

## Watergate probe broadens Mitchell implicated

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Atty. Gen. John N. Mitchell approved and helped plan the Watergate bugging operation, a former high-level Nixon aide has told federal prosecutors, the Washington Post reported.

Jeb Stuart Magruder, former deputy campaign manager for Nixon's reelection committee, also said White House counsel John W. Dean III approved and planned the bugging of Democratic national headquarters, the Post said in today's edition.

The paper quoted sources in the White House and the Committee for the Re-election of the President as saying Magruder implicated Mitchell, former chairman of the Nixon campaign, and Dean in statements to federal prosecutors Saturday.

It also quoted one source as saying Magruder's statements, expected to be repeated today before the federal grand jury probing the case, are expected to result in the criminal indictments of both Mitchell and Dean.

The paper said one unnamed source reported that Mitchell and Dean later arranged to buy the silence of the seven convicted Watergate conspirators.

It quoted the sources as saying Dean's resignation is imminent.

The paper also said that sources "in the executive branch" said yesterday that White House chief of staff H. R. "Bob" Haldeman also may resign as a result of recent Watergate disclosures, though there is no known evidence linking him to criminal involvement.

Magruder, now director of policy planning for the Commerce Department, "chose to talk because he felt the walls were coming in on him," the Post quoted one source as saying.

Magruder will not be granted im-

munity from prosecution, but hopes to receive some sort of favorable treatment, the paper quoted the sources as saying.

James J. Bierbower, identified as Magruder's lawyer, said Magruder "will testify before the grand jury when called. I know he's going to testify. There's no subpoena."

He would not confirm that Magruder had been interviewed by federal investigators.

The Post report comes two days after President Nixon reported he had initiated a second White House probe which turned up "major developments" concerning the bugging and break-in last June 17.

It was Dean who was in charge of the first investigation for Nixon.

The Post said Magruder provided the prosecutors with a first-hand account of a February 1972 meeting in then Atty. Gen. Mitchell's office to discuss and approve the illegal electronic eavesdropping operation at the Watergate.

Those who attended were Mitchell, Dean, Magruder and G. Gordon Liddy, one of those convicted in the Watergate trial and a former White House aide, the Post said.

Sources also said the prosecutors have received statements from other persons who can testify that Mitchell and Dean were involved in the arrangements to pay off the seven Watergate conspirators for their silence.

Liddy, and James W. McCord Jr., a former Nixon campaign security chief, were convicted for their part in planning the bugging. Five others, including four Miami men, and E. Howard Hunt, a former White House consultant, pleaded guilty at the trial.

In other Watergate developments:

— Democratic chairman Robert S. Strauss said Republicans are indicating guilt in the Watergate case by offering a reported \$525,000 to settle a multi-million-dollar package of lawsuits arising from the wiretapping. A spokesman for the campaign organization said negotiations were under way with the Democrats but wouldn't confirm that any money offer had been made. He said any offer would not necessarily indicate guilt.

The former finance chairman for Nixon's campaign, Maurice Stans, arranged a meeting with lawyers for Common Cause, a nonpartisan citizens' group suing Stans and the Nixon campaign for full disclosure of finances. Common Cause lawyer Mitchell Rogovin said he wanted all financial records of Nixon's campaign.

Democratic lawyers requested that Martha Mitchell, wife of the former attorney general, appear May 3 to give sworn testimony in Watergate lawsuits. She was requested to bring any records or documents she may possess that bear on the Watergate burglary or on James McCord, wiretapper who once served as bodyguard to the Mitchell family.

— The Democratic National Committee began packing to move out of the Watergate building, scene of the raid 10 months ago. The party will move to a different building Friday.

— The Senate Watergate investigating committee issued formal guidelines governing testimony by all witnesses, including administration officials or White House aides. They provide that sworn testimony may be taken preliminarily in secret "if the committee would otherwise be unable to ascertain whether the witness knows anything relevant..." The rules allow live television coverage but forbid photography once a witness has begun to testify.



Going fishing WHIPPLE'S DAM is populated with fish, fisherman, worms and bookworms.

Photo by H. R. Begley II

## OTIS knocks Woskob for lease renewal policy

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The Organization of Town Independent Students has charged apartment owner, Alex Woskob, with lack of cooperation concerning the automatic extension of some tenants' leases.

OTIS received complaints last week from Woskob tenants who had their leases renewed without realizing it. The automatic lease renewal clause requires tenants to submit a certified letter 90 days before the expiration of the lease if they plan to terminate it. If no notice is received, the tenant is obligated for another year.

The apartments involved are Beaver Hill, Cedarbrook, Fairmount Hills, Garden Court, Logan House, Park Hill, Parkway Plaza and Penn Tower.

Robert Lenny, Woskob apartments general manager, said students were offered ample time to comply. "We made a point of putting notices under doors, on elevators and by the mailboxes," he said.

The OTIS statement says, "The 90 day notice required by their lease came at a very awkward time in the school year and has evidently caught several Woskob tenants by surprise. It seems curious that only Woskob places are

involved. Woskob is not the only landlord who has leases which run out in June."

"This is not true," Lenny said. "I don't see how they could be caught by surprise. We are dealing with intelligent people, they should be aware of what they're signing."

OTIS requested an extension on the deadline, in an attempt to reach uninformed students, but Lenny refused. "It wouldn't have been that much to give us a week's grace," OTIS President Kelly said.

Kelly said Lenny decided to return security deposits to tenants who sublet their apartments. "However information obtained in Harrisburg indicates that a landlord with a lease running over one year can only hold one month's security deposit," he said.

"If there is such a law, I don't know of it," Lenny said. "I would have to check with our lawyers."

OTIS also has questioned the legality of the automatic lease renewal clause. OTIS said most renewal clauses only obligate tenants for a month at a time and they only are responsible for the apartment until another tenant is found.

"It is quite legal," Lenny said. "We can check with our attorneys."

OTIS also contends that tenants whose original lease was only three to six months have had their contracts ex-

tended for a full year.

"The lease that they sign states that they will be obligated for a year," Lenny said.

"We are not trying to rip people off," he added. "If we were, why would we post notices?"

"We're looking into the possibilities of legal action," Kelly said. He said several tenants have expressed willingness to go to court.

"I don't know if they are planning suits," Lenny said. "All we can do is go to court and abide by whatever decision is handed down."

OTIS is attempting to help find subletters for those tenants affected. A list is posted in the OTIS office for anyone interested in the apartments.

Kelly said at the beginning of the school year OTIS sent letters to all downtown landlords. "Alex Woskob was one who sent a reply indicating a willingness to cooperate with OTIS. Throughout the year we have been in constant touch with their office and have generally found them very unwilling to compromise on a number of problems we have received," he said.

"This is just their opinion," Lenny said. "I think we have been very cooperative. If we don't do what they suggest, they call us unwilling. We can't always comply with their requests."

## Initial poll turnout light; weather affects voting

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Voter turnout was light as Undergraduate Student Government elections got underway yesterday.

Drizzle and threatening skies may have kept people away from the polls, especially in the morning. Assistant Elections Commissioner Rich Muka, supervising fraternity voting at the HUB, reported at 1:30 p.m. that turnout was poor.

"It's the bad weather," Muka said. "There's just not a lot of people around."

Two polling places did not open because of the weather. Outdoor booths

Voting booths for town students will be open at the foot of the mall and across the street from McLanahan's on E. College Avenue today, weather permitting. Polls also will be open in the HUB.

were to have been set up for town voters at the corners of College Avenue and Allen Street and College Avenue and Garner Street. Voting will take place at these locations today, weather permitting.

Town students turnout at the HUB was good, according to Diane Murphy, town elections commissioner. She reported about 300 people had voted by early afternoon.

Head Elections Commissioner Rick Wheeler said the fact that the other two polling places could not open may have had an effect on the 458 town students who had voted when the polls closed.

Some USG presidential and vice presidential candidates checked polling places yesterday to see how voting was going. Several agreed the result would be a close vote.

Jim Trask, campaign manager of incumbent USG president Mark Jinks, said he was concerned by what he called a "slow turnout" at the HUB. "It's partially the weather," he said, "but it's also student apathy. There's more this year than I've ever seen before."

Wheeler predicted voting totals would fall short of last year's, when 8,331 votes were cast, a USG election record. He said he thought no more than 7,000 votes would be cast this year.

Turnout yesterday seemed to be heaviest in the residence halls. In North, 443 students voted, over 30 per cent of the eligible voters in that area.

Steven Carnes, elections supervisor in charge of West, North and East Halls,

predicted voting would be even heavier today. "More kids are at classes on Wednesday," he said.

Carnes said he thought this is a bad week for the elections because many students are leaving early for Easter weekend.

Voting in Pollock was heavy in the morning. The count at the end of the day was 637. Three hundred-ninety-eight voters turned out in South. "For South I think it's a pretty heavy turnout," Bob Coberly, South elections commissioner said in mid-afternoon. "The weather doesn't matter here, since walks are enclosed."

Coberly said voting was heaviest during lunch hours and between classes.

Nine hundred seventy two students voted in East where machines were set up only at Johnston. Wheeler said machines will be open only in Findlay today to compensate.

Assistant Elections Commissioner Gary Smith described voting in West as light. Four-hundred-ten voters turned out in this area.

## Meany hits takeover of farmers' contracts

WASHINGTON (AP)—AFL-CIO President George Meany accused the Teamsters of "union busting" in taking over California field worker contracts and pledged full support yesterday to Cesar Chavez' United Farm Workers union.

Meany said the Teamsters, in collusion with the growers, were trying to wipe out Chavez' rival AFL-CIO affiliated union.

"The Teamsters' union busting drive would be absolutely disgraceful under any circumstances," Meany complained in a statement. "But for the nation's largest union to seek to destroy this smallest union representing some of the most exploited workers in the nation is intolerable."

The AFL-CIO leader joined Chavez' plea for a congressional investigation of alleged illegal payoffs to the Teamsters and said he was sending the federation's top organizer back to California "to give the farm-workers all the assistance we can provide."

The alleged payoffs are from growers

Five hundred sixty three voters turned out in Centre where machines were set up in McElwain and Simmons.

Fraternity voters numbered one hundred eighty seven.

Voting for USG presidential and senatorial candidates continues today. The polls will remain open until 7 p.m.

## N. Viet: Lon Nol blocks peace

SAIGON (AP) — Despite planned reforms in the Cambodian government, North Vietnam made clear in a Radio Hanoi broadcast yesterday that there can be no progress to peace until President Lon Nol steps down.

Official Washington sources remained optimistic that the reorganization might encourage cease-fire talks, but observers in Phnom Penh tended to support the Hanoi position.

Commenting on Lon Nol's announced plans to form a new government that would include members of opposition

parties, Radio Hanoi said the reorganization "is aimed at settling internal conflicts of the Lon Nol puppet government which is deteriorating while confronted with greater and greater military and political defeats."

"Under American pressure," Radio Hanoi continued, "Lon Nol has been forced to introduce a number of so-called opposition elements into his cabinet so that it may have a broader political base."

"However reformed it may be, the Lon Nol puppet government still remains an instrument of U.S. imperialists," Radio Hanoi said.

The Radio Hanoi statements indicated that Cambodian insurgents would continue a military drive in hopes of forcing Lon Nol out.

The Cambodian situation appeared to be a playback of Vietnam. The Com-

munist had accused the United States of continuing to "Vietnamize" the war. For nearly five years the peace talks remained stalled because they refused to deal with the Saigon regime of President Nguyen Van Thieu.

Like the Thieu government, the Lon Nol regime has been criticized for being distant from the people, corrupt and oppressive.

U.S. sources said the United States pressured Lon Nol into agreeing to form a new government to include opposition elements. President Nixon was reported to have sent word that this was his wish with special emissary, Gen. Alexander M. Haig Jr. Haig visited Phnom Penh last week and conferred with Lon Nol.

Lon Nol said in a radio address Tuesday night that he will choose a new prime minister and would appoint 11 permanent political figures from his

party and two opposition parties to a new council of political advisers.

Informed sources said yesterday that Lon Nol postponed formation of a new government because he was having trouble finding qualified members of two opposition parties, Republicans and Democrats, who are willing to accept posts.

On the battlefields, Cambodian troops drove back an attack on a garrison at Tram Khnar, 37 miles south of Phnom Penh, the military command reported.

Several other scattered attacks were reported in the southern sector of Cambodia.

In South Vietnam, the Saigon command reported 120 more violations of the cease-fire, but most appeared to be shelling attacks and small-scale skirmishes.

## Ellsberg's testimony continues

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Daniel Ellsberg told jurors yesterday that the Pentagon papers reveal possible American "war crimes" in Vietnam, "some of which, I regret to say, I participated in myself."

Ellsberg said high U.S. officials planned to break the Geneva peace accords of 1954 and probably committed "a crime against the peace... under the Nuremberg principles, as I understand them."

Asst. U.S. Atty. David Nissen raised the "war crimes" question after U.S. District Judge Matt Byrne barred asking Ellsberg whether he believed he had broken the law when he copied the Pentagon study.

Ellsberg said there are about 1,000 pages of "evidence" of crimes in the topsecret Pentagon study of the Vietnam war. He said he copied the documents in

hc, as they would alert Congress to the need to end the war.

Nissen referred to "war crimes" after being barred by U.S. District Court Judge Matt Byrne from asking whether Ellsberg believed he was breaking the law when he copied the Pentagon study.

The prosecutor apparently was seeking to show that Ellsberg did not support the policies of his own country and acted against the country's best interests when he copied the papers.

Ellsberg and Anthony J. Russo are charged with espionage, conspiracy and theft in connection with the copying and distribution of the Pentagon papers.

Ellsberg, 42, once an adviser to government officials, stressed that the men making war decisions probably were "patriots" who meant only the best for their country but ended by doing the worst.

"I knew all the time," he said, "that the people I worked for and with were patriotic men, sometimes the best of this country."

Segments of the Pentagon papers read to jurors showed that U.S. agents helped plan a 1963 coup against South Vietnamese President Ngo Dinh Diem, who was assassinated.

"In the 1964-65 period," Ellsberg said, speaking directly to jurors, "the planning documents are evidence of direct operations against North Vietnam, a country not at war with us." He called this illegal intervention.

"There seems to be the evidence of clear planning to conduct war in violation of our commitments to the United Nations and in violation of international law," he concluded.

The defense announced yesterday it would call one more witness.

## Weather

Cloudy and humid with a few periods of rain today and tonight. High today 66, low tonight 56. Partly cloudy, warm and humid tomorrow, high 72. Mild weather continuing through Sunday.