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I. The idea of a "labour year" in which every able-bodied young person, after finishing the free education with which the state has provided him, and before entering his own career, should give his time and energies freely to some work of public usefulness, is being realized in different ways in different countries. In some countries it has found expression as a period of national labour service either preparatory to or in place of the compulsory military service. In other countries, notably in England, the institution of voluntary labour corps as a form of national service for able-bodied young men is being actively examined at the present time. In principle, there is nothing "undemocratic" about either voluntary or compulsory labour service, of this type, despite its temporary Nazi connotations. There is a good deal to be said for a year of outdoor manual work for everybody in some form of public service before they reach, say, the age of twenty-one, and it is quite likely that within the fairly near future such training will be regarded as the normal completion of the formal education which is now prescribed, fitting young people for the transition from their schooling to industrial employment and active citizenship.

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