



Cardinal and Communist

Jesuit Jean Cardinal Danielou left, and Marxist philosopher Roger Garaudy chat in a Paris television studio before debating in current video event series.

Jesuit Educator Backs Up His Talk

New York — (NC) — Jesuit Father Leo Plowden McLaughlin felt it was about time to "put my life where my mouth is".

So the 57-year-old educator, a former president of the Jesuits' St. Peter's College in Jersey City and of Fordham University in New York, walked out of his present job as Fordham's chancellor to sign on as director of freshman studies at Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, N.C.

A small, predominantly black college, Johnson C. Smith is a Presbyterian-affiliated school opened in 1867 to train black preachers and teachers. Now the 1,200-student school is trying to train a more secular-minded generation of black men and women to take their place in a multi-racial world.

Father McLaughlin's job will be to introduce the school's freshmen to the academic life and, as school President Lionel H. Newsom put it, "to try to

develop in our students an attitude for learning, to teach them that their deficiencies are largely cultural and can be overcome."

People who know him say that if anyone can do it, Father McLaughlin can do it. As president of Fordham, he led the school to control by a lay board, rather than by the Jesuits who had run it for 122 years. He also widened the choice of courses open to students and brought in new faculty and administration members from outside the Catholic college tradition.

Charged with destroying the school's Catholic image, he snapped back that the only alternative was intellectual mediocrity. He also told a group of concerned Fordham alumni that "putting it bluntly, one reason that changes are being made in the structure of the board of trustees is money."

He reasoned that with a lay board, Fordham might qualify for increased state aid.

College Gets New President

Brooklyn, N.Y. — (NC) — Father Thomas J. Gradilone, 45, has been appointed president of Cathedral College of the Immaculate Conception, liberal arts seminary college which serves Brooklyn, Rockville Centre and New York.

Father Gradilone has been associated with the college since shortly after his ordination in 1950. He is a Phi Beta Kappa with master and doctor degrees in classical languages — and also a star at four-wall handball.

Father Groppi Remains in Ghetto

Milwaukee — (NC) — Father James E. Groppi, Milwaukee civil rights activist, has been appointed assistant pastor of St. Michael parish here, effective June 16, when he leaves his former parish, St. Boniface.

St. Michael church, also located in the city's predominantly black inner-city, is now be-

coming the center of civil rights activities. Father Groppi said he is pleased with the new appointment.

"There are a lot of black people who worship there and very elderly white and poverty-stricken whites, an Indian-American population and Puerto Ricans," he said.

Military Wife of the Year

Washington — (NC) — Mrs. Albert Sanford, president, Military Council of Catholic Women (MCCW), an affiliate of the National Council of Catholic Women, has been chosen "Military Wife of the Year."

Receiving a dozen roses and a kiss from master of ceremonies Art Linkletter, Mrs. Sanford commented: "If I could, I'd blush." She is the first black to receive the honor in the four-year-old contest.

The five finalists, all Catholics and representing each

branch of the armed services, have a total of 32 children.

Gussie Smith Sanford, wife of Lt. Col. Albert G. Sanford who joined the Army as an enlisted man, is a mother of five and is functioning as an "envoy without portfolio" at her husband's post in Frankfurt, Germany.

Among other activities, she is a member of a German-American society, an honorary member of a German Catholic women's organization and a power house in the Girl Scouts.

St. Francis in News

Washington — (NC) — Historian Lynn White proposed in an editorial in Science Magazine here that St. Francis of Assisi be named the patron saint of ecologists.

Commenting that the environmental crisis facing the world is religious as well as scientific and political, White said "the remedy must also be essentially religious, whether we call it

that or not." St. Francis, White added, tried unsuccessfully to substitute "the idea of the equality of all creatures, including man, for the idea of man's limitless rule of creation."

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