

Former Nixon counsel speaks at Carleton

Watergate's Dean was "seduced by power"

By DOUG TINDAL

"When I talk about Watergate," said John Dean, "I feel like Brigitte Bardot's latest lover — I know what to do, I just don't know how to make it interesting."

Dean, former legal counsel to Richard Nixon and a major figure in



John and Maureen Dean leave Carleton University after Dean's February 13 talk.

the Watergate cover-up, spoke on February 13 to an audience of over 1,700 people crammed into a gymnasium at Carleton University. He told the crowd he had decided to undertake his speaking tour of university campuses because "there may be something you can learn from the bad judgments I've made."

"I was blinded by my own ambition. I wanted to get ahead and I knew the way to do it was to please my superiors. The things I did pleased them."

The immaculate, soft-spoken expert witness, who drew an average audience of 80 million people during his five days of testimony before the Ervin Watergate committee, spoke for about half an hour and answered questions for an hour.

Defining Watergate as "the corrupt use of power by public officials for political purposes", Dean said, "The American people place in their president more power than you can conceive of. From my vantage point, I could see only a fraction of it, and I could see it all around me."

"One's daily life changes so much with the trappings of power. I could cash a cheque anywhere with my White House ID, make a phone call to a businessman in London faster than my wife could phone next door, or summon a presidential helicopter for my personal use."

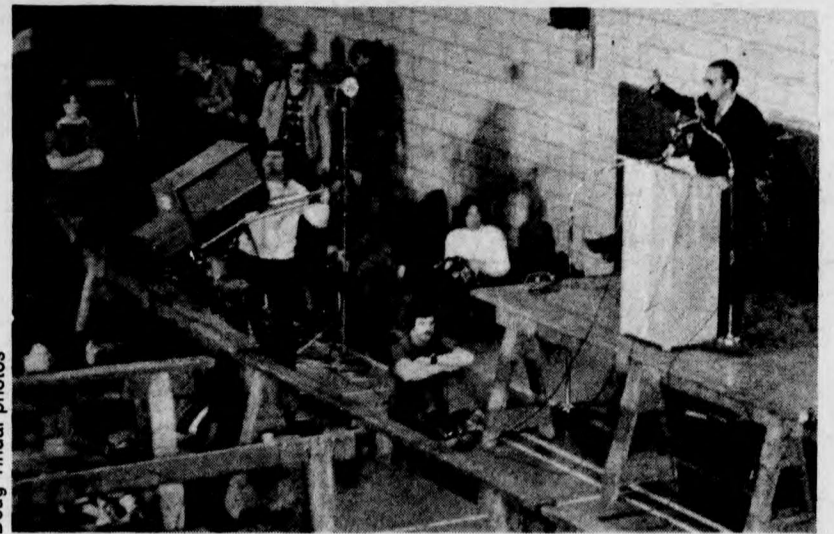
"I saw all the people I was working with using that power, being seduced by it. I was seduced by power."

NO NEW WATERGATE

Although those trappings remain in the government, Dean felt a "new awareness will make a second Watergate impossible".

"During the time I was giving evidence to the special prosecutor's office, I spent a number of hours with a young attorney who was working for the prosecutor. At one point he said, 'You know, John, if it weren't for all this, I could see myself doing the same things as you. In a sense, there but for you go I.'"

In answer to a question from the audience, Dean said he had not seen former president Richard Nixon since his testimony before the Ervin committee. Asked if he would like to, he said, "Yes, to tell him it doesn't hurt as much to tell the truth as it does to hide it."



Doug Tindal photos

Dean told a crowd of 1,700 that his life was totally changed by

Dean prefaced his half-hour talk with an apology for charging \$3,500 for his appearance at Carleton. He said he had been out of work and paying for a lawyer for almost two years, and was heavily in debt.

This was the only area where his comments were received skeptically, and several of the questions from the floor dealt with his finances.

"I assure you that I don't plan to get rich off Watergate," Dean stated. "I could make more money in two

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weeks writing all the magazine articles I have been asked to do, than on this entire tour, if that were my object."

He concluded, "You have all been witnesses from afar. I want to tell you that ambition is not always a bad word. Keep your heads, and don't be afraid to be ambitious."

Someone asked him how he would like to be remembered. Dean paused, and then answered, "As a man who told the truth."

Symposium looks at Black perspectives

A symposium on Black Perspectives: Canada and the Third World, presented by Bethune college and the York Black Peoples' Movement, is midway through its run in Bethune.

Today at 4 p.m., a lecture and discussion on Blacks in Canada and Canadian Radicalism will be held in the Bethune Club Room, followed at 7:30 p.m. by an illustrated musical discussion between Denise Narcisse-Mair (Queen's) and Samuel Akpabot (Michigan State) on Africa in Jamaica and Myths of African Music, in the Junior Common Room.

Canadian and U.S. Involvement in the Third World will be the club room topic at 4 p.m. tomorrow, followed at 7:30 p.m. in the JCR by the Theatre Fountain Head's Swamp Dwellers (by Wole Soyinka) and dramatized poems of black Canadian poets.

Saturday hosts Religion as Colonial Ideology at 11 a.m. and a Stirring Spoon workshop at 2 p.m. on black and Indian art, music, poetry, film and dance, in the dining hall and JCR.

The day concludes with a party at 7:30 p.m. in the dining hall (licensed) with the Afro Canam

Quintet and Carlene Davis.

Admission to all events is free.

Migrant workers

A discussion on the plight of Europe's migrant workers and the implications of this on North Americans will be held today from noon to 2 p.m. in Stedman E.

Radical French priest Placide Bazoche will participate in the forum, entitled From Slavery to Migrant Workers: The Original Sins of Capitalism. The event is sponsored by the Student Christian Movement.

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