

Councillor Sullivan
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WHEREAS: Reverend McEwen will be sorely missed by all he ~~she~~ touched and loved; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record extending its deepest sympathy to the family of Reverend Robert McEwen at this time of such personal loss; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the McEwen family on behalf of the entire City Council.

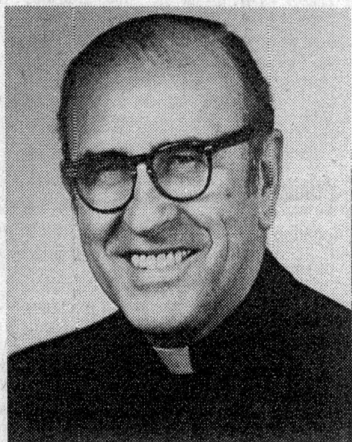
Rev. Robert McEwen, 79, Jesuit founded state Consumer Council

By Tom Long
GLOBE STAFF

Rev. Robert J. McEwen of the Society of Jesus, a professor of economics at Boston College and an advocate once described as the "patron saint of consumers," died, apparently of a heart attack, May 15 in Cork University Hospital in Ireland, where he was visiting relatives. He was 79.

A professor of economics at Boston College for more than 40 years, Father McEwen was chairman of the school's economics department from 1948 to 1969.

In 1963, he became the founding chairman of the state Consumer Council, an organization which he lobbied the Legislature to create. He held the post until 1967, when he be-



REV. ROBERT J. McEWEN

came the president of the Association of Massachusetts Consumers, a nonprofit umbrella group for local organizations. He was also the first president of the Consumer Federation of America, a consortium of state consumer groups.

In a story published in the Globe on Dec. 10, 1967, Globe financial reporter Peter B. Greenough wrote that Father McEwen deserved much of the credit for the state's recently passed truth-in-lending law and anointed him the "patron saint of consumers."

In the same story, Father McEwen was quoted as saying that consumers were the "only important group" in the economy who were not effectively organized and whose views were often not heard.

"Back in 1950, I started to research fair trade laws, trying to relate them to the Catholic idea of what a just price is," he said. "That's how I backed into consumer councils."

He was born in Dorchester and entered the Society of Jesus in 1934. He earned a bachelor's degree at Weston College, a master's degree in economics at Fordham University and a doctorate at Boston College.

From 1965 to 1969, he was a member of Lyndon Johnson's President's Committee on Consumer Interests. He was a member of the National Motor Vehicle Safety Advisory Council of the US Department of Transportation, the Medical Assistance Advisory Council of the US Department of Health, Education and Welfare and the Consumer Advisory Council of the US Department of Agriculture.

He leaves a brother, John of Malibu, Calif.

A funeral Mass will be said at 8:30 a.m. Saturday in St. Ignatius Church in Newton. Burial will be in the Jesuit Cemetery at Campion Center in Weston.

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WHILE YOU WERE OUT

Walter Sullivan

PHONE

TELEPHONED

PLEASE CALL

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MESSAGE

Death Res.

In today's
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Robert McEwen

Pres at BU

~~John L. Santiano~~~~EVA Sugrue~~~~Leona Phillips~~

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IN CITY COUNCIL

June 3, 1996

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

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ATTEST:-

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Order Adopted