

"Blood, Sweat And Toil"

Editor of the Daily News:

I have been reading your Public Pulse ardently, especially since the outbreak of the "sit-down protests" and I have thoroughly enjoyed most of it.

However, some of the letters sent in are just thoroughly disgusting.

As for the letter of B. Mac Taylor, I would like to say this: I am a Negro, and I wouldn't be afraid to bet that my knowledge of the Civil War is just as deeply rooted. He stated that the Negro didn't participate in the various battles, but didn't state why. The answer is obvious: They were at home tending to the "Massa's" plantation and rendering compulsory services to the brave white soldiers.

At the Battle of Guilford Courthouse, Alamance, May 16, 1771, Kings Mountain, Valley Forge, etc., the white men fought for their freedom with violence. Why, then, condemn the Negroes for fighting peacefully for that same right?

Sure, the white man fought bravely during the Civil War, and I am sure he suffered greatly. But before the Civil War the white man also spent leisurely hours on his plantation, entertaining his friends and giving orders to the Negro servants. He has put his money and time into America, helping to make it this great land. But the Negro contributed something even more precious—his blood, sweat and toil, even though it was against his wishes to be used and bartered the same as a prize animal would be.

The Negro was brought to America by the white man, and he's here to stay, demanding the equal rights he deserves. I can't halt it. It's inevitable, because, believe it or not, the Negro is a human being, with the same desires and capabilities as any other human being, be he red, white or blue.

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