

'WHAT HAVE YOU GIVEN FOR WAR?' SULLIVANS' QUERY

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Sister of Five Missing Navy Men Weeps as Parents

Broadcast from N. Y.

"What have YOU given to win this war?"

That was the challenge issued to the nation Sunday night by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Sullivan, of Waterloo, whose five sons, 20 to 28 years old, have been missing in action with the navy since Nov. 14.

Speaking from New York in a broadcast of "We, the People," the Sullivans avoided mention of their own great sorrow to appeal for a greater effort toward victory by the people as a whole.

In their 10-minute appearance before the microphone both delivered sincere messages, heard by thousands of Waterloo residents.

"Today's Mrs. Bixby."

Mrs. Sullivan, introduced as "today's Mrs. Bixby," since she, like Mrs. Bixby of Civil war days, had given five sons for her country, thanked the "hundreds and hundreds" of persons thruout the nation who had sent expressions of sympathy.

She told her audience her five sons went into the navy together, demanded to serve together and were lost together, in the Nov. 14 sinking of the U. S. S. Juneau in the south Pacific, because "that was the way they wanted it to be."

Since it was "what the boys would have wanted," Mrs. Sullivan said she and "Dad" were trying hard to "keep our chin up, no matter how hard it is."

"To Make World Better."

She said she knew now her sons, and others in the battles all over the world, were "fighting to make this world a better place." The brothers always felt, she said, that "if you can fight, you ought to."

Mrs. Sullivan urged all listeners who were qualified to handle war production jobs to pitch in and speed victory.

In his brief talk, the father, an Illinois Central freight conductor, said he and "Mom" were "going to miss the boys," but observed that Albert, youngest of the five, had left a "cute little grandson for us," referring to Jimmy, who will be 2 years old on Feb. 13.

Sullivan said he believed the five sons were in the fight to make sure "this little kid, and others like him all over the world, would have a decent world to grow up in."

"All Got to Get In."

The father declared further:

"We've all got to get into this fight, every one of us. And we feel we have right to ask, 'what have YOU given to win this war?'"

Tears rolled down the cheeks of Miss Genevieve Sullivan, only sister of the Sullivan boys, as she sat at home here, listening to her mother and father on the radio. With her were Mrs. George Abel, mother of Mrs. Sullivan; and Miss Peggy Ball, Fredericksburg, Ia., whose brother, Bill, was killed at Pearl Harbor.

It was Ball's death that the Sullivan brothers promised they would avenge when they entered the navy

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