

Ex-Head of Fordham, a Priest For 28 Years, Weds a Writer

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life, but I've been changing my life rather regularly."

Dr. McLaughlin was referring to his dramatic announcement in May, 1970, of his resignation as chancellor at Fordham, where he had brought about major reforms, to become director of freshman studies at Johnson C. Smith University, a small, predominantly black institution in Charlotte, N.C.

"I've been talking about race relations for years now," he said then, "and I felt it was about time I put my life where my mouth is."

At Johnson C. Smith, where he worked for two and a half years before joining Ramapo, Dr. McLaughlin shed his clerical collar. He left Smith, he said, because his job had become increasingly administrative, and "I felt that it was essential that black people take over—I was heartbroken to leave."

In June of last year Dr. McLaughlin celebrated mass for the last time, he said, "because I was seriously thinking of get-

ting married." In November, he asked officially to be given layman status and a dispensation to marry. The request was directed to the Very Rev. Eamon Taylor, provincial of the New York Province of the Society of Jesus.

Responsibility for the decision, Dr. McLaughlin said, normally follows a lengthy route to higher Jesuit and other church authorities in Rome. Asked why he decided not to wait for the decision before marrying, Dr. McLaughlin said:

"Impatience, I guess. I'm not young and a year is a long time to wait."

Dr. McLaughlin said it was possible that the excommunication might be "removed" if the Jesuits granted him his earlier requests.

He entered the Jesuit order in 1933.

"I feel very happy about my marriage," he said, "but very sad about the excommunication. There are always reasons for and reasons against. It's a decision I didn't make in great haste."

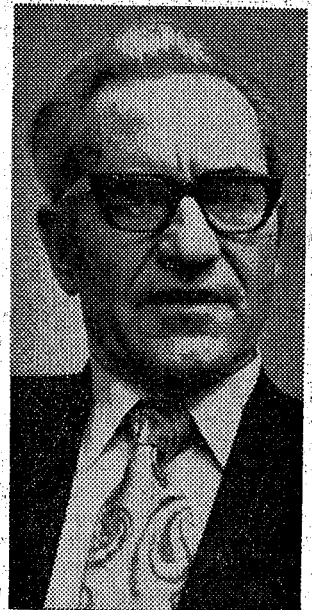
At Fordham, Dr. McLaughlin served as president from 1965 to 1968 and chancellor from 1968 to his resignation in 1970. His tenure was frequently controversial as he pressed administrative and academic reforms, including the 1969 shift of control at the university from the board of Jesuit trustees to an expanded board dominated by laymen.

Dr. McLaughlin met his future wife at a dinner party several years ago while he was still at Fordham. She has done editorial work and has been working on a novel. She was born in Montclair, N. J., but had lived in New York.

Dr. McLaughlin said that he had preferred that his marriage not receive wide publicity.

"I had no objection to its being known where I work, and I told people who should know," he said. "It wasn't a secret. But it's a very private affair and something I felt concerned me."

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Dr. Leo McLaughlin in his office at Ramapo College in Mahwah, N. J.

Star of 'Zabriskie Point' Jailed in Bank Robbery

BOSTON, Aug. 31 (AP) — The young star of the movie "Zabriskie Point" was being held in Suffolk County Jail today on bank robbery charges.

Mark Frechette, who starred in the 1970 film directed by Michelangelo Antonioni, was arrested on Wednesday after an attempted holdup in which another man was shot to death by the police.

Mr. Frechette, 25 years old, was jailed after he pleaded not guilty to an armed robbery charge at his arraignment yesterday. He could not post \$2,500 bail.

Also charged with Frechette is Sheldon T. Bernard, 31, of Boston. The dead man has not been identified.

The Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer movie about the decadence of modern America co-starred Daria Halprin and Rod Taylor.

4 Children Die in Blaze

LORAIN, Ohio, Aug. 31 (AP) — Four children were killed and three other persons were injured in a fire that destroyed their home early today, the authorities reported.

A Farm Union Caravan Is Spreading Boycott

DELANO, Calif., Aug. 31 (UPI)—A caravan of 350 members of the United Farm Workers Union left today to spread a boycott campaign against table grapes and lettuce to 63 cities in the United States and Canada.

The first stop for the caravan, headed by Cesar Chavez, the union's leader, was Phoenix, Ariz., where it will break into smaller groups and move to other cities.

The union's vice president, Mrs. Delores Huerta, boycott director, said that the campaign "could last a year."

It is designed to bring economic pressure against California grape and lettuce growers who have signed contracts with the teamsters union or refused to sign with the U.F.W., she said.