

Maureen Dean --'Living Again'



JOHN DEAN
He's due home today

Beverly Hills.

Maureen Dean looked as cool and self-contained as always yesterday after hearing that her husband was being freed from prison, but her voice and words were charged with emotion.

"I'm so excited," she said. "I can't wait to start living again."

She made it clear that she would not begin "living again" until John W. Dean III joined her in their big hilltop home. She said he hoped he would fly in some time today.

Mrs. Dean said both she and her husband were surprised by U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica's action ordering his release, along with those of two other former Nixon aides, Jeb Stuart Magruder and Herbert W. Kalmbach.

Her mood and tone were perceptibly brighter than in last September when Dean, the star Watergate witness, was sent to federal prison after pleading guilty to con-

spiracy to obstruct justice. Then she called on President Ford to show the same compassion for her husband that he had shown for Richard Nixon when he pardoned the former President.

Mrs. Dean didn't mention President Ford yesterday. She did have praise for Judge Sirica. "I think the judge really did the right thing," she said.

And she did mention former President Nixon. "I have no bitterness toward him," she said, then added firmly: "I would like for him to speak the truth."

And she had a few words about her husband: "He was absolutely thrilled . . . In view of all the help my husband gave — telling the truth — I think he deserved to be released."

Mrs. Dean, 29, whose calm face became familiar to millions during the televised Senate Watergate hearings, spoke briefly to reporters just outside the front door of the \$110,000 home she and

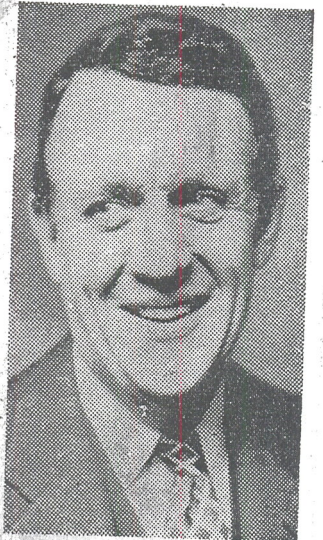
her husband bought last May.

"It is," she said, "a wonderful way to start the New Year."

Mrs. Dean said she and her husband plan a brief vacation together, after which they will settle down to finish writing their books.

She said her husband had not yet signed a contract with a publisher, but that she had. She also has a title. "It's 'Mo'," she said with a smile.

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HERBERT KALMBACH
An out-of-jail smile



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'Im so excited,' said Maureen Dean at their home in Beverly Hills. See story on Page 22.