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John Dean testifies about Mitchell

NEW YORK—Former White House Counsel John W. Dean III testified Monday former Attorney General John N. Mitchell asked him to get the Securities and Exchange Commission to hold up aspects of its investigations of financier Robert L. Vesco.

Dean also testified former Commerce Secretary Maurice Stans told Mitchell on one occasion his name would not be connected with a \$200,000 secret contribution from Vesco to President Nixon's 1972 election campaign.

Solzhenitsyn's wife may rejoin husband

MOSCOW—The wife of banished author Alexander I. Solzhenitsyn has been given a visa to rejoin him in Switzerland, a Swiss embassy spokesman said Monday.

The spokesman said he did not know when Mrs. Solzhenitsyn would travel. She said visas were given to her, her three children by Solzhenitsyn, a son from a previous marriage and her mother.

Mrs. Solzhenitsyn had delayed her departure because her youngest son was ill, friends said last week.

San Francisco teachers' unions strike

SAN FRANCISCO—San Francisco's two major teachers' unions struck the public schools today, but administration spokesmen said they hoped to keep classes going with substitute teachers.

The strike, by the American Federation of Teachers and the Classroom Teachers Association (CTA), was expected to keep more than 80 per cent of the city's 4,500 teachers out of classes.

"We are on strike because the school board refused to negotiate with us over the weekend," said a spokesman for the CTA.

Judge drops charges against police

ALTON, Ill.—A federal judge Monday dropped charges against two St. Louis policemen for taking part in a series of bungled drug raids last April. A conspiracy charge was retained for each man.

U.S. District Judge Omer Poos said the federal government had failed to present evidence that Donald Spicer and Ronald Olive took part in any of the raids in Collinsville, East St. Louis and Edwardsville.

Spicer and Olive are among 10 narcotic agents on trial in connection with the raids.

Top court denies appeal on abortion

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court Monday refused to review an appeal of a decision which struck down New Jersey's 1847 abortion law as an invasion of a woman's privacy and unconstitutionally vague.

Since it ruled last year that women and their doctors have a right to decide on an abortion in the first trimester of pregnancy, the court has declined to hear any abortion cases.

Before the Supreme Court's last decision

Lovelace jilted

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — A date with Linda Lovelace was the door prize at the final event of the University of Alabama's "Sex Week." But the winner turned it down.

The unidentified student said he was engaged to be married.

Sex Week was a special seminar on pornography and sex which featured, besides Miss Lovelace, nude movie producer Russ Meyer, Al Goldstein, publisher of *Screw Magazine* and a hairdresser who underwent a sex change operation.

Four nude men ran on the stage while Miss Lovelace was lecturing and stole a kiss.

on abortion, a three-judge district court had declared that the New Jersey abortion statute "is unconstitutionally vague on its face as applied" because it "chills and deters the plaintiff-physicians in the exercise of protected First Amendment activities and it violates plaintiff-physicians' rights under the 14th Amendment to freely practice the profession of their choice."

The Court also ruled it is not against Massachusetts law for a person to wear an American flag on the seat of his pants.

On a 5-4 decision with four separate opinions, the court upheld a lower court decision that a Massachusetts law was too vague and too broad.

The court held unconstitutional the law that provides criminal penalties against anyone who "publicly . . . treats contemptuously the flag of the United States."

Writing the majority opinion, Justice

Speaker Albert criticizes Nixon

WASHINGTON — Speaker Carl Albert accused President Nixon Monday of unfairly attacking the House Judiciary Committee and described as a "wild defensive maneuver" Nixon's remark that the committee wanted to carry away White House documents in a U-haul trailer.

In one of his bluntest statements yet on the move to impeach the President for his handling of Watergate, the Oklahoma Democrat also said he believed Nixon had lost more ground with House members in the last two or three months than he did "through the entire previous eight or nine months."

He made the statement on *Straight Talk*, a weekly interview produced by the National Public Affairs Center for Television and carried by the Public Broadcasting Service.

Albert, who would preside if the impeachment issue reached the House floor, said he had reached no personal conclusions as to whether Nixon should be impeached because "I want to preside as speakers always do when they sit in the chair, and that is with absolute impartiality."

"I have tried to keep the House from making this and certainly myself from making this an adversary operation where we're going to bang the President or have the President bang us," Albert added. "I'm not so sure that the President any more is keeping this a non-adversary operation."

The Speaker said he believed there is a feeling among some House members that the President has unfairly attacked the Judiciary

committee.

"I mean such statements as 'they might want to take a U-haul and go down to the White House and carry back all the documents they can find. . . . It seems to me that that statement by itself is a wild defensive maneuver on the part of the President and almost beneath the dignity of the office of President . . ."

"I'm surprised the President would say a thing like that."

Asked if he agreed with Senate Democratic Whip Robert Byrd of West Virginia, who said last week that Nixon distorted the facts when he said he was cooperating with the Judiciary Committee, Albert replied: "Well, if he's fully cooperating, I haven't been able to find it out."

The speaker also was asked about the President's demand that the committee specify what grounds it was considering for impeachment before Nixon decides whether to turn over 42 tapes sought by the congressmen. He replied:

"The President has no authority whatever to determine what issues the House will consider, what line, legal lines the House will draw. No court has any right or power to review such decisions. The first and final constitutional authority is in the House."

"And the only appeal is to the public. The public may dislike what the Congress does, or what the President does. But there will be another election. There'll be one in '74 and there'll be one in '76. That is when the issue of final appeal will be settled."

Watergate lawyers accept court ruling

WASHINGTON — Lawyers for three Watergate defendants said they would let pass Monday's deadline for an appeal to the Supreme Court to stop material dealing with President Nixon from going to a House committee looking into grounds for impeachment.

Hours before the 5 p.m. EDT deadline, an attorney for Gordon Strachan said he accepted last Thursday's ruling by the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upholding U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica's order to release grand jury material to the House

Ehrlichman trial

LOS ANGELES — John Ehrlichman was ordered Monday to stand trial as scheduled on April 15 on perjury charges — the first of the top former Nixon administration officials to be tried in connection with the burglary of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist.

After a conference in chambers with Superior Court Judge Gordon Ringer and the district attorney's office, Ehrlichman's attorney, Douglas Dalton, confirmed that the trial would start next month.

Dalton said he would ask for a jury hearing for the former top domestic adviser to President Nixon.

Ehrlichman is charged only with perjury. The state contends he lied to a grand jury about his advance knowledge of plans to send a squad to rifle the files of Dr. Lewis Fielding, Ellsberg's Beverly Hills psychiatrist.

Ehrlichman, along with other former White House aides G. Gordon Liddy and David Young, had previously been charged in Los Angeles County with burglary and conspiracy.



U.S. shrimpers might be fined

ISLA MUJURES, Mexico — Mexican authorities indicated Monday they would levy a heavy fine for illegal fishing — probably as much as \$4,000 — on one of five American shrimp boats being detained in this Caribbean port.

The other four vessels were charged with illegal entry into the port on the tip of Mexico's Yucatan peninsula for following behind the first boat, the *Vilco*, when it was seized by a Mexican navy gunboat.

The *Vilco*, out of Fort Myers, Fla., was accused of illegally fishing inside the Mexican 12-mile limit.

Capt. Joseph Villers, skipper of the *Vilco*, in a phone call to the U.S. consul in Merida, Charles Sommers, said he was still awaiting disposition of the case Monday morning.

Villers said he challenged the Mexican contention that he was inside the 12-mile limit but was unsure of whether he could fight the charges.

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