

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Indianapolis, Indiana
May 6-7, 1943**

**Resolution No. 35: Undiminished War Effort
Origin: National Defense Committee
Submitted by: National Defense Committee**

WHEREAS, Our armed forces face a long war and heavy losses; and
WHEREAS, A powerful Army and Navy, trained leadership, a united nation and greater production are all necessary to victory; and

WHEREAS, Proposals are being made to substitute civilian authority for military and naval planning and direction of war strategy and production has been retarded by a short work week and the loss of many thousands of man days through strikes in defense industry during 1942; and

WHEREAS, The war will be shortened and lives saved by loyally supporting our commander-in-chief and his chiefs of staff in all decisions on when, where, how and with what to fight and by increasing production through greater sacrifice and longer hours of work; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 6-7, 1943, That war production should be increased by further sacrifice of comforts and luxuries by civilians, by working longer hours, by curbing slowdowns and absenteeism and by the prevention of strikes in defense industry by compulsory arbitration; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That all possible steps be taken to prevent a slackening of war effort resulting from premature and ill-founded optimism.