

McLaughlin Calls Superiors Partial

CHICAGO, May 29 (UPI)—Presidential aide John J. McLaughlin says he is wondering why his Catholic superiors spoke out against him and not such anti-Nixon Jesuits as Rep. Robert F. Drinan (D-Mass.) and former fugitive Daniel Berrigan.

The Rev. Richard T. Cleary, Father McLaughlin's superior as the New England provincial of the Jesuits, last week criticized McLaughlin's statements in defense of President Nixon and suggested McLaughlin come to Boston "to pray over and reflect about his life."

Father McLaughlin blasted Drinan's position on "abortion on demand" and for his "permissive position" on civil rights.

Father McLaughlin appeared on a daytime television show here on WGN.

He said Rep. Drinan "has characterized President Richard Nixon as the absolute hypocrite. He has introduced the first impeachment resolution against Mr. Nixon, yet no action was taken to dissociate the Jesuit order from his view."

"Or take a more extensive example, Daniel Berrigan, who was a Jesuit priest, as you know, who eluded the FBI for a period of months. There was no public policy, no utterance on the part of the Jesuit order.

"So the question that is raised with me by people like me, including a large volume of Jesuits, is, 'Why has this action been taken against you and your public utterances?'"

Father McLaughlin also said he thought the radio and television networks were trying harder to be fair with Mr. Nixon but accused weekly

news magazines of being on a witch hunt.

"I think there is a residual left bias in the national media of this country," McLaughlin said. "I think lately there has been a lessening of this bias and there has been an effort in the direction of fairness, particularly on the part of the networks.

"The ink media, however, particularly Newsweek and Time magazine, remain quite anti-Nixon. And I share the view of (ABC's) Harry Reasoner who said that he has had it with Time and Newsweek and their coverage of the Watergate story..."