

OFFICIAL MINUTES
OF THE
37th CONVENTION
OF THE
American Turnerbund



Held at
Detroit Socialer Turnverein
DETROIT, MICHIGAN
July 1-4, 1938

OFFICIAL MINUTES
of the
THIRTY-SEVENTH CONVENTION
of the
AMERICAN TURNERBUND

Held at *Detroiter Socialer Turnverein*, Detroit, Michigan

July 1 - 4, 1938

**First Session, Saturday Morning,
July 2, 1938**

The 37th National Convention of the American Turnerbund was called to order at 10:30 A. M. by National President, Carl M. Weideman.

Due to the fact that the Delegates had been cordially welcomed at a delightful entertainment program on the evening of July 1, 1938 by President Weideman and Turner Don Schuur on behalf of the *Detroiter Socialer Turnverein* and by Mayor Richard Reading on behalf of the City of Detroit, the usual addresses of welcome were not made at this opening Session of the Convention proper.

President Weideman announced that he had, on the preceding evening, appointed the following Delegates as a Committee on Credentials: Albert M. Keim, Ed. Groth, Louis O. Greiner, William A. Nicolai and Max E. Socha, in order that they might formulate their report and have it ready for this opening Session of the Convention, whereupon he asked for the report of this Committee.

Turner Ed. Groth, Secretary of the Committee, thereupon submitted the report of the Credentials Committee as follows:

To the 37th National Convention of the American Turnerbund

Gut Heil!

The Committee on Credentials organized as follows: Albert M. Keim, Chairman; Edward Groth, Secretary.

The total number of districts in the American Turnerbund is twenty (20).

The total number of Federal Votes in the American Turnerbund is 221.

The total number of Districts represented is 16.

The total number of delegates present is 138, representing a total of 213 Federal Votes.

The total number of alternates present is 10.

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

Districts	Votes	Votes Rep.	Del.	Alt.
New York	10	10	1	
Indiana	12	12	10	
New England	26	26	1	
Illinois	16	16	16	1
St. Louis	12	12	7	
Lake Eric	33	33	38	2
Western New York	15	15	5	
Middle Atlantic	11	11	5	
Wisconsin	5	5	5	1
Pittsburgh	19	19	13	
Kansas-Missouri	2	2	1	
New Jersey	10	10	1	
Ohio	3	3	3	4
South Central	1	0	0	
Minnesota	2	2	1	
Upper Mississippi	28	28	28	2
Rocky Mountain	1	0	0	
Pacific	4	0	0	
North Pacific	2	0	0	
Southern California	4	4	3	
Totals	221	213	138	10

(Note by the Secretary of the Convention: The original report of the Committee on Credentials credited 24 votes to the Upper Mississippi District. Four additional votes were accorded to this District by the Convention as indicated below, and the above tabulation includes that alteration).

Respectfully submitted with Turner

Greetings

THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Albert M. Keim, *Chairman*

Edward Groth, *Secretary*

A motion was made and seconded that the Report of the Credentials Committee be accepted. A statement was made by Delegate Fred Little that an error had been made in the January 1938 Statistical Report submitted by the Upper Mississippi District which he explained in detail and according to which this District should be entitled to four delegates in addition to those allotted to this District in the Report of the Creden-

tials Committee, and he accordingly moved that the Upper Mississippi District be credited with four more delegates. This motion was seconded by Turner Eichin of the Illinois District. This amendment was carried by a voice vote of the Convention. The motion as amended, was then similarly carried and the Chairman declared the amended Report adopted.

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

NEW YORK: 10 votes, Delegates present 1: Dirk Voss.

INDIANA: 12 votes, Delegates present 10: Dr. Carl B. Sputh, Oscar L. Buehler, Ed. Groth, Erwin Richter, Wm. Geckler, Leo M. Rappaport, Harry S. Grabner, Dr. Kenneth Koegel, Herman F. Andrews, Paul R. Bullard.

NEW ENGLAND: 26 votes, Delegates present 1: Fritz Maurer.

ILLINOIS: 16 votes, Delegates present 16: Rudy Koenig, L. O. Greiner, Wm. Modrow, Wm. Schelling, Art F. Dauer, Theo. A. Gross, Leopold Salties, Fred Drews, Edw. C. Schubel, Frank J. Buresh, Chas. Eichin, Victor Mittlacher, Frank Berndt, David C. Zweifel, Emil Wirth, Frank Holoubek. Alternates present: Carl Wurster.

ST. LOUIS: 12 votes, Delegates present 7: Max Armbruster, Otto Rost, Edw. L. Hohenstein, Eugene Stifel, Paul Straube, Dr. Otto Koenig, Dr. Paul M. Grueb.

WESTERN NEW YORK: 15 votes, Delegates present 5: Fritz Nicke, Harold M. Gebhardt, Emil Burkhardt, John M. Stocker, Wm. Hamilton.

MIDDLE ATLANTIC: 11 votes, Delegates present 5: Emil Preiss, Dr. Leo F. Zwarg, Wm. A. Nicolai, Adolph Pemsel, Chas. F. Daum.

WISCONSIN: 5 votes, Delegates present 5: Wm. C. Zumach, A. J. Biemiller, Walter Palm, Wm. H. Beutel, Walter Breutzmann. Alternates present: Wendelin Kraft.

LAKE ERIE: 38 votes, Delegates present 38: Harry W. Kuegler, Herman Eisele, Harry G. Schoene, J. J. Zimmerman, Wm. J. Uttley, Ed. Dunn, Arthur J. Burnett, Archie Wilson, Rudolph Hartkopf, Otto Beckhoff, R. A. Schmidt, Geo. H. Kretzschmar, Donald Patthoff, Carl Rampendahl, Henry W. Luther, Alvin R. Steinke, Mark Roberts, Homer A. Recor, Rud. Radinse, Fred Schopp, Carl F. Hein, Jack F. Nickels, Walter Wolf, Helmuth C. Hohman, Herman H. Fickweiler, C. E. Brewer, Therese Pletz, Max Weitzmann, Wm. Ludwig, Chas. Klink, Donald P. Schuur, Marshall F. Troester, Claude Whipple, Geo. L. Huhn, Ed. Schwertfeger, Otto Hermanns, Otto Goller, Elton L. Nold. Alternates present: Karl Schaltenbrand, Arthur Boyden.

PITTSBURGH: 19 votes, Delegates present 13: George Seibel, Wm. J. Kramer, Andreas Kohary, Carl Trueg, Chas. A. Geber, Richard Turnt, Oscar N. Simmen, Henry Hild, Carl Erdlen, Louis Schubert, Aug. Buchholtz, Herbert A. Floss, Howard I. Custer.

KANSAS-MISSOURI: 2 votes, Delegates present 1: Geo. Wilhelm.

NEW JERSEY: 10 votes, Delegates present 1: Geo. Gerhold.

OHIO: 3 votes, Delegates present 3: Alban Wolff, Anthony J. Stross, Fred Olt. Alternates present: Adolph Varrelmann, Geo. F. Roth, Rudolph Platzer, Charles Cammerer.

MINNESOTA: 2 votes, Delegates present 1: Wm. Mueller.

UPPER MISSISSIPPI: 28 votes, Delegates present 28: Frank Boyler, Harry Erickson, J. L. Dean, Henry J. Schiget, Merle Little, Fred Little, George W. Jones, David Henschen, Raymond Miller, J. Vern Thorngren, Theo. R. Stenger, Sam Greaser, Frank Jenkins, Albert M. Keim, J. H. Welch, Bernard E. Wahe, Chas. J. Oberg, Albert Lehne, Lester H. Dau, Harry Warnken, Sr., Harry Warnken, Jr., Wm. M. Klier, Kyle W. Rask, Victor A. Shallene, Elmer C. Shernau, Fritz Didlaukes, Carl M. Mueller, Ruel Pitcher.

Alternates present: T. H. Robinson, Chas. F. Linberg.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA: 4 votes, Delegates present 3: Max E. Socha, Carl Entenmann, Carl J. Mettler.

The following members of the National Executive Committee were present: Carl M. Weideman, President; Arthur A. Kuecken, Vice President; Wm. D. Held, Second Vice President; Emil L. Pletz, Secretary; Walter J. E. Holtz, Recording Secretary; Fred J. Wolf, Treasurer; George Heeschen, National Technical Chairman; Joseph Eckel, National Mental Culture Chairman; Karl H. Schmidt, Normal College Committee.

The following Regional Members of the National Executive Committee were present representing their respective Districts: Leopold Saltiel, E. L. Hohenstein, Wm. Mueller, Carl Entenmann.

After the adoption of the Report of the Credentials Committee, President Weideman asked for nominations for Chairman of the Convention, whereupon Turner Leo M. Rappaport of the Indiana District was nominated by Turner Max E. Socha of Southern California. This nomination was seconded in succession by Turner Wm. Mueller, Dr. Otto Koenig and Fritz Nicke. A motion was then made that the nominations be closed, whereupon Turner Rappaport was unanimously elected Chairman of the Convention. Turner Rappaport stated that he felt it a distinct honor to be named Chairman and expressed his sincere thanks to the delegates, and declared that he would endeavor to direct the deliberations of the Convention as expeditiously as possible and at the same time with fairness to all delegates and he further expressed the hope that the decisions of this Convention might result in a substantial and satisfactory growth of our organization.

Chairman Rappaport then directed that the next order of business before the Convention would be the Annual Message of President Weideman which our President delivered as follows:

Message of the President

Since assuming office as your National President in September, 1937, I have visited Turner Societies in all sections of the country. After the convention in Los Angeles, the Pacific Coast societies were visited, and since that time I have officially visited societies in nearly all Districts.

I believe that a new spirit of enthusiasm has been aroused in many Societies for the Turner Cause, and I hope that in the future the Turner Movement will show a continuous growth in numbers.

All disputes between Districts and Societies have been amicably settled during the past year, and the Districts are going on with renewed enthusiasm to aid our cause. We have had the admission of one new society this year, the Brooklyn Turners, to the American Turnerbund. The Belleville Turners of Belleville, Illinois, have made application to be readmitted as a member Society. We welcome them back to our ranks, and hope that their growth will be steady. We show an increase in membership this year.

The response of many Districts toward the payment of their per capita tax has been unsatisfactory. Part of the blame may lie in the method of collection of the tax. Your former National Committee recommended that the per capita tax be collected directly by the National Executive Committee. I again recommend a direct collection of the tax, and believe that the former method of collection of the tax can never be satisfactory and can lead but to discord.

The spirit of goodwill shown in the Turnvereins all over the country is indeed remarkable. There is no society which I am as proud of as the Turner Societies, as it is here that people really enjoy life and devote a part of their time in building their minds and bodies.

I believe that our national publication—"Turner Topics," should be sent to every Turner member in the United States, and

that the cost of publishing and mailing the same should be added to and made a part of the national per capita tax.

I believe that the method of issuing our membership card should be changed, and that a uniform membership card, numbered serially, should be issued only thru the National Committee to the various Societies, and that the tax should be paid on each card issued by the Society. We believe this method of controlling our membership will aid the Societies in controlling their local dues and guarantee to the National Executive Committee that it will get the per capita tax to which it is entitled.

We understand that the report governing the Jahn Fund and the Instructors' Fund, and also the Normal College will be filed by these bodies. Since taking office, the National Executive Committee has appointed a new campaign committee for the Normal College Building and Endowment Fund, and campaign manager. The Trust Agreement has been finally accepted by the National Executive Committee and the Normal College, and we are now ready to proceed with our plans and urge the support of every Turner to this worthy cause.

We believe that, if the Turner movement is to grow, it must be progressive, and must meet the competition furnished by other similar societies; that our buildings must be maintained in good order; that our class of members should be of the highest; and that, as soon as practicable, the local Societies should be known as "Turner Societies", and confusing and complex names should be avoided in contact with the public, as we can better build our Societies' growth by stressing and calling our societies "Turner Societies."

In reviewing the proceedings of other conventions, I find that a change in name was recommended, and particularly that the the word "Turner" be stressed.

We believe that the name of the American Turnerbund should be changed to "Amer-

ican Turners", and that this change will facilitate our growth.

We believe that the National Executive Committee should have the services of a paid full time executive secretary, for organization and promotion of the Turner Movement.

We have the finest organization in the world, but unfortunately it will not organize itself or sell itself. Competent men have to direct our growth.

Your National Executive Committee is not wholly satisfied with the job it has done, but it has worked faithfully in your behalf without thought of any personal reward, and it is impossible for any set of National officers to do a proper job without having at least one executive on a full time paid basis to devote himself entirely to the interest of the Turner movement.

We have introduced a new line of Turner organization insignia, in the form of medals, jewelry, and trophies, which, during this short period, has met with unanimous approval. In addition to this, a distinctive Turner automobile emblem tag has been made available for Turners, in order to advertise our movement more broadly. We ask that each Turner secure one of these automobile tags and he should also wear one of our Turner lapel buttons, identifying himself as a Turner.

In closing, I want to state that my travels throughout the country, my visits to the various Societies, and my contacts with individual members of the Societies throughout the United States have been very pleasant, I appreciate their cooperation and their desire to aid our cause.

My first year as President has been a very agreeable one. Several of our Societies have shown a splendid growth. I congratulate them. Many other Societies have not been so enthusiastic to the Turner Movement. If present officers of societies are indifferent to Turner growth, it might be possible that new blood in these various Societies would give

the needed enthusiasm necessary to insure the growth within the society.

I hope that in the coming year we will build a courage and determination within ourselves and within our societies to let the world know what the Turner principles are, and what they mean for mankind. We stand committed to the development of a "Sound Mind in a Sound Body," so that this world will be a better place in which to live. GUT HEIL!

CARL M. WEIDEMAN, *President.*

After President Weideman had concluded the delivery of his message, Chairman Rapaport called for nominations for Honorary Chairman of the Convention. Turner Carl Entenmann of the Southern California District was nominated but gratefully declined for the reason that he had been thus honored at one of the Elkhart Lake Conventions. Turner Richard Turnt of the Pittsburgh District was nominated and after at first apparently resenting the possible inference which might be implied in this gesture, and stating that he was "still too young a man to be placed on the scrap pile," he gratefully accepted this unexpected and unsolicited honor.

The Chairman then called for nominations for a Vice-Chairman of the Convention, whereupon Turner Leopold Saltiel of the Illinois District was nominated and unanimously elected Vice Chairman, and cordially thanked the Convention.

Upon call for nominations for Secretary of the Convention, Herman Eisele, of the Lake Erie District was nominated, and there being no further nominations, was elected Secretary.

The Chairman then called for nominations for Assistant Secretary of the Convention, in response to which Turner Fred Olt of the Ohio District was nominated and unanimously elected Assistant Secretary.

The following List of Committees and Delegates and Alternates assigned to the Committees of the Convention was then

read by the Chairman, these lists having been compiled from the preferences indicated on the credentials submitted by the Districts and approved by the Officers of the Convention, in harmony with the procedure adopted at preceding conventions.

Committee on National Affairs: Max E. Socha, Dirk Voss, Ed. Groth, Leo M. Rappaport, Fritz Maurer, Rudy Koenig, Wm. Schelling, Leopold Saltiel, Frank Berndt, Theo. Gross, Frank Holoubek, E. L. Hohenstein, Eugene Stifel, Harry W. Kuegler, Rudy Hartkopf, George Kretzschmar, Carl Rampendahl, Henry W. Luther, Alvin R. Steinke, Wm. Ludwig, Donald P. Schuur, Geo. L. Huhn, Fritz Nicke, Emil Burkhardt, William A. Nicolai, Walter Palm, Richard Turnt, Howard I. Custer, Louis Schubert, George Seibel, Wm. J. Kramer, August Buchholtz, George Gerhold, George Wilhelm, Fred Olt, Geo. F. Roth, Charles Cammerer, William Mueller, Albert M. Keim, Al Lehne, Fritz Didlaukes, Lester H. Dau, Merle Little, Kyle W. Rask, Frank J. Buresh. Ex-officio: Carl M. Weideman, Emil L. Pletz, William D. Held and Walter J. E. Holtz.

Technical Committee: Carl F. Hein, Joseph Stahl, Harry S. Grabner, Oscar L. Buehler, William Modrow, Ed. C. Schubel, David C. Zweifel, Theo. A. Gross, Otto Rost, Dr. Paul M. Grueb, Otto Beckhoff, Donald Patthoff, Helmuth C. Hohman, C.E. Brewer, Therese Pletz, Max Weitzmann, Edward Schwerdtfeger, John M. Stocker, Fritz Nicke, Harold M. Gebhardt, Emil Preiss, Dr. L. F. Zwarg, William H. Beutel, Charles A. Geber, Oscar N. Simmen, Herbert A. Floss, Louis Schubert, Wm. M. Klier, Ray Miller, Harry Erickson, Chas. J. Oberg, Harry Warnken, Sr., Harry Warnken, Jr., David Henschen, Henry J. Schiget, Carl J. Mettler. Ex-Officio: Geo. M. Heeschen.

Committee on Youth Movement: Rudy Koenig, William Geckler, Wm. J. Uttley, Archie Wilson, Andrew Biemiller, Frank Jenkins.

Finance Committee: E. L. Hohenstein, Erwin Richter, Paul R. Bullard, L. O. Grei-

ner, Richard A. Schmidt, Rud. Radinse, H. Fickweiler, Carl Trueg, Howard I. Custer, Ted Stenger, T. Harry Robinson, Ruel Pitcher, George W. Jones. Ex-Officio: Fred J. Wolf.

Committee on Platform, Statutes and Grievances: Charles Klink, Max Armbruster, Harry G. Schoene, Marshall F. Troester, Wendelin Kraft, Art F. Dauer, Fred Little, Vern Thorngren.

Normal College Committee: Jos. Zimmermann, Dr. Carl B. Spath, Leo M. Rappaport, Fred Drews, Art F. Dauer, Dr. Otto Koenig, Jack F. Nickels, Harold M. Gebhardt, John M. Stocker, Richard Turnt, Anthony J. Stross, Rudolph Platzer, Victor A. Shallene, Elmer C. Shernau, Carl J. Mettler, Carl Entenmann. Ex-Officio: Arthur A. Kuecken, and Karl H. Schmidt.

Committee on National Publication and Publicity: Max Armbruster, Dr. Kenneth Koegel, Chas. Eichin, Victor Mittlacher, Arthur J. Burnett, Elton L. Nold, Claude Whipple, Homer A. Recor, Adolph Pemsel, William Mueller, Bernard E. Wahe, Sam Greaser, Chas. F. Linberg, J. H. Welch.

Mental Culture Committee: Eugene Stifel, Herman F. Andrews, Emil Wirth, Dr. Paul M. Straube, Mark Roberts, Fred Schopp, Otto Hermanns, Arthur Boyden, Ed. Dunn, Wm. Hamilton, Charles F. Daum, Wm. C. Zumach, Andreas Kohary, Carl Erdlen, Henry Hild, Alban Wolff, Adolph Varrelmann, J. L. Dean, Carl M. Mueller, Frank Boyler. Ex-Officio: Joseph Eckel.

During the reading of this report, a motion was duly made and carried that all Instructors present at the Convention be given seat and voice in the Technical Committee.

A motion was also made and carried that the members of the National Executive Committee be made Ex-Officio Members of such Committees of the Convention as they might select.

Two representatives, Joe Schuette and Phil Loth, being present from the South Side Turners of Omaha, asked that they be given

the privilege of sitting in with the Convention, whereupon a motion was duly made and carried that seat and voice in this Convention be accorded to these two representatives from the Omaha South Side Turners.

The following instructions relating to the procedure in Committees were then announced by the Chairman:

The Committee is to be called together by the delegates marked with a circle on each list, and the Committee shall then organize by electing its Chairman and Secretary.

The first duty of each Committee shall be to inspect the resolution submitted to it and return to the officers of the Convention, any resolution which, in its best judgement does not come under its jurisdiction.

Committees must consider all resolutions properly submitted to them; but the Committee report to the Convention shall include only those recommendations favorably acted upon by the Committee.

All reports of Committees must be made in four copies, one copy to be delivered to the Chairman of the Convention, one copy to the Secretary of the Convention, and the third copy to be held by the Chairman or Secretary of the Committee until the final report, as amended, if necessary, is disposed of by the Convention, and one copy for the press.

Committee reports must list the names of all delegates who attended the meetings of the Committee.

All Committee reports must be signed by the Chairman and Secretary of each Committee, and, if possible, by all members of that Committee.

The Committee reports will be called for in such order as the Chairman of the Convention may determine.

There being no objection, the Chairman declared these rules effective.

A motion was duly made and carried that a Committee consisting of the National

President, Carl M. Weideman; the Chairman of the Convention, Leo M. Rappaport; and the Honorary Chairman of the Convention, Richard Turnt, be appointed to extend the greetings of this Convention to the Tenth Annual Convention of the Ladies Auxiliaries of the American Turnerbund who were meeting simultaneously at the hall of the Detroit Socialer Turnverein.

The Committees of the Convention were thereupon assigned to their rooms.

It was informally determined that the time for calling the Second Session of the Convention to order be left to the discretion of the Chairman of the Convention. Accepting this assignment, the Chair suggested that the Committees make a sincere effort to complete their work by 2:00 P. M. in order that he might be able to call the Second Session to order at or near that time.

The Chairman then declared the First Session of the Convention adjourned at 11:07 A. M.

Second Session, Saturday Afternoon July 2, 1938

Due to the fact that most of the Committees did not complete their work until 5:15 P. M., the Second Session of the Convention could not be called to order by Chairman Rappaport before that time.

The Minutes of the first session were read and approved after several minor additions were suggested and incorporated.

The Chairman then suggested the following rules for the conduct of the business of the Convention:

Robert's Rules of Order will govern the Convention.

Delegates will be permitted to speak for not more than three minutes at any one time, and no delegate will be permitted to speak more than twice on the same subject, except by permission of the convention. These regulations shall not apply to delegates submitting reports, who may speak as often

as occasion requires in order to answer questions and may also have the floor after debate is closed.

Speakers may use either the English or German Language and any delegate shall have the right to have the subject matter of any discussion translated, if he so requests.

There being no objection, the Chairman declared that these rules would govern the discussion and Convention proceedings.

The Chairman then called for the Report of the Normal College Committee.

This Report was read as follows by Assistant Secretary Olt of the Convention:

Report of the Normal College Committee

To the 37th National Convention of the
American Turnerbund:

Gut Heil!

The following resolutions were discussed and are recommended to this convention for approval:

1. That the high school scholarship is to be continued on the present basis; that is, to be awarded to one man and one woman graduate of selected high schools among those recognized by the North Central Collegiate Association, who rank within the upper 40 % of their class. However, they will hereafter be required to maintain an average of B minus in the College instead of the average of C.

2. That a Turnverein recommending a member for a scholarship shall assume responsibility for payment of the member's tuition fee in case he should refuse to teach in a Turnverein after graduation, for a period of at least two years.

3. That the rule requiring graduates of the two and three year courses to complete the requirements for the degree within three years and one summer after graduation, be eliminated.

4. That students for whom the College selects a rooming house, be required to re-

main in that house for at least one semester unless a change is approved by the Administrative Board.

5. That the matter of reduced tuition fees for male applicants was discussed. It was pointed out that male students must have attended Turnverein classes for three years and must have been members for one year; that female students are required to have attended classes for three years and that their fathers or guardians must have been members of a Turnverein for three years; that male students cannot become members of the Turnerbund until 18 years of age and that in many cases they enter the College before they reach that age. The Committee recommends that in such cases the same rule apply to males as for female students.

6. That the minimum age of applicants for a Turnverein scholarship is to be reduced from 18 to 17 years.

7. That since there are many Turnverein Instructors who have rendered many years of valuable service to their respective Societies as well as the Turnerbund, we recommend that the Board of Trustees of the Normal College honor these men with a suitable award.

8. That the \$6,000 appropriation to the Normal College per year be continued until the next National Convention.

9. That this convention extend a vote of thanks to the Board of Trustees of the Normal College, for their loyal and faithful service.

J. J. Zimmermann, Chairman

Harold Gebhardt, Secretary

This report was re-read and discussed by Paragraphs. During the discussion of Paragraph 5, the words "or guardians" as printed above, were inserted after the word "fathers" by amendment offered from the floor of the Convention and duly carried.

No other paragraphs were changed and a motion was then made and seconded and carried that this Report be adopted as a whole, as amended.

The Chairman then called for the Report of the Committee on Mental Culture.

This Report was read by the Assistant Secretary as follows:

Report of the Committee on Mental Culture

To the 37th National Convention of the
American Turnerbund

Gut Heil!

Your Committee, organized by electing Turner Eugene Stifel as Chairman and Frank Boyler as Secretary.

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

1. That the Societies which have not yet organized singing and dramatic sections be requested to do so, and that special effort be made to organize choral groups among the Juniors and children.
2. That debating teams be organized to work on topics as suggested from time to time by the Mental Activities Chairman of the Turnerbund, and that public speaking classes be organized as a preliminary work toward the organization of debating teams.
3. That competition in art photography be encouraged by the District and National Organizations and that suitable prizes be awarded from year to year for outstanding work and that the Societies which have not yet organized Camera Clubs be urged to do so.
4. That Society publicity organs give space to activities along mental culture lines and for discussion of problems of general interest, and encourage members to write contributions on educational and health topics, or on literary subjects, book reviews, etc.
5. That annual Mental Activities Turn-days be established for competition among the Mental Activities groups of the various Societies of the Districts.

6. Due to the fact that the field of the activities coming under the direction of the Mental Culture Committees is gradually expanding to include such items as photography which cannot appropriately be classed as "mental", it is recommended that the activities now embraced by the term "Mental Culture" in our Turner Organizations and Turner Literature, be hereafter designated as "Cultural Activities."

7. We recommend that names and addresses of authorities in each field of Mental Endeavor be reissued to each society by the Chairman of Mental Culture of the American Turnerbund.

8. We recommend that Articles 1 and 2, and 4 of the Mental Culture Committee's report of the 36th National Convention be retained. These articles read as follows:

- a) We recommend that Ladies' Choruses and Mixed Choruses be organized wherever possible and that these groups be made eligible to competition at District and National Turnfests as well as Male Choruses.
- b) We recommend that Ladies' Choruses and Mixed Choruses of Turnvereins be given the privilege of competing at Turnfests, under the same conditions as are now stipulated for the male choruses (four part voice — a capella — in either the German or English language).
- c) We recommend that the results of the competition at Turnfests be made known early so that winners of wreaths will be present at the Preis Verteilung, if these prizes are distributed at future Turnfests.
- d) The Mental Activities Committee and the Local and National Technical Committee must cooperate with each other at Turnfests to the end that the list of names of the Mental Activities Committee and the names of the Mental Activities Judges shall appear in the Festival Work Plan.
- e) Societies and individuals must be made to understand that they must have the names of the entries in the hands of the Committee at the time specified.

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

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

h) It is recommended that all societies be advised of the opportunity of obtaining from larger corporations, steamship and railroad companies, etc., without charge, material, speakers, motion pictures, etc., which while they may be of an advertising nature are still entertaining and of an instructive nature.

Respectfully submitted, with Turner Greetings,

Eugene Stifel, Chairman

Frank Boyler, Secretary.

After the first reading of this report, a motion was made, seconded and carried that this report be adopted in its entirety.

The Chairman next called for the Report of the Committee on Press and Publication.

The Assistant Secretary read this report as follows:

Report of the Committee on National Publication and Publicity

To the 37th National Convention of the American Turnerbund

Gut Heil!

The Committee organized with Charles Eichin as Chairman and Adolph Pemsel as Secretary.

1. We recommend that the National Treasurer be instructed to again offer Albert Steinhäuser a sum of \$2,570 as originally proposed in the letter of Henry J. Thier, under date of September 6, 1937 (letter in

the files of the National Executive Committee) plus interest at 3% from date of last Convention, July 10, 1937, and that sum be paid as soon as possible. If this proposition is still refused by Albert Steinhäuser, the National Executive Committee is authorized to take proper legal steps to close this matter once and for all.

2. We do not recommend the consideration of either of the two propositions of Albert Steinhäuser regarding the "American Turner" again becoming the official publication. (Letter from Albert Steinhäuser in files of the National Executive Committee).

3. We recommend the immediate transfer to the headquarters of the National Turner magazine from Pittsburgh to Detroit, in order that the editor be in closer contact with the National Executive Committee.

4. We recommend that a publication board be appointed, consisting of an editor, a national advertising manager, a circulation manager to care for new subscriptions, and renewals, when due, and all the editors of the various society publications.

5. We recommend that a contributing board be established, consisting of the National Executive Officers, and all the regional members.

6. We recommend that the publication board be instructed to issue the National paper on a monthly basis, and to improve its appearance and content matter so that the magazine will bear national appeal to all the members.

7. We recommend that the present payments from the National Executive Committee and also the Jahn Fund to be continued for the next two years.

8. We recommend that the secretary of every member society be instructed to send monthly news items and reports to the National publication board.

9. We recommend that the National secretary be instructed to send press releases

to all the editors of the local papers for inclusion in their publications.

10. We recommend, if possible, that all local society papers be standardized as to page and column size, according to specifications to be prepared by the National Publication Board, so that cuts and news items furnished by them will have uniform appearance in all the papers.

11. We recommend to the convention that Turner George Seibel be extended a vote of thanks for his work in connection with the Turner Topics for the past two years.

12. We concur in the following recommendations adopted by the 63rd Convention of the Lake Erie District and submit them for your approval:

(a) That each Turnverein appoint a publicity committee to serve as a clearing house for information of the Society activities and to furnish the newspapers, of the cities in which the Turnvereins are situated, with that information and that free yearly membership be granted to influential members of the press in each Society city as a means of cementing the friendship and contacts between the newspapers and the Turnvereins.

(b) That, if the desired publicity in the Daily Press of the Turnverein Cities is not achieved, a professional publicity man be retained by each Society, as the advantages of such publicity in the local newspapers cannot be overestimated and that it is the best possible method of acquainting the general public with the advantages and desirability of membership in the Turnverein.

(c) That all material, manuscripts, photographs, engravings, etc., be exchanged freely within the entire Turnerbund in the interest of spreading the knowledge and desirability of Turnerism.

(d) That owing to the present world wide political unrest, each society in the Turnerbund make a special effort to obtain publicity to impress on the general public

the fact that the Turnvereins are exclusively American institutions and have no affiliation with any foreign nation or local political beliefs.

(e) That all members be urged to purchase and install on their cars the American Turner Emblem, same to be supplied by their Society at cost.

(f) That members and their families be urged to wear American Turner Insignia.

(g) That steps should be taken to improve the society publicity organs published by the various Societies. Men or women should be selected as editors and publishing committee members who have ability and are steeped in the Turner principles.

Chas. Eichen, Chairman

Adolph Pemsel, Secretary.

This Report was considered and adopted by paragraphs after which the report was adopted as a whole by a motion duly made and carried.

The Chairman then called for the Report of the Finance Committee. This Report was read by Assistant Secretary Olt as follows:

Report of the Finance Committee

To the 37th National Convention of the
American Turnerbund

Gut Heil!

The Finance Committee, under the chairmanship of L. O. Greiner, and with Ruel Pitcher, Secretary, submits the following report for your consideration:

We find that the books of the National Treasurer have not been audited for the last fiscal year and it being impossible, due to the shortness of time, to make an itemized check of the receipts and expenditures, we recommend to this Convention that the Treasurer's report as shown in the annual report be assumed as being correct at this time, viz:

Cash on hand, April 1, 1937.....\$ 1,195.74
 Receipts 12,147.94
 Disbursements 11,924.68
 Balance on hand, March 31, 1938.... 1,419.00

In addition to the above, the National Treasurer is also carrying an amount of \$3,617.47 belonging to the Normal College Maintenance Fund, and this Committee could not attempt to reconcile the amount shown with the amount on deposit due to lack of time.

We further recommend that the National Executive Committee engage the services of a Certified Public Accountant to audit the books of the Treasurer, certifying to the correctness of the receipts and disbursements for 1937.

We further recommend that it be made mandatory for the National Executive Committee to have the books of the Treasurer examined and audited by a Certified Public Accountant prior to each National Convention and such report to be submitted to the Auditing Committee.

We further recommend that the National Treasurer be placed under Bond for an amount not less than two thousand Dollars.

In connection with several communications received in regard to the payment of the National Per Capita Tax, we recommend that the District Treasurers or Secretaries inform the National Executive Committee the amount due from each Society within the District as of April 1, 1938, and in the future that all remittances by the Districts shall be accompanied by a statement specifying the amount paid by the Societies within the District, and that the National Executive Committee be authorized to call the attention to any Society of the amount of the National Per Capita Tax unpaid and that the National Executive Committee hereafter keep its records in such form so that they will show the status of each Society within the District.

As the delinquent National Per Capita Tax is increasing and steps should be taken to materially reduce such balance, we recommend that the National Executive Committee be authorized, after duly investigating, make such arrangements, adjustments and terms for the immediate final settlement of these delinquent taxes with individual Societies, these adjustments, however, to receive the approval of the District in which such Societies are located.

Respectfully submitted,
 L. O. Greiner, Chairman
 Ruel Pitcher, Secretary.

This report was discussed by paragraphs and after a lengthy discussion of the last paragraph, a motion was duly made to strike out the last paragraph of the report. This motion was voted on by a voice vote of the delegates, in accordance with which the Chairman declared the motion lost. A motion was then made and seconded to adopt the report as a whole. This motion was voted upon by voice vote which appeared to be close and before the Chairman announced the result, a motion to reconsider was duly made and carried, after which a motion from the floor directed that a roll call be taken on a motion to strike out the last paragraph of the report.

The vote by Districts was as follows:

District	Votes	For	Against
New York	10		10
Indiana	12		12
New England	26	26	
Illinois	16	3	13
St. Louis	12	6.86	5.14
Lake Erie	38	23	15
Western New York	15		15
Middle Atlantic	11		11
Wisconsin	5	5	
Pittsburgh	19		19
New Jersey	10		10
Kansas-Missouri	2		2
Ohio	3	3	
Minnesota	2	2	

Upper Mississippi	28		28
Southern California	4		4

Totals	213	68.86	144.44
--------	-----	-------	--------

The totals were 68.86 Federal Votes for the motion and 144.14 Federal Votes against, as a results of which the Chairman declared the motion to strike out defeated and ordered that the last paragraph would stay in the report.

A motion was then made and seconded that the report be adopted as a whole, which was carried by a voice vote.

The report of the Committee on Platform, Statutes, and Grievances was then read by the Assistant Secretary as follows:

Report of the Committee on Platform, Statutes and Grievances

To the 37th National Convention of the American Turnerbund

Gut Heil!

The Committee organized with Turner Marshall F. Troester as Chairman, and Turner Fred Little as Secretary.

This Committee reports that there were no resolutions or other recommendations referred to it.

Marshall F. Troester, Chairman
Fred Little, Secretary

Upon motion duly made and carried, this report was accepted.

The report of the Committee on the Turner Youth Movement was then read by Assistant Secretary Fred Olt as follows:

Report of the Committee on Turner Youth Movement

To the 37th National Convention of the American Turnerbund

Gut Heil!

The Committee was called to order by the Chairman, Rudy Koenig of Chicago, and was

organized with William Geckler, as Secretary.

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

1. That the National Executive Committee give the Turner Youth Movement more publicity and take the necessary steps to appoint a Committee to govern this Movement as was adopted by the Los Angeles Convention.
2. That any news items pertaining to the Turner Youth Movement published by the National Committee or the Turnvereins be referred to as The American Boy Turners and The American Girls Turners instead of under the headings of Second Boys and Second Girls Classes.

3. That the National Executive Committee be and it is hereby authorized to direct the Committee appointed pursuant to the first paragraph, to establish a national program simliar to that now used in Illinois and other Districts, involving the uniform adoption of a national ritual and manual, including uniforms, insignia, motto, greetings, songs, initiation, application registrations and such other details necessary to bring about national action, direction and control.

Respectfully submitted with Turner Greetings,
Rudy Koenig, Chairman
William Geckler, Secretary

After a brief discussion, paragraph 3 was amended by voice vote to include the words "direct the committee appointed pursuant to the first paragraph" which appear in the above report. These words were substituted for the words "appoint a standing or permanent national Committee" which were in the Committee's original report.

Turner Koenig of the Illinois District asked for time to discuss this subject a little more in detail. Due to the lateness of the hour, however, it was suggested that his ex-

planatory talk be deferred until a more propitious time.

It was then 7:15 P. M. and the Chairman declared the Second Session adjourned and directed the Convention to re-convene at 9:30 A. M. Sunday Morning, July 3.

Third Session, Sunday Morning July 3, 1938

The Third Session of the Convention was called to order by Chairman Rappaport at 9:50 A. M.

The minutes of the Second Session were read and approved as read.

The Chairman then directed that the Convention would proceed with the consideration of the Committee report on the Turner Youth Movement which was left pending at the end of the Second Session. He then recognized Turner Koenig who briefly explained the Turner Youth literature, including manual and information relative to the instruction of and tests for the Turner Youths. After this explanation, a motion was duly made and carried that the report of the Committee on the Turner Youth Movement be adopted as amended during the preceding Session.

The following resolution was then submitted by Turner George Seibel of the Pittsburgh District:

"Whereas, Theodore Ahrens of Louisville, a Turner for more than half a century, attendant or delegate at many Turnfests and National Conventions, founder of the Jahn Educational Fund and liberal contributor to all Turner Funds and Causes, also a member for 15 years of the National Executive Committee, died on June 14 of this year, be it

Resolved, that we mourn his departure as an irreparable loss, not only because he was a loyal Turner, but also because he was a man of the highest character and ideals, and that we voice our sense of loss in the words of the poet:

*The elements
So mixed in him that Nature might stand up
And say to all the world
This was a man!"*

This resolution was adopted by a respectful unanimous rising vote.

The Secretary then announced greetings and best wishes for the success of this Convention including a hearty endorsement of and expression of complete faith in the present National Officers as well as full confidence in the future of the Turner Movement under their leadership, these greetings coming from Clarence Hueckstaedt, President of Senior Men's Organization, Northwest Davenport Turner Society; Charles J. Adrian, First Speaker, Northwest Davenport Turner Society; Ollie Beckman, President and Harold G. Sears, Secretary, East Davenport Turner Cubs, and Emil Burzlaff, President and William P. Behrens, Secretary of the Clinton Turner Progressive Club.

At this point, the report of the Technical Committee of the Convention was submitted by Turner Helmuth C. Hohman as follows:

Report of the Technical Committee

To the 37th National Convention of the American Turnerbund

Gut Heil!

The Committee was organized and elected Carl F. Hein as Chairman and H. C. Hohman as Secretary.

1. We recommend that at all future District, Circuit, Invitational and National Turnfests, a Quadrathlon (4 events) or a Pentathlon (5 events), consisting of events other than apparatus and preferably field and track or similar types of events, be included in active ladies competition, making it possible for this group of competitors to score society points. The three field and track events of the regular Septathlon should be compulsory for this group of competitors and at least one, possibly two, additional events included.

2. We recommend that Senior Ladies groups be included as competitors at future District, Circuit, Invitational and National Turnfests and that a group of five or six suitable events be arranged for them by the National Technical Committee, three or four of which shall be selected for individual competition and we also recommend that the National Technical Committee work out the scoring system for this Senior Ladies Competition.

3. We recommend that since there has been no application received for the next National Turnfest, that the National Executive Committee be empowered to award the Turnfest to any city desiring the same.

4. We recommend and urge that the Districts and Societies of the American Turnerbund encourage and conduct meets to attain the Turnerbund medal, that the National Technical Committee periodically publish results of these tests, that the results of any District be sent to the National Physical Education Committee and that these results be published.

5. We recommend that any proven violation of the age requirements for Active Men, Ladies, and Senior Men at National Turnfests be penalized by disqualifying all points earned by that entire representative team in all events.

6. We recommend that at the next National Turnfest, the National Executive Committee be authorized to take motion pictures of model drills, mass drills, etc. for the purpose of future reference.

7. We recommend that the Normal College conduct a short summer course, of about two or three weeks' duration, for Turnverein teachers and others who might be interested.

8. We recommend that the National Physical Education Committee make a study of existing plans and recommend a simplified form of competition for National Turnfests based on the following:

1. Any society with six or more participants must enter:
 - a) Free exercise
 - b) Model number
 - c) It may enter competitive games, races or other group activities.
2. Societies should be classified for competition in these activities into four groups according to membership, as formerly.
3. All track, field and apparatus work shall consist of individual competition.

9. We recommend that the National Executive Committee conduct annual championship meets in such events as they deem advisable, the entries to be controlled and certified by the Districts. It is understood that these meets will not conflict with National Turnfests.

10. Due to lack of attendance we recommend that Junior National Turnfests be eliminated from the Turner program for the time being.

11. We recommend that the National Executive Committee take steps to devise a more practical plan of creating and organizing the National Physical Education Committee, so that more frequent sessions of this committee may be possible without the tremendous cost now involved where distant geographical representation is a consideration.

12. We recommend that the National Executive Committee notify all societies that the new Turner emblem will be declared the Official Emblem for future Turnfests, and that the National Executive Committee send a sample and cost list to each District Turnwart with the request that he encourage the adoption and purchase of same by Societies.

Respectfully submitted with Turner Greetings,

Carl F. Hein, Chairman
H. C. Hohman, Secretary

This Report was read and considered by paragraphs and was then adopted as a whole by motion duly made and carried.

A committee consisting of Mrs. Laura Olt and Mrs. Alice Moore from the Tenth National Convention of the Ladies Auxiliaries of the American Turnerbund brought their greetings and best wishes to our Convention. These representatives stated that many Ladies Auxiliaries in the Turnerbund are limited in the scope of their activities by restrictions which the societies have imposed upon the eligibility of prospective members for their Auxiliaries, claiming that, by these restrictions, not only their membership but their field of influence was limited and they accordingly asked the societies to liberalize the qualifications for the admission of women to the Ladies Auxiliaries of their respective societies. In harmony with their request the following resolution was submitted: "We recommend that the Societies of the American Turnerbund make more liberal provisions for the admission of women to the Ladies Auxiliaries of their Societies." This motion was promptly seconded and carried by a voice vote.

The only Committee report now remaining to be considered by the Convention was the report of the Committee on National Affairs which was still in the process of being typed.

The Chairman then suggested that invitations for the next Convention City would be received and asked the sponsors of the several cities to present their invitations. The Sozialer Turnverein of Kansas City by Turner Geo. Wilhelm was the first to present the invitation on behalf of this Society and city. Turner Wilhelm presented his case in a very effective manner, stressing not only the energy of the membership of his Society, but also the fine municipal auditorium and other facilities and attractions of his city. The Louisville Turners, by Turner Ed. Groth, then submitted their invitation for the Convention, basing their claim not only upon the ample facilities of this Society and

on the attractions and proverbial southern hospitality of this city, but also upon the fact that this Society had asked for a National Convention at the two preceding National Conventions, but each time had graciously stepped aside and yielded first to Los Angeles and then to Detroit. An invitation was then extended by Dr. Carl B. Sputh in behalf of Camp Brosius at Elkhart Lake in which he set forth that this camp was in effect an American Turnerbund institution and in which he stressed the open air and healthy surroundings of the camp and Elkhart Lake. No further invitations from any society being submitted, the Chairman asked for a rising vote to select the next Convention City.

This vote resulted as follows: Kansas City 20, Louisville 46, Camp Brosius, Elkhart Lake 41. After the announcing of this vote a roll call by Districts was demanded. Before this roll call was initiated, Turner Wilhelm announced that Kansas City would withdraw its invitation in favor of Louisville. A roll call was then made which resulted as follows:

Louisville 92 Federal votes, Elkhart Lake 121 Federal votes, whereupon the Chairman declared that the next Convention would be held at Camp Brosius at Elkhart Lake. The vote by Districts is recorded as follows:

District	Votes	For	
		Elkhart Lake	Louisville
New York	10	10	
Indiana	12	6	6
New England	26	26	
Illinois	16	16	
St. Louis	12		12
Lake Erie	38	18	20
Western New York	15	7	8
Middle Atlantic	11	11	
Wisconsin	5	5	
Pittsburgh	19	7	12
New Jersey	10	10	
Kansas Missouri	2		2
Ohio	3		3

Minnesota	2	2	
Upper Mississippi	28		28
Southern California	4	3	1
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	213	121	92

The report of the Committee on National Affairs being ready, was now read by Assistant Secretary Olt as follows:

Report of the Committee on National Affairs

To the 37th National Convention of the American Turnerbund

Gut Heil!

The Committee was called together by Temporary Chairman Socha of Southern California. The Committee elected as officers Turner Max E. Socha of Southern California, Chairman; and Turner Lester Dau of Upper Mississippi as Secretary.

The various resolutions submitted to this Committee were read. It was moved and carried that a Trust Agreement for the Normal College be studied by a Committee of five members and that they be instructed to report their findings to the National Affairs Committee. Turners Schurr, Salties, Turnt, Seibel, and Kretzschmar were appointed as the Committee.

On motion made and carried the following Resolutions were recommended to the Convention:

1. That the National Headquarters of the American Turnerbund be retained with the Detroit Socialer Turnverein, Akron Turner Club and Toledo Turners for the next two years.

2. That the National Per Capita Tax be paid directly to the National Executive Committee by the Society. (Secretary's Note: This paragraph was stricken from this report by the Convention; see below).

3. That the National Executive Committee issue membership cards to the individual Societies and the Societies will be held

accountable to the National Executive Committee for such cards issued. (Secretary's Note: This paragraph was stricken from this report by the Convention; see below).

4. That the name of the National Organization be changed from "American Turnerbund" to "American Turners." (Note: This paragraph was submitted, by action of the Convention, to a referendum of the membership of the Turnerbund; see below).

5. That the National Convention suggest to the individual Societies that they change their names, if they have not already done so, to incorporate the word "Turner" as a part of their name, as for instance, "Toledo Turners," or "Detroit Turners."

6. There being invitations from several Societies requesting the next National Convention, they were referred to the Convention without recommendation. (Secretary's Note: This matter was disposed of prior to the submission of this report by the selection of Camp Brosius at Elkhart Lake; see below).

7. That the National Executive Committee of the American Turnerbund shall have authority to appoint a permanent field organizer for the purpose of reviving inactive Societies and assisting in increasing the membership and the activities of member Societies and provide the necessary funds for such purpose.

8. That a standard installation address be compiled by the National Executive Committee to be used in the installation of all officers in the American Turnerbund.

9. That the Societies and individual Turners of the American Turnerbund make contributions to the Instructors' Fund of the American Turnerbund which was established for the purpose of aiding Turnverein Instructors who have served faithfully and who are seriously in need of financial assistance. We particularly urge all Instructors and all Societies employing Instructors to contribute to this Fund and we further urge every

Society and the sections of Societies periodically to arrange entertainments for the purpose of raising contributions for this Fund.

10. To accept the Trust Agreement for the Normal College as recommended by the Sub-Committee of the National Affairs Committee.

11. In order to condense and crystallize additional Resolutions which had been submitted to the Committee on National Affairs, by the Wisconsin and other Districts, a sub-committee was appointed to act on these resolutions. Turners Palm, Saltiel, Gerhold, Voss and Hartkopf were appointed on this Committee.

Chairman Socha then adjourned the Committee until 9 A. M. Sunday, when the Sub-Committee was instructed to report on their action.

The Committee on National Affairs was called to order by Chairman Socha at 9:45 A. M. on Sunday.

The Sub-Committee condensed and reported favorably on the resolutions No. 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, referred to it, as follows:

12. Resolution on Right of Asylum

Whereas, many of the pioneer Turners in this country were refugees from persecution and oppression in their homelands abroad, and

Whereas, the United States offered to these Turners its traditional right of asylum,

Therefore, Be it resolved that the Convention of the American Turnerbund hereby goes on record commending the government of the United States for its plan to extend this traditional right of asylum to the thousands of victims of oppression and terrorism in the foreign nations,

Be it further Resolved that copies of this resolution be sent to President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Secretary of State Cordell Hull, Congressmen and Senators.

Approved:

Walter Palm
Rudolf Hartkopf
Dirk Voss
Leopold Saltiel
Geo. Gerhold

13. Resolution on Socialized Medicine

Whereas, the fundamental principles of the American Turnerbund declare:

“We favor social institutions and legal enactments that will secure to every worker the fruits of his toil and safeguard his life,” and

Whereas, adequate medical care is a prime essential to carry out the principle of safeguarding the life of toilers, and

Whereas, millions of American men, women, and children cannot afford to obtain adequate medical treatment when they need it; therefore

Be it Resolved that the Convention of the American Turnerbund hereby goes on record in favor of legislative enactments authorizing systems of health insurance, group medicine, and other forms of organized medical service at low cost.

Approved:

Walter Palm
Rudolf Hartkopf
Dirk Voss
Leopold Saltiel
Geo. Georhold

14. Declaration of Principles

Whereas, the American Turnerbund, stands committed to the ideals of liberty, democracy and the republican form of government, and

Whereas, the fundamental Turner principles, briefly summarized, are: “Liberty, against all oppression; Tolerance, against all fanaticism; Reason, against all superstition, and Justice, against all exploitation; Free

Speech, Free Press, Free Assembly for the discussion of all questions so that men and women may think unfettered and order their lives by the dictates of their conscience.”

Whereas, propagandists in our nation, are attempting to spread doctrines of dictatorship, religious and racial hatred, intolerance and injustice, and destruction of free speech, press and assembly.

Whereas, these doctrines are completely antagonistic to the ideals upon which the Turner movement rests, and for which the founder of Turnerism struggled at great sacrifice, and

Whereas, the un-American propaganda and activities have tended to arouse mistrust and prejudice toward other organizations of American citizens of German extraction, who are unequivocally loyal to American institutions,

Therefore, be it resolved, that the American Turnerbund most vigorously condemns all subversive doctrines and activities also utterly opposes the dissemination of these subversive and un-American propaganda and pledges itself to resist with all its power any encroachment upon American liberties; demands equality and tolerance for all races and creeds, and dedicates itself anew to a struggle for the great principles of Turnerism—liberty, tolerance, reason and justice.

Be it further Resolved, that the American Turnerbund will not permit in its membership any person who is in sympathy with any of these subversive doctrines contrary to our principles.

Approved:

Walter Palm

Leopold Saltiel

15. Resolution on Government Ownership?

Whereas, the American Turnerbund, in its fundamental principles, stands committed to ultimate public ownership of such essen-

tial utilities as railways, electricity, telegraph, telephone, and radio,

Therefore, be it Resolved that the 1938 Convention of the American Turnerbund assembled in Detroit, July 1, 2, 3, 4, 1938, hereby goes on record urging that the government of the United States cease pouring subsidies into the railroads of this country, and instead take over these railroads and operate them in the public interest,

Be it further Resolved that copies of this resolution be sent to Congressmen and Senators.

Approved:

Walter Palm

Rudolf Hartkopf

Dirk Voss

Leopold Saltiel

Geo. Georhold

16. Resolution on National Defense

Whereas, the fundamental principles of the American Turnerbund declare that:

“War should be outlawed by every nation; overgrown military and naval establishments are a menace to our own liberties and the peace of the world; the power of conscription is a dangerous device of tyranny.”

And whereas, the trend of recent world history abundantly demonstrates the truth of these statements, and makes it imperative that believers in liberty and democracy prepare to defend their freedom,

Therefore, be it Resolved, that the National Convention of the American Turnerbund, assembled in Detroit, July 1, 2, 3, 4, 1938, declares its unceasing opposition to conscription bills now pending in Congress; to the continued presence of American naval vessels in Chinese waters; and that all appropriation for the United States Navy shall not be larger than necessary for the defense of our shores.

This Convention endorses the national anti-war congress of the Keep America Out of War Committee held in Washington, D.

C., May 28th and 30th, and urges enactment of the LaFollette-Ludlow amendment to the constitution to provide for a popular referendum before America enters any war away from our shore.

Be it further Resolved, that copies of this resolution be sent to Representatives and Senators.

Approved:

Walter Palm
 Rudolf Hartkopf
 Dirk Voss
 Leopold Saltiel
 Geo. Georhold

Respectfully submitted, with Turner
 Greetings,

The Committee on National Affairs

Max E. Socha, Chairman
 Lester Dau, Secretary

This report was considered by paragraphs. After a few questions and brief discussion, Paragraph 1 was adopted.

At the first reading, action on Paragraphs 2 and 3 was suspended pending the determination of the question of an interference alleged to exist between these Paragraphs and the previously adopted report of the Finance Committee. After all of the other paragraphs in this report had been acted upon, it was stated by Turner Greiner, Chairman of the Finance Committee, that there was such an interference and that it would be agreeable to the National Executive Committee (who had sponsored Paragraphs 2 and 3) to strike out Paragraphs 2 and 3 from the report of the Committee on National Affairs. These two paragraphs were accordingly struck out by motion duly made and carried by voice vote of the Convention.

Immediately upon the reading of Paragraph 4, a motion was made by Turner Eichin of the Illinois District that this matter be ordered submitted for a referendum vote in accordance with Article 12 of the Sta-

tutes. This motion was seconded and after considerable discussion, this motion was voted upon by roll call and was carried by 140 Federal Votes for the motion and 73 Federal Votes against the motion, whereupon the Chairman declared that no further action on this matter would be taken at the Convention and ordered that the referendum be carried into effect by the National Executive Committee, in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes of the American Turnerbund. The vote by District on this matter is recorded as follows:

District	Votes	For	Against
New York	10		10
Indiana	12	12	
New England	26		26
Illinois	16	15	1
St. Louis	12	12	
Lake Erie	38	38	
Western New York	15	15	
Middle Atlantic	11		11
Wisconsin	5	5	
Pittsburgh	19	12	7
New Jersey	10		10
Kansas Missouri	2		2
Ohio	3		3
Minnesota	2	2	
Upper Mississippi	28	28	
Southern California	4	1	3
	213	140	73

Paragraphs 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 were successively read and declared adopted there being no extensive discussion on any of these paragraphs.

The resolutions submitted to the subcommittee as per Paragraph 11, and identified by the numerals 12, 13, 15 and 16, were declared adopted without much discussion. During the consideration of resolution No. 14, however, it was moved and seconded that the last paragraph in this resolution be stricken. Considerable discussion developed on this motion and the motion was finally defeated, by a voice vote of the Convention and the Chairman accordingly declared that

this paragraph would remain in the resolution.

A motion was then made and seconded that the report of the Committee on National Affairs as amended (that is except Paragraphs 2, 3, and 4) be adopted as a whole. This motion was carried by a voice vote of the Convention.

It was then duly moved that, in printing the proceedings of this Convention, the proceeding of the Tenth National Convention of the Ladies Auxiliaries of the American Turnerbund be included in the same publication with the proceedings of this Convention, if the Ladies Auxiliaries decide to accept this offer. This motion was carried.

A motion was then made that the Convention express its sincere thanks to the National Executive Committee and the individual members of the National Executive Committee for the faithful and unselfish efforts which they put forth in behalf of the welfare and growth of the American Turnerbund during the past ten months of their leadership. This motion was enthusiastically carried by a rising vote.

A motion was then made that the Convention express its grateful appreciation to the Detroit Socialer Turnverein for the extensive and most excellent program and entertainment features which they provided for the convenience and entertainment of the delegates to this Convention. This motion

was enthusiastically carried by a rising vote with Turner applause.

The Honorary Chairman of the Convention, Richard Turnt, then rose to speak briefly but affectionately of the Turners of the American Turnerbund who had passed on during the past year and offered a motion that all of the delegates present rise in silent tribute to the memory of these Turners who had passed to the great beyond. This motion was seconded and the delegates rose in respectful silence.

A motion was then made and seconded, that a vote of thanks be extended to the officers of the Convention for the efficient and expeditious manner in which they had directed the deliberations of this Convention. This motion was carried with Turner applause.

After a few announcements regarding additional program features which had been provided for the entertainment of the delegates and guests, the Chairman at 12:00 o'clock sharp declared the Convention adjourned with a three fold Gut Heil for the success of the American Turnerbund.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Turnt, Honorary Chairman
Leo M. Rappaport, Chairman
Leopold Saltiel, Vice Chairman
Herman Eisele, Secretary
Fred Olt, Assistant Secretary