

## Red Cross Activity Stepped Up By War

The hot war in Korea blows the pushbutton warfare myth higher than a B-29. Draft boards are in business. High school seniors wonder about college and jobs. Help-wanted ads again include a "state your draft status."

In news pictures, men hang from train windows to stretch farewells as units move out to training camps. Reservists, watching the mail, are setting up their affairs. Examining centers are grinding out 1-A and 4-F classifications. Youngsters on their first pack of razor blades crowd recruiting offices to beat the draft, the uncertainty, the difficulty of getting jobs.

War has become a personal problem to all of them. No pushbutton can eliminate problems that are bound to grow as our armed forces grow, as empty places show up at supper tables in home after home, as blue jeans are traded for khaki.

Death, sickness, money troubles—family emergencies of every kind—continue to happen back home. And often the one person the family needs, the man who can solve the problem, ease the grief, or meet the need, is away. He's a state, a nation, or an ocean away. Even if he's stationed only 10 miles from home, he's "in". He can't drop his duties and answer the family call unless and until military authorities give permission.

These men and their families need help, the kind that can reach out to any big city, any town that makes a wide place in the road in any of the 48 states. Wherever your serviceman is stationed, this help is available; wherever his family lives they're no farther than a phone call from this assistance.

The American Red Cross—supported by the people, authorized by Congressional charter, and officially recognized by the military—is their official source of help. There's a Red Cross chapter in virtually every county, and a Red Cross field representative attached to every military installation. Chapters and field men work together as a team to form a close link between the fighting man and his family back home in time of personal or family troubles, emergency or otherwise.

Thus, the Red Cross becomes the counselor for every conceivable problem that can confront servicemen or their families:

Communications in illness or other emergencies;

In emergency situations, information as to location and welfare of the families at home or the men away from home;

Financial assistance in emergencies to servicemen and their families;

Reports for commanding officers regarding home conditions, social, economic or health facts required for the consideration of questions of welfare, leave, discharge, diagnosis or treatment;

Supplemental recreation for the able-bodied and assistance with medically-approved recreation for patients;

Information concerning government benefits, and assistance in applying for them.

New men going into the army from Southeastern states generally are assigned to Fort Jackson, S. C., for basic training; new Marine recruits to Parris Island, S. C., navy recruits to U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill., and air force men to Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Especially at these centers, where an entirely new way of living and new controls take effect, the call for help is constant. Day and night, men come to the Red Cross field offices with their problems. Some involve emergencies, but more often they're minor. Many are trivial. But until a solution is found and Uncle Sam's new man in the service gets that worry off his mind, training for fighting a war becomes very much a secondary matter with him.

Sometimes the solution of his troubles is totally outside Red Cross responsibility, but even then the organization does it best, either by referral to other proper agencies or by putting the man in touch with the right source of information.

At bases all over the country and overseas, help is offered, but at each place the Red Cross staff point out to applicants an important fact that many men, both enlisted and commissioned, all too often don't understand:

"The Red Cross cannot give you a furlough, or get you a discharge. Military officials are the only ones who can say 'yes' or 'no' to your request. The Red Cross is not your commanding officer.

"Almost always, he must have these facts before he can grant an emergency furlough. However, we supply only the facts. We do not make recommendations or suggestions. Your CO or some other officer decides. If he says 'no' and unless additional facts are available that changes the picture, his 'no' holds."

Some requests for Red Cross help require no more than a bit of advice, some merely calm reasoning, on occasions money for transportation for an emergency furlough or, for the hospitalized, comfort articles, such as soap, shaving equipment, or other table needs. Others, however, require

chapters across the nation to do investigating that would verify the facts in the case.

The Red Cross has to say "No" to some requests. The serviceman can't get a Red Cross money loan for a night out, a week-end in town, or a regular furlough. If it's an emergency, Red Cross staff will get the proper information to the serviceman's commanding officer and, if necessary, will provide money for him to get home and back. They may even request a priority on military planes, saving

many hours. When the military asks for a report or verification of a man's reasons for emergency furlough or discharge, a factual, uncolored report is presented by the Red Cross.

The serviceman—new recruit and battle-hardened veteran alike—cannot do his job well when his personal troubles get the upper hand. At such times he will find in his Red Cross field director and the chapter back home an understanding counselor and friend.



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**IN MUCH OF THE WORLD today, the people have resigned from running their own countries. Others have been quick to step in—first with promises of "security"—and then with whips and guns—to run things their way. The evidence is on every front page in the world, every day.**

**FREEDOM COMES UNDER ATTACK.** The reality of war has made every American think hard about the things he's willing to work and fight for—and freedom leads the list.

**But that freedom has been attacked here recently—just as it has been attacked in other parts of the world. One of the most serious threats to individual freedom has been the threat of Government-dominated Compulsory Health Insurance, falsely presented as a new guarantee of health "security" for everybody.**

**THE PEOPLE WEIGH THE FACTS.** In the American manner, the people studied the case for Socialized Medicine—and the case against it.

They found that Government domination of the people's medical affairs under Compulsory Health Insurance means lower standards of medical care, higher payroll taxes, loss of incentive, damage to research, penalties for the provident, rewards for the improvident.

**They found that no country on earth can surpass America's leadership in medical care and progress. They found that able doctors, teachers, nurses and scientists—working in laboratories where Science, not Politics, is master—are blazing dramatic new trails to health for Americans—and for the world.**

**THE "GRASS ROOTS" SIGNALS CONGRESS.** In every community in the Nation, people stood up to be counted on this important issue. Thousands of local women's clubs, civic groups, farm, business, religious, taxpayer, medical, educational and patriotic organ-

izations spoke out—giving the great United States Congress its unmistakable Grass Roots signal from home!

**And ever watchful, ever sensitive to an alert people, The Congress saw that signal, and heard the people speak out, loud and plain. That's democracy in action. That's the American way!**

Today among the 10,000 great organizations on militant public record against "Compulsory Health Insurance" are:

General Federation of Women's Clubs  
American Farm Bureau Federation  
National Grange  
Veterans of Foreign Wars  
National Conference of Catholic Charities  
American Protestant Hospital Association

American Legion  
National Association of Small Business Men  
United States Chamber of Commerce  
National Association of Retail Grocers  
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• Doctors of this Nation are grateful that the people refused to be wooed by the fantastic promises of this un-American excursion into State Socialism. • Doctors of America are dedicated to serve their fellow citizens at home and their comrades in uniform, wherever service to this Nation may take them. • And the thing they stand ready to fight for—to sacrifice for—to die for—is not the alien way of life of Socialism, but the proudfest security of a free and self-reliant people!

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• Throughout the Nation, free men and women, working and planning together, are finding the American answer to every question of medical service, care and cost. Hundreds of Voluntary Health Insurance Plans are in healthy competition—sponsored by doctors, insurance companies, hospitals, fraternal organizations—by industry, agriculture and labor. • Today

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