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PATHE GAZETTE: 41/28. (DUBLIN)

DANCE PARTNERS SIGN ON

This way girls, form up on the right please. This is registration day for the little ladies who are anxious to make the lot of the lonely soldier a little less lonely by dancing with him. And the response at Washington is tremendous. When the wallflower army recruit sends out an S.O.S. trust Miss America to lead him a dance, and this is how it's done.

"Name Please"

"Doris McNeil"

"Address"

"2160 Peach Street, North West"

"Telephone"

"Hobart 8020 and I'm a blonde five feet one inches tall"

"What is your reason for registering Miss McNeil?"

"Well I have a lot of friends who have been drafted in the Army and I think it would be nice if I could help them out in their recreation"

(Another applicant) "Well a lot of my boy friends have been caught in the Draft and they can't ditch me like that"

With so many candidates and not enough rookies to go around, the successful applicants are drawn for, and the suspense is terrific. After all a lucky draw might mean a passport to romance. The arrival of the first draft of dance partners causes great excitement. Weeks of terrible loneliness - oh yea - are forgotten in the traffic jam. It's all very chummy and very human.

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Just another of Uncle Sam's little brainwaves for keeping the boys happy. In the spring yes, and in the swing, the young soldiers fancy turns to thoughts of, well who knows!