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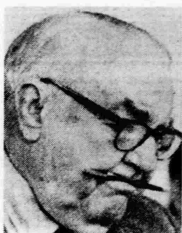
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The Senate Watergate Committee



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Sen. Joseph Montoya



Sen. Howard Baker



Sen. Edward Gurney



Sen. Lowell Weicker

Dean: 'I'm Telling the Truth'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ousted White House counsel John W. Dean III testified today that he had hoped until mid-April that President Nixon would come forward to fully explain his own role in the Watergate affair.

Watergate wives stand by their men. Pg. D-1
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Dean linked him with criminal offenses.

Dean probably relayed to Nixon information about the wiretapping and initial cover-up efforts.

The three major networks continue coverage of the Senate Watergate hearings today and Wednesday during the morning sessions at 10 a.m. and the afternoon sessions at 2 p.m.

When the cover-up persisted, Dean said, he went to federal prosecutors on April 2, and began telling them broadly of presidential involvement on April 15.

Dean's credibility. At one point Sen. Herman Talmadge, D-Ga., asked Dean why he thinks people should believe him, rather than the President.

cover-up for fear that he himself might be prosecuted for having participated in meeting in which wiretapping was first proposed.

problems," and was prepared to be fired by the White House if it came to that.

Brown Denies Dean Charges Of Blocking Watergate Probe

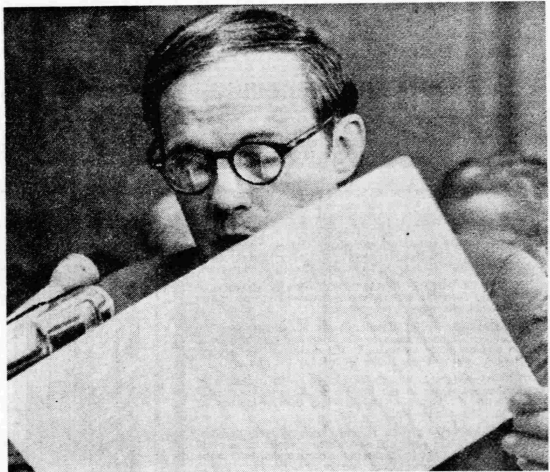
By JERRY MOSKAL
Gannett News Service
WASHINGTON — U.S. Rep. Garry E. Brown, R-Mich., denied charges by former White House Counsel John W. Dean III Monday that he used a ghost-written letter in maneuvers to block House hearings into the Watergate scandal.

Dean claimed before the Senate Watergate Committee that the Kalamazoo Republican's Sept. 8 letter to the attorney general was drafted by Kenneth Parkinson, counsel for the committee to re-elect the President.

hearings on his own in his belief that a prosecution would be jeopardized and that Patman was acting out of political motivation.

testimony, Stans met with the Patman committee's investigative staff after the Republican National Committee.

ing questions about Stans' appearance before the Patman committee. Stans was then scheduled to appeal Sept. 14, he said.



John Dean III reads his 245-page statement to the Senate committee.

Dean Testimony Contradicts Four Key Nixon Statements

WASHINGTON (AP) — Four key statements by President Nixon have been contradicted flatly by his former counsel, John W. Dean III.

ment that he was trying to get all the facts.

case from reaching the White House. That was the day seven men were indicted, none higher in the Nixon re-election campaign than G. Gordon Liddy, the finance committee's chief lawyer.

task it had been and the President was pleased that the case had cut off all available funds for U.S. bombing in Cambodia.

also told him that I thought they would carry the way to go before this matter would end and that I certainly could make no assurances that the bill would not come when this matter would start to unravel."

Dean said Nixon told him on March 13 and again on April 15 that he had talked to former domestic adviser John D. Ehrlichman and former presidential counselor Charles W. Cason about an offer of clemency that Dean said was made to F. Howard Hunt, one of the men convicted in the case.

had been promised executive clemency. He said that he had discussed this matter with Ehrlichman and ... that Colson also discussed it with him later. He expressed some annoyance at the fact that Colson had also discussed this matter with him."

federal prosecutors. "He got up out of his chair, went behind his chair to the corner ... and in a barely audible tone said to me, he was probably foolish to have discussed Hunt's clemency with Colson."

Nudie Nightclubs Face Ban

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Totally nude entertainment may be close to elimination here, but topless dancing is still "go" for some nightclubs.

ated the ban and "already has made the change," Rosenberg said. "They've hired a choreographer to put in a regular Las Vegas-type topless revue."

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House, after joining the Senate in a cut-off of all available funds for U.S. bombing in Cambodia, turned today to amendments that would block any new money for the military activity.

House Keeps Up Pressure To Shut Off Cambodia War

But House Republican Leader Gerald R. Ford said he will urge President Nixon to veto the bill. Ford said he still is looking for some way to give the President more time for bombing as part of Nixon's efforts to force a Cambodia cease-fire.

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WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

JACK ANDERSON

Businessmen Infiltrating

WASHINGTON—In the name of better understanding between government and industry, the Nixon Administration has been quietly planting business executives in key government positions where they can help their companies.

Any big corporation, which wants to keep on the good side of government, would like to have an inside man working in the government policy councils. President Nixon provided this opportunity for several corporations by setting into motion the President's Commission on Personnel Interchange in 1969.

THE PURPOSE, of course, was presented in noble terms. There would be an exchange of executives between government and industry to teach businessmen the bureaucratic ropes and, thereby, to promote understanding.

The Commission has been used by the big corporations, however, as a Trojan Horse to infiltrate the government. At least 50 top business executives will be placed this summer in government jobs where they may be able to influence decisions affecting their companies.

Phillips Petroleum, for example, has already planted Robert Bowen inside the Treasury Department office which deals with oil and energy problems. Another oil executive, Tenneco's Ed Bridges, is working on East-West trade at the Commerce Department. The oil companies, of course, have a multi-million-dollar stake in East-West trade.

HERE ARE OTHER examples from the Commission's internal files.

The Bank of America tried to place Joe Mason, "a bright young attorney," on the potent Securities and Exchange Commission. Wrote the bank's assistant vice president, T.M. Quigg: "A year's tour with the (SEC) would be extremely beneficial to Mr. Mason." The SEC has been approached, we're told, about taking Mason.

Brezhnev, Pompidou Begin Talks

PARIS (AP) — Leonid I. Brezhnev today started two days talks with French President Georges Pompidou as a followup to his trip to the United States.

The Soviet leader was reported ready to offer Pompidou chairmanship of a "super East-West summit" conference here in December. He was readying the offer with

the approval of President Nixon, French reports said.

THE FRENCH see the proposal as a scheme for trying to draw them from their independent stance on nuclear and conventional arms reductions.

A government spokesman indicated that France would not be able to consider it until after the end of the second phase of the European security conference beginning next

month in Helsinki, Finland.

The super-summit was described here as a meeting meant to put a definitive end to the Cold War period and was equated to the Congress of Vienna, which closed out the Napoleonic era. Even before Brezhnev flew in from Washington at midnight Monday, official French sources stated that, whatever the Soviet leader had decided with Presi-

dent Nixon on atomic and weapons controls, "France intends to maintain her sovereignty in matters of national defense."

A FRENCH official said privately that the Brezhnev-Pompidou talks in a Marie Antoinette boulevard at the Rambouillet Chateau could be the most difficult between France and Russia since

Charles de Gaulle began friendship overtures toward the Soviets in 1964.



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Brown Denies Block Of Watergate Probe

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"THE JUSTICE Department felt that for them to write such a letter would look like a direct effort to block the hearings and I frankly had to agree," Dean said.

Dean said he began receiving increasing pressure from John N. Mitchell, former chairman of the presidential re-election committee; Stans and Parkinson, to have the Justice Department answer the Brown letter.

Such a response, he said, could be used by Brown as a vehicle in persuading other committee members to vote against granting Patman subpoena powers.

"CONGRESSMAN BROWN felt that with this document in hand he would give the Republicans and others something to hang their vote on," Dean testified.

After the Sept. 15 Watergate indictments were issued, Dean said that Peterson then felt the department could issue such a letter and did Oct. 2. He said a "number of people worked on getting the votes necessary to

block the Patman committee hearings."

Among those, he said, was William T. Timmons, chief of the House congressional liaison staff, who discussed the matter with House Republican leaders.

HE SAID the GOP leaders agreed "to be of assistance" and later they directed GOP members of Banking and Currency to vote against the hearings.

House Minority Gerald R. Ford Jr., R-Mich., said the G-O-P leadership met with committee Republicans after they requested such a session.

The meetings of the leadership with committee Republicans were held last Sept. 26-27 in the office of House Minority Whip Leslie C. Arends, R-Ill.

AT THIS TIME, Ford took the position that for the House committee to hold hearings before the trial could have prejudiced the case against the Watergate defendants.

"This (meeting) was not done at the direction of Mr. Timmons or the White House,"

a Ford aide said. "It was initiated at the request of the Banking and Currency members. Ford never met with Timmons on this matter."

Ford said he never received a White House request to have the House GOP leadership to meet with the Banking and Currency Republicans.

BROWN SAID he cannot recall any contact with Timmons with regard to the proposed Patman hearings. At the time he fought the hearings, Brown said it was a political struggle. He said as a lawyer he was concerned over what Patman was doing.

When Kliendienst did respond to his Sept. 8 letter, Brown said he was angered because he wrote to Patman instead of him, and that he had to go to the committee to get a copy.

Of Dean's charge that he worked with Democratic members of the committee to get their votes against the Patman hearings, Brown said that he did talk to them, but didn't "pressure" them.

Nation Wonders: Will Dean Blink?

By LEE BYRD

WASHINGTON (AP) — Having gotten about 50,000 of the most prominent names in American political history off his chest, what else was there for John W. Dean III to say?

He had, after all, almost literally run out of voice Monday as he aired a massive chronicle of criminality, including several stunning chapters on the President of the United States.

BUT NOW comes the question of the man's credibility. And if the Senate committee wasn't likely to elicit further revelation from the former White House counsel it at least wanted to look him in the eye and see if he blinks.

Dean, by early appearances, was ready for that. For a while his performance was limited almost solely to reading from his 245-page text, but it nonetheless showed he wouldn't rattle easily.

To begin with, there was that seemingly interminable quarter-hour in which he and his wife sat alone in the row nearest the witness table awaiting late members of the committee.

THOUGH PHOTOGRAPHERS clicked their shutters from every angle and a standing-room audience gawked and pointed and whispered all too audibly from every corner of the room, John Dean did not flinch.

Then there was the matter of his serving notice, perhaps in anticipation of Sen. Howard Baker's now-inevitable questions about the inner man, that he was prepared to explain "my own involvement" even if he could not answer for his friends and men I greatly admire and respect."

And for hours, his voice remained steady and resonant—weakened in the end only by

fatigue. Despite the import of his words, he would not embellish them with even the slightest gesture or change of tone—even when wife Maureen passed him a note suggesting he be more forceful.

AND MAUREEN, the platinum blonde seen by television viewers just over Dean's right shoulder was almost as cool. Wearing a honey-colored crepe dress she sat with her blue eyes fixed upon her husband, fidgeting occasionally with the shiny diamond rings that decorated her delicate hands.

AT TIMES there was a sad glancing to those eyes, prompting one spectator from New York to remark, "She looks both loving and lonely at the same time—she must have heard him rehearsing."

But like her husband, she would not be made to blink. At least not yet.

Dean Contradicts Nixon

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fort to provide the Watergate defendants with funds."

Nixon's own investigation, according to a statement he made April 17, began March 21. "But Dean said he told Nixon about payoffs at their March 13 meeting."

Dean said he told Nixon and Haldeman that demands for money were increasing. He told the President about the fact that there was no money to pay these increases to meet their demands. He asked me how much it would cost. I told him that I could only make an estimate that it might

be as high as a million dollars or more. He told me that was no problem, and he also looked over at Haldeman and repeated the same statement."

LATER in the conversation Nixon asked about money already paid to the defendants. Dean said "He asked me how this was done. I told him I didn't know much about it, but that the fact that the money was laundered so it could not be traced and that there were secret deliveries."

NIXON'S INVESTIGATION: The President, in his April 17 statement and again in a television address to the nation

April 30, said he began a new investigation of the wiretapping affair March 21 after new facts came to light. "I personally assumed the responsibility for coordinating intensive new inquiries into the matter, and I personally ordered those conducting the investigations to get all the facts and to report them directly to me, right here in this office," Nixon said in his statement.

But Dean said, "In short, the President commenced no investigation at all. Rather, the President, Haldeman and Ehrlichman commenced to protect themselves against the unraveling of the cover-up."

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