

Who Owns Memorial Day?

We believe that observance of Memorial Day is a matter that should be decided by each individual conscience.

We believe that Memorial Day belongs to ALL the people.

We believe it is not wrong, nor is it a desecration of the day, to participate in a contest of courage and skill that schooled so many men for conspicuous service in the Great War.

We believe it is not wrong to witness, or to encourage, on Memorial Day, a display of the same courage and skill that has made our nation great on the field of battle and in commerce.

We believe that in the discussion of the proposed law aimed at the annual Memorial Day race in Indianapolis no question of patriotism is involved.

We believe the Indianapolis Motor Speedway has done more than any other agency to make the City of Indianapolis and the State of Indiana known throughout the civilized world.

We believe it would be a monumental mistake to permit the tearing down or removal to another state of a world-known institution, such as Indiana's Motor Speedway.

ACTION

January 18—Unanimous vote of Chamber of Commerce directors authorized appointment of a committee to co-operate with other organizations in an effort to defeat the Memorial Day bill.

January 20—The committee authorized by the Board of Directors met with representatives of other organizations and adopted joint resolutions of protest against pending legislation.

January 27—The Chamber of Commerce committee arranged with Chairman Gregg of The American Legion State Legislative Committee for a joint conference.

January 29—The Chamber of Commerce committee, with other local organizations, conferred with the State Legislative Committee of The American Legion.

February 1—The Board of Directors, in a special meeting, approved the action that had been taken and authorized the publication of this statement.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce