NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Indianapolis, Indiana
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Resolution No. 92: **Burial of Convicted Persons in National Cemeteries**
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WHEREAS, Public Law 526 passed two years ago by the 80th Congress provides authority, among other things, for burial in national cemeteries of "any member or former member of the Armed Forces of the United States whose last service terminated honorably, by death or otherwise"; and

WHEREAS, The law provides further that the Secretary of the Army is authorized to prescribe "such regulations" covering burials in national cemeteries; and

WHEREAS, The Secretary of the Army has issued regulations that, "Individuals who, by virtue of their last service in the Armed Forces having been terminated honorably, are eligible for burial in a National cemetery, but who, subsequent to discharge, commit and are convicted of a felony, are not authorized to be interred in National cemeteries"; and

WHEREAS, The spirit and intendment of Congress was and is today to extend burial privileges in national cemeteries in recognition of honorable military service and in no way be contingent or connected with any civil act; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 3-5, 1950, That it does hereby register its protest against this regulation, and does urge that this and all measures similar, issued by the Secretary of the Army, be reviewed.