OFFICIAL PROTOCOL
OF THE 10TH CONVENTION OF THE
NORTH AMERICAN TURNERBUND
AT CHICAGO, ILL.
FROM SEPTEMBER 5TH TO 9TH, INCLUSIVE - 1859

1ST SESSION

The delegates met on Monday, September 5, 1859 at 8:00 A.M.
in Kinzie Hall, headquarters of the Chicago Turner Society.

John Bittmann, Speaker of the Dubuque Vorort called the
Convention to order. He reminded the delegates of their res­
ponsibility and duties as representatives of their society and
the National body.

David Huth welcomed the delegates in the name of the Chicago
Turners.

Following this, W. Dick from Hamilton was elected as tem­
porary Secretary.

Decided: That the Temporary Speaker should appoint a Committee
of 3 to examine the mandates of the Turners.

The Speaker appointed: David Huth from Chicago, Jos. Gerhardt
from Washington and Friedrich Bertsch from Cincinnati.

A motion from Buehrke of Baltimore decided: That a committee
on motions, nominated from the floor, should be designated as a
permanent organized committee for motions.

Elected were: Gustav Tafel of Cincinnati, Hugo Gollmer of
St. Louis and C. H. Buehrke of Baltimore.

The Legitimation Committee made its report as follows: 52
societies are represented by 39 delegates with 86 votes.
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Washington, D. C.  J. Gerhardt  1
Wheeling, Va.   D. Huth   1

The Vorort was represented by J. Bittmann, National President,
Joseph Deggendorf, Jr., Clerk, as substitute for the National book-
keeper.

The Credentials for the Baltimore delegation were by some mis-
take not as yet received.

However, it was stated that these delegates were elected at the
time of the National Turnfest.

Decided: To give seat and vote to the Baltimore delegation due
to the definite proof on hand.

P. F. Peterson of Williamsburg as the representative of the Eastern
Bund was introduced to the Convention. The purpose of his visit was to
assist in bringing about a re-union of the two Turner groups.

The Turner spirit that existed at the Williamsburg and Baltimore
Turnfest gave rise to the effect that everything should be done to
unite all Turners as one. It was therefore:

Decided: To give Turnbrother Peterson the right and privilege
of sitting in as representative of the Eastern societies and having
voice in the discussion about bringing the two Turner factions together.

Decided: To give all other representatives who are not members
of the Bund, especially the Turners of the Milwaukee Society, Wm.
Frankfurth and Hans Böebel voice in this important affair.

The Organization Committee made its report presenting the names
of delegates as candidates for the officers of the Convention.

1st Speaker - David Huth of Chicago.

2nd Speaker - F. P. Stibold of Peoria.

1st Secretary - F. Haupt of Pittsburg.

2nd Secretary - A. Finkelnburg of St. Louis.

3rd Secretary - G. Constanthoven of New Ulm.
The above candidates were elected per acclamation.

After the officers assumed their stations in the Convention, it was:

Decided: The last years order of business be used as a guide, and to debate the individual points.

Several amendments from Dubuque and Baltimore were adopted after a short debate and then the order of business was set-up as follows:

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. The proceedings will be, if no other decisions are made, according to regular parliamentary rules.

2. Voting, if requested, will take place according to societies by reading the names of delegates in alphabetical order.

3. No one can speak longer than 10 minutes on any subject and not more than twice, however, the maker of the motion can in addition have the floor at the close of the debate.

4. When requested the motions must be given in writing.

5. In order that the business management of the Convention can be made easier to some extent, the Speaker can create standing committees.

6. The number of the standing 3 member committees should be increased from 3 to 7. Two more committees should be appointed: a) To receive the Vorort's report and the standing of the Bund in general, b) on Turner affairs.

7. The meetings will be held from 7:30 to 12 noon and from 2 to 6 p.m.

Decided: By a motion made from Baltimore, that the Secretaries record important conclusions and decisions in their protocol.
Decided: That a special committee of 5 be elected to discuss the re-uniting of the two Turner groups. These committee members be elected by ballot. That this committee is instructed to honor the opinion of President Hillgaertner for the Vorort from Dubuque and President Peterson for the Vorort from Washington, and that representatives from Milwaukee be authorized to attend these committee sessions.


Elected for the re-uniting committee were: C. H. Buehrke from Baltimore, Hugo Gollmer from St. Louis, G. Tafel from Cincinnati, J. Rosenzweig from Burlington and J. Mueller from St. Louis.

Judge J. B. Stallo of Cincinnati came into the hall at that moment and was greeted by the President in the name of the Convention in the most cordial manner, for his activities for our Turnerism in general and for the outstanding lectures he gave. The entire Convention greeted him and as a climax a 3 time "Gut Heil" was bestowed on him.

Following this the Speaker read the list of Committees which were appointed by him.


2. Committee for Turner affairs: Adolph Schill from Dubuque, Gustav Tafel from Cincinnati and Ch. Hill from Davenport.

3. Finance Committee: Joseph Gerhardt from Washington, George Meyer from Indianapolis and Julius Mueller from St. Louis.
4. Committee for revising the remaining books: Peter Dursy from Rochester, Fr. Haupt from Pittsburgh and N. Roth from Galena.


6. Grievance Committee: P. P. Stibold from Peoria, F. Rosenzweig from Burlington and P. Szabo from Dayton.

7. Committee for the National Turnerpaper: Gustav Tafel from Cincinnati, C. H. Buerke from Baltimore and J. E. Marx from Toledo.

Decided: That the committee on re-union go into session at once, in order to report first thing in the afternoon.

Adjournment until 2 P.M.

2ND SESSION

Monday, September 5th at 2:00 P.M.

The protocol of the morning session was read and adopted.

National President J. Bittmann then gave his yearly report, as follows:

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE OFFICE

For the 9 months of managing our National affairs from December 1, 1858 to September 1, 1859.

THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF DUBUQUE TO THE
TURNER CONVENTION IN CHICAGO, ILL.

At the doorstep of the 10th year since the planting of the Turner system in America and the establishment of the North American Turnerbund, we can express our good wishes to this Convention for its continued development. We can continue to promote progress through
the good will of these proud and widely separated organizations of free people.

Through battle from within and through enemy attack from without we have taken a stand through the years and made regular reports. However, if a dispute still came out in the open it was as a rule only an action of individuals and did not have its origin in the society or it was only the exception to the rule.

We are obliged to extend to all societies our appreciation and consideration for their willing and friendly support of the Vorort in its effort for the continued success of our National Organization.

The storm which extended from the Buffalo to the Indianapolis Turner Convention and which cleared up in the meantime many of the bewildering situations of our Turner principles, helped to unite us firmly and also brought some of the Turner societies who were not members of our Turnerbund closer to us. Thanks to the progress of the open mind of the German propaganda, it will be only a matter of time when our differences will be settled.

Now every effort will be made to reunite the break in our ranks which started some 3 years back and to make our Bund the Organization which at the present time exists only in name.

The Vorort will explain their action on this important question later in more detail and we are in the hopes that this Convention will make it a point to have for its first consideration, the settlement of the re-uniting of the Turner organizations.

Regarding the executive and managing of the Bund we hope that we can give this Convention a general picture of the situation.

What we were obliged to do according to the Turner Statutes, we made an honest effort to settle the things which were within our means.
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

In order to collect national dues and Turnerpaper subscriptions, we have:

1) Mailed out circulars with request for monthly payments.

2) Regular quarterly society and subscription bills were forwarded to them.

3) Directed letters as a reminder were sent when it was necessary.

If our outstanding bills are still a considerable amount it is our desire to bring before this Convention a report regarding the financial obligations of several organizations. However, there is not much to worry about.

To date it was not possible to get additional income from ads for the paper. Instead we made an effort to win agents in important places of America where no National Turner societies exist so they might win new subscribers and ads for the Turnerpaper. Our national Turner societies were also directed to work for the distribution of the Turnerpaper outside the society.

The National Treasury of the Bund, as the financial report reveals, is a satisfactory one if we consider the very bad times. The total income is $5,938.63, the total expenses $4,423.50. After closing the books on August 24th, there remained a balance of $415.13 in the National Treasury.

TURNER ACTIVITIES

In considering our activities, the first and most important was to engage a German gymnastic teacher for the Bund. Another was the writing of a memorial on Turner life which should be used as propaganda to spread among the American people.
Without our recommendation we believe that every delegate of this Convention sees the urgent necessity of getting a National Gymnastic teacher who is able to train leaders in the various fields of gymnastics and who can give us the latest in Turning as it is now in progress in Germany. He also, besides giving us a well organized Turner system, could impart ideas for good organization activities and mental efforts which may help to bring inactive organizations back to life.

We believe that both questions which will be explained more in detail should be satisfactorily settled and recommend further that without any delay such a Teacher should be hired. Introducing our Turner system into the public schools should also be part of our activity program.

Establishing a National Leaders' Course was not accomplished although a real effort was made to do so. For that reason, it will be our earnest desire to first engage a teacher for our national group who can get things underway. Without such help it may not be possible to establish Turner leader courses not to be successful in introducing our Turner system into our public schools.

A change in our Turner awards which was often proposed and finally adopted at the last National Turnfest was a real necessity.

We made every effort to obtain a good Turner book from Germany also drawings of exercises. Same were called to your attention so that you could make practical use of them.

OTHER PROPAGANDA

As for our further propaganda activity the most outstanding arrangement was the lecture course organized and conducted by the Bund. It has as its benefit to promote and stimulate mental activities in our Bund.
Without the proper interest one cannot build up a real life activity program for mental culture, but our propaganda method can bring about a center in our Turner societies for mental life for our German population. However, a proper balance must be established to do justice to both mental culture and physical culture, otherwise one or the other will suffer.

Besides the bodily exercises the effort must be made to cultivate the thought of improvement and all around education as the first big effort to gain respect and to obtain a commanding position in life.

A detailed report about our lecture courses will be given you by our propaganda committee.

For our Turnerpaper we forwarded material when requested by the editors.

A competent European correspondent as soon as the means of the Bund permitted and the circumstances of this man made him free, was engaged as previously described or set forth.

A collection of four voice songs which could serve the Bund was made and are now at your disposal.

The preparation of the Memorial about an organized settlement of Turners in Missouri had to be dropped after we were convinced of the impracticalness. This will be accepted by the delegates as soon as our reasons are made known.

So far about our executive activity.

STATISTICS OF THE BUND

As far as our National organization is concerned, it may be best to enlighten you through the following statistical report;

The Bund consists at the present time of 71 Turner societies with a total membership of 4500. There is an increase of 4 societies over
last year. Eleven societies with a membership of 350 were admitted to the Bund this year, as against 7 societies with less than 10 members which had to be suspended according to our National Constitution. Three societies withdrew from the Bund of which Sacramento and Shasta in California were already at the beginning of our term of office as good as lost to the Bund.

In addition, applications to join were made by Lexington, Ky. Turners. They could not be admitted to the Bund on account of their Constitution content. Two societies in Buffalo, N. Y. were eligible to join by meeting all requirements, but both could not be admitted at the same time, this matter and all correspondence on same will be submitted to this Convention for consideration.

The National organizations are distributed in various states and territories as follows:

Illinois 14, Iowa 7, Ohio 7, Missouri 5, New Jersey 4, New York 4, Kentucky 3, Indiana 3, Kansas 3, Minnesota 3, Massachusetts 2, Wisconsin 2, Pennsylvania 2, Virginia 2, Colorado 2, Maryland 1, Michigan 1, Connecticut 1, Rhode Island 1, Louisiana 1, Tennessee 1, and District of Columbia 1.

Turners societies who are not members of the Bund but who are in communication with us consist of 61 societies who are in the following states: Illinois 13, Wisconsin 10, Iowa 4, Pennsylvania 4, Ohio 4, Missouri 3, Kansas 2, Indiana 2, New Jersey 2, Michigan 2, Connecticut 2, Minnesota 2, New York 1, Massachusetts 1, Tennessee 1, District of Columbia 1, and South Carolina 1, Alabama 1, Oregon 1, Kentucky 1, Georgia 1, and Texas 1.

Of these, 12 were newly organized during the past year and can be considered as an additional society membership in our National group.
Junior classes are conducted in 33 societies with a membership of about 1000 students. Girl's classes were conducted only in 4 societies which was no increase over last year, however, due to the re-organization of our Turner classes through the efforts of the Bundesymnastic teacher, it is possible that the future will show an increased activity in many of our Turner societies.

The following table will present an additional picture of various Turner activities for the past two years:

**YEAR 1858**

National organizations, 67, with a total membership of 4000. Withdrawn from the Bund, 16 societies with a membership of 600. Twenty-one of these disbanded entirely.

- Junior classes 25, with a membership of 700.
- Sharpshooting companies, 12.
- Libraries 19, with 4319 books.
- Debating classes, 21.
- Singing sections, 36.
- Theatre sections, 14.
- Mental culture section, 37 - 40.

Letters received, 850.
Letter mailed out, 203.

**YEAR 1859**

National organizations, 71, with a membership of 4500. Withdrawn from the Bund, 3 societies with a membership of about 70 and 4 societies disbanded.

- Junior classes 33, with a membership of 1000.
- Sharpshooting companies, 13.
Libraries 40 with 15,000 books.
Debating classes, 9.
Singing sections, 40.
Theatre sections, 9.
Mental culture section, about 40.
Letters received, 840.
Letters mailed out, 530.

The half yearly reports came in very slowly, although the societies were reminded repeatedly. To date, only 40 societies rendered their two reports, three societies did not mail in any report.

Regarding this carelessness, we also feel obliged to state, as did the previous Vorort, that this unforgiveable neglect should be most severely reprimanded. Again, it is our hope, that during the next Bundes year, more prompt action will be obtained.

During the 9 months of our management, we received 840 letters, only 4 had complaints on differences in national bills, all of which dated back to the previous Vorort, namely complaints from Shelbyville, Indiana, Stockton and Sacramento, California, and Portland, Oregon.

Three societies mailed in complaints against other, all of which were settled by us to the satisfaction of all concerned. Other mail was in respect to National Turner festivals, 34; reminder of National duties 92 and for dispensation, 34. The lecture courses brought in 180 letters.

During the 9 months we mailed out 530 Vorort's letters, in general they had the following content: On lectures - 170 letters; on rejoining the National Bund - 40 letters; and on general subjects - 320 letters.
REFORM PROPOSALS

We have tried to give you a complete picture of our National societies and our activities as National officers but we feel we cannot close this report without giving this convention several proposals and recommendations resulting from our experiences.

Let us start with the National Turner paper. We all consider our Turner paper to be the soul of our National organization. Without the paper there would be no Bund. If it is accepted that the Turner paper has all the decisions to make, especially regarding the mental situation between societies and the extended propaganda attempts to reach those outside the Bund, it must be accepted that the Turner paper in its present form only meets its obligation in a very limited way.

Without giving too much publicity to the necessity of our Turner paper reform, we take the liberty to urge this Convention to consider the following plan which we believe would be of great advantage to our entire Turner system.

Our proposition considers first printing the paper with new letters which would have to be purchased. Then that the paper be made in a form 28 x 40 inches, each page having 5 columns with 40 columns in all, of which 10 columns should be given over to paid ads.

The printed matter content should be as follows:

1st page - Original correspondences.
2nd and 3rd pages - feuilleton.
4th and 5th pages - leading article, editorials.
6th and 7th pages - natural sciences and general news.
8th page - Turnerism and National Office.

The 10 columns of ads are to be guaranteed by the various Turner societies as follows: St. Louis, 2 columns; Chicago 2; Cincinnati 2;
Baltimore 2, New York, Philadelphia, Milwaukee, Pittsburgh, each 1 column; and Dubuque, Louisville, Boston, Detroit, Leavenworth City, Burlington, Davenport, Indianapolis, etc., etc., should be used as a reserve group to obtain ads when needed.

These ads, which could be obtained without much effort on the part of the named societies, would be the source of the main income, approximately about $2,000 per year. The following expenses would be entirely covered: Editors salary, $800; Clerk, $500; Corresponding Secretary, $500; and one European correspondent, $200.

The Turnernpaper, which now has a circulation of 3000 has almost no circulation outside of the Bundes Turner members. In fact, where the paper could do most good by spreading the benefits of Turnerism, it has no circulation. Therefore, an effort should be made to get good agents for the paper who can increase the circulation outside of the present Turner membership, especially since a consideration can be made which will give the agents 2/5 of the paper cost.

Circulation of 5000 at 3 cents per copy would amount to $150 per week, the cost of printing the paper including paper, print, etc., per week is about $35. In this case the Bund would realize about $3500 per year which sum would be available to do more effective propaganda work for our National Organization.

In addition, we recommend that the 100 year Schiller celebration should be set for January 29th, also the birthday of Thomas Paines. August 9th should be the Guthsmuths and Jahn's Day Celebration and on November 10th, a Memorial Day Celebration for Goethe, Schiller and Humboldt. This request should be followed by all National societies. We cannot think of a better plan to stimulate our mental culture activity.
Lastly, we propose a re-organization of our National Executive staff, with a substantial increase in salary for the Corresponding Secretary, as editor of the official part of the Turnerpaper. Also a proposal to widen and relieve the activities of the Convention by creating two additional committees on Turner activities and on the approval of the Vorort's report and the standing of the Bund in general.

We intended making additional proposals but we feel more than anyone else, that we would overload this Convention.

The eternal youth which takes hold of our Turnerism in general, with manly sincerity, should also be devoted to our Turnerbund. We put our trust in this group. With them we will win. With them, we will from day to day get closer to our goal and will come to be, that which we should be, namely: The holy legion of the German worldly spirit and at the same time the vanguard of the American Freedom Army.

For the Vorort, John Bittmann, Speaker - Dubuque, September 1, 1859.

Bundes Clerk J. Deggendorf, Jr. read, after an unsuccessful protest, by F. Bertsch, the financial report of the Bookkeeper as follows:

FINANCIAL REPORT

The closing of the books was in the hands of the Cincinnati Vorort until December 1, 1858 and for the past year taken over by the Dubuque Vorort until August 24th, 1859. The following results were submitted:

GENERAL BALANCE

a) Assets

National Treasury $415.13
Balance of the National property billing  $1,064.46  
Balance of the Treasury from Philadelphia Headquarters  
TOTAL  $1,727.98  

Outstanding:  
by private subscribers  $124.96  
National Turner societies  2,940.42  
None Nat. Societies  600.13  
Propaganda or lecture fund  34.10  
TOTAL  $7,190.70

TAKING OFF:

b) Obligations of the Bund

Outstanding debt from King & Baird, Philadelphia  $512.10  
Outstanding debt - general  62.40  
Outstanding debt - National Organizations  10.92  
Outstanding debt - National Societies (Not)  19.07  
TOTAL  $604.49

The balance of the total National property is,  
therefore  $6,586.21

In order to give true account of the total property, several items have to be deducted:

Bad Bills

Money due from Eastern societies who stepped out of the Bund:  
$ 678.14  
Other bills  1,084.97  
TOTAL  $1,763.11

From the above account, less than 50% can be considered:  
$ 532.23
Obligation from societies from which no payment can be expected $474.41 - $2,769.75

In consideration of the above accounts the real balance of our Nat. Treasury is $5,816.46
By the last Year's closing account the National balance was 4,294.24
This year's balance as stated above 3,816.46
A loss this year of $ 477.78

VOROR'T'S FINANCES

Society dues, quarterly payments and application monies $ 667.62

Bills paid for traveling expenses for National officers, for secretarial work, prizes for National Turnfests at Belleville and Baltimore, printing of last year’s Convention report, new Turnpasses, business books, duplicating machine, etc. 640.71
Balance again of $ = 26.91

TURNERPAPER BILLS

Total income from the Turnerpaper $5,155.67
Against last year's of 6,296.55
Expense for compositor's work 954.35
Paper 1,354.47
Printing of same 507.33
Editorial fees for 1 year and 2 weeks to September 1st 833.32
Mailing, Clerk salary to September 1st 537.43
Smaller bills, rent, traveling expenses for Wm. Rothacker, etc. $429.45 - $4,616.40

NET GAIN

As against $1,379.59 of the year before.
The loss was mostly due to the loss of subscribers.
The total gain during the year was $566.18

Additional reduction and financial loss was due to:
Canceling bills for the Rochester Turner Society $ 79.46
Differences in billing accounts, etc. 70.80

Additional:
Freight to move National material to this place 88.25
Rental for newspaper and National Office 120.25
Insurance for office, wood, gas, driver's salary and additional general expenses 134.61 493.37

LEAVES A BALANCE OF $ 72.81

The difference of the total National Treasury for this year $6,586.21
For last year 6,513.40

$ 72.81

The financial obligations of the Bund for last year was $ 874.23
For this year 604.49

Reductions in National expense $ 269.74
Poor debts amount to this year $1,763.11
Same of last year 1,259.22

INCREASE $ 503.89

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance as of August 20, 1858 $ 244.97
Income until August 24, 1859

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Although the great loss of subscribers made the large financial loss, on the other side the more prompt payment of societies of their National dues made up a good deal of our income. As an additional proof for our business management that the outstanding Turnerpaper bills for last year amounted to

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**INDIVIDUAL REMARKS**

Last year from 51 numbers

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The average printing cost of the paper including clerks and editors salary, etc., were last year about $96.40 and this year $90.50 per number.

The transfer of the Vorort from Cincinnati to Dubuque costs $281.25

**SUPPLEMENT**

List of societies from which no payment is expected:
NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Hartford, Conn. (disbanded) $45.31
Philadelphia Laenner Turnverein (disbanded) 48.70
Red Bud, Ill. (disbanded) 13.20

TOTAL $107.21

NOT NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Green Bay, Wis. (prolonged absence) $24.20
Highland, Ill. " " 14.17
Millburn, N. J. " " 40.39
Middletown, Conn. " " 20.54
Oshkosh, Wis. " " 7.80
Shasta, Calif. " " 110.94
Schenectady, N. Y. " " 33.84
Syracuse, N. Y. " " 69.44
Hamilton, C. W. " " 5.30
Kenton, Ohio " " 27.85
Pottsville, Pa. " " 9.27
Central City, Ill. (disbanded) 5.46

TOTAL $367.20

$474.41

A motion made and carried to receive the report of the Vorort and the financial report and submit these reports to the respective Committees for approval and recommendation.

The committee on re-union was ready to report. Turner Tafel, the Secretary of the Committee, rendered the following report:

REPORT OF THE RE-UNION COMMITTEE

The undersigned committee made the following recommendation. The main points set up at the Baltimore meeting were our first consideration
to bring about a re-union of the two Turner groups.

As to the question of principle: 1) The wording of the second part of the introduction to the National Constitution be changed for the future as follows:

"The Turnerbund should be a plant school for all revolutionary ideas, which has its start through natural ways and for that reason can be the only true view of life. For that reason, the Turners will battle against slavery and nativism (as two of the like cloudy springs which started the social and political evil) and in reality curtailed all rights which does not conform with the fundamental human laws."

As to the money question: 2) The representatives of the Eastern Bundes reported that the majority of the Eastern societies who withdrew from the Bund paid their back dues as recorded in the books of the Western Bundes to the Vorort of the Eastbund. Due to the above finding, it is considered fair to refrain from asking for another payment and to throw actives and passives of both Turnerbunde together.

As to the National Turnerpaper: 3) The compelled subscription of the Turnerpaper was unanimously approved by both sides. The Turner must preserve the organ of the Turnerbund and its content and form should be greatly increased and that sufficient guarantee should be given by the National Convention to continue its publication.

But, because in the present situation between the East and West, several of the Western societies requested some relief from their obligations, the Committee makes the following suggestion:

Although it is desirable to enlarge the Turnerpaper, for the time being it should retain its present form. However, the content should
be improved and be made more stimulating. The editor should refrain from printing any personal politics. Also a price of 2¢ per issue should be set. It was further recommended that every society, for the time being, should take as many copies as they have members. In this way the existence of the paper is assured and relief for the general group is made possible.

For the committee

Custav Tafel, Secretary

The report was accepted. However, it was decided to retain this Committee because the report considered only three main points and later the committee may be needed to report further about suitable actions to be taken.

Discussing the report in its individual points, it was requested by one side to change the platform paragraph to read: "Nativism and Slavery" instead of "slavery and Nativism." It was again by an amendment motion stated, that this change would be a mistake, that it is not demanded by the East and we should beware of raising a suspicion that the re-union was effected by making a sacrifice in our principles. This motion was then rejected.

After a short discussion on the second point, after remarks made by Paterson on the financial situation of the Eastern Bund and after the explanation of the Vorort about the partaking of the Eastern organizations in the King and Said request for partpayment, Jakobi asked for 5 minutes recess in order that the delegates could come to an agreement among themselves.

Same was granted and after the stated time, Jakobi proposed the following addition to Paragraph 2:

"That the payment of $150 by the Eastbund to the National Treasury will be guaranteed beforehand."
This addition is considered by Peterson not as a concession by the Eastbund but is considered by all as a matter of course.

After this the 3 points of the committee with the addition from Cincinnati to number 2 was unanimously adopted.

Peterson stated that the work of the re-union is completed, that every concession was granted which he believed were the wishes of the Eastbund. He expressed his thanks to this Convention for their consideration and action.

Frankfurt from Milwaukee is now ready to bring about the joining of his organization in the Bund within a few days.

A threefold thundering "Gut Heil" was then given for the success of the re-union of the American Turners.

Adjournment was taken under a general enthusiasm.

SESSION
Tuesday, September 6th at 8:00 A.M.

The minutes of the last session were read and adopted.

A motion was made to obtain a number of copies of the Illinois Staatszeitung on account of the printed Convention report. E. Schlaeger, a reporter of the paper turned over 50 copies praxis to the Convention. The Illinois paper received the thanks of the Convention for its generosity.

A mandate from Baltimore was received. In order to give the Committee time to work, the Convention took recess until 2 P.M.

SESSION
Tuesday, September 6th at 2:00 P.M.

The matter of the re-union of two societies existing in the same city which to date were members of opposite national groups was
After the delegate from Washington presented a document of the two societies in which the previous differences were settled and forgotten, it was decided to turn this matter over to the Vorort.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. National Finances

The Finance Committee reported that after careful examination of the Treasurer's books and the financial report of the Vorort, everything is in good order and the report in detail is correct.

For the Finance Committee

Joseph Gerhard

This report was adopted by the Convention.

2. COMPLAINT COMMITTEE

About the matter of the Buffalo, New York societies with the motion to admit Vorwaert's society to the Bund.

Adopted.

3. The Committee on examining books other than the Treasurer's books.

After examining all books and documents the committee made the following statement:

a) That all books are in the best of order and were kept precisely and accurately.

b) That the Vorort of Dubuque greatly improved and facilitated the business management and the general oversight of Turner activities by starting a new bookkeeping system. That this Vorort in this way rendered an outstanding service to the Bund.

c) This committee makes a recommendation to the next Vorort to keep their books in the same manner as was used by our present officers.

For the Committee

P. A. Dursy
Adopted.

4. Committee on Turner Affairs.

A. In regards to the prize situation, the Committee recommended a "Vorort proposal" with the following suggestion:

1) In the future more consideration should be given when purchasing Turner prizes for National Turnfests on literary and scientific works.

2) The Turner prizes should not as before be awarded to the individual Turners, but instead to the Turner organization in which the winning Turner is a member. These prizes would then become a reminder of the honor bestowed upon their members.

3) The name of the prize winner should, as before, be read during the awarding and a diploma should be given to him which should have inscribed, the place, date of the National Festival, the name of the prize winner, the event and the grade of the contest.

4) Such a tastefully worked out diploma should be produced by the National Office.

5) The following prize system was to be accepted

   a) Apparatus Turning
      Exercises are to be set up on a) horizontal bar
      b) parallel bar c) "Streckschnakel" d) "Schwingel" e) high jump and f) climbing.

   b) Freeturning
      a) Wrestling, b) Stoneput, c) Weight lifting, d) Running with and without obstacles and d) Spear throwing.

Only these prize Turners who partake in all of the above apparatus and in all of the assigned free exercises which would provide for an all around bodily development, are to have special consideration for themselves and their societies.
Additional prizes should be set up for:

c) Sabre and foil fencing
d) Bayonet thrusting
e) Shooting

B. For Bodily Exercises in general the committee makes the additional recommendation for consideration:

1) Swimming, 2) Skating and 3) Stilt walking.

For the Turn Committee
Adolf Schill, Chairman

Adopted.

The same committee has additional suggestions in regard to the Turn teacher's activities as follows:

That the teacher should be from Germany.
That he should not be too young.
That he should give lectures and should be a writer and that his salary should be $5 to $800.

Also to purchase pyramids through Conrad of Pittsburgh and Winter of Philadelphia.

These latter suggestions were tabled for later consideration. The last suggestion was referred to the Vorort for consideration.

5. Committee on Constitutional Revision

Due to the activity of the Convention and the discussion about the re-union, if same can now be considered a reality, this Committee did not render a report at this time.

Adjournment until 8:00 P.M.

SESSION

Tuesday, September 6th at 8:00 P.M.
Peterson read a dispatch from Poughkeepsie in which the Baltimore proposition on the Turnerpaper was considered as follows: It was stated that the Baltimore proposition was an honor duty for every society in place of the forced duty to take the Turnerpaper. A lengthy debate followed this official paper ruling. Peterson stated that the Poughkeepsie decision was proposed according to the Baltimore resolutions and without them knowing about our adopted resolutions. It was voted to study this proposition again in detail and come to a definite conclusion.

The Constitution Committee Report

The proposition about rights and duties of the Vorort, a substitute proposal was made by G. Tafel to No. 6 as follows:

The Vorort cannot interfere with the editorial management of the paper as long as the editor does not write against the decisions adopted by the Convention.

Recess until Wednesday, 8:00 A.M.

SESSION

Wednesday, September 7th at 8:00 A.M. in the German House

Werner from Cincinnati wanted 3000 copies of the Illinois "Staatszeitung" on account of the Convention report which was to be printed in detail. Later a report will be given as to the cost of same.

By taking up again the debate over the rights and duties of the Vorort and the substitute motion of Turner Tafel, a powerful word battle resulted, which started many calls to order by both sides. A remark by Werner from Cincinnati stated that for 3 years a definite back step was made. Hillgaertner from the Vorort replied that at the
Pittsburgh Convention a rule was set up that the paper should be kept free from personal controversies. But later most likely, by a mistake of the Cincinnati Vorort, it was omitted from the By-Laws.

At the same time he stated that the entire debate was out of order, because no committee report was presented up until now. Two committees are to report jointly on this proposition, the newspaper committee and the Constitution committee. Therefore, he proposed that this debate be postponed until such time when the committees can give their report.

The vote taken had the following results: for postponement, 52 and opposed, 31.

The Revision Committee of the Constitution continued, but left out the Paragraph 15 which dealt with the paper. In going over the By-Laws it was found that the Vorort was incorporated, steps were taken to have this done at once.

Paragraph 14, about National leader classes, was stricken out after a lively discussion.

Peterson again was permitted to report on the re-union of the two Turner groups. He stated that the categorical answer followed the categorical question and that these do not leave a way open at this time to come to any proper understanding. Because in the East one insisted upon a Turner paper which is taken by subscription only and proposed to hold a Convention in May.

He believed that there is still a misunderstanding which cannot be settled momentarily.

The societies in the East would lend an ear to reason, which could not be brought about at this time. He considered his mission ended in Chicago but for a definite understanding and clear settlement of differences, the East is at this time only at its beginning.
Jakobi made a motion that the speaker appoint a committee of 5 to formulate a manifest, the content of which would show in a conciliatory manner how the re-union was handled and how in Poughkeepsie and how the public and societies can be made to understand clearly about the right and wrong in this situation.

On this subject a great battle developed in this session.

Karl Daenzer, a St. Louis Turner from the "Westlichen Post" was granted the floor and began with great satisfaction that the free men of the Eastern group can express themselves against the paper compulsion. He also stated that the Turner paper which has been in existence for 8 years, is not a child anymore which has to be lead by a mother's apronstring. They had ample time to prove their existence. If the paper now cannot continue on its own, then it does not justify its existence and it may be better that it should go under.

In a free country nothing has a right to exist, which is established by a forced rule. Either there is no necessity for the existence of the Turner paper as is or the Turners are showing a poor effort for its existence.

Discontinue the forced rule of the paper, try it with a paper, which must prove its existence through its obligation and see if you will gain more by general subscription instead of with the forced paper rule. In truth, there cannot be an existence of a forced newspaper. It is a battle about the Kaiser's beard. He believes that a committee should be formed to bring about necessary reforms in the Turner paper. This, he stated, should be our first consideration.

Bertsch, Werner, Buehrke, Huth and Tafel took the floor to defend the obligatory rule for the Turner paper. Force is only a word which
was made up for definite purposes. One could also speak of school, Turn taxes, and Constitution as forced, etc. The Turnerbund is a union of free and like thinking men whose laws are known by those who care to join and into which no one is forced and compelled to stay.

The obligatory rule to take the paper was made because its necessity was recognized and the responsibility and financial obligation of printing same could not be deleterated entirely to the Vorort society. In the entire United States only one paper exists that is printed without ads, politics, capital making and patronage, jobs, etc. and has its existence as a weekly paper.

Are we going to make our National organ into an organ of robber stories and the criminal news? Our organ should not be the organ for an allmighty large reading circle. It is only for the special circle of Turners and Turner friends. For that reason, it is necessary to have it a forced proposition. The good often must be forced to the careless and mentally lazy, not because he does not want it, but because he does not understand it.

Because the discussion about this took too much time already, only two more Turners were privileged to talk about it, Stibold from Peoria and Bittmann from the Vorort, Dubuque. Both declared themselves in principle with Turner Jaenzer's viewpoint. The forced subscription cannot make forced reading. If it would be possible then they would gladly support such a proposition. With the force as it now exists, one only supports an editor and keeps a printing establishment going.

If the paper were a true educational institute, it could exist by itself. It is our desire to make it an educational means. Bittmann did not care to release forced subscriptions at this time, although he strongly opposed it.
At this time the finances are needed to help make our National organ the spokesman for all Turners and just now the help cannot be obtained without force.

Adjournment until 2:00 p.m.

SESSION

Wednesday, September 7th, at 2:00 P.M.

Peterson, about ready to leave the Convention, asked the question as to whether the Convention could approve some action even though the re-union of the two groups could not be fully realized whether the 3 propositions were its final action and whether the 3 could be considered at a later date.

After suspending the present order of business it was:

Decided: That the propositions for the re-union of the two Turner groups should be held open for a period of 3 months and that in the meantime the proposed acceptance and acknowledgment from the Vorort and editor in behalf of the East, the re-union considered as completed. The price of the paper to remain the same.

The Convention expressed its thanks to Turner Peterson for his great work in bringing about a re-union of the two Turner groups.

The proposal of Daenzer remained without consideration due to a motion which was poorly stated.

The Convention instead decided by a motion made by Jakobi that the Speaker appoint a manifest committee of 5 members.

The speaker nominated the following: Moritz Jakobi from Cincinnati, George Hillgaertner from Dubuque, C. H. Buehrke from Baltimore, Julius Mueller from St. Louis and K. Konrad from Pittsburg and on account of the excuse from Buehrke, in his place, W. Dick from Hamilton was appointed.
After this **Continuation of the Constitution Revision.**

At this time the lecture situation was considered at length. A motion was made that the cost in consideration of the smaller organizations should be distributed over the entire Turner membership. This motion was lost with 45 against 31 votes. In its place a motion was carried to appoint a committee to formulate ways and means of setting up a plan for an effective lecture course.

The chairman of the Convention appointed Turners Werner, Bittmann and Larr.

After the closing of the Constitution Revision in its entirety, the debate in regards to the rights and privileges of the National Executive Committee was taken up anew. Turner Bertsch made the following improved motion as an amendment to the Tafe1 substitute motion:

"The Vorort should abstain from interfering with the duties of the editor. However, as soon as articles appear which show that its content is opposed to the National Constitution or an attack on same, then the Vorort is requested to take proper steps and if necessary should select a different editorial staff."

Later, the closing sentence was changed by eliminating the words "if necessary" and in its place adding the phrase, "with the help and majority vote of the executive group."

The members of the Vorort expressed themselves in favor of these proposals because it would protect the Turnerbund against willful editorial statements which do not conform to the Turner policies.

This situation came up before and the present ruling could have prevented very embarrassing situations.

This will be a protection against authoritative statements which may harm the entire Turner Movement.
The motion by Bertsch was carried. At once a decision was made to vote on the time and place of National Turnfest, Convention and National Executive Committee.

NATIONAL TURNFEST

Jakobi stated that he was instructed to have the Turnfest in Cincinnati. Gollner requested that the Turnfest should to to St. Louis.

As no other proposals were made the vote revealed that St. Louis received 47 votes and Cincinnati 31.

CONVENTION

Rochester and Wheeling were nominated. The vote was in favor of Rochester with 75 against Wheeling with 10 votes.

VORORT

St. Louis representative stated they were in favor of Dubuque, but the latter declined. Baltimore was proposed, Pittsburgh also made a bid for it.

The vote was in favor of Baltimore with 70 votes, against 5 for Pittsburgh.

Adjournment until next morning at 8:00 A.M.

SESSION

Thursday, September 8th at 9:00 A.M. in Kinzie Hall

In the absence of the 1st and the excuse of the 2nd Speaker, Joseph Gerhard was elected as temporary speaker. The minutes of the last three sessions were read and adopted. Werner of the committee for the printing of 3000 circulars made the report of the "Illinois
Staatszeitung that the cost of same would be $30.00. The printing of same was decided upon and the first secretary instructed to look after the printing and corrections of same.

REPORT OF THE NEWSPAPER COMMITTEE

Marx made the report for the Newspaper Committee that the type of the society printing after a four weeks advertising in the Turner-paper should be sold. That the printing of the paper should be allotted to the lowest bidder. Passed.

Additional decisions that the paper for its first issue should be printed under the direction of the new Vorort. Its size should be 8 five column pages each to be 17 x 14 inches.

The size was also recommended because it could be easily bound.

Additional changes in regard to the Bundesorgan.

SESSION

Thursday, September 8th at 2:00 P.M.

Baltimore proposed a candidate whose name they again withdrew because Cincinnati again proposed the name of the present editor, Turner Rothacker, as their candidate. Rothacker received 66 votes but 18 did refrain from voting.

A motion made by Turner Huth was carried that resolved that the Vorort be instructed to allow the editor of the Turnerpaper to get help whenever his physical condition did not permit active participation. The cost of same should be born by the National Treasury.

REPORT OF THE LECTURE COMMITTEE

The Committee united itself on the following points:
1. An assessment of 25 cents should be levied on every member to establish a lecture fund. Same should be managed by the Vorort. Each society is responsible for the payment of his assessment.

2. The National societies should be grouped into districts. Each with a large city as its center from which a speaker could easily be engaged. Same could then travel to all of the district societies for a lecture tour.

3. The Vorort is requested to furnish speakers according to the wishes of the societies and their financial ability, to get in touch with the speakers and societies and manage and direct the entire affair.

Signed:

F. J. Werner

J. Bittmann

Jos. E. Marx

This report was adopted in its entirety.

Hillsaetner, in behalf of the Vorort, requested that the report of the Complaint Committee should come up for consideration.

COMPLAINTS

The Complaint Committee had a mishap with its committee report. Through the preparation of the hall for the Turner ball and the moving of the Convention to the German House, the report was smeared, torn, and in parts destroyed. For this reason, the committee has to render its report verbally.

Two complaints, Keokuk against Bittmann and Wheeling against Rothacker, were at once rejected.
A complaint from Cincinnati against the Vorort for not hiring Kleinoehle as clerk of the Vorort was taken up by a committee of the Convention. This was done because of the meager report of the Complaint Committee.

The Vorort was reprimanded for not considering the Convention decision and the committee proposed paying the sum of $150 as a compensation. The Vorort conducted a regular proceeding of statements for and against the complaint and its defense was not in good taste. After 3 speakers from Cincinnati upheld the complaint, the Vorort defended its action as follows: That Dubuque through the old Vorort mandated by the Indianapolis Convention decision was to engage a clerk against the protest of its own delegate. They felt a great displeasure about it and were not in the mood to take over the responsibility under such circumstances.

They published a statement in the September issue of the paper and repeated same again in October and November.

Later Kleinoehle declined the position as clerk. The Complaint was then rejected after several additional debates.

Adjournment until 8:00 P.M.

SESSION
Thursday, September 8th at 8:00 P.M.

At the opening of the session, Jakobi read a sharp, vigorous retort by the Cincinnati delegates against the decision of the Convention, whereby the complaint against the Vorort in behalf of the Kleinoehle situation was rejected by the Convention.

This protest by the Cincinnati delegates led to a lively debate especially when the Cincinnati delegates stated that because
of this situation they could not participate further as delegates to this Convention. Several delegates considered this a threatening and insulting act.

The Speaker of the Convention then proposed a change in the form to be made part of the Convention report as follows:

The delegates from Cincinnati protested in the name of their society against the decision of the Convention which sanctioned the action of the Vorort in a certain case in which the Vorort reversed the decision of the previous Convention and they thereby considered the Vorort incompetent.

The delegates from Cincinnati are of the opinion that through this action the sovereignty of the Convention is in question and that the Vorort would thereby be given more opportunity to willful action.

Several delegates favored this changed protest.

An additional protest from Cincinnati against the Vorort's action of taking a different stand on the opening of considerations for the re-union of the two Turner groups as resolved by the Indianapolis Convention. Since the chairman of the protest committee left Chicago it was not possible to make even a verbal report. Therefore, the Vorort stated in consideration of this, that an honorable procedure must come to conclusion. Again the Vorort made the statement that all detailed facts were presented to the complaint committee and to the editor of the Turner paper and requested that Cincinnati drop the entire procedure. This protest was then tabled.

THE TURNER SONG AFFAIR

A report on Turner songs was made and the Vorort was instructed
made by Dubuque which were now in the possession of Andre' in Philadelphia.

Same should be printed in a most suitable way and the Vorort should proceed in making proper distributions of same.

THE TURNTACHER QUESTION

The report was made by Hillsaertner about the effort that was made by the Vorort and in Germany to line up a suitable teacher. Through a combined motion from St. Louis and Baltimore, the following motion was made: Decided: That a German Turnteacher should be hired, who has the proper qualifications and recommendations who will receive at least $600 from the Vorort. This salary should be paid out of the National Treasury or in another way by the societies according to their membership.

THE ENGLISH MEMORIAL

The pedagogic and physiological meaning of Turnerism which is printed in German and can be used as a means of bringing its importance before the English speaking people, should be translated into English and published in their papers. Baltimore was requested to take action to provide the means for the cost of the translation and to have same published in the English journals.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL AFFAIRS

The committee recommended:

1. To accept the report of the Vorort as a whole. Also to mention in the Convention minutes, the detail compiling of same and especially the oversightly grouping of statistical notices.
2. In regards to the Vorort's proposal for National Festivals to demand that they not only celebrate the days mentioned but also should consider the following as days of special consideration:

c) The birthday of Thomas Jefferson - April 2.
e) The birthday of Gutsmuths and Jahn - August 9.
f) The birthday of Friedrich Schiller - November 10.

In memory of Schiller, Goethe, and Humboldt.

3. Considering the coming celebration of Schiller's Jubilee, all Turner societies are requested that on November 10th, the 100th year birthday of Schiller should especially be made a fitting festival for the occasion and that all societies should work for a special German Day Celebration in their community.

For the committee

Fr. Bertsch

This report was adopted.

Other points in the report were considered as settled because of other committees reports and the Vorort itself disposed of similar requests. But the plan for a new formula for a half yearly report was considered proper to be turned over to the new Vorort for their use. This plan originated with the Dubuque Vorort.

MONEY AND DEDUCTION REQUESTS

It was decided to pay Rothacker $75.00 for additional expense for moving from Albany through Cincinnati to Dubuque.

A request from the Vorort to relieve New Ulm of its National assessment of $219 was settled, that same if the request is not
considered be suspended for an indefinite period.

A request from St. Anthony to be permitted to postpone its National dues for an indefinite time was granted.

A request from Alton to be relieved of the subscription to the Turnerpaper was answered by stating the society should continue to receive the paper and the payment for same should be done according to their best ability.

A request from Sumner, Kansas to be relieved of payment of National dues was rejected, however, additional time was allowed for payment.

THANKS, RESOLUTIONS AND CLOSING SESSION

Resolved to extend to the Vorort from Dubuque for its excellent business management the thanks of the Convention.

At this time and in the very late hour the manifest committee was asked to make its report. In the absence of the chairman the report was given by E. Schlaerer from the Illinois Staatszeitung. After a motion by Mueller to postpone the publication for 3 months which was rejected, another motion was made by Bauerke and passed, that the printed article should appear in the Turnerpaper.

Decided at the request by Bittmann that the Vorort should remain in Dubuque until October 15th in order to be able to complete all pending business transactions.

Resolved to extend the thanks of the Convention to the citizens of Chicago and its Turner society for the friendly reception and courteous actions and that this resolution should be published in the Illinois Staatszeitung.

Resolved to extend the thanks of the Convention to the Chairman and Secretary of the Convention.
Resolved to extend the thanks of the Convention to the reporter of the Illinois Staatszeitung for his effort in giving a good story of the Convention proceedings.

Resolved to meet again the following day at 2:00 p.m. for the closing session and to read the minutes for correction or omission. Also to finish up late business transactions.

Adjournment at 11:30 P.M.

SESSION

Friday, September 9th at 2:00 P.M.

The minutes of the previous session were read and adopted.

Hilgaertner as member of the Manifest Committee stated that he stayed clear of the report which was reported and adopted at a late hour the night before. He stated that he only knows of a plan proposed by Jakobi, but does not know of its adoptions by the committee. Another committee member, Mueller made the same statement. At that time, Turner Buehrke made a motion to reject the action of the Convention in regards to this motion.

After a roll call was taken by the remaining societies of which 45 responded, it was carried to again consider the proposition by a new committee and to act more in accordance with the sentiment of the motions made and carried at the Wednesday sessions.

To this committee the following were nominated. David Huth from Chicago, Hilgaertner from Dubuque, Buehrke from Baltimore, Mueller from St. Louis, and Szabo from Dayton.

Recess was taken for a half hour. After the recess the committee made the following report:
MEMORIAL OF THE CHICAGO CONVENTION IN REGARDS TO THE RE-UNION QUESTION

The Convention of the Social Turnerbund which is in session in Chicago, feels obligated to the public of the United States, to make an open statement regarding the re-union question of the Western and Eastern Turnerbund.

The unanimous Jubilee of the Convention at its first night session on the accomplished re-union of the two Turner groups was rather premature. To this day the sincere desire which was hoped for in both Turner Conventions in Chicago and Poughkeepsie of the Eastern and Western groups to again unite was not accomplished.

To crown this effort with results looked to be so close to us all, a very careful and detailed plan was presented which was to give a clear conception. Three points were to be considered which were to bridge our effort so that our handshake would give climax to it. In principle, there was no dissention. On the financial obligations all was considered settled. Also regarding the Turnerpaper question, we gave in by reducing the price per paper from 3 to 2 cents per copy although the existence of the paper was thereby threatened. This reduction especially was the strict desire of one of our points. This was proof that we were ready and willing to act with a forgiving soul. We were willing, although we were not obligated to the same degree as our brothers in Poughkeepsie regarding the points set up in Baltimore.

The third paragraph of the set-up rules which would endanger the existence of the paper, was still retained by us because we had faith in their good intentions, but when they insisted upon a straight subscriber paper at a time when such a rapid change would definitely destroy the paper, we were in doubt about their good intentions. But what could not be accomplished now, will be done later. The majority of
societies of the Eastern group assured us of their good intentions for a United American Turner system, this in itself was surely not a deception.

The doubts which we had in the past in the other group should be entirely cleared up. We must be united in Turner and principle questions, and in case of poor financial situations, not in the least separated. We cannot and will not consider that our Eastern brothers will not think as we do that we must have a national organ in order to strengthen our reunion and make same a workable force. We are assured that the majority groups of the societies of the Eastern Sund do want such propaganda through a National Turnerpaper.

Their representative here in Chicago and their Vorort is definitely in favor of the paper. The battle is, therefore, only, how such an organ can be maintained and to find ways and means of doing so. Who can guarantee that a paper could exist in these hard times if we abolish our fixed rule to have our societies, man for man, share the expense for it. We feel that this present rule must be held intact, until a subscription list is obtained which could guarantee the publishing of the paper.

This makes it clear that it is not us who consider our unity effort broken off. Our brotherhand will now, as before, be held out to our Eastern Turners for them to grasp it. P. J. Peterson from Williamsburgh surely is proof of our friendly effort and agitation for that which we together created.

Our Vorort in Baltimore can with the Vorort in Washington at a moment's notice make the re-union a complete reality if the following three points are adopted:

1. The wording of the second part in the introduction of the Constitution be changed so that it will read as follows in the future:
"The Turnerbund should be a planting school for all revolutionary ideas, which have their origin in a natural and rational world conception. The Turners, therefore, are against slavery and nativism and definitely against all curtailment of human rights which are in reality the fundamental human laws of mankind."

2. That the representative of the Eastern Bundes showed proof that the majority of the Eastern societies who withdrew paid their back dues to the Eastern Bund which was due to the Western Bund. It was ruled not to again make a request for these payments but instead decided that the Eastern group make a payment of $150 to the Western group. This amount was due to the Eastern sorority from several of their societies. This was to be a joint National Treasury with proper guarantee.

3. The Turnerpaper should continue to be published until the next Convention as it is at the present time. The content of the paper should be improved, made more interesting, all politics forbidden, and the price of same to be 2 cents per copy with the remark that every society must receive the same number of copies as they have members. In this way, the existence of the paper is assured.

This is what we stand for. This is what we unanimously decided upon and through Peterson's motion, adopted.

If we cannot agree in this, we cannot see how we ever will be able to agree.

For the Committee

David Huth

Unanimously adopted and decided to print this manifestation in the Turnerpaper and send same in quantities also to all societies not members of the Western Bund.
Resolved that the Vorort after receiving the Convention minutes be empowered to enforce all rules laid down by the Convention.

Adjournment.