lawyers was not a participant in the conversa-tions, the tapes did provide some evidence against him. In other developments at the trial, Judge Sirica indicated

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It also told the court that it from the case. The prosecution disclosed to-day in a paper filed with the ter"—the 18½ minute gap in a tape recording in which Mr. Haldeman quotes Mr. Dean as telling Mr. Nixon that Mr. Parkinson and two other law. Yers knew the facts behind the watergate break-in but were "solid." The tape is of a conversa-tion between Mr. Haldeman and Mr. Nixon on April 25, 1973, in which Mr. Haldeman was re-porting to Mr. Nixon on a review that he had made for the motion to quash, the legal papers said, but at the same time the court "cannot ignore" the fact that the doctor, John C. Lundgren, has attended Mr. Nixon for more than 20 years. Mr. Nixon on April 25, 1973, in which Mr. Haldeman was re-porting to Mr. Nixon on a review that he had made for the motion to quash, the legal papers said, but at the same time the court "cannot ignore" the fact that the doctor, John C. Lundgren, has attended Mr. Nixon for more than 20 years. Mr. Dean pleaded guilty last of his health and executive privilege. Juage Sirica will hold privilege. Juage Sirica sentenced him several months ago to a serving his te Several of the defense coun-

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related tapes. Mr. Parkinson has asked the court to delete all references to him on tape-recorded con-versations that the Government blans to introduce at the trial: Mr. Ehrlichman's attorneys, the contended vesterday that to be believed.

For what crime? the prosecu-tor asked. "Conspiracy to obstruct jus-tice," came the reply.