1,500 Attend a Rally Here Seeking Release of P.O.W.'s

A rally for prisoners of war in Vietnam attracted a crowd of up to 1,500 Monday afternoon in the financial district of lower Manhattan.

Addressing the crowd from the steps of Federal Hall Memorial at Wall and Broad Streets, former City Controller Mario A. Procaccino drew cheers in attacking Mayor Lindsay as "the No. 1 pleader for amnesty and forgiveness for those who lurk in foreign countries... the man who said the draft dodgers are really the true heroes."

The rally was organized by the National POW Day Committee as part of the Week of Concern that began last Sunday. It was sponsored by the League of Families of Prisoners of War and Missing in Action.

A telegram from Mayor Lindsay was read at the rally. It called for an immediate end to the war and withdrawal of United States support for the Thieu Government.