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The Thirty-Second Convention of the American Turnerbund was called to order Friday, June 28, at 10:30 A. M. by Richard Pertuch, President of the Philadelphia District. He welcomed the delegates and expressed his pleasure and satisfaction at having the national convention in Philadelphia for the first time since the year 1900; a pleasure and honor, he said, the city as well as the Turnbezirk highly appreciated.

Turner Joseph I. Smith, President of the Philadelphia Turngemeinde, welcomed the delegates on behalf of his society. He was followed by Turner Richard Wegelein, member of the Philadelphia City Council, who represented the Mayor. Both speakers gave a vivid picture of the growth and achievements of the City of Brotherly Love since its founding 150 years ago, and especially since the Turner Convention in 1900.

A committee from the Ladies' Auxiliary Convention, headed by Mrs. Louise Huckle, St. Louis, Mrs. Heyn, Cleveland, brought the greetings of the ladies, which were accepted with lively applause. Return greetings, later in the day, were delivered by a committee consisting of the honorary chairman, the chairman, and the National President.

National President George Seibel then opened the official part of the

convention, in the presence of the ladies, with the following message, which was received with a prolonged demonstration of applause.

Message of President Seibel

For the first time in many years the convention of the American Turnerbund, our Tagsatzung, is held in the East, and it is a happy omen that it should be held in the city of Philadelphia—a city associated with all that we hold most dear and revere most highly in this America, with our ancient liberties and our undying ideals.

The city where Thomas Jefferson wrote the immortal Declaration of Independence, where Benjamin Franklin first made the printing-press a power for mental progress in our land, where Thomas Paine issued his flaming tirades against tyranny, is the appropriate spot for the gathering of an association devoted to the cause of liberty in all its various forms, to the building up of sound bodies in order that men may develop sound minds.

We are glad to gather in Philadelphia, whose Turngemeinde has celebrated its eightieth anniversary. Our deliberations and decisions should be worthy of this old Turner city's proud and glorious history.

Several important chapters in Turner annals have been written during the past year. The Turnfest of the Deutsche Turnerschaft at Cologne took place in last July, and the Amer-

ican Turners who went over to the number of several thousand had every reason to be proud of their champions. An American, Emil Preiss of Chicago, shared the highest honors with a German Turner. Many of our contestants came home garlanded with wreaths of victory.

The Cologne Turnfest was a magnificent demonstration of the vitality of Father Jahn's idea—and also an astounding revelation of the unbroken and immortal spirit of the German races from which we are descended. It was more than that—it was a re-knitting of old fraternal ties and a fresh consecration to united effort in promoting the peace of nations and the happiness of all humanity.

This is history—it belongs to the past. We are met today to discuss problems of the future. Again I must repeat the words I set forth last year:

We are not doing as well as we should. The missionary spirit of old seems to be turning to embers. The flaming zeal of our fathers is only flickering in our day. Unless steps are taken to counteract this apathy, and to spread the principles of our organization into places where they are yet unknown, our future is insecure.

This is due in large measure to the fact that our youth has not been impregnated with our principles. The Turner cause is a cause that calls to young men. Father Jahn started the Turner movement with young people and for young people. It is youth that must carry the banner and storm the heights. Youth alone that can win the battle.

If the young men and young women for whom this organization was founded do not pick up the weapons that have dropped from the grasp of our fallen heroes, the fairest hopes humanity has known will sink to ruin and defeat.

In most of our Turner societies, old men or aging men stand at the helm to guide the ship. They have labored arduously. They are entitled to rest on their laurels in the evening of their glorious day. But others must rise and take hold of the wheel, to guide the ship to port.

This is a call to youth!

Where are these young hands? Where these young eyes looking eagerly toward the shores of tomorrow? Where these young voices shouting the battle cry of freedom?

In many cases, where the elders still conduct the affairs of Turner societies, it is because they have been unable to find young spirits to follow in their footsteps.

In some cases it may be because they have not had enough faith in the younger spirits to relinquish control.

In a few cases, perhaps, they have selfishly held on to the power and prestige of office until they have discouraged possible successors.

It should be understood that the Turner cause is greater than any individual's ambition, more powerful than any individual's personal capacities. It does not depend on any man or clique of men. If it has not within itself the potency of life, if it has no longer any service to render to democracy and liberty, then it will perish, no matter what effort is put forth.

But who will question the continued need of Turner activities? Who that looks out upon our beloved land will fail to realize that in this turmoil of selfishness and unscrupulous bigotry, the great principles enunciated by the fathers still require apostles and defenders!

Even the cause of physical education, triumphantly vindicated so that it has become part and parcel of American school systems, still demands vigilant care to keep it from

disintegration and being lost in noisy sport.

Let the elders one by one step aside, and call upon the young men to do their part. Nestor may be all right in council, but Achilles is needed in the battle. This is the age of young men. Give them a chance!

Besides turning over the leadership of the organization to the young men, we must cultivate a new spirit of sacrifice and enthusiasm in the financial column. It is no longer possible to conduct the business of any organization according to the old system which has become penny-wise and pound-foolish. Nowadays men talk in dollars instead of nickels. Holding fast to the old sense of values, many societies lag behind, unable to offer in their halls such equipment as the more modern and generous-spirited of other organizations provide for their members. Such societies naturally lose members continually, and there is no incentive for new members to join, and ultimately these societies pass out of existence, perhaps dividing up a few hundred dollars and leaving an inglorious memory.

I call upon every Turnverein within the Bund to take stock of its financial position. Is it paying its way? Is it building for the future? Is it competing in effective manner with similar organizations for accretion of membership and for the growth in loyalty of those who are members?

These things must be done if we are to continue as a force in the history of this country. The Turner principles are the same that were put into the Declaration of Independence and the Gettysburg Address by Jefferson and Lincoln—the two greatest men America has ever produced. The Turner spirit is the American spirit—the spirit of democracy and human equality. We must find ways

to spread this spirit in ever widening circles.

The National Executive Committee, realizing the importance of such missionary activity, has started work in this direction, and more will be undertaken as soon as the workers are found. Co-operation on the part of districts and societies will be required and is expected.

There is no reason to despair of the outcome—if our message is properly presented it will be embraced by thousands. The experience of two districts, Western New York and Lake Erie, shows that it is possible for Turnvereins to have waiting lists of people who wish to become members. And we should take pride in our membership growth, not deplore the fact that per capita tax will be increased and conceal such increase in order to save 50 cents. It is my certain belief that the membership of the Turnerbund is at least 40,000, though the statistics are many thousands short of that number.

Why should we laugh at Scotch jokes when we see how slowly the Jahn Educational Fund is growing! There is no doubt whatever that the objective will be attained, but we cannot afford to drag the campaign out, and we should be ashamed to drag the contributions out of unwilling purses. If we had adopted the customary methods of extracting such funds, employing financial dentists to pull your gold teeth, the Fund would already be double what it was planned. We trusted to your initiative and generosity, and the Fund is about one-half of what it should be. It is unnecessary to say more upon this topic.

There is another subject of which I have spoken in two successive messages—the creation of a Fund for the retirement of instructors who have faithfully served their societies

for many years. The suggestion was made that some one with means to do so come forward with an initial gift of not less than \$5,000 to start such a fund. Upon such a gift we could build a system based upon contributions from three sources—the Bund, the society, and the instructor, as in the teachers' pension funds many state educational departments have established.

Up to the present no Maecenas or Carnegie has claimed this honor. So I am going to suggest to this Convention to create such a Fund by taking \$5,000 available in the Treasury of the Bund, which has not been designated for any other purpose. This \$5,000 will form the nucleus of the Fund. If there is any district or society that wishes to add another \$5,000 to this sum, the National Executive Committee will be glad and proud to place the administration of the Fund in the hands of that district or society. The Jahn Fund is administered in Pittsburgh, so the new Fund should be located somewhere else. Provision should be made for its continual growth in the same way that provision has been made for the continued growth of the Jahn Fund.

This may also be advanced by another suggestion. By careful management and economy the National Executive Committee has been able to carry on its work effectively, and has no inclination to indulge in future extravagances. If the Convention authorizes us to pay 5 cents of all per capita tax into the Jahn Educational Fund and 5 cents into the Teachers' Retirement Fund, I believe the rapid completion of these Funds would be definitely assured. There will also be an incentive to our societies and districts to do missionary work in order to increase their membership. Increased revenues from increased membership would provide sufficient means to carry on the mis-

sionary work the need of which has been pointed out.

Lack of general interest in the undertaking has been responsible during the past two years for the failure of our attempt to launch the new "Turner's Weekly" authorized by the last Convention. Some societies did all that could be expected to secure subscriptions—others did hardly anything. After three numbers had been issued, it was obvious that the demand for such a publication had been prematurely voiced. Turners did not feel its need in sufficient number to assure a subscription list that would make it worth while. So the publication was discontinued, though all the machinery for its resumption is in hand. It remains for the present Convention to decide what should now be done. Some suggestions of value are before the Convention—they should be discussed calmly and dispassionately, to provide for a national organ.

When these various matters have been disposed of, when the Jahn Fund has reached its goal, when the Teachers' Retirement Fund is well established, when the problem of the national organ has been solved, we must also take into consideration the future of our Normal College, now located at Indianapolis.

Indianapolis has made a great success of this institution. It is one of the few schools of its kind regarded with highest favor by educational authorities. Other organizations whose principles do not harmonize with ours are actually reaching out acquisitive hands for this splendid engine of educational activity.

We should provide within the next few years a permanent home and an adequate endowment for the Normal College. While the devotion and intelligence of the men in Indianapolis have made the institution the success it is, these men, like the rest of us,

are growing old in years and a bit weary in spirit. It is for the young to raise aloft the banner and go forth into the battle. We wish to pass the command on to them unimpaired and undismayed.

The word "battle" is not used in any poetic sense. If we strive to be real Turners, we have a real fight before us. If the American people do not wake up soon, they'll wear more padlocks than medals. Intrenched busybodies tell you what you shall drink; voices over the radio tell you what you should think. Pennsylvania cannot even get rid of its Blue Laws or its Cossacks. Innocent citizens are shot down upon the highways by the government's Black Hundred, who are trying to enforce laws that are themselves crimes and can be enforced only by criminals.

We need a new birth of freedom, a new Declaration of Independence—and in this city, within sound of the Liberty Bell, the air is propitious.

Let us look to the future—let us take hope of a new sunrise in the eyes of our youth—and let us continue in the true Turner spirit to work for the upbuilding of the human race, for its emancipation from ancient taboos and superstition, for its glorious advancement toward a real civilization, in which such anachronistic ulcers as War and Prohibition will have disappeared and the human spirit, truly free, will climb to the utmost peak of dreams the poets and philosophers have visioned.

GEORGE SEIBEL.

The convention then selected Turner Martin Nolde as chairman and Turner Fred Olt as secretary pro tem.

A committee on credentials was appointed, consisting of Adolph Matthiessen, August Buchholtz, Konrad Krueck, Leopold Zwarg and Andrew

Lascari. After a short recess the committee reported that the following delegates were present and entitled to sit and vote in the convention:

Report of Committee on Credentials

New York: Martin Nolde, J. H. Bosser, Albert F. Thielemann, Robert Stahl, Felix Roehr, Christ Wuest, William Goepfert, William T. Rehm, Bernard W. Weiler, Berthold Muecke, Isidor Frank, John Hayn, Gustav Klose, Albert Gerske, Julius Roever, John Kullmann—18 votes.

Indiana: Dr. Carl B. Sputh, Emil Rath, Edward Groth, Henry Mayer, Leo Rappaport, H. Korte, F. H. Kappa—14 votes.

Philadelphia: Richard Pertuch, G. H. Heineman, August Arnold, Dr. Jos. I. Smith, Walter Kirkpatrick, Leo Zwarg, B. H. Daniell, Arthur Mortensen, Grover Mueller, Carl Kachne, Carl Racine, Louis Mayer, William Reichelt, John Kunzelman, Carl Kleeman, Eduard Letzer, Emil Maurer, August Pierson, Ferdinand Turnt, Victor La Vinge, Eugene Stopper—21 votes.

New Jersey: Felix Muecke, Bernhard Dietrich, Reinhard Schwarze, Jac. Hoffmann, Karl Berndt, George Wollmann, Arno O. Link, George Seikel, Bruno Rassack, Richard Gleick, Alfred G. Uhle, Paul Gleitze, Rudolf Mueller, Michael Welsch, Herman Hensel, M. Wonneberger, Adolph Matthiessen—24 votes.

Pittsburgh: Emil Schmid, August Buchholtz, Oscar Simmen, William Kramer, John Spengler, Stephen Dvoratzek, Andrew Kohary, William Pfirmann, Henry Etling, Herbert Floss, John E. Loibl, Carl Trueg, Fred Krause—30 votes.

New England: Reinhard Hecker, Charles J. Stahle, Emil Guenther, Max Heyman, Will Brosius, Carl

Schriftgiesser, B. F. Miller—25 votes.

Connecticut: Paul Schubach, Fred Weber, Karl Wagner, Paul Pfeiffer, Ernst Kramer—6 votes.

Illinois: Leopold Saltiel, Ernest Klafs, Adolf Danneberg, Henry Kraft—26 votes.

Minnesota: Albert Steinhauser, William R. Kuehn, William Mueller—3 votes.

St. Louis: Harry Jacobs, E. D. Emme, Emil Funk, Bruno Sendlein—25 votes.

Ohio: Alban Wolff, W. P. Beyer, W. J. Huhn, Tillo B. Martin, Fred Olt, W. K. Streit, Adolf Varrelmann—7 votes.

Wisconsin: Fred Schnell, Hans Goetz, Edward Deuss—11 votes.

Lake Erie: Conrad Krueck, Henry Pfeiffer, Carl Volk, Edmund Schwertfeger, Henry W. Luther, Haver Bertsch, John Luthringer, Carl Hein, Bruno Uhl, Ernst Kunde, Gustav Bachman, Albert Ringel, Max Doeschner, Ernst Mildner—34 votes.

Upper Mississippi: Henry C. Sellmer, William Reuter, Henry Holz, Joseph Proske, Kyle W. Rosk—20 votes.

Southern California: Carl Entenmann—8 votes.

Western New York: Adam Volles, Dettloff Klein, Andrew Lascari, Charley Schneider, Anthony Paul, Henry Kumpf, Werner F. Bultmann, Fritz Nicke, Paul Krimmel, Henry Yorkey—24 votes.

A total of 137 delegates with 296 votes.

The following districts were not represented: Kansas-Missouri, South-Central, New Orleans, Rocky Mountain, Pacific, North Pacific, South-Eastern.

The National Executive Committee was represented by George Seibel,

president; Dr. Herman Groth, vice president; William Voelker, secretary; Ernest Herklotz, recording secretary; H. J. Thier, treasurer; Richard Turnt, George J. F. Falkenstein, Carl Erdlen and Charles Geber.

The chair then appointed the following Turners on a committee on Permanent Organization; this committee also to serve as committee on committees, to propose all standing committees of the convention: Berthold Muecke, Dr. Carl B. Sputh, William Reuter, E. D. Emme, Carl Entenmann, Adolph Varrelmann and Paul Krimmel.

On a motion by William Mueller, St. Paul, the chairman requested all who were delegates at the convention held in Philadelphia in 1900, to arise from their seats. The following delegates responded: William Mueller, St. Paul; Hans Goetz, Milwaukee; Richard Pertuch and August Arnold, Philadelphia; William Reuter, Milwaukee; George Seikel, Newark; John Heyn and Gustav Klose, New York; Henry Kraft, Chicago; Henry Etling, Emil Schmid, Ernest Herklotz, Pittsburgh; Henry Luther, Cleveland; Fritz Nicke, Syracuse; Paul Schubach, Holyoke.

To give the committee on organization and committees time, the convention adjourned until 2:30 p. m.

Afternoon Session

Temporary Chairman Martin Nolde called the convention to order.

The Committee on Permanent Organization and Committees reported as follows:

Honorary Chairman: Richard Pertuch, Philadelphia.

Permanent Chairman: Adolf Matthiessen, New Jersey.

Vice Chairman: Dr. Carl B. Sputh, Indiana.

Secretaries: (German) Adolf Danneberg, Illinois, and Albert Thielemann, New York.

Secretaries: (English) Fred Olt and William J. Huhn, both from Ohio.

The report was accepted and the above-named Turners elected as officers of the convention.

The following committees were recommended:

Rules and Classification: William Rehm, George Roth, Carl Kleeman.

National Affairs: Berthold Muecke, Edward Groth, Reinhard Hecker, Fred Olt, Leopold Saltiel, H. E. Jacobs, Fritz Weber, John Luthringer, Henry Pfeiffer, D. E. Klein, Anthony Paul, Fred Schnell, August Arnold, Eugene Stopper, John E. Loibl, August Buchholtz, Wilhelm Mueller, A. Link, Carl Entenmann, John Spengler and George Seibel from National Executive Committee, ex-officio.

Platform and Statutes: Bernard W. Weiler, Emil Schmid, G. Wollmann, Adam Volles, Ferd. Turnt, George J. F. Falkenstein from National Executive Committee, ex-officio.

Normal College: Martin Nolde, Emil Rath, Paul Krimmel, Hans Goetz, George Seikel, Tillo Martin, William Reuter, Leo Rappoport, Grover Mueller, Charles Geber, from National Executive Committee ex-officio.

Educational (Mental Training): Isidor Frank, H. Korte, E. D. Deuss, E. D. Emme, Max Doeschner, Fred Krause, Paul Gleitze, Alban Wolff, Henry Sellmer, Albert Steinhauser, Ed. H. Letzer, Richard Turnt and William Voelker, from National Executive Committee ex-officio.

Technical Committee (Physical Training): Robert Stahl, H. Meyer, Charles Stahle, Emil Funk, E. Klafs, P. Schubach, H. Kumpf, Fritz Nicke, G. H. Heineman, William Reichelt, Carl Hein, Oscar Simmen, William Kramer, Henry Etling, R. Gleick, William K. Streit, William P. Beyer,

H. Kraft, Henry Holz, Andrew Lascari, Christ. Wuest, William Miller, Joseph Proske, Gustav Bachman, Herman Groth from National Executive Committee ex-officio.

National Publication: G. Klose, Carl Schriftgiesser, Adolf Danneberg, Anthony Paul, Walter Kirkpatrick, Albert Ringel, William Pfirmann, Alfred Uhle, William Huhn, Ernest Herklotz from National Executive Committee ex-officio.

Finance: J. H. Bossert, F. H. Kappa, Emil Guenther, Paul Pfeiffer, Charles Schneider, B. H. Daniell, John Kunzelman, K. W. Rask, Felix Muecke, Henry J. Thier from National Executive Committee ex-officio.

These committees, which include a few changes made, were approved as recommended.

A number of telegrams were read, from the mayor of Buffalo, the chamber of commerce and other civic organizations, inviting the American Turnerbund to hold its next National Turnfest in Buffalo; also invitations from Cincinnati, Chicago and Davenport, to hold the next convention in their respective cities. These invitations were referred to the committee on classifications.

Greetings from William A. Stecher, at present in Honolulu, and from Henry Braun, at present in California, were read, and the secretary was instructed to acknowledge these greetings and express the regret of the Convention at their absence, depriving us of their most valuable advice. The secretary also was instructed to send greetings to two past National Presidents, Hugo Muench, San Diego, California; Theodor Stempfel, Indianapolis.

Greetings from the Germania Turnverein, Los Angeles, California, also were read and the secretary was instructed to answer these. (Copies

of letters in the hands of the National Secretary prove that above instructions were faithfully carried out by the convention secretaries.)

In order to give the standing committees time to go to work, the Convention adjourned to 10 a. m. Saturday.

SECOND DAY

Saturday, June 29, 1929

Speaker Adolf Matthiessen called the Convention to order at 10:45 a. m.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Committee for Rules and Classification

The Committee for Rules and Classification organized with Turner William Rehm as chairman and George F. Roth as secretary.

All recommendations and communications were classified and turned over to the respective committees.

The following rules were recommended for adoption:

1. That the meetings be conducted according to Cushing's Parliamentary Rules.

2. That no delegate should be permitted to speak more than twice on the same subject. The chairman may, however, in his discretion, deviate from this rule.

3. Speakers shall be limited to five minutes, except by consent of the Convention.

4. All proceedings shall be recorded in both German and English.

5. The privilege of addressing the Convention shall not be granted to any other organization except by consent of the Convention.

All recommendations were unanimously approved.

Committee on Normal College

This committee organized with Martin Nolde as chairman and Hans Goetz as secretary. The following

recommendations were submitted for approval:

President Emil Rath of the Normal College submitted a detailed report concerning the operations of the College, and after a thorough discussion your committee concluded that the management and operation of the College are commendable and entirely satisfactory. We therefore recommend:

1. That the College be continued in Indianapolis.

2. That the College be known hereafter as Indianapolis College ("Normal College of the American Gymnastic Union").

3. That the appropriation of Six Thousand Dollars per year be continued for the ensuing two years.

4. That those responsible for the management of the college receive the thanks of this Convention for their unselfish devotion to the institution.

5. That the President of the American Turnbund appoint a committee of not less than five nor more than nine, to determine ways and means permanently to finance the College.

6. The Committee further, by a vote of seven to one, decided to recommend the rejection of the proposal received from the Philadelphia District, to the effect that "at least one-half of the Board of Trustees of the College should consist of Turnverein teachers."

All the above recommendations were unanimously approved.

Technical Committee

The Committee on Physical Education elected Dr. Leopold Zwarg as chairman and W. K. Streit as secretary.

The following recommendations were formulated and submitted for consideration:

1. After hearing a favorable report on the First Junior Turnfest held at Camp Brosius last week, we recom-

mend that the Junior Turnfest be made an annual event, to be held at Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin, except during the National Turnfest year, when it shall be held in the city designated for the Bundesturnfest.

2. We strongly recommend that the present practice of holding annual meetings of Instructors and Turnwards at Indianapolis during the Thanksgiving holidays be continued, and wherever possible the local Turner organizations should defray the expenses of their representatives to this meeting.

3. When local conditions favor such procedure Turner organizations should enter intra- and inter-district competition among the Turners, and also enter various municipal leagues as **Turners** in such branches of competition as soccer, football, hockey, tennis, golf, track and field sports, fencing, baseball and other activities not ordinarily included in our regular program.

4. We recommend that the 1930 National Turnfest be held in the city of Buffalo, N. Y.

5. We recommend that the Turnfest rules and regulations, as revised and presented by the National Technical Committee, be accepted.

An amendment by Paul Krimmel was here inserted as follows: Article 3 of the Festival Rules: Only members of the societies of the American Turnerbund and invited guests shall be allowed to participate in the National Turnfest.

"A participant shall have been a member of the society which he represents at least six months previous to participation."

6. We recommend that the senior men's competition, as planned in three groups by the National Technical Committee, be incorporated in the Turnfest program.

Amendment by Carl Hein was add-

ed as follows: "To give all participants in the Senior Men's Competition at Turnfests an opportunity to take part in either the Heptathlon or Triathlon, the latter to consist of the two field events and a compulsory Free Exercise chosen from the Mass Exercises.

7. We recommend that all matters referring to point scoring and changes in rules be referred to the National Technical Committee for further study and recommendation.

8. We recommend that the registration fee for the Buffalo Turnfest be fixed at four dollars.

9. We recommend that the proposition regarding a penalty for not carrying the society flag to the National Turnfest be referred to the National Technical Committee, with power to act.

All the recommendations as given and amended above were read and approved.

Luncheon recess until 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Saturday, June 29, 1929

Speaker Matthiesen called the Convention to order at 1:30 p. m.

Committee on Platform and Statutes

The Committee elected Bernard W. Weiler as chairman, and Emil Schmid as secretary.

The Lake Erie District submitted the following:

Changes to the statutes of the American Turnerbund in the matter of Charges, Complaints and Appeals, which are founded by practical experience and court proceedings, and carefully investigated and recommended by the committee for adoption.

SECTION I. CHARGES

Paragraph 90: In place of trial only, trial or hearing shall be substituted, and the paragraph shall read as follows:

When accusing a member, the charge shall be referred to the Board of Directors of his society for trial and judgment. At least one week prior to the session at which the trial or hearing is to be held, the accused shall be given written notice of the time and place of such trial or hearing, and a copy of the charges preferred against him.

The following additions shall be made to this paragraph:

90 A. The Board of Directors or any three directors, including the President of a society, may suspend an accused member, pending final determination of the charges preferred against him, or, in case of emergency, pending the filing of such charges.

90 B. Notice of the date of trial or hearing sent to the accused member by means of the regular registered United States mail service, shall be deemed to be ample and proper notice of said trial or hearing.

90 C. Upon failure of the accused member to appear, after due notice of date set for the trial or hearing, as provided in paragraph 90B, the Board of Directors may proceed to act on the charges preferred as though the accused were present, and render judgment accordingly.

Paragraph 91 shall stand as it is.

Paragraphs 92 and 93 shall be changed as follows:

Paragraph 92. If the accused or the accuser shall declare his disbelief in the impartiality of the Board of Directors, the accused shall be referred to a special Trial Committee, said Trial Committee to be chosen by the members of the society at a regular meeting.

Paragraph 93. Request for a special Trial Committee must be made to the society in writing. The special Trial Committee is to consist of five (5) members, majority of which shall be necessary to render a decision.

Note: Paragraph 94 is made unnecessary by the change in 93.

Paragraph 102 C should be changed to read as follows:

Members, societies or districts if expelled may not be readmitted before expiration of two (2) years; in such cases procedure to be the same as with new applicants for admission.

SECTION IV. GENERAL RULES.

Paragraph 118 shall be changed to read as follows:

A member, either before or after decision of the trial tribunal, may at any time within one year petition in writing for a new trial or reopening of the case, if sufficient cause is shown that newly discovered evidence can be presented to establish the innocence of the accused. If a new trial is denied, an appeal may be taken from such decision.

Paragraphs 123 and 124 to be stricken out, and the following to be inserted in their places, as one paragraph:

Suspension or expulsion may be decreed for any violation of the statutes or principles of the American Turnerbund, or for any violation of the constitution and by-laws of a society, or for a violation of the rules governing the conduct of members of the society of which the accused may be a member.

Paragraph 125 shall read as follows:

If the penalty be suspension or expulsion, the member shall be divested of his rights in the society, except the right of appeal, as hereinbefore provided, and said member shall be exempt from his obligations. If his appeal should be successful, he can not be compelled subsequently to discharge his obligations for the period of his exclusion.

The above changes and recommendations were gone over singly, and a vote was taken by districts. The

result of the vote taken was 297 votes for and none against adoption of the changes.

Committee on National Organ

This committee organized with Gustav Klose as chairman and Walter Kirkpatrick as secretary.

The following recommendations were made by this committee:

1. In the absence of any immediate prospect of establishing anything better, we recommend the continuance of the contribution of \$20.00 weekly to the "Amerikanische Turnzeitung" in return for its publishing of articles dealing with Turner activities.

2. We recommend that the National Executive Committee be authorized to negotiate for the purchase of the "Amerikanische Turnzeitung" in case this is the only way to discharge the Bund's moral obligations to the publisher, but the actual purchase be subject to ratification by a referendum vote of the Districts.

3. It being the opinion of this committee that the Bund needs a truly representative national publication, controlled by itself, we recommend the appointment of a committee of five experienced publishers, Turner members, one of whom shall be President George Seibel, the other four to be appointed by the National Executive Committee, to study the possibility of a new paper, to draw up definite plans with estimates of cost, circulation, make up, possible revenue, etc., and submit such plans to the National Executive Committee within six months of the date of this convention.

4. We recommend that the National Executive Committee be authorized to pay the expenses of such a committee to a sum not to exceed \$350.

5. We recommend that the National Executive Committee submit such plans for a new publication to all Districts, together with its recom-

mendations, and a favorable referendum vote of the Districts to constitute authority for the National Executive Committee to proceed to arrange for publication according to such plans.

6. Suggestions from the Southern California District on a Monthly Bulletin are turned in with this report; we recommend that they be turned over to the special committee, when appointed, for such value as they may have.

All recommendations of this committee as read were adopted by the convention.

A telegram was read, in which the city of Buffalo thanks the Convention for the honor conferred upon that city with the holding of the National Festival therein.

National Secretary Voelker announced that the hopes for reduction in railroad fares had not materialized; only 106 certificates were handed in, and we need 150.

Committee on Finance

The committee elected Turner John H. Bossert as chairman and Turner Burton H. Daniell as secretary.

The committee has audited the cash accounts of the treasurer to June 28, 1929, and has found them in order, and has accepted the certification of accounts that was made by August Hiller, C.P.A., as of March 31, 1929.

The cash balance on June 28 is \$6,013.53. The Jahn Educational fund owes the Bund on this date \$4,000.00 for bonds purchased and \$457.80 for the Cologne Film.

The books of the Jahn Educational Fund were audited and found in order. They show that on June 28, 1929, there was on hand:

Savings account	\$6,445.02
Checking account	242.50
Undeposited coupons	45.00

\$6,732.52

Bonds to the amount of \$35,000 are in a safe deposit box in the Union Savings Bank in Pittsburgh.

The treasurer's report of March 31, 1929, shows outstanding \$7,684.88 for unpaid per capita tax, of which \$1,890.00 has been paid to date.

The committee realizes that included in this amount are the taxes of some societies who are in arrears for several years and are in poor financial condition. We recommend that the Bundesvorort be authorized to negotiate the best settlement possible of this balance of March 31, 1929. This may appear to grant exceptional powers to the Vorort, but it is this committee's wish that the Bund retain all these societies and help them along, without establishing any precedents.

In view of this, the committee further recommends that societies in establishing their dues should endeavor to collect from their members the per capita tax as a separate item, and immediately deposit same in a different account, so that when the time comes to pay the per capita tax they will not find it a burden.

The committee recommends that the per capita tax remain at 50 cents.

At March 31, 1929, the Bund showed a balance in the bank of \$8,539.60, \$5,000.00 in bonds, and \$1,000.00 in bonds owed to it by the Jahn Educational Fund, making a total of \$14,539.60 in cash assets on hand. The tax to be collected for 1929 is about \$15,500.00. The approximate expense for the next year will be about \$16,000.00.

We recommend that \$5,000.00 in Bonds be set aside to create a Turnlehrer Pension Fund.

We further recommend that the Bundesvorort take ten cents from each per capita tax collected, deposit five cents in the Jahn Educational

Fund and five cents in the Turnlehrer Pension Fund.

Unpaid Special Tax of \$8,569.50

We recommend that the Vorort be instructed to settle with the societies that owe this tax, and, in making such settlement, deposit one-half of the money collected to the Jahn Educational Fund and one-half to the Turnlehrer Pension Fund.

We recommend that each district secretary send a monthly statement to societies for unpaid per capita tax.

We recommend that in future Annual Reports of the American Turnerbund, outstanding accounts for all unpaid items, whatever they may be, be published in detail by districts and societies.

The committee recommends that a double entry set of books for the American Turnerbund be opened by the Vorort, so that a better picture of assets and liabilities can be had and to facilitate the audit of the books by future Finance Committees.

We recommend that the original report of the Certified Public Accountant, who audits the books of the American Turnerbund, be on hand at all future conventions.

All these recommendations were unanimously approved and adopted.

Report of the Educational (Mental Training) Committee

This committee organized by electing Albert Steinhauser as chairman and Ed. D. Deuss as secretary, and submitted the following recommendations to the Convention:

Due to local conditions of the various societies, strict lines can not be laid down for Mental Work, and it may become necessary to deviate from the following recommendations. We recommend:

1. That efforts be continued to introduce into the Normal College a

course in conformity with the purposes of the Jahn Fund, in which speakers and teachers for mental training can be trained.

2. That the societies of the Turnerbund shall use all possible methods and means to further and conserve the German language.

3. That the issuance of society newspapers and bulletins be encouraged and a mutual exchange take place.

4. We recommend the adoption of the following recommendations advocated by the National Executive Committee:

(a) Debates of district societies are to be held semi-annually. The two teams obtaining the highest number of points, to meet in a final debate, during the days of the next District Festival.

(b) The team receiving the highest number of points at the District Festival, to meet the victors of other districts during the days of the National Festival.

(c) The debates of the District Societies are to be conducted and judged by the district committee on mental activities; this committee also to select the topics for debates.

(d) Final debates, to be held during the days of the National Festival, are to be conducted under the supervision of the National Committee on Mental Activities and the rules and regulations governing national competition.

(e) Topics for debates are to be selected by the National Committee, and are to be printed and distributed free of charge to the societies.

(f) Suitable prizes are to be provided by the National Executive Committee, to be paid for out of the treasury of the "Jahn Educational Fund," and distributed to the victors at the conclusion of the National Festival.

We recommend further:

5. That where it is locally possible, mental activities such as music, singing, and the drama be introduced and encouraged.

6. We recommend the energetic support of the "Amerikanische Turnzeitung," which appears largely in the German language and has been maintained by the present publisher at great personal sacrifices and expense.

7. We recommend to the Convention that the literary productions of our deceased National President, Robert Nix, be published by the National Executive Committee.

8. We recommend to the societies to engage instructors in mental endeavor, without whose services these activities can not make any progress. We should learn from the churches; without its spiritual advisors and leaders, the church could not survive.

9. We recommend to the societies that they show the film of the Cologne Turnfest in their societies and cities, and thus demonstrate the practical side of Turner ideals. The total net receipts, or at least a certain percentage thereof, should be turned over to the Jahn Fund, which purchased this film.

10. In view of the fact that our instructors received their training to a large extent in our Normal College, it is to be expected that the Turner ideals and principles are not foreign to them, and that they should be interested in disseminating them among the children attending their classes, and we therefore recommend that the societies prevail upon their instructors to work along those lines.

We recommend for adoption the following resolutions submitted by the Indiana District:

Recommended, that the National Executive Committee take steps to spread information regarding the his-

tory and work of the American Turnerbund, so that people not at present associated with us may be more fully informed of our work and thereby become interested to the extent that they may wish to be affiliated with this organization. To achieve these objectives we suggest the following:

That leaflets or mailing inserts, furnished by the national office to all affiliated societies, be distributed as follows:

Through the children's classes to the parents.

Through the mail to members.

Through insertion in all business correspondence.

That the National Executive Committee furnish capable speakers to the societies, who, when visiting societies, could also address other civic clubs, which would provide a good opportunity to spread information to a class of men and women whom we might interest in our principles and ideals, and win as members.

That good propaganda films be furnished by the National Executive Committee and placed at the disposal of societies.

That wherever possible full use be made of the broadcasting facilities to present appropriate programs, following an outline suggested by the National Executive Committee.

That a short history of Turnerism be printed and made available, so that copies could be given to members as they join.

We recommend for adoption the following resolution, presented by the Connecticut District:

Resolved, That the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States is necessary to cure the grave evils it has brought upon the country.

Resolved, further, That neither prohibition nor regulation of the liquor

traffic can be effective when committed to the Federal Government. Both are essentially police functions, which should be exercised by the several state governments, each in accordance with the will of its people, and both are utterly subordinate in importance to the maintenance of our free institutions of local self-government, which the Eighteenth Amendment has so seriously impaired.

Resolved, further, That as a measure of partial relief from the evils now besetting us, we favor any and all modifications of the Volstead Act, which will temper its excesses and absurdities and restore to the states any part of the power of which they have been so mistakenly deprived.

Resolved, further, That in place of Federal Prohibition, we favor a system of state control and restriction of the liquor traffic, which will eliminate excessive profits and do away with speakeasies and secret drinking, while preventing the return of the saloon with its attendant iniquities.

All these recommendations were read and unanimously adopted.

Committee on National Affairs

This Committee organized with Berthold Muecke as chairman and John E. Loibl as secretary.

Recommendations by the Philadelphia District:

No. 1 and 2 were referred to the committee on National Organ.

No. 3, recommending that the members of the National Technical Committee be appointed by the districts instead of by the National Executive Committee, was changed to read: "The appointment of members on the Technical Committee shall be subject to approval by the district concerned." So adopted.

No. 4, recommending that the field secretary primarily cover the country in the interest of practical physical education rather than mental educa-

tion, was changed to read: That the National Executive Committee be authorized to engage a field secretary, whose salary shall not exceed \$3,000 a year. So adopted.

No. 5, recommended an investigation of the film "Wege zur Kraft und Schoenheit," and if found useful to procure the same and to distribute it to the various societies, was accepted and the National Executive Committee instructed to act thereon. Adopted.

No. 6 was referred to the Committee on Normal College.

No. 7, recommending that the National Executive Committee be centered in the College, was withdrawn by the Philadelphia District.

We recommend for adoption the motion of the Wisconsin district, to exonerate the Turn Verein Bahnfrei of Milwaukee from the payment of per capita tax for the year 1928-1929, account of financial difficulties. Unanimously adopted.

Recommendations of Ohio District

1. Cincinnati request for the next National Convention was laid on the table for the time being.

2. Relative to the works of Robert Nix, was referred to the Committee on Mental Activities.

3. To create a "National Bureau of Publicity" was referred to the National Executive Committee for execution.

4. A new statistical report form should be designed for national use. Referred with sample to the National Executive Committee.

5. National magazine or bulletin to be published; referred to the committee on National Organ.

6. Pamphlets for distribution, referred to Committee on Mental Activities.

7. That the national office remind societies that class schedules and

other literature are available in July; referred to the National Executive Committee, with instructions to do this. (Note: The National Committee has been doing this for the past four years. Wm. Voelker, Sec.)

8. Recommended that the following demands be added to the present Declaration of Principles of the Turnerbund:

(a) Adoption and enforcement of a National Child Labor Law.

(b) Unemployment relief.

(c) An old age pension to be universally adopted.

(d) Conservation of natural resources.

(e) Physical education to be a part of our public school curriculum.

(f) Settlement of international disputes by arbitration, but in defense, conscription of industry and wealth as well as labor and men.

(g) Election of the President of the United States by direct vote of the people.

(h) Abolition of the Volstead Act and the Eighteenth Amendment, adopting a system of government control of the liquor traffic.

The committee recommends that these demands be approved as a practical interpretation of our Fundamental Principles, and the various points be made subjects of debate during the ensuing year, a full report of which discussions should be sent to the Committee on Mental Activities of the National Committee, and that the National Executive Committee where practicable shall act to promote these demands. Adopted.

Resolution by Ed. D. Deuss:

Whereas, the development of industrial conditions in our country has produced a surplus of labor, and

Whereas, Thousands of men and women willing to work are deprived of continuous employment in useful labor, therefore, We, the American

Turnerbund in its 32nd convention assembled at Philadelphia, recommend to our members to assist in the agitation for the reduction of the daily hours of labor, so that more employment can be had and the hardships among the unemployed to a certain extent be avoided. Adopted.

Resolution by Illinois District:

We, American Turners of German extraction, in national convention of the American Turnerbund, Philadelphia, point with pride to the accomplishments of our forefathers since the inception and expansion of this republic; we perceive the great responsibility resting upon us as citizens of this country, not only to preserve our inheritance, but also to give the best in us for the welfare and freedom of our country.

Be it resolved, that it is to the best interest of the United States of America that the closest friendly relations between all nations be maintained, and that these relations can only correctly be maintained if the unjust treaties of Versailles, St. Germain and the Trianon have been abrogated and the question of war-guilt has been settled by a neutral tribunal.

We declare against unjust quotas in the emigration law, discriminating against Germanic peoples. We point out that German men and women were at all times loyal citizens of this country and have sacrificed life and property in the country's defence.

We pledge ourselves to the inviolability of the home, to the sacredness of truth and to personal freedom, all guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States, as conceived by the founders of this nation.

We will resist hypocrisy, bigotry, immorality and crime, the attendant phenomena of the scourge of Prohibition. We therefore demand the re-

peal of the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution and of the Volstead Act.

The time has arrived when courageous men and women of sound judgment must act, if we do not wish some day to see the complete collapse of the present social order. We raise our voices in solemn warning, in the name of all true citizens, for the interest of future generations of the United States.

This resolution, recommended by the committee, was unanimously adopted by the convention.

Resolution by St. Louis District:

This resolution, pertaining to the seizure of some 6400 German chemical patents during the late war, the selling of these patents by the Alien Property Custodian, this constituting a violation of existing treaties between the United States and Germany, demanded that the Turners take a decided stand against this wrong committed and that Congress shall enact legislation to right this matter.

The resolution was recommended by the committee and adopted by the convention.

Recommendations and Communications of Indiana District:

Recommended that the per capita tax owing by the Evansville Turnverein and past due be remitted (amount \$830.00). It was explained that said society is in bad financial condition, and that in case payment of these arrears should be demanded the Turnerbund would lose this society. This caused considerable debate, but was finally recommended for adoption. Adopted.

It was here recommended that the committee on credentials in future conventions shall get assurance that per capita tax has been paid, as only districts in good standing are entitled to seat and vote.

No. 1 of the Ohio District was considered, and the committee decided to recommend Camp Brosius, Elkhart Lake, for the seat of the next convention. Adopted.

No. 3. That the income from the Jahn Educational Fund be used in a broad sense; that is, that mental culture, so far as possible, be construed to include all Turner activities, and that this fund be used to aid and encourage societies which are in need of stimulation of physical education.

Recommended that this matter be submitted to the trustees of the Jahn Fund, for consideration and possible execution if legally admissible. So adopted.

Nos. 4, 5, 6 were referred to the Committee on Mental Activities.

Recommendations by the Pittsburgh District:

A small emblem for Juniors to be designed. Adopted, and the National Executive Committee instructed to have same made.

Recommended remittance of past due per capita tax, owed by East Liverpool, Ohio, Turnverein (\$16.00) and Salem, Ohio, Turnverein (\$11.00) both societies being in bad financial condition. Adopted.

Resolution submitted by Turner F. Weber, Connecticut District, pertaining to the abolition of the Eighteenth Amendment and the Volstead Act had been covered by a like resolution offered by the Committee on Mental Activities.

Turner Henry Pfeiffer, Lake Erie District, presented the following resolution:

"Although the National Origins Clause in the Immigration law has been adopted and will be in force after July 1, 1929, we herewith protest against this law as an unjust and reactionary measure, which in the long run will be a detriment to this country. We urge the members

of the Turnerbund to keep up the agitation against this law, with the end in view that it may be repealed in the very near future."

The committee recommends this resolution for adoption. Adopted.

A letter from the Germania Turn-Verein, Los Angeles, California, in which attention is called to the Olympic games taking place there in the year 1932, and containing also a very hearty invitation for Turners to take official and social part in these games, was read, and the committee recommends that Turners shall be invited to participate in these events. Adopted.

Recommendations by the South California District:

Owing to the very large volume of these recommendations and the little time available, the committee decided to appoint a special committee of three to take these recommendations under consideration and submit a condensed report to this committee. The Turners Eugene A. Stopper, Carl Entenmann and Fred Schnell were appointed on this special committee.

During the absence of the above committee the following recommendations were formulated:

In view of the very splendid accomplishments of the present National Executive Committee, we recommend that the National Executive Committee remain in the Pittsburgh District for the ensuing two years. Unanimously adopted.

We further recommend that in view of the immense labor performed by their writer, the splendid recommendations submitted by the South California District be published in the Turnzeitung. Adopted.

The committee of three reported as follows:

No. 1. Due to financial conditions we do not find it advisable to change

the makeup of the National Executive Committee.

No. 2. Membership campaign through poster advertisement: We recommend that the National Executive Committee be instructed to take steps to have posters prepared, displaying physical education, and made available for the societies.

No. 3. Uniform names for all the societies we find impractical because of the incorporation laws in the different states.

Nos. 4 and 5 were referred to the Committee on National Organ.

No. 6. We recommend that the National Executive Committee be instructed to change and expand the report blank for statistical reports to conform to these recommendations.

No. 7. We recommend that societies make use of the proposed "Initiation Speech" for new members.

(Note: A speech of very much the same contents has been at the disposal of the societies for a long number of years, printed in German and English. It has been mailed to the societies several times and can be obtained from the National Secretary, free of charge, at any time.)

No. 8. Old Age Pension plan to be referred to the National Executive Committee for further study.

No. 9. We recommend that the National Executive Committee be instructed to try and have moving pictures of future national festivals made.

This report of the committee of three was accepted by the committee and recommended for adoption. Adopted with entire report.

By a rising vote of thanks and a three-fold "Gut Heil" the appreciation of the convention was voted the South California District for the splendid recommendations submitted.

National President George Seibel introduced Mrs. Marie (Brueckmann)

MacDonald to the convention. Mrs. MacDonald, in a splendid address, explained her campaign in the interest of Turner ideals. The delegates showed their deep appreciation by prolonged applause.

Information about the Accident Insurance Plan being asked for, Turner Stephan Dvoratzek explained what had been done. This plan is to be worked out and made practicable.

A resolution by the Lake Erie District asking that the part of our constitution pertaining to members at large be stricken out, was amended to read: That (g) and (h) of paragraph 85 be stricken out. This takes from members at large the rights of society members.

This resolution, as amended, was adopted by 293 against 4 votes.

A motion by Turner Leopold Salliel, wishing our National President, George Seibel, and Mrs. Seibel, bon voyage on their contemplated trip, was accepted with a rousing demonstration, and President Seibel was instructed to convey the greetings of the convention to the Turners of Germany.

President Seibel announced that the Ladies' Auxiliary had resolved to present the Turnerbund with a new banner, to be presented during the days of the National Turnfest at Buffalo.

The thanks of the convention to the Philadelphia Turngemeinde, the Ladies and the Press, were expressed by a rising vote of the delegates. In this the Officers of the Convention were included for their splendid work.

The Detroit Sozialer Turnverein invited the Delegates to the Circuit Festival July 5, 6 and 7.

Turnverein Fitchburg, Mass., invited the delegates to the District Festival, July 2, 3 and 4.

"Turner auf zum Streite" was sung; then the convention was adjourned until Sunday morning.

Sunday, June 30, 11:30 a. m.

Speaker Matthiesen called the convention to order.

A condensed report of the minutes of Saturday's sessions was read and adopted.

Appreciation and thanks were voted the City of Philadelphia and its Chamber of Commerce, for the cordial invitation and splendid reception; only happy recollections will remain with us.

Recommendation by Secretary Adolf Danneberg that future conventions provide both German and English stenographers—accepted.

Recommendation by Secretary Fred Olt, that in future all recommendations, communications, etc., offered to the convention be submitted in triplicate so as to have copies to attach to reports—accepted.

Dr. Smith, speaker of the Philadelphia Turngemeinde, expressed his

pleasure and gratification over the splendid work and harmoniously conducted sessions of the convention and invited the delegates for an automobile ride to Turngemeinde's summer home. This invitation was accepted with rousing applause by the delegates.

Resolved to send a cablegram to the Arbeiter-Turnerbund, holding a National Festival in Nuremberg, Germany, July 5, expressing the congratulations of our Convention for this event.

(Cable sent by William Voelker, National Secretary.)

Concluding remarks by Chairman Adolph Matthiesen.

Turner song, "Gut Heil."

Adjournment.

Adolf Danneberg,
Fred Olt,
Secretaries.