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A Story From Overseas

He was not used to speaking in public. But as Owen Jenkins, machinist in the Royal dockyard at Portsmouth, rose to address that little group of men assembled to decide whether 500,000 British engineers should walk out of their jobs in shipyards and arms plants for the sake of more money, he was not afraid.

There had been talk of the possibilities of a strike for days now and Owen Jenkins had lain awake nights thinking of his two sons. One was with the R.A.F. in Greece, the other—somewhere on the North Sea—both of them risking their lives every moment of the day and night for the sake of their country. And the men in his Union who were essential to the production of munitions his sons were using were threatening to quit their jobs for the sake of a few bob a week! It was all wrong . . . he knew . . . the kind of thing that would encourage the enemy and demoralize the country itself as well as hold up needed production.

There had been a number of speeches before his turn came. Men who pounded on the table and said now was the time for the working man to get what was coming to him! Now was the time when no one dare to stand against them! And then, Owen Jenkins rose. He didn't talk very long. . . . He spoke very quietly but what he said came from his heart. He told them of his two boys whom he had hoped would never have to go to war. But they had gone for months now. "When they come home again . . . as please God they may . . . What could I say to them if I stopped working now while they are fighting? Is a few bobs all that matters in this world?" . . . And then, "Are we prepared to supply the enemy commentators with proof for the outside world that the engineers of Britain want to strike?"

They heard him out and at the end there was a deep rumble of sympathetic applause. Jack Tanner, also of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, endorsed Jenkins' work, asking "Are we at this critical time to withdraw our work when defenses are needed and when our members and our families need defense?"

So the strike was voted down and the work being done by those 500,000

skilled men continued and England was that much stronger because one man realized clearly that the workmen of a nation in a modern war play as vital a part in Defense as the armed forces—that it is as necessary for Industry to carry on as it is for the Navy to send its ship to sea or the Air Force to fly its fighting planes!

On the Christmas Spirit

Despite all efforts at revival, the Christmas spirit which so definitely marks this season of the year, is absent. Great effort has been made to bring about that feeling of fellowship, but it has been to no avail.

It is pointed out that the people of this nation should feel grateful that their homes are not being torn up in the strife of warfare that they should display much more elation. However, there are many in this nation who have relatives in Europe and as a consequence they are always under a strain.

Besides, the people of this nation are facing some very difficult domestic problems which has created a feeling of uncertainty and unrest. They, too, are surrounded by enemies within, which, combined with our many domestic problems bids them to use due care in every move they make. All of which has crushed the great Christmas spirit for which this nation is noted.—Carpenteria Herald.

Few people may know, but eleven not-so-humble Congressmen meeting behind closed doors in Washington were responsible for settlement of the Vultee airplane strike 2,500 miles away.

It's an interesting story which discloses what Congress can do for defense while it remains in session even though it isn't passing a bill every day.

This is the story: As the Vultee strike dragged on, this band of eleven members of the House Judiciary Committee got more and more perturbed at the interference with national defense. Finally, they decided that if the strike was not settled promptly they would submit to the House a brief two-paragraph resolution.

The first paragraph would have forbidden strikes or lockouts on industries found by the War or Navy Departments or National Defense Advisory Commission to be essential for national defense. The second would have levied stiff prison term and fine penalties on those responsible.

Information as to these plans was conveyed to administration officials. They promptly informed Federal conciliators on the scene in California. These conciliators in turn told union leaders. A Presidential conference to discuss the matter was called. And within eight hours after the eleven Judiciary Committeemen reached their decision, the strike was settled.

Consequently, when the Presidential conference assembled, and when the Judiciary Committee met the following day, the strike was over.

These eleven legislators are going to remain on guard. Unless agitators use discretion in calling strikes in national defense plants, the proposed resolution can still be passed. And the privilege of striking will be taken away not only from the agitators but from all other workers in national defense plants as well.

If people would whistle more and whine less, Hustle more and holler less, Work more and worry less, Boost more and beef less, Give more and grab less, Business would be better fast! —B. E. Weiler

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Gets Bill Murray Breed of Popcorn

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P. S. It seems that Greece is a ma kin' suckers out of the Italians.



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