

Up to 20 Years

Bank Robber
Is Sentenced

Sebastian Romero, 31, a Bay-side butcher, was sentenced to an indeterminate term of as much as 20 years in prison for the armed robbery of the Elwood branch of the Eastern Bank of Smithtown Sept. 30, Brooklyn Federal Court Judge Joseph C. Zavatt said he would fix the precise sentence within six months after he received the prison psychiatric report.

Romero, who lives at 213-08 73rd avenue, was arrested 15 minutes after he took \$8,935 from the bank at gunpoint. He told police business was bad in his store and he was \$12,000 in debt.

He said he took a gun and started for Huntington with plans to take his own life when he saw the bank and figured it might solve his problems.

VANDALS

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synagogue at 136-23 Sanford avenue, last weekend. At the same time, swastikas were smeared on the Corona Jewish Center and a vacant store in Elmhurst formerly a Jewish War Veterans meeting place.

Rabbi Max Meyer of the Free Synagogue said he believed the smearings were "the work of hoodlums and not an anti-Semitic group or anything of that sort."

THE CBS program, second in the new "FYI" informational series, will be seen on the Columbia TV network from 11 to 11:30.

CBS had previously scheduled the program "Preventive Medicine" for tomorrow, but set that ahead to the following Sunday.

Rabbi Meyer and members of the congregation will voice their reactions to the swastika-smearing incidents. Arnold Forster, civil rights director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith will also participate in the broadcast.

St. Fidelis
Men Elect

Vincent Dooley has been elected president of the St. Fidelis Roman Catholic Church Holy Name Society of College Point and will be installed Monday at 8:30 P. M. in the church hall at 14th avenue and 125th street.

The Rev. Joseph Conway, moderator of the group, will be the installing officer.

Others to be inducted are Sylvester Adams, vice-president; Edward Noonan and Edward Lane, secretaries; Louis Rauchenberger, treasurer, and Thomas Banks, sergeant-at-arms.

Induction of new members will be held tomorrow at 3:30 P. M. at a service in the church.

The Rev. William Osborne, pastor will officiate.

Man Cleared
In Smut Charge

A 32-year-old Flushing man was cleared of a charge of possessing pornographic material after a trial in Manhattan Special Sessions.

Simon Eksouzian of 146-44 58th road was arrested Aug. 5 and accused of having obscene pictures hidden behind a counter of a Manhattan grocery store.

SOCIETY TO INSTALL.
Election and installation of officers of St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Church Holy Name Society of Broadway-Flushing will be held Monday at 8 P. M. in the Andean Hall of the church at Northern boulevard and 158th street.



Nicholas Di Rosa is treated by a nurse at City Hospital, Elmhurst.

3 SEIZED

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Evangelista told them to get down on the floor.

WHEN the second shot was fired, Evangelista opened the office door and he and Ferra fled. Police said that Franciatti was a lookout man outside the tavern.

Di Rosa said the bandits missed out on \$811 he had in his pocket.

Connor and Detectives Wil-

liam Mulligan, John Sisano and James Roth, called to the scene, picked up Ferra's trail through a hat they found at the alley. Inside the hat band was a card from the Liquidometer Corporation in Long Island City.

They checked through the firm's personnel files and came up with Ferra's name. He matched Di Rosa's description of the man who shot him and he had been off duty at the time.

FERRA, married and the father of a boy, 8, and a girl, 6, was picked up in his home. He had been employed by the firm for nine years.

He was taken to the Elmhurst, Precinct and was identified as the bongo bandit. Police said his haul from the tavern holdups amounted to about \$6,000.

Ferra told police that after the holdup he went home, shaved off his pencil mustache and removed his coat and trousers, which were bloodstained from his struggle with Di Rosa.

HE SAID he then went to Queensboro Bridge and threw his gun into the East River. Franciatti and Evangelista were picked up shortly after Ferra. Both are married. Franciatti is the father of an infant child and Evangelista has two young sons.

The three go to Ridgewood Week-end Court today. Ferra is charged with assault and robbery, felonious assault and possession of a dangerous weapon. Franciatti and Evangelista are charged with assault and robbery and possession of a dangerous weapon.

FINCH

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tions for Dr. Ridge." It was Dr. Gerald K. Ridge who testified yesterday what his autopsy on Mrs. Finch showed.

He said she suffered more than 20 wounds—ranging from the fatal pistol shot to two skull fractures and an assortment of lacerations, bruises and abrasions.

The state contends Dr. Finch and Miss Tregoff came to the \$65,000 Finch home in suburban West Covina last summer to carry out a plot to slay Mrs. Finch so the doctor and Miss Tregoff wouldn't have to share an estimated \$750,000 in community property with her.

Held on 8-Count Indictment

Two More Attacks
Admitted by Cabbie

Robert Pearson, 30, charged in an eight-count indictment with the robbery and attempted criminal assault on a 20-year-old coed in his cab at LaGuardia Airport, has admitted two more attacks, one on a Bronx woman for which another cabbie is being held.

Pearson now has been linked to eight taxicab attacks. Three of these occurred in the Bronx, three in Brooklyn, the seventh on the Haines girl and the eighth on a Jackson Heights grandmother. The eighth case, in the Bronx, is still being checked by police.

Mrs. Eliza Hackel, 24, of 1252 Stafford avenue, the Bronx, was robbed of \$40 and attacked on the night of Aug. 25, 1959, by a cabbie who pulled a knife and threatened her at Bruckner boulevard and Westchester avenue, the Bronx.

MRS. HACKEL has identified another cab driver, Theodore Sutherland, 37, of the Bronx, as her assailant. He is being held in \$15,000 bail. Police said that although Pearson has admitted the attack and his cab fits the description she gave while Sutherland

And Less Speed

Order Radar
For Airliners

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Federal Aviation Agency ordered today that airlines equip their pure jet and turbo-prop planes with storm-warning radar by next July 1 and most of their other aircraft by Jan. 1, 1962.

It ordered that Douglas DC-6's and DC-7's and Lockheed constellations have their radar by next Jan. 1. All other affected planes must be equipped by Jan. 1, 1962.

The FAA exempted Douglas DC-3's, Curtiss C-46's, Lockheed L-18's, planes operating only in Hawaii and Alaska, cargo and training planes.

THE FAA said many jet airliners were being flown too fast for safety and ordered its regional inspectors to crack down.

Ward B. Masden, chief of the FAA operations division, said the airlines were built to fly within certain tolerances. "In a large percentage of flights," Masden added, "with a frequency that is alarming" safe speeds are being exceeded. FAA Administrator Elwood R. Quesada also denied charges that FAA proficiency tests have damaged commercial aircraft.

Jet Hits
800 MPH Mark

ROME (UPI)—A Transworld Airways Boeing 707 intercontinental jet airliner flew from New York to Rome yesterday in seven hours 48 minutes to establish a new commercial record for the flight. The plane, which carried 106 passengers and a crew of 12, reached speeds of more than 800 miles an hour.

Yule Killer
Faces Jury

Donald Syska, 21, the Astoria factory worker who is accused of murdering his 45-year-old aunt after a Christmas party, is being held without bail for the Grand Jury after waiving examination yesterday in Ridgewood Felony Court.

Police said that Syska has confessed to the killing of his aunt, Mrs. Eleanor Higgins of 36-11 28th avenue. She was discovered by a policeman, nude, and slashed 16 times in the face, back, throat and chest.

Syska said he killed his aunt Christmas morning after she ordered him out of the apartment, police said. The suspect had been sleeping in his aunt's apartment and she returned, fearing he would fall asleep while smoking.

Syska was arrested in Astoria in 1956 on charges of burglary. He was given a hearing on a reduced charge of unlawful entry, and released in his own recognizance.

Printer Held
In 1G Bail

An employee of the New York Journal-American accused of embezzling \$14,000 from an employee sick benefit fund was held in \$1,000 bail for the Grand Jury after waiving examination yesterday in Manhattan Felony Court.

John L. Degroof, 54, of 149-25 25th avenue, Whitestone, admitted Thursday to Manhattan District Attorney Frank Hogan that he had taken the money.

Hogan said that Degroof, who served as secretary-treasurer of the sick benefit association, lost the money at racetracks and then manipulated the fund's records by using dues to meet expenses and to cover shortages.

Purse Snatchers
Held in Bail

Three men who police said stole a housewife's pocketbook containing \$550 because they were "heavily in debt" were in deeper yesterday after they were arraigned on grand larceny charges in Ridgewood Felony Court.

Held in \$1,000 bail each were John J. Pucchino, 23, and Leo J. Saitta, 23. The third man, Vincent Traficante, 25, was held without bail because of a prior conviction in 1954 for burglary.

The victim, Mrs. Esther Greco of 45-26 220th place, Bayside, told police she was robbed Tuesday afternoon at Northern and Springfield boulevards. Mrs. Greco said she planned to use the money for her son's tuition at Columbia University.

Man Found Hanged
With Dog Chain

The body of a 45-year-old man, hanging from a bannister man was found in his home last with a dog chain wound about his neck.

The man was identified as Merwin Elwell, who resided in a three-story brownstone home at 27 East 93rd street. He was found by a maid, Alfreda Phillips.

Expressway Construction 'On Schedule'



The Clearview Interchange in the foreground and the Clearview Expressway running toward the top of the picture will be completed next summer, according to the State Department of Public Works.

Construction of both is right on schedule.

The Clearview Interchange connects with the east-west Long Island Expressway.

The north-south Clearview Expressway will go from the Throgs Neck bridge at the upper left of the photo to Grand Central parkway near the present Hollis Court boulevard bridge.

N. J. Bus Tragedy

2 Firms Plead
Innocent

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J. (AP)—Two trucking firms have pleaded innocent in Middlesex County Court to manslaughter charges growing out of an Oct. 9 bus truck crash in North Brunswick. The crash claimed the lives of 11 Trenton State coeds and a professor.

Cargill, Inc., of Philadelphia, owner of the truck that rammed into the rear of the student-filled bus, was charged with vehicular homicide and drunk driving in the hit-run death of a 19-year-old coed, Carolyn Jan Rieger, Okuno, who is free in \$4,000 bail, will have a hearing Feb. 16.

Miss Rieger was struck Dec. 28 while crossing Park avenue at 50th street with her date, Gerald Silverberg of Rockaway, N. J. Silverberg received broken legs and other injuries.

OKUNO WAS CAPTURED

A few blocks away after he was forced to the curb by a cab driver who witnessed the accident and gave chase.

Miss Rieger was the first in a string of hit-run deaths which has hit the city.

The New Jersey man, Wesley Wright, 23, of Newark, was held in \$5,000 bail in the hit and run death of a British seaman early Thursday morning.

Wright was charged with vehicular homicide and leaving the scene of an accident in the death of 30-year-old James Walker Gordon of Doncaster, Yorkshire, England.

POLICE SAID Gordon was struck and killed on an access road of the Henry Hudson parkway at 94th street. A hearing was set for Jan. 20.

Wright, according to police, was traced through a summons he had received shortly before the accident for passing a stop sign. His arrest came after police found hair and threads on a fender of the car he had been driving when he received the summons.

Boone was only the third driver to be apprehended in the eight cases.

IN ANOTHER hit-run case last night Hyman Polinsky, 75, was struck down on a Manhattan street by a car whose driver sped away.

Polinsky was taken to a hospital suffering fractures of the left knee and ankle. He was described as in fair condition.

Bakery Exec Held in 4G Bail

Hearing Date Set
In Hit-Run Death

A Jackson Heights bakery executive and a New Jersey man held in connection with two of the seven hit and run deaths in the city in the past two appeared in Manhattan Vehicle Accident Court yesterday and both coses were adjourned.

The bakery executive, Roy N. Okuno, 35, of 37-10 76th street, has been charged with leaving the scene of an accident, vehicular homicide and drunk driving in the hit-run death of a 19-year-old coed, Carolyn Jan Rieger, Okuno, who is free in \$4,000 bail, will have a hearing Feb. 16.

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Victory Won
By Astorians

The Astoria Property Owners have continued their record of "no losses" before the Board of Standards and Appeals by forcing a small machine shop to stop operations which were keeping residents awake at night, John Holly, president, reported today.

A firm at 25-29 12th street had applied for a permit to allow operations as a shop producing chains, Holly said.

However, nearby residents complained the shop was in operation day and night causing noise and resultant loss of sleep.

Mrs. Arthur Gerity, vice-president of the property owners argued, against the move and the petition was denied, Holly added.

Extra Day to Put
Car Licenses On

ALBANY (AP)—An extra day is being allowed this year for owners of automobiles and motorcycles to attach their 1960 registration plates.

Motor Vehicles Commissioner William S. Hults said yesterday the extra day was allowed because Jan. 31, the customary deadline, falls on a Sunday. The new deadline is midnight Monday, Feb. 1.

St. Mel's Men
To Hear Speaker

The St. Mel's Holy Name Society of Flushing will hold its regular monthly business meeting Monday in St. Mel's Roman Catholic Church at 29th avenue and 154th street at 8:30 P. M.

Peter J. Donoghue, of Bayside, former U. S. assistant attorney general and former Queens chief assistant district attorney, will speak following the business session.

Throgs Neck Bridge
To String Cables

The 360-foot-high Queens and Bronx towers of the Throgs Neck Bridge will be linked for the first time Monday when an 1,800 cable is strung between them.

The 2½-inch wire rope is the first of six similar supports on which workmen will bolt catwalks so they can begin spinning the giant cables which will support the suspension span.

When finished early in 1961, the new bridge between Whitestone and Fort Schuyler will connect with the Cross Island Parkway and the still-incomplete Clearview Expressway.

BANDIT

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stopped him and found the gun and change in the bag.

WEINSTEIN told detectives that he wanted the money because his parents had bought him a car and he felt obliged to pay them back. He said he also needed funds to entertain his girl friend.

The youth, who earns \$58 a week, told police he had been stopped a month ago for driving without a license and had spent four days on Rikers Island when he could not pay the fine. Dietz told police it was the third time he had been held up.

In-Law Admits
Stab Death

Mrs. Anna Lee Troy, 42, of South Jamaica admitted yesterday she stabbed her brother-in-law to death when he stepped in and tried to stop a family quarrel.

Mrs. Troy, a domestic of 112-34 Dillon street, entered a second degree manslaughter plea in Queens County Court before Judge George P. Stier.

She could get up to 15 years when she appears for sentencing Feb. 23.

The woman, mother of a 12-year-old daughter, said she stabbed John Kelly, 64, of the same address, with a kitchen knife on June 1 when he intervened in an argument between her and her husband.

HIT-RUN

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garages and repair shops, and storage places.

Patrolmen were given such information as the probable make and year of the cars involved in the hit-run cases still unsolved.

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