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Robert A. Mello
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SHE would be Proud.

Robert A. Mello

Memorial Statue Dedicated at St. Anthony's Church Yesterday



Officials at the dedicatory exercises at St. Anthony's church. In the foreground left to right are Benito Souza, who unveiled the statue of St. Anthony, Councilor Thomas B. Delaney, who represented the city and Rev. Joseph T. Grillo, pastor of St. Anthony's who blessed the statue.



Memorial Statue Dedicated at St. Anthony's Church Yesterday



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For happy homes and loving friends
Dear Lord.....our thanks.

For bright rays that the sun
sends.
Dear Lord.....our thanks.

For the joy in doing little things
For happy hours that each day brings
And the lilting song a robin sings
Dear Lord.....our thanks.

For peace 'midst war time's misery
Dear Lord.....our thanks.

For the gift of lovely things to see
Dear Lord.....our thanks.

For autumn with colored leaves
aflake
The sweetened scent of April rain
And memories sweet that e'er remain
Dear Lord.....our thanks.

For the sweet content each day's
work brings
Dear Lord.....our thanks.

For a child whose laugh with sun-
shine rings
Dear Lord.....our thanks.

For mighty oceans white with foam
For all the joy through life we've
known
Until the day You call us home
Dear Lord.....our thanks.

—DEOLINDA MACHADO MELLO,
42 Chippewa street,
Lowell.

LOWELL COMMUNITY CHEST

Esta benemerita associação pretendendo dar o maior brilho á festa comemorativa do primeiro centenario da fundação da cidade de Lowell, ofereceu gratuitamente á população da referida cidade uma estrondosa festa, nas noites de 14 e 15 do corrente, realizada no soberbo edificio "Memorial Auditorium". A deslumbrante festa constou da representação das diversas colonias estrangeiras, apresentando cada uma alguns dos seus costumes regionais.

A colonia portuguesa soube impor-se, apresentando característicos costumes Açoreanos, de agradável geral para a enorme multidão que enchia o "Memorial Auditorium". O grande successo da parte que coube a Portugal no presente centenario de Lowell, devemos-lo especialmente ás exmas. sras. D. Maria E. Teixeira, D. Deolinda P. Machado e ao sr. Manuel E. Sousa.

Estas três figuras de destaque na nossa melhor sociedade, foram incansaveis na composição dos trabalhos apresentados, não se poupando a sacrificios e removendo com destreza obstaculos tendentes a frustrar a sua ação patriótica.

A todos os componentes da representação portuguesa e em especial ás meninas Teixeira e Machado e bem assim ao sr. Sousa, as nossas felicitações, pelo exito da festa que enalteceu a nossa colonia.

TESTIMONIAL

...TO...



REV. JOSEPH T. GRILLO

Pastor of St. Anthony's Church

Monday, February 22nd, 1937

Elks' Home Warren Street

Menu

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HOT ROAST GRADE A TURKEY
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CRANBERRY SAUCE
HOT MASHED POTATOES
GREEN PEAS
BUTTERED SQUASH
WINTER SALAD MAYONNAISE
HOT BANANA FRITTERS LEMON SAUCE
CHOCOLATE NOUGAT ROLL ICE CREAM
FROZEN PUDDING
ASSORTED POUND CAKES
MACAROONS
ASSORTED ROLLS BUTTER
HOT COFFEE
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Invited Guests

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Rev. Denis J. Maguire Rev. John M. Manion
Rev. Francis W. Strokoskas
Rev. Michael J. Murphy Rev. Arthur A. Mercier
Rev. Richard Geswell Rev. Antonio J. Pimentel
Rev. Francisco Goulart Martins
Rev. Arthur Silva Rev. Americo Lima
Rev. John A. Silva Rev. Antonio P. Viera
Rev. Joao F. Ferraz Rev. Augusto Leal Furtado
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Dr. Euclides Goulart Costa
Dr. Francisco J. Carreiro Dr. John C. Pitta
Dr. Fausto Lage Dr. Manuel C. Pereira
Miss Gladys De Almeida
Pedro M. Almeida
Henry M. Stewart James McKenna
Charles J. Landers

Program

Selections	Orchestra
Vocal Solo	Miss Jardin
Selection	Orchestra
Solo	Laura Pacheco
Tap Dance Specialty	Bella Silva and Roland Tanguay
Solo	Gladys De Almeida

Committees

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Chairman: Richard Perry
Assistant Chairmen: Miss Margaret G. Santos,
Annibal L. Sousa, Manuel Santos
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Braga, Jr., Laura Pimentel, Vincent Silva, Manuel Ferreira, Augustino
Nunes, Manuel S. Mendonca, James Perry, Manuel Jardine, Joseph
Avila, Frank Silva, Manuel M. Rebello, Richrad Perry, Annibal L. Sousa,
Arthur J. Bettencourt, Manuel E. Sousa, Manuel P. Avila, Manuel Santos.

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Arthur J. Bettencourt

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Manuel E. Sousa, Manuel P. Mello, John Gallego, John M. Sousa,
Manuel Santos, Manuel Braga, Jr., Manuel Bettencourt,
Manuel E. Santos, Henry Santos, James Perry,
Manuel M. Rebello, Manuel P. Avila

PROGRAM COMMITTEE
Arthur J. Bettencourt, James W. Teixeira

Rev. Fr. Grillo Testimonial Committee Heads



Here are the active heads of various committees working for the testimonial to be held in honor of Rev. Joseph T. Grillo, pastor of St. Anthony's church on Feb. 22, the occasion being the observance of the priest's official elevation to the pastorate of the Portuguese church. Front row, left to right: Mrs. Manuel Braga, Jr., Miss Mary E. Teixeira, Miss Deolinda Machado and Miss Margaret Santos. Second row: Annibal L. Sousa, Richard Perry, Manuel Santos and Manuel Jardine. Rear row: Manuel P. Avila and Arthur Braga.

Committee in Charge of Grillo Testimonial



Among those on the committee in the above photo are, seated, left to right: Miss Deolinda P. Machado, secretary; Miss Margaret Santos, assistant chairman, and Miss Mary E. Teixeira, publicity chairman.

Standing, left to right: Richard Perry, general chairman; Manuel Santos, assistant chairman; James W. Teixeira, and Arthur Bettencourt, program committee.



SODALITY MEMBERSHIP TEA—Pictured at Sunday afternoon's tea held by the Holy sodality of St. Anthony's church are, Mrs. Manuel Braga, pourer; Miss Rose A. Mello, Mr. C. Tavares, Rev. John F. Silva, Mrs. George Mello, chairman; Dr. Jose de Sousa Camara er; Mrs. Tebert P. Mello, Mrs. Mary S. Caldeira, and Mrs. George Sousa, pourer.



ST. ANTHONY'S FESTIVAL COMMITTEE—The committee in charge of the festival in honor of Our Lady of Fatima, to be held Aug. 25 in St. Anthony's church, is shown,

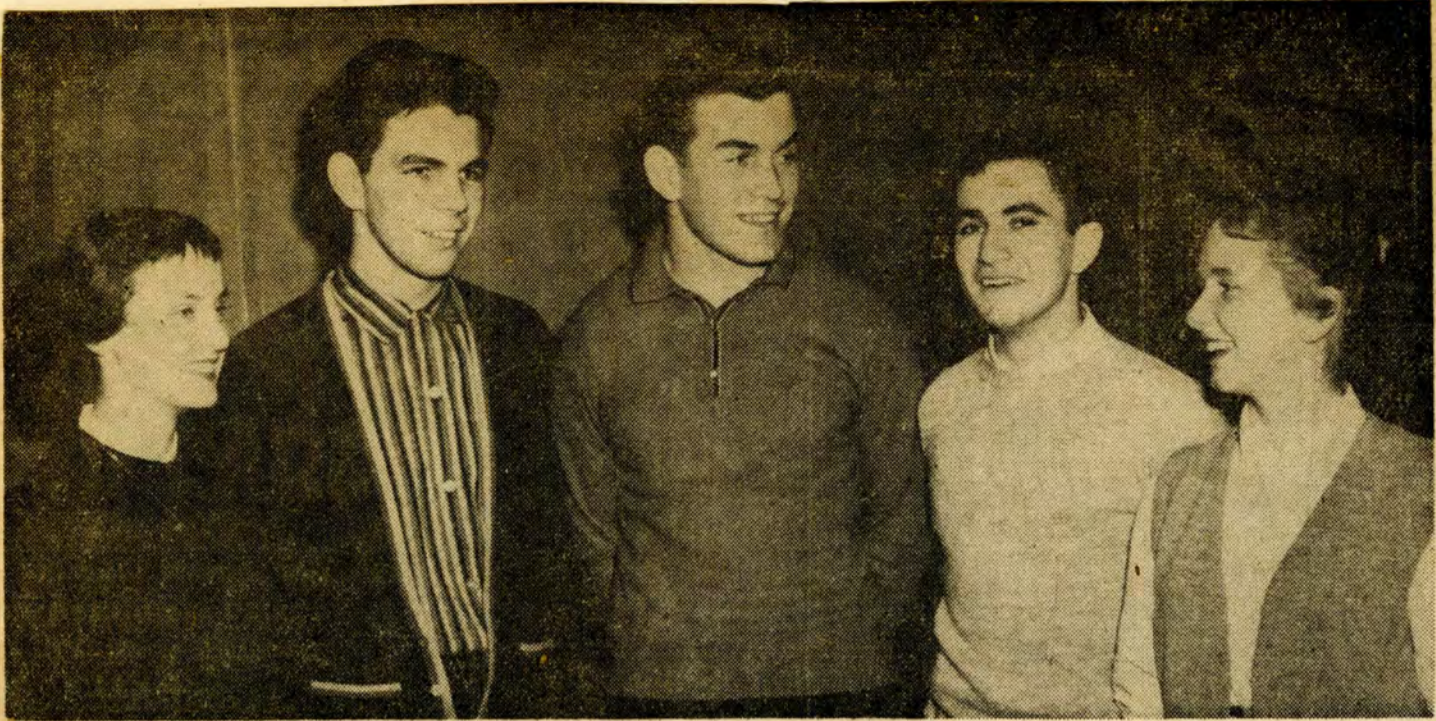
prior to a planning meeting last night. A processional, lawn party and band concert, will be the highlights of the event.

Appointed To Institute Staff

LOWELL — The appointment of Mrs. Tebert T. Mello to the staff of the International Institute was announced today by Dr. Martin J. Lydon, president of the board of directors of the institute.

Mrs. Mello, of 883 Westford street, has been active in civic affairs since 1934, when she began teaching in the adult alien education program of the institute. She was appointed to the board of directors in 1939, and served as vice president. During World War II she acted as interpreter of foreign-language programs, particularly Portuguese and Spanish, for radio stations. Mrs. Mello studied library science at the University of Rhode Island and at Lowell State Teachers college and has been librarian at the Lowell General hospital school of nursing.

She also has served with the United Fund, with the Archdiocesan Deanery Council of Catholic Women and with former Mayor John Janas' citizen committee. Indeed, her qualifications are impressive for participation in the important work of the International Institute, which aids newly arrived aliens in finding jobs, settling their families, and becoming citizens.



LHS Senior Class Officers

Pictured here are the senior class officers of Lowell high school, left to right: Nancy McHale, treasurer; Joseph Machado, first vice president; Arthur Andricopoulos, presi-

dent; Edward Rindler, second vice-president, and Carol Connolly, secretary.



To Prepare Portuguese Dinner

Feb 1959

Shown are members of the committee in charge of preparing a Portuguese dinner for the annual meeting of the International Institute to be held Feb. 4 at the Lowell Girls club. Left to right: Mrs. Frank Vieira, Mrs. Tebert Mello,

Mrs. Manuel Perry and Mrs. Manuel Gouveia. Christian Herter, Jr., will speak at the meeting. Those wishing to attend should make reservations by tonight.



The Best I've Had

Christian A. Herter, Jr., left, speaker at the annual dinner and meeting of the International Institute, takes a cake offered by Mrs. Tebert P. Mello, chairman for the Portuguese

dinner. Mrs. Cumner Talbot, new president of the institute, admires the dessert, served with rice pudding.

Herter Tells of Challenge To American Foreign Policy

LOWELL — America's obligation to less developed nations is "The Great Challenge to American Foreign Policy," Christian A. Herter, Jr., said Wednesday at the annual dinner and meeting of the International Institute in the Lowell Girls club on Worthen street.

"The great challenge to American foreign policy is the formation of a proper foreign aid program," according to Herter.

Too often, he said, "foreign aid" has been ridiculed by the American people. Presently, "Mutual Security" has replaced Marshall aid and Point Four plans of a few years ago. Sometimes, the U. S. has sent "extraordinarily good" persons to accomplish the job in foreign countries, but at other times, U. S. representatives have bungled their work.

LOOKING AT our primary competitors, the Russians, he pointed out that well-trained Russian foreign representatives inevitably speak the language of the nation to which they are sent and are thoroughly acquainted with the customs and geography of the land.

Herter said the rim of nations between the free world and the Sino-Soviet bloc—starting with Korea, Japan, and Indonesia, extending through India and the Middle East, to Africa, and ending in South America—will form the balance of power between the Communists and the free world.

At the present time, these "rim" countries, with their newly won independence, hold a "new vision." The new vision is seen by peoples with a past of abject poverty, who hope for better standards of living in the next generation.

Since the second World War, 20 new nations have been formed. Within the next few years, Herter predicted there would be another 10 new nations formed with independent governments.

This uncommitted one-half to one-third of the world, with a large population and rich resources, may decide the peace of the world in the next two decades.

THE U. S., he said, is just beginning to realize that it must take a more active part in the economic, technological, educational, and social development of these nations.

Development is a mutual process, he continued. We can not dictate political terms, but must let these nations build their own concepts of government. We cannot create a world in our own image, but we can help it grow with its own beliefs. By furnishing aid in the form of technical assistance, training, and capital, the U. S. can "get in on the ground floor" of development, earning respect as a friend.

Examining the question of government aid and private aid, Herter said government aid must come first, building the basic facilities: Ports and communication and transportation systems that will later attract private investment from the West.

Using the analogy of a plane taking off from a runway, Herter said the government must do what private industry is not able to do. Government aid will get the plane of development down the runway, he said. Private industry can keep the plane in flight.

THE SINO-SOVIET bloc is already moving fast to create "satellites" of some of these nations: Not necessarily political satellites, but economic satellites,

dependent on Communist markets, know-how, and assistance.

He mentioned Iraq, where new nationalistic forces recently seized the government, unanticipated by the West. The apparent loss of an investment in the field of development may actually have initiated future stability and technical knowledge in the nation.

Also mentioning a victory, Herter told of two steel mills recently opened in India. The mills, one built with West German and the other with Soviet aid, were ready to be opened the same day. Preference went to the West German endorsed mill, giving the free nations the lead in publicity and world knowledge.

Helping in the development of these less developed nations is one of the greatest challenges to U. S. foreign policy, he said.

THE FOUR-COURSE dinner was served by women of the Portuguese community under the direction of Mrs. Tebert Mello. It consisted of a light chicken broth, an entree made with codfish and potato, decorated with eggs and black olives, and a main course of roast pork and chestnuts. Dessert was a spicy rice pudding and an interesting pastry.

A Liberty dance, by members of the Greek Mothers club, and a singing group under the direction of Christos Bentas, concluded the evening.

Feb 1959

Os portugueses de Lowell e o meio século da sua igreja de Santo António



COMISSÃO DO JUBILEU DE OURO — Sentados, da esquerda para a direita, Mrs. Mary Caldeira, presidente do banquete; Rev. João F. Silva, pároco; Mrs. Tebert P. Mello, presidente geral; Mrs. Lino Picanso, presidente da Comissão do Livro de Recordação. De pé, pela mesma ordem, Anthony

ry, vice-presidente do banquete; Mrs. George Mello, secretária da comissão; Mrs. Antoinette Sousa, presidente do fundo de reconstrução; Mrs. Manuel Correia, tesoureira da comissão; Jesse M. Santos, vice-presidente do fundo de reconstrução.

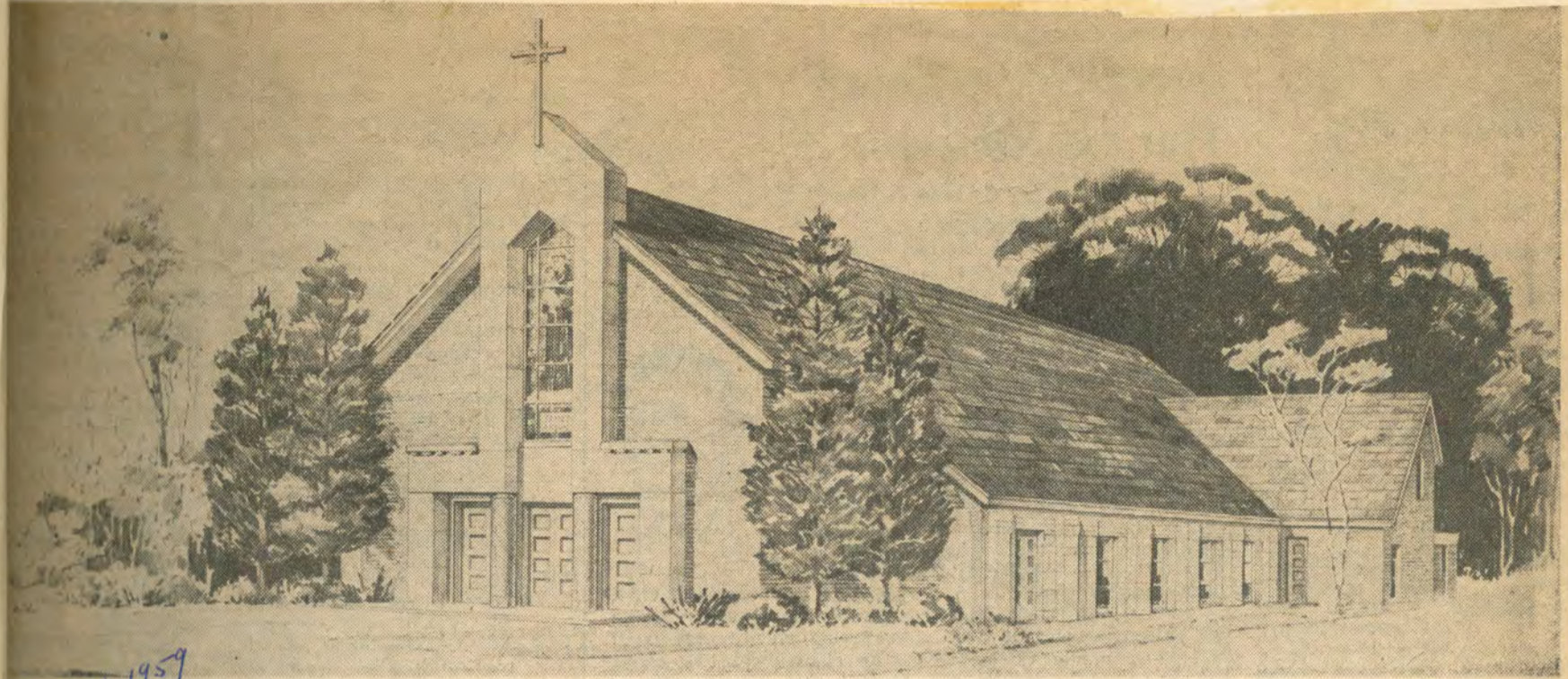
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Plan St. Anthony's 50th Anniversary

The group pictured above were among those who met last evening to make plans for the 50th anniversary of Saint Anthony's church on Central street. Shown front, left to right; Mrs. Lino Picanso, Rev. John F. Silva, and Mrs. Tebert P. Mello. Rear; Mrs. George Mello, Mrs. George Sousa, and Mrs. A. G. Caldeira.

March 27, 1958



The New St. Anthony's Church

This is the architect's conception of what the new St. Anthony's church will look like when the \$180,000 rebuilding project is completed on the present Central street base-

ment church. The new church will be all above ground with the present basement church remaining intact and serving as the main church when the new elevated portion is added.

New Church For St. Anthony's Parish

VELL — St. Anthony's parish will realize their long-dreamed-of new church building. The \$180,000 construction project is well under way this week which will transform the present basement church into an edifice of modern design, comparable to the trend of church architecture in the Boston archdiocese. The reconstruction will find a new church being erected on top of the present basement church, a portion of which will remain. The new church will be all above ground with the new basement church being the main part of the parish church. The project is expected to take six months to complete. About 57 per cent of this amount has already been raised, a special building-fund collection drive is held next Sunday, April 12, with a view to obtaining the remaining 43 per cent of the total. Since great enthusiasm prevails throughout the parish, Rev. John F. Silva, the pastor, under whose guidance the reconstruction is being taken, is optimistic that the goal set for next Sunday will be realized. The new church, which serves as the center of worship for Portuguese-American residents of Lowell, was officially dedicated by the late William J. O'Connell on May 30, 1958. Although at that time only the basement had been completed,

the church was opened for religious services. However, due to immigration laws passed early in the century, limiting entrance into this country on a quota basis only, the local colony never reached the proportions anticipated by the founders when they planned the original cathedral-like church and the basement church has served the colony throughout these years. **DURING THE LAST 10 years** under the capable administration of Rev. Fr. Silva the church interior has been completely transformed. A new marble altar and altar railing, together with modern comfortable pews, Stations of the Cross, and stained glass windows have been installed. A beautiful shrine in honor of Our Lady of Fatima attracts many visitors daily and is a great source of devotion for the hundreds of parishioners who feel a special affiliation to Our Lady as she appeared in Portugal to the three little children. Mrs. Tebert P. Mello is general chairman of next Sunday's parish-wide building fund drive when parishioners will be solicited for contributions in the form of cash gifts or pledges. She will be assisted by: Mrs. Manuel Alves, Frederick Avila, Mrs. Foster Braga, Mrs. Manuel F. Braga, Walter Branco, Manuel Bettencourt, Mr. and Mrs. Annibale F. Caselle, Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Correa, Mrs. Mary S. Caldeira, Anthony C. Ferreira, Joseph Fer-


reira, Manuel Ferreira, Mrs. Daniel Freitas, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Freitas, Miss Rita Freitas, Mr. and Mrs. Dominick J. Furtado, Mrs. Stella Gonsalves, Mrs. Gabriel Gouveia, Mrs. Thomas R.

Katibian, Mrs. Bertha Machado, Mrs. George Mello, Joseph Miguel, Mr. and Mrs. Horacio Miranda, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Perry, Mrs. John G. Perry, Mrs. Manuel Perry, James Perry, Mrs. Lino Picanso, Mr. and Mrs. Raoul

Pimentel, Mrs. Roger Sanborn, Alexander Silva, Leo Silva, Mrs. Manuel Silva, Miss Rose Silva, Mr. and Mrs. George C. Sousa, Jesse M. Santos and William Silva.

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St. Anthony's Anniversary Committee:

May 15, 1958

Officers in charge of arrangements for the 50th anniversary of St. Anthony's parish to be held May 30 at the Memorial Auditorium are, left to right, Jesse M. Santos, building fund

chairman; Mrs. Manuel Correa, financial secretary; Mrs. Tebert P. Mello, chairman, and Anthony Perry, banquet chairman.

the guests were distinguished and the program moved along with heartening rapidity. It was tops all around.

MRS. TEBERT P. MELLO, general chairman of the jubilee banquet, gave a very fine address when she was called upon to speak. She could easily run for public office and could win, too—if good delivery had anything to do with winning an election. As we listened to her remarks, delivered with such highly professional polish, we couldn't help but think of the days too long ago when we were both classmates at the Lincoln grammar school.

Mayor Samuel Pollard handled himself magnificently, as usual, when he was called upon to bring the greetings of the city to the large gathering. You may disagree with the mayor in many things, but when he's on his feet, speaking with a mellifluous blend of the blarney of old Erin and the oratory of ancient Greece, it's so easy to forget those differences. He looks and speaks the part of the official representative of a city government.

Called to take bows during the speaking program were City Councilor Janas (who seems to be everywhere when he's needed); Reps. Desmond, Finnegan, Kenefick and Rourke; Register of Probate John V. Harvey and Col. Henry E. McGowan, who represented Gov. Furcolo at the jubilee observance.

Rep. Edith Nourse Rogers was one of the honored guests and speakers on the program. She brought her usual warmth to the gathering and sincerely mentioned how she always brags about her Portuguese-American constituents in the Fifth congressional district whenever she has the opportunity in Washington.

Also seated at the head table was Atty. William H. Sullivan who is seeking the Democratic nomination this fall for the congressional seat held for over three decades by Rep. Rogers.

Toastmaster Bettencourt introduced Atty. Sullivan as "a young man we're going to hear a great deal more about" and wished him "the best of luck" in future ventures.

MANNY BETTENCOURT certainly managed to hide his candle under a bushel these many years that we have known him. We had no idea that his talents ran along master of ceremonies lines, too. We found this out, much to our surprise, at the golden jubilee banquet commemorating the 50th year of the dedication of St. Anthony's parish.

The affair, held in the Auditorium on Memorial day night, was a brilliant gathering of fine looking parishioners and friends of the Central street church which now looks forward to even greater expansion and progress as it marches toward the first 100 years of its existence in Lowell.

But to get back to Manny, who, as you must know, is the personal secretary to City Manager Barrett. He did a perfectly splendid job as master of ceremonies for the after dinner speaking program which followed the banquet. He not only kept the program running with introductions in English but he lapsed into Portuguese when the occasion arose.

Over 1000 persons attended the banquet and we must say that it was as fine an observance of this kind as we have ever witnessed at the Auditorium. The women were beautifully gowned, the men were handsome,

June 1, 1958



At St. Anthony's Jubilee

Over 1000 persons attended the jubilee banquet honoring the 50 years since the dedication of St. Anthony's church in Lowell. Shown above are the pastor of St. Anthony's church, two distinguished clergymen who were guests and U. S. Senator John F. Kennedy. Left to right, Rev. Manuel

J. Cascais, pastor of St. Anthony's church in Cambridge; Rt. Rev. Stephen DeMoura, pastor of Our Lady of Good Voyage church in Gloucester; Sen. Kennedy; and Rev. John F. Silva, pastor of St. Anthony's church in Lowell.

1000 Attend Golden Anniversary Banquet of St. Anthony's Parish

By JAMES E. FINN

LOWELL—The golden jubilee of St. Anthony's parish was observed by over 1000 persons at a golden anniversary banquet held in the Memorial Auditorium Friday night.

Distinguished guests and members of the committee in charge of the anniversary banquet filled two head tables, one on the stage and one directly in front of the stage on the main floor of the Auditorium.

A huge three-tiered gold-frosted cake formed the background for the beautifully decorated head tables. A statuette of St. Anthony, patron saint of the Lowell church dedicated on Memorial day, 50 years ago, topped the festive cake.

Distinguished guests honoring St. Anthony's church and the members of that parish included the auxiliary bishop of Boston, the Portuguese consul from Boston, a United States senator, a United States representative, two

monsignori, a representative of the governor of Massachusetts and a score of priests from the Greater-Lowell area and out-of-town parishes.

Sen. John F. Kennedy, who explained that he had to return immediately to Washington for an important meeting, spoke briefly to the large gathering before the banquet began. He expressed his regret that he was unable to remain for the banquet and speak at length as he had planned.

He praised those of Portuguese

extraction who, he said, have contributed so much to the greatness of America.

Sen. Kennedy left the Auditorium immediately following his brief remarks.

REP. EDITH Nourse Rogers, during the speaking program which followed the banquet, told her listeners that she always boasted about "the wonderful Portuguese-Americans" of her district whenever she got the chance in Washington, D. C.

The Lowell congressman described the early history of Portugal and the great colonization made throughout the world by the mother country of the Lowell residents whose religious life finds its orbit around St. Anthony's church.

Rep Rogers pointed out that the early Portuguese colonizers were unique insofar as that their worldwide colonization was not restricted to colonizing alone, but was used also to spread Christian civilization wherever the ships of Portugal sailed.

Mayor Samuel S. Pollard brought the greetings of the city of Lowell to the large gathering. He praised the spirit of those of Portuguese extraction in Lowell and he lauded "the wonderful contributions made by your forebears to the greatness of Lowell during the past half century."

Most Rev. Jeremiah F. Minihan, auxiliary bishop of Boston, urged his listeners "to continue in the faith as those of your race have done before you."

"Cherish your faith, sacrifice for it, practice it with loyalty, fidelity and devotion like those who went before you—like those who laid the foundations of the parish whose glorious 50 years we celebrate tonight," Bishop Minihan said.

Bishop Minihan pointed out the coincidence which saw St. Anthony's church dedicated in 1908, just as the archdiocese of Boston began the second hundred years of its existence as an archdiocese within the framework of the Roman Catholic church.

THE PRELATE said that the past 50 years have witnessed the excellent growth of St. Anthony's parish and the greatest growth of the Boston archdiocese and the greatest growth of the Catholic church in America in all history.

Rev. John F. Silva, pastor of St. Anthony's church, expressed his great gratitude for the work done by the committees in charge of the celebration and lauded the parishioners for their co-operation in all phases of parish work. The pastor spoke both in English and in Portuguese to the large audience.

Mrs. Terbert P. Mello, general chairman of the jubilee committee, spoke at length on the history of St. Anthony's parish and the contributions of the people of Portugal and their descendants who have settled in Lowell.

Mrs. Mello introduced for bows all the heads of the various committees which combined to make the jubilee banquet such a huge success.

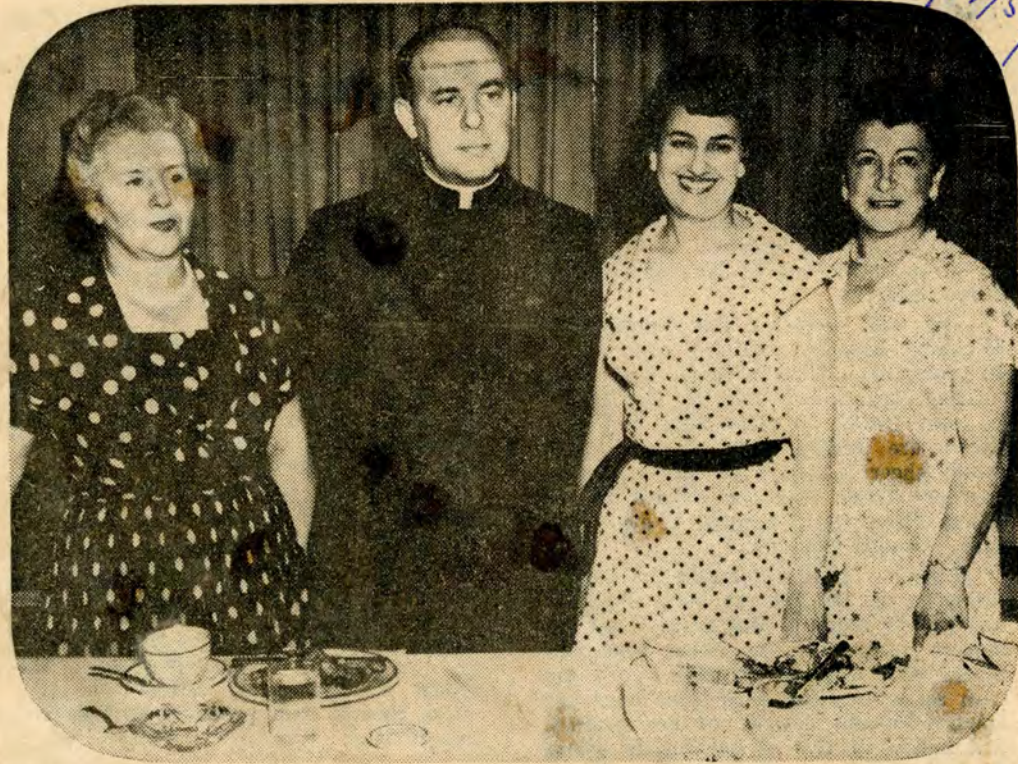
Manual S. Bettencourt served as master of ceremonies during the speaking program and Miss Judy Finnerty played organ music during the banquet.



Mass in St. Anthony's Parish Hall

Masses were said yesterday for the first time in St. Anthony's parish hall, formerly the Lyon Street school. While the new church is being constructed, all services will be

held in this hall. The above picture shows the pastor, Rev. John Silva, officiating at the 11:30 mass Sunday.



Sodality Annual Banquet

The Holy Rosary sodality of St. Anthony's parish held its annual banquet and final meeting of the season Wednesday evening. Highlight of the evening was a travelogue of Portugal presented by Mr. and Mrs. John McGoohan. Seated at the head table were, left to

right, Mrs. A. G. Caldeira, president; Rev. John Silva, pastor of St. Anthony's church and spiritual advisor of the sodality; Mrs. George Mello, banquet chairman and Mrs. Tebert Mello, secretary.

Jubilee Masses Sunday For Rev. John F. Silva



Rev. John F. Silva

LOWELL — Rev. John F. Silva, pastor of St. Anthony's church, will observe the silver jubilee of the celebration of his first mass next Sunday.

Due to the construction now going on at his church and to the limited facilities of the temporary church quarters, no special mass will be celebrated. The two masses which he celebrates each Sunday, however, will be offered in thanksgiving to Almighty God for the attainment of this milestone in his priestly life, for the intention of his aged parents, both of whom are still living in his native village of Portugal, his family, parishioners and friends.

Rev. Father Silva was born on Nov. 8, 1911, in Aldeia de San Francisco, County of Covilha, diocese of Guarda, in Portugal, the son of Manuel F. and Marie E. Silva. He was the second oldest of a family of seven, three boys and four girls, all residing at present in Portugal.

After attending the local primary school, he took the entrance requirement examination for the Diocesan Preparatory seminary and was admitted on Oct. 22, 1922, when he was 10 years old.

He finished his studies there and completed his course in philosophy on June of 1928 and on the following October entered the major seminary of theology in Guarda, from where he graduated on June 16, 1932, at the age of 20.

Being too young to be ordained to the priesthood, he was assigned to the faculty of the Junior seminary in Fundao as prefect of discipline.

During his second year at this institution the diocesan bishop requested a special dispensation from Rome from the rules of Canon Law which state that a priest be at least 24 years of age before being ordained. The Holy Father granted this request and Father Silva was privately ordained in the chapel of the Episcopal residence by the Most Rev. Jose Alves Matoso, bishop of Guarda on Sunday, June 17, 1934 at the age of 22.

On the following Thursday, June 21, 1934 he celebrated his first mass in the parochial church of his village at Aldeia de San Francisco.

On July 1 of the same year he was appointed curate of the cathedral in Guarda where he served until September 1938 when he was assigned to the College of Castelo Branco as a professor of Latin and Portuguese. In 1944 he was appointed a pastor in his native diocese, the position he held until March of 1947 when he came to the United States.

At the request of Rev. Joseph T. Grillo, then pastor of the local church, for a Portuguese-speaking priest to come to this city and by the recommendation of Rt. Rev. Msgr. J. M. Valente of Porto, His Eminence, Richard Cardinal Cushing gave permission to call Father Silva to Lowell where he arrived on March 22, 1947.

After serving two further assignments in the Church of

Our Lady of Good Voyage in Gloucester and Saint Anthony's in Cambridge, Father Silva was appointed administrator of the local church upon the death of Father Grillo in November of 1948.

DURING HIS capable administration the church has known remarkable progress. Culminating in the erection at the present time of a new modern contemporary designed church which will ever stand in tribute to his ceaseless and untiring efforts in behalf of the 800 families throughout the city and surrounding towns that comprise his parish.

A huge reception for Father Silva will be held at the school hall Sunday from 1 until 5 p. m.

Mrs. Tebert P. Mello is general chairman of this affair and is being assisted by the following officers and committee members: Assistant Chairmen, Mrs. Mary S. Caldeira, Alexander Silva; Secretary, Leo Silva; Treasurer, Mrs. George Sousa; Mrs. Manuel Aguiar, Antonio N. Abreu, Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Alves, Mrs. Alfred Andrews, Mrs. Herculano Augusto, Frederick Avila, Mrs. Lino Bettencourt, Manuel Bettencourt, Mrs. Manuel F. Braga, Mrs. Maria Caires, Mr. and Mrs. Annibale F. Caselle, Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Correa, George Dastou, Joseph Ferreira, Mrs. Rosa Francisco, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Freitas, Miss Isabelle Gonsalves, Mrs. Stella Gonsalves, Mrs. Gabriel Gouveia, Miss Evelyn Lawrence, Mrs. Frank R. Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. Belarmino C. Leite, Mrs. Bertha Machado, Mrs. Maria Medeiros, Miss Clara Mello, Mr. and Mrs. George Mello, Miss Rose Mello, Tebert P. Mello, Joseph Miguel, Manuel Mendonsa, Mr. and Mrs. Horacio Miranda, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Perry, Mr. and Mrs. John Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Lino Picanso, Mr. and Mrs. Raoul Pimentel, Mrs. Manuel Silva, Miss Rose Silva and George C. Sousa.

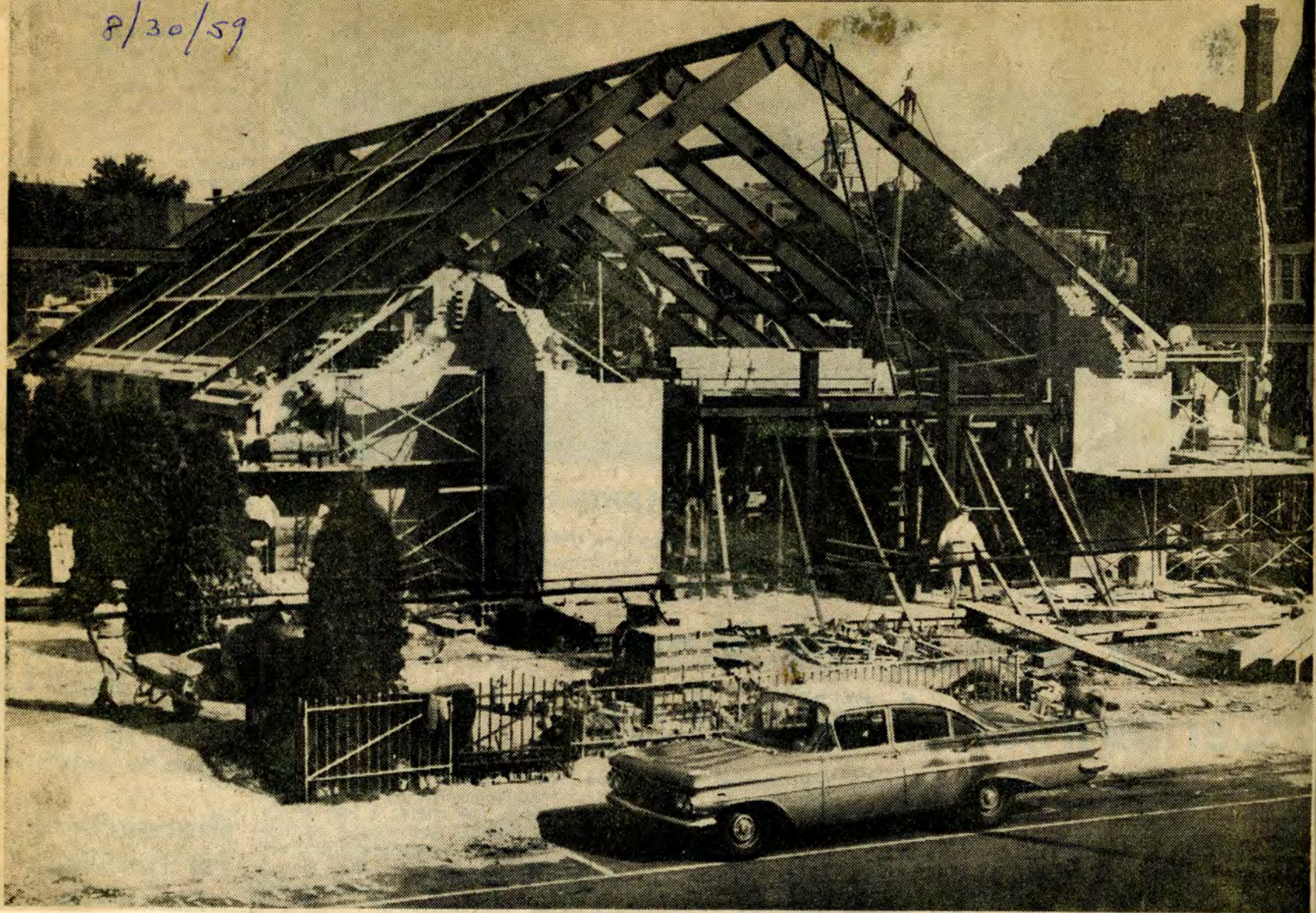
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in honor of
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Pastor of Saint Anthony's Church
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The Twenty-fifth Anniversary of his First Mass
on Sunday, June twenty-first
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Two until five o'clock
Saint Anthony's Parish Hall*



LADIES AUXILIARY, Jewish War Veterans, had as their guest speaker, Mrs. Deolinda Mello, fourth from left, director of the International Institute, at their recent meeting at Temple Beth El,

Lowell. Members from left, are Miss Violet Gregeman, Mrs. Deolinda Mello, Sarah Wolff, Mrs. Zeller, president; and Mrs. (by Jankow)

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New St. Anthony's Church

Work is rapidly progressing on the construction of a new St. Anthony's church on Central street, as the steel framework shown above indicates. The new church, long the goal of worshipers who have for many

years attended mass and other devotions in a basement church, will be an enlarged edifice to accommodate the fast-growing parish in the South End district of the city.



SODALITY SPONSORS FAREWELL PARTY FOR CLERGY—Officers of the Holy Rosary sodality of St. Anthony's church are pictured Sunday night as they gathered for a bon voyage party on the parish lawns. Pictured in the foreground are the three guests of honor from left to right, Rev. John F. daSilva, pastor, who leaves tomorrow for a trip to his native Portugal; Rev. Manuel Tavares, OFM, who will assume pastoral duties at the parish; and Rev. Antonio A. Laurenso, scheduled to make the return trip to Portugal with Rev. Fr. DaSilva. Standing in the second row are, Mrs. Mary Tavares, Mrs. Antonio G. Caldeira, Miss Rose A. Mello, Mrs. Alfred Andrews and Mrs. Tebert P. Mello.



Visited Summer Castle

Mrs. Tebert P. Mello sits at her desk at the International Institute where she is assistant director and talks of her month long trip to Portugal. The delightful trip

was highlighted by a visit to the summer castle at St. Juan de Etoril, which is the vacation home of Prime Minister Anthony Oliveira Salazar.

Latin Atmosphere

Land of Ancestry Beckons and Lowell Family Visits Portugal

By Alfred Burke

LOWELL—A visit with Dr. Antonio Oliveira Salazar, prime minister of Portugal was the experience enjoyed by Mrs. Tebert P. Mello, assistant director of the International Institute, during her trip abroad this summer.

Mrs. Mello who resides at 823 Westford street described the world famous statesman and inspirational leader of modern day Portugal as "a man with a tremendous personality, gracious in his very action and a firm believer in the advancement of his people."

"It was more than just a thrill" she continued, and in a more informative note, "as it is almost impossible to see the prime minister."

Though born in Lowell, Mrs. Mello is of Portugese descent and has absorbed both the language of her ancestry as well as an appreciation of the culture that in past centuries made the nation a world leader. During her visit at the summer

castle she was fully capable of meeting her host on an equal level in regards to language, a medium that he greatly appreciated.

She made the trip with her brother, Henry Perry, of this city, and visited people who were both relatives and acquaintances of their family. This occurred both in Lisbon and in the Azore Islands. Especially happy to meet Mrs. Mello, were people to whom she served as a god-mother to their grandchildren.

"PEOPLE IN ALL parts of Portugal are soft spoken desirous of aiding and sending the traveler on their way with well wishes and prayers" she told us. "It seems that this is a tradition that has never been dimmed through the centuries" was her way of adding further description.

Visitors to any part of Portugal are amazed at the beauty of the public buildings, churches and art centers. Mrs. Mello went on fur-

ther to describe the type of sidewalks that provide a directional ribbon through the main sections of the cities.

She was impressed with the relaxed manner in which people make their way from one place to another. She reacted as do most travelers to Latin countries, "America is the only speed track in regards to the average pedestrian."

Talked about were the types of meals which adorn the table of the people. Fish in one form or another is served at each meal, and appropriately, a white wine accompanies this portion of the repast.

The money of Portugal has retained a sound degree of exchange. Unlike some of the other nations there is a degree of balance that speaks for a sound future. In her talk with the Prime Minister, she learned that the course of events have been well steered, and that the port of eventual success and enlistment in much of the economy is not too far away.

THE NATION does not qualify in the field of natural resources. However, a ready acceptance on its part to follow a direction concerned with the growth and development in industry, agriculture, production of steel, new shipyards and especially electrical power, has raised the brows of the people to new horizons.

The highlights of the trip which covered a month were many, but another that provided unforgettable moments were the hours spent in Spain. Brief, exciting and also delightful, these side activities only added more color to a wonderful visit that might be described as a grand tour to the world of the Latin people.

Visitou Portugal e falou com Salazar uma senhora portuguesa de Lowell

LOWELL — (Do nosso correspondente, Manuel Mendonça) — Acaba de visitar Portugal, onde teve oportunidade de falar durante quase uma hora com o sr. Presidente do Conselho, professor Oliveira Salazar, a sra. Deolinda Mello, assistente da directora do Instituto Internacional de Boston e residente em 883 Westford St., desta vila.

Mrs. Mello ficou naturalmente encantada com a personalidade do sr. dr. Salazar, e com o ávontade e amabilidade como a recebeu. O sr. Presidente do Conselho demonstrou o interesse que lhe merecem os portugueses espalhados pelo mundo e, dum modo especial, os que vivem nos Estados Unidos, não escondendo a sua surpresa, ao observar a correcção como a visitante, apesar de nascida e criada na América, falava a língua portuguesa.

Acompanhada de seu irmão, Henry Perry, também de Lowell, visitou primeiramente a Ilha Terceira, e nesta o lugar e a casa onde nasceram seus pais. Depois foi ás ilhas de S.

Miguel e Santa Maria, e de todos estes lugares e seus habitantes, conserva as mais gratas recordações.

Em Portugal, começou a sua visita pela bela cidade de Lisboa, com os seus castelos históricos, suas igrejas e mosteiros, seus bairros novos, avenidas e jardins.

Visitou também os arredores de Lisboa, o Estoril com os seus castelos e casino, Sintra, Cascais, Montes Claros. Foram quatro dias inesquecíveis passados na capital, para depois começar a visita ao resto do país, chegando até Melgaço, na fronteira de Espanha. Foi perto dali que atravessaram a fronteira, tendo visitado, embora de passagem, algumas cidades de Espanha.

Em Portugal, não escaparam a Mrs. Mello os pontos de beleza natural ou interesse histórico, estes sobretudo vistos em pormenor. A vila da Nazaré, Alcobaça e o seu mosteiro, o Mosteiro da Batalha, Fátima, Tomar, Coimbra, Figueira, Porto, Viana do Castelo e o seu Monte de Santa Luzia, Braga e o Bom Jesus,

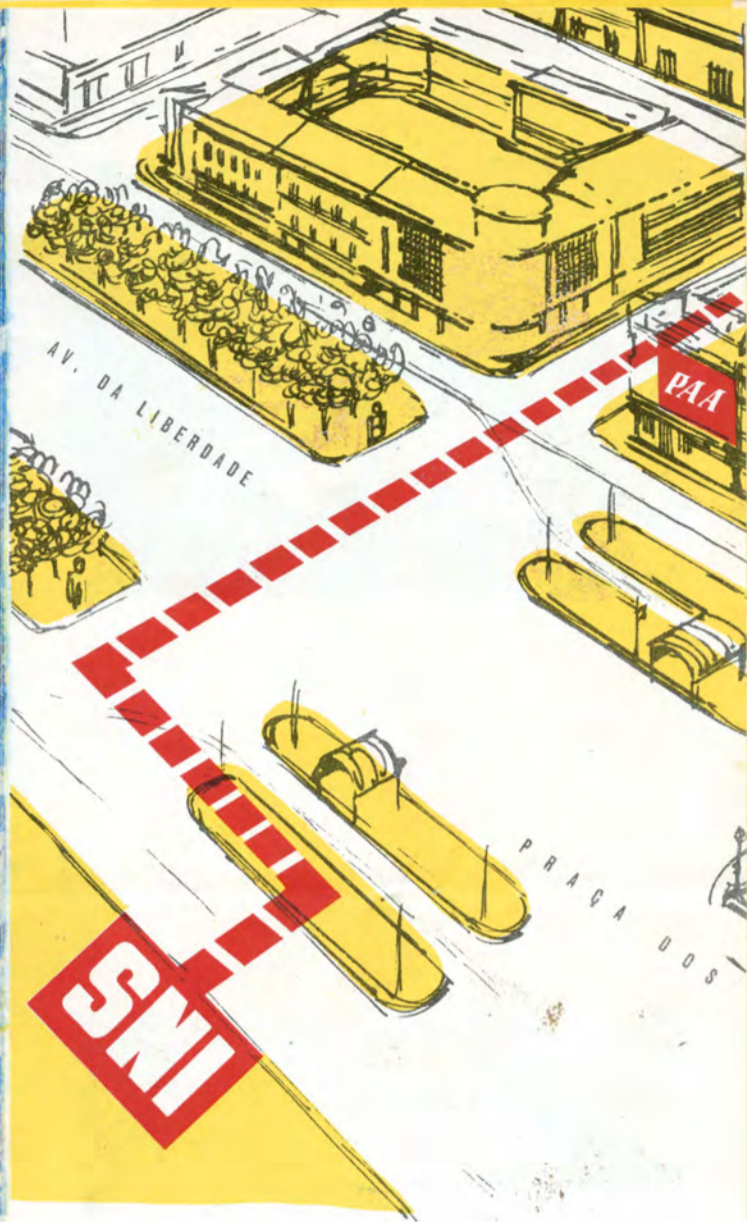


D. DEOLINDA MELLO

Visou, Guarda, Castelo Branco, etc.

E assim terminou, com chave de ouro, um mês passado em terras de Portugal onde tudo se combinou — belezas naturais, gentileza dos seus habitantes, e até mesmo o tempo, para tornar estas férias inolvidáveis.





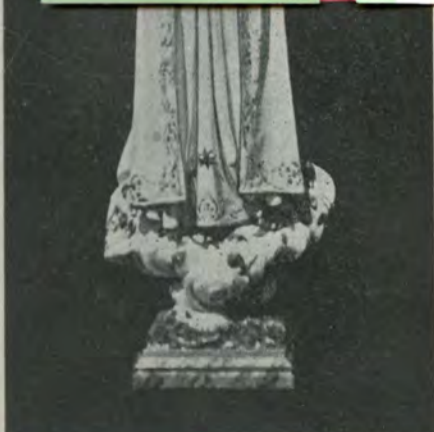
SOLMAR, situado no centro da cidade, próximo do Rossio e Restauradores, zona cosmopolita e de maior movimento da capital, oferece ao Turista as maiores facilidades nas suas deslocações, pois tem perto algumas das melhores agências de viagens e turismo, estações de caminho de ferro e rodovias, Bancos, correios etc.

Le SOLMAR, situé au centre de la ville, près du Rossio et de la place Restauradores, c'est-à-dire au coeur même de la zone la plus animée et la plus cosmopolite de la capitale, offre au Turiste des facilités vraiment idéales pour ses déplacements, vue la proximité à laquelle il se trouve, des meilleures agences de voyages, de la gare centrale, des bureaux de poste, banques, etc. De plus, le SOLMAR, compte parmi les meilleurs restaurants de Lisbonne, offre poisson et des coquillages de choix, provenant de son vaste aquarium à l'eau de mer qui, décoré d'une belle fontaine lumineuse, constitue un des attraits de la salle à manger.

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Vista total do restaurante e galeria

Vue d'ensemble du restaurant et de la galerie

General view of the restaurant and gallery



Vista total da galeria
 Vue d'ensemble de la galerie
 General view of the gallery



A fonte luminosa no salão restaurante
 La fontaine lumineuse dans le salon restaurant
 The luminous fountain in the dining hall



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Vista parcial do salão restaurante
 Vue partielle du salon restaurant
 Partial view of the dining hall

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UN Day Committee

Shown is the United Nations day committee at a meeting held Tuesday at Lowell Technological Institute. Left to right, Mrs. Lydia Mattei, International Institute; Rev. Paul M. Husted, pastor First Grace Universalist church, and chairman of community relations, Greater-

Lowell Council of Churches; Miss Barbara A. Baroni, Lowell State Teachers college student council; Mrs. Deolinda M. Mello, International Institute, and Prof. James G. Dow, Lowell Technological Institute.



Many Countries, Many Friends

Mrs. Deolinda M. Mello, newly appointed executive director of the International Institute, admires one of the many objects of art from many countries of the

world which adorn her office. The Institute works with people from all parts of the world and is a good friend to newcomers to America.

New Director

International Institute Leader Good Friend To Foreign Born

By Norma Ackerson

LOWELL — The cheerful, grey building on Worthen street to which thousands of foreign born have headed immediately upon their arrival in Lowell so they could learn to be Americans has a new leader with the arrival of the new year.

She is Mrs. Deolinda M. Mello of 883 Westford street, new executive director of the International Institute, a member agency of the United Fund.

The International Institute is the place where people go when they want to help relatives or friends in foreign lands, bring them to this country, are newcomers who want to learn English, need help with problems in adjusting to a different way of life, or want to meet and mix with a group of similar background.

To head up this program of service, the selection of Mrs. Mello is ideal. She has been serving as assistant di-

rector for more than a year, working with Miss Clementina DeRocco, who retired. Before that she was on the board of directors since 1939, served as vice president and chairman of many committees.

MRS. MELLO studied library and social sciences at the University of Rhode Island and Lowell State Teachers college. She is a former associate faculty member of the Lowell General hospital school of nursing and for many years was in charge of the school library. She taught classes in English and citizenship under the adult alien educational program in Lowell for seven years.

Last summer this energetic community servant's work among the foreign born, particularly in the Portuguese community of which she is a member, was recognized during a visit to Europe. Mrs. Mello was granted an unprecedented interview with Dr. Antonio de Oliveira Salazar, prime

minister of Portugal. The renowned statesman commended her for the outstanding work she has done throughout the years for the advancement and cultural development of the Portuguese people in the United States.

Because of the nature of the work done at the International Institute, people who speak many languages are needed. In addition to English and Portuguese, Mrs. Mello speaks French and Spanish fluently. Other staff members speak Polish and Lithuanian. The agency has a list of volunteers who are always available to serve as interpreters for people who speak almost any language from Arabic through Yiddish.

FOREIGN BORN students at Lowell Technological Institute have found this service extremely helpful. Local business firms having correspondence with other countries also make use of the Institute, and Mrs. Mello translates letters from firms in South America frequently.

In addition to her local community activities, the new director has served on civic, ethnic and state-wide committees. As a member of the governor's committee on the United Nations, she directed the last two local observances. She has served on several United Fund campaign committees, was secretary to the Citizens Curfew committee and in 1954 was appointed by Richard Cardinal Cushing to serve as treasurer of the Archdiocesan Deanery Council of Catholic Women.

During the last war she served the government as interpreter for foreign language broadcasts. She assists in naturalization court sessions.

Mrs. Mello has a keen understanding of the psychology of foreign born people coming as strangers to a new country, and new immigration legislation means that she will be kept busy helping them. An extremely capable business woman, she has a lot of work cut out for her. She is excellently equipped to handle

By Marguerite Lyons

Echoes from his visit to Lowell reveal that it was an occasion for nostalgic memories when Most Rev. Humberto S. Madeiros, officiating at First Communion at St. Anthony's Church said Mass in his beloved Portuguese language for the first time since his consecration as archbishop of Boston.

His Excellency had expressed the desire to visit the Lowell church where he had attended Mass and participated in traditional fiestas when he was a boy. Since Confirmation was not to be administered at St. Anthony's this year Rev. John F. Silva, pastor invited the archbishop to officiate at First Communion. The invitation was immediately accepted and when it was officially confirmed the parishioners were overjoyed and began working on the traditional handmade floral carpets that are part of the decor for guest solemnities in Portugal.

Men of the parish under the direction of Abel Brasil spent hours long into the night constructing the "passadeira de flores" a wooden frame built with many intricate designs and filled with flowers plus a long carpet for His Excellency to walk on from the sidewalk to the church.

In Portugal a fiesta is not one without a "filarmónica" which every village has. So from the time parishioners were sure His Excellency was coming to St. Anthony's a series of rehearsals got under way to assure a program of Portuguese music rendered to perfection. Under the direction of Luis Gomas, a noted musician and composer from the Azores, the Holy Ghost band prepared for the occasion. This band is composed of all newly arrived immigrants. It was founded just about one year ago.

On arrival at the rectory following His Excellency's address to this year's first communicants, the band played the national anthems of the USA and of Portugal. A dinner in the archbishops' honor featured a variety of Portuguese dishes including "canja" and "Alcatra" served only on very special occasions in the Azores.



A warm welcome

—was given to Most Rev. Humberto S. Medeiros, archbishop of Boston at a First Communion reception in his honor. Presenting the archbishop with roses is Mrs. Tony Silva of the general committee and looking on are Rev. John F. Silva, pastor of St. Anthony's Church and Mrs. Deolinda Mello, general chairman of the event.

Supervising all plans for the day including the preparation of the food was Mrs. Deolinda M. Mello, executive director of the International Institute who was general chairman of the social event. Decorations for the table where refreshments were served to all who attended the public reception for the archbishop later in the evening were made by Mrs. Lino Picanso and Mrs. George Souza. Assisting Mrs. Mello at the reception was Mrs. Tony Silva who heads the Christian Doctrine Program at St. Anthony's.

The choir largely augmented by new arrivals to the USA from Portugal and the Azores was under the direction of Maria de Lourdes Brasil. Greeting the parishioners individually Archbishop Madeiros took time to say a word or two to everyone in the crowd of young and old numbering over 1000, and he had a very special word of thanks for Abel Brasil whose artistic decorative contributions to the event fell prey to the inclemency of the weather.



PORTUGUESE CIVIC LEAGUE ELECTS

The new officers of the Portuguese Civic League are shown in the above photo. They are, left to right, seated: Frances Bettoncourt, Dea Machado, M. E. Braga, and Margaret Sousa. Back

row: Manuel Santos, M. C. Gonsalves, Mary Jardin, Julia Freitas, Annabelle L. Sousa, Manuel Sousa, Tibbett Mello, and Manuel Ramalho.

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"New" St. Anthony's Church Is Dream of 50 Years Come True

By Frank Makarewicz

LOWELL—More than 50 years of praying, hoping and hard work will come to a long awaited climax tomorrow, Easter Sunday, when newly rebuilt St. Anthony's church on Central street will open its doors for worship by the faithful.

For the first time in more than a year, mass will be celebrated at the altar of the church. The pastor, Rev. John F. Silva, felt that Easter Sunday would be a most fitting day to resume services in the remodeled edifice although there is still work to be completed.

Masses on Sunday morning will follow the regular schedule, 7.30, 8.30, 9.30 and 11.30 o'clock.

Portuguese-Americans from the Greater-Lowell area have been awaiting the opening of the church as religious services have been held in the Lyon street school for the past year since reconstruction was undertaken in the church across the street. The parish bought the school property from the city to be used as a parish hall.

Formal dedication of the new church is tentatively planned for Memorial day. It was on this day that the first mass was offered in the original structure. Rev. Joaquin V. Rosa, who came from the Azores, was the first pastor. It was under his direction and persuasion that the original church and rectory were built.

Father Rosa labored with the early parishioners for his fondest of wishes. His plans foresaw a more impressive

church to be built on the original lower level. However, he was not able to fulfill his wish because he returned to the Azores in 1911.

Rev. Fr. Rosa at 85 is still an active priest in his parish. When the parish was founded in 1901, the first services for the Portuguese-Americans were held at an Odd Fellows hall. Then a small wooden building was bought from the Primitive Methodist. This was used until the church was built on Central street.

Before Rev. Fr. Rosa returned to the Island of Pico in the Azores, the Portuguese Bishop Henry J. R. da Silva moved to the Lowell parish. The bishop returned to Lisbon in 1924.

Rev. Joseph P. Grillo became the next pastor, until his death in 1948. As a priest Father Grillo is remembered fondly for his benevolence and hard work. As a pastor he continued the first pastor's dream of remodeling the church. By 1944, Rev. Grillo had managed to clear off the entire debt of the parish to pave the way for its future.

It was left to his successor, Rev. John F. Silva, the present pastor, to see to the realization of the plans. The original ideas have been changed somewhat for economy's sake, but the newly built yellow brick church has transformed St. Anthony's from a cellar-like foundation to a high-arched aesthetic appearing church which Portuguese-Americans and all members of the parish can be justly proud.

Father Silva, who came

from Portugal in 1947, and was a curate under Rev. Fr. Grillo, said that more than \$180,000 was needed to see the work finished.

During the past two years, through various social functions to raise money and contributions of many benefactors, nearly \$150,000 has been collected and advanced toward the debt. However, contributions are still needed and will be gratefully accepted to complete the project.

The new church, which incorporates the side walls and foundation of the previous one, now rises 33 feet from the original floor to the vertex of the arched ceiling. There is still only the one floor in the building, but the arched ceiling which has no columns for support, provides a wide expanse. The spaciousness of the interior, which is painted in light browns, provides a vast simplicity of lightness.

The entrance to the church is through three oak doors in the front, replacing the two side entrances. Within the foyer are stairs leading down to the patterned inlaid terrazzo floor which was set in 1954. There are no stairs on the outside of the church which may become a hazard during winter weather.

A new baptistry has been constructed at the rear of the church. This room, with the baptismal font, blends the traditional with the modern architecture. The wrought iron gate is reminiscent of European churches.

A new balcony choir, which will accommodate 85 persons, also has been added.

The entire seating capacity of the church is now 750. The pews are those which were installed in the renovation of 1954.

To complement the modern design of the church, stained glass windows depicting various religious scenes have also been done in a contemporary fashion. They still keep the coloring and atmosphere of traditional design, however.

The main window over the center front door is an exceptionally beautiful depiction of the patron saint of the parish with the Christ child. This window will be illuminated from the inside during evening hours.

Other additions to the church include two marble side altars of fine simplicity.

Father Silva, in considering the finishing efforts, praised the older parishioners for their dedicated works and continuous efforts. He also wished to thank all who contributed to the endeavor.

"While the expenses may have seemed high, he said 'the reconstruction also was vast. We have built something new on what the founders of the parish have left us. It is our blessing that we have been able to do so. A completely new church would have broken the ties with the past, but we have connected the past with the present."

"I hope the present parishioners think of the old with the new they may be inspired with the same zeal as were their fathers."



Beautifully Rebuilt St. Anthony's Church

A "new," modern Lowell Catholic church will open its doors to the faithful tomorrow, Easter Sunday, when masses will be celebrated in the Central street edifice for the first time in more than a year. Hard working parishioners of St. Anthony's, under the guidance of

their pastor, Rev. John F. Silva, will see their dream of 50 years come true when they again congregate to worship in their parish church, the entrance of which is shown here.



Staff Members

George E. Desrochers, of the board of directors of the International Institute, is pictured as he congratulated staff members of this United Fund agency at Open House festivities attended by scores of Lowellians. From left to right, with Mr. Desrochers are Mrs. Deolinda M. Mello, executive director; Mrs. Jane G. Charlton and Miss Margo Shaddox



Sun Staff photo by Irvin

Comparing their costumes

...with those of the dolls displayed at the Cosmopolitan Club's autumn regale are left to right Maria Panas wearing the Amalia Greek costume in blue velvet with white blouse and Arpy Aghazarian wearing an 18th century Armenian bridal costume.

Mrs. Deolinda Mello, executive director of the International, is third from left and Ramona Romanauskos, right, is shown wearing the Lithuanian costume for festive occasions.

Immigrants to Lowell find...

By ELISSA PAPIRNO
Sun Staff

LOWELL — When Leo Mourmoutis came to this country two years ago from Greece, he worked 12, 14 hours a day in various auto body shops to support his wife and two children.

Four months ago he went into partnership with another recent Greek immigrant, Charlie Tingas, who had been working as a mechanic the five years he had been here, and they bought a gas station on High Street together.

They both still work hard, from 6 to 10 p.m. seven days a week, but they have their own business now; and they are looking forward to the day when they can hire a third person to work for them and lessen the load a little.

For the past five years, more and more immigrants, especially Greek and Portuguese immigrants, have been coming to Lowell to join relatives already here and to make a go of it in the land of opportunity.

At least 1500 immigrants have come to the city in the past year alone, more than 80 per cent of them from Portugal and Greece, with smatterings from Italy, Cuba, India and Canada.

Not all of them are as successful as Leo Mourmoutis and Charlie Tingas, but one thing is certain — they work hard to make a new and prosperous life for themselves in this country.

Lowell has always had its share of immigrants, the majority coming in the latter part of the century before the 1921 act setting up a quota system for new immigrants went into effect.

In the past five years or so, however, there has been a resurgence of immigration to the city, when a 1965 law did away with the country by country quota system the old law had established.

The new system set hemispheric, rather than national quotas, which meant that all countries from Europe contributed to an overall hemispheric allocation.

THE OLD Greek quota of 325 per year and the Portuguese quota of 25 were done away with under the new system, and the Greeks and Portuguese who had been waiting for visas for years because of the quota system are finally able to enter the United States in increasing numbers.

An estimated 450 Portuguese families alone have come to Lowell in the past three years with the easing of immigration restrictions, and the Greek community has grown steadily as well.

The Portuguese population now numbers close to 9000, and the Greek community about 15,000. Only the Irish and French-Canadians are higher.

And yet, the Canadians were probably the only group to be adversely affected by the 1965 law. Canadians always had free access to the United States, and immigration from the western hemisphere was set at 180,000 under the new law. Canada had never been part of the quota before.

Now, the Canadians are only trickling into the city. Fewer than 50 Canadians immigrated to the city last year, compared to more than 500 Greeks and upwards of 750 Portuguese.

MOST OF THE Portuguese were traditionally fishing and farming people from the Azores, the majority from the



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Portuguese advisor

Mrs. Deolinda M. Mello has been executive director of the International Institute since 1958. Of Portuguese extraction herself, she is shown here with one of her clients, Jorge G. Lima.

island of Graciosa, whereas the Greeks are generally working class people from all different parts of the country.

When the newcomers arrive now, there is already an established Greek and Portuguese community to help them adapt to life in this country. Their relatives help them find a place to live, and most already have jobs when they arrive, since an immigrant has to prove he has a job to be able to get a visa to come here.

Both husbands and wives usually go to work right away, even though it might not have been customary for wives to work in the old country. An older woman from the community will take care of the smaller children so both parents can work. Sometimes older children will be put to work as well.

They all work long hours in factories and other unskilled jobs, so the family

can earn enough to live on and still be able to put some money away.

And amazingly enough, within a few years these new immigrants are able to save enough money to buy themselves a car or a house or even a small store or business.

Mourmoutis and Tingas have their gas station on High Street. A newly arrived Portuguese couple just bought a fish store on Central Street. A young Greek fellow here three years speaks proudly of the car he bought this week.

All up and down Concord and Pleasant Streets and throughout many sections of the "Flats" sit rows of freshly painted houses, flowers blooming out front and small vegetable gardens thriving in the back yard. They all belong to Portuguese immigrants who have come to this country within the past three years.

One of the first things they want to have in this country after they arrive is a house of their own, so they buy run-down buildings in the Flats, renovate and paint them, plant vegetables and gay flowers in their gardens and before they know it they have established roots in the United States.

THE GREEKS, on the other hand, seem intent on going into business right away, rather than buy houses, and within a few years of their arrival a goodly number have set up businesses of one sort or another.

One thing can be said for all the immigrants, however, and that is that they are willing to work long and hard hours to make a good life for themselves and take advantage of all the opportunities for advancement they feel the United States offers them.

Even in this age of unemployment and economic stagnation, the new immigrants with the desire to get ahead have been able to do so. They are willing to work long hours at low paying jobs, which, although they might not be as plentiful as they once were, are still available, and they make an effort to set money aside for the things they would like to have.

The new immigrants are very much like the old immigrants at the turn of the century in this respect. All came to the United States in search of a better way of life and all were willing to work hard to reach their goals.

The immigrants today may earn more than their counterparts did 50 years ago, but it also costs more to stay alive today than it did at the turn of the century.

Perhaps the biggest advantage of the new immigrants have over their predecessors is the existence of an established Portuguese and an established Greek community in the city.

Most have relatives who have been here awhile who help them find a job and a place to live and who can explain American customs to them.

The established ethnic churches and social clubs serve as a tie to the old country and also help in adjusting to the new, and there are a wealth of ethnic stores and shops which allow the new



Launch Observance of UN Week

In spite of heavy rain this morning, a United Nations flag was raised at city hall, signalling the start of United Nations week. Shown at the flag raising ceremony were, left to right: Rev. Paul M.

Husted, pastor of the First Grace Universalist church, and UN week chairman; Mrs. Deolinda Mello, executive director of the International Institute of Lowell, and Mayor Lord.



It's a great day

First woman to be named Kiwanis "Citizen of the year"

LOWELL — Mrs. Deolinda Mello, executive director of the International Institute will be the guest of honor at the annual dinner meeting for members of the Lowell Kiwanis Club tonight at Indian Ridge Country Club, Andover, where she will be presented the club's Citizen of the year award.

Mrs. Mello is the first woman to receive this Kiwanis award and she will be presented with it in recognition of her work preparing men and women from other lands for citizenship.

A native of Lowell, Mrs. Mello who resides at 549 Andover St., attended Keith Hall, Lowell State College and the University of Rhode Island. She also completed courses in Adult Education at Boston University. She has one son, Robert A. Mello who operates his own food business in Lawrence and Haverhill.

Mrs. Mello first became associated with the International Institute in 1939 when she was appointed to its board of directors. At the time, she recalls, the late Judge Arthur L. Eno, who headed that board said, he rejoiced that "Youth was coming on the board."

The invitation to serve on the board came as a result of Mrs. Mello's work with people of various nationalities, teaching them English and Citizenship.

In October of 1958 Mrs. Mello was appointed executive director of this Merrimack Valley United Fund Agency and since then the agency moved into its present location at 79 High St. Until then the agency rented two rooms in the Girls Club. Acquiring the present location was one of the highlights of the executive director's

many accomplishments, and the money to pay for it was raised by the sale of the Institute's cook-book and by the colorful annual festivals which began in 1960 and are now known as Regales.

During her 34 years association with the International Institute which she has headed for the past 15 years, Mrs. Mello has worked far beyond the call of duty to teach immigrants about our American Government, the country's institutions, history and language.

Today the institute deals with some 4000 people per year and these represent 40 nationalities. Every year some 50 to 75 immigrants become American citizens at impressive ceremonies planned under the direction of Mrs. Mello.

"IT'S ALL IN a day's work," said Mrs. Mello, as she was interrupted six times during a half hour interview to answer the calls from local hospitals, requesting her services to translate medical instructions for Spanish, Portuguese and Puerto Rican mothers leaving the hospitals with their children. Also during that half hour came requests from newly arrived immigrants seeking clothing, housing and transportation.

A member of numerous Civic committees, Mrs. Mello served on the original board of the CTI and on the examining board for Bi-lingual teachers employed under this program. She served on Task Force of AMNO on the committee for Cultural and Ethnic Heritage and is now assisting in this area with the new Urban Park program.

Active in Selective Service as registrar for aliens coming to this city, Mrs. Mello is also active in church organizations. She is an officer of the Holy Rosary Sodality of St. Anthony's parish and holds membership in the League of Catholic Women and various clubs and circles.

On several occasions she has been honored for her work with future citizens and she received special commendation from the U.S. Department of Justice for the programs honoring new citizens which she presents twice a year at the Middlesex County Superior Court.



At her desk

—at the International Institute a Merrimack Valley United Fund Agency is its executive director, Mrs. Deolinda Mello, who will be honored by Kiwanis Club of Lowell tonight

in recognition of her work preparing men and women from other lands for American citizenship.

Hobbies? — "Other than the pleasure I get working with people, all of them so interesting and fascinating, I don't think I have many hobbies — you see, I really don't have the time," said Mrs. Mello.



At annual meeting

Pictured at the annual meeting of the International Institute a United Fund agency are, left to right, Marcel M. Cote, newly elected president; Mrs. Deo-

linda M. Mello, executive director; Atty. Robert H. Goldman, guest speaker and Albin J. Varoski, retiring president.

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Welcoming new directors

—of the International Institute at its annual dinner meeting at the agency's headquarters, 79 High St., are its executive director, Mrs. Deolinda M. Mello, right,

and its board president, Mrs. John A. Goodwin, second from left. The new directors are Mrs. Lawrence R. Laughlin and James D. Daoulas.

Hundreds gather to honor Mrs. Mello

By MARGUERITE LYONS
Sun Staff

LOWELL - Some 500 people representing the diverse ethnic groups which make up Lowell's immigrant population turned out to honor Mrs. Deolinda Mello on the occasion of her retirement as executive director of the International Institute, last night at the Speare House.

Mrs. Mello served as executive director for 21 of the 42 years she has been actively affiliated with the Institute.

After a cocktail hour and a family style roast beef dinner, Kenneth P. Harkins, Lowell's master of ceremonies par excellence, welcomed guests and commended them for giving recognition to one of Lowell's most outstanding citizens.

Lacing his introductory remarks with his unmatched wit, Harkins read several messages of congratulations to Mrs. Mello. First was one from Sen. Edward M. Kennedy commending her for the four decades of dedicated service she has given to the City of Lowell and to its immigrant population and wishing her the best that life can give in her years of retirement.

HARKINS THEN presented Kevin Murphy, representing State Sen. Philip Shea, who read a citation from the Massachusetts Senate stating that its members "take pride in honoring Mrs. Mello, for the great services she has rendered to the city of Lowell and the immigrants who have come to that city."

Eleanor Abbott, who represented Sen. Paul E. Tsongas, read his congratulatory message to Mrs. Mello, acknowledging her "tremendous contributions to Lowell and the entire community."

State Rep. Edward LeLacheur termed Mrs. Mello, "a woman whose hard work and dedication has touched all our lives." Speaking for Gov. Edward J. King, he presented the guest of honor with a citation in recognition for her 42 years of service. LeLacheur also presented Mrs. Mello with a citation from the State House of Representatives and a State Flag.

Bringing the greetings and congratulations of the City of Lowell, Mayor Robert C. Maguire said he was happy to be part of the gathering representing the ethnic diversity of Lowell which came together to pay tribute to Mrs. Mello. In recognition for her numerous services he presented her with a proclamation from the City Council and signed by him.

AT THIS POINT the speaking program was appropriately accented by Joseph McDonough who sang a special version of "I Did It My Way," dedicating it to the guest of honor.

Representing the various Portuguese societies and organizations in Lowell, Dimos Espinola enumerated the many difficulties through which his people, who are Mrs. Mello's people, were helped by her, from the time they arrived in this country from their native Portugal to the Azores, until and after they had become citizens of the United States. In behalf of the Holy Ghost Society, St. Anthony's Church, Holy Ghost Park, LUPA, the Portuguese Center and the Club Dos Leoes, he presented her with a token of their love and appreciation.



Sun Staff photo by Mike Maher

Honoring Deolinda Mello

Mrs. Deolinda Mello retiring executive director of the International Institute was honored last night at the Speare House by civic and church leaders, and some 500 members of the agency and friends. Above from

left are Mayor Robert C. Maguire; Mrs. Mello; the Rev. Eusebio Silva, pastor of St. Anthony's Church; and John Nickrosz, present executive director.

Speaking for the International Institute, Dr. Mario Aste - president of the II board and chairman of the language department at the University of Lowell - said, "Mrs. Mello has done what many of us deem the best that can be done for humanity. It is easy to protect the interests of the rich and the powerful. But it takes a great labor of love to protect the interest of the poor, the disadvantaged, the struggling and the new immigrants.

"Mrs. Mello has done this as a labor of love. The most important thing for her was, and still is, to care for and help every one regardless of his or her race, color, creed or nationality. By her silent work, her constant desire to avoid acclaim and her dedication to people, she has inspired all of us."

Aste then presented Mrs. Mello with a check and portrait of her as the collective gift of the board of directors of the International Institute, its staff members and her many friends. The portrait, which Mrs. Mello unveiled, will be hung in the Institute in her memory.

GRACIOUSLY ACCEPTING the gifts and tributes bestowed upon her, Mrs. Mello thanked the board of directors, the committee who organized the retiring party and John Nickrosz, her successor as executive director of the agency. She also thanked staff members Mrs. Maria Monteiro and Mrs. Lucy Rivera, the directors and staff of the Merrimack Valley United Fund, which help funds the institute with its annual drive.

"As I look around at the many friends gathered here, I see a tapestry woven with the colorful dreams, the beautiful languages, skills and cultures of each immigrant group that has come to Lowell. All came with the hope of making a better life for him or herself, as did my parents, from the Azores of Portugal," she said.

Mrs. Mello stressed that the immigrants who came to Lowell kept the nostalgic memories of their native lands and developed a great love for the United States and enriched it with their presence, their customs, traditions, languages and culture. She noted that many first generation Americans were in attendance last night.

In closing, Mrs. Mello said that she found great happiness in her work of 42 years welcoming the newcomers to Lowell. She said she always tried to be very sympathetic to those faced with the traumatic experience of settling in a new and strange land and adapting to the complexities of its society.

Every immigrant brought with him or her a contribution of talents, skills and culture, all of which enriched our city, Mrs. Mello pointed out. She asked all the people listening to her to remember that regardless of the country from which they come, all immigrants are children of God, faced with the many challenges of living. In conclusion she addressed those unable to understand English, in Portuguese.

The Rev. John Silva, former pastor of St. Anthony's Church of which Mrs. Mello is a parishioner, gave the final tribute to the honored guest and gave the Benediction. General dancing followed.

BOARD MEMBERS of the Institute attending included Mrs. Vincent Best, Mrs. Catherine Goodwin, Gerald F. Donehue, Sylvia Kelts, William Samaras, Dalia Calvo, Stella Laba, Margaret Eisermann, Eleanor Donohue, Leonard McDermott, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Belida, Mrs. Roland Achin, Andrew Ansara, Charles Anton. At the head table with the guest of honor and the speakers were Mrs. Mello's son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mello. Committee members in charge of the tribute to the retiring executive director included Mario Aste, Lydia Mattei, Sue Oliver, Gladys Picanso, Tita Pitta, Herbert Pitta and Claire Beaupre. The Rev. John Mendicoa of the Newman Center was there as well as several members of the Hispanic community.

Representing the Lawrence International Institute was David Rogers and representing the Northern Middlesex Chamber of Commerce and Industry was its president Arthur Kelts. Marcel Cote, past president of the Lowell II, was there with Mrs. Cote as were Mrs. Arlene Redman and Rene Baron of the Lowell Welfare Department; Filomena Ferkeira, Lourdes Lopes, Estela Santos and Gladys Picanso of LUPA.

The Jeanne Mance Circle was represented by Yvette Giroux, Mrs. Antonio Poirier, Jeanne Giroux, Mrs. R. Morin, Gloria Politis, Jeannine Tardiff and Mrs. Corinne Foster. Representatives of Holy Ghost Park were Joan Ferreira, Tony Costa, Manuel Correia, Lino Picanso, Angie Mello, Alcindo Costa, Glen Mello, Virginia Silva and Antonio Felix.

Decorations for the event were donated by Charlesopoulos, oldest director of the international



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Principal participants

...y people on the program at the dinner party in honor of Mrs. Deolinda Mello included, from left, Ken

former pastor of St. Anthony's Church; Mrs. Mello; and ... of the II board of directors.

EDWARD M. KENNEDY
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March 11, 1980

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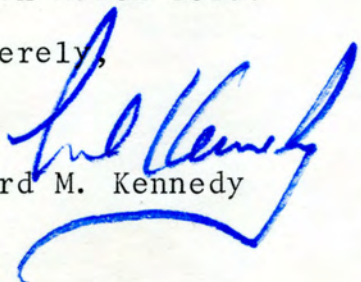
Dear Mrs. Mello:

I am delighted to learn your many friends and admirers are attending a dinner in your honor on March 23rd, and I deeply regret I will be unable to be with you personally on this memorable occasion.

It is fitting that your outstanding record of forty one years of service to the International Institute of Lowell should be so honored. As the Institute's Executive Director for almost two decades, your record of enlightened leadership will be an inspiration for years to come.

I am sure this banquet will have special meaning for you and for all in attendance, and my warm thoughts will be with you on March 23rd.

Sincerely,


Edward M. Kennedy

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March 22, 1980

Mrs. Deolinda Mello, Director
Greater Lowell International Institute
Speare House
Lowell, Massachusetts

Dear Mrs. Mello:

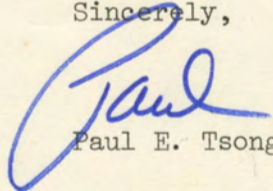
I am sorry that I cannot join your many friends in paying tribute to you this evening. However, I would like to publicly acknowledge the tremendous contributions which you have made to so many people.

As you know, Lowell is a special place for me. The leadership, commitment and service of someone like you is one of the reasons that makes it so. The entire community has received the benefit of your service and attention. You have helped the Portuguese community find and maintain a sense of its identity, culture and history in Lowell.

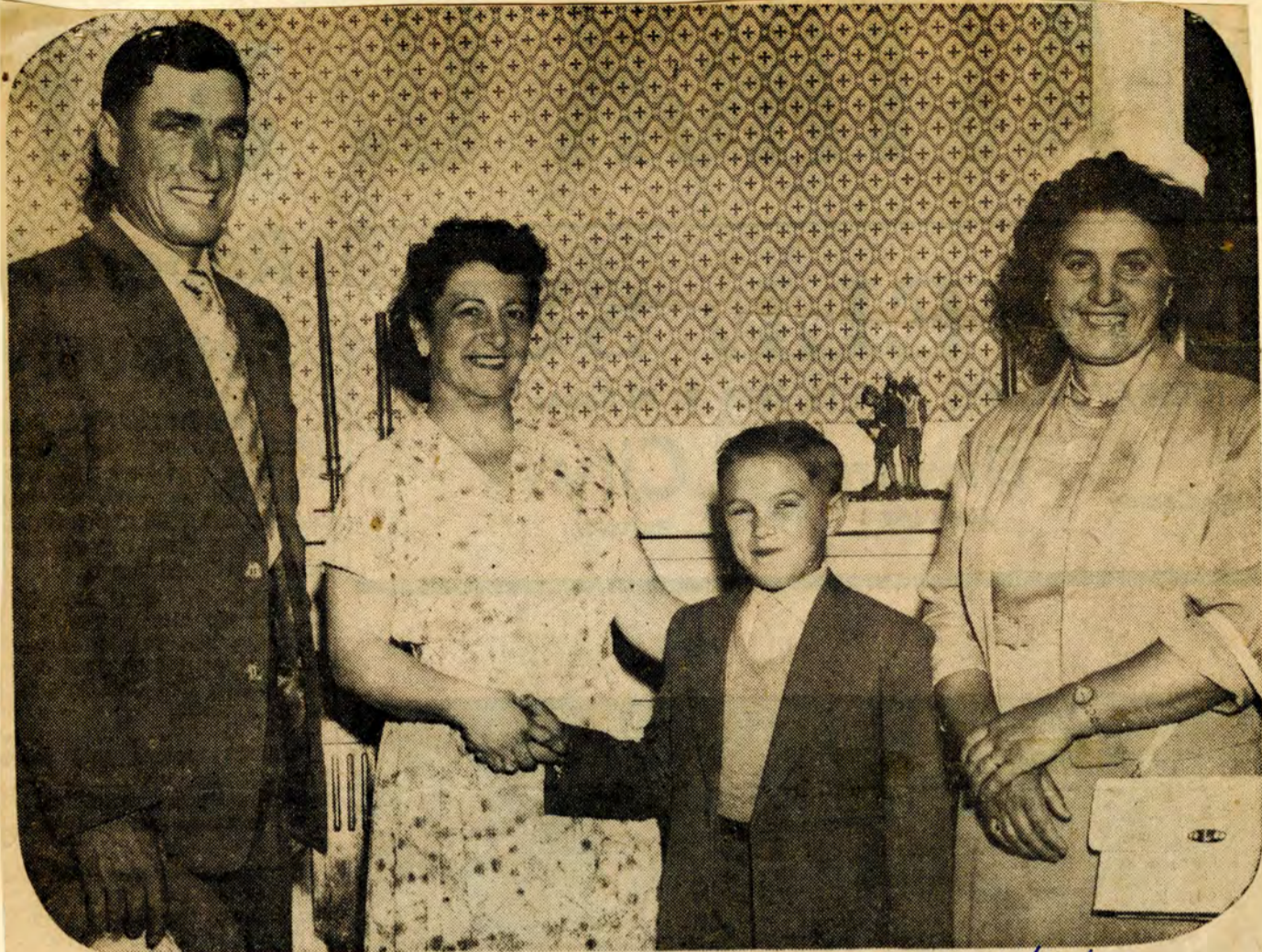
Your Church, your Community and governments have recognized the work you have done. Tonight, your friends celebrate the fact that the work was done by a warm and compassionate person, a gentle and decent human being. This is the greatest tribute to you and one which I join gladly.

May the future be kind to you as you have been kind to so many in the past.

Sincerely,


Paul E. Tsongas

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Welcome to Lowell

6/16/59

Mrs. Tebert P. Mello of the International Institute welcomes Manuel Mello and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Antonio S. Mello to the United States and in particular

Lowell. The family arrived Monday from the volcano ruined island of Fayal in the Azores, and are living with the Jose Boldeias.

Meet the Mellos

Volcanic Eruption Brings Portuguese Family To U. S.

By Judi Green

LOWELL — Language was no barrier when the Antonio S. Mellos, Portuguese speaking family, arrived in Lowell and met a strictly one language interviewer. Smiles, a flashing one from poppa, a warm, friendly one from another and a slight, timid one which rapidly developed into a big, boyish grin from son Manuel, transformed the small office at the International Institute into a bureau of happy communications.

Mrs. Tebert P. Mello, who translated our chatty conversation, explained that this family was among the many victims of the world's newest volcano which burst from the ocean's floor belching gases and steam and hurling glowing lava bombs half a mile into the air. Fayal was transformed into a wasteland without pastures, vineyards and homes. Legislation signed by President Eisenhower on Sept. 2, 1958, provided for the admission to the United States of 1500 families who were victims of volcanic eruptions. The Mellos are the first refugee family to come to Lowell under this act.

A joyful reunion of Mr. Mello and his sister, Mrs. Jose G. Boldeia who sponsored the family with her husband occurred at Logan Airport. The new arrivals, after being chauffeured about agreed that they enjoyed plane transportation more than autos. They left for the U. S. on Sunday at 4 p. m. and arrived here Monday morning at 8 o'clock.

IN SEPTEMBER, Manuel will start the third grade in public school. He has never heard of baseball, but is an enthusiastic soccer player. His young American cousins relate that Manuel has been glued to the television set, fascinated and delighted by the English cartoons, cowboys and old movies.

Mrs. Antonio Mello has fallen in love with her sister-in-law's kitchen where the stove, hot running water and refrigerator particularly impressed her. Such American specialties as hotdogs, cheeseburgers and sundaes haven't been sampled by the Mellos yet, as Mrs. Boldeia cooks in the Portuguese style. Mrs. Mello used to make her own bread on an open hearth after feeding the livestock and helping her husband in the rich fields.

Although accustomed to farming, raising and selling corn, Mr. Mello has already started assembly line work at the Wakefield Industries, Inc. He is a tall, ruddy complected man who carries himself erectly and proudly as a future American citizen should. The Mellos all have friendly, firm handshakes and various shades of breath-taking blue eyes.

Only about a dozen families

from Fayal are among the thousands of Lowell's Portuguese residents who migrated mostly from the Azores. Mrs. Tebert Mello of the local agency called a meeting of those interested in sponsoring a family and enough volunteered to provide for bringing over eight families. The Boldeias have been here just five years, and are proud of the fact that they are now considered well established enough to sponsor another family.

THUS AGAIN, continuing the spirit of its founders and traditions, America has open-

ed her arms to welcome a people in distress and offer them the opportunities and freedom that are our great American heritage.

The International Institute at 222 Worthen street is a community service to assist the newcomer by interpreting America and creating understanding. Bi-weekly English classes are conducted during the school year. Citizenship courses, translation and notarization of documents are offered along with advice or counseling which are always available to solve any adjustment problems.



Naturalization Court

Among the persons who participated in naturalization ceremonies at the superior court house on Gorham street this morning where 61 persons became United States citizens, were, from left to

right, Calvin A. Burger, first assistant clerk of courts; Mrs. Deolinda M. Mello, executive director of the International Institute, and Edward J. Sullivan, clerk of courts of Middlesex county.

Welcome Aboard

Sixty-One Take Oath of United States Citizenship

By Frank Makarewicz

LOWELL — At impressive ceremonies held in the large 19th century court room at Middlesex superior court house on Gorham street this morning, 61 persons took the oath to become citizens of the United States, as hundreds of spectators watched.

Justice Felix Forte presided at the naturalization court and Dr. Donald G. Shanahan served as master of ceremonies. Attorney James P. O'Sullivan of the U.S. Department of Justice presented the candidates to the court and Edward J. Sullivan, clerk of courts of Middlesex county, administered the oath.

The program included remarks by Judge Forte, Dr. Shanahan and clerk Sullivan. Mayor Downes brought the official greetings of the city and Rep. John Janas presented the greetings of the commonwealth. Mrs. Deolinda M. Mello, executive director of the International Institute also gave a brief talk.

Miss Christa Buckholtz, a Lowell high school student, and one of the persons who became a citizen this morning, responded for the new citizens.

A program of songs was presented by students of the choral conducting class of Lowell State college, directed by Dr. Domenic Procopio. The guest conductors included Judith Gove, Michael Cahill, Claire Belanger and George Perrone.

After special guests, including the ninth grade civics class of the Daley Junior high school accompanied by Mrs. Stevens, were recognized, members of the Jewish War Veterans auxiliary presented American flags to the new citizens.



At reception

—given by J. Martin Klotsche, chancellor of the University of Wisconsin and Mrs. Klotsche, to open the national conference of 36 International Institutes in the USA and Canada, held in Milwaukee last week, were two representatives of the Lowell International Institute. Left to right are Roy A. Mukai, president of the Milwaukee International Institute; Mrs. Deolinda M. Mello, executive director of the Lowell Institute; Mrs. Klotsche, hostess, and Mrs. Jane Charlton of Chelmsford, a case worker at the Lowell Institute.



New Club Officers

Officers of the Italian Mothers club of the International Institute, pictured at their installation dinner in a North Chelmsford restaurant. Seated, left to right, Mrs. Tebert Mello, director of the International Insti-

tute; Mrs. Thomas Hatch, president, and Mrs. James Stecchi, vice-president. Standing, left to right, Mrs. Vit DePrenda, treasurer; Mrs. John Grossi, secretary, and Mrs. Vito Cirasella, marshal.

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East Meets West

May 1962

Forty-eight Greater-Lowell residents became citizens of the United States today when they took the oath of allegiance at superior court on Gorham

street. Among those attending the ceremonies were, left to right: Mrs. Deolinda M. Mello, executive director of the International Institute; Yee Gem Shaw

from China; Wei Ying Chu, also from China; Judith A. Lapointe from the Philippines, and Edward J. Sullivan, clerk of court.



At Annual Dinner Meeting

Key members of the board of directors of the International Institute shown at the annual dinner meeting are seated, left to right: Mrs. Abraham Jeknavorian, chairman of the dinner; Mrs. Deolinda Mello, executive director and Harry C.

Dinsmore, retiring president. Standing in the same order are Albin Varoski, newly elected president and Rev. John Zuromski, pastor of St. Joseph's Lithuanian Church.

3/15/61

Banquet Highlights Season For Italian Mothers Club

NORTH CHELMSFORD—A highlight of the season for the Italian Mothers club of Lowell's International Institute took place here this past week when the ladies met to enjoy their annual banquet at a local restaurant.

At the head table were seated Mrs. Anthony Volonino, president; Mrs. James Sutherland, secretary; Mrs. Alfred Lecuyer, treasurer, and Mrs. Tebert Mello, director of the International Institute, who serves as advisor to the club.

The Italian Mothers club is one of many sponsored by the institute in an effort to keep the light of their heritage burning for Greater-Lowell's various ethnic groups. Newcomers to the area find assistance of all kinds

at the institute itself (which is a United Fund agency), and the joy of meeting their compatriots who have settled here is made possible through its many social groups, such as the Italian Mothers club.

HOLIDAY celebrations, country stores, cookouts, participation in joint endeavors with sister clubs of the institute, such as the highly successful International Festival held during the past season at Lowell's Memorial Auditorium—all are part of the club's activities.

And from the deep satisfaction so evident in the accompanying pictures, what more can we say than that it's quite obviously a venture its members wouldn't have missed for the world.



Education in Eastern Cities

Shown above is a scene filmed yesterday by the Eastern Educational Television Network to be used as a segment of a three-part series on education in several eastern cities. It was taken at the International Institute on High street and featured the family of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Silva, 42 North St. Left to right, are,

Mary Susan, 13; Emmanuel, 8; Mary Alice, 14; Raymond, Jr., 6; Mrs. Silva; Joseph, 10, and Mrs. Deolinda Mello, executive director of the institute. The film will be shown on 24 educational stations nationwide, and on several commercial stations. *LOWELL SUN*

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Hold Annual Dinner Meeting

Shown at the annual dinner meeting of the International Institute held at O'Donnell Memorial hall, are, left to right: Mrs. Deolinda Mello, executive director; Paul W. Cronin, aide to Congressman F. Bradford Morse; Har-

ry C. Dinmore, president of the board of directors, and Rev. Guregh Kalfayan, pastor of St. Vartanantz Armenian church, who gave the invocation.

Institute in Annual Session

2/25/66

LOWELL — The International Institute, a member agency of the United Fund of Greater-Lowell, held its annual meeting and dinner at O'Donnell Memorial hall.

Invocation was given by Rev. Guregh Kalfayan, pastor of St. Vartanantz Armenian Church. A nationality dinner was served under the direction of Mrs. Abraham Jeknavorian, chairman of the affair, following which the annual meetings of the Incorporators and the Board of Directors were held.

Mr. Harry C. Dinmore, president of the board presided at both meetings. Atty. Arthur L. Eno, chairman of the nomination committee presented the slate of new officers and directors which was adopted unanimously by the body.

Re-elected as officers for the coming year were: President,

Harry C. Dinmore; first vice president, Albin J. Varoski; second vice president, Mrs. John A. Goodwin; secretary, Mrs. George E. Desrochers; treasurer, Rose E. Macauley; assistant treasurer, Stella Laba. New directors appointed to serve a term of three years were: Rev. Gilbert Dube, OMI; Dr. Donald W. Gauthier and Kenneth P. Harkins.

Mrs. Deolinda M. Mello, the executive director, gave an enlightening report of the activities of the Institute during the year that has just ended. She described the work being done to help the newly arrived and foreign born in the Greater-Lowell area and included many human interest stories which showed more vividly the fine work being done by this local social agency.

Following the meetings, a

program was presented featuring Spanish songs by Juan Coto, and Jose Coto accompanied at the piano by their mother, Mrs. Maria Coto; a presentation of a colored film of the recent Folk Festival sponsored in November by the Institute. Paul W. Cronin, administrative aide for district affairs for Congressman F. Bradford Morse, gave a illuminating talk on the new immigration law.

Benediction was pronounced by Rev. Paul F. Ketchum, pastor of the Elliot Presbyterian church.

Assisting Mrs. Jeknavorian with details for the annual meeting were: Mrs. John A. Goodwin, Mrs. Fritz F. Kobayashi, Mrs. George E. Desrochers, Miss Stella Laba and Mrs. Albin J. Varoski.

In addition to the members

listed above, the Board of Directors includes the following: Mr. Andrew W. Ansara, Mr. Charles Antonopoulos, Miss Helen W. Barnes, Mrs. Dow L. Case, Mrs. Marcel M. Cote, Miss Ruth Crawford, Mrs. George E. Desrochers, George E. Desrochers, Prof. James G. Dow, Atty. Arthur L. Eno, Miss Catharine Faulkner, Rep. John Janas, Mrs. Abraham Jeknavorian, Rev. Paul F. Ketchum, Prof. Fritz F. Kobayashi, Mrs. E. Alan Larter, Atty. Costas Letsou, Mrs. George T. Little, George T. Little, Mrs. Edward M. Murphy, Mrs. E. Raymond Noiseux, Mrs. Francis F. O'Donnell, Atty. Manuel Ramos, Mrs. Charles E. Robinson, Mrs. Emil E. Rosenbaum, Hon. Ellen Sampson, Rev. John P. Sarantos, Mr. Joseph Shelzi, Rev. John F. Silva, Mrs. Cumner Talbot, Rabbi Joseph Warren.

International Institute Director Chairs Meeting in New York

NEW YORK — Mrs. Deolinda Mello, executive director of the International Institute of Lowell, Inc., a United Fund agency, and her assistant, Mrs. Jane G. Charlton, are in New York where they attended the national convention of the American Council for Nationalities Service.

It is most significant that two representatives of the Lowell organization attended this nation-wide event held at the Carnegie International Center, and that both chaired meetings during its course.

Mrs. Mello chaired the meeting opening day on the subject of the 1965 and 1966 Immigration Acts in Operation. Panelists included John M. Lehmann, deputy associate commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization Service, Washington, D. C.; J. Raymond Ylitalo, director of the Visa Office, Washington, D. C. and Dr. Edith Lowent-



Mrs. Deolinda Mello

stein, a national consultant on all phases of work encountered by those dispensing those services requested and needed by immigrants.

Mrs. Jane G. Charleton, assistant at the Lowell Institute chaired a meeting of staff members. The topic was "Thinking the Unthinkable".

The convention opened Wednesday and was brought to a close yesterday noon. One of the convention's many highlights was the Golden Door Award Dinner held Thursday evening. Theme of this event was, "The Medium is Mankind," and the speakers symbolized and discussed ethnic diversity as an American asset.

This year's award was presented to Frederic O. Hess inventor and industrialist, who was born in Germany and came to this country in his early twenties.

Friday morning a workshop "Teaching English to the Foreign Born," was held. It featured techniques, material and approaches used in teaching English as a second language. Robert H. Coates was the discussion leader. Another workshop: "Tools of Our Profession," had the answers to how to conduct a

community organization program; how to work with boards and showed the value of public relations and its application to the work of Nationalities Service.

Old World Traditions Highlight Open House



3/27/66

LOWELL—Scores of Greater-Lowell residents responded to the invitation to attend Open House at the International Institute, a United Fund agency at 79 High Street, where a delightful afternoon of entertainment with an international flavor was enjoyed by all.

The building is one of the oldest in Lowell, having been built in 1790 by John Shattuck, who later moved to Concord. Rich in the heritage and traditions of this city it now provides a cozy-home-like atmosphere for the newly-arrived and foreign-born people who come to the institute for assistance with the complex problems of living

and adapting to a new society, culture and country.

Priceless treasures from many lands, a cordial staff and a hospitable committee contributed to make the afternoon a happy experience for all who came. During the visiting hours an enjoyable program was presented. There were songs by members of the German Cultural Club of the International Institute under the direction of Mrs. Frank J. Lis; melodies from Cuba by Juan and Jose Coto accompanied at the piano by their mother, Mrs. Maria T. Coto, and songs from sunny Italy, interpreted by tiny Emma Sil-

vestri, who recently arrived from Naples, with her parents.

Miss Ruth Crawford, chairman of the highly successful event, was assisted by Mrs. George E. Desrochers, Miss Catherine Faulkner and Miss Rose E. Macauley. Hosts and hostesses were George E. Desrochers, Albin J. Varoski, Mrs. Cumner Talbot, and Mrs. Arthur L. Eno, Jr.

Pourers at the artistically decorated tea table laden with traditional delicacies of many lands were Miss Catherine Faulkner, Mrs. Emil E. Rosenbaum, Miss Edith J. Atwood, Mrs. Everett O. Coburn and Mrs. Minnie P. Valentine.



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Staff Members

George E. Desrochers, of the board of directors of the International Institute, is pictured as he congratulated staff members of this United Fund agency at Open House festivities attended by scores of Lowellians. From left to right, with Mr. Desrochers are Mrs. Deolinda M. Mello, executive director; Mrs. Jane G. Charlton and Miss Margo Shaddox



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Arrange For New International Inst. Home

Principals to the transaction that resulted in the acquisition yesterday by the International Institute of property on High street meet to pass papers. Front, left to right, Mrs. Deolinda M. Mello, executive director

of the Institute; Charles Antonopoulos, Miss Rose Macauley. Rear, Attorney Arthur L. Eno, Jr., and Attorney Melvin G. Rogers.

9/29/60

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Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the International Institute was held last night at All Souls parish house with the business meeting and reports following the dinner. Left to

right, are, seated, Rev. Krikor Hairabedian, Mayor Ellen Sampson, Mrs. Cumner Talbot; rear, Mrs. John Goodwin and Mrs. Deolinda Mello.

2/12/64



Ted Kennedy Tours Festival Booths

Edward "Ted" Kennedy, brother of President John F. Kennedy is shown at one of the many booths representing the various countries of the world at the International Institute's Festival of Nations at Lowell Memorial Auditorium. Kennedy spent nearly two hours at the

event touring the various booths and talking with hundreds of people. Shown, left to right, are, Mrs. George Mello, Kennedy, John S. McGoochan and Harrison Pierce.

Ted Kennedy, Irish Consul Festival of Nations Guests

LOWELL—"This is truly an example of America in action," Edward "Ted" Kennedy younger brother of President John F. Kennedy, said upon his arrival at the International Institute's "Festival of Nations" at Lowell Memorial Auditorium last night.

The young assistant district attorney for Essex county fully endorsed the work of the institute, whose main purpose is to aid foreign born who come to the United States.

"The Festival of Nations shows what people working together can do. People of all faiths and nationalities have worked hard to

make this affair the success it is. Kennedy said in his brief talk.

Kennedy, who has been mentioned prominently as a possible candidate for governor or U. S. senator, spent the majority of his time at the Festival talking with people, signing autographs, and looking over the various goods on display from more than 15 foreign countries.

He was mobbed by people as he stopped at each and every booth.

"TED," WHO resembles his brother in many ways seemed as popular as the president as he

paraded around the Auditorium floor.

Cornelius Howard, the Irish consul from Boston, also was in attendance.

Through Howard's efforts a piano manufactured in Ireland was flown to the U. S. for use at the festival.

Proceeds of the affair, which proved a huge success, will go to further the work of the institute in welcoming foreigners to the Greater-Lowell area and aiding them settling here.

The festival began at 5 o'clock with the serving of suppers which included food from 15 countries.

It continued until 11:30 p. m. with folk festival dancing from 12 countries between 8 and 9 p. m. and general dancing from 9 to 11:30 o'clock.

Crowds continued coming and going throughout the night.

The dancing groups included the Irish Pipers, Polish polka's, Chippewa scalp dance, a wee bit of Scotland, Armenian wedding reception, a medley of German songs, dances of new Israel, folk dances from Syria and Lebanon, Portuguese songs and dances, dances of India and Greek dances.



The Cream Of The Crop

Proof that immigrants are often America's greatest resource is Mrs. Tebert P. Mello of 883 Westford road, for six years executive director of the International Institute, a Red Feather agency, and a member of the board of directors since 1939. A first generation American, she was appointed by Cardinal Cushing as treasurer of Archdiocesan

Council of Catholic Women; is secretary of St. Anthony's sodality; chairman of St. Anthony's parish building fund; member of citizens advisory committee for minority housing; vice president of community council of Greater-Lowell and an alumnae of Keith Hall. She has a son, Robert, in Lowell high school.

6/2/64

Immigration Law

Great Change In Lowell Anticipated With New Bill

By Jane Nickerson

LOWELL—George Washington was an immigrant. Franklin D. Roosevelt once addressed members of the DAR as "fellow immigrants." In fact every American citizen is an immigrant either directly or indirectly. Of course the Mayflower was full of immigrants, all political fugitives, some with a price on their head. Not the cream of the crop in their own countries. Nevertheless, present immigration laws have been acknowledged by at least our last three presidents as discriminatory and unjust. A change in immigration laws has been part of the platform for both parties.

"The pending immigration bill endorsed by the late President Kennedy, President Johnson and other presidents before them," said Mrs. Tebert P. Mello, executive director of the International Institute, "will have a great effect on Lowell." Mrs. Mello said that the national agency, American Council for Nationality Service, expects the bill, now in the immigration committee, to be presented to this session of congress. If not, the council is confident it will be presented at the next session.

The new bill will change the national origin of the quota system, explained Mrs. Mello. This will effect the ethnic groups in Lowell giving minority groups such as Greek, Portuguese, Italians larger quotas. Also the new bill will unite families. "We have hundreds of families in Lowell who are separated because of immigration," said Mrs. Mello. "The new bill will also admit to America workers whose skills are urgently needed in the United States."

"HOW can you say," she continues, "that one Englishman is worth say 10 Greek? Of course for economic reasons, there has to be a quota on the number of immigrants entering this country. But the present method of determining who these are to be is not fair."

Although millions dream of coming to America many are not happy when they get here. Mrs. Mello does what she can to make American life easier for new immigrants. Drawing from her own experience as a daughter of Portuguese immigrants

who could hardly speak English, she knows the sorrows and heartbreaks of immigrant families first hand.

Her face is beautiful with sensitivity and her dark eyes seem to weep for all the sorrows of those who come to her for help. Her father came to the United States from Portugal when he was 19 to join brothers and sisters here. Her mother left Portugal when she was 14. Soon after their arrival, the two met and married.

Young girls, first generation immigrants, go to Mrs. Mello with their dating problems. Their parents do not understand that it is alright for a girl to go out alone with a boy. The parents do not sympathize with America's dating customs. So Mrs. Mello must teach them the mores of the new world explaining that the boy should call for the girl at her home and meet her parents.

"But" invariably laments the girl, "I am a little ashamed of my parents. They do not speak English. It is very embarrassing!"

"I know," comforts Mrs. Mello, "My parents didn't speak English either. And my mother thought I should go to my junior prom with my brother."

NEVERTHELESS Mrs. Mello knows it is a great advantage to have immigrant parents. "You have all the culture, the songs, the poetry, the traditions, the special holidays, the language of the old country, yet, you have all the advantages of living in the greatest country in the world. I do not wish to offend anyone, but I feel so sorry for everyone who does not have the advantages of two cultures."

Mrs. Mello tells of her immigrant friends with sympathy, warmth and often tears. One old woman came to her from Yugoslavia. "Isn't there anyone from my country here?" she pleaded. Mrs. Mello looked up all the slavic sounding names in the telephone book only to find that that most were Lithuanians and none, Yugoslavians. There doesn't seem to be anyone from Yugoslavia in Lowell.

There are special classes for those who wish to become citizens. They must learn to read and write English. They must learn to write their name. But some do not even know how to read and write in their own language. They seek citizenship so they can send for their families waiting patiently in the old country. Mrs. Mello suffers with all of these.

One old woman found it very

difficult to learn to sign her name. Mrs. Mello worked with her until the old one could just bearly complete the feat. The old woman finally went to the immigration authorities with a relative. The man in charge was terse and business-like. "Sign here!" he said gruffly. The old one froze immediately. She could not write. An emergency call was made to Mrs. Mello. When she arrived, she told the man in charge, "you know this lady has lost two sons fighting for this country. If she does not deserve citizenship, who does?"

"Well, I can't help that!" said the man, "The law is the law. Tell her to hurry up!"

MRS. MELLO went over to the old lady and said to her soothingly, "Now you can do it. I know you can do it." The old one calmly signed her name.

An old man was sent to America by his family so he could become a citizen and send for them. He works all day. After work he comes to Mrs. Mello's office. He is trying to learn to write his name. He tries very hard, but he cannot master it; and yet he knows how much depends on this meager accomplishment. Without his help his children would be put on the fourth classification of those who seek entrance to America. Often the quota is satisfied before the fourth classification is even considered. Their chances of ever coming would be negligible. In any case he probably would never see his children again.

One of the few who had a private interview with Prime Minister Antonio de Oliveira Salazar, dictator of Portugal, Mrs. Mello remembers him as a man steeped with the history of Portugal. A recluse, who shuns the dignitaries of the world, he wished to see her to find out how the Portuguese adjust to life in America. "He is," says Mrs. Mello, "a man of great compassion."

She naturally dislikes the injustices so often inflicted on immigrants saying, "had the Indians had stricter immigration laws, we would not be here." She would appreciate a New York story, told by Peter Barnes, Lowell Sun reporter, "A group of Indians sat on Staten Island watching the approach of three little ships. Columbus and his friends debarked and started speaking to each other in Spanish. 'Well,' said one Indian to another, 'There goes the neighborhood.'"



International Institute Meets

A dinner meeting of the International Institute was held last night at the Lowell Girls club on Worthen street. Attending were: Arthur L. Eno, Jr., first vice-

president; Mrs. Mary T. Heath, guest speaker; Mrs. Deolinda M. Mello, executive director, and Attorney Costas G. Letsou, chairman.

International Institute

Sad Plight of World's Refugees Revealed at Annual Dinner

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Mrs. Deolinda M. Mello

ORCHIDS to Lowell's international Institute and especially Mrs. Deolinda M. Mello, executive director. This institute, which incidentally is a member of the United Fund of Greater-Lowell, is doing an outstanding piece of work with youngsters from seven foreign countries. We had an opportunity this week to observe first hand just how the English language is being taught to these eager-to-learn youngsters, and it was most inspiring. When they enter the classrooms of public schools in September they will have

gained enough of our language to afford them the ability to learn further, thanks to Mrs. Mello and assistants Kathleen Toomey, Ruth Irvin, Anne Denton and Rebecca Sigall, members of the Chelmsford Senior Girl Scout Troup 261. To hear these youngsters talk, one would get the impression that they were attending summer school each day—they're not, it's just two days a week, but the knowledge gained in the short time from understanding personnel is worth more than words can say. Keep up the good work!



Dedicate New Building

A new memorial hall was dedicated last night at the International Institute on High street, in honor of the late Atty. Francis Fay O'Donnell. Shown above in front of a portrait of Mr. O'Donnell are, left to right: Mrs. Deolinda M. Mello, executive director of the institute;

William S. Bernard, national president and guest speaker; James F. Conway, who gave the dedication tribute; Rev. Joseph T. Sheehy, St. Patrick's parish and Earl J. Watt, president of Lowell International Institute.

International Institute Expands

LOWELL—Named in memory of a former president and board member, the new hall of the International Institute was dedicated last night in honor of the late Attorney Francis Fay O'Donnell.

James F. Conway, a former Lowell high school teacher, and close friend of the attorney, recalled memories of Mr. O'Donnell as a man dedicated to his work, "a gentle man and a

composed individual, who loved people."

Earl J. Watt, president of the International Institute, welcomed the close to 100 persons who attended the opening and dedication of the new wing. He called it "a building which will allow us to better expand our services to the foreign born, who ask our help."

Mrs. Deolinda Mello, executive director, expressed her

thanks to those who have worked so hard through the years to build up the International Institute, and to the United Fund, which the institute people depends on almost 100 per cent.

The main speaker of the evening was William S. Bernard, the national president of the International Institute and also the executive director of the American Council for Na-

tionalities Service. He praised the local group for the advances made, and spoke of the tremendous influx of refugees who are being helped across the country by the International Institute.

Mayor Ellen A. Sampson extended the greetings of the city, and also attending were Rep. John Janas and Councilor Raymond J. Lord and Jefferson R. Mansfield, director of the United Fund, Lowell.



Gives Diplomas

Closing exercises were held at the International Institute for students attending the classes in Russian. Regina Kolek, Mrs. Roger M. Brady, both students of the class, receive diplomas from Mrs. Deolinda M. Mello, executive director, and Mrs. Alexander J. Belinda, instructor in the Russian course.



Getting To Know You!

Pictured with their host at the last in a series of Open Houses sponsored by the International Institute for the foreign students of Lowell are, left to right, Rev. John S. Sarantos, pastor of the Transfiguration church, where

the event took place; Mrs. Kussum P. Amin, Mrs. Prishapa B. Shab, both of India, and Mrs. Deolinda M. Mello.

Open House

Foreign Students Guests At Transfiguration Church ^{5/5/63}

LOWELL—The last in the series of monthly "Open Houses" sponsored by the International Institute of Lowell for foreign students and their friends was held at the Transfiguration Greek Orthodox church at the gracious invitation of the church women.

Attending as special guests of the occasion were members of the faculty of Lowell Technological Institute, members of the board of directors of the International Institute and of the Greek community.

Rev. John Sarantos showed the guests the new additions to the church and ex-

plained their part in the religious services. The foreign students, who will graduate this year, were recognized and congratulated.

An interesting program, planned by the women of the church, included guest participation in group singing and dancing. A supper consisting of delicious home baked Greek food was served.

The officials of the International Institute commended the members of the local Greek community for their spirit of co-operation in this program of Open Houses for foreign students with

the objective of better understanding between the representatives of other countries and cultures and their counterparts in our country.



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The annual meeting of the International Institute was held Tuesday at Kitson hall, YWCA. Left to right, seated, Mrs. Deolinda M. Mello and Miss Rose Macauley;

rear, Mrs. John Goodwin, Arthur L. Eno, Jr., and Cumer Talbot.



At Naturalization Ceremonies

Impressive naturalization proceedings were conducted this morning at the superior court house on Gorham street. Taking part in the program were, left to right, Mrs. Myer Buyarsky, representing the Jewish War Veterans auxiliary, Post 28; George Giffin, one of those

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Getting Their Bearings

Mrs. Lidonio C. Ramos, left, and her two daughters, Lisa (on her mother's lap) and Lillian M., who recently arrived in Lowell from Graciosa, Azores, Portugal, consult with Mrs. Leolinda M. Mello, Executive Director of

the International Institute concerning adjustment to their new country. The International Institute is a United Fund Agency.

10/17/66



A Dream Comes True

Two Lowell-born parents fulfilled a lifelong ambition today when their children became American citizens at a naturalization session of Middlesex superior court. Naturalized were Mary Szczerepa, second from left and Raymond Adolph Ortins, foreground. At far left

is Mary's mother, Mrs. Kazimiera Szczerepa. Second from right is Raymond Ortins, father of Raymond Adolph and at far right, Mrs. Deolinda M. Mello, executive director of the International Institute.



MRS. MARIA COTO, a Cuban refugee, discusses with Mrs. Deolinda M. Mello, executive director of the International Institute of Lowell, the schedule for her adult education courses. Mrs. Coto is beginning her American education this year at the night course program at Lowell



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Colorful Festival of Nations



Naturalization Program Today

At Middlesex Superior court on Gorham street this morning, 85 foreign born persons became naturalized citizens of the United States. Of the group, 12 were children. Pictured after the ceremonies are, left to right, Edward J. Sullivan, clerk of courts; Edna Tabera,

a native of the Philippines who became a U. S. citizen; Mrs. Deolinda M. Mello, executive director of the International Institute of Lowell, and James P. O'Sullivan, immigration and naturalization service, department of justice.

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Greeting Guest Speaker

Members of the board of directors pictured greeting Rev. Victor F. Scalise, center, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church and guest speaker at the International Institute annual dinner meeting shown left to right are

Rabbi Benjamin Tumin, Mrs. Myer W. Stoloff, Mrs. Deolinda M. Mello, executive director of the agency and Albin J. Varoski, president.

International Institute Marks Half Century Of Service

By Marguerite Lyons

LOWELL—Pointing out the colorful and cultural contributions the immigrant seeking freedom from oppression or in quest of a new life in the USA has made to the great American Mosaic, Dr. William S. Bernard, associate director of the Center for Migration Studies at City University of New York, guest speaker at the International Institute 50th anniversary dinner party held Sunday evening at a Pawtucket Blvd., banquet hall, lauded this United Fund agency for its services, helping people of many lands to become integrated into the community.

The noted writer, lecturer and authority on immigration and ethnic problems holds a BA degree in Anthropology and a Ph.D in Sociology, both from Yale University, and is currently chairman of the Committee on Integration of the American Immigration and Citizenship conference.

He quoted the late President John F. Kennedy who said, "We are a nation of immigrants" and made several references to the immigration laws that now make it possible for America to bring 40,000 people of other lands to its shores every year. Enumerating the countless benefits and advantages to be derived from people of foreign countries, Dr. Bernard said the new comers help us biologically, adding to our gene pool as well as they help physically and intellectually. He congratulated the International Institute for the part it has played during a half century in interpreting America to its foreign born in this city and encouraged it to continue to cope with those situations and problems of assimilation to a new culture that arise in the lives of those people seeking orientation to a new land.

Atty. Arthur L. Eno was toastmaster of the evening and Rev. Joseph H. Giunta, pastor of the First Grace Universalist Church gave the invocation. Albin J. Varoski, president of the board of directors of the International Institute, welcomed all attending and thanked all committee members who helped assure the success of the memorable event.

CONGRESSMAN F. Bradford Morse, greeting the Institute on its golden anniversary, highly commended its staff for the massive job accomplished in the field of cultural integration and the priceless help it has brought to immigrants who in turn have contributed to the community by their talents and day to day life.

Greetings of the city of Lowell were brought by Councilor Ellen A. Sampson, co-chairman of the 50th anniversary committee, who said she, as the daughter of immigrant parents, took pride in congratulating the institute and the countless people of foreign birth who have come to Lowell and become part of the melting pot of American democracy.

During the program, Mr. Eno and all the speakers paid special tribute to Mrs. Deolinda Mello, executive director, for her tireless efforts far beyond the call of duty always performed in the spirit of protection of the immigrant and in his best interests.

Judge Elliott T. Cowdrey, made the presentation of the Golden Door award to three Lowell residents of foreign birth in recognition for their contributions to American life. Recipients were Mrs. Philip Gilinson, Jr., born in Iceland; Charles J. Antonopoulos, a native of Greece, and Joseph Pellegrino, who came to this country from Italy.

Mrs. Donald Burns, soprano and Leonard Keirstead, tenor, blended their voices in the most appropriately chosen selection, "Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor", arranged by Irving Berlin. Accompanist was Mrs. John Lewis. All during the dinner, folk songs from lands throughout the world were sung and played by the Neo Quartet.

Final speaker of the evening was Raymond C. Parrott, director of the Northeast Peace Corps Center, who explained the many difficulties of adjusting to a new culture which challenge new-comers to our country and said the Peace Corps furnishes the greatest opportunities to find out about one's own country when away from it. He quoted its director Sargent Shriver's words, "Nobody can learn about his own country and culture unless he knows about another". He stressed the need for understanding among people and the need for personal involvement and a desire to help other people.

PRIOR TO the dinner Hermes S. Tsandikos, introduced all guests seated at the head table. In addition to the speakers already mentioned, these guests were George L. Roy, president of the United Fund of Greater Lowell; Miss Catharine Faulkner, incorporator of the International Institute; Rev. John F. Silva, pastor of St. Anthony's Church; Rev. Thomas E. Green, pastor of St. George Orthodox Church; Very Rev. Mesroby Somerjian, of St. Vartanantz, Armenian Church, Rev. Joseph Klimczak, pastor of St. Casimir's Polish National

Church and Mrs. Penelope Z. Kopley, general co-chairman of the committee.

Floral and luminary decorations in vivid colors, against a background circle bearing profiled faces representative of the various peoples whose lives and cultures enhance our land, transformed the banquet hall into a symbolic garden-setting for the significant occasion. The decorations were designed and arranged by Mrs. Alexander J. Belida, chairman, Mrs. John A. Goodwin, Miss Mary Laganas and Mrs. Allan S. Powell.

Serving on the other committees with Mrs. Sampson and Mrs. Kopley were Judge Elliott T. Cowdrey, chairman of the award committee with Paul A. Gagnon, Mrs. John A. Goodwin, Kenneth P. Harkins, Mrs. Deolinda Mello, Leo Panas, Miss Ellenor T. Trull, William S. Vrettas, Kenneth Wingood and Atty. Joseph J. Zacharer. The invitations committee was composed of Mrs. James Georgalos, chairman, Mrs. Thomas L. Gilbride, Miss Alic G. Kiernan and Mrs. Frytz F. Kobayashi. Mrs. Cumner Talbot headed the history committee and her co-chairmen were Miss Ruth D. Crawford and Miss Catharine Faulkner.

The sponsors committee was headed by Miss Mary C. O'Meara, and her assistants were Mrs. Delmo F. Alberghini, Mrs. John S. McGoohan, Mrs. Thomas F. McSorley, Mrs. John E. Peskovitz, Mrs. Gladys Picanso, Mrs. Leo N. Poisson, Mrs. Edward M. Quinn and Mrs. Charles G. Sampas.

The public relations committee included Marguerite B. Lyons, Mrs. Jane G. Charlton and Mrs. Mello. John A. McInerney was chairman of the ticket committee which included Mrs. Jennie Adams, Mrs. Joseph Brunelle, Mrs. Maria Coto, Mrs. Klaus J. Eisermann, Mrs. Thomas M. Goulakos, Russell N. Kierstead, Arnold S. Lerner and Mrs. Jacob Szlosek. Head table chairman was Hermes S. Tsandikos and Mrs. Nicholas C. Contakos was chairman of the music committee. Assisting her were Mrs. Carl L. Braun, Jr., Miss Marina Sampas and Mrs. Robert C. Wilkins. Mrs. George Danas and Mrs. Abraham Jeknavorian were co-chairmen of the restaurant committee. In charge of the program were William L. Rust, chairman, Douglas J. Fleming, George H. Hubers and Mrs. William L. Rust.

Miss Stella Kyriacopoulos headed the hospitality committee and her assistants were Mrs. Ann Casper, Miss Yvette Giroux, Mrs. Zygfryd Jablonski, Miss Stella Laba, Mrs. Raymond Sousa and Miss Jeannine Tardiff.



Sun staff photo by Mike Pigeon

A leader

... among the Portuguese people of Lowell is Mrs. Deolinda Mello, executive director of the International Institute, wearing a Portuguese gown with Madeira lace and holding a Minhota with costume of the northern province of Minho.



—crowning the service and accomplishments of the International Institute, Sunday evening at a Pawtucket Blvd. banquet hall are, seated, left to right, Miss Catherine Falkner, one of the agency's incorporators; Mrs. Ellen A. Sampson and Mrs. Penelope Kopley, general co-chairmen of the event. Standing, left to right are



John A. McInerney, chairman of the ticket committee, and George Roy, president of the United Fund. In second picture, Mrs. Deolinda Mello, executive director of the agency, and Albin J. Varoski, president of the board of directors, right, are shown greeting guest speakers, Dr. William S. Bernard, of New York, chairman of the



At 50th Anniversary Celebration

committee on Integration of the American Immigration and Citizenship Conference, left, and Raymond C. Parrott, director of the Northeast Peace Corps center, second from right.

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A dinner party

—was held in honor of Mrs. Jane Charlton who is retiring from the International Institute. Mrs. Charlton was feted by members of Lowell's Cuban colony who spon-

sored the affair in appreciation of her work with the Cuban people of Lowell. Left to right, Mrs. Deolinda Mello, Inter-

national Institute director; Mrs. Robert Charlton and Mr. Charlton, and Mrs. Adelfina Diaz, chairman of the festive event.



Christmas Clearing House

Representatives of local service and civic organizations met yesterday at the Salvation Army headquarters, to coordinate Christmas donations for the needy. Left to right are John Durkin, Kiwanis; Loretta

Moore, Salvation Army; Major George Wickens, Salvation Army; and at right front H. Bailey Trull, chairman of the Clearing House.

"Felices Pascuas"

Cuban Brothers Look Forward To Christmas Day In Lowell

By Marguerite Lyons

LOWELL — Wide-eyed with amazement and surprise at all the decorations they see are Juan Frederico and his brother Jose Antonio Coto, seven and eight year old Cuban refugees, who are presently living in restless and anxious anticipation of just what it will be like next Tuesday to celebrate Christmas in Lowell.

These handsome and intelligent children were born in Havana where they lived happily until the clouds of Communism overshadowed their homes and their very lives. To prevent inevitable indoctrination into this greatest of all evils, their mother, Mrs. Maria Teresa Coto made arrangements with the Catholic Relief service to send her sons to Miami.

To avoid suspicion and assure her boys safe escape she willingly self-imposed separation between herself and her children. On March 20 Juan and Jose boarded a plane bound for Miami while Mrs. Coto stayed in Havana.

The boys' stay in Miami was of short duration, one week only, after which on March 27, they were flown across the country to Bearton, Oregon. Again through the Catholic Relief service, they were entrusted to St. Mary's Home for boys where they felt very much at home with the good nuns and 16 other juvenile Cuban refugees.

All the while Mrs. Coto lived for one thing . . . reunion with her little family. She arrived in Miami June 27 and was ready to go to Oregon or anywhere to be with her boys. Nothing mattered except being with them. Her petitions were turned down and she was discouraged from attempting to aim for Oregon where she would encounter difficulty finding employment. Instead, her advisors directed her to Lowell.

UPON ARRIVAL July 30, she immediately set forth to find work and establish a home for her boys. She will always be grateful to the Lowell shoe factory where she was given employment, and to the International Institute, its executive director, Mrs. Deolinda M. Mello and Mrs. Elizabeth Dagdigan, her assistant.

In the spirit of doing for a mother what she hoped some mother would do for her boys, Mrs. Coto, took up temporary residence with Roselia Ordonez a 17 year old Cuban girl, with whom she had a distant relationship and who had also found a home in Lowell. Together they shared their sorrows and their hopes for reunion with their loved ones.

Meanwhile the girl's parents arrived in the haven that Miami has become and later joined their daughter. Regular visits to the International Institute were made by Mrs. Coto. With the invaluable help of Mrs. Mello, she found solution to her problems and a furnished apartment at 95 Andover street.

Finally the long awaited day of reunion came. It was October 31. Halloween will always have a special meaning to Mrs. Coto. Mrs. Mello drove her to Logan where she met the plane that carried all

she had in the world. According to those who were there, Mrs. Coto ignored the gates and ran out on the field to greet her sons.

Three days later Mrs. Mello registered Juan and Jose at the Immaculate Conception school. Completely happy there where the Grey Nuns and their classmates do all they can to make them feel at home, the Coto boys are showing remarkable progress in their school work. All marvel at how quickly they are learning English which they speak with a charming Spanish accent.

Too young to be left alone, their mother walks them to school every morning on her way to work. They are the first to arrive since they are in the school yard at 7 o'clock a whole hour before the doors open. After school they go to the International Institute where Mrs. Mello and her assistant "baby sit" for them until their mother

calls for them at 5 o'clock.

A VERY DEEP friendship has developed between the youngsters and the executives of the institute and this they hesitate not to show when they come in after school every day. Regardless who is there the boys make a mad dash for "Mama Mello Coto" as they fondly call her, and shower her with marks of affection.

This week has been a very exciting one for the Coto brothers, who are completely taken up with all the hustle and bustle of Christmas preparations. Amidst it all and despite their age, and the fact that under Castro's regime their father is missing and their aunt a contemplative religious is held prisoner with the other nuns in her convent, they realize how fortunate they are to be able to look forward to this day of days in the freedom and peace that the coming of Christ gave to the world.



The Best of Friends

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Embraced with the Christmas spirit that prevails at the International Institute which has become their second home since they arrived in Lowell from Cuba,

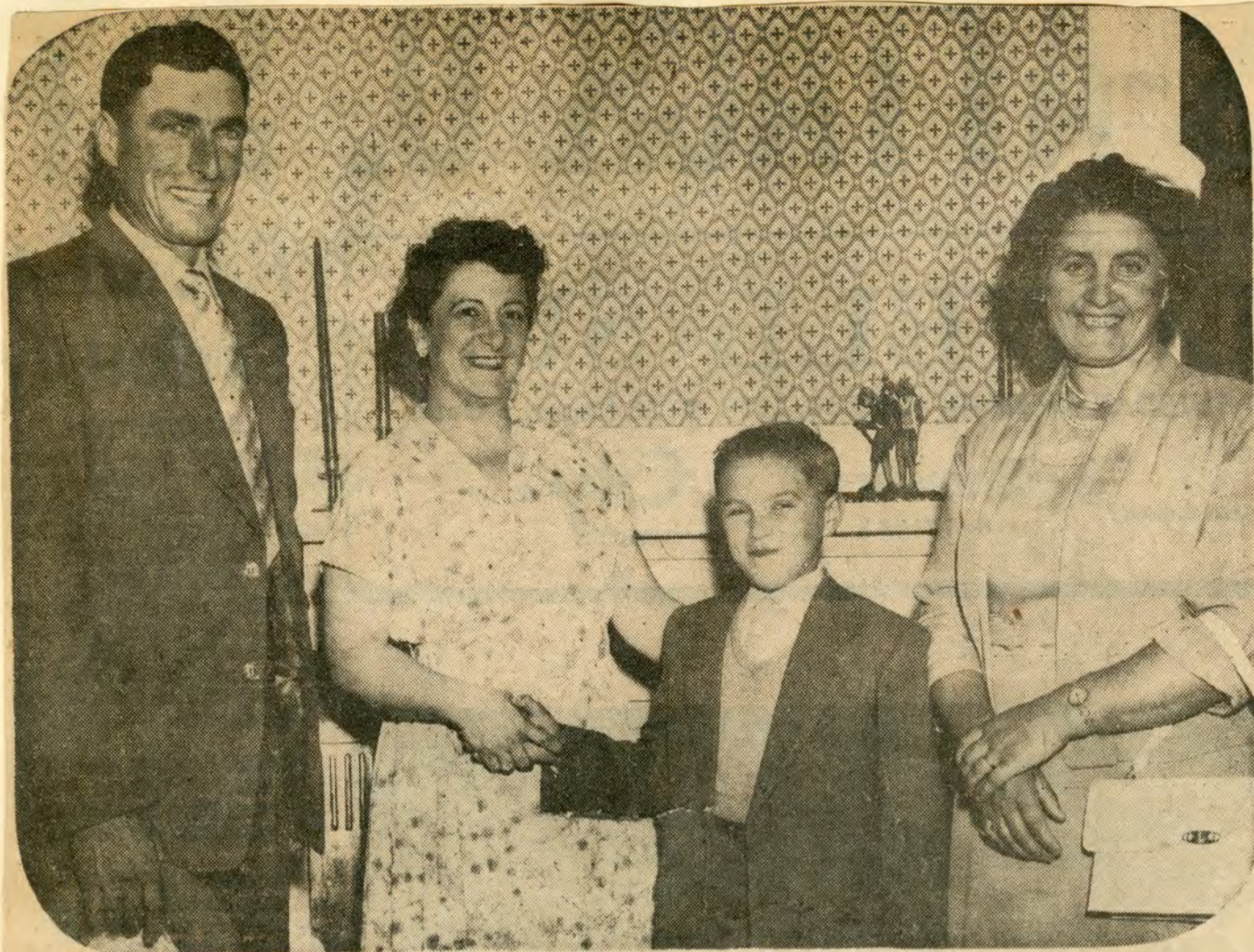
Oct. 31 are, Jose, left, and Juan Coto, right, pictured with their good friend, Mrs. Deolinda M. Mello, executive director of the institute.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL of Greater Lowell members, officers and guests at a meeting include, from left, first row, Father Lindberg, Mrs. Philip Mello, Mrs. Deolinda Mello, Mrs. J.

Donald Adams, and Msgr. Raymond L. Hyder. Second row, Earl J. Watt, James F. Droney, Mayor Ellen A. Sampson, Joseph E. Hardman and Jefferson R. Mansfield. (Photo by Jankow)



Welcome to Lowell

Mrs. Tebert P. Mello of the International Institute welcomes Manuel Mello and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Antonio S. Mello to the United States and in particular

Lowell. The family arrived Monday from the volcano ruined island of Fayal in the Azores, and with the Jose Boldeias.

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Meet the Mellos

Volcanic Eruption Brings Portuguese Family To U. S.

By Judi Green

LOWELL — Language was no barrier when the Antonio S. Mellos, Portuguese speaking family, arrived in Lowell and met a strictly one language interviewer. Smiles, a flashing one from poppa, a warm, friendly one from another and a slight, timid one which rapidly developed into a big, boyish grin from son Manuel, transformed the small office at the International Institute into a bureau of happy communications.

Mrs. Tebert P. Mello, who translated our chatty conversation, explained that this family was among the many victims of the world's newest volcano which burst from the ocean's floor belching gases and steam and hurling glowing lava bombs half a mile into the air. Fayal was transformed into a wasteland without pastures, vineyards and homes. Legislation signed by President Eisenhower on Sept. 2, 1958, provided for the admission to the United States of 1500 families who were victims of volcanic eruptions. The Mellos are the first refugee family to come to Lowell under this act.

A joyful reunion of Mr. Mello and his sister, Mrs. Jose G. Boldeia who sponsored the family with her husband occurred at Logan Airport. The new arrivals, after being chauffeured about agreed that they enjoyed plane transportation more than autos. They left for the U. S. on Sunday at 4 p. m. and arrived here Monday morning at 8 o'clock.

IN SEPTEMBER, Manuel will start the third grade in public school. He has never heard of baseball, but is an enthusiastic soccer player. His young American cousins relate that Manuel has been glued to the television set, fascinated and delighted by the English cartoons, cowboys and old movies.

Mrs. Antonio Mello has fallen in love with her sister-in-law's kitchen where the stove, hot running water and refrigerator particularly impressed her. Such American specialties as hotdogs, cheeseburgers and sundaes haven't been sampled by the Mellos yet, as Mrs. Boldeia cooks in the Portuguese style. Mrs. Mello used to make her own bread on an open hearth after feeding the livestock and helping her husband in the rich fields.

Although accustomed to farming, raising and selling corn, Mr. Mello has already started assembly line work at the Wakefield Industries, Inc. He is a tall, ruddy complected man who carries himself erectly and proudly as a future American citizen should. The Mellos all have friendly, firm handshakes and various shades of breath-taking blue eyes.

Only about a dozen families

from Fayal are among the thousands of Lowell's Portuguese residents who migrated mostly from the Azores. Mrs. Tebert Mello of the local agency called a meeting of those interested in sponsoring a family and enough volunteered to provide for bringing over eight families. The Boldeias have been here just five years, and are proud of the fact that they are now considered well established enough to sponsor another family.

ed her arms to welcome a people in distress and offer them the opportunities and freedom that are our great American heritage. The International Institute at 222 Worthen street is a community service to assist the newcomer by interpreting America and creating understanding. Bi-weekly English classes are conducted during the school year. Citizenship courses, translation and notarization of documents are offered along with advice or counseling which are always available to solve any adjustment problems.

THUS AGAIN, continuing the spirit of its founders and traditions, America has open-



Another Family Reunited

Smiling through her tears, Mrs. Tow Cow Hi of Canton, China, stands reunited with her son, Bing Lam Chin of 27 Pawtucket Drive, and presents a token of her gratitude to Mrs. Deolinda Mello, executive director of the International Institute, who waged war against the insurmountable odds against her so unusual

cause. Mr. Chin, significantly chose the background for the picture, a replica of the Statue of Liberty, where President Johnson, on Oct. 3, 1965, signed the new immigration law which has, since December, resulted in the reunion of hundreds of families.

Hope Never Dies

Sorrow Shrouds Realization Of 35 Year Old Dream

By Marguerite Lyons

LOWELL—The promise Chin Tuck, a familiar figure in Lowell, made to his wife and two very young children some 35 years ago when he left them and Canton, China, to seek the means by which he and his family could some day live happy and free in America was fulfilled July 19 when his beloved and never doubting Tow Cow Hi, now 65, set foot on US soil in San Francisco, Calif. Her hard to contain joy was soon shrouded with the deepest of sorrow, when told that her husband had not lived to share the realization of their 35 year old dream . . . Tired and weary, and not quite sure why his whole life had to be lived so far from those he loved, Chin Tuck died, Feb. 11 of this year just as the picture of his cherished dream was taking the brightest hues of completion.

Since the new immigration law signed by President Johnson went into effect in December of last year, families separated for long and endless years due to the strict ethnic origin quota limitations, have been reunited.

The International Institute, a member of the United Fund Agency, and its affiliates throughout the country have literally been swamped preparing the many documents necessary to effect these reunions but the case of the late Chin Tuck, his wife Tow Cow Hi and son Bing Lam Chin was the one which brought the deepest of all satisfaction to Mrs. Deolinda M. Mello, executive director of the local agency.

Eight years after he left China, Chin Tuck sent for his then 13 year old son Bing Lam Chin. Together they lived in a tiny apartment over the family laundry located at 270 Chelmsford St., in Lincoln Sq. It is in this country that the child really got to know his father. From that day on the two worked constantly with one thing in mind—bringing

the other two members of the family to America.

The process of bringing an immediate relative to the U. S. is long, and difficult. First, a petition must be accompanied by certified birth, marriage, death records, if previous marriages have been contracted, etc. These must be translated into English and duly notarized. After approval is given to the petition it is sent to the American consul stationed in the country of the beneficiary who places the name or names on the quota waiting list. When, in the course of time, the name is reached, the prospective immigrant is advised to submit many documents to the Consulate, among which is an affidavit of support prepared by the relative in the U. S., who assures that the persons coming will be housed, fed and taken care of in order not to become public charges of this country.

WHEN IN October of 1963, Bing Lam Chin, a U. S. Army veteran, who had returned to China to see his mother, and court a pretty Chinese girl whom he married after two weeks, came to the International Institute without documents, to petition for the parent he had not seen in 18 years and whom his father had not seen in almost twice as many. Mrs. Mello was simply dismayed. She learned that no official records were kept in Canton, where Mr. Chin's parents were married and where he was born Sept. 12, 1925. Though entitled to citizenship because he had served with the U. S. forces, Mr. Chin being unaware of this, was not naturalized until May of 1963.

Faced with a quite unusual case, Mrs. Mello had to use all her imagination and that sense of ingenuity which is hers, to prepare the case for the consideration of the Immigration Service.

In time, Mr. Chin presented

Mrs. Mello with pictures of his mother his brother and his family. These were sent together with sworn statements for approval. Endless weeks passed finally came notification that sworn statements must be obtained from two former residents of China, who knew Mr. Chin and his family there and could state that they were sure of the family ties. Weeks and weeks were spent in the Chinese community in Boston in search of the needed people, when at last Mr. Chin happily walked into the Institute one day with two aged Chinese who had known him and his family in China and were willing to take an oath to that effect. But that wasn't all. Months slowly passed and Mr. Chin was advised to report to the Blood Testing Unit of the Public Health Hospital in Brighton. In Hong Kong where the other members of his family were living as refugees, his mother and brother were advised likewise. Blood samples were compared and on March 3, 1964 the happy news that the petition had been accepted was received.

Mr. Chin waited two years and was prepared to wait many more, but the new immigration law changed all this and in April of this year his mother requested that he send the necessary document of support. Mr. Chin has since been advised that his brother too will come. Well tested by long patient waiting and hope that never dies, Mr. Chin had no sooner greeted his mother July 19, when he began arrangements for his brother's coming.

The International Institute is continuing to assist in reuniting the Chins, who now reside in a beautiful, modern home at 27 Pawtucket Drive and operate a successful Centralville laundry at 338 West Sixth Street. The Chins have four children, Mary Shew Chin, who will enter Lowell State College this fall, Susan, a senior and member of the Girl Officers of Lowell High school, Thomas Chin a Lowell High junior and Michael, a fifth grader at St. Michael's school.

Now while Tow Cow Hi enjoys her new life amidst her own . . . her son, daughter-in-law and four grandchildren, and marvels at such wonders as television, an electric stove, instant light, heating facilities, and so many other things that are making her eyes simply widen in amazement, the Chins continue their search for certificates etc., to establish proof of relationship between them and other members of the family whom they hope some day to greet in America.

Tuesday, August 25, 1959



Visited Summer Castle

Mrs. Tebert P. Mello sits at her desk at the International Institute where she is assistant director and talks of her month long trip to Portugal. The delightful trip

was highlighted by a visit to the summer castle at St. Juan de Etoril, which is the vacation home of Prime Minister Anthony Oliveira Salazar.



Visitors From 52 Lands

Mrs. Deolinda Mello is seen in her new office at the International Institute house at 79 High street. The theme of her office is one of international harmony and decorative pieces. Pieces of carvings, paintings

and metal work from more than a dozen countries are found in this exciting room. Persons from 52 countries came to visit and work in the International Institute last year.



East Meets West

Forty-eight Greater-Lowell residents became citizens of the United States today when they took the oath of allegiance at superior court on Gorham

street. Among those attending the ceremonies were, left to right: Mrs. Deolinda M. Mello, executive director of the International Institute; Yee Gem Shaw

from China; Wei Ying Chu, also from China; Judith A. Lapointe from the Philippines, and Edward J. Sullivan, clerk of court.



Welcoming New U. S. Citizens

Setting the keynote for impressive naturalization ceremonies today in chambers of the superior court, were, left to right, Atty. James B. Sullivan, U. S. department of justice; Calvin A. Burger, first assistant clerk of

courts, Middlesex county; Mrs. Deolinda M. Mello, executive director, International Institute, and Dr. Donald G. Shanahan, supervisor, adult education program, Lowell school department.



International Institute Meets

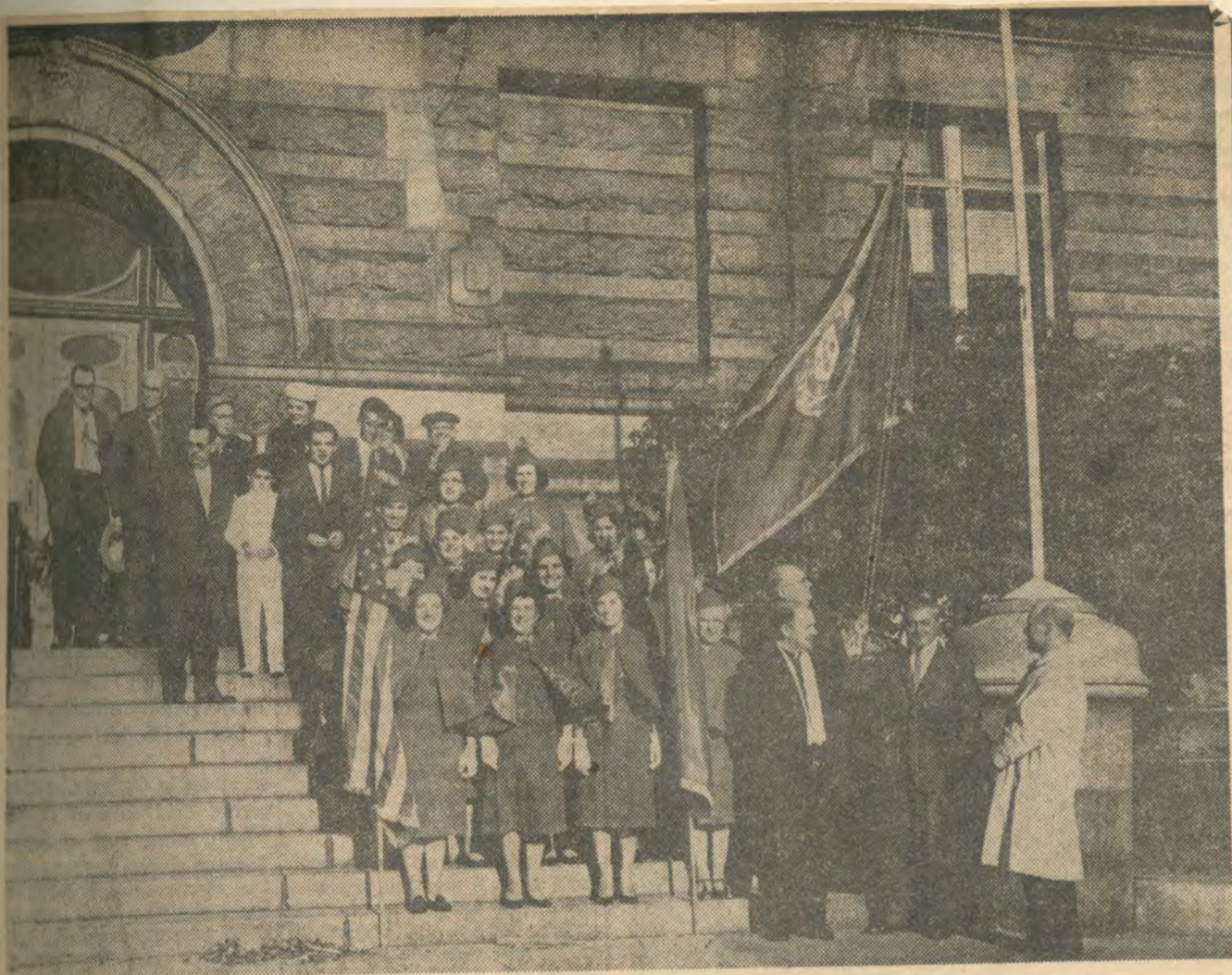
A dinner meeting of the International Institute was held last night at the Lowell Girls club on Worthen street. Attending were: Arthur L. Eno, Jr., first vice-

president; Mrs. Mary T. Heath, guest speaker; Mrs. Deolinda M. Mello, executive director, and Attorney Costas G. Letsou, chairman.



COMMUNITY COUNCIL LEADERS—These people are typical of the public spirited volunteers of the Greater Lowell area present at the recent annual meeting of the Community Council, the United Fund organization, whose efforts are devoted to improving the health, welfare and recreational services in the area. Seated, from left, are Mrs. Arthur Boyce of Westford, Community Council director; Mrs. George B. Richardson of Dracut, a member

of the Ad Hoc survey committee; and Mrs. Deolinda M. Mello of Lowell, committee worker; standing, Joseph R. Hardman of Chelmsford, chairman of the Christmas Clearing Bureau; Mrs. Robert A. Hunter of Tewksbury, president of the Lowell Day Nursery; and Monsignor Raymond J. Gallagher, secretary of the National Catholic Charities of Washington, D. C., guest speaker.



Commemorate Prince Henry Day

Rev. John Silva, third from right, pastor of St. Anthony's church, presents Portuguese flag to Lowell in honor of Prince Henry Day. Mayor Raymond J. Lord, second from right, represented the city. The ceremony yesterday at city hall commemorated the quincenten-

nial anniversary of Prince Henry's death. A city council proclamation designated yesterday as "Prince Henry Day" in Lowell. The group of marchers on the steps of city hall will participate in a parade in Boston today.



Gives Diplomas

Closing exercises were held at the International Institute for students attending the classes in Russian. Regina Kolek, Mrs. Roger M. Brady, both students of the class, receive diplomas from Mrs. Deolinda M. Mello, executive director, and Mrs. Alexander J. Belinda, instructor in the Russian course.

Mrs. Mello and Int. Institute Synonymous

By Marcia Cayford

LOWELL — One of the greatest tributes to Mrs. Deolinda M. Mello is that many of Lowell's foreign-born citizens can read this story.

Mrs. Mello, of 883 Westford street, is the executive director of the International Institute on High street, a United Fund agency that is devoted entirely to helping the newly-arrived foreign-born to Lowell and to America.

As executive director, Mrs. Mello does not just administer she also teaches, does case and social work. She attended Keith Hall, the University of Rhode Island, and Lowell State, and completed a course in adult education at Boston University.

Mrs. Mello came to the International Institute in 1939, when she joined the board of directors of the organization. In 1958, she was appointed to the position she now holds.

Asked if there was a special reason for her genuine and long-standing interest in helping immigrants, she replied "I am a first generation child," she said, "and I know the problems that newcomers face. My parents faced the same problems." She says that her experience, and being close to the experience of her parents, helps her put people at ease. "They may come into my office understandably shy and ill at ease. Many times, they hold back and explain as best they can, that they do not speak English very well." It is usually at this point that Mrs. Mello wins them over. With a smile and a reassuring attitude, she says gently "My mother couldn't speak English, either."



Mrs. Deolinda Mello

SHE AND THE Institute insist on a homey atmosphere, for they have found that it is easier for people to unwind and tell their problems in such a place.

These two examples of Mrs. Mello's inborn experience and wisdom in the psychology of human beings may seem insignificant, but are among the most important aspects outside of the actual aid the Institute gives. The custom of the agency is to contact immediately new arrivals and extend their aid. Invariably, it is taken, for there are many adjustments to be made by those who are in a strange land.

"The problems," says Mrs. Mello, "are many and varied. We teach them English, interpret, offer the aid of clinics, put the children in school, inform them of things such as Social Security, and familiarize them with American institutions of all kinds." And she means all kinds. For example, a young girl who wants to go to the local school dance, will often not be allowed to do so, for in other countries, proper young girls do not go out without chaperones. Mrs. Mello then explains to the parents that they must now accept some of the American customs, such as allowing daughter to attend the dance. It may seem like a small thing, but allowed to continue unexplained, it could result in a troublesome, runaway girl and a thoroughly broken family.

In order to be the head of such an organization, Mrs. Mello must not only know about people but about where they come from and their cultures. So Mrs. Mello speaks not only English, but Portuguese, Spanish and French, all fluently.

The wife of Tebert Mello, Mrs. Mello is also Vice President of the Community council, and president of the Holy Rosary sodality of St. Anthony's church. She has one son, who attends Lowell high school.

And thanks to Mrs. Mello, many of her pupils can read how talented and wise and understanding they know she is.

P. A. C. L. in High Tribute to Local Woman

Convention Names Mrs. Deolinda Mello a Vice President

LOWELL—Approximately 30,000 directors, delegates and members of 27 councils from all over the Bay State jammed the city over the holiday week-end for the annual convention of the Portuguese-American Civic League of Massachusetts.

The three-day convention, which was the 11th annual get-together of the organization, opened Saturday morning with the registration of delegates and was concluded yesterday with the nomination and election of officers and all-day business sessions.

Mrs. Deolinda Mello of Lowell, general co-chairman of the convention, was awarded a signal honor when she was elected supreme third vice president. Other new supreme officers are: President, Anthony Sears of New Bedford; first vice president, Stephen Sylvia of Fall River; second vice president, Mrs. Stella Medeiros of Cambridge; secretary, Arnold Faria of Peabody; and treasurer, Charles Berry of Taunton.

In an impressive ceremony conducted Saturday noon at city hall, Mayor George T. Ashe presented the key to the city to Supreme Secretary Anthony Sears of New Bedford. He extended his greetings to the members and delegates, and welcomed them to the city.

A colorful ball, with a crowd of more than 1500 attending, was held Saturday evening in the Memorial Auditorium. A highlight of the evening was a grand march, led by the supreme officers and directed by John Rebello.

Following the ball the dancers adjourned to the convention headquarters at 59 Charles street for a "midnight frolic." The clubhouse was decorated with flags and bunting, and dancing continued both inside and on the streets, which were roped off.



At initial session

—of the season for members of the Cosmopolitan Club, officers met with Mrs. Deolinda Mello, left, executive director of the International Institute of which the club

is an affiliated organization. Officers are left to right Mrs. Joseph McDonough, treasurer; Larry Flynn, president, and Claire Beaupre, secretary.



Sun Staff photo by Mike Maher

Scenes from Autumn Regale

... sponsored by the Cosmopolitan Club of the international Institute Saturday evening at the Christian Formation Center, Andover show Charles J. Antonopoulos, dean of the agency standing by the table

featuring dolls dressed in international costumes. In lower picture admiring the 60th anniversary cake made by the Culinary Arts Department of the Greater Lowell Regional Vocational Technical High are,

left to right, Albin Varoski, master of ceremonies, Mrs. Alan Emmet, co-chairman of the regale, Mrs. Deolinda Mello, executive director of the agency and Prof. Penelope Demogenes, co-chairman.



LOWELL GENERAL HOSPITAL STUDENT NURSE LIBRARY



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New citizen at age 76

— and thus personifying the "Spirit of '76" is Camilla S. Simone of Lowell, third from left, one of 51 Greater-Lowell residents granted American citizenship in naturalization ceremonies held Friday at Middlesex County Superior Court. Congratulating Mrs. Simone,

who arrived from the Azores in 1914, are, from left, Doug Sullivan of Lowell School's A Capella Choir; Edward J. Sullivan, clerk of court, and Deolinda M. Mello, executive director of the International Institute.

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Prize-Winning Posters

Rev. Paul Husted, chairman of the United Nations poster contest, and Mrs. Deolinda M. Mello, executive director of the International Institute, are shown here beside the two winning posters in the contest held in conjunction with the International folk festival held last night

at Memorial Auditorium. The poster on the left is the work of Patricia Ryan of Dracut high school, and the one on the right is by Daniel Sheftelman, of Belvidere school, Grade 8. The winners receive an expense paid trip to the United Nations in New York.



'Project Luv'

—now in its second year at Lowell Trade High School, is expected to be a perennial one for senior home economics students. The purpose is helping with the myriad incidental expenses of a local teen-

ager born with incomplete facial features who is undergoing perennial plastic surgery in Boston. Here, left to right, students Claire Crevier and Diane Boutin discuss

their fund's progress with Mrs. Deolinda Mello, director of the International Institute, and Marion Connors, RN, of the faculty, who helped initiate the project.

"Luv" drive a well named effort

By Frances Berg
Sun Staff

LOWELL — Last year, senior home economics students at Lowell Trade High School raised \$100 in a well named effort called "Project Luv" to aid perhaps the most courageous teenager they knew. This year Trade High's senior home ec students picked up their predecessors' pennant, this time arriving at the goal line with \$200 worth of encouragement for Maria Celeste Picanso.

But only when they met her on the day of the presentation could they understand fully how much of her own encouragement Maria Celeste supplies from her own inner self.

Her story they already knew . . .

Maria Celeste Picanso, now age 15, had already undergone a total of 21 plastic surgery operations in her native Portugal before her arrival in the United States at the age of nine.

Here in Lowell, amid ongoing operations in Boston to complete construction of facial features missing at her birth, the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Picanso of 24 Swift St., first learned English at Lowell's International Institute, then successfully entered public school. She achieved good grades, her outgoing nature

meanwhile endearing her to her classmates. All appeared progressing well.

Then, last November, doctors were dismayed to find her developing a curvature. Facial work was suspended while orthopedic surgery gave her spine the support of a metal rod. Only recently out of the cast she had worn since that operation, Maria Celeste now wears a brace—a brace she had hoped to have removed before her graduation this June from the Rogers School, but apparently must wear for at least another month.

MARIA CELESTE has known so many friends, like the International Institute's executive director, Mrs. Deolinda Mello, who was first in Lowell to meet her and, being Portuguese like Maria Celeste, was the one who taught her to speak English. There were Patrick Mogan and John Mahoney, who took an early interest, helping her on her way toward both funding and treatment. There was a contribution by Sen. Ted Kennedy. There has been the Crippled Children's Fund, which has borne the brunt of her financial assistance. There have been fund raising efforts by the International Institute to help with needs not covered by the fund—like renting the hospital bed Maria Celeste needed at

home during the period she was in a cast this year. And, augmenting the lovely clothes she wears, sewn by her talented mom, are all those little things a young girl loves which are provided by efforts such as Trade High's "Project Luv."

Surrounded by all this encouragement, perhaps it's no wonder Maria Celeste counts herself happy—and is happy to go to strange places and meet new people, although she's happiest when Mrs. Mello, her first true friend, goes along, whether it's on a trip to Boston for another operation or a jaunt such as a few days ago to meet her young friends at Trade High.

It was a day climaxing weeks of efforts creating handcrafted items and cakes, seeking contributions near and far in an effort in which actually the whole school participated.

THROUGH MARION Connors, RN, of the Trade High faculty, who inspired the initiation of "Project Luv" by last year's senior home ec class, the participants in the drive knew much about Maria Celeste, but only by meeting her in person could they grasp how much patience and how much pure grit it must take to wait year after year for simple things like eyes, nose, ears, mouth to take their complete rightful shape.

But there were happy things to note, as well. They saw a girl who, despite problems most will never have to face, makes enjoying life a way of life. If they'd heard that her hand is the first to go up as a volunteer for a game at school, they could believe it. If they'd heard that the doctors at the Children's Medical Center say they've never had anybody there with quite that much spunk, they could believe that, too.

And if they'd heard that deep love and acceptance and encouragement from parents early in life—and from contemporaries later on—can make a happy world no matter what, in Maria Celeste they could see the proof.



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A proud mother

—who is god-mother to scores of immigrants in the Greater-Lowell area Mrs. Deolinda Mello, executive director of the International Institute takes a few min-

utes out at the Cosmopolitan Club's autumn regale held at the Christian Formation Center to chat with her son, Robert A. Mello, and Miss Louise St. Hilaire.



New citizens

—were introduced at special ceremonies recently at Superior Court in Lowell. Left to right, Doris E. Gauthier of Germany, Celerino Quadros of Portugal,

Shu-Kuang Ho of China, Helen Parda of Poland and Mrs. Deolinda M. Mello, executive director of the International Institute.



It's a great day

—said Mrs. Deolinda Mello, executive director of the International Institute, a United Fund agency, right, as she greeted Mr. and Mrs. David Moore of 4 Jonathan Lane, Chelmsford and their two children

Janice, six, and Jeffrey, seven, who became citizens of the USA at the Naturalization session held at Middlesex County Superior Court.



Officers Of The Institute

Officers for the year were named at the annual meeting of the International Institute last night. The officers include: Mrs. Deolinda M. Mello, executive di-

rector; Mrs. Cumner Talbot, president of the board; Arthur L. Eno, first vice president; and Fritz Kobayashi, second vice president.

Serving area immigrants for 61 ye

By MARGUERITE LYONS
Sun Staff

LOWELL — The International Institute of Lowell, which observed its 61st anniversary this year, is dedicated to serving the thousands of immigrants who have found their way to this area after long and trying journeys from their varied native lands.

Established in this city under the auspices of the Young Women's Christian Association in May, 1918, the institute's main purpose then was to provide help to young women immigrants from Europe, who were attracted to Lowell by the promise of jobs in the city's many textile mills.

The services offered then included English classes, courses in health and personal hygiene, home-making, and citizenship and the chance to take advantage of recreational and occupational opportunities.

From its beginning to the present day the Lowell International Institute has operated according to the philosophy of Edith Terry Bremer, who established the first International Institute in New York City in 1910. She opposed the "ruthless Americanization and forced assimilation" of the Post World War I years and she stood for cultural pluralism.

MRS. DEOLINDA MELLO, who has been executive director of the Lowell II for the past 21 years and associated with it for the past 40 years, said the United Fund agency adheres strictly to the Bremer philosophy to encourage a "sense of cultural identity among newcomers and a consciousness and pride in immigrant heritage along with ethnic cooperation and understanding."

"We encourage our newcomers to retain their native languages and customs while learning the English language and the American ways," Mrs. Mello said. "At the same time, we ask Americans to understand immigrant folkways and recognize the numerous ethnic contributions all immigrant groups have made to American life."

Through the years, the Lowell International Institute has met the constantly growing demands of tens of thousands of immigrants from 38 countries. And through the years, thousands of the immigrants have become American citizens, Mrs. Mello said.

In its beginning, the Lowell II set the stage for those who left their homeland to come to America with the help of two workers, Miss Karontonis and Miss Kolonik who worked tirelessly for the large numbers of immigrants from Greece and Poland.

The first meeting of the agency — then known as the Immigration Committee — was conducted at the YWCA by a Mrs. Holden. The clergymen of the Greek, Polish and French Canadian churches attended as did the superintendent of schools, the late Hugh Molloy.

The first concern was to recruit volunteers



Executive director

... of the International Institute, Mrs. Deolinda Mello, who has filled that position for 21 years and been associated with the agency for 40

to teach the immigrants the English language and to find ways of keeping in contact with the mothers, wives and sisters of drafted soldiers of foreign parentage. The minutes of this initial meeting are handwritten on two lined tablet sheets, which, though yellowed and rent with age are carefully preserved in the II files.

SINCE THE DAYS of the influx of the Greek, Irish, Polish and French Canadian im-

years, is shown at her desk translating a letter for a recently arrived immigrant.

migrants came the Armenians, Australians, Belgians, Bulgarians, Chinese, Colombians, Cubans, Dominicans, Costa Ricans, Dutch, English, Estonians, Finnish and Germans.

Also the Hebrew, Hungarian, Italian, Portuguese, Japanese, Latvian, Lithuanian, Norwegian, Phillipino, Puerto Rican, Russian, Scotch, Slovakian, Spanish, Swedish, Swiss, Syrian, Lebanese, Turkish, Ukrainian and Yugoslavian immigrants who came to the International Institute as soon as they arrived in Lowell.

The organization was recognized by the Lowell Community Chest on May 1, 1935 and termed a corporate entity with its own board of directors. It was housed in a suite of rooms on Palmer Street and its stated purpose, to which it still faithfully adheres was "to interpret America, assist the newcomer and further international understanding and cultural acceptance, and to encourage the conservation of the aesthetic values in the cultures of every nationality."

In 1940 waves of immigrants came to this

area following the Alien Act in 1946 more came after the Brides Act. The work became extremely heavy the Displaced Persons Act

THE SERVICES of the institute constantly multi were being modified by legislation pertaining to

In the past decade most Lowell have been Portuguese, few years many newcomers Cambodian, Laotian and recent immigrants to Lowell from Central and South America the one European country sending hundreds to Lowell is because of the increasing quotas. Formerly only 10 emigrate to this country other European countries can come to the United States

Increasing numbers of attending Lowell areas of Lowell made it imperative to expand functions at the institute. Students are now coming from have come as visitors, on return are benefiting by it allows them to stay in the country become more stable

Mrs. Mello noted that today in addition to the mentioned above, are many Panamanians, Peruvians, Nicaraguans, Argentinians, Bolivians, Venezuelans, Jamaicans and Brazilians.

FOR SEVERAL YEARS Worthen Street quarters of Club. From a Community Center, it now receives the from the United Fund.

The generosity of individual proceeds from annual fund possible for the agency to purchase home at 79 High St. — which in 1961 — and the subsequent renovation Hall named for one of the late Francis F. O'Donnell

Though naturalization classes on a regular basis at the institute language and other classes since these and other classes provided by Adult Education Lowell High School.

Though the II provide clothing for immigrants who have been the victims of disasters, its main program in three principal areas: case and community services. The staff provides a variety of people every day.

Lucy M. Rivera is the Spanish-speaking immigrant Monteiro is the case worker immigrants. In addition to executive director, Mrs. Mello her time to interpreting newcomers, helping them get themselves available to them emergencies.

She noted that casework of language activity at the



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In an emergency

Lucy M. Rivera, case worker and interpreter for the Spanish people at the International Institute, never hesitates to make herself available for such tasks as finding clothes or

other necessities for the immigrants who go to the agency for everything from advice to house furnishings.



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Interviewing a client

... is Mrs. Maria P. Monteiro, right, case worker for the Portuguese people at the International Institute.

The client, Leandro Lobao, is anxious to hear about the agency's plans for his son.



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Following ceremonies

— for 65 persons of the Greater Lowell area who became naturalized citizens of the United States at Middlesex Superior Court, are left to right William Samaras, master of ceremonies; Mrs. Helga Lotti

Galler, who gave the response for new citizens; Mrs. Deolinda Mello, executive director of the International Institute and Shang-Koo Yin, naturalized citizen formerly of Taiwan, China.



3/4/70 **Greeting guest speaker**

—Frank J. Dearness, executive director of the American Council for Nationalities Service at right, at the 52nd annual meeting of the International Institute Monday

night are left to right Marcel M. Cote, retiring president; Mrs. John A. Goodman, new president; and Mrs. Deolinda Mello, executive director.



Annual Meeting

The annual meeting and dinner of the International Institute was held last night at the institute. Guest speaker was John Cort, director of the Commonwealth Service Corps. Left to right, above are, seated, Mrs.

Deolinda Mello, executive director; Mr. Cort, Miss Stella Laba, chairman of the meeting; rear, Harry Dinmore, newly elected president of the institute, and outgoing president, Earl J. Watt.



Sun Staff photo by Bob Wallace

At 11th Autumn Regale

... sponsored by the Cosmopolitan Club Saturday at the Christian Formation Center for the benefit of the International Institute were, from left, Mario Aste, president of the institute; Mrs. Deolinda Mello, executive director; Isalino Barbo, in charge of table arrangements; and Claire Beaupre, president of the club and general chairman of the event.

More than 400 people from the Greater Lowell area attended the dinner dance featuring European, Oriental and Latin American flavors.



Launch Observance of UN Week

In spite of heavy rain this morning, a United Nations flag was raised at city hall, signalling the start of United Nations week. Shown at the flag raising ceremony were, left to right: Rev. Paul M.

Husted, pastor of the First Grace Universalist church, and UN week chairman; Mrs. Deolinda Mello, executive director of the International Institute of Lowell, and Mayor Lord.



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Naturalization Session

Principals in Friday's naturalization session conducted at the Middlesex County Superior courthouse on Gorham Street, and presided over by Judge James L. Vallely, included the youngest of the 50 new citizens, eight-year-old Diogenes Manuel Silva, in foreground. With the

new American are, left to right, Mrs. Bernard Levine, of the Jewish War Veterans Auxiliary; Edward J. Sullivan, Middlesex County clerk of courts, and Mrs. Deolinda M. Mello, executive director of the International Institute of Lowell.



CAN-CAN FOR CHRISTMAS—Members of the staff at Lowell General hospital are seen in action as they presented a hilarious can-can dance at the employees party Wednesday in the Hanchett auditorium. Left to right, are: Mrs. Tebert Mello, Miss Ann Mansfield, Mrs. Robert Freeland, Mrs. Martha Doyle, and Miss Lorraine Tabloski.

Wednesday, Feb. 13, 1980



DEOLINDA MELLO
...guest of honor

Deolinda Mello tribute to be held March 23

By MARY SAMPAS
Sun Correspondent

LOWELL - Over the years, they number in the many thousands, all those to whom Deolinda Mello - she of the warm smile and the so-melodious name - was as the Lady Liberty. But that other one, who lifts her lamp beside the golden door, is made of stone, and her "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free" is mute, unspoken, while Deolinda, for 40 years with the International Institute (Many of them as executive director) was a living breathing welcome, the comforter who smoothed the stranger's way up to and beyond the new citizen's formal "I pledge allegiance to the United States of America ..."

It is no wonder, then, that Dr. Mario Aste, president of the International Institute's board of directors and chairman of the testimonial dinner for Deolinda Mello, expects the March 23 party for her at Speare House to be a very large one. Since only 600 will be accommodated, he asks those wanting to be included in the Mello-tribute to arrange for tickets by March 8 at the latest. These are \$15 each, for dancing to The Majestic as well as a family-style roast beef dinner and a program to be announced later. Mario's co-chairman is attorney Herbert Pitta. For tickets, call the Institute, or Dr. Aste (458-9325) Rita Pitta (251-3361), Sue Oliver (453-6502). Others on the committee are Lydia Mattei, Cathering Goodwin and John Nickrosz, the new executive director ...



Spanish speaking programs

Representatives of agencies that work with the Spanish speaking met yesterday at the International Institute. Earl Sharfman, director of Title I programs; Debbie Slobodnik, AFDC caseworker; Mrs. Deolinda M. Mello, ex-

ecutive director of the International Institute; and Mrs. Shirley Cyronis, assistant director of the Lowell Visiting Nurse Association were among the representatives present.



SEVEN DAY vacationist, Robert Mellow of Lowell, Mass., finds the sand at Hampton Beach just the right quality for castle building.

AMERICANIZATION CLASS



[Sun Staff Photo]

Members of the Portuguese-American citizenship class, photographed at the reception tendered them last night at the quarters of the Portuguese-American Civic league on Thorndike street.

High praise of the Portuguese-American Civic league was voiced last night at the association's headquarters at 286 Thorndike street by Miss Katharine H. Johnson, director of the International Institute at graduation exercises of the Americanization class.

Richard Perry, master of ceremonies, introduced the speakers and entertainers.

John Gomes, Mrs. Manuel Perreira and Henry Rocha won prizes as winners of the constitutional quiz conducted as part of the evening's program.

Miss Deolinda Machado, director of the Americanization classes, was extended a vote of thanks.

Manuel E. Souza, chairman of the

school committee of the organization, spoke briefly, after which the following program was presented by the school members. Salutatory, Miss Deolinda Machado; "Loyal Workers," Leon Picanço; "Our Schools," Mrs. Virginia Fernandes; "George Washington," Agostino Fernandes; "Evening School," Mrs. Josephine Souza; "Our Flag," Mrs. Lena Picanço; "Taxes," Manuel B. Pereira; "Memorial Day," Manuel P. Camache; "Christopher Columbus," Mrs. Joaquina Pereira; "The Workers of America," John Gomes; "A Good American," Manuel Gonsalves; "What the Flag Stands For," Joseph de Jesus; "Good Health," Manuel Silva; "A Year in America," Joseph Silveira; "A Good Citizen," Manuel Silveria;

"Appreciation," Agostino Nunes; "America," assembly.

The class included the following members: Manuel P. Amache, John Gomes, Lino Picanço, Agostino Fernandes, Henry Rocha, Agostino Nunes, Carlos Souza, John F. Abreu, Frank Fontes, John F. Bettencourt, Joseph Monteiro, Manuel Gonsalves, Manuel Martin, Manuel B. Pereira, Joseph Paulo, Manuel Pestana, Frank Pestana, John Sousa, Joseph Mello, Joseph Souza, Joseph Guerreiro, Manuel Silva, Louis Silva, John Lopes, Joseph C. Silveira, Arthur Cunha, Manuel Silveira, Francis Silveira, Mrs. Stella Medeiros, Mrs. Josephine Souza, Mrs. Joaquina Pereira, Mrs. Mary Machado, Mrs. Mary Rocha, Mrs. Virginia Fernandes and Mrs. Lena Picanço.



CIVIC LEAGUE

CHRISTIANS DID NOT ALWAYS PRAY TOGETHER AND THE FACT THAT WE ARE DOING SO HERE THIS EVENING MUST BE ALMIGHTY GOD'S ANSWER TO THE PRAYERS OF CLERGY AND LAITY FOR MANY CENTURIES. ANGLICANS, ROMAN CATHOLICS, ORTHODOX, HAVE, SINCE THE BEGINNING OF SCHISM IN THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, PRAYED TO GOD FOR ALL TO BE ONE. LATER THROUGH THE YEARS, THROUGH PRAYER AND DEDICATED EFFORTS OF PEOPLE LIKE PAUL FRANCES WATSON, AN ANGLICAN PRIEST WHO DEDICATED HIS LIFE TO THIS HOPE FOR UNITY, FATHER IGNATIUS SPENCER, SCORES OF OTHERS WHO DEVOTED THEIR LIVES AND PRAYERS TO THIS CONCEPT. ONLY SINCE VATICAN II HAS AN IMPETUS BEEN MADE, ON THE PART OF ROMAN CATHOLICS ESPECIALLY TO THE PRAYER AND HOPE FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY.

LEADERS OF THE ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT, ON ALL SIDES, HAVE MADE TREMENDOUS PROGRESS TOWARD RECOGNIZING THE EUCHARIST FOR WHAT IT WAS INTENDED...A SACRAMENT, A VISIBLE SIGN OF UNITY, BUT THERE IS STILL MUCH TO BE DESIRED ON THE PART OF PARISHES AND CONGREGATIONS. ON THE THEOLOGICAL LEVEL WE FIND CHURCH LEADERS MEETING AND DISCUSSING ISSUES BUT UNFORTUNATELY THIS CONCORD IS NOT SPREADING AS QUICKLY TO CHRISTIANS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

SINCE THE BEGINNING OF TIME, MAN HAS BEEN CONSCIOUS OF A SUPREME BEING. AS A CHILD GROWS AND SEES THE BEAUTY OF THE SUN, THE MOON, THE STARS, THE OCEANS, A TREE..... HIS INBORN LOGIC CAN ONLY LEAD TO THE BELIEF IN THE EXISTENCE OF A SUPREME BEING CAPABLE OF CREATING ALL OF THESE BEAUTIFUL AND AWESOME THINGS FOR WHICH, HUMANLY, THERE IS NO EXPLANATION. EVEN IN TODAY'S ADVANCED ERA, WHEN MAN SEEMS, BY AT LAST REACHING THE MOON. TO HAVE ATTAINED THE ZENITH IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, WE HAVE YET TO FIND ONE WHO CAN MAKE A STAR.

THIS KNOWLEDGE THEN HAS INSTILLED IN MANY AN ADORATION FOR THIS SUPREME BEING. THROUGH THE CENTURIES, SINCE THE BEGINNING OF TIME, SCORES OF RELIGIONS AND SECTS HAVE SPRUNG UP WITH THE SAME INTENT OF PAYING HOMAGE TO THIS CREATOR. WHICH IN TURN HAS PRODUCED THE MANY RELIGIONS KNOWN TO MANKIND. RELIGION IS THE BELIEF THAT THERE IS A POWER THAT INFLUENCES LIFE ON THIS EARTH, THESE BELIEFS ARE HELD TOGETHER BY FAITH. THROUGH THE YEARS THEY HAVE RISEN, HINDUISM, BUDDHISM, CONFUCIANISM AND IN THE LAST TWO THOUSAND YEARS, SINCE THE COMING OF CHRIST, CHRISTIANITY.

THE EXISTENCE OF GOD IS IN EVERY HUMAN BEING WHETHER HE ACCEPTS HIM OR NOT, THE EXISTENCE OF JESUS CHRIST IS IN THE CONSCIENCE OF EVERY CHRISTIAN AND, ALREADY, THIS IS A POINT OF UNITY FOR US ALL. HIS WORDS FOR OUR SALVATION MAY BE FOUND IN THE BIBLE, THE BULWARK OF OUR SALVATION, HIS LOVE FOR US IS MANIFESTED IN THE EUCHARIST, AND IT IS IN THIS GREAT SACRAMENT THAT WE HAVE A TRUE UNION WITH JESUS CHRIST, OUR SAVIOR.

WE CAN THEN, THROUGH THESE TWO CONCEPTS TRULY HAVE AND ENJOY CHRISTIAN UNITY. UNITY WITHOUT UNIFORMITY. EACH MAINTAINING ITS OWN TRADITIONS BUT UNITED BY THESE TEACHINGS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE AND THE EUCHARIST, BY THE WORDS OF ALMIGHTY GOD GIVEN TO US BY HIS BELOVED SON, JESUS CHRIST, LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU. THE SIMPLE MESSAGE OF CHRIST, LOVE...LOVE....LOVE.

THIS LOVE IS EXPRESSED, IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH BY FOLLOWING THIS COMMANDMENT OF GOD BUT ALSO BY OTHER DEVOTIONS TO MAKE OURS A MORE MEANINGFUL RELATION WITH GOD. FIRST, WE HAVE OUR DEEP LOVING DEVOTION TO THE VIRGIN MARY. TRULY SHE WHO WAS CHOSEN BY ALMIGHTY GOD TO BE THE MOTHER OF HIS OWN SON, SHOULD BE FOR US AN OBJECT OF

SPECIAL VENERATION. COMFORT, SHE TOO WAS HUMAN, GOD IS ALL UNDERSTANDING, BUT MARY WHO TOOK ON HUMAN FORM. MANY TIMES IT IS EASIER TO TURN TO. TODAY'S GOSPEL. FIRST MIRACLE WROUGHT BY JESUS WAS THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF MARY. MANY NON-CATHOLICS CRITICIZE OUR DEVOTION OF THE ROSARY TO MARY, BUT IF SAID CORRECTLY AND MEDITATED UPON THROUGH THE MYSTERIES WE RELIVE THE LIFE OF CHRIST FROM HIS BIRTH TO HIS DEATH THEN ON TO HIS GLORIOUS RESURRECTION AND ASCENSION.

OUR SAINTS. CATHOLICS HAVE BEEN MANY TIMES ACCUSED OF ADORATION FOR THE SAINTS. WE LOVE, RESPECT AND HONOR THEM ONLY BECAUSE, BY THEIR LIVES, THEY HAVE SHOWN AN EXTRAORDINARY FAITH AND ZEAL IN THE WORSHIP OF ALMIGHTY GOD AND HIS SON, JESUS CHRIST. WE ADMIRE, PRAISE AND READ ABOUT OUR GREAT PATRIOTIC HEROES WHO, LIKE THE SAINTS, HAVE GIVEN THEIR VERY LIVES TO UPHOLD THE HONOR AND GLORY OF THEIR COUNTRY AND ITS IDEALS, HOW MUCH MORE THEN SHOULD WE HONOR OUR SAINTS WHO MANY TIMES GAVE UP THEIR OWN INDIVIDUAL LIVES TO UPHOLD THE DOCTRINES OF JESUS CHRIST AND SUFFERED TO DEATH TO UPHOLD THEM?

YES, THESE ARE THE SMALL DIFFERENCES OF FAITH THAT EXIST ON THE PART OF CHRISTIANS, BUT YET WE FIND THAT WITHIN THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH ITSELF THAT MANY ETHNIC DIFFERENCES HAVE RISEN, BUT AS IN CHRISTIANITY ITSELF, THE BASIC DOCTRINES REMAIN UNCHANGED.

AS PART OF MY WORK WITH PEOPLE OF ALL COLORS AND CREEDS, I AM ALWAYS DELIGHTED WHEN WORKING WITH MY ETHNIC GROUPS TO SEE WHAT SMALL ASPECTS OF LOVE AND TRADITION ARE WOVEN INTO THEIR ROMAN CATHOLIC FAITH. THE POLISH STRAW UNDEE TABLE, WAFER: THE SPANISH DESCRIBING THEIR GOOD FRIDAY PROCESSION; THE LITTLE VILLAGE IN PORTUGAL

WHERE

WHERE BONFIRES ARE LIT AT MIDNIGHT ON CHRISTMAS EVE SO THAT IT WILL BE WARMER FOR THE CHRIST CHILD WHEN HE ARRIVES: THE ITALIANS WITH THEIR HEARTY ROOSTER SOUP AFTER MIDNIGHT MASS BECAUSE IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE COCK CROWED WHEN CHRIST WAS BORN: THE SOUTH AMERICANS WITH THEIR FIREWORKS, PINYETTASS FILLED WITH TOYS TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO GOOD CHILDREN ON EPIPHANY, THE GREEKS WITH RED EGGS AT EASTERTIME, THE MAIDEN CARRYING EGGS SAW THEM TURN TO RED WHEN THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE THAT CHRIST WAS RISEN.....all these not doctrine, but tradition BUT ALL ADD BEAUTY AND ACTUALLY ARE ADORNMENTS TO OUR ROMAN CATHOLIC FAITH, LEGENDS, FOLKLORE YES, CARRIED THROUGH THE YEARS BY SIMPLE PEOPLE, THESE DEVOTIONS THAT MADE THEM FEEL NEARER TO GOD, INCREASED THEIR FAITH IN HIS TEACHINGS. BUT LET US REMEMBER THAT THESE WERE THE ONES CHRIST LOVED AND LIVED AMONGST WHILE HE WAS ON EARTH. IN THE SIMPLE SMALL VILLAGE OF NAZARETH WHERE HE WAS RAISED WITH MARY AND JOSEPH, HE TOO WENT ALONG WITH THE SIMPLE JUDAIC TRADITIONS OF HIS PEOPLE, REMEMBER THE TWO TURTLE DOVES THAT WENT WITH THEM AT HIS PRESENTATION IN THE TEMPLE? These COLORFUL TRADITIONS THAT HAVE MADE OF ALL OF CHRISTIANITY A COLORFUL MOSAIC OF CHRISTIAN LOVE AND TRADITION, THAT AS BELIEVERS WE CAN OFFER TO ALMIGHTY GOD AS A DEVOTION TO HIS BELOVED SON.

UNITY WITHOUT UNIFORMITY. OUR UNITY IS IN CHRIST AND HIS WORD GIVEN TO US BY THE BIBLE AND HIS LOVE FOR US MANIFESTED IN THE EUCHARIST.

THEREFORE IF ALL OF US, BE WE ANGLICANS, CATHOLICS, ORTHODOX, APOSTOLIC, AS CHRISTIANS, INDEPENDENT OF OUR PARTICULAR DEVOTIONS, GO TO THE BIBLE WHICH IS THE WORD OF GOD AND TO THE EUCHARIST WHICH EMANATES HIS LOVE FOR US, WE CAN AFFIRM THAT WE ARE UNITED IN CHRIST AND THIS

UNITY WILL BE SHOWN IN OUR LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER. THE LOVE WHICH UNITES US TO A BROTHER IN NEED OF A HELPING HAND ALONG THE WAY, OUR LOVE WILL BE REFLECTED IN A KIND WORD TO SOMEONE WHO HAS TRAVELED THE WRONG ROAD AND DOES NOT KNOW HOW TO RETURN, TO THE POOR, THE SICK, AND THOSE BURDENED DOWN WITH THE EVER INCREASING PROBLEMS OF JUST TRYING TO EXIST IN OUR BEWILDERING MODERN SOCIETY. IF WE CAN JOIN HANDS WITH OUR BROTHER, IN LOVE, COMPASSION, PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING, FORGET OUR SMALL DIFFERENCES, PETTY RESENTMENTS, AND THE SMALL THINGS THAT DIVIDE US, AND LOVE, LOVE, LOVE ALL IN THE NAME OF CHRIST, AS OUR BROTHER THEN WE WILL TRULY HAVE ARRIVED AT THE TRUE SPIRIT OF ECUMENISM, A UNITY WITH CHRIST BEFORE GOD.

THE PRACTICE OF LIGHTING A CANDLE AS AN EXPRESSION OF FAITH STARTED AS EARLY AS THE ELEVENTH CENTURY, THE FLAME BEING A SYMBOL OF PRAYER AND HOPE. MAY WE AS WE LEAVE THIS SACRED PLACE THIS EVENING, EACH LIGHT A CANDLE IN OUR HEART, SO THAT WE TOO MAY BECOME INFLAMED WITH THE DESIRE FOR UNITY IN OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST AND THE HOPE OF CHRISTIAN UNDERSTANDING AND LOVE FOR EACH OTHER.

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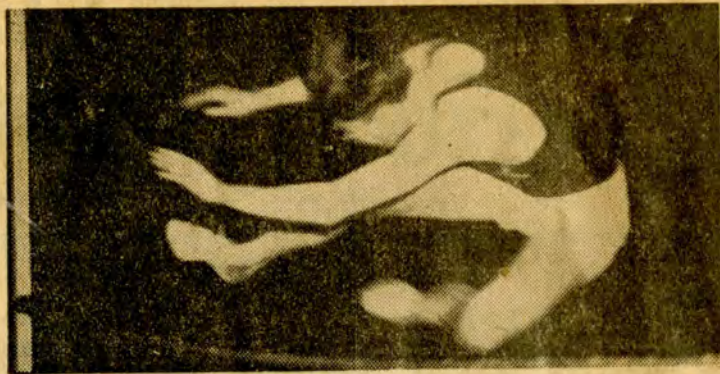
They're Studying to Become U. S. Citizens



Members of Portuguese-American Citizens association naturalization class and their teacher. Left to right: Front row, Anthony D. Perry, Joseph Guerro, Mary Pereira, Deolinda Machada, teacher of the class; Mrs. Joaquina Pereira, Manuel Correa and Manuel Gama-che. Second row, John Abreu, Frank Fontes, Manuel Pereira, Anthony Sousa and John E. Silva. Rear row, John Bettencourt, Manuel Sousa, Anthony Rodrigues and John Gomes.



RAY REID
CAPT.



Maurice Maguire, L. H. S. jumper in perfect form.

And the Boys Finally Got Their Sweaters



OBITUARIES

Deolinda "Dee" Mello

HUDSON, N.H. — Mrs. Deolinda M. Mello, 73, of Fairway Drive, widow of Tebert P. Mello and a former resident of 459 Andover Street, Lowell, Mass., succumbed to a stroke Sunday at Lowell General Hospital.

Born in Lowell, she was a member of the first graduating class at Keith Hall. She attended Lowell State College and Boston University and received her degree in social sciences at the University of Rhode Island.

In October 1958, Mrs. Mello was appointed executive director of the International Institute, a United Fund organization. She had previously been a member of the Institute's board of directors for more than 20 years.

She was the first woman ever to be given the Citizen of the Year Award by the Kiwanis Club of Lowell.

Mrs. Mello was granted an unprecedented interview with Dr. Antonio Salazar, then Prime Minister of Portugal, during a four-hour visit that culminated in a limousine tour of Lisbon. She said of him, "He was a man with great compassion and love for his country."

She had a keen understanding of the psychology of immigrants. Explaining the many difficulties of adjusting to a new culture, she said, "Nobody can learn about his own country and culture unless he knows about another." She stressed the need for understanding among peoples and for personal involvement in helping immigrants.

In honor of Mrs. Mello's 41 years of dedicated service to the Institute, more than 500 friends and dignitaries attended a testimonial dinner at the Speare House on March 23, 1980. She received official commendations from Sen. Edward Kennedy, Senate President William M. Bulger, Sen. Paul Tsongas, Speaker of the House Thomas W. McGee and Gov. Edward J. King.

At the dinner, Dr. Mario Aste, then president of the Institute's board of directors and chairman of the language department at the University of Lowell, said "Mrs. Mello has done what many of us deem the best that can be done for humanity. It is easy to protect the rich and powerful, but it takes a great labor of love to protect the interests of the poor, the disadvantaged, the struggling. With every new immigrant Mrs. Mello has done this as a labor of love. By her silent work, her constant desire to avoid acclaim and her dedication to people she has inspired all of us."

During her years with the Institute, Mrs. Mello traveled extensively in Europe and was the subject of numerous magazines and newspaper articles.

She served on the original committee of Community Teamwork Inc. and on the examining board for bilingual teachers. She also served on the Board of AMND, a committee set up to teach new immigrants their new culture and ethnic heritage.

She was appointed by then Cardinal Cushing as treasurer of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women. She was a former secretary and treasurer for St. Anthony's Church Sodality.

She was also an honorary member of the Citizens Advisory Committee for minority housing, a former vice president of the Community Council of Greater



Deolinda "Dee" Mello

Lowell and a former associate faculty member of Lowell General Hospital School of Nursing.

She served on numerous United Fund Campaign committees. In addition to her local community activities, she was a member of the Governor's Committee on the United Nations.

Mrs. Mello is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Robert A. and Charlene A. Mello of Hudson, N.H.; a granddaughter, Elena Mello of Hudson; a grandson, Robert Paul Mello of Hudson; and many nieces and nephews.

She was the sister of the late Henry Perry and John Machado, both formerly of Lowell.

MELLO — Mrs. Deolinda M. Mello, 73, of Fairway Drive, Hudson, N.H., formerly of Andover Street, Lowell, died March 13 in Lowell. Her Funeral will be held Wednesday at 8 a.m. from the McDONOUGH FUNERAL HOME, 14 HIGHLAND STREET. Her Funeral Mass will be offered at St. Anthony's Church at 9 a.m., followed by burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery. The Calling Hours are from 2 until 4:30 and

from 6 until 9 p.m. Tuesday. Funeral Directors M. H. McDonough Sons, 458-6816.

Greetings

MRS. DEOLINDA M MELLO
INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE
LOWELL

A SMALL TOKEN OF MY DEEPEST
APPRECIATION FOR YOUR KIND HELP,
ASSISTANCE, SYMPATHY AND UNDERSTANDING
THANK YOU.

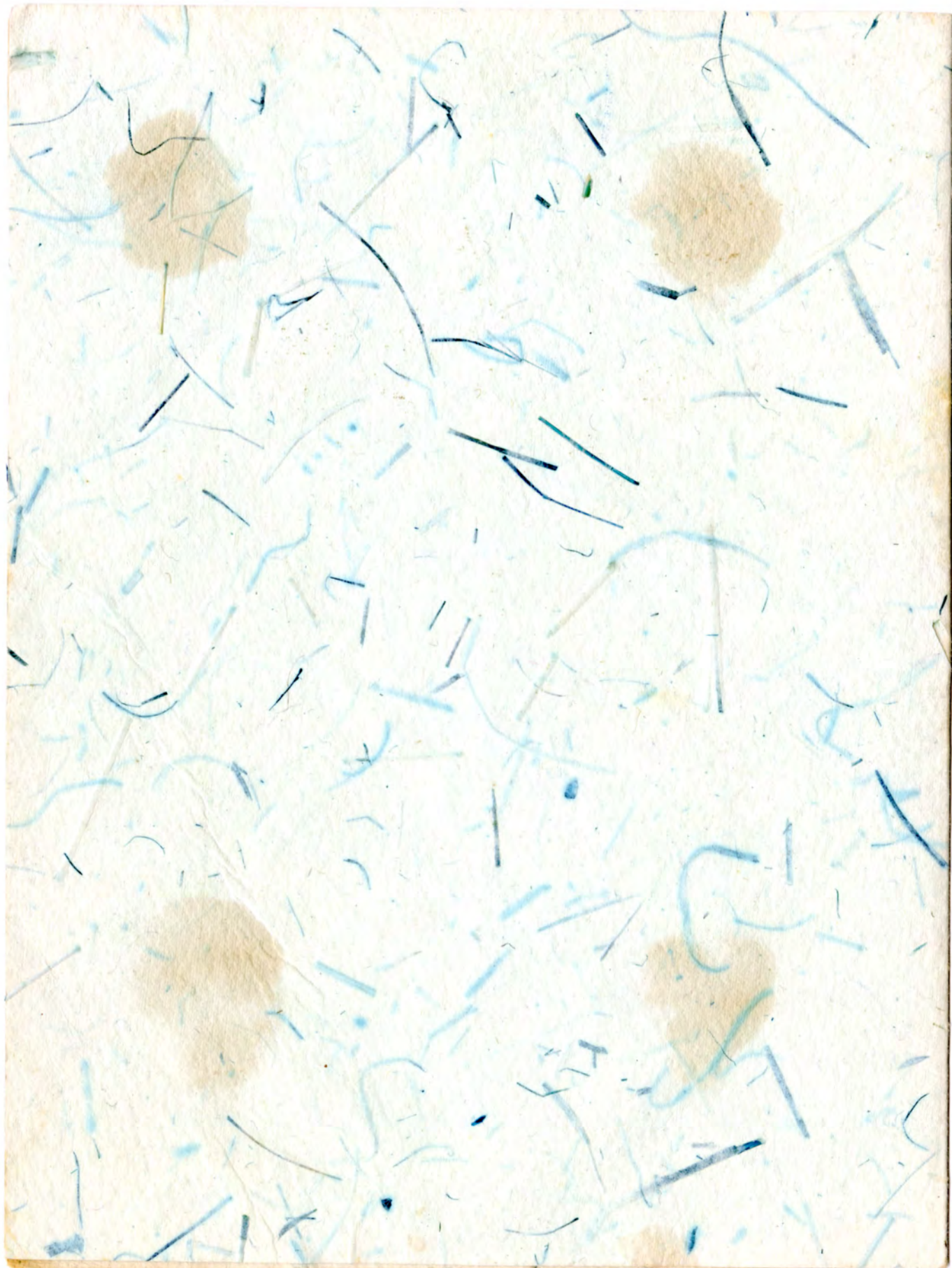
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Hand painted in oil colour on skeleton Pipal tree leaf



Hundreds gather to honor Mrs. Mello

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LOWELL - Some 500 people representing the diverse ethnic groups which make up Lowell's immigrant population turned out to honor Mrs. Deolinda Mello on the occasion of her retirement as executive director of the International Institute, last night at the Speare House.

Mrs. Mello served as executive director for 21 of the 42 years she has been actively affiliated with the Institute.

After a cocktail hour and a family style roast beef dinner, Kenneth P. Harkins, Lowell's master of ceremonies par excellence, welcomed guests and commended them for giving recognition to one of Lowell's most outstanding citizens.

Lacing his introductory remarks with his unmatched wit, Harkins read several messages of congratulations to Mrs. Mello. First was one from Sen. Edward M. Kennedy commending her for the four decades of dedicated service she has given to the City of Lowell and to its immigrant population and wishing her the best that life can give in her years of retirement.

HARKINS THEN presented Kevin Murphy, representing State Sen. Philip Shea, who read a citation from the Massachusetts Senate stating that its members "take pride in honoring Mrs. Mello, for the great services she has rendered to the city of Lowell and the immigrants who have come to that city."

Eleanor Abbott, who represented Sen. Paul E. Tsongas, read his congratulatory message to Mrs. Mello, acknowledging her "tremendous contributions to Lowell and the entire community."

State Rep. Edward LeLacheur termed Mrs. Mello, "a woman whose hard work and dedication has touched all our lives." Speaking for Gov. Edward J. King, he presented the guest of honor with a citation in recognition for her 42 years of service. LeLacheur also presented Mrs. Mello with a citation from the State House of Representatives and a State Flag.

Bringing the greetings and congratulations of the City of Lowell, Mayor Robert C. Maguire said he was happy to be part of the gathering representing the ethnic diversity of Lowell which came together to pay tribute to Mrs. Mello. In recognition for her numerous services he presented her with a proclamation from the City Council and signed by him.

AT THIS POINT the speaking program was appropriately accented by Joseph McDonough who sang a special version of "I Did It My Way," dedicating it to the guest of honor.

Representing the various Portuguese societies and organizations in Lowell, Dimos Espinola enumerated the many difficulties through which his people, who are Mrs. Mello's people, were helped by her, from the time they arrived in this country from their native Portugal or the Azores, until and after they had become citizens of the United States. In behalf of the Holy Ghost Society, St. Anthony's Church, Holy Ghost Park, LUPA, the Portuguese Center and the Club Dos Leoes, he presented her with a token of their love and appreciation.



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Honoring Deolinda Mello

Mrs. Deolinda Mello retiring executive director of the International Institute was honored last night at the Speare House by civic and church leaders, and some 500 members of the agency and friends. Above from

left are Mayor Robert C. Maguire; Mrs. Mello; the Rev. Eusebio Silva, pastor of St. Anthony's Church; and John Nickrosz, present executive director.

Speaking for the International Institute, Dr. Mario Aste - president of the II board and chairman of the language department at the University of Lowell - said, "Mrs. Mello has done what many of us deem the best that can be done for humanity. It is easy to protect the interests of the rich and the powerful. But it takes a great labor of love to protect the interest of the poor, the disadvantaged, the struggling and the new immigrants.

"Mrs. Mello has done this as a labor of love. The most important thing for her was, and still is, to care for and help every one regardless of his or her race, color, creed or nationality. By her silent work, her constant desire to avoid acclaim and her dedication to people, she has inspired all of us."

Aste then presented Mrs. Mello with a check and portrait of her as the collective gift of the board of directors of the International Institute, its staff members and her many friends. The portrait, which Mrs. Mello unveiled, will be hung in the Institute in her memory.

GRACIOUSLY ACCEPTING the gifts and tributes bestowed upon her, Mrs. Mello thanked the board of directors, the committee who organized the retiring party and John Nickrosz, her successor as executive director of the agency. She also thanked staff members Mrs. Maria Monteiro and Mrs. Lucy Rivera, the directors and staff of the Merrimack Valley United Fund, which help funds the institute with its annual drive.

"As I look around at the many friends gathered here, I see a tapestry woven with the colorful dreams, the beautiful languages, skills and cultures of each immigrant group that has come to Lowell. All came with the hope of making a better life for him or herself, as did my parents, from the Azores of Portugal," she said.

Mrs. Mello stressed that the immigrants who came to Lowell kept the nostalgic memories of their native lands and developed a great love for the United States and enriched it with their presence, their customs, traditions, languages and culture. She noted that many first generation Americans were in attendance last night.

In closing, Mrs. Mello said that she found great happiness in her work of 42 years welcoming the newcomers to Lowell. She said she always tried to be very sympathetic to those faced with the traumatic experience of settling in a new and strange land and adapting to the complexities of its society.

Every immigrant brought with him or her a contribution of talents, skills and culture, all of which enriched our city, Mrs. Mello pointed out. She asked all the people listening to her to remember that regardless of the country from which they come, all immigrants are children of God, faced with the many challenges of living. In conclusion she addressed those unable to understand English, in Portuguese.

The Rev. John Silva, former pastor of St. Anthony's Church of which Mrs. Mello is a parishioner, gave the final tribute to the honored guest and gave the Benediction. General dancing followed.

BOARD MEMBERS of the Institute attending included Mrs. Vincent Best, Mrs. Catherine Goodwin, Gerald F. Donehue, Sylvia Kelts, William Samaras, Dalia Calvo, Stella Laba, Margaret Eisermann, Eleanor Donohue, Leonard McDermott, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Belida, Mrs. Roland Achin, Andrew Ansara, Charles Anton. At the head table with the guest of honor and the speakers were Mrs. Mello's son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mello. Committee members in charge of the tribute to the retiring executive director included Mario Aste, Lydia Mattei, Sue Oliver, Gladys Picanso, Tita Pitta, Herbert Pitta and Claire Beaupre. The Rev. John Mendicoa of the Newman Center was there as well as several members of the Hispanic community.

Representing the Lawrence International Institute was David Rogers and representing the Northern Middlesex Chamber of Commerce and Industry was its president Arthur Kelts. Marcel Cote, past president of the Lowell II, was there with Mrs. Cote as were Mrs. Arlene Redman and Rene Baron of the Lowell Welfare Department; Filomena Ferkeira, Lourdes Lopes, Estela Santos and Gladys Picanso of LUPA.

The Jeanne Mance Circle was represented by Yvette Giroux, Mrs. Antonio Poirier, Jeanne Giroux, Mrs. R. Morin, Gloria Politis, Jeannine Tardiff and Mrs. Corinne Foster. Representatives of Holy Ghost Park were Joan Ferreira, Tony Costa, Manuel Correia, Lino Picanso, Angie Mello, Alcindo Costa, Glen Mello, Virginia Silva and Antonio Felix.

Decorations for the event were donated by Charles Antonopoulos, oldest director of the International Institute.



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Principal participants

Key people on the program at the dinner party in honor of Mrs. Deolinda Mello included, from left, Kenneth P. Harkins, master of ceremonies; the Rev. John Silva,

former pastor of St. Anthony's Church; Mrs. Mello; and Mario Aste, president of the II board of directors.

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