

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Indianapolis, Indiana
April 30–May 1, 1942**

**Resolution No. 71: Merchant Marine
Origin: National Defense Committee
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WHEREAS, Merchant Marine ships are now being launched at the rate of more than one a day; and

WHEREAS, The program of the Maritime Commission calls for the launching of four ships per day by the end of this year; and

WHEREAS, There is already a shortage of crews and officers to man the existing Merchant Marine; and

WHEREAS, A bridge of ships from home to battlefield will be necessary to win this war; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on April 30-May 1, 1942, That The American Legion engage in an intense recruiting drive to enlist men in the Merchant Marine.