

Astoria Priest Freed From Japs in Kobe

The Rev. Alexander Feely, former Astoria priest of the Capuchin Order, has been liberated from a Jap prison camp in Kobe, his sister, Mrs. Paul Adrion of 36-53 34th street, revealed today. At the same time, the War Department announced that the only Long Island casualty for today was Sergeant Charles P. Thorpe of 223-15 114th road, St. Albans, who was killed in Europe.

Father Feely, 33, was liberated about Sept. 10, after being imprisoned in December, 1941, on Guam, where he was an assistant at a mission. He was taken to Yokohama and then to Manila, where Mrs. Adrion's husband, Private First Class Paul Adrion, met him.

Both men are still in the Philippines. Father Feely wrote that he wasn't sure whether he'd go back to Guam or return to the United States. He did not mention any of his experiences except to say that in Yokohama the Army was now in complete control of Japan.

A native of Scotland, he came to Astoria at the age of 14. He was educated at Mary Immaculate School at Garrison, N. Y., and other Capuchin schools in Detroit and Wisconsin.



REV. ALEXANDER FEELY
He has another sister, Mrs. Alice Jackson of Newport News, Va.

CITY TO BUILD PARK AROUND BOWNE HOUSE

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music tonight in the high school. LaGuardia devoted the early part of his broadcast to a history of the early days of New York, with interpolations. He told of old Governor Peter Stuyvesant and his edicts banning Quakers or any other sects from holding meetings in the New Netherland Colony.

They were enforced in Flushing even after the town charter in 1645 guaranteed freedom of religion, he said.

Even in those days, quipped the mayor, "politicians made promises they didn't keep after entering office."

He went on to tell of the Flushing Remonstrance handed Stuyvesant in 1657 protesting the governor's acts against the Quakers, and of the emergence of Bowne as the champion of religious freedom.

Bowne's return from Holland to Flushing, after imprisonment and banishment to that country, established Flushing as a birthplace of free religion when Quakers were permitted to meet openly as a result of his sacrifices, LaGuardia said.

City's Aid Pledged
He declared the effects of his courageous stand have lived through the centuries and formed a symbol of action for religious tolerance today.

The mayor complimented Judge Colden and his committee on their efforts to acquire Bowne as a national shrine and pledged the city's cooperation.

In all of the Catholic and Protestant Churches of Flushing the meaning of Bowne's stand was dwelt upon by pastors in sermons, with references to participation by children and members of church societies in coming Tercentenary events.

Judge Colden, as guest layman preacher at St. George's Episcopal Church, oldest congregation in Flushing, took a quotation from Milton—"The ways of truth are hard and rough to walk in"—as his text.

"Without freedom of conscience, no other freedoms are worth anything," he said. "The Flushing Remonstrance was the first 'declaration of independence.'"

Spirit of Lewis
Judge Colden called attention to the fact that Francis Lewis of Whitestone, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, was a member of St. George's Church and said that Lewis "with others pledged their lives, fortunes and sacred honor to uphold it."

The Rev. Douglas Maclean, rector of St. George's, announced that the morning's collection would be donated to the Bowne House Fund, which is being used to establish the Bowne House as a national shrine to religious tolerance.

The Rev. Norman A. Hall, pastor of the First Methodist Church in Flushing, who is to be the narrator in the historical pageant to be presented at Flushing High School Tuesday and Wednesday of this week took as his text: "Daniel proposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the king's meat and as his theme the thought that 'courage, daring and vision' have been necessary for men throughout the Christian era in order that religious freedom should prevail.

Crises Recalled
After recounting briefly a series of crises in Christian history when the courage and vision of a man or group of men created another progression toward freedom, he said: "Flushing became a cradle for freedom of religion because men



BISHOP CELBRATES MASS—Bishop Apollinaris Baumgartner, recently appointed vicar-apostolic of Guam, is shown celebrating a pontifical high mass in his home parish church, St. Fidelis, at College Point. The church was crowded yesterday as the new bishop returned to the parish where he said his first mass 20 years ago. Later at a reception the prelate's former neighbors honored him on the eve of his departure for his Pacific diocese.

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HIT-RUN DRIVER KILLS WOMAN

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in which she was riding collided with another.

The accident occurred, police said, when the car driven by Douglas Scott of 130-43 86th road, Jamaica, collided with one driven by S. B. Okun of 90-36 149th street, Jamaica, at Hillside avenue and Sutphin boulevard.

Miss Carolan was the only person injured. After treatment at the hospital she went home.

Fred Biehl, 15, of 64-18 45th avenue, Woodside, was knocked down by a car driven by John Luisi, 45, of 80-38 212th street, Hollis.

Police said the youth ran across Queens boulevard near 64th street about 2 A. M. yesterday into the path of Luisi's car.

Biehl, a student in Queens Vocational High School, was taken to St. John's Hospital with a fractured leg.

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here had the courage and daring to face down a despotic, intolerant order, and John Bowne had the vision to see that his fight, if successful, would aid all those who might follow him here."

The concert of sacred music was attended by nearly 1,000 persons in the high school.

Taking part in the concert were the Queens College A Capella Choir and the Tercentenary Festival Chorus, "both under the direction of John Castellini, director of the college chorus."

The Festival Chorus, numbering over 200 men and women, included choirs and choral groups from the Ars Musica Guild, Flushing; Collegiate Choral, Manhattan; Community Church, Flushing; Epworth Methodist Church, Whitestone; First Baptist Church, Flushing; First Congregational Church, Flushing; First Methodist Church, Astoria; First Presbyterian Church, Flushing.

Also represented were the Flushing High School choruses, Free Gospel Church, Corona Grace Episcopal Church, Whitestone; New York Oratorio Society, North Presbyterian Church, Flushing; Orpheus Glee Club, Flushing; Queens College Society, St. Andrew Avellino Roman Catholic Church, Flushing; St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, Flushing; St. Paul's Episcopal Church, College Point; Union Evangelical Church, Corona, and Zion Episcopal Church, Douglaston.

A feature of the program was the singing by the Queens College choir of a special setting of the 23rd Psalm by Karol Rathaus, head of Queens College Music Department and chairman of the Tercentenary Music Committee, with Charles Hayward, tenor, as soloist and Mr. Rathaus at the piano.

Another soloist was Jane Tolonen, blind soprano graduate of music at Queens College. She sang the solo parts in Mendelssohn's "Lift Thine Eyes" and an Appalachian Christmas carol, "I wonder as I wander."

Clergy taking part in the program were the Rev. Joseph Abernethy, pastor of St. Michael's; Rev. Roman Catholic Church, who offered the invocation; Rabby Hyman Muss of Temple Gates of Prayer, who read from the scriptures, and the Rev. Maclean, who gave the benediction.

During the program, an address was made by Dr. Paul Klappert, president of Queens College, who said: "It is fitting that a concert of sacred music should open the Tercentenary programs, because of the significance of the founding of Flushing in its importance in mankind's fight for religious liberties."

"The people here suffered so that other men might find happiness. Some lived in dark dungeons, that others might walk in the sunlight. Those early settlers of Flushing saw clear-as crystal that in order to truly enjoy their chartered rights of freedom of conscience they must extend this right to every newcomer."

"The celebration of this Tercentenary calls us to a re-dedication of ourselves to these primary ideals in human relations."

"Three hundred years afterwards, conditions have arisen which have made it necessary for the State of New York to pass a law to guarantee tolerance of religious beliefs in the employment of men."

The spirit of man is not and will not be truly united until prejudices become nothing more than something that is recorded in past history."

The A Capella Choir sang four numbers, "Pueri Hebraeorum" by Praetorius, "The Morning Star" by Praetorius, "Now at Thy Feet Creation Lies" by Bach, and Haydn's "Song of Thanksgiving."

The Festival Chorus sang Crueger-Mueller's "Now Thank We All Our God" and the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's "The Messiah."

For the accompanied numbers, Leo Braun was at the organ.

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2,500 WAIT IN RAIN FOR TRACK BUS

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computers arrive there at about the same time. It didn't happen Saturday because Saturday's commuter crowd is far below par. But five evenings a week, the spot looks like Times Square on V-E Day.

Because they are going in opposite directions, the racing crowd doesn't affect the homegoing commuters very much. They may delay the Jamaica buses on their return trips to the subway, but that is about all. Women shoppers going home from Jamaica in the early afternoon are put to greater inconvenience.

These are the shoppers who live in the Rockaways or south Queens and use the Jamaica Bus Company's routes along New York boulevard. They board the buses on Jamaica avenue and—if it's a racing day and between 11 and 1—they'll invariably have to stand up.

The racing fans have all the seats. They board the buses at Parsons boulevard and Hillside avenue, which is a terminal point. Of course, their nickel entitles them to a seat... but some of the women shoppers feel that they should have priority over visitors from over the river.

Thousands of racing fans pour out of the subway around noon these days on their way to the Jamaica track.

They could hop on the regular Hook Creek and Far Rockaway buses on Parsons boulevard to ride to the track. The regular lines pass the track... but for the sake of its steady local trade, the bus company has devised a special system for the racing crowd.

A starter there tells them: "Race-track buses one block down."

So they wait a block to a spot where another starter stops them. Then an empty bus draws up, marked "Baisley Blvd." That is actually a special race track bus because "Baisley Blvd." is outside the track gate and that's as far as the bus goes.

This is a ruse that was born of the war. The Office of Defense Transportation, of course, put the kibosh on special buses to the race track. So the bus company put on extra buses from Jamaica to Baisley boulevard without signs saying "Race Track."

So long as the bus signs didn't say "race track," nobody seemed to feel it was wrong to run them there.

The Long Island Railroad pulled the same stunt with its special trains. They were never "race track trains," but that is where they went.

Now the bus company continues the practice of running extra buses to the race track—that is to say, "Baisley boulevard." The fans from the Bronx, Manhattan and points west do not know, of course, that they can take a regular New York boulevard bus and get off at the track. Nor does the company tell them.

The starters lead them to believe they must take the special bus marked "Baisley Boulevard." And that's what they do, leaving the other regular buses on the line for the steady commuter trade. This piece of deception does save the regular commuters on the line considerable wear and tear, no doubt.

The track fans get into the spirit

TORSO KILLING INDICTMENT EXPECTED

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was all right as far as it went, but no resident of the West 46th street apartment building appeared to be unaccounted for.

Harger was no longer there, to be sure, but he was presumed to be alive after the torso floated ashore.

But Inspector Mullins checked in Philadelphia and found the telegram sent to Dahl was a fake. That pointed a finger of suspicion at Dahl, but it was not enough.

Mullins then sent his men to talk to Harger's dancing partner, Charlotte Maye, who in private life is Mrs. Charlotte Tubising.

Miss Maye said Harger had a small scar on his left breast, and furthermore was a diabetic.

The torso in the morgue bore such a scar, and the one leg recovered bore the marks of a hypodermic needle, such as is used for injections of insulin by diabetics.

Then Dahl was shadowed in earnest, he had sublet the 46th street apartment and moved to a hotel, but he was followed constantly.

Mrs. Elaine Edwards, who rented the flat, told police that Dahl visited her on Friday. She noticed that in the bathroom, a piece of moulding had been ripped away.

"The police did that," she said. "They were looking for blood spots."

Dahl then blurted: "I'm leaving town, I'm fed up with New York."

He went directly to a bank where he and Harger had a joint account and withdrew \$1,500. At the Pennsylvania Station, detective Jack Leonard of the Queens Homicide Squad grabbed him as he was about to board a train for Philadelphia.

Assistant District Attorney Jacob Grumet conducted the questioning of Dahl and obtained a confession. Harger was internationally known as a ballroom dancer, and for the past two years had been teamed with Miss Maye. Their last engagement was at the Biltmore Roof.

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TEST PILOT'S BODY WASHED UP IN SOUND

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ton avenue, Manhattan, a veterinarian.

The body was taken by the airman's father, Ralph Beardslee of Ridgefield, N. J., to Owego, N. Y., for burial.

Beardslee, who lived with his wife at the Westmorland Gardens Apartments on Little Neck road, was a former plastic surgeon before he took to the air.

His disappearance had been a mystery since his car was found in the middle of the bridge with a note indicating that he had been slugged and robbed.

The mystery happened when, despite the fact that he had taken out a new insurance policy only last month, both his wife and handwriting experts testified that the test pilot had not written the note.

Harbor police and Flushing and Bayside detectives had conducted a week-long search for the body after Beardslee's wife had told them she was sure he met with foul play, maintaining that the note found in his car was not in the writing of her husband.

The note said: "You can have this car. I got a ring off him worth three cars and you can't track that. The guy put up a fight and I had to slug him after he let me ride. Try to find this one."

Because he had made a will on Sept. 17 with a fellow CAA employe as witness and because of the fact that he had taken out a new \$5,000 insurance policy, police had put scant faith in the note and had expressed the opinion from the time the car was discovered that the 41-year-old man had committed suicide.

Mrs. Beardslee said her husband had left their apartment in search of another place to live in Richmond Hill and added that as far as she knew nothing was troubling him except his inability to find what he considered more suitable quarters for his wife and two children.

PILOT'S NECK BROKEN IN CRASH

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Civil Aeronautics authorities in Syracuse.

Fire-fighting equipment, emergency crews, and a Flushing Hospital ambulance were alerted at 10:23 A. M. yesterday, when a C-54 A. T. C. plane, which had just taken off from LaGuardia Field, radioed to the tower that it had blown a tire when taking off and would try to land again.

For 15 breathless minutes scores of workers and spectators watched the huge plane circle the field waiting for orders to try the landing.

When all was in readiness for the attempted landing Pilot Charles R. Johnson of 49-30 Forest drive, Douglaston, brought the ship down.

Throwing almost the entire weight of the plane away from the flat tire, Johnson saved the ship down to the runway and "miraculously brought her in," according to Sergeant James Davidson of the A. T. C., who was on the scene.

A training plane made a forced landing in a field near Willets Point boulevard near the Belt Parkway, Bayside, yesterday afternoon.

The occupants, Joseph P. Ryan of 30-31 Hobart street, Woodside, instructor, and Walter H. Campbell of 42-23 Bell boulevard, Bayside, student pilot, were uninjured.

WIFE CHARGES ASSAULT

When John A. Woods, 36, 87 13-16 127th street, College Point, and his wife, Irene, disagreed at 4:45 A. M. today, she charged he punched her in the face with his clenched fist to assert his authority. Woods will explain it today in Flushing Magistrates Court.

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2 Flushing Men Face Court for Fighting

Lawrence Corrigan, 40, of 42-47 Kissena boulevard, and Thomas Gubbins, 33, of 146-15 Northern boulevard, both of Flushing, will charge each other with disorderly conduct in Flushing Magistrates Court today.

Corrigan charged that Gubbins made a slighting remark about his wife as they walked at 2:15 A. M. today at Main street and Roosevelt avenue, Flushing. The resultant dispute and impromptu boxing match led to the counter-charges.

REGISTRATION OF VOTERS BEGINS TODAY

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Flushing, Democratic leader, and Warren B. Asmead of Jamaica, Republican chief, called for a large registration.

The size of the registration—and the number of votes cast in the general election—will determine the size of Queens' delegation to the City Council.

Under the proportional representation system of electing councilmen, each borough is entitled to one councilman for each 75,000 valid votes cast and an additional one for a remainder of 50,000 valid votes.

Voting for all offices except the City Council will be by machine. Paper ballots will be used for PR.

Last year, when all previous Queens registration figures were broken, a total of 81,950 persons enrolled on the first day. However, it was a presidential year and political interest was at fever-pitch.

In 1941, the last mayoralty year, 41,554 registered on the first day.

For the full week of 1941, 461,821 residents qualified, a drop of nearly 175,000 from the previous year—1940—when a President was elected.

Last year's record enrollment was 702,235.

Voters this year will cast ballots for a mayor, city council president, comptroller, borough president, a county judge, an assemblyman in the 12th District and four councilmen.

All told, there are 19 candidates for the City Council, five of them Democrats, four Republicans and the others independents.

In the meantime, Queens Republicans planned three rallies for this week.

One of them will be held at 71-16 37th avenue, Jackson Heights, tonight by the Fourth Assembly District County Committee.

On Wednesday, the Republican Club of Astoria will hold a rally in its clubrooms, 31-27 41st street, for party workers in the 1st A. D.

General Sessions Judge Jonah J. Goldstein of Manhattan, candidate for mayor, and his running mate will speak at a rally on Thursday at 77-06 101st avenue, Ozone Park.

HARBOR STRIKE ON

Striking longshoremen who have tied up shipping in New York harbor defied union officials, again today and refused to return to work at 8 A. M., the hour set for the end of a week-long walkout.

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