

Mr. BROWN. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. SPRINGER. Yes. The gentleman has brought a point out and he feels strong about it. I respect him for it. I do hope the record stays clear on this particular point.

Mr. BROWN. My questions made no effort to moralize on the one question of whether anything could be accomplished by the two parties sitting down together to discuss the differences they now have. That is what I was trying to draw from Mr. Rice, whether he feels there is anything to be gained from such discussion. But it was suggested by the previous witness, the Assistant Secretary of Defense, that he would prefer that we have no strike, and then his conclusion was that he would prefer House Joint Resolution 559.

He suggested that it would be desirable, if the strike could be resolved without the necessity for passage of House Joint Resolution 559, seizure or some other compulsion, that this would resolve the issue as far as he was concerned.

He also commented, as a result of my questioning and the questioning of others, with reference to what this does to our national posture in defense and foreign affairs. This obviously cuts to the patriotism of the members of this committee, I presume, and the decision we will have to reach.

I drew from Mr. Rice as to whether or not they were really willing to resolve this problem as important as it was to this Nation. This was the nature of my inquiry to Mr. Rice as to whether or not he urged further discussions on this subject and thought there would be any value in it.

Mr. SPRINGER. May I say I want to urge Mr. Wolfe and labor to sit down if there is the possibility of anything being done to bring this thing closer together. I would make myself clear on that point. But I do think we ought to have reality, of course, at the same time we are talking about what ought to be done.

Mr. BROWN. If the gentleman will yield, I would agree thoroughly that this involves not only this committee of the Congress and the situation in which we find ourselves in the country, and management, but certainly also includes labor in this suggestion, that we would all be better served if some negotiation were possible that would reach a valid conclusion, which would avoid the necessity of some action on the part of this committee.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Rice, we want to thank you for coming and giving us the benefit of your views.

I would like to make the comment that we spend a lot of time, and the United Nations are now spending a lot of time trying to get those who don't agree to a bargaining table. That seems to be their effort. We are trying to get the unions and the railroads to the bargaining table.

I believe you can stop wars and strikes and so on if we can get men talking. So there is, in my opinion, a moral issue. I would take issue with Mr. Springer on that. I think there is a moral issue here as strong as anything we have ever been fighting for in the freedom of this land. That is to get men talking and not fighting. That is exactly what we have the United Nations for. That is what we are trying to do in this committee.