

Jesuit and 5 Others to Leave White House Staff

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 2—Despite what is described as President Ford's reluctance to force out White House holdovers, the exodus of Nixon appointees accelerated today with announcements of six resignations, including that of the Rev. Dr. John McLaughlin, the controversial Jesuit priest.

Dr. McLaughlin, an avid defender of former President Richard M. Nixon, had continued on the staff in the Ford White House for more than six weeks despite pointed suggestions from his new superiors that he should leave.

His resignation was submitted after a conference yesterday with Ron Nessen, the new White House press secretary, on whose payroll he had been carried at a salary range of \$32,000 to \$34,000 a year.

J. F. terHorst, who had served briefly as President Ford's press secretary before resigning, had attempted to ease Dr. McLaughlin out of the White House but had not succeeded.

White House sources said that President Nixon had also wanted Dr. McLaughlin to resign last year but that the Jesuit priest had refused to heed hints that he leave. Later efforts to ease him out ceased when he publicly defended Mr. Nixon's use of profanity in taped conversations with aides.

Other Resignations

Other former Nixon aides whose resignations were announced today by the White House were the following:

Richard A. Moore, a special counsel to the President, who will leave Oct. 9. He was reported today to be the unindicted co-conspirator added to the Watergate cover-up case. His salary was in the \$36,000 to \$38,000 range.

David Wimer, a special assistant for personnel, who will leave on Friday and be replaced later. His salary, too, was in the \$36,000 to \$38,000 range.

David Parker, a special assistant to the President. He left several weeks ago and has since been hired by the Commerce Department. His White House salary was in the \$33,000 to \$35,000 range.

Bruce Herschensohn, a deputy special assistant to the President, who left the White House several days ago to become executive director of Rabbi Baruch Korff's pro-Nixon organization. His salary range was \$34,000-\$36,000.

Noel Koch, a speech writer, who has resigned as of Nov. 1. His salary is in the \$30,000 to \$34,000 range.

Mr. Nessen said that other former Nixon aides would be leaving soon, but that President Ford had set no deadline for their departure.

"The President has said it's not in his nature to toss people out on the street," Mr. Nessen said. "He doesn't want anyone shoved out of this building until they've had adequate opportunity to find a career."

Mr. Nessen said that the mat-



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Controversial Jesuit priest



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ter of continued employment of Nixon holdovers was being handled by senior members of the White House staff.

"If it is decided we no longer want the services of any individual, we will announce their departure," he said.

Asked about the status of Ken W. Clawson, who served as Mr. Nixon's director of communications, Mr. Nessen said that Mr. Clawson was still on the press staff payroll "but he has no assignment from me."

Mr. Nessen added that Mr. Clawson had done "some transition work" for Mr. Nixon and had been in San Clemente, Calif., at least once but was not officially included on the list of Nixon transition staff whose salaries are still being paid by the White House.

A Problem for Ford

The continuation on the White House payroll of certain highly paid employes now assigned to Mr. Nixon poses a problem for the Ford Administration, since this is a drain of funds that could otherwise be used for the new President's own staffing.

Mr. Nessen said today that those detailed to Mr. Nixon would continue to be paid by the White House until Congress appropriated transition funds for the former President. The House has already sharply slashed the \$850,000 requested for the Nixon transition operation and the Senate is expected to make large cuts, too.

Mr. Nessen listed nine White House aides now assigned to Mr. Nixon in San Clemente. These include Ronald L. Zeigler, the former press secretary; Raymond K. Price Jr., a speech writer; Rose Mary Woods, Mr. Nixon's personal secretary; Stephen B. Bull, Frank Gannon, and four secretaries.

In addition to these, others on the White House payroll, including Patrick J. Buchanan, a Nixon speech writer, have done at least transition work for Mr. Nixon and received \$40

daily expense allowances, according to figures made public today by Senator Joseph M. Montoya, Democrat of New Mexico, chairman of a Senate Appropriations subcommittee considering funds for the Nixon transition.