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OF THE
American Turnerbund



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First Session, Friday Morning,

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The thirty-Sixth National Convention of the American Turnerbund was called to order at 10:15 A. M. by President George Seibel.

Due to the fact that the Delegates had been cordially welcomed at a delightful entertainment program on the evening of July 8, 1937 by Turner Carl Entenmann and President Max E. Socha on behalf of the Turnverein Germania of Los Angeles, and by Mayor Frank L. Shaw and other city officials on behalf of the City of Los Angeles, the usual welcoming addresses were not made at this Convention.

Accordingly, President Seibel immediately after calling the Convention to order, proceeded to deliver his Annual Message in German, which is

herewith translated in English as follows:

Message of the President

For the last time I am addressing a national convention of the American Turnerbund, as it is the sincere and deliberate desire of the present National Executive Com. to be relieved of the responsibility of the high honor you have bestowed upon them. After 14 years of work for the cause, we think younger men should take our place. New brooms sweep well, as you have heard, and we need a housecleaning in the Bund.

This does not mean that we shall cease to render the best service we can in the ranks.. But it does mean that we cannot get the best co-operation out of the societies — and new faces, new voices, new ideas are needed to stir them up.

Many things that past conventions have ordered to be done have not

been done. This is not altogether our neglect — it is to a considerable extent the failure to co-operate in the fullest measure. Some Societies and Districts have been active and loyal; others have been remiss and merely critical.

For example, we have been instructed to pay certain sums to that noble institution, our Normal College at Indianapolis. We have been ordered to pay certain sums to the old "Amerikanische Turnzeitung." At the same time the collection of the national per capita tax has been so slow that we have been unable to keep up with either payment. This annual report shows nearly \$16,000 deficit outstanding, owed by Districts and Societies.

You cannot wage war without money; you cannot run a great organization without money. Fifty cents annual dues for each member is ridiculously small when compared with the dues collected by other national organizations. Maybe a new Bundesvorort will be more efficient in collecting the dues, which ought to be collected from the society directly, and any society remiss in its payments should be automatically suspended until it pays up.

We have also asked the societies to conduct membership campaigns to fill up our ranks depleted by death, and many societies have done this. Glowing reports of growth have come. Yet the annual report shows a

net decrease of several hundred members. We are certain there should be an increase of several thousand, but many societies are holding out as a measure of economy. They are concerned only about saving as much per capita tax as possible. They are "dodging." Some way should be found to inspire them with more devotion to the cause and more respect for the rules of fair play.

The Cleveland Turnfest was the largest and finest ever held. It was a financial success. It should have encouraged our societies everywhere to go ahead and spread out. It did — but the result is not reflected in our national reports.

The campaign for the Maintenance and Endowment of our Normal College has had only half-hearted support. We could raise even \$500,000 easily if every member would contribute only 10 cents a week for five years. But 10 cents a week seems an intolerable burden to people who have to spend much more for the educational influence of the movies and the inspiration of highballs.

Two things the present Executive Committee points to with pride — the Jahn Educational Fund and the Instructors' Fund. Feeling sure of the support of the Jahn Educational Fund we launched an English monthly, experimentally, when the "Amerikanische Turnzeitung" seemed to have suspended for lack of financial support. The "Turnzeitung" has revived, and it will be

the province of this convention to decide which, if either, of these publications is to be the future mouth-piece of the American Turnerbund.

As for the Instructor's Fund, no one outside of the trustees knows how much good it has done. It has helped a number of our veterans in their hour of need.

Neither of these funds has grown as it should. Another sign of our remissness. Fortunately they are organized so they will grow automatically, but that is not enough. Unless the spirit of sacrifice and the ideal of generosity come into play, progress and efficiency will be slow and ever slower.

The suggestion has been made that the Jahn Educational Fund be used for organizing activities. It is a good suggestion, and we shall follow it as far as possible. But as the Fund has obligated itself to contribute \$1,000. annually to the College Fund for the next five years, and also will have to help in the publishing activities of our cause, there is not much left for such an extension of the work.

A number of specific recommendations from the National Executive Committee are to be placed before the convention. I shall not go into these points in this message. But as my parting words to a national convention, I wish to repeat my solemn admonition and hope you will make it your battle cry:

It is the duty of every district to organize new societies. Select some city without a Turnverein, canvass from house to house for members, and do not rest until your purpose is achieved. This is the only way.

Every Turnverein can also increase its membership in the same way. Pick the people you wish to join and get a committee to invite them. For almost 90 years the American Turnerbund has been the most American of all American associations. The best citizens of our country should be in our ranks.

In a time of political stress and storm, both in our land and abroad, our Turners have kept themselves free from partisan entanglements, standing firm upon the broad foundation of democracy established by Washington and Jefferson, Paine and Lincoln. Let us continue to stand united for these things which our fathers of 1848 proclaimed. Let us cry "Gut Heil!" and forge ahead. The distraught world sadly needs our liberal and tolerant ideals. Let us not to be remiss in telling the world about them. "A sound mind in a sound body" is the cornerstone of that mighty pyramid, "Liberty Education and a Better World.")

George Seibel

After the reading of the several announcements relating to entertainment features, President Seibel read a telegram addressed to the Convention from Turner Henry Braun of

Guthrie, Oklahoma, the only living Past President of the American Turnerbund, reading as follows: "In the hope that the deliberations and decisions of this convention may result for best interests of the American Turnerbund, I send you a hearty Gut Heil. Henry Braun."

President Seibel appointed the following Turners to serve as a Committee on Credentials: Fred Olt, Martin Nolde, L. O. Greiner, Karl Hartig, and August Buchholtz, who received the Credentials and retired to formulate their report.

President Seibel then declared the Convention adjourned to re-convene upon call as soon as the Committee on Credentials would have completed its report.

After a recess of approximately one hour, President Seibel again called the Convention to order. The Committee on Credentials then submitted the following report:

To the 36th National Convention
of the American Turnerbund

Gut Heil!

The total number of districts in the American Turnerbund is twenty.

The total number of Federal Votes in the American Turnerbund is 212. The total number of Districts represented at this convention is sixteen. The total number of delegates pres-

ent is 78 representing a total of 181 Federal Votes.

The number of votes to which the Districts are entitled and the delegates and alternates listed on Credentials received and present at the Convention are as follows:

Districts	Votes	Votes Rep.	Dele- gates	Alter- nates
New York	11	11	1	
Indiana	11	11	2	
New England	26		0	
Illinois	16	16	14	
St. Louis	14	14	1	
Lake Erie	36	36	30	
Western New York	11	11	3	
Wisconsin	6	6	2	
Philadelphia	13	13	1	
Pittsburgh	18	18	6	
New Jersey	11	11	1	
Kansas Missouri	2		0	
Ohio	4	4	3	
South Central	1		0	
Minnesota	2	2	2	
Upper Mississippi	18	18	2	
Rocky Mountain	1	1	1	
Pacific	4	4	4	
North Pacific	2		0	
Southern California	5	5	5	5
	212	181	78	5

The following districts representing 31 Federal Votes are not represented by delegates: New England, South Central, Kansas Missouri and North Pacific.

Note: A communication was received from the Concordia Germania Turn-

verein of Moline requesting that Turner L. N. Swanson of that society be received as their delegate to represent them at this convention. In view of the fact that, officially, the Concordia Germania Turnverein is still a member of the Upper Mississippi District, we recommend that Turner Swanson be accorded seat, voice and vote with the delegates from the Upper Mississippi District.

Respectfully submitted
with Turner Greetings,
The Credentials Committee,
L. O. Greiner, Chairman
Karl Hartig, Secretary

Upon motion made, seconded and carried, the report of the Credentials Committee was accepted.

Secretary's note: The names of the delegates actually present and registered from the different districts were as follows: :

New York: 11 votes, Delegates present 1: Martin Nolde.

Indiana: 11 votes, Delegates present 2: Theodore Ahrens, Dr. Carl B. Sputh.

Illinois: 16 votes, Delegates present 14: L. O. Greiner, Rudy Koenig, Chas. Eichin, Henry J. Koeber, Robert J. Fenske, Max Schlegel, Alfred W. Rayner, Jos. Strohmeyer, Karl Wurster, F. Drews, Andrew V. Lathomus, Max F. Ernst, Robert F. Engel, and R. Schroeder.

St. Louis: 14 votes, Delegate present Edward L. Hohenstein.

Lake Erie: 36 votes, Delegates present 30: Henry W. Luther, Carl M. Weideman, Chas. Edling, Wm. D. Held, Herman Eisele, J. J. Zimmerman, Emil L. Pletz, Arthur Olzmann, Conrad H. Wetzstein, Marshall Troester, Albert Gauss, Edward J. Hill, Fred Wolf, Karl H. Schmidt, Arthur Steyer,, Walde-
mar Moesta, W. J. Buyers, Robert Havelberg, John H. Klang, Marvin Moesta, Chas. Klink, Arnold Kneiding, Theo. Halsig, George P. Hussey, Arnold E. Boedeker, Walter A. Wolf, E. R. Schwatzenberger, Fred Mattmueller, Walter J. Holtz, Harold D. Parker.

Western New York: 11 votes, Delegates present 3: Fritz Nicke, Charles K. Liebeskind, Emil Burkhardt.

Philadelphia: 13 votes, Delegates present 1: Karl Hartig.

Wisconsin: 6 votes, Delegates present 2: John Goos, Wm. H. Beutel.

Pittsburgh: 18 votes, Delegates present 6: William J. Kramer, Andreas Kohary, Anton Fischer, August Buchholtz, Carl Trueg, Charles Elers.

New Jersey: 11 votes, Delegates present 1: Bernhard Riemer.

Ohio: 4 votes, Delegates present 3: Fred Olt, Wm. P. Beyer, Arthur Westrich.

Minnesota: 2 votes, Delegates present 2: William Mueller, Albert Steinhäuser.

Upper Mississippi: 18 votes, Delegates present 2: Fred Little, L. N. Swanson.

Rocky Mountain: 1 vote, Delegates present 1: Carl Moewes.

Pacific: 4 votes, Delegates present 4: Gus Liebold, Jos. Ulm, Carl M. Lorenzen, Henry Duser.

Southern California: 5 votes, Delegates present 5: William C. Krone, Charles L. Roos, Max E. Socha, George E. Karstens, William Linnes. Alternates present: Carl Harbs, Gustav Westing, Chas. Breunle, Walter Nollac, Anton Maier.

The total number of votes to which the districts represented are entitled: 181. Total number of delegates present: 78; alternates: 5.

The following members of the National Executive Committee were present: George Seibel, Richard Turnt, Wm. Voelker, Henry J. Thier, Charles A. Geber, and Regional Member Carl Entenmann, and were accorded seat and voice in the Convention. The following regional members of the National Executive Committee were present representing their respective Districts: Martin Nolde, Theodore Ahrens, E. L. Hohenstein, Wm. Mueller.

A goodly number of Visiting Turners from the District of Southern California and from other districts were also present at all of the sessions of the Convention.

After the report of the Credentials Committee had been accepted, President Seibel declared the delegates seated and announced that the Convention was ready to proceed with business. He declared that the first order of business would be the election of a Permanent Chairman of the Convention.

In response to a call for nominations for Permanent Chairman, Turner Max E. Socha of the Southern California District was nominated. There being no further nominations, Turner Socha was unanimously elected Permanent Chairman of the Convention. Chairman Socha cordially thanked the delegates for this honor which he considered as a delicate courtesy to the host society, the Turnverein Germania of Los Angeles. He cordially welcomed the delegates officially and declared that he would conduct the deliberations of the convention as impartially and expeditiously as possible.

Chairman Socha then called for nominations for Honorary President of the Convention. Turner Carl Entenmann of Los Angeles was nominated but gratefully declined for the reason that he had been thus honored at one of the recent Elkhart Lake

Conventions. Theodore Ahrens of Louisville, who has most generously supported the activities of the American Turnerbund with his time and resources, was nominated for Honorary Chairman. This nomination was quickly seconded. There being no further nominations, Turner Ahrens was unanimously elected Honorary Chairman. Turner Ahrens cordially thanked the Convention and urged the delegates to proceed as diligently as possible to the vitally important business which faced the convention.

Upon the Chairman's call for nominations for Vice Chairman, Turners Henry W. Luther, L. O. Greiner, Charles Eichin, Henry J. Koeber, and Henry Duser were nominated in turn and in turn declined. Turner Wm. Mueller of the Minnesota District was then nominated. There being no further nominations, Turner Mueller was unanimously elected Vice Chairman of the Convention.

Chairman Socha then called for nominations for Secretary of the Convention. Turner Herman Eisele of the Lake Erie District was nominated and there being no further nominations was duly elected secretary of the Convention.

The Chairman then called for nominations for Assistant Secretary of the Convention. Turner Fred Olt of the Ohio District was nominated and there being no further nominations, Turner Olt was unanimously elected

Assistant Secretary.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Officers of the Convention and the National Officers be directed to appoint the Committees of the Convention. In order to give an opportunity to these officers to formulate their report, a motion was duly made and carried that the convention recess to meet at 12:45 P. M.

The convention was again called to order promptly at 12:45 P. M.

The Committee of Officers by Vice Chairman Wm. Mueller, then read the assignment of delegates to the various committees, as follows:

Committee on National Affairs: Martin Nolde, Robert J. Fenske, Robert F. Engel, Henry W. Luther, Chas. Edling, Herman Eisele, Karl Hartig, Andreas Kohary, Bernard Riemer, Fred Little, Gustav Liebold, Max E. Socha, L. N. Swanson, Theodore Ahrens, Andrew V. Lathomus, Edward L. Hohenstein, Carl M. Weideman, Wm. D. Held, Emil Burkhardt, Wm. H. Beutel, August Buchholtz, Fred Olt, Wm. Mueller, Carl Moewes, William C. Krone, William Linnes, Henry Duser, George Seibel and Richard Turnt of the National Executive Committee.

Technical Committee (Physical Education): Henry J. Koeber, Edward L. Hohenstein, J. J. Zimmerman, Emil L. Pletz, Arthur Olzmann, Conrad H. Wetzstein, Fritz Nicke, John

Goos, William J. Kramer, Wm. P. Beyer, Carl J. Mettler, and Charles A. Geber of the National Executive Committee. By Special resolution of the Convention, all Instructors and Turnwards present and not named above were invited to attend the sessions of and take part in the deliberations of this Committee.

Youth Movement Committee: Rudy Koenig, Fred Mattmueller, Walter J. Holtz, Harold D. Parker, Joseph Ulm, Albert Gauss.

Finance Committee: Charles Eichin, Walter A. Wolf, Carl Trueg, George E. Karstens, Alfred W. Rayner, E. R. Shwatzenberger, Carl M. Lorenzen, Marvin Moesta and Henry J. Thier, of the National Executive Committee.

Committee on Platform, Statutes and Grievances: Max Schlegel, F. Drews, Waldemar Moesta, Robert Havelberg, Karl Wurster, Arthur Steyer, W. J. Buyers and Wm. Voelker of the National Executive Committee.

Committee on Normal College: Dr. Carl B. Sputh, Fred Wolf, John H. Klang, L. O. Greiner, Karl H. Schmidt and Richard Turnt of the National Executive Committee.

Committee on National Publication: Jos. Stromeyer, Arnold Kneiding, Arnold E. Boedeker, R. Shroeder, Theo. Halsig, Albert Steinhauser,

Charles Klink, George Hussey, Charles L. Roos and George Seibel of the National Executive Committee.

Mental Culture Committee (Educational): Max F. Ernst, Marshall Troester, Edward J. Hill, Charles K. Liebeskind, Anton Fischer, Arthur Westrich, and William Voelker of the National Executive Committee.

The different committees were assigned to their meeting quarters.

Chairman Socha then suggested that the Convention set the time at which the Convention should re-convene. Upon motion regularly made and carried, the Convention adjourned at 1:00 P. M. to meet at 4:00 P. M. Friday afternoon.

Note: A photograph of the delegates and visitors was made immediately after lunch, subsequent to which the Committees proceeded to their work.

Second Session, Friday Afternoon July 9, 1937

Due to the fact that the Committees were still in session at the time set for re-convening, the call to order of the Convention was delayed until 5:50 P. M.

After a motion to adjourn until Saturday morning, which was withdrawn and after further discussion relative to the desirable time of procedure, the Chairman sug-

gested that it would be desirable to consider those reports which had been completed and submitted in writing. This suggestion was accepted by unanimous consent.

A motion was then duly made and carried that Chairman Socha appoint a committee to extend greetings and best wishes of this Convention to the 9th National Convention of the ladies Auxiliaries of the American Turnerbund meeting simultaneously with this Convention at the Turnverein Germania. The Chairman appointed George Seibel, Wm. Mueller, Dr. Carl B. Sputh and Carl M. Weideman, to extend our greetings to the National Convention of the Ladies Auxiliaries.

The report of the Committee on Mental Culture was then read by Vice Chairman Mueller as follows

Committee on Mental Culture

Your Committee on Mental Culture organized by electing Turners Max F. Ernst as Chairman and Edward J. Hill as Secretary.

The Committee, after careful consideration, adopted the following recommendations for the submission to the convention:

1. We recommend that Ladies' Choruses and Mixed Choruses be organized wherever possible and that these groups be made eligible to competition at District and National Turnfests as well as Male Choruses.

2. (a) We recommend that Ladies' Choruses and Mixed Choruses of Turnvereins be given the privilege of competing at Turnfests, under the same conditions as are now stipulated for the male choruses (four part voices - a capella - in either the German or English language).

(b) We recommend that the results of the competition at Turnfests be made known early so that winners of wreaths will be present at the Preis Verteilung, if these prizes are distributed at future Turnfests.

(c) The Mental Activities Committee and the Local and National Technical Committee must cooperate with each other at Turnfests to the end that the list of names of the Mental Activities Committee and the names of the Mental Activities Judges shall appear in the Festival Work Plan.

(d) Societies and individuals must be made to understand that they must have the names of the entries in the hands of the Committee at the time specified.

3. We recommend that competition in Art Photography be encouraged by the District and National Organizations and that suitable prizes be awarded for this activity from year to year for all outstanding work. Individual societies to report monthly directly to the National Board on blanks furnished by same.

4. We recommend that Articles 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 of the Mental Culture Committee's report of the 35th National Convention be retained. These articles read as follows:

Realizing that the mental activities in the various societies will never reach the highest point until the instructors for mental training work are available we recommend that every effort should be made to build up the Jahn Fund as rapidly as possible, so that teachers and speakers for mental training can be trained and made available for those societies who are able and willing to engage them.

We suggest that societies of the American Turnerbund should encourage by all possible methods and means, the furtherance of augmentation of the Jahn Educational Fund.

That the Societies of the Turnerbund shall use all possible methods of and means to further preserve the German Language.

We again recommend that where it is locally possible, mental activities such as music, singing and drama be introduced and encouraged; also that the open forums be established for the debating of current interesting topics of the day.

It is recommended that all societies be advised of the opportunity of obtaining from larger corporations,

steamship and railroad companies, etc. without charge, material, speakers, motion pictures, etc., which while they may be of an advertising nature, are still entertaining and of an instructive nature.

Respectfully submitted with

Turner Greetings,

Max Ernst, Chairman

Edward J. Hill, Secretary

In accordance with a request from the floor, this report was considered and adopted by paragraphs with little discussion and was then adopted as a whole.

The report of the Finance Committee being ready, was read by Vice Chairman Mueller as follows:

Report of the Finance Committee

To the 36th National Convention
of the American Turnerbund
Gut Heil!

The Finance Committee, under the chairmanship of Charles Eichin, and with George E. Karstens, Secretary, submits the following report for your consideration:

Selective audits have been made of the receipts and expenses of our National Treasurer.

We have accepted a report of August Hiller, certified public accountant, certifying the correctness of cash

accounts of the past two fiscal years, ending March 31, 1937.

This report is embodied in the Annual Report of the National Executive Committee.

We also corroborate the correctness of cash on hand March 31st, 1937 of \$1195.74 as shown in bank balance records submitted to us.

On March 31st, 1935 there appeared on the Treasurer's books, the charge of \$10,061.14 of delinquent per-capita tax. The tax outstanding, as of today, is \$12,463.30 — this being the amount after crediting \$3,383.62 paid since printing of the 1937 report.

It is evident therefor, that the recommendations adopted in our 1935 Convention did not bring about the promised results of reducing the delinquent per-capita tax account, which is composed of the following items:

New York District	\$ 501.50
Indiana District	217.30
St. Louis District	2,193.98
New England District	69.00
Wisconsin District	519.90
Illinois District	215.00
Philadelphia District	598.31
New Jersey District	879.00
Pittsburgh District	655.65
Kansas-Missouri District	138.00
Upper Mississippi District	529.08
Rocky Mountain District	1,456.50

Pacific District	586.75
Lake Erie District	497.93
Western New York District	2,246.50
Ohio District	699.50
North Pacific District	381.90
Southern California District	77.50
Total	<u>\$12,463.30</u>

We also bring to your attention the amount of \$6,000.00 due our Normal College and the item of \$3,070.00 listed as being due the TURNZEITUNG, unpaid as of March 31st, 1937.

The Committee reiterates and emphasizes a previous recommendation that all delinquent per-capita tax should be collected in full as charged in the books of our Treasurer.

The existence and perpetuation of the Turnerbund is dependent upon the collection of our per-capita tax and this tax must be turned into our National Treasury in order that our National organization can function in the manner fitting for our principles and precepts.

Respectfully submitted,
with Turner Greetings,
Chas. Eichin, Chairman
George E. Karstens, Secretary

After the reading of this report considerable informal discussion took place relating to the importance of the payment of the per capita tax and also including several complaints regarding alleged overcharges of taxes,

by some of the Districts, all of which National Treasurer Thier satisfactorily explained or promised to adjust on the merits of the cases.

A motion was then made and seconded that the report of the Finance Committee be adopted in toto. This motion was carried without further discussion.

The report of the Committee on the Turner Youth Movement was then read by Vice Chairman Mueller, as follows:

Report of Committee On Turner Youth Movement

To the 36th National Convention
of the American Turnerbund
Gut Heil!

The Youth Movement Committee, organized by electing Turners Rudolph Koenig as Chairman and Walter J. Holtz as Secretary.

AMERICAN BOY TURNERS

Purpose:

This division will be devoted to the furthering of the American Turnerbund thru our Youth.

It shall be the purpose of this group to teach the history and aims of our organization so that they may become familiar with it and grow up to fill the gaps in the older ranks that

are now so conspicuous.

To educate them so that they may follow our Founder's ideals and principles.

Organization:

Each separate organization shall have three groups.

First Group will consist of boys, eight, nine, ten and eleven years old.

Second group will be the boys twelve, thirteen, fourteen and fifteen years old.

The older boys sixteen and over will form the leader's group.

The Committee after careful consideration adopted the following recommendation for submission to the Convention:

1. We suggest that all societies of the American Turnerbund organize boys' organizations, under the name of "American Boy Turners".

2. That a tentative committee should be appointed consisting of the following members: Rudolph Koenig as Chairman, and two members selected by him to serve until September 1938.

3. We further suggest that the National Executive Board appoint a committee, beginning September 1938, which will supervise this Move-

ment as a whole and will take over the duties of the tentative committee.

A. The duties of the Committee will be: To stimulate organization of American Boy Turners in every Society in the Turnerbund.

B. To supply information and literature.

C. To give a summary of the yearly activities.

4. A. Each Society should appoint a Youth Leader who will give a report each month of the activities.

B. This report to be made in triplicate, one to be sent to the National Board, one to the District, and the third to be kept by the Society.

C. The National Committee is to compile these reports and send copies of them to each Society.

5. All details of the Turner Youth Movement Activities are to be worked out by the special committee.

Respectfully submitted

with Turner Greetings,

Rudolph Koenig, Chairman

Walter Holtz, Secretary

The above report was listened to attentively by the delegates and was adopted as a whole by motion duly made, and carried.

The Report of the Committee on Platform, Statutes and Grievances was then read by Vice Chairman Mueller, as follows: (The notes in parenthesis at the ends of the sections are added by the Secretary of the Convention to conveniently indicate the action taken by the Convention on the respective sections.)

Report of Committee on Platform,

Statutes and Grievances

To the 36th National Convention
of the American Turnerbund
Gut Heil!

The Committee organized with Turner F. Drews as Chairman and Robert Havelberg as Secretary:

The Committee recommends:

1. To return to the old system of assessing and collecting of the per capita tax, based on the annual statistical report; with semi annual or annual payments made optional. (Paragraph 1 was adopted by the Convention in the Fourth Session.)

2. That the following paragraphs of the Statutes be amended:

a. Resolved that Paragraph 28 of the Statutes of the American Turnerbund be amended to read as follows: "The National Convention shall choose the District, Societies or Society in which the National Executive Committee shall be located".

b. Resolved that the second sentence of Paragraph 29 of the Statutes of the American Turnerbund be amended to read as follows: "Nine of these members shall be elected by a convention of the National Headquarters District, Societies, or Society chosen by the National Convention, to fill the National Offices and attend to all regular business of the National Executive Committee."

c. Resolved that the first sentence of Paragraph 36 of the Statutes of the American Turnerbund be amended to read as follows: "The District, Societies, or Society chosen as the National Headquarters shall call a Convention to elect members of the National Executive Committee within thirty days after adjournment of the National Convention and proceed to elect the nine members."

d. Resolved that the first sentence of Paragraph 37 of the Statutes of the American Turnerbund be amended to read as follows: "The District, Societies or Society in which the National Executive Committee is located shall be responsible for the administration of the Treasury of the Bund by said Committee, and the Treasurer of said Committee shall file an ample bond with the District Executive Committee." (Paragraphs 2a, 2b, 2c and 2d were adopted by the Convention in the Fourth Session.)

Respectfully submitted
with Turner Greetings,
F. Drews, Chairman
Robert Havelberg, Secretary

After brief discussion of the first section of the above report, and in view of the fact that the Committee on National Affairs announced that it had included a resolution covering the same ground, a motion to lay the first section of this report on the table until after the consideration of the report of the Committee on National Affairs, was duly made and carried.

After further discussion of the second section of the above report, and after a few explanations, the second section of the report was laid on the table by motion duly made and carried until the consideration of the report of the Committee on National Affairs which was alleged to include a resolution related to the second section of this report.

The first draft of the Report of the Committee on National Affairs was then read by Vice Chairman Mueller and Turner Henry Duser Secretary of the Committee. Various paragraphs of this report were explained and discussed informally and the report was referred back to the Committee Officers for further amplification and completion and with the further suggestion that the Committee strike from their report any resolutions not adopted by the Committee.

The time was now 7:30 P. M. and the Convention adjourned to meet at 9:00 A. M. on Saturday morning, July 10, 1937.

**Third Session, Saturday Morning
July 10, 1937**

The third session of the Convention was called to order at 9:35 A. M. by Chairman Socha.

A committee consisting of Mrs. Herman Eisele of Cleveland, Mrs. Alice Moore of Davenport and Mrs. Emma Stark of Los Angeles from the 9th National Convention of the Ladies Auxiliaries of the American Turnerbund extended the greetings of their Convention to this Convention of the American Turnerbund. The Ladies called attention to the Student Loan Fund which is one of the early and major activities of the National Auxiliaries. They also referred to some of the other activities of the National Auxiliaries including the presenting of a cottage at Camp Brosius, contributions for flood relief, contributions to the Maintenance Fund of the Normal College and other activities. They further expressed their willingness to cooperate with projects sponsored by the Turner Societies and particularly the National Projects of the American Turnerbund. They expressed themselves as being especially anxious to support the Turner Youth Movement.

The Minutes of the First Session and of the Second Session of the Convention were then read and approved as read.

A letter from George F. Roth, President of the Turner Pioneers was read expressing his regrets at his inability to attend the Convention and extending greetings and good wishes and asking all Turners present not yet members of the Turner Pioneers, to give their application to Turner Fred Olt of Dayton, Ohio.

The Report of the Committee on Normal College was then read by Vice Chairman Mueller as follows:

**Report of the Committee On
Normal College**

To the 36th National Convention
of the American Turnerbund
Gut Heil!

Turner Karl H. Schmidt from the Lake Erie District was elected Chairman of this Committee, and Turner Fred J. Wolf from the Lake Erie District was elected Secretary of the Committee.

The following official correspondence and suggestions from Districts were read and submitted for the consideration of the Committee.

From the Lake Erie District the following resolution unanimously adopted at the 62nd District Convention of the Lake Erie District:

A. We recommend that the faculty of the Normal College impress upon their students that Mental Cul-

ture is as important as physical culture, and that the instructors of the various Societies in the Turnerbund be instructed to acquaint the children under their care on proper occasions, briefly and in language understandable to them, with the history, tradition, and ideology of the American Turnerbund.

We also recommend that a suitable manual for this purpose be worked out by the National Executive Committee, submitted for the adoption and published and offered at cost price to the Societies of the Turnerbund.

(The above recommendation was approved by the Committee).

From the Buffalo Turnverein to the Normal College and referred to the Convention by the Normal College:

B. Every graduate who receives a scholarship or discount in tuition from the college thru Societies of the American Turnerbund must be a member of a Society of the American Turnerbund during the college years and at least five years after graduation. If the graduate does not live up to the above agreement, the college is to receive full payment of the tuition upon demand. The Normal College is to use legal means if necessary to collect the debt if other means have failed.

The above also applies to girls except that the father is obligated to hold the membership.

The above is to be printed in the application blanks and signed by the individual who is responsible for the applicant.

Application blanks should be printed in English.

(No action was taken on this recommendation by the Committee.)

From the Philadelphia District:

C. Recommended that a \$500,000. Normal College "Endowment Fund" be raised of which only the income may be expended in conducting the college, as prevails in other colleges. A "Maintenance Fund" whereby income may be expended until the principal is raised, and then the principal may be expended for equipment and other expenses, is strongly opposed.

The last named plan might bring forth a modern college plant sooner but it would not assure future financial maintenance after the physical plant has been acquired.

(The Committee's Recommendations relative to the above are set forth in a later paragraph.)

From the Philadelphia District:

D. Recommended that a separate Board of Trustees consisting of Tur-

ners in good standing be established to administer the Normal College Endowment Fund and to oppose the administration of the Fund by the Board of Trustees of the Normal College.

The Normal College should remain under the jurisdiction of the American Turnerbund.

(The Committee's recommendations relative to the above are set forth in a later paragraph.)

Report of Richard Turnt, Chairman of General Campaign Committee of Normal College Maintenance Fund of the American Turnerbund was received.

Carl B. Sputh reported that the Normal College has adopted a two year course for the teaching of the history, organization, problems and principles of the Turnerbund.

All members of the Committee engaged in a prolonged informal discussion touching on all phases of the Normal College, its value, its shortcomings, its financial problems, and comprehensive details pertaining to this Turnerbund institution of learning.

The following recommendations to the Convention were then approved:

E. Recommended that the Normal College be continued and that every effort be made to raise the

Maintenance Fund which has been started.

Recommended that the National Executive Committee and the Trustees of the Normal College draw up a Trust Agreement for the Maintenance Fund, embodying the following general provisions:

F. 1. The Fund shall be administered by a Board of Seven Trustees, three appointed by the National Executive Committee, three appointed by the Trustees of the Normal College and one to be appointed by the aforementioned six.

2. That the Trustees shall appoint a Trust Company to manage and invest the fund **with the advice and consent of the Trustees.**

3. That the Trustees shall be empowered to disburse the income from the fund, for the purposes for which the fund was created.

4. In the event that the existence of the Normal College should be terminated, the Fund shall be disposed of at a National Convention of the American Turnerbund, for the training of instructors of **physical education.**

5. In the event that the Turnerbund should be dissolved and the Normal College should remain in existence, the Trustees shall turn over all remaining Funds to the Board of Trustees of the School.

6. In the event of the dissolution of both the Normal College and the Turnerbund, the Trustees shall be directed and empowered to turn over the Fund to a recognized educational institution, teaching physical education, as an endowment Fund to be used for the purposes for which it was originally created.

G. Recommended that the \$6,000. appropriation to the Normal College per year be continued for the next two years.

H. This Committee recognizes and appreciates the difficult task of carrying on the work of the Normal College and recommends that the Convention express its sincere thanks and grateful appreciation to the Board of Trustees of the Normal College.

Respectfully submitted

with Turner Greetings,

Karl H. Schmidt, Chairman
Fred J. Wolf, Secretary

This report was then re-read and considered and acted upon by sections. A substantial amount of discussion and explanation accompanied the consideration of most of the recommendations.

Each of the sections of the report was adopted in turn by the Convention as reported except sections F-2 and F-4 which were amended from the floor as indicated in bold face, by mo-

tions regularly made and carried, and were then adopted as amended. The report as a whole was then adopted by motion duly made and carried.

The report of the Committee on National Publication was then read by Vice Chairman Mueller as follows: (The notes in parenthesis at the ends of the sections are added by the Secretary of the Convention to conveniently indicate the action taken by the Convention on the respective sections.)

Report Of The Committee On National Publication

To the 36th National Convention
of the American Turnerbund
Gut Heil!

Your Committee composed of the following members present: Jos. Strohmeier, Arnold Kneiding, Albert Steinhauser, George P. Hussey, Charles L. Roos and National President Goerge Seibel, Ex Officio; Joe Strohmeier acting as Chairman and Secretary of the Committee.

A letter was read to the committee from the Boston Turnverein in reference to the policy of the TURNZEITUNG regarding international affairs. This letter was received to be placed on file.

A letter from the Philadelphia District was read to the Committee submitting a copy of a motion adopted

by that District asking that record be made of their request that the TURNER TOPICS be continued and the American Turnerbund withdraw all their obligations from the AMERICANISCHE TURNZEITUNG (American Turner). This letter was received to be placed on file.

1. The Committee recommends that Publisher Albert Steinhauser of the AMERICANISCHE TURNZEITUNG (American Turner) and National Treasurer Thier should determine what amount is due to the Turner Publishing Company to date, taking into consideration issues of the paper that were skipped, also amounts paid to Turner Steinhauser by National Treasurer Thier and Turner Theodore Ahrens, to which arrangement Turner Steinhauser agrees. (Adopted by the Convention).

2. The Committee recommends that the Convention should decide whether to continue the AMERICANISCHE TURNZEITUNG (AMERICAN TURNER) or substitute TURNER TOPICS, and if the former, what subsidy to pay, making sure the money for this will be received. (See below for a decision of the Convention in accordance with the above recommendation.)

3. The Committee recommends that the Convention should decide whether to recommend Jahn Fund to continue TURNER TOPICS, and build up subscription and advertising.

If recommended, the Jahn Fund will carry out the recommendation, but would ask the Convention to **authorize** Executive Committee to pay \$450. a year for nine hundred (900) subscriptions, **one to each** District and Society President, Secretary, Treasurer, Instructor, and Chairman of Mental Committee, such sum being payable \$37.50 monthly. The Jahn Fund will then meet deficits. (Adopted by the Convention as amended in bold face.)

Note: TURNER TOPICS is now issuing 2200 copies a month. A subscription list of 5000 should be secured before it pays its way at 50 cents a year.

Submitted by the Illinois District and submitted to this Convention

4. Most Turners agree that National Publication is indispensable to our type of organization. Such a publication, should however be used principally to disseminate news of important activities and events from all Turner Districts — Historical facts about Turnerism — Instructions and announcements from the National Executive Committee — Editorials and essays on Turner and Educational Subjects — Publication of national records and results of important meets and only such information and discussions on governmental, political and economic subjects that we do not get from the daily press. There are two publications in the field now which divide our support and inter-

est. We recommend that the Convention choose one or the other, declare it to be the official publication and begin making it the kind of a publication the majority wants. (Adopted by the Convention. See below for a decision of the Convention relative to the above.)

5. That an Open Forum Department be run in the National Publication to encourage readers to submit for publication their opinions on controversial matters, (as a means to stimulate interest and circulation. (Adopted by the Convention.)

6. That Editors and others responsible for the National Publication be directed to avoid dogmatic writings on racial, political and national and international subjects that tend to cause hatred and prejudice. It is not the wish to stifle or limit the rights of the Editor or layman in the matter of free speech or free press but to be in accordance with our National Statutes, the intent being not to offend but to lead to a mutual understanding and solution of the problems of the American People. (Adopted by the Convention.)

Respectfully submitted

with Turner Greetings,

Joe Strohmeyer,

Chairman and Secretary

The Chairman suggested that this report be considered by paragraphs and there being no objection the sec-

tions were considered individually in turn.

1. Recommendation No. 1 was adopted by vote of the Convention.

2. In accordance with the recommendation No. 2 of the Committee, which was declared adopted by the Chairman, there being no objection, it was moved and seconded that we decide to adopt TURNER TOPICS as the Official Organ of the American Turnerbund and that it be published under the direction of the National Executive Committee. After considerable discussion a roll call by Districts was called for and the vote resulted as follows: 142 Federal votes for the motion and 39 Federal votes against the motion whereupon the Chairman declared the motion carried. The vote by Districts is recorded as follows:

District	Votes	For	Against
New York	11		11
Indiana	11	11	
Illinois	16	4	12
St. Louis	14	14	
Lake Erie	36	36	
Western New York	11		11
Philadelphia	13	13	
Wisconsin	6	6	
Pittsburgh	18	18	
New Jersey	11	11	
Ohio	4	2	2
Minnesota	2		2
Upper Mississippi	18	18	
Rocky Mountain	1	1	
Pacific	4	4	
Southern California	5	4	1
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3. Recommendation No. 3 was carried by vote after being amended by consent from the floor, as indicated in bold face.

Paragraphs 4, 5, and 6 were then considered and declared adopted in turn, there being no objection.

The report was then adopted as a whole by motion regularly made and carried.

At this point it was moved and seconded that the official minutes of the 9th National Convention of the Women's Auxiliaries furnished in printed form be bound in with the Official Minutes of this Convention of the American Turnerbund provided that the National Officers of Ladies Auxiliary wish to cooperate in this respect. This motion was carried.

The report of the Technical Committee was then read in its entirety by Vice Chairman Mueller. (The notes in parenthesis at the ends of the sections are added by the Secretary of the Convention to conveniently indicate the action taken by the convention on the respective sections.)

Report Of The Technical Committee

To the 36th National Convention
of the American Turnerbund
Gut Heil!

The Committee was organized by

electing Henry J. Koeber, Chairman
and J. J. Zimmerman, Secretary.

1. We recommend a memorial to Turner Henry Kraft, Turner A. E. Kindervater, Turner Christ Neubauer and Turner Hans Goetz. (Rejected by the Convention for the reason that this suggestion was covered by a separate resolution.)

2. We recommend that the Guarantee Fund for National Turnfest be reduced to \$5,000.00 instead of the present \$15,000.00 Guarantee. (Adopted by the Convention.)

3. We recommend that a more appropriate official emblem be designed which will be distinctly recognized as a Turner insignia and that its use be made compulsory at all public occasions, in which Turners take part, in the form of exhibitions or competitions. We believe that the word "Turner" should be given the greatest prominence on such an emblem. We also suggest that a label or a sticker of the same could be used. (Adopted by the Convention.)

4. We recommend that the next National Turnfest be held in 1941 and every four years thereafter. (Adopted by the Convention.)

5. Upon certified application by any district executive committee to the National Technical Committee any qualified Turner desiring to enter recognized championships will be

reimbursed by the individual society, district and National Executive Committee. The expenses to be defrayed equally by the Society, District and National Executive Committee. (Rejected by Convention.)

6. We recommend and urge that the districts and societies of American Turnbund encourage and conduct meets to attain the Turnbund medal and that the National Technical Committee periodically publish results of these tests. (Adopted by the Convention.)

7. We recommend that since there has been no application received for the next National Turnfest, that the National Executive Committee be empowered to award the Turnfest to any city desiring same. (Adopted by the Convention.)

8. We recommend that any proven violation of the age requirements for Active Men, Ladies, and Senior Men at National Turnfest be penalized by disqualifying all points earned by that entire respective team in all events. (Adopted by the Convention.)

9. We recommend that the report received from the Lake Erie District, because of its length and technicalities, be referred back to that District so that copies can be printed and sent to all Districts for their consideration and trial and also to the National Technical Committee. (Adopted by the Convention.)

Respectfully submitted
with Turner Greetings,
Henry J. Koeber, Chairman
J. J. Zimmerman, Secretary

Upon a call for consideration by paragraphs, the chairman ordered this procedure.

1. It was moved to defeat paragraph 1 for the reason that this matter was more completely covered in another resolution. This motion to defeat was carried and the Chairman declared the paragraph rejected.

Paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 in turn were adopted after discussion by vote of the Convention.

5. Paragraph 5 was rejected by vote of the Convention after considerable discussion.

Paragraphs 6, 7, 8, and 9 were adopted in turn by vote of the Convention.

This report was then adopted as a whole as amended in accordance with a motion regularly made and carried.

A motion was then made, seconded and carried to adjourn the Convention to re-convene at 1:45 Saturday afternoon.

**Fourth Session, Saturday Afternoon
July 10, 1937**

The fourth session of the Convention was called to order at 2:00 P. M.

The Minutes of the Third Session were read and approved as corrected.

Moved and seconded that Junior Turnfest be again reinstated and held at Elkhart Lake as formerly. Motion carried.

Chairman Socha suggested that the Convention take up the question of selecting the city for the next National Convention at this time. There being no objection the Chairman gave the floor to Carl M. Weideman, President of the Detroit Socialer Turnverein who ably presented a most cordial invitation to the Delegates to place the next National Convention in Detroit. This invitation was supported by official invitations from Frank Murphy, Governor of Michigan, Leo. J. Nowicki, Lieutenant Governor of Michigan; Frank Couzens, Mayor of Detroit; John W. Smith, Acting Mayor and President of Council of City of Detroit; Ernest K. Sahlmann, Editor and Publisher of the Detroit Abendpost; Detroit Board of Commerce; Detroit Convention and Tourist Bureau; the United German American Societies of Michigan; the Gratiot Harper Business Men's Association of Detroit; the Detroit District of the Arbeiter Kranken & Sterbekasse of the United States of America; and from the Officers of the Detroit Socialer Turnverein.

Turner Weideman was followed by Turner Theodore Ahrens of Louisville who was prepared to extend an

equally cordial invitation on behalf of the City of Louisville; but in view of the reasons submitted by Detroit, Turner Ahrens graciously yielded in favor of Detroit.

A motion was then made and seconded that the next National Convention of the American Turnerbund be held in the city of Detroit in 1938. This motion was carried.

On behalf of the Detroit Socialer Turnverein, Turner Weideman expressed his cordial thanks to the delegates and particularly to Turner Ahrens.

The report of the Committee on National Affairs was then read by Vice Chairman Mueller as follows: (The notes in parenthesis at the ends of the sections are added by the Secretary of the Convention to conveniently indicate the action taken by the Convention on the respective sections.)

Report Of The Committee On National Affairs

To the 36th National Convention
of the American Turnerbund
Gut Heil!

The Committee was called together by the Temporary Chairman Martin Nolde, of New York. The Committee organized with Wm. D. Held of the Lake Erie District as Chairman and Henry Duser of the Pacific District as Secretary.

On motions duly made and carried in this Committee we recommend the following for adoption:

1. That the National Executive Committee be empowered to set up minimum Society standards and requirements for membership in the American Turnerbund and to make it obligatory to maintain these standards under penalty of forfeiture of membership; that is to say, that a Society, to be a member of the Turnerbund must consist of at least a minimum number of members, and must operate as a bona fide Turnverein. (Adopted by the convention.)

2. That the National Executive Committee adopt a uniform design for all advertising material, such as insignias, letter heads, pennants, pamphlets, etc.; and that the word "Turner" be given prominence in all our publicity of all kinds. (Adopted by the Convention.)

3. That the National Executive Committee investigate the alignment of Districts as to their geographical convenience, and, where advisable, to realign Districts to promote better cooperation between societies in these areas (This paragraph was defeated by the Convention.)

4. That the Next National Turnfest be held in 1941 and every four years thereafter. (Adopted by the Convention.)

5. That a uniform and simplified

name be used Nationally by all Turner Societies. (Adopted by the Convention.)

6. That National dues (per capita tax) must be paid by the Societies to National Executive Committee direct, and not thru the Districts as heretofore; and that the National Executive Committee shall have full power to suspend Societies in arrears six month after the per capita tax becomes due; and societies suspended for this cause may not be reinstated until all arrears have been paid or satisfactory arrangements for payments have been made with the National Executive Committee. (This paragraph was rejected by the Convention.)

7. Societies that withdraw from the American Turnerbund after a National Turnfest and wish to rejoin before the next National Turnfest must pay all dues accrued during this interval. (Adopted by the Convention)

8. We recommend the support of the Instructor's Fund of the American Turnerbund to all Societies and Turners. (Adopted by the Convention.)

9. We recommend that the next National Convention be held in Detroit, Michigan in 1939. (Adopted by the Convention.)

10. We recommend that the National Executive Committee be in-

trusted to the Lake Erie District. (The following resolution was substituted for and adopted by the Convention: :That the National Executive Committee be entrusted to the Detroit Socialer Turnverein, Akron Turner Club and Toledo Turn und Sport Verein.)

11. That the Statutes be amended to read as follows: "Par. 78. No person may be member of two societies of the Bund without the consent of the National Executive Committee, honorary members excepted. In matters pertaining to the District or the Bund, such members may vote in but one Society." (Adopted by the Convention.)

Respectfully submitted

with Turner Greetings,

William D. Held, Chairman

Henry Duser, Secretary

This report was considered by paragraphs at the direction of the Chairman.

Paragraphs 1 and 2 of the above report were adopted after brief discussion.

Paragraph 3 was defeated by motion duly made and carried.

Paragraphs 4 and 5 were adopted by vote of the convention.

Paragraph 6 was defeated by motion to reject this recommendation duly made and carried. (A suggestion was informally made that this entire subject matter be given further consideration during the next year and brought up at the next Convention.)

Paragraphs 7, 8 and 9 were declared adopted in quick succession there being no objection.

After the reading of Paragraph 10 of this report the Chairman ordered action suspended on this paragraph until the proposed Amendments to Paragraphs 28, 29, 36 and 37 could be acted upon, these proposed amendments forming part of the report of the Committee on Platform, Statutes and Grievances and having been laid on the table in the Second Session until the consideration of this report from the Committee on National Affairs. These proposed amendments were then read and considered by the Convention. After some discussion and explanation these amendments to Paragraphs 28, 29, 36 and 37 of the Statutes were carried by 167 Federal votes for and 14 Federal votes against. The vote by Districts is recorded as follows:

District	Votes	For	Against
New York	11	11	
Indiana	11		11
Illinois	16	15	1
St. Louis	14	14	
Lake Erie	36	36	
Western New York	11	11	
Philadelphia	13	13	
Wisconsin	6	6	
Pittsburgh	18	18	
New Jersey	11	11	
Ohio	4	4	
Minnesota	2	2	
Upper Mississippi	18	18	
Rocky Mountain	1	1	
Pacific	4	2	2
Southern California	5	5	
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Chairman Socha declared the amendments adopted.

The Chairman then declared Paragraph 10 of the Report of the Committee on National Affairs to be before the Convention for action. In view of the fact that no invitation for the National Headquarters had been received from any District and since the Lake Erie District at its 62nd Convention had definitely declined to accept the National Headquarters and as several individual Societies were desirous of securing the National Headquarters, under Paragraphs 28, 29, 36 and 37 of the Statutes, which had just previously been amended as indicated above, a motion was made and seconded to substitute the following resolution for Para-

graph 10 of the report. "That the National Executive Committee be entrusted to the Detroit Socialer Turnverein, to the Akron Turner Club, and to the Toledo Turn und Sport Verein." This motion was unanimously carried.

Paragraph 11 was unanimously carried and there being no objection the Secretary was instructed to cast all the Federal Votes represented at the Convention in favor of this Amendment, the vote being as follows:

District	Votes	For	Against
New York	11	11	
Indiana	11	11	
Illinois	16	16	
St. Louis	14	14	
Lake Erie	36	36	
Western New York	11	11	
Philadelphia	13	13	
Wisconsin	6	6	
Pittsburgh	18	18	
New Jersey	11	11	
Ohio	4	4	
Minnesota	2	2	
Upper Mississippi	18	18	
Rocky Mountain	1	1	
Pacific	4	4	
Southern California	5	5	
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A motion was then made and seconded that the Report of the Committee on National Affairs, as amended, be adopted in toto. This motion was carried.

During the consideration of the Report from the Committee on National Affairs the Convention recessed in order to permit the Delegates to listen to the 15 minute address which was delivered by President Seibel over Radio Station KEHE at Los Angeles from 3:30 to 3:45 P. M.

This inspiring and enlightening address is given verbatim in the August 1937 Issue of TURNER TOPICS.

Turner Socha announced that it had been possible for him to arrange for President Seibel's time on Station KEHE gratuitously. A motion was then regularly made and carried that President Seibel be commended for this inspiring address, and that cordial thanks be extended to Turner Socha for his valuable offices in this matter and that President Seibel's address be reproduced in printed form.

It was announced that several districts were anxious to have the names of their Districts changed. The Chairman suggested that this was properly a matter to be adjusted by the National Executive Committee to the mutual satisfaction of all concerned and, there being no objections, directed that these requests be referred to the National Executive Committee.

After the adoption of the Report of the Committee on National Affairs, Chairman Socha reminded the Convention of the first recommendation

of the Committee on Platform, Statutes and Grievances, (see Second Session) action on which had been laid on the table until after the Convention had acted upon the Report of the Committee on National Affairs. This recommendation directed the return to the old system of assessing and paying the per capita tax (see Second Section for verbatim report of the Committee).

The Chairman called attention to the fact that this recommendation in fact constituted an amendment of the Statutes and would require a two thirds majority of the Federal Votes represented and a recorded vote by Districts. After brief discussion the Amendment was adopted by 164 Federal Votes in favor and 17 Federal Votes against the Amendment, whereupon the Chairman declared the Amendment adopted. The vote by Districts was as follows

District	Votes	For	Against
New York	11	11	
Indiana	11	11	
Illinois	16	16	
St. Louis	14	14	
Lake Erie	36	34	2
Western New York	11	11	
Philadlephia	13		13
Wisconsin	6	6	
Pittsburgh	18	18	
New Jersey	11	11	
Ohio	4	4	
Minnesota	2	2	
Upper Mississippi	18	18	
Rocky Mountain	1	1	
Pacific	4	4	
Southern California	5	3	2
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It was then moved and seconded that the above amendment be effective as of January 1, 1937. This motion was carried.

After this Turners Turnt, Ahrens, and Socha briefly addressed the Convention in behalf of the Normal College Maintenance Fund.

The following resolution was submitted to the Convention:

"Resolved that we express our sincere appreciation to the National Executive Committee for the fourteen years unselfish and efficient service in behalf of the American Turnerbund."

This resolution was enthusiastically adopted by a rising vote followed by a three fold Gut Heil.

The following resolution was then presented in writing:

"Resolved that the delegates rise and pay a moment's silent tribute to the memory of Hugo Muench, Theodore Stempfel, Henry Suder, Alvin E. Kindervater, Henry Kraft, Hans Goetz, Christ. Neubauer, Herman Hein and Peter Scherer, and all other Turners who have passed away since our last convention."

This resolution was unanimously adopted and the delegates arose in sincere silent tribute to the memory of the departed Turners.

The following resolution was presented in writing:

Resolved that a rising vote of thanks be extended to the Turnverein Germania of Los Angeles and its Ladies' Auxiliary for the hearty reception and hospitality extended to the delegates and for the entertainment and facilities provided for the Convention."

This resolution was enthusiastically carried.

The following telegram was read by the Chairman: Greetings! My sincerest good wishes for a most successful Convention. May your constructive discussions and finally adopted resolutions stimulate renewed interest in our worthy cause. Gut Heil! Carl F. Hein."

The following written recommendation was then submitted by Turner Karl H. Schmidt: "We recommend that the Jahn Educational Fund be authorized to carry on the work of collecting and the care of the Turner Archives and Museum." Pursuant to a motion regularly made and carried, this recommendation was adopted.

The following additional resolution was submitted in writing by Turner Karl H. Schmidt: "Resolved that we approve the recommendation made in the Annual Message of President Seibel, that the Jahn Educational Fund, when its means permit, promote organization work to extend the Turner Movement." In accordance

with a motion made seconded and carried, this resolution was declared adopted.

The following resolution was submitted by Turner Henry J. Koeber: "Be it resolved that the National Executive Committee be empowered to adjust the past due per capita tax of the various districts in the most equitable way possible." Chairman Socha declared that a part of the authority covered by this resolution was already vested in the National Executive Committee by paragraph 58 and that any powers specified in this resolution of greater scope than those granted by the Statutes would be unconstitutional and he accordingly regretted that he would have to call the resolution out of order.

A motion was then made and seconded that the cordial thanks of the Convention be extended to the newspapers who so efficiently co-operated in covering the convention particularly to G. E. Martens of the California Staats-Zeitung, Carl Harbst of the Sud-California Deutsche Zeitung, Max Luke a representative of the New Yorker Staats-Zeitung and Chicago Abend Post, and Harold Express, the Los Angeles Times and the Los Angeles Examiner. This motion was carried.

The following resolution was submitted by Emil L. Pletz of the Detroit Socialer Turnverein: Resolved that this 36th National Convention of the American Turnerbund

hereby express its appreciation to the National Transportation Committee of the American Turnerbund and particularly to Messrs. V. L. Hitzfeld and Jos. Strohmeier of The Milwaukee Road for the splendid transportation services provided for the convenience of the delegates participating in the American Turnerbund Tour." This resolution was quickly seconded and enthusiastically and unanimously carried.

A motion was then made that the Convention express its grateful appreciation to Chairman Max E. Socha for the efficient manner in which he conducted the deliberations of the Convention and to the other Officers of the Convention for their helpful cooperation in conducting the business of the Convention. This motion was promptly seconded and carried..

The Minutes of the Fourth Session of the Convention were then read and after minor corrections were declared approved.

There being no further business the Convention adjourned at 5:00 P. M. with a three fold Gut Heil for the success of the American Turnerbund.

Respectfully submitted with Turner Greetings by the Officers of the 36th National Convention of the American Turnerbund,

Theodore Ahrens,
Honorary Chairman
Max E. Socha, Chairman
Wm. Mueller, Vice Chairman
Herman Eisele, Secretary
Fred Olt, Assistant Secretary