

# Hoosiers Seek Answers To Problems On Foreign Affairs

THE TIME when Indiana was considered isolationist has long since past. Too many of its sons went forth into World War II. Many of them are still coming back in caskets from foreign cemeteries.

With the threat of a new war overhanging the earth, like the impalpable dust of the third atomic bomb, Hoosiers have become more internationalist in outlook than ever before.

In an effort to determine which questions are uppermost in the minds of Indianapolis citizens on foreign affairs, The Times has asked two representative groups of women to submit their queries on America and its role in the world today.

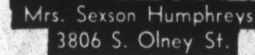
The Times has submitted the questions to Parker LaMoore, Scripps-Howard foreign analyst, who has given his answers in reply. Any disagreement which Mr. LaMoore's answers stimulates is intentional, in order to provoke discussion of aspects of the world situation.

The Times today presents the first in a series of questions asked by six Indianapolis women, and Mr. LaMoore's replies.

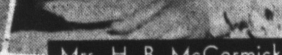
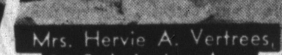
Next week, Mr. LaMoore will answer a second set of questions from another group of women. The questions and answers are below.



Mrs. Lionel F. Artis,  
2340 Highland Place.



Mrs. Saxon Humphreys,  
3806 S. Olney St.



Parker LaMoore... Scripps-Howard Foreign Analyst.

## Girl Who Tried to Die Goes Home to Father

Teen-Ager Will Do Housekeeping Until Mortgage Foreclosure Forces Eviction

By OPAL CROCKETT

The 14-year-old girl who wishes she understood why she tried to hang herself in Juvenile Court's detention room last week has returned to her father's house, ready to try again to make it home.

She won't have long to try, in that house she takes care of with such pride.

The family received eviction notice on the day she was released to her father. Their house was sold because they were unable to make payments on the mortgage.

The girl tried to end her life Tuesday at the Juvenile Aid Division, after she was arrested for being out after curfew. She will be under the supervision of Juvenile Court because of her emotional disturbances, and all available resources will be used to work out her problems, Juvenile officials pledged.

A SOBER and serious father is house hunting this week, to find a new home for his daughter, "the good little girl who runs his house." The pretty blue-eyed teen-ager with the golden-brown hair half smiled when he mentioned how well she cooks. "We had a nice Christmas," she said. She listened obediently when he told her, "We're going home." She clung to him when he asked her if she would be happier living with her mother. Tears, quickly fought back, had appeared when the mother was mentioned. "I can see her any time I want to," she said stubbornly, without saying that sometimes a girl needs her mother.

THE MOTHER has remarried twice since she and the girl's father were divorced in 1942. She and her second husband lived for a time in the home of the first husband. The girl doesn't want to cause trouble between her mother and her second step-father, she says.

The girl and her father have been through a lot together. She took care of him following two severe operations. She worries about his bad leg, broken in an accident.

She listened with interest when told of the psychiatric treatment planned for her.

TEEN-AGERS' PROBLEMS she reads about amuse this girl, who is so quiet regarding her

## Driver Sells Car, But His Number Returns to Haunt

CAN A MAN be haunted by a pair of discarded automobile license plates? One Indianapolis motorist has reason to think so.

Last June Robert Hook, 27, of 2447 College Ave., sold his old car for junk and tossed the tags into a trash can. Shortly thereafter he received notice from the traffic department requesting that he pay a traffic violation fine charged to his plates. He paid it.

In December he received a second notice, from Chief Rouse, ordering payment on another ticket. He paid this also, but requested a police investigation on the theory that someone is illegally using his old license numbers.

## Blackledge to Talk Before Service Club

Capt. Allan D. Blackledge, USN, commanding officer of the Naval Ordnance Plant, 21st St. and Arlington Ave., will address the Indianapolis Service Club at noon tomorrow in the Claypool Hotel.

Capt. Blackledge was graduated from the Naval Academy in 1920 and during World War II served as chief of staff to three different admirals. He later commanded the cruiser, USS Biloxi.

## Uncle Sam Catches Up With Tax Evaders Here

It doesn't pay to evade Federal income taxes, records of the Indianapolis Federal Court show.

Uncle Sam and his busy agents of the Treasury Department assessed more than a half million dollars last year against tax evaders.

In five convictions, the government levied \$438,770 in taxes owed and added on to that \$87,000 in fines.

## Questions Are Considered By Scripps-Howard Analyst

Mrs. Hervie Vertrees, 24 S. Irvington Ave.

"In what source of authority should the control of atomic energy be vested?"

"How many displaced persons have been admitted to the United States since Congress passed the Displaced Persons Act?"

MR. LA MOORE: There can be no agreement on the international control of atomic energy until the threat of war is removed. Until Russia demonstrates a willingness to live at peace with the rest of the world, we should safeguard all secrets of atomic energy development.

At the end of December, 2509 persons had been admitted to the United States under this act.

Mrs. H. B. McCormick, 27 S. Downey St.

"Is the United States justified in involving itself in the Western Europe security pact?"

"What more can we do to let the people behind the Iron Curtain know the true heart of the American people?"

MR. LA MOORE: Yes. Since we are investing vast sums of money in the rehabilitation of Western Europe, it is sound insurance to assist the same nations in protecting that investment. Otherwise, we might be just fattening them up for the kill. To the second question: Not very much. I am afraid. The dictators behind the Iron Curtain have closed most of the doors to us. Moreover, under a dictatorship, appeals to public opinion have very little effect.

Miss Bernice White, 2139 College Ave.

"As a citizen of a democracy, I wonder whether Chiang Kai-shek in China and King Paul in Greece represent the kinds of governments their citizens want?"

"What were some of the outstanding accomplishments of the United Nations during the recent Paris session?"

MR. LA MOORE: In the case of Greece there is no question about it. A majority of the people voted to restore the monarchy, at a free election, as fairly conducted as our own elections are. Both Greece and China have forms of constitutional democracy which, while differing from our own, probably are better suited to their present situations than our more advanced system would be. The government of Chiang Kai-shek is the most liberal China has had in her long history, but a great deal of education will be required before the Chinese will be prepared for our type of a democracy.

Some United Nations accomplishments are appointment of a Conciliation Commission for Palestine; extended the life of the "watchdog" commission that is working to maintain peace in the Balkans; adopted a universal declaration of human rights; continuation of the program to aid the children of war-torn lands. Most important, I think, is the fact the United Nations is continuing to serve as a forum for the discussion of issues which otherwise might lead to war.

Mrs. Saxon Humphreys, 3806 S. Olney St.

"How can we help China without endorsing either the Communists or the Conservatives?"

"How can we co-operate with Spain's opposition to Communism and not encourage Franco?"

MR. LA MOORE: We do not need to endorse any political group or system of government when we extend a nation aid to assist it in resisting foreign aggression. I believe that we should assist and encourage nations and governments opposing communism. I do not believe we can afford to extend aid to any Communist-dominated group.

In regard to your second question, I do not believe that would be possible. We would have to work with the government of Spain in order to co-operate with Spain. I believe it should be our policy to co-operate with all nations which desire to keep the peace, and which are not threatening their neighbors, without respect to personalities or forms of government. That is where I would

draw the line between countries like Spain, and aggressor nations such as Russia, Bulgaria and Romania.

Mrs. Clarence L. Taylor, 639 E. 42d St.

"Will the people of Europe ever have a feeling of security in the world again?"

MR. LA MOORE: Not until the threat of war and invasion are removed.

Mrs. Lionel F. Artis, 2340 Highland Pl.

"Would it be strategic for subjugated groups such as the Negroes of South Africa to carry to the United Nations their problems of civil injustice for which they have not been able to secure redress in their own countries?"

MR. LA MOORE: There is so little agreement between nations like Britain and the United States on one hand and Russia on the other on civil rights issues, that I believe it would be more fruitful for minority groups to continue to work for justice within their own areas where, after all, the remedies must be obtained. The free part of the world is moving toward more enlightened treatment of minority groups, however slowly. I believe that progress will be retarded, rather than advanced, by forming alien political alliances which would create new problems while not solving old ones.

## Community Fund's Annual Parley Set

Indianapolis Community Fund's 29th annual meeting to elect directors for 1949 will be at 6 p. m. Jan. 17 in the Columbia Club.

Committees will give their annual reports and the "honored member" of the fund will be chosen. The honor is presented annually for "outstanding and unselfish service to the public welfare of the community."

Volney M. Brown, fund president, will preside. Invocation

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