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Abstract:

The James P. Loughlin Papers chronicles Loughlin's career as a labor union leader in Massachusetts and the role he had in locating the University of Massachusetts Medical School and its affiliated hospital in Worcester.

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James P. Loughlin Papers, University of Massachusetts Medical School Archives, Lamar Soutter Library, University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Related Material: Loughlin's role in locating the University of Massachusetts Medical School in Worcester is also referred to in an interview with H. Brownell Wheeler, M.D. in the H. Brownell Wheeler, M.D. Papers

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Biographical Note:

James Patrick Loughlin, in his role as Secretary-Treasurer of the Massachusetts State Labor Council, AFL-CIO, is credited by many people as being influential in locating the University of Massachusetts Medical School and its affiliated hospital in Worcester. Born in Worcester on October 28, 1910, Loughlin attended Worcester schools. He left St. Peter's High School in 1926 to work as a carpet weaver's apprentice at the Whittall Mills. After leaving Whittall Mills Loughlin worked as a tree surgeon for the WPA before beginning work at Brockets Brewery in 1934. Loughlin was introduced to organized labor when the brewery was unionized. He ran for and was elected vice-president of the local AFL-CIO Brewery Workers union in 1937. That same year he married Annette Amie Dubuc with whom he had five children: Patricia A., Mary Gail, Kathleen S., Sheila Jane, and Paul S. In 1942 he entered the Navy and served for two years. Following World War II Loughlin started a job as a bartender at the Coronado Hotel in Worcester. This secured his ties to the local bartender's union and he became Recording Secretary of Local 95 of the Hotel, Restaurant, and Bartenders Union. In 1948 he was elected Secretary-Treasurer and Business Agent for the union. He served as President and Executive Board Member of the Massachusetts State Council of the Hotel, Restaurant and Bartenders Union and was the first Vice President of the Worcester Central Labor Union.

In February 1962, seven years after the merger of the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations, Loughlin was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Massachusetts Labor Council, AFL-CIO and held that position for seventeen years. Between 1964 and 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson reportedly offered Loughlin a favor in exchange for labor's political support in Massachusetts. Loughlin responded that he wanted a medical school in Worcester. Loughlin and labor were strong advocates of public higher education and Loughlin believed that the children of workers could afford to get a medical education at UMass but not at any of the private medical schools. He also felt that the medical school would provide more jobs for Worcester. In his position as a state labor leader Loughlin lobbied for the release of federal funds for constructing the medical school and also helped dissuade Governor Michael Dukakis from halting the construction of the hospital affiliated with the medical school. In recognition of this role, Loughlin participated in the groundbreaking for the school and was given an engraved commemorative shovel.

Loughlin also served as Commissioner of the Worcester City Hospital and as a member of the Salvation Army, the Massachusetts Council on Crime and Correction, the State Manpower Commission, and the Governor's Apprentice Training Committee. He was Labor Chairman of the U.S. Savings Bond Drive for many years. In 1965 Loughlin was appointed to the new Advisory Council of the University of Massachusetts Labor Relations and Research Center (est. 1964) at the UMass Amherst campus.

Loughlin retired from his statewide labor position in 1979. He died on February 1, 1984.

Scope and Content:

This collection documents Loughlin's career as a labor union leader in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and his association with the University of Massachusetts Medical School. Photocopies of news clippings, invitations, programs, awards and commemorative items, documents, and correspondence related to Loughlin's union work are the bulk of the collection. Also included are printed versions of photographs acquired in digital form. These digital images are retained on an internal network drive.

Series in the Collection: The collection is arranged in seven series according to topic area or record type. Each series consists of one folder of chronologically arranged material. The series in the collection are as follows:

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Series I. Invitations and Programs, 1967-1977 (Folder 1)

Scope and Content: This series contains invitations to and programs from various events, including the groundbreaking and dedication of the University of Massachusetts Medical School, the installation of the President of the University of Massachusetts, and testimonial dinners for politicians, for Loughlin and for other union associates.

1. June 3, 1967: Program, Testimonial dinner for Hugh Thompson, New England Regional Director, AFL-CIO
2. September 16, 1967: Program, Testimonial dinner for Dr. Paul Dudley White
3. October 12, 1969: Program, Dinner-Dance, Region One, American Podiatry Association
4. October 23, 1969: Invitation, Medical School groundbreaking
5. March 4, 1970: Program, Testimonial dinner for Maurice A. Donahue, President of the Massachusetts Senate
6. December 9, 1970: Program, Installation of Robert Coldwell Wood as President of the University of Massachusetts
7. May 19, 1973: Program, Labor's Tribute to James P. Loughlin
8. June 5, 1973: Program, Israel Histadrut Dinner for the establishment of the Kevin H. White Medical Center in Israel
9. June 12, 1977: Invitation, groundbreaking ceremonies for the John F. Kennedy Library
10. October 13, 1977: Invitation, Dedication of the University of Massachusetts Medical Center
11. October 13, 1977: Invitation, Symposium- "Perspectives on the Future of the Academic Health Center"

Series II. Awards and Commemorations, 1969-1976 (Folder 2)

Scope and Content: This series comprises photocopied images of items given to Loughlin to commemorate the groundbreaking of UMMS and in appreciation of his work with various organizations.

1. October 23, 1979: Images (2) of shovel used at UMMS groundbreaking ceremony
2. December 1971: Image of plaque given by St. Camillus Hospital, Whitinsville MA
3. 1976: Image of plaque given by Committee for National Health Insurance
4. December 1, 1976: Certificate of Appreciation, from Massachusetts Association of Paraplegics

Series III. Correspondence, 1969-1977 (Folder 3)

Scope and Content: This series contains correspondence mainly in appreciation of Loughlin's work with the labor movement.

1. February 6, 1969: Letter to JPL from Francis J. McGrath, City Manager, Worcester MA
2. January 21, 1972: Letter to JPL from William R. Hendy, Jr., Captain, Massachusetts Maritime Academy
3. May 14, 1974: Mailgram to JPL from Honorable J. John Fox, Chairman Labor Committee, Greater Boston Israel Bonds
4. February 7, 1977 Letter to Gladys Keith Hardy, Office of the Secretary, University of Massachusetts, Boston, MA from Francis J. McGrath, City Manager, Worcester, MA

Series IV. News Clippings, 1965-1979 (Folder 4)

Scope and Content: This series is composed of clippings from newspapers and newsletters in which Loughlin was mentioned or to which he contributed.

1. July 2, 1965: "State Labor Council Endorses School Site," letter from JPL, *The Evening Gazette*, Worcester MA
2. August 28, 1965: "Trustees Defend Stand on Medical School Site," by Howard Angione, *Worcester Telegram*, Worcester MA
3. October 28, 1967: "J.F. Loughlin At Meeting With LBJ," *The News*, Framingham-Natick, MA
4. March 24, 1969: "State Medical School," *The News*, Framingham MA
5. March 1969: "Appeal for Labor Cooperation," *Massachusetts State Labor Council, AFL-CIO Newsletter*, Vol. 9, No. 3
6. July 11, 1969: "Here and There," by Dan Murray, *Labor News*, Vol. 64, No. 21
7. October 23, 1969: "Sargent to Attend Groundbreaking At UMass Med School Site Today," unknown publication
8. January 10, 1971: "U.S. Cash Eyed For Hospital," by Richard Lamere, *Sunday Herald Traveler*, Boston MA
9. March 18, 1973: "Labor Council Leader Loughlin Reminisces on Career With the Unions," by John J. O'Connor, *Worcester Sunday Telegram*, Worcester MA
10. May 9, 1973: "Jimmy Loughlin: Proud to Be Labor's Man," by Frank E. Magiera, *The Evening Gazette*, Worcester MA
11. May-June, 1973: "Loughlin Honored," *Massachusetts State Labor Council, AFL-CIO Newsletter*, Vol. 13, Nos. 5 and 6
12. March 7, 1979: "Loughlin Will Leave Labor Post," *Worcester Telegram*, Worcester MA
13. Undated "McGrath Finishes Cutting Budget," by John J. O'Connor, *Worcester Telegram*, Worcester MA
14. Undated "Determination built UMass Medical," by Albert B. Southwick, *Telegram & Gazette*, Worcester MA

Series V. Advisory Council of the University of Massachusetts Labor Relations and Research Center, 1965 (Folder 5)

Scope and Content: This series contains material relating to Loughlin's work as a member of the Advisory Council of the University of Massachusetts Labor Relations and Research Center. The Center was established in 1964 in order to provide labor education to undergraduate and graduate students. The Advisory Council was formed in 1965 to convey the educational needs of the labor movement to the university community and university programs to members of labor and the public.

1. Newspaper clipping– "17 Appointed to Council of UM Labor Center," undated
2. Photograph: University and Labor representative members of Advisory Council
3. Advisory Council members list

Series VI. Massachusetts State Labor Council, AFL-CIO, 1977 (Folder 6)

Scope and Content: This series comprises printed material relating to the State Labor Council, AFL-CIO, of which Loughlin was Secretary-Treasurer.

1. Printed booklet- "Constitution of the Massachusetts State Labor Council, AFL-CIO As Amended," 20th Annual Convention, November 1977

Series VII. Photographs, 1966-1973 (Folder 7)

Scope and Content: This series contains photocopies of photographs of Loughlin and others.

1. 1966: Joe Lee, Bill Baker, Judge J. Fox, Paul Loughlin, James Loughlin, and Tom Rourke
2. 1973: James Loughlin
3. Undated: James Loughlin and Governor Francis Sargent
4. Undated: James Loughlin, Speaker of the House David Bartley, and unidentified others
5. Undated: James Loughlin, Speaker of the House David Bartley, and unidentified others
6. Undated: James Loughlin, Governor Francis Sargent, and unidentified others
7. Undated: James Loughlin, Governor Francis Sargent, and unidentified others
8. Undated: James Loughlin, Governor Endicott Peabody, George O'Brien, Arthur Hartin, Lawrence O'Sullivan, William Belanger, George Meany, John Lederle, Philip Kramer, Joseph DiChiarra, Joseph Cass, Hugh Thompson

Series VIII. Artifacts

1. Shovel used in groundbreaking, engraved, October 23, 1969