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## The Day is Comin

by ERIC HASS

If I were a Negro worker, I would sit down right now and write three letters—one each to my two Senators and the Representative from my Congressional district. This is what I would say:

The Hon. . . . .  
Washington, DC,

Dear Sir:

If the Congress of the United States passes so-called "national service" legislation it will be guilty of an act of usurpation without parallel in American history. Just eight years ago, this nation adopted an amendment to its Constitution the immediate purpose of which was to outlaw black slavery. But the 13th Amendment was more than that. It was a guarantee of personal freedom to all men of all races. Only a few months ago the United States Supreme Court declared in the Florida peonage case that the unquestionable aim of this amendment "was not merely to end slavery but to maintain a system of completely free and voluntary labor."

"National service" is the opposite of "free and voluntary labor." It is forced labor. It is the labor system pioneered by Nazi Germany. It is involuntary servitude, and involuntary servitude is expressly and explicitly forbidden by the 13th Amendment.

"National service" would empower the State to force me to take any job it commanded me to take. Should I refuse, it could send me to jail. Should I run away, it could drag me back and punish me as if I were a runaway slave. It would deprive me of my right to strike, no matter how intolerable the conditions. As a worker, I declare my uncompromising opposition to this Nazi-like and unconstitutional measure.

As a worker of the Negro race my duty to oppose and to resist is ever more self-evident. A "national service" act, no matter how it is adorned with "safeguards" supposedly designed to protect colored workers, would certainly be used to freeze the present patterns of racial discrimination. For one

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thing, whoever would administer labor conscription—and it would probably be the draft board—would try to make the pill a little less bitter to the majority of white workers by "directing" Negroes to the arduous, menial low-pay jobs. The power to conscript is the power to discriminate. Bitter experience has taught me that there is no "safeguard" against the prejudices of administrators.

"National Service" could not help but aggravate racial friction and endanger the workers' aim of class unity. I am not reassured by the quibble that forced labor is temporary. Slavery, even for a week, a month a year, or for the duration" is still slavery, and still in flagrant violation of the Constitution. Moreover once the principle is yielded and involuntary servitude is submitted to, it will be relatively simple for Congress to extend the act and adapt wartime labor controls to postwar uses.

We shall have a manpower problem then—too—a manpower problem in reverse!

Sir, you have taken an oath to uphold and defend the Constitution. May I have your assurance that, in accord with this oath, you cast your vote against every measure designed to reduce the American workers to industrial serfs?

Very truly yours,

This is what I would write to my Congressmen were I a Negro worker. It is what I would urge my fellow workers to write. I would get a hundred signers to my letter. I would throw the full weight of my influence into the fight to stop the labor draft!

**AMOS 'N' ANDY OVER NBC**  
**FRIDAY JAN. 26TH** . . . . .  
Andy capitalizes on his wide experience with women by writing a Harlem newspaper column titled, "Love Hints to the Love Sick." Naturally he gets into some strange situations! Listen Friday, January 26 at 10 pm. Eastern War Time over NBC.

**PVT. JOHN AUTROY, OMAHA BOY, HELPS TEAM WIN FOOTBALL CLASSIC IN ITALY** . . . . .  
Peninsular Base Headquarters, Italy—Pvt. John Autroy of 2121 N. 27th Street, Omaha, former Technical High half-back, helped his team win the PBS. Garlic Bowl touch football classic held here recently. Record breaking total gains of 142 yards by T-4 Victor Moore of Longansport, Indiana, was the high spot in the victory of Peninsular Base Section's 522nd Port Battalion over the 12th Depot Supply Squadron of the Air Corps. The final score was 12 to 6. Every member of the winning eleven has seen action at Anzio Beachhead, handling supplies under heavy enemy fire.

Reminiscent of the traditional American college and Bowl games, the 117th Army Ground Force Band enveloped the proceedings during halcyons, and the loud persistent wisecracks made by the many GI spectators were typical of those heard at any football game in the States.

Touch football, as played by these two championship teams, is a wide open passing game with thrills and action every minute. It is the most popular winter sport among GIs in Italy, particularly for player participation. The only requirement needed is a football which the PBS. Special Service Section supplies by the hundreds to the many units here.

Said Pvt. Autroy, "There is no doubt that touch football is going to be another popular American sport when the boys return. Whenever there's a football around and time off, you'll find the GIs choosing sides and getting ready to play touch football. It affords a swell workout."

Colonel Francis H. Oxx, of Newport, RI, Commanding Officer of the Peninsular Base Section, praised the players of both teams and told them that wherever Americans are assembled "we will have our sports whether right in our own country or ten miles from the front."

The Port Battalion, in which Pvt. Autroy is serving, is one of many units of the Peninsular Base Section important Service and Supply organization for Fifth Army and for the ground forces of the U.S. Air Corps and Navy in Italy.

The Special Service Section, which arranged the tournament, is commanded by Lieutenant Colonel William F. Bailey of High Point, N. C.

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Oler's path of operations includes, Virginia, South Carolina, Oregon Minnesota, California, Wisconsin, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, and doubtless other sections of the country.

Evidently, Mr. Oler works fast and travels even faster. He is a bad actor; and he is also credited with handing out a number of 'hot' checks in addition to at least one forged check.

Oler was president of the Quality Garment Company, Houston, Texas, until May 20, 1944. He still poses

as the head of the concern, using his cards and order blanks which he doubtless retained when he left the firm.

Richmond, Va.—November 28, 1940—Police Department Number 21306, F. P. C. 9 R O I I

2 3 W I 17  
He is 34 years old, 5 ft. and 11 1/2 in.—about 180 lbs., dark brown hair, grey eyes usually wears no hat, slightly stoop shouldered. 4-F Selective Service Classification.

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**MARCH OF DIMES PROVIDES SCHOLARSHIPS** . . . . .  
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tion of outbreaks of infantile paralysis, The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, during the past four years, granted more than \$163,500 to provide scholarships for the training of orthopedic nurses and physical therapists.

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Arts Instructor, Homer G. Phillips Hospital, St. Louis, Missouri. These nursing specialists—teachers of nursing and physical therapists—received scholarships for training from funds provided by The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. In addition, National Foundation Chapters have sponsored the training of local applicants to prepare for emergencies should infantile paralysis strike in their own communities.

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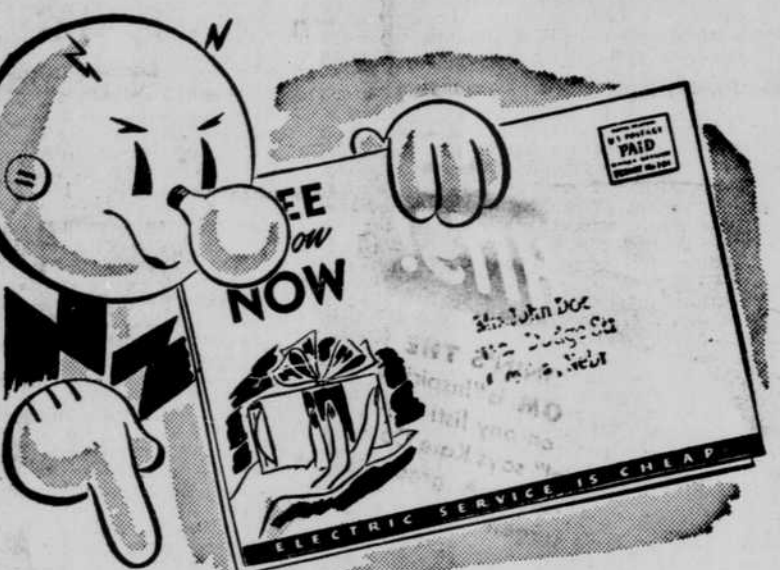
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