

## Ask Mrs. Manners—

## Tall Texan Anxious To Meet Towering Gal

WHERE AND HOW can I meet some tall gals—the taller the better—who like sports? I'm 6 feet 2 inches tall and I hate short gals, which this town is full of. Every time a buddy fixes me up a date, by golly, the girl is even more hammered down than the last one.

Men are all right for lots of things but I crave feminine association, too. Furthermore, I'm 26 and it's time I settled down. I've been here just a few weeks and find your column about the most interesting newspaper feature I've ever seen. I'm from Texas where we're not supposed to admit anyone can outdo us on anything, but confidentially, Mrs. Manners, Texans aren't really any smarter. They're just shouted about for so long they've got themselves convinced.

I've bought a motor boat up in Broad Ripple. I own a car, and I like camping, boating and swimming but don't care a hang for football or basketball. I like dancing but think jitter-bugging is stupid for a tall man. I'm here to stay because I like Indianapolis and I've got a good job as engineer. With these qualifications, do you think it's possible to meet a tall girl—very tall—who might enjoy the things I do? Also, I'd like to find an apartment. You-all wouldn't know where-all, now would you-all?

## LONESOME FROM TEXAS.

Well, Suh, I feel mighty, mighty bad that I can't name a tall girl for a towering Texan. They write me and if you-all go the places I've named you may see each other. "Hopeful" wrote Jan. 17 and she's six feet tall.

You may dislike organizations but they provide ways to meet people. Men join girls in swimming at the Central YWCA at 115 p. m. on Tuesdays. People of various ages (and sizes) gather there on Sundays for bridge, a buffet supper and dancing to orchestra music. Ping-pong and billiards are available. You may go unescorted—just introduce yourself. The YWCA also is starting an Outing Club and Phyllis Herring (RI. 5471) could tell you about it. Of course, you know about the YMCA-YWCA dances on Saturday nights.

You'd meet people in church groups and in country clubs and other private clubs. Check activities of the Green City Boat House (BR. 9216) when the season opens.

Don't be selfish, now, with that tall gal. Take her to basketball games if she likes them.

Place your name at Homes Registry Office, if you're a veteran.

## Dad Thinks I'm Getting Boy-Crazy

OUR FAMILY COULD have a lot of fun if things were different. My father thinks I'm getting boy-crazy and my sister, who is 16, goes with a married man. My sisters and I fuss and our parents hardly ever get a minute's enjoyment.

I can't even say I have a boyfriend. All my girl-friends have boy-friends but don't have dates and their parents let them talk about boys. I'm 12 and don't keep late hours. I practice basketball, attend basketball games with girls and go to church, then spend the rest of the time with my parents. I have a nice, clean home.

My sister gets in late and won't go to school the next day. My parents have done everything to stop her dating the married man without taking it to the authorities. They are good to her but nothing helps.

Be all that your parents want both you and your sister to be—win their trust. They'll let you have boy-friends in time. Spare them the boy-talk—your dad can cover that subject.

Try winning your sister's companionship and don't talk to her about her love affair. That matter is between your sister and your parents, and between your sister and her conscience.

## Where Can I Sell Plays, Poems?

WHERE COULD I sell stories, plays and poems? I've written some three-act plays and most of them are funny and pretty good. I'm only 14 and think these should be in children's magazines.

Check Writers' Market or other writers' guides at your local library for publishers' names. Use Wisdom, children's magazine, is located at 817 Tracy Ave., Kansas City, Mo. Among poetry publishers are American Verse, 1559 E. 115th St., Cleveland, and Chaparral Voice, Crescent Valley Ledger, Montrose, Cal. Play publishers include Anti-Craft Play Co., Box 1850, Cedar Rapids, Ia. (one and three-act plays); Walter H. Baker, 1728 Tremont St., Boston; Drama Guild Publishers, Box 527, Boston (2); Northwestern Press, 2300 Park Ave., Minneapolis, and Samuel French, 25 W. 45th St., New York City.

Publishers of stories are listed in "Saturday Review of Literature," 25 W. 45th St., New York City.

Help! I want to answer every letter BUT—I don't know to whom Don refers. Write me, will you, Don?

I have an address for the person wanting help on writing dialog.

I just can't reveal names, "V. W." and "R. H."

Write me, "Faithful Reader"—I have a string of buttonhole makers for you.

I can help on that "egg" question, Grace, if you'll send your address.

Let Mrs. Manners and readers of the column share your problems and answer your questions. Write in care of The Times, 514 W. Maryland St.

## Washington Calling—

## Reds Able to Fight Now? Yes, Say Top U. S. Officials

(Continued From Page One)

Put big armada of B-29s over Moscow; recently also tried to place orders here for B-29 wheels, tires and brake assemblies.

They had as many as 100 jet fighters over Moscow at one time. And we know they have at least eight types of jet planes, including four-engined jet bomber.

Russians sub navy is five times as large as German U-boat fleet at start of World War II. And all Russian subs are modern, snorkel equipped.

They are, mathematically, 60 times as hard to detect and destroy as standard subs. And we had to put 2 million men on anti-sub duty at peak of German campaign when they were just starting to use snorkels.

## Speed Arms Output

U. S. MUNITIONS BOARD officials say no orders have come down for speedup of industrial mobilization planning; but they're working faster anyway, because of tense atmosphere.

Senate War Investigating Committee seems likely to act on request of Munitions Board Chairman Hargrave that industrial mobilization bills either be drafted and held in readiness, or be passed for use when needed. These would authorize such agencies as War Production Board, War Manpower Commission.

Brighter side of industrial mobilization:

We have 25 new war-built arsenals, and shipyards operating at reduced capacity.

Some 200 specialized munitions plants are being held in standby condition. Another 100 plants were sold under contracts which provide for reconversion to war use.

Twelve Army ordnance plants were withdrawn from surplus sales lists; last week five aircraft plants were withdrawn.

Some 92,000 surplus machine tools have been tagged as reserve supply for armed services.

Third of them have been cleaned and stored.

## New Plants Located

DECISIONS ARE ready on what to manufacture in 1950

A 28-year-old Mishawaka man, Alvin F. Harwood, died yesterday in an Elwood hospital of injuries suffered when his truck crashed into a bridge Thursday.

The truck caught fire after the accident, blocking traffic on Road 13 for eight hours, State Police reported.

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## Tito Army of 300,000 Backs Red Threat

## Italian 'Liberation' Move Predicted If Communists Lose Out

## Informed Observers Confirm Warning That Po Valley May Become Battleground

By BOGDAN RADITSKA, Ex-Yugoslav Press Information Chief.  
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MARSHALL TITO has an army of 300,000 men ready to back up the Soviet rocket bomb bases on Yugoslavia's western borders and to make use of the Balkan arsenal being built in Yugoslavia's busy war plants.

As the crucial Apr. 18 elections in Italy approach, these troops are being readied for a "liberation" mission, according to the same sources which have maintained that Tito's army is being

trained to give me a steady flow of military facts from inside Yugoslavia.

These sources—trustworthy friends who one-by-one are slipping out of Tito's domain as I did in 1946—add weight to the threat publicly voiced last week by Italian pro-Communist Pietro Nenni that the Po Valley may become a battlefield unless the Reds win the vote next month.

The Tito army commands the eastern flank of the Po Valley, and the Communist orders for the army, my sources report, are to "free" northern Italy from the non-Communists if such a move is necessary.

Coached by Russ officers and commissars, Yugoslavia's forces are divided into six armies, and an armored army is being formed. There are 31 infantry divisions.

The facts which filter out of Yugoslavia to me do not contain figures on the air force, but they identify an entire aviation division—the Sixth—as having been formed and trained in Russia.

In the forces facing northern Italy is the Proletarian Division, commanded by Col. Gen. Gajo Vojvodic. It includes the 1st Serbian Proletarian Brigade, the 3d Krajiska Proletarian Brigade, the 13th Croatian Proletarian Brigade, and an artillery brigade.

In the Trieste Army is the 7th Banijaka offensive Division, mostly Serbian mountain troops, reported as Tito's most savage—under Col. Gen. Gruber; the 28th Dalmatian Offensive Division; the 27 Slavonian Shock Division; the 23d Krajiska Shock Division, and the 1st Tank Division.

100,000 Others Armed  
Besides the 300,000 men in the Army, Tito has more than 100,000 others under arms—the Home Guard, all staunch Communists; the elite KNOJ, counterpart of the Nazi SS troops, and the UDB, or secret police.

In elaborate maneuvers last October, along the Danube north of Sombor, Yugoslav troops engaged in an operation called "forced transit of the Danube." Russian airplanes, plus two regiments of the Soviet motorized Army sent down from Hungary and a Soviet heavy artillery regiment (conveniently located at Sombor) also took part in the maneuvers.

The Russians count on Tito's Army as an effective force if they are needed to help the Italian Communists "free" Northern Italy. With the average Yugoslav soldier, no matter what his inhibited feelings about the Russians, it would be a popular mission because of an anti-Italian spirit.

Eager to Raid Po  
And the average Yugoslav soldier—the new youth mobilized after World War II—would make a chance to fatten up in the Po Valley after the meager rations enforced upon them by the Communists.

But there is another and more critical mission the Russians have in mind for the Yugoslav troops.

The role is an expendable first-line of defense if Communism meets a stone wall in Italy, and democracy starts pushing back against Yugoslavia from the west, with force.

A By expendable, I mean that the Russians fully expect the Yugoslav army would be wiped out in any such move from the west. The facts I have placed together from my friends show that the equipment being turned out to the new Yugoslav arsenal is not going to Tito's soldiers, but is being held in reserve.

Reds to Move Up  
The Yugoslav forces might be able to hold for as long as 24 days. That is as long as Russia would need them as a buffer. By then the Reds would have their own forces in position.

As early as the spring of 1945, when I was still in Belgrade, I listened to Soviet officers in responsible positions openly brag how they could have the whole of Europe in four or five weeks' time.

"After that," they said bluntly, "America will be close."

That was while America was talking friendship with the Russians as they closed in on Germany together.

"We will move across Northern Italy and France," said the Soviet officers in Belgrade. "And then we will strike against Spain. A popular war against Franco—and how can the West defend him—will bring us to the Atlantic."

IN INDIANAPOLIS

Events Today

Civic Theater Workshop Play—8 p. m.  
State Day, Chi Omega Society—2 p. m.  
March 20, Delta Gamma Society—11 a. m.  
Indianapolis Athletic Club  
Branch Office Open for Registration of Voters—2 to 8 p. m. at Fire Station 27, School 23 and 24 and Brookside Community House.

Indiana Chapter, Society of Daughters of Founders and Patriots—1 p. m., Poppy Luncheon.

Events Tomorrow

Palm Sunday, opening day of Holy Week Services in Catholic and Protestant Churches.  
Branch Office open for registration of voters—8 a. m. to 5 p. m. at School 33 and 35, and Fire Station 13 and 15.

BIRTHS

At General—George, Mary Watson, boys.

At St. Francis—Donald, Mary Ann Roberts; Robert, Marie Waddell.

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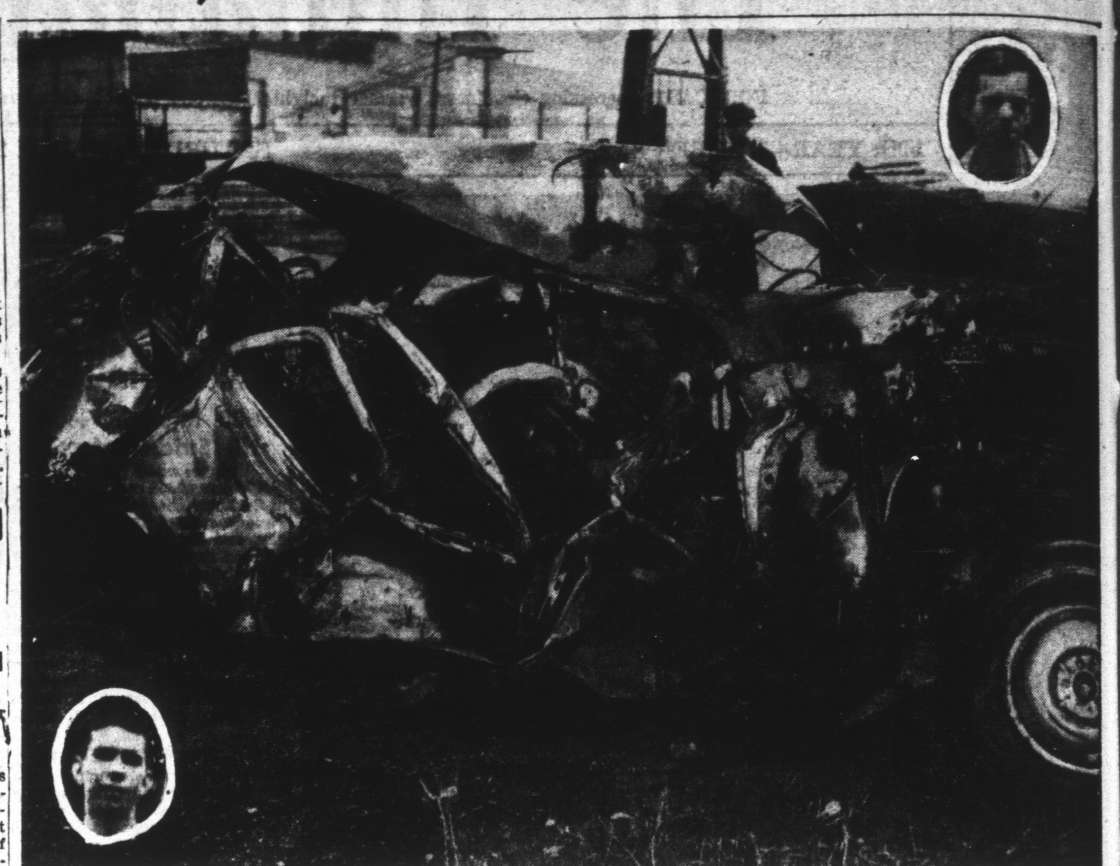
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TWO DIE IN CROSSING ACCIDENT—In this wrecked and burned car, two young brothers lost their lives this morning after apparently failing to see a speeding Pennsylvania Railroad passenger train at the State Ave. crossing. The brothers were David Lee Williams, 17, upper right, and James T. Williams Jr., 18, lower left.

## Rail Service Here To Be Curtailed

## Move Follows Order To Conserve Coal

Railroad passenger service through Indianapolis will be curtailed at midnight tomorrow to comply with a government order to conserve coal.

Major trains, however, will not be affected immediately, railroad officials said.

On the Pennsylvania system, local 312, Indianapolis-Louisville, and 909 and 910, Terre Haute-Indianapolis, will not be operated. Trains 509 and 510 in the Grand Rapids-Mackinaw City service will run only as far north as Cadillac.

Rail Workers Laid Off  
The New York Central will cancel train 418, St. Louis to Indianapolis; 304 and 307, Indianapolis to Detroit; 447, 448, 424 and 443, Cincinnati-Cleveland, and 11 and 12, Indianapolis-Peoria.

The Southwestern Limited trains 12, 212, 11 and 111, New York-St. Louis, will be consolidated.

Meanwhile, the number of workers laid off in the current strike wave reached 528,300 in the nation. Railroads laid off 23,000 employees.

Additional thousands of rail workers will be laid off when the 25 per cent cut in passenger traffic ordered by the office of defense transportation goes into full effect tomorrow.

Lewis Accepts U. S. Parley Bid  
WASHINGTON, Mar. 20 (UP)—John L. Lewis today accepted a government invitation to confer Monday with federal mediators and mine owners on the dispute which has shut down the nation's soft coal mines.

But the United Mine Workers president said "it is preposterous to assume" that any progress will be made at the Monday meeting.

Power and telephone service around Kokomo, Frankfort, Crawfordsville, Rockville and Lafayette were disrupted when poles went down.

At Kokomo, pupils at the Jefferson school were evacuated to the gymnasium after windows blew out, cutting three children with glass.

Factory Wrecked  
The second story of the Kokomo Cement Products Co. was blown down. Damage was estimated at \$60,000.

A poultry house was picked up by the wind and carried into the path of a speeding Pennsylvania freight train near Bunker Hill. The engine hit it and eight cars were derailed—either by the force of the wind or the collision.

At Covington, power service was smashed, windows shattered, telephones and electric power service and blocked streets and highways leading out-of-town with debris of trees, poles and power lines.

Fortland was hard hit with every building with the exception of dwellings badly battered or flattened by the high winds.

State police reported that two houses were demolished at Deer Creek (Carroll County) and that there was heavy damage in Brazil.

Property loss estimated at more than \$25,000 was reported in Elwood—with the greatest damage being done to the city airport. A hangar collapsed destroying six planes. Damage was estimated at \$18,000.

INDIANAPOLIS CLEARING HOUSE  
Clearings for the day \$ 18,137.00  
Clearings for the week 38,338.00  
Debits for the day 18,643.00  
Debits for the week 39,448.00

TUCKER BUYS PLANT  
CHICAGO, Mar. 20 (UP)—The Tucker corporation today announced that it has purchased a motor assembly plant at Syracuse, N. Y., for \$1,800,000.

CUTICURA BETTER COMPLEXION PLAN starts  
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Home Owners Ask Council Action

Desire Ruling on Smoke Ordinance

Residents in the area north of Citizens Gas & Coke Utility's Prospect St. plant indicated today they would ask for a special session of City Council Monday night.

They said they desired the council to meet to "crystallize public opinion" concerning the conditions under which their houses were turned purple last Tuesday.

A committee of the home owners called on Mayor Feeney yesterday and were told an investigation of conditions was under way and if it was found that the smoke abatement ordinance had been violated the guilty ones would be prosecuted.

Heads Committee  
Homeowners who met with the Mayor said they felt there had been enough evidence already to prosecute under the City ordinance.

Charles Miller headed the committee which met with the Mayor. In the group, also was Clement Stanford, public accountant and Robinson Hitchcock, former state Selective Service head, who is furnishing legal advice for Mr. Stanford. They met with the Mayor after the home-owners.

Mr. Stanford, who has taken an active part in the controversy, said the group would ask Christian J. Emhardt, council president, to call a meeting of the body.

Pathologists to Meet  
The Indiana Association of Pathologists will meet tomorrow in the School of Medicine at the Indiana University Medical Center. Dr. Lester Hoyt, Methodist Hospital, is president. A seminar will be held in the morning, a business session in the afternoon.

Spring Comes In With a Smile  
Spring officially arrived at 10:57 a. m. today.

It came in as though a little repentant for yesterday, the last day of winter.

Old Man Winter struggled violently yesterday in his death throes, but he, too, apologized late in the day when skies became sunny and the temperature mild.

Yet spring promises to show all the whims attributed to winter. She'll cry by morning and probably will weep copiously all day tomorrow.

But she'll wear her best bib and tucker today, the Weather Bureau promises.

He Feathered His Nest In Wrong Place  
A FEATHER MERCHANT was busy today on Road 67.

And he was not lagging as he worked to pick up 15 barrels of chicken feathers after he was convicted in magistrate's court of unlawfully dumping them near the highway.

The merchant, Oliver Robertson, 528 Elder St., has one week to complete the job. At that time, inspector for the Marion County Board of Health will check up.

ROBERTSON was fined \$25 and costs yesterday in Speedway Magistrate's Court after he was convicted of unlawful dumping.

Deputy sheriffs said they had been trying to locate Robertson since Nov. 18, when the dump man contracted to haul the feathers from the Anderson Poultry Co., Anderson.

"Some fell off my truck, so I just decided to dump the rest," was the explanation Robertson gave deputy sheriffs.

Gun Blast Wounds Man Collecting Debt  
A 23-year-old county resident who tried to collect a \$6 gambling debt was in critical condition today after his debtor is alleged to have paid him off with a shotgun blast.

The victim, Herman Blanchard, R. R. 6, told deputy sheriffs he entered the home of James Richardson, 27, of 719 Thompson Road, last night to collect the \$6 he said he won matching quarters in a South Side tavern.

He said Richardson, charged with vagrancy, fired as soon as he got inside. The blast struck Mr. Blanchard in the hip. He was taken to General Hospital.

Our service embodies all that goes to give that after feeling of satisfaction; the satisfaction of a beautiful tribute to a loved one, yet no burden to those left.

HISEY & TITUS Mortuary  
951 NORTH DELAWARE ST.  
—SINCE 1868—

Meridian 'Spring' Day, Apr. 10, 1948, on at the Meridian Club. buffet supper Max Wilson Play for dance Mr. and Mrs. burg, chairman are being as Mrs. William and Mrs. Fr. The party ranch theme will wear to "western"

Gay Nineties Plans  
The Gay Nineties will give a "Gay and Easter" party at 8 p. m. Tuesday at the Meridian Club. The chairman will be William and Mrs. Fr. The party ranch theme will wear to "western"