

A Verdict "For God and Country"

READ the Platform of the American Legion

The following Unselfish, Patriotic Decisions passed at the National Meeting at Minneapolis, prove the Legion true to its ideals:

FIRST—Americanization, to which end the convention recommended:

1. The creation of a national Americanization commission of the American Legion to realize the Legion's slogan of one hundred per cent Americanism through the conduct of a continuous and constructive patriotic, educational campaign throughout the land. This commission will shortly be appointed by the National Executive Committee.
2. That Congress deport Victor L. Berger, the German-born convicted traitor recently expelled from the House of Representatives.
3. That Congress pass laws providing for the deportation of all "first-paper" aliens who have renounced their intentions of becoming citizens.
4. That Congress prevent the release, before the expiration of their sentences, of draft dodgers and others convicted of offenses against the successful prosecution of the war, and where it is possible, to deport such persons upon their release from prison.
5. Abrogation of the so-called "gentlemen's agreement" with Japan and the exclusion of Japanese from the United States on the same principles as adopted in the case of other Oriental races.
6. Amendment to section one of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Federal Constitution, to the effect that no child born in the United States of foreign parentage shall be eligible to citizenship unless both parents were so eligible.
7. That Congress send a committee to the Pacific Coast, Hawaii and the

Philippine Islands to study alien colonization conditions.

8. That Congress require the Bureau of Naturalization to compile a list of aliens who have surrendered their first papers and file a copy of such list in every court in the United States authorized by law to grant naturalization, and requiring every such alien to notify the court of the county in which he resides of every change of his place of residence.
9. That all foreign language publications be required to furnish a translation in the American language of all articles that tend to condemn our form of government, and that five copies of said translation, with the name and address of the writer, be left with the postmaster in the place of publication open to public inspection.
10. That Congress immediately investigate the release of conscientious objectors and direct the War Department to recall honorable discharges granted them. Congress is asked to enact legislation under which conscientious objectors may be punished, and, if they are aliens, deported. The convention demanded that action be taken against officials of the War Department responsible for the tender treatment accorded conscientious objectors.
11. That Congress make it impossible for first-paper aliens who surrendered their papers to evade military service ever to acquire citizenship.
12. That all Americans refrain from patronizing unincorporated organizations ostensibly operating for the relief of the civilian population of countries

lately at war with the United States. Many such agencies are propaganda organizations in disguise.

13. That Congress be urged to enact laws to require aliens resident in this country to acquire knowledge of the American language, and that a course in citizenship constitute a part of the curriculum of every public school.

SECOND—Beneficial Legislation

1. While recognizing the obligation of the Government to those who served in the war, the convention declined to go on record in favor of a particular cash bonus.
2. Since none of the proposed land and home aid bills before Congress makes adequate provision for the needs of ex-service men it is requested that Congress enact what is to be known as The American Legion Home Founding Act, embodying these features: (a) Reclamation of unproductive lands by the Government for settlement by ex-service men; (b) development of rural communities by government loans; (c) direct loans for the purpose and development of farm or city homes.
3. That Congress award fifty dollars a month to all disabled men immediately upon discharge from hospitals and continue to pay this sum until they shall draw compensation under the War Risk insurance or the vocational rehabilitation acts. Seventy-five dollars a month is urged for men with tuberculosis.
4. Increase in the minimum compensation under the vocational rehabilitation act of from eighty dollars to one hundred

dollars per month.

5. Liberalization of the provisions of section three of the vocational rehabilitation act so as to include all disabled persons.

6. Immediate passage of the Sweet bill, amending, however, the compensation features so as to include the same family allowance as authorized in Section 204 of the War Risk act.

7. That the National Legislative Committee of the Legion investigate all complaints of irregularities and injustices suffered by ex-service men at the hands of the War Risk Insurance Bureau and the Federal Board of Vocational Education.

8. That Congress place all ex-service men on the same basis as to retirement for disability as is enjoyed by the members of the Regular Army.

THIRD—Military Policy

1. Universal military training, but the administration of this policy shall be removed from the control of any exclusively military caste. Military training in schools and colleges to be encouraged.
2. Opposed to compulsory military service in time of peace.
3. A large standing army is extravagant and un-American. In view of our experience in unpreparedness for national defense and the lack of proper training, the convention favored a national military system based on universal obligations to include a relatively small Regular Army and a citizen army capable of rapid expansion.
4. A national citizen army should be organized into corps, divisions and smaller units of officers and men who

come from the same locality. Organizations should preserve local designations as far as practicable.

5. The national citizen soldier should be trained, equipped, officered and assigned to definite units, before rather than after the commencement of hostilities. The National Army should be administered by a general staff on which citizen soldier officers and Regular Army officers shall serve in equal number.

6. Recommended that Congress make the air service a separate department under the control of a member of the cabinet to be appointed for that purpose alone.

7. Officers' training camps to be continued.

FOURTH—General

1. Franklin D'Olier of Philadelphia, elected national commander.
2. Indianapolis selected the seat of National Headquarters of the Legion.
3. Next convention called to meet on September 27, in Cleveland, Ohio.
4. Adoption of a constitution in keeping with the aims and ideals of The American Legion.
5. Authorization of the formation of the woman's auxiliary of The American Legion for which are eligible only mothers, sisters, wives and daughters of the members of the Legion or of soldiers, sailors and marines who died in the service during the war.
6. Indorsement of THE AMERICAN LEGION WEEKLY and provision made for its subscription price to be included in the national dues.

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