

**SEVENTY-FIRST NATIONAL CONVENTION
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Baltimore, Maryland
September 5, 6, 7, 1989**

Resolution No. 139: OPEC Cartel Practices

Origin: Wisconsin

**Submitted by: Convention Committee on Foreign Relations
(As amended)**

WHEREAS, The United States of America is an oil importing nation; and

WHEREAS, The price of oil, both crude and refined, has escalated to such a degree so as to have a direct impact on the American Economy; and

WHEREAS, The direct impact of the price increase has been passed on to the consumer and affects not only governmental agencies, but those persons in the military whose living standards are greatly reduced due to this economic upswing; and

WHEREAS, The American Market place (operating through supply and demand) has been the basis for a free society; and

WHEREAS, By their own charter and performances in the past, the members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) have contracted among themselves to control production, control exportation, and control the base price for each barrel of oil; and

WHEREAS, The United States Government forbids and prosecutes those persons and/or corporations which engage in a like combination as exhibited in the OPEC accord; and

WHEREAS, The OPEC accord has impacted domestic production of crude oil and the economy of oil-producing states to the detriment of our national security; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Baltimore, Maryland, September 5, 6, 7, 1989, That The American Legion urges the U.S. Government to denounce the current practices of the OPEC cartel as being detrimental to the well-being and national security of this nation; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That we urge the President and the Congress to enact incentives and encourage further development of our oil-producing areas and to continue seeking alternative sources of energy.