

## NATIONAL DEFENSE

**WHEREAS:** The IWA-CIO, along with all Labor throughout the Nation, is ready to answer the call of the greatest union in the world, the Union of the Sovereign States of America, and

**WHEREAS:** It could not of been otherwise than this, for men who have drenched every inch of this Nation with their sweat, yes, and with their blood, do not hold lightly a land which their toil has done so much to build, and

**WHEREAS:** There has been no hour of crisis in American history in which Labor has failed to answer whatever challenges were raised and it will answer the present one, proudly and willingly, to the utmost reaches of its ability, and to the utmost depths of its devotion, and

**WHEREAS:** As Labor moves to its battle stations on every economic sector of the land, a few men of little faith who doubt us have learned at last what wiser men have always known, that in any hour of National crisis, Labor will find its own way to unity, and forge a solidarity against which no international Goon Squads can prevail, and

**WHEREAS:** Labor to-day, is one, one with the tired and gallant man who sits in the White House as a symbol of all our hopes, one with every true American who will bet his life's blood that no dictator or combination of dictators can ever win, or hold, a square foot of our free soil, and

**WHEREAS:** Labor will take its place well aware that perfection is found only in Heaven, and that there is still a section or two of this Nation that is scarcely a Heaven, and

**WHEREAS:** Labor will carry still its bitter recollections of the Coal and Iron Police in Pennsylvania, of different vigilantes committees, of sundry clubbings and shootings, of poll-tax congressmen's venality, of Jim Crowism and Lynch law and relief lines, but whatever fires of resentment may still burn at memories such as these, they fade into feeble embers in the fierce light of a world in flames, and Labor, taking its rightfull place, will remember proudly also, that while some of its members bear scars, NONE OF THEM HAVE WRN CHAINS, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** That the membership of IWA-CIO Local Union No. 5-248, go on record pledging all-out on a new picket line, a picket line against universal terrorism, a general strike for the ultimate freedom of the world, and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That Local Union No. 5-248, as an organization, and as members thereof, offer full and complete cooperation and assistance to the United States Government, to the State of Oregon, to the county and city in which they live and to the various State and county Defense Councils now established for the defense of our country, and be it finally

**RESOLVED:** That copies of this resolution be sent to Charles A. Sprague, Governor of the State of Oregon, to Joseph K. Carson, Director General Of Civilian Defense for the Pacific Coast, to Jerry Owens, State Coordinator of Defense and to Howard Merriam, Coordinator of Defense of Lane County, Oregon.

**ADOPTED BY LOCAL UNION NO. 5-248, DORENA, OREGON, THIS 19th DAY OF December, 1941**