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The convention was called to order by President Carl R. Anderson at 7:57 P.M., Sunday, August 26, 1962.

The National Anthem was rendered by Turner Paul DeSalvo of the Toledo Society.

President Anderson presented Wilfred H. Racker, Chairman of the local Convention Committee, who is also the Chairman of the National Bowling Committee and President of the American Turners-Toledo.

President Anderson read his presidential report:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The state of the Turners or the report of the American Turners National President and his activities during the last two years and in the past have been rather lengthy and sometimes pessimistic and sometimes optimistic. I am going to cut my report down somewhat.

During the last two years I have had the pleasure of being invited to many societies to one sort of celebration or another, the best celebrations are those at which a national president or other Turner representatives are invited to speak at a kickoff dinner or the dedication of a new society, of which there are all together too few. Many of our society homes are fast becoming decrepit and run down and many times in a rather run-down part of town. This is of quite some concern to the national office. Every society should have a building committee with at least two new members on this committee being replaced every year. New committee members bring new ideas—with new ideas come new buildings and added membership.

The last twenty-five years have shown a downward trend in the Turner movement. This is not a sign of weakness but rather a sign of lack of enthusiasm. Many other Fraternal orders and brotherhood organizations have fallen in membership and even gone out of existence. This is not unusual inasmuch as they are mostly social orders without a planned program and other healthy activities.

The Turners with their four-fold purpose should easily hold and increase membership rolls. I'm sorry to say this is not the case. Too many of our societies fall into weak and inadequate hands, where one after the other activities drop away from the society, simply because the lack of enthusiasm has set in or small minded people with big voices say "we can't afford a physical education teacher

or we can't afford the gym." Others say the same thing about the cultural and "how can we afford a singing teacher when we can't even afford a new music box or new stools for the bar" where everyone should stand anyhow. If all drinkers or shall the word "imbiber" be used, would stand and imbibe, we would be better off for the simple reason you would know how much you can walk away with, but you never know how much you are sitting on. Everytime an active auxiliary of the Society drops away from the order a little part of us dies.

Last year a new idea was tried when the presidents of all the societies of the American Turners were invited to meet for two days at the Louisville Turners. Many new and tried programs were brought up and discussed. In every instance the program that was successful was the one where an eager and enthusiastic group worked together for a common cause.

This is the type of activity that counts. Our leaders can make up a hundred new programs but without enthusiasm in leadership the program might just as well have been thrown in the waste paper basket.

In 1937 the American Turners could point with pride at a count of 127 societies. Today we number 76 societies. Of these societies only a small percentage can substantiate a claim of activities. Many of our societies have tremendous bowling teams and participate in all tournaments. In fact at the last National meet held in Chicago, nearly 2000 bowlers took part making that event the largest registration to date. While this is commendable and most heartening, we as Turners must never lose sight of our heritage which was built on physical and cultural education.

In the newspaper and large and affluent magazines we read of the decline of our youngsters physical aptitude. This I say is not so, you as parents have lost sight of the young peoples' activities. Look around, take notice of the young peoples' meets being held. You will read of individuals who have broken records in every sport activity. Where did all of this start? I'll tell you where it started, right in our Turner Halls and why don't we have large classes today? Because you as Turners live in the past—you refuse to see or recognize the fact that these things must be paid for. Many societies are still collecting dues on a 1914 income. Today with the individual income 12 times as high as it was in 1914. How can you as Turners justify the operation of a society on starvation dues? Just because you can buy a Coca-Cola for a nickel when you did in 1925 does not mean you can operate a Turnhall on 1914 dues.

While dues must be commensurate with the rest of our economy, dues alone will not solve the problems. Adequate dues only make the operation of a society easier for the officers. The main objective is leadership and enthusiasm. Now is the time to capitalize on all the publicity being put out on physical fitness, especially our youth programs, grab it while you have a chance.

In 1960 we reported a paid-up membership of 14,600. Today we can report that the membership has dropped to 14,200 but we gained in 40-year honorary memberships. While 40-year honorary memberships are given as an appreciation of long paid-up memberships, we do not want to become a last man's club. We want to be recognized as a going concern with healthy memberships and healthy treasuries.

I have spoken. You must produce.

CARL ANDERSON
NATIONAL PRESIDENT

After completing the report, Pres. Anderson called for nomination of a permanent Chairman of the Convention. Andrew Doyle, of the Illinois District, was nominated by Turner Warren Dalbke and nomination was seconded by Turner Sara G. Palmer. Turner Bannerman, of the Lake Erie District, moved for the closing of nominations and the casting of a single unanimous ballot for Turner Doyle. Turner Doyle assumed the chair and made a statement of appreciation for the confidence expressed by his election and called for the election of a Vice-Chairman.

Turner Joseph Zimmerman, of the Lake Erie District, nominated Turner Wilfred H. Racker. Turner Edward Schenz, seconded by Turner Louis Aichele moved closure and called for a unanimous ballot. Carried. Turner Wilfred H. Racker assumed the chair as Vice Chairman. He too made a statement of appreciation.

Next the election of Convention Secretary was called: Turner Bannerman nominated Turner Jack Kovats, who declined the nomination; others nominated and also declined were Edward Timm of the Western Pennsylvania District, Herman Niehaus of the Western Pennsylvania District, Walter Guenther of the Lake Erie District. Richard Burke was nominated by Turner Lee Osborne of the Upper Mississippi District. When he accepted, the nomination was seconded and the Secretary instructed by the chair to cast a single unanimous ballot for Turner Richard Burke.

Turner Herman Niehaus again was nominated as Assistant Secretary, which he accepted and was seated.

Mrs. Evelyn Jones, National President of the Women's Auxiliary to the American Turners was recognized by introduction by Chairman Doyle and extended the greetings of all women assembled for the convention.

At this point the members of the Auxiliary were excused to attend a reception arranged for them by the Auxiliary of the Toledo Turners.

Delegates were asked to approve agenda for 1st Session only, such as reports of National Officers, etc. Motion made and seconded that agenda as presented be approved. Motion carried.

Report of 1st Vice President called for. Vice President George J. Jacquin stated that he did not have a report to make at this time.

2nd Vice President Stephen H. Reskovitz when called upon for his report stated that he will make report on Endowment Trust Fund at the banquet Tuesday evening.

National Secretary Dr. E. A. Eklund then gave his report:

REPORT OF SECRETARY

I wish to welcome all who are present at this the 49th convention of the American Turners.

I see that the agenda which has developed in the form of resolutions, submitted by our districts is quite thin for the problems of progress for societies, districts and the National body.

The decline is still going on, with no signs of growth even with a National program of fitness, in which we should be superior.

Societies are the basis for the teaching of fitness, but there are many of our societies who have no program to promote this subject.

It is recognized that we cannot cover the field for such a fitness program, because of our requirement for memberships. But there will be *no members of*

societies without programs.

I have noted over the years a philosophy of discouragement for individuals who preach progressive principles in our societies. Those who have attained leadership do not encourage others with ability to promote their views. This is true at all levels; the society, district and national.

The Credentials Committee will have the opportunity to study the delegate and alternate list and will find the same names they have encountered for many conventions and will also miss names who have given outstanding service at previous conventions. It is hoped that these will be here even though not named by the districts.

Above I refer to no programs. Why are there such societies? I will tell you why? Many are trying to exist on dues of less than \$10.00 per year. Such dues do not provide for services to its members at the present national economy. Yes, almost all societies conduct a business and I am sure that many societies only exist for the purpose of conducting business and social events. Have these societies not heard of the American Turner principles? 1. A complete program of health and physical education for all members of the family. 2. A program of cultural education. 3. A planned recreational and social program for all members of the family group. 4. Participation in all worthy civic projects, both local and national.

Without the program provided in these principles we have no purpose for existence. We should approach the style of golf clubs, boat clubs, etc., which could be done in many areas if a good program is provided. I can name a number of our societies at this level.

One of these societies, however, has come upon troubled times not because of lack of program or facilities but being unfortunate in living in a debt ridden community at both municipal and state levels, so that taxes are prohibitive and have placed them in a desperate situation, even after heroic efforts to continue their existence. These things will happen. It might have been prevented by former board administrations, had they observed the hand writing in time. Let us hope that they can weather the storm and recover. I believe they will.

At this point I would urge all of you to re-read the report of our late President Edward Groth to the 48th convention in Rochester, N. Y. in 1960, a most complete report of what is wrong.

As far as the National office is concerned, I can supplement by stating poor cooperation by many societies. Examples: Requests to correct mailing lists for Turner Topics; membership requirements for the following year; late return or no return of statistical information for the year after December 31; almost no response of releases from this office on various subjects of which there are quite a few. At best no more than 50% of our societies reply to requests for the above information. All these are a good index of what is wrong!

MEMBERS

There is a continual decline in society membership. In 1963 we expect to be at a 13,500 level for all societies, even though there is a great demand for physical fitness. Membership can only be increased at the society level. No one else can promote such increase. It seems that many societies are completely happy to remain at from 25 to 150 members in size, which is not enough to support a gymnastic program for at least the children of its members.

INTERNAL REVENUE TAXES

For many years the leadership of our societies have been reluctant to ask their members for dues increases on the basis that if they raised dues the Internal Revenue Division would take 20% of their income and therefore kept dues below \$10.00. Since 1937 the National Executive Committees have been trying to persuade societies to work for exemption under the educational code, with just some success having learned some years ago that a blanket exemption was out of the question, because of inadequate educational programs in many societies.

On the basis of the success of some societies who have applied under the fraternal code, since Cleveland S. T. V. announced their success in procuring such exemption, it is now possible by means of intelligent application for all societies to gain such exemptions. Blanket exemption under this code has been denied and application must be made by the individual societies. It is hoped that all societies will apply for some form of exemption. The national office can outline procedure.

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It is also hoped that out of the proceedings of this convention will come renewed enthusiasm to live as Turners should really live to prosper and increase the growth of societies.

National Treasurer Edward P. Loeser advised that he would give his report to the Finance Committee at that committee meeting tomorrow.

Turner Henry W. Schroeder, Chairman of Health and Physical Education gave this report:

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION, 1962

As Chairman of the Health and Physical Education Committee, I will touch briefly upon four national affairs which were held in the past two years.

In 1961 a successful Apparatus Championship was held in New York and a National Volley Ball tournament in Fort Wayne, Ind. In 1962 there were a National Volley Ball tournament in Cleveland and a National Swimming Meet in Detroit. With the exception of the swim meet in Detroit, handled by Harry Warnken, your Chairman supervised the running of these events. Much could be said about the cooperation of these host societies. Evidence from these National Championships is that team sports are becoming more and more popular. Over the past two years, several Districts have held successful Invitational Turnfests. Other than that they were held, your Chairman has no report on them.

For the benefit of all Societies, I should like to mention here that Council voted the following rule: All dates for Invitational Turnfests be cleared through the National Chairman to avoid conflict with National dates. This rule was made more than a year ago and nobody lives up to it. I recommend to our National Secretary that important rules and changes be withdrawn from a lengthy Council meeting report and be put on a separate sheet so that Societies can post them, and every member can read them.

One of our greatest problems arises out of the fact that we find it very difficult to get bids for our National Championships. Rotating these events yearly by regions did not prove to be practical. Other methods were used and these, too, did not bring the desired result. It has been my desire to rotate these Championships by mandate, so that every society in our national organization would

be the host for one of these affairs, rather than allowing the same few societies to conduct these affairs year after year. There could be no reason for any society to turn down this assignment. It would help these societies which need that little "shot in the arm" to revive the Turner spirit in their society and in the community in which they are situated.

Thanks to the Louisville Turners who offered their facilities for the long cry "Let's have a Leaders Course" this year. The response was that seven Turners wanted to attend. Considering the expense, your Chairman and the Louisville Turners cancelled the course for lack of participation.

We are still getting an insufficient number of activity reports to give a satisfactory picture of physical education classes and activities in the societies of the various districts. Several individual societies have sent reports directly to the National Secretary, but only one Society, namely the Fitchburg Turners, forwarded their reports to me. I again urge and recommend that District Physical Leaders be made responsible to obtain such information and forward it on a revised form to the Chairman and National Secretary as a District report on a bi-monthly basis.

I foresee great difficulty in preparing for the National Turnfest in Cleveland which is only ten months away. The Madison Turners did us great harm in waiting so long to decline the Turnfest. All effort must be placed in the promotion of our forthcoming National Turner Festival. It requires a lot of planning and financial expenditure to conduct an affair of this type. Our Committee is willing to conduct this notable affair, and with the cooperation and good will of all the societies in our organization, there is no reason why we cannot achieve our aims. All societies should begin at once to organize their resources and make every effort to send a large delegation of participants as well as visitors to this great spectacle, The American Turners 41st National Festival.

I thank the members of my Committee for the cooperation each has given me during the past two years.

In closing, I share my predecessor's opinion that there is a great need for reorganization of the National Health and Physical Education Committee. The great distances separating the various members of the Committee make the expense of meetings quite prohibitive under the present financial structure of our national organization. A smaller committee, with members in closer proximity to each other could meet more frequently, and conduct more efficiently the business before the committee. Therefore, I recommend that the National Health and Physical Education Committee organization be changed.

Respectfully submitted,
With Turner Greetings,

Henry W. Schroeder, Chairman
National Health & Physical Ed. Committee.

Turner Alfred Kierschner remarked about the withdrawal of Madison Turners for the National Festival, the severe handicap created by this late withdrawal and asked that all societies do their utmost to see that a good participation is on hand in the city that will be awarded this event. The chairman was asked where the next Festival would be held and he was advised that Cleveland had been selected.

Miss Sara G. Palmer, Chairman of National Cultural Education Committee gave this report:

REPORT OF CULTURAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

TO THE 49th NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN
TURNERS:

Greetings:

In order to get a true picture of the Cultural Program throughout Turners I sent a questionnaire to each of my Regional Chairmen asking for a full report. I felt this was the only way to secure the information as to what actually was taking place in their respective Regions. I shall make this report by Regions.

REGION 1 — NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT — 10 Societies

The societies having activities in the cultural program are Fitchburg, Manchester, Providence and Springfield. The band at Providence has been in existence for over fifty (50) years. They are very active and I am hoping they will be able to participate in the 1963 National Festival at Cleveland, Ohio. Springfield and Fitchburg are noted for their singing groups.

Providence and Manchester both had local cultural exhibits and eight societies participated in an Invitational Cultural exhibit. Mr. Udo Keppler, Regional Chairman writes to all Societies but gets practically no answers which is the usual reaction. Turner Keppler believes that cultural activity is definitely on the upgrade in this Region as the District Board is solidly behind it. I want to commend Turner Keppler for the fine work he has done in the short time he has been the Regional Chairman.

REGION 2 — MIDDLE ATLANTIC, NEW JERSEY AND NEW YORK
DISTRICTS — 15 Societies

Out of the 15 societies in this Region only five have any cultural program, three report their activities but the other two do not. New York Turnverein is the one with the fullest program. Their children's classes are very fine. Wilmington has been interested in ceramics and china painting and Mt. Vernon has a singing group. Mrs. Elanore Crost does not feel that any of the societies are interested in local cultural exhibits except Wilmington with their ceramics, and china painting. Most of the New York District societies participate in their annual District cultural exhibit. Up until 1961 children were permitted to participate but the 1961 exhibit did not include the children's work and this caused quite a drop. I do not feel excluding children from this annual District exhibit was good because our children must be given encouragement. Mrs. Eleanore Crost had done so much toward encouraging the children in the past. We know it involves a great deal of work and if this was the reason, a great mistake was made.

In this Region there is quite a distance between many of the societies, therefore making it almost impossible for Mrs. Crost to be in personal contact to any great extent.

REGION 3 — CENTRAL STATES DISTRICT — 7 Societies

Fort Wayne Turners and Louisville Turners are the most active in the cultural field. Fort Wayne has made great strides in cultural activities. Mrs. Kammier has done very well as local chairman and encouraged the society to participate at the exhibit at South Side. Several ribbons were taken home. This society is working toward a new home. The choral group has been very active and has had a great part toward the new building fund. This society takes a very active part in civic affairs and does volunteer work at the T. B. Hospital, the

school for the retarded, the school for the Blind and other hospital work, Red Cross work and in church groups.

Louisville Turners are a very busy group in cultural activities. They have their Social Sunday once a month where the local talent entertains. This Society has been fortunate in becoming a part of the Better Home Service Group sponsored by the City. Many types of Arts and Crafts have been learned through this group. They hold a local cultural exhibit annually and the small fry are encouraged to exhibit their handicraft and are awarded ribbons the same as adults. The Ladies Morning class has a monthly luncheon and all the table decorations are made by the members. A dramatic group has been started and it is the hope it will continue. One of the outstanding events of this society is the annual Circus. The costumes are made by the members and this event brings wonderful publicity to the Society. Another feature is the "queen" chosen for the "Sportsarama." A pretty girl can bring a lot of very favorable publicity to a society and lets the community know the many activities Turners offer.

Covington held Art and Craft classes for the children and were well attended, the auxiliary is very active and gradually this society is trying to build a cultural program.

Southside was host to the District Cultural Exhibit and Mrs. Kruwell as chairman and her committee are to be commended for their excellent work.

Dayton Turners is the strange society in this District. They have had a singing group for years, yet they do not participate in any district or National event.

Cincinnati Turners evidently does not have a chairman, they had one entry in the District exhibit. Chattanooga has no cultural program.

Mrs. Evelyn Rice feels progress has been made in cultural activities and I want to commend her for the leadership she has given toward the program.

REGION 5 — LAKE ERIE AND WESTERN NEW YORK DISTRICT — 8 Societies

For many years the Lake Erie District has been the leader in cultural participation. They are constant in their efforts, they have never failed to hold a district Cultural exhibit which is a very successful affair. All the societies participate. The one this year was held May 19th and 20th.

American Turners-STV has an excellent program, their several singing groups, the Little Theater Group which is outstanding, a children's chorus, a German class and the various sections giving entertainment during the season. The last two years they have held a Cultural Night which is a program made up by the various groups. This has proved very successful. The womens' auxiliary in this Society are noted for the wonderful work they do for a local hospital, over a yearly period they make and give to this hospital hundreds of needed articles. This society will be the host for the National Festival in 1963 and it is their hope the many societies throughout the country will send in entries. This is an experienced society in handling such affairs.

Toledo Turners have their well-known men's chorus, a little theater group which have staged several variety shows and the Women's auxiliary have their sewing group. This society is well known for the beautiful needlework they enter in the District and National cultural exhibits.

Cleveland East Side has their auxiliary which sews for the Red Cross and this society also has staged an annual show the past three years which has received excellent publicity.

Akron is working toward a cultural program and here again it is the auxiliary that does the most toward it.

Detroit Turners have their very fine children's classes in art, ceramics and puppetry. Their children's ballet classes are outstanding and are not a part of the gym program. The adults have a copper enameling project and the Stein Club this year has had an outstanding program of educational movies.

Rochester in the Western New York District has done well in the cultural field for the time they have re-opened. They have sewing, painting and a little theater group.

Syracuse Turners has had nothing in the cultural until this past June. They held a meeting June 1st and another June 15th. They are planning to have an art class, needle craft, photography and a coin and stamp collection group. They also plan a musical for February 1963.

To my knowledge Buffalo Turners have no cultural program of any kind.

REGION 5 — ILLINOIS AND WISCONSIN DISTRICTS — 8 Societies

This Region suffered a tragic loss in the untimely death of Paul Apostolos, Regional Chairman. Paul was very active and interested in the cultural program. To date this Region has been unable to find a person whom they felt could do the job.

American Turners-Northwest Chicago is the most active in the cultural program. They have in the last two years formed a chorus which is very fine. There is not too much to report in this Region due to the lack of a Regional chairman. The annual Variety Show in the Illinois District is held in the spring and the proceeds derived from this go toward the upkeep of the Turner camp in the District. All Societies in the District participate in this and I believe it is the extent of the cultural program in the other societies of the District.

Milwaukee has a small cultural program. They also have a singing group but due to the fact that so few of the singers belong to Turners they are unable to participate in our Turner program. Madison and Sheboygan have no program that I am aware of.

REGION 6 — MISSOURI, ST. LOUIS AND ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICTS — 5 Societies

In this Region we have one society that has been outstanding in their cultural program, namely North St. Louis. This is a small society but they can put to shame many other societies. They have been most fortunate in having Mrs. Alvera Horst as the leader of the cultural program and she has been outstanding. She brings new projects to the group therefore keeping them interested. The show their chorus puts on each year is outstanding.

Kansas City has their men singers who have been together for many years. For some reason they do not participate in our cultural festivals. This society has children's dancing classes and a ceramic class.

Concordia up until this year were doing an excellent job in the cultural work but Mr. and Mrs. Solfronk had to curtail their work with them and since that time the program has been at a standstill. The society puts on a Minstrel Show each year and this has been an excellent show.

Nothing is heard from the Denver Turners and there is no point in corresponding with them I have learned.

Schiller Turners have been trying to get back in the cultural field and I am sure with the proper encouragement, they will succeed.

I do not believe any of the societies have a local exhibit nor do they have a District cultural exhibit that I know of.

REGION 7 — UPPER MISSISSIPPI AND MINNESOTA DISTRICTS — 9 Societies

In the Upper Mississippi District Northwest Davenport, East Davenport and Moline are the only societies having a cultural program. Individual exhibits are not held but each year there is a District exhibit conducted by Joe Becker, Regional Chairman. Moline Turners have their singers who never fail to take part in our National festivals, giving of their time and money. They also participate in civic affairs.

REGION 8 — SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT — 2 Societies

In this district only the Los Angeles Turners have a cultural program with their men singers and the women's chorus. They have been together for a long time and rehearse regularly and also give concerts. They do not participate in our National Festivals due to the great distance. This society is planning a local cultural exhibit for this fall. San Diego Turners have no program of any kind.

REGION 9 — WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA — 10 Societies

There is not too much interest in cultural education in this District. Whether it is a complete lack of interest or if our program is not fully understood. McKeesport shows the greatest interest. A cultural exhibit was held at the time of the District convention. Ambridge, McKeesport, Monesson and Rochester had entries and the singers from Homestead participated. The group from McKeesport have a group that put on skits over the year and they entertain at hospitals, etc. In summing up the cultural program I am sorry to say there has not been much improvement since the last National Convention. Throughout the entire country other organizations are moving ahead in the cultural field, not only does our government stress the physical but they also state the cultural field is needed.

In the years that I have been National Chairman I have tried to get societies and I am referring to the officers to stress the program, allot a little money toward the program. I believe the officers of a society should make it a point to name a chairman and then see that he at least attempts to organize a program.

I have had objections to the monthly cultural report. What is wrong with it? It is necessary. The National organization is tax exempt and we must have proof that we deserve the exemption. I can't see where the few minutes it takes to make out this report will over burden anyone compared to the time many of us put into the program. Too, how is the National Chairman to know what is going on in societies if no reports are made? Last November the National Cultural Committee held a meeting in Chicago. We discussed many aspects of the program and tried to find a way to make it a better program. The new cultural rule books are out and are available to you.

Next summer the National Festival will be held in Cleveland, Ohio. I hope all of you will go back to your societies and start encouraging your members to participate.

Respectfully submitted,
Sara G. Palmer, Chairman
Cultural Education Committee

Then the National Bowling Committee gave this report:

REPORT OF THE BOWLING COMMITTEE

To the 49th National Convention of the American Turners:

Greetings:

The National Bowling Committee held one meeting in Chicago, Illinois in 1961 and conducted successful tournaments in South Bend, Indiana and at the "Northwest" Turners Chicago, Illinois, during the past two years.

The Committee meeting which was held in Chicago made various changes to rules and also recommended various rule changes to this, the 49th convention. At the Chicago meeting on September 9, 1961 the site of the 1963 National Bowling Tournament was awarded to South Side Indianapolis, Indiana. This award was approved by National Council.

Robert St. Peters, a member of the National Bowling Committee from Fort Wayne, Indiana, Region 3, and I visited Indianapolis in June 1962. The Indianapolis committee stated at that time that preparations are being made for this tournament and assured us that they would work toward its success.

A poll of the National Committee has been taken as to awarding the site of the National Bowling Tournament in 1964. The result of the poll shows that Syracuse, New York will be the site of the 1964 tournament, if approved by National Council. Seven societies had placed bids for this tournament, namely: Syracuse, New York; Rochester, New York; Buffalo, New York; Johnstown, Pa.; Akron, Ohio; and Toledo, Ohio.

The National tournament in South Bend in 1961 had 245 Men's teams and 128 Women's teams entered, with the South Bend society realizing a profit of \$5,139.86 from bowling, program, meals and checkroom.

The 1962 National tournament in Chicago had 234 Men's teams and 127 Women's team entries. The profit shown by the "Northwest," Chicago society was \$4,806.52 from program and bowling. The South Bend and Chicago societies were both wonderful hosts during the tournaments.

The Upper Mississippi district reported that they conducted their 7th annual Junior Bowling meet. Due to the increase in participation it had to be held on two Sundays, instead of the customary one. Other societies and districts held Junior bowling meetings, but I received no results.

From the 1961 and 1962 tournaments the National Bowling Fund and the American Turners General Fund each received (South Bend \$547.30 and Chicago \$533.60) a total of \$1,080.90. The National Bowling Fund had a balance of \$288.35 as of June 30, 1962.

In closing I wish to thank the members of the Bowling Committee for their assistance during these past two years.

Respectfully Submitted With Turner Greetings,

Wilfred H. Racker, Chairman
National Bowling Committee

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Turner Bob Stahl asked that we give a vote of thanks for the splendid reports of the various chairmen of committees; suggested that we accept Turner Racker's suggestion that copies be sent to all societies. Turner Racker advised that he will endeavor to give copies to all delegates before they leave.

The Credential Committee then gave their report:

<i>District</i>	<i>Federal Votes</i>
Central States	18
Illinois	12
Lake Erie	16
Middle Atlantic	7
Missouri	3
New England	17
New Jersey	1
New York	7
St. Louis	3
South Bend	7
Upper Mississippi	15
Western New York	6
Wisconsin	4
Western Pennsylvania	25
Members-at-Large	1
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Total Federal Votes	142

A question was raised on last-minute substitution of delegates and alternates who were not duly elected by their districts or societies to serve as delegates. After review of the Principles and Statutes it was found that only persons duly elected by districts or societies can be seated as delegates.

An amendment to the report was made by Turner Kierschner to seat a delegate from the Western New York District whose name was omitted from the list of delegates submitted by the district. Motion passed.

A motion by Turner Szilagyi to seat three members of the Lake Erie District whose names were omitted from the list of delegates submitted by the district. Motion passed.

Turner Schenz placed Anastasia Loehr and George Wahnseidler names in nomination as a delegate from the Members-at-Large. The motion to seat these delegates was passed.

A motion was made by Turner Dalbke and seconded by Turner Koth that the official corrected list of delegates be seated. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Turner Dalbke and seconded by Turner Crook that the committee go on record that the Minnesota, Rocky Mountain and Southern California Districts were not present in the Credentials Committee. Motion passed.

On a motion by Turner Dalbke and seconded by Turner Westermeyer the total of 142 Federal votes was accepted.

The following committee appointments were made:

COMMITTEE ON BOWLING:

Edward W. Timm	Jack Thorpe	August Kruwell
George Campbell	Ervin A. Koth	Erwin Schraeder
Harold Lingenfelter	James Hope	Nick Meyer
Al Heyn	Glen Boner	Louis Aichele

COMMITTEE ON CULTURAL EDUCATION:

Anastasia Loehr	Ervin A. Koth	Betty Sabel
John Meyers	Dr. John Bannerman	Ray Schnell
Al Heyn	A. J. Schmid	Roy Boethelt - Alternate

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

Harold Hoening	Carl Ungerathen	Joseph F. Tabor
Jack Thorpe	J. Edward Schenz	Irma K. Tabor
Richard Udvardi	Joseph B. Lubbers	Herbert Heider
Ervin A. Koth	William Modrow	Richard Bade
Larry Woolworth	Nick Meyer	

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION:

A. Herman Niehaus	Charles Calhoun	A. J. Schmid
Willi Franck	Walter Guenther	Hugo Tess
Jack Thorpe	Lou Witt	Roy Boethelt - Alternate
Richard Udvardi	Harry Warnken	Anthony J. O'Donnell
Ervin A. Koth	Russell Dreher	Alex Diamant
Larry Woolworth	Sebastian Passafiume	Bob Stahl
John Stocker - Alternate	Joseph Weissmueller	G. E. Boeker - Alternate

COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL AFFAIRS:

Clifford E. Anderson	James Szilagyi	Bruno A. Pietuchoff
Roy Davidson	James Kilbane	August Andre
William Spiegelberg	Dan Ash	John W. Lare
Richard Burke	Robert Schuler	Carl Tullner
Al Heyn	Dr. E. M. Shedd	Alfred F. Kierchner
Ervin A. Koth	Forrest Steinlage	Otto Wagner
John A. Westermeyer	Warren Dalbke	Jack Kovats
Al Warr	Andrew Doyle	
Roger Catlin	Elmer Crook	

COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PUBLICATION AND PUBLICITY:

Jack Thorper	Harold Murray	Charles F. Miller
Ervin A. Koth	Nat Pitzele	

COMMITTEE ON PRINCIPLES, STATUTES AND GRIEVANCES:

Lee Osborn	Larry Woolworth	Ollie Fiebig
Al Heyn	Fred C. Mann	Walter Heckelmann
Ervin A. Koth	Frank McIntyre	Aaron Orchard
John A. Westermeyer	Bruno Uhl	

DELEGATES PRESENT BY DISTRICT**WESTERN NEW YORK**

Fred Mann	Dr. E. M. Shedd	John Stocker - Alternate
Roger Catlin	Jim Hope	
Lawrence Conger	Karl Ungerathen	

ILLINOIS

Warren Dalbke	Ray Schnell	Ervin Schraeder
Walter Heckelmann	Andrew Doyle	William Modrow
Nat Pitzele	Hugo Tess	

UPPER MISSISSIPPI

Lee Osborn	Willi Franck	Richard Burke
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CENTRAL STATES

Robert Schuler	Sebastian Passafiume	Richard Bade
Forrest Steinlage	Joseph Lubbers	Adolph Schmid
Betty Sabel	Harold Murray	August Kruwell
Joseph Weissmueller	Ollie Fiebig	Louella Roth - Alternate

WISCONSIN

Ervin A. Koth

MEMBERS AT LARGE

Anastasia Loehr

George Wahnsiedler
Alternate

SOUTH BEND

Al Heyn

Jack Thorpe

Richard Udvardi

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

Edward W. Timm

John Meyers

Clifford E. Anderson

George Campbell

Harold Hoenig

Roy Davidson

Harold Lingenfelter

A. Herman Niehaus

William Spiegelberg

ST. LOUIS

John A. Westermeyer

Al Warr

Larry Woolworth

NEW JERSEY

Otto Wagner

G. E. Boeker

MIDDLE ATLANTIC

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MISSOURI

Nick Meyer

Elmer Crook

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Irma K. Tabor

Charles F. Miller

Joseph F. Tabor

MEMBERS — CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

CENTRAL STATES — Forrest Steinlage

ILLINOIS — Warren Dalbke

LAKE ERIE — Joe J. Zimmerman

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SOUTH BEND — John Westermeyer

UPPER MISSISSIPPI — Richard Burke

WESTERN NEW YORK — Carl Ungerathen

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA — Clifford Anderson

WISCONSIN — Ervin A. Koth

Respectfully submitted with Turner Greetings

AL HEYN, Chairman

FORREST STEINLAGE, Secretary

Delegates were given lists showing committee assignments, and also were advised the meeting would be held at the Commodore Hotel. Meetings to begin at 9:30 A.M.

SECOND SESSION

The Second Session was called to order by Chairman Doyle at 9:55 A.M. at the American Turners - Toledo.

Chairman Doyle led in the "Salute to the Flag."

All delegates were presented with an agenda outline; it was moved and seconded that this become the official agenda for this convention. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that we dispense with reading minutes of the First Session. Motion carried.

Chairman appointed committee consisting of Turners Carl Anderson, George Jacquin and Stephen Reskovitz to extend the greetings of the American Turners to the National Women's Auxiliary in session at the Commodore Perry Hotel. They reported that they had met with the Auxiliary at their first session of their convention.

Next, the Chairman called for the election of a Sergeant-at-Arms for the Convention. Turner Fred Mann of the Western New York District was nominated and elected.

Turner Charles H. Baecher, Chairman of the National Legal Committee and a member of the Western New York District was nominated as Parliamentarian. He was elected and seated.

At this time Mrs. Margery Stocker, Mrs. Fenske, Mrs. Ida May Lang and Miss Louella Roth visited the convention to extend the greetings from the Women's Auxiliary and thanked the Turners for the official visit. Expressed the hope that we would have a very successful convention and that the Leaders' Course would be given consideration.

Chairman Doyle responded for the convention.

At this time Chairman Doyle asked that we pay tribute to those good and faithful members, who after a lifetime of effort and time, have departed during the past year, including Past President Edward Groth, Louis Greiner and Joseph Volpenhein. The delegates all stood for one minute of silence.

The chairman asked the convention to set a time limit for floor debate. Moved and seconded that the limit be three minutes, that each speaker could only talk twice on the given subject. Further time to be with the permission of the Convention. Motion carried.

Correspondence read: A letter from the Committee of the Essen, Germany, Turnfest July 15 to 21, 1963; the Convention directed that the invitation be published and made a part of these minutes.

That the National Secretary reply with an invitation to our 1963 National Turner Festival to be held in Cleveland, Ohio.

VEREIN DEUTSCHES TURNFEST ESSEN 1963 E. V.

43 Essen, Den 24. 8. 1962

An den Amerikanischen Turnverband
"American Turners"
z. Hd. seines Präsidenten,
Herrn Carl Anderson
3304 Collingwood — Toledo 10, Ohio
U. S. A.

Sehr geehrter Herr Präsident, lieber Turnfreund!

Der Deutsche Turner-Bund führt in der Zeit vom 15. bis 21. Juli 1963 sein nächstes Deutsches Turnfest in Essen durch. Unsere Vorbereitungen für dieses Fest sind soweit gediehen, das wir Ihnen schon heute unsere freundliche Einladung übermitteln dürfen.

Wir übersenden Ihnen unsere "Turnfestmitteilungen", Nr. 6, in denen die in Aussicht genommene Gesamtplanung zum Abdruck gebracht wurde. Sie ersieht daraus, das neben einem umfangreichen Wettkampfprogramm — wir rechnen allein mit 40 000 Wettkämpfern und Wettkämpferinnen — für die in Betracht kommenden 100 000 Besucher auch vielgestaltige kulturelle Veranstaltungen vorgesehen sind.

Mit seinem umfangreichen Fest— und Wettkampfprogramm wird Ihnen das Deutsche Turnfest Einblick in die Vielfaltigkeit der im Deutschen Turner-Bund gepflegten kulturellen, pädagogischen und fachlichen Aufgaben geben und damit den Stand der Leibeserziehung in unserem Bund dokumentieren.

Bei den freundschaftlichen Beziehungen, die von jeher zwischen dem von Ihnen geleiteten Turnverband und dem Deutschen Turner-Bund unterhalten worden sind, ist es uns eine Selbstverständlichkeit, auch Ihren Verband zum Deutschen Turnfest Essen 1963 sehr herzlich einzuladen. Wir würden uns freuen, von Ihnen recht bald einen zusagenden Bescheid zu erhalten.

Wir sind gern bereit, auf Anregungen und Wünsche Ihrerseits einzugehen und stehen jederzeit für Rückfragen zur Verfügung.

Ich möchte ausdrücklich betonen, das ich diese Einladung an Ihren Verband zugleich im Namen des Bundesoberturnwarts des Deutschen Turnerbundes, meines Turnbruders Franz Klemm, an Sie richte.

Mit freundlichen turnerischen Grüßen!

Ihr Dr. Rudolf Tolles
Bundeskulturwart des DTB
Vorsitzender des Festausschusses
für das Deutsche Turnfest Essen

Anlagen:

Turnfestmitteilungen Nr. 6

"Die Aufgaben 1963"

Chairman Doyle named the Nominating Committee of this convention:

Central States — Robert Schuler

Illinois — Nat Pitzele

Lake Erie — Russell Dreher

Middle Atlantic — August Andre

Missouri — Elmer Crook

New England — Charles Miller

New Jersey — Otto Wagner

New York — Herbert Heider

St. Louis — John Westermeyer

South Bend — Richard Udvardi

Upper Mississippi — Lee Osborne

Western New York — Lawrence Conger

Western Pennsylvania — Edward W. Timm

Wisconsin — Ervin Koth

Members-at-Large — Anastasia Loehr

Committee reports were then called for.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

To the 49th National Convention of the American Turners:

Greetings:

The Finance Committee of the Convention met with the following Turners present: Richard Bade, of Fort Wayne Turners, Harold Hoenig, Rochester (Penna.) Turners; Herbert Heider, of Schenectady Turnverein; Joseph B. Lubbers, Covington Turners; Nick Meyer, Concordia Turners; William Modrow, Turnverein Eiche, J. Edward Schenz, Akron Turners, Irma K. Tabor, Adams Turners; Joseph F. Tabor, Adams Turners; Carl Ungerathen, Syracuse Turners, and Larry Woolworth, of Kansas City Turners.

Also present were National President Carl Anderson, National Secretary Dr. E. A. Eklund, National Treasurer Edward P. Loeser and Charles K. Baecher, President of A.-T.-R. Corporation.

The committee selected Turner Schenz as Chairman, and Turner Irma Tabor as Secretary.

The financial reports for the years ending December 31, 1960 and December 31, 1961, as prepared by Alfred H. Miller Co. were perused by the committee, and were accepted and approved. Also, the financial report for the first six months of 1962, including that of A.-T.-R. Corporation, was accepted and approved. Turner Roger Catlin, Manager of the Rochester (N.Y.) Turners, explained to the committee the present and future outlook of his society.

The National Treasurer read a form letter which he sent to all societies delinquent in their per capita tax and reported the following response:

Denver Turners amounting to \$393.75. Finances are not good and will do their best to improve the situation.

Monaca Turners amounting to \$1,579.75. Finances difficult and will report later, and

North St. Louis Turners amounting to \$618.75. They will try to arrange for payment at a later date.

No responses were forthcoming from Eintracht, Inc. (Homestead) amounting to \$337.50, Philadelphia Turners amounting to \$986.00 and Sheboygan Turners amounting to \$843.75.

However, as the result of the letter, the National Secretary received in full payment of \$427.50 from Johnstown Turners, \$947.00 from Monessen Turners, \$769.50 from McKeesport Turners and \$137.50 from St. Paul Turners, aggregating \$2,281.50.

The committee then adopted the following recommendations:

1. The Regional Councilor, upon notice from the National Treasurer, shall contact the society in his region which is delinquent in per capita tax and procure from such society a written report recognizing its indebtedness and the amount thereof, and stating the reason for such delinquency and its further intention in the matter, and present such report to the National Council at its next regular meeting, and the National Council shall make such disposition concerning the report as it deems fitting and proper. ACCEPTED.

2. A block form notice shall be inserted in each issue of Turner Topics that the subscription of any member whose society has not paid its per capita tax shall expire. ACCEPTED.

3. The National Office shall send out galley sheets annually to each society for the correction of its membership list, and, if any society does not respond

thereto within thirty days, its members shall automatically be dropped from the mailing list of Turner Topics.

4. In order to adjust the deficit reported in the last annual report of the General Fund, the per capita tax shall be re-allocated as follows: Amendment made and seconded that the last paragraph made to read — the per capita tax shall be re-allocated effective as of January 1, 1963. ACCEPTED.

Re-allocated as follows:

General Fund	\$1.00 to \$1.20
Physical-Cultural Fund25 to .25
Festival Fund25 to .25
Turner Topics Fund75 to .55

ACCEPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

J. EDWARD SCHENZ, *Chairman*

IRMA TABOR, *Secretary*

Moved and seconded that the Convention adopt the committee report in its entirety. Motion carried.

Chairman then called for report of the Committee on Health and Physical Education. Their report was as follows:

REPORT OF HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

To the 49th National Convention of the American Turners:

Greetings:

The Committee on Health and Physical Education convened with the following Turners present:

A. Herman Niehaus

Jack Thorpe

Richard Udvardi

Ervin A. Koth

John Stocker

Charles Calhoun

Walter Guenther

Lou Witt

Harry Warnken

Russell Dreher

Seb. Passafiume

Joseph Weissmueller

A. J. Schmid

Hugo Tess

Roy Boethelt

Anthony J. O'Donnell

Alex Diamant

Bob Stahl

G. E. Becker

The Committee elected Anthony J. O'Donnell as Chairman and Seb. Passafiume as Secretary.

The following resolutions were favorably acted upon by the Committee:

1. Because it is apparent that gymnastics and its Physical Education teachers and coaches are not generally recognized by the committee responsible for nomination to any "Hall of Fame," and since this condition may not change for some time to come, the Wisconsin District of the American Turners suggest "that the National Council of the American Turners appoint a committee to formulate plans for the creation of an "American Turner Hall of Fame." Amendment moved and seconded to add "study feasibility of." Carried. Amended resolution to read: That the National Council of the American Turners appoint a committee to study feasibility of formulating plans for the creation of an American Turner Hall of Fame. Moved, seconded and carried.

2. Recommend approval of National Council Action, that the President direct Turner Diamant take a stand on the controversy in the gymnastic committee of the AAU on the basis of the claim of its chairman that all improvements in gymnastics were due only to the development program of the AAU published in the "Amateur Athlete," a view point to which the Council took unanimous exception. ACCEPTED.

3. Recommend approval of National Council, that a Refresher Course be planned. That the National Secretary send questionnaires, prepared by the Chairman of Health and Physical Education, to all societies on the subject of a Refresher Course. Amendment made and seconded that "in Physical Education" be added. Carried. Amended resolution to read; "That a Refresher Course in Physical Education be planned. That the National Secretary send questionnaires prepared by the Chairman of Health and Physical Education, to all societies on the subject of a Refresher Course." Accepted.

4. Recommend approval of action at the President's meeting in Louisville, Ky. — "President Baker of Lincoln Turners touched upon the National Physical Fitness Program, and why Turners, the leaders in this field, should not be consulted. He stated that a house-cleaning was in order and action be taken that all societies have a full education program developed by the National Health and Physical Education Committee." Moved and seconded that this be referred back to the Committee for clarification. Carried.

5. Recommend that the National Council of the American Turners that since little interest or activity in recent years has been shown in conducting Leader's Courses of Clinics on a National level, and whereas the New England District has undertaken to sponsor a gymnastic clinic in November 1962; we urge that the American Turners utilize this experience to sponsor these clinics on a district or regional level wherever they may be requested. ACCEPTED.

6. We respectfully request that the recommendation, listed below and adopted at our District Convention, be inserted on the agenda of the 1962 Convention.

Whereas: The need is urgent for the training, schooling and dissemination of help and ideas for our society physical education teachers and their assistants (turnwarts), in our New England District, and

Whereas: Little has been done on a national scale to alleviate this condition in the past fifteen years, and,

Whereas: The N.E. District has prepared an outline and Course of Study for this purpose, and which has been adopted in local convention for immediate action in 1962 (November) for our teachers in the New England District,

The New England District Convention of May 5th and 6th, 1962 recommends to our National Convention that the American Turners defray proportionate part of the expense involved in this undertaking.

It was further voted that the share of the American Turners should be at least \$150.00. Ruled that as Resolution No. 6 was the same as No. 5, it was ACCEPTED.

7. Recommend that boys and girls 15 and 16 years of age should compete separately at the National Turnfest in 1963. Amended and seconded that age should be 15 and 16 years. Accepted. Amended resolution to read: Recommend that boys and girls 15 and 16 years of age should compete separately at the National Turnfest in 1963. ACCEPTED.

8. Knowing that this means a statutory change, we recommend to the convention that the National Council be instructed to submit a resolution to the 50th National Convention that the members of the National Physical Education Committee be selected from one region. Amendment made and seconded that the word "may" be inserted. ACCEPTED. The amendment resolution is as follows: That the National Council be instructed to submit a resolution to the 50th National Convention that the members of the National Physical Education Committee may be selected from one region. ACCEPTED.

Referring to Committee's Resolution No. 4, that was referred back to the committee, they now present this resolution: That a complete Physical Education Program for all societies be developed by the National Physical and Health Committee. Amended and seconded to change "complete" to read "basic." Carried. Amended resolution now reads: That a Basic Physical Education Program for all societies be developed by the National Health and Physical Education Committee. Carried.

The committee wishes to submit the name of Charles Calhoun to the Convention as nominee for Chairmen of the National Health and Physical Education Committee. The committee also wished to go on record as having nominated Turner Henry Schroeder. However, nomination was declined by Turner Schroeder. Secretary was instructed to give this information to the Nominating Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
ANTHONY J. O'DONNELL, *Chairman*

Moved and seconded that report as amended be accepted as a whole. Carried.
Recess for lunch at 12:25 P.M. and to reconvene at 1:45 P.M.

Session II reconvened at 1:55 P.M. with chairman asking for report of Cultural Education Committee.

REPORT OF THE CULTURAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

To the 49th National Convention of the American Turners:

Greetings:

The following delegates were present:

Dr. John Bannerman
Betty Sabel
A. J. Schmid
Anastasia Loehr,
Ex Officio

John Meyers
Ray Schnell
Dr. E. M. Shedd
Sara G. Palmer,
Ex Officio

The meeting was called to order by the National Cultural Education Committee Chairman Sara G. Palmer.

Dr. John Bannerman was nominated, seconded and unanimously voted chairman of the meeting.

Betty Sabel was nominated, seconded and unanimously voted as secretary of this meeting.

The following recommendations were presented and acted upon accordingly:

1. The Lake Erie District recommended that children under 15 in individual competition be eligible to compete in cultural competition only, with 30% of adult society points being awarded. Participants may not be present. Amended and seconded that "may" be changed to read "need" in last paragraph, which will now read "Participants need not be present." Carried.

2. Be it resolved that each Regional Chairman be required to send to the National Cultural Education Chairman a report every three months of the cultural activities of each society in their Region. ACCEPTED.

3. Be it resolved that a sample uniform entry blank be set up by the National Cultural Committee to be used for cultural exhibitions by local Societies, District and Regional Competition.

4. Be it resolved that each society be required to send in to the National Office a cultural report monthly.

5. Be it resolved that the following addition be made to Rules to Cultural Education Competition, Group E, Society Publication, page 12, under the percentage qualifications, "The above percentage to be taken from the maximum amount of 75 points and this be awarded to the Society," and that to the sentence "See page 8 for schedule of Awards," the word "awards" be deleted and the words "Diploma Awards" be added.

6. Be it resolved that the following addition be made to Rules Cultural Education Competition, Class 13, page 24, under the listing of qualities, this to be added, "The points to be awarded per demonstration should not exceed the maximum of 15 points."

7. Be it resolved that Cultural Education Committee recommends a Beauty Queen be chosen for the next National Turnfest and that she be chosen by these qualifications: Beauty and talent or Cultural ability. Furthermore, she must be affiliated with a Society for a least six months prior to competition.

We further recommend that each Society choose a representative whose qualifications are to be sent to the Regional level and that each Region will have a representative at the forthcoming National Turnfest in Cleveland. Amended and seconded that the word "Turnfest" be changed to read "Festival," and that last part of paragraph should read "at the forthcoming National Festival in Cleveland. Carried.

8. Be it resolved that the addition be made to Rules to Cultural Education Competition, Class 3, Collections, Page 15, the word "Stamps" be deleted from sub-class, Antique" and the following divisions be added to sub-class, "Present Day Stamps."

(a) Airmail, (b) Commemorative, (c) Regular Postage, (d) Specialties.

Motion made and seconded that all resolutions as amended be accepted. Carried.

The Lake Erie District further recommends that Sara G. Palmer be endorsed by this convention for office of the National Cultural Education Chairman. Moved and seconded that endorsement be accepted and that secretary notify Nominating Committee. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
DR. JOHN BANNEMAN, *Chairman*
BETTY SABLE, *Secretary*

REPORT OF NATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

National Affairs report was then called for.

At this time a motion was made and seconded that this session adjourn at 4:30 P.M. to prepare for the scheduled convention banquet. Carried.

Report of the Committee on National Affairs to the 49th Convention of the American Turners:

Greetings:

The Committee on National Affairs convened with the following members present:

James Szilagyi	Robert Schuler	Forrest Steinlage
Roger Catlin	Elmer Crook	William Franck
Lawrence Conger	John Kovats	Carl Tullner
Andrew Doyle	Warren Dalbke	Richard Burke
George Jacquin	Otto Wagner	Al Heyn
Dan Ash	August Andre	James Kilbane
Al. Waar	George Wahnseidler	Stephen Reskovitz
Joe Zimmerman	Clifford Anderson	Alfred Kierschner
Bruno Pietuchoff	Roy Davidson	Past President

Other members of various committees joined us at the completion of their assigned committee duties.

Turner James Szilagyi was elected as Chairman and Turner Roger Catlin was elected secretary.

Recommend that the following resolutions be adopted:

1. That the Council of the American Turners again request that Jahn Fund to subsidize scholarships to the extent of three (3) \$250.00 each year to the Normal College. ADOPTED.

2. Whereas, the resolution which was submitted at the previous convention which reads "Be it resolved that the legal committee of the American Turners look into the possibility and/or the probability of reassigning the monies of the American Turners Instructors Fund . . ." has not been acted upon conclusively, we again submit the identical resolution for continued action. ADOPTED.

3. Be it resolved that, for the good of the American Turner movement, the National Body of the American Turners at their next convention recommend to the newly elected president of that organization that he appoint a committee to do the following:

- (1) Determine from existing National records the total number of children and active Turners currently using gymnasium facilities in American Turner Societies with a questionnaire that would include certain actuarial type information as to the number and type of accidents that have occurred on the gym floor in the past five years.
- (2) That armed with this information (compiled as recommended by someone connected with insurance) this committee then should contact several insurance companies national in scope, dealing in group type insurance to see if any would be interested in a contract, through the National Office, to cover medical expenses of the individual members in the event of accident while active on the gym floor and (as in public school type policies) going to and from gym. A certain minimum should be arrived at that would keep cost and number of claims at a reasonable level, i.e., a \$50.00 deductible with a \$500.00 maximum, or some such figure, to be determined by the committee.
- (3) That having found an interested insurance company and arriving at a per capita cost for the coverage, the per capita cost should

be adjusted by the committee to carry the foreseeable administrative costs to the National Office, should it enter into such a contract. That the terms and per capita costs be made known to the individual societies and that they be polled for their interest in such a program.

- (4) That, having elicited sufficient interest from the Societies to make the entrance into some such plan feasible, the Committee makes up a tentative Organization plan and present the program to the Executive Committee for approval and that this August Body be empowered to institute this program.

(It is strongly recommended that, at the Society level, the Organization Plan include the requirement that the participating counselor who, by virtue of his membership does volunteer, or societies appoint a duly qualified Insurance Broker as insurance for a small annual fee to the Society, will handle all correspondence and details appurtenant to the program).

- (5) That, coincident with the above, the committee investigate the possibility of providing some type of liability coverage for our instructors and assistant instructors. It is the duty of each Society to protect itself with insurance against fire, theft and liability, but most such plans limit themselves to injuries incurred by the failure of apparatus and individuals involved are "on their own" so to speak. On an incremental basis of say \$10-20-50,000, it may prove economically feasible for the individual Societies to consider such coverages in a group plan, covering specifically their time on the gym floor, should they become liable in civil suit resulting from an accident on the floor.

A motion was made that Andrew Doyle summarize this resolution.

It reads as follows:

We recommend adoption of the resolution, submitted by the New Jersey District, wherein this District recommends that the National Council appoint a "special" committee to determine, by survey, the need for and the possibility of, obtaining "medical expense" insurance coverage and "general liability" insurance coverage for our individual Turner Societies, and/or their gymnasium class members, on a National or group insurance basis, through a single insurer, with the objective in mind, being to secure these insurance coverages at a reasonable and practical cost.

ADOPTED.

4. RECOMMEND that the American Turners continue to offer scholarships for a two-year period at the normal college. These to be available to members of societies and sons and daughters of members, if they meet the entrance qualifications. ADOPTED.

5. RECOMMEND that the National Council comply with action of the 48th Convention at Rochester, N. Y. that a special committee be appointed by the National Council to be known as the "Study and Planning Committee of the American Turners." Its purpose will be to survey and analyze and appraise the condition of the American Turners, nationally, as districts and as individual societies. Also to submit to the National Council and future conventions a plan

of procedure designed to strengthen and re-develop our entire Turner structure organization and operation. Be it further resolved that the Trustees of the Jahn Fund be asked to assist this project by furnishing financial aid to properly conduct said survey, analysis and appraisal. ADOPTED.

6. Whereas: The need is urgent for the training, schooling and dissemination of help and ideas for our society physical education teachers and their assistants (Turnwards), in our New England District, and

Whereas: Little has been done on a national scale to alleviate this condition in the past fifteen years, and

Whereas: the N.E. District has prepared an outline and Course of Study for this purpose, and which has been adopted in local convention for immediate action in 1962 (November) for our teachers in the New England District. The New England District Convention of May 5th and 6th, 1962 recommends to our National Convention that the American Turners defray a proportionate part of the expense involved in this undertaking.

It was further voted that the share of the American Turners should be at least \$150.00. As this resolution is the same as Resolution No. 6 of the Health and Physical Education Committee, it was adopted.

7. We recommend that the 1964 American Turner Convention be awarded to the New York Turner Society as they submitted the only bid for this convention. Amendment made and seconded that word "50TH" be inserted, and that "Society" be changed to read "District." Carried. The amendment resolution reads as follows: That the 1964 American Turner 50th Convention be awarded to the New York Turner District as they submitted the only bid for this convention. ADOPTED.

The following resolutions were referred to other committees:

1. That a Nominating Committee be formed six (6) months prior to the National Convention for the purpose of submitting the list of candidates for the various National offices and this list be submitted in time for the various District Convention proceedings. (To Committee on Principles and Statutes).

2. That Turner James Szilagyi be re-elected Regional Director for Region IV for past performance in behalf of the Lake Erie District after many, many years of service. (To Nominating Committee).

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES SZILAGYI, *Chairman*
ROGER CATLIN, *Secretary*

Motion made and accepted that Report of the National Affairs Committee as a whole be accepted. Carried.

Turner Diamant requested permission to speak and was granted. He asked questions in regards to an item published in Turner Topics. He was advised to take this up with the National Council for action.

At this time Chairman of Health and Physical Education Committee asked permission to speak in regards to Paragraph 4 of the committee's report which was referred back for further consideration. They ask that Paragraph 4 be rejected and substitute the following:

4. We recommend that a basic physical education program be developed by the National Health and Physical Education Committee. ADOPTED the revised resolution.

Moved and seconded that entire report of the Health and Physical Education

Committee be accepted. Carried.

At this time Chairman Doyle turned over the gavel to Vice Chairman Racker.

Report of the Committee on Publicity and Publications was called for.

REPORT OF THE PUBLICITY AND PUBLICATION COMMITTEE

To the 49th National Convention of the American Turners:

Greetings:

The committee was called to order by Turner Harold Murray.

Delegates present: Harold Murray, Nat Pitzele and Charles F. Miller.

Delegates absent: Jack Thorpe, Ervin A. Koth and Jack Jones.

Turner Nat Pitzele was elected chairman and Turner Charles F. Miller was elected secretary.

The following recommendations were favorably acted upon by the committee and are submitted to the convention for acceptance.

1. We recommend that as soon as possible, the American Turners create a Sound Film, relating a brief history of the Turners Movement in these United States, showing all our physical education and cultural classes in action, District and National competition in physical and cultural competition and stressing our physical fitness program as a guide for the public school. Amendment made and seconded that word "participation" be inserted instead of word "competition." Carried. Amendment made and seconded that "public schools" be changed to read "school systems." Carried. Further Amended and seconded that that following be added: "that the Jahn Fund pay cost of this film project." Carried. Moved and seconded that amended recommendation be accepted. ACCEPTED.

2. We recommend that the bi-monthly issues of Turner Topics contain detailed information, such as notices and results of current National Affairs, Conventions, Festivals, President Meetings and Council Meetings. Amendment made and seconded that word "an" be eliminated and "and personal items" be added. Carried. Moved and seconded that amended recommendation be accepted. ACCEPTED.

3. We recommend that the National secretary be directed to publish in the Turner Topics, issue immediately proceeding the National Convention, the agenda in full of such convention. Amended and seconded that "agenda" be changed to "program." Carried. Moved and seconded that amended recommendation be accepted. ACCEPTED.

4. We recommend that the National Council of the American Turners be directed by this convention, to investigate the possibility of having sound filmed, the next National Festival of the American Turners to be held in Cleveland in 1963 and this film be used in National Publicity, such as The Wide World of Sports program. ACCEPTED.

5. We recommend that the National Secretary of the American Turners be directed by this convention, to prepare and mail to each society a list of material available from our National Office for purchase or loan. ACCEPTED.

6. We recommend that the National Secretary of the American Turners prepare a promotional display kit of best selling items of available material from

the National Office and this kit be offered to our societies for purchase.
ACCEPTED.

Respectfully submitted,
NAT PITZELE, *Chairman*
CHARLES F. MILLER, *Secretary*

Moved and accepted that report in entirety of this committee be accepted.
ACCEPTED.

The Bowling Committee was then asked for their report.

REPORT OF THE BOWLING COMMITTEE

To the 49th National Convention of the American Turners.

Greetings:

The Bowling Committee convened with the following members present: Edward W. Timm, George Campbell, Harold Lingenfelter, Albert Heyn, Jack Thorpe, James S. Hope, August Kruwell, Erwin Schrader and Louis Aichele. Turner Wilfred H. Racker acted in an advisory capacity.

Turner Edward W. Timm was elected Chairman and Turner James S. Hope was elected Secretary.

The committee recommended that the following resolutions be adopted:

1. That any society awarded a National Tournament be required to furnish twenty (20) lanes for men's bowling. Amendment made and seconded that words "at least" be added. ACCEPTED. Moved and seconded that amended resolution be adopted. ADOPTED.

2. That when an active junior becomes of age, the three (3) month provision of the rules be waived and he or she be permitted to bowl at a National Bowling Tournament. Amended and seconded that word "membership" be added before "age." Carried. Moved and seconded that amended resolution be adopted. ADOPTED.

3. That the election of a Member-At-Large, who is to be a woman to serve Women's bowling, shall be by nomination of the regional members of the bowling committee and elected by the regional members and approved by the National Council. She shall be elected for a four (4) year term. Also that if a Member-at-Large, is elected from a society which already has a committeeman, said region shall only be entitled to one vote on National Committee. Amendment made and seconded that the words "of a bowling committee" be added after "Also that if a Member-At-Large." Accepted. Moved and seconded that amended resolution be accepted. ACCEPTED.

4. That any and all requests for reservations for any National Bowling Tournament be decided on a "First Come-First Served" basis. Sealed bids to be tendered which are not to be opened and decided upon until after the completion of the Tournament in progress. Amendment made and seconded that "Sealed Bids to be tendered which" be eliminated and "These sealed requests" to be inserted instead. Carried. Moved and seconded that amended resolution be adopted. ADOPTED.

5. That this committee recommend to the National Bowling Committee that the awarding of any future bowling tournament be based on geographical divisions of the country, in a fair and proper sequence and that this decision be resolved at the next meeting of the National Bowling Committee. ADOPTED.

6. That the adoption of the resolution of Turner Wilfred H. Racker,

Chairman of the National Bowling Committee be accepted to amend the distribution of monies received for all tournament entries to five (5c) cents each to the General Fund and fifteen (15c) cents each to the Bowling Fund. ADOPTED.

7. That this committee recommend to the nominating committee that the name of Wilfred H. Racker be placed in nomination for re-election as Chairman of the National Bowling Committee. This was amended and seconded that word "recommend" be eliminated and "submit" be inserted. Carried. It was then directed that this resolution be sent to the Nominating Committee.

8. That we recommend that all Turner Societies seek full participation in the 1963 American Turners National Bowling Tournament which is to be held at American Turners, South Side Indianapolis, Indiana. This is not a Resolution but just a recommendation.

9. That the results of the poll of the members of the National Bowling Committee resulted in the awarding of the 1964 National Bowling Tournament to the Syracuse, New York, Turner Society. This also was only a recommendation and not a Resolution.

Respectfully submitted,
EDWARD W. TIMM, *Chairman*
JAMES S. HOPE, *Secretary*

Moved and seconded that we accept the Bowling Committee's report in its entirety. ACCEPTED.

This session was then adjourned to reconvene again at 9:00 A.M. Wednesday, August 29, 1962.

THIRD SESSION

Wednesday, August 29, 1962

This session convened at 9:30 A.M. Wednesday, August 29th, 1962.

At this time copies of "Amended Report of the Credentials Committee" were passed out to all delegates.

Moved and seconded that on Page 1 — first three items — including amendments be accepted. Accepted. Moved and seconded that report in total be accepted.

Chairman called for report of Principles, Statutes and Grievances Committee:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRINCIPLES, STATUTES AND GRIEVANCES

To the 49th National Convention of the American Turners.

Greetings:

The Principles, Statutes and Grievances Committee convened with the following Turners present:

Lee Osborn, John Westermeyer, Fred Mann, Frank McIntyre, Bruno Uhl, Ollie Fiebig, Walter Heckelmann and Aaron Orchard.

The committee elected Turner Aaron Orchard as Chairman and Lee Osborn as Secretary.

Before any action was taken on their resolution, motion made and seconded that fifteen (15) minute maximum time be permitted for debate. REJECTED.

The following resolutions were favorably acted upon with minor changes:

1. Resolved that the second sentence of Statute 109 be deleted and the following inserted. "The National Treasurer shall send all American Turner dues cards to the various District Treasurers and that said cards be issued only upon prior payment of the amount of per capita tax, District and National. Amendment made and seconded that "District" be changed to "Society," and delete "of the amount of per capita tax, District and National." Roll call vote taken, 129½ FOR and 12½ AGAINST — Amendment ACCEPTED. Motion made and seconded that resolution as amended be accepted. Roll call vote showed 78½ FOR and 63½ AGAINST. Motion ruled REJECTED due to no majority vote.

2. In order to reduce the exorbitant travel expense for their Council Meetings, we the Lake Erie District recommend that the National Governing Body be located in one region with all the officers and members living within that region, with the exception of the Regional Councilors and Past President. Roll call vote taken with result of 22 FOR and 120 AGAINST. Motion REJECTED.

3. Whereas, in some states, persons eighteen (18) years of age are admitted to full membership of the American Turners and Whereas, these out-of-state members—under twenty-one (21) years of age—present membership cards for admission to Turner facilities and Whereas, to protect Societies in Pennsylvania and/or any other state who must observe the liquor laws, that members must be twenty-one (21) years of age to be served liquor anywhere on the society premises; Recommend that dues cards for members under twenty-one (21) years of age be printed in a different color than the regular cards or prominently marked or stamped so that they could and would be readily recognized. Amended made and seconded that "contribution" be changed to "dues." REJECTED. Motion made and seconded that resolution be accepted. REJECTED.

(a) Committee recommend that resolution with change, that secretary of society stamp card "Under 21." No action taken.

4. That all Turner Societies adhere to the same fiscal year — September 1st to August 31st, for Per Capita Tax purposes. Societies to send Per Capita Tax collected in any month to the National Office and their district, first week of the following month. Chairman ruled that this resolution was out of order.

Reason for second part:

If tax is turned in each month, societies will not be tempted to use this money for their own purposes and then when tax is normally due each three months, not have it on hand to make the payment.

5. That all Societies be classified according to their program. Classification:
1. Complete Turner Program (3 Federal Votes)
 2. Social and Physical Education (2 Federal Votes)
 3. Social Societies (1 Federal Vote)

That the first to have three federal votes per 100 members or less; that the second, two federal votes per 100 members or less; and the third, one federal vote per 100 members or less at the National Turner Convention.

All additional votes to be based on same ratio according to number of members in a society, with next votes decided by additional 100 members or more than half that number, as quoted in the American Turners' Principles and Statutes, Page 7, item 20, "Districts are entitled to the following number of federal votes: For 100 members or less, one vote; for every additional 100

members or more than one half of this number, one additional vote. Each society having a membership of 100 or more may elect from among its members one national delegate. The remaining delegates are to be elected by the District Convention. One delegate may represent all the votes to which a District is entitled shall be based on the number of membership cards issued and paid to the National Council for the year preceding the Convention and such additional members as are exempted from paying per capita tax."

(a) We recommend that the above resolution be submitted to Legal Department of the American Turners for clarification. ADOPTED.

6. That a nominating committee be formed six (6) months prior to the National Convention for the purpose of submitting the list of candidates for various National Offices and this list be submitted in time for the various District Convention proceedings. We recommend the National Committee at their meeting following each National Convention shall appoint a nominating committee consisting of five members who shall report at the next annual meeting of the National Council candidates for each National Office who are as follows: President, 1st Vice President and 2nd Vice President. All other officers are covered on Page 8 — No. 31 and 33, as to the method of their election. All names for the aforementioned offices presented to the National Council shall be publicized six months prior to the District Convention. REJECTED.

7. We recommend that the Credentials Committee appear before the opening session of the convention and check with all Districts as to the additions and/or omissions of delegates to National convention before the Credentials Committee files their final report. Amended and seconded that words "the additions and/or" be deleted. ACCEPTED. Moved and seconded that amended resolution be accepted. ACCEPTED.

Respectfully submitted,
AARON ORCHARD, *Chairman*
LEE OSBORN, *Secretary*

Motion made and seconded that entire report of this committee be accepted with the amended resolutions. ACCEPTED.

Report of the Nominating Committee was called for.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

To the 49th National Convention of the American Turners:
Greetings:

The Committee met with the following members present:

Robert Schuler — Central States District
Nat Pitzele — Illinois District
August Andre — Middle Atlantic District
Elmer Crook — Missouri District
Charles F. Miller — New England District
Herbert Heider — New York District
Richard F. Udvardi — South Bend District
John A. Westermeyer — St. Louis District
Lee Osborn — Upper Mississippi District
Larry Conger — Western New York District
Edward W. Timm — Western Pennsylvania District
Ervin A. Koth — Wisconsin District
Otto Wagner — New Jersey District
Anastasia Loehr — Member-At-Large

Russell Dreher — Lake Erie District
No Representation — Southern California District
Rocky Mountain District
Minnesota District

The committee elected Robert Schuler as Chairman and John A. Westermeyer Secretary.

Recommended for office of:

President:

Carl Anderson
George Jacquin

First Vice President:

Andrew Doyle
Bruno Pietuchoff

Second Vice President:

Stephen Reskovitz
Wilfred Racker

Chairman of National Health and Physical Education:

Henry Schroeder
Charles Calhoun

Chairman of National Cultural Education Committee:

Sara G. Palmer

Chairman of National Bowling Committee:

Wilfred Racker

Trustee for Six-Year Term of Endowment Trust:

Clifford Anderson
Bruno Pietuchoff
Al Heyn
Warren Dalbke

The nominees remaining are to be considered for the unexpired term of Edward Groth.

Councilman:

Region 1 — Bruno Pietuchoff
Region 3 — Bob Stahl
Region 3 — Forrest Steinlage
Region 4 — James Szilagy
Region 5 — Walter Kopp
Region 6 — Al Warr

Aaron Orchard

Region 7 — Richard Burke

Region 8 — Otto Nell

Region 9 — Clifford Anderson

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT SCHULER, *Chairman*

JOHN A. WESTERMEYER, *Secretary*

The Chairman ordered the report received by the convention and stated that, in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes, additional nominations for all offices would be permitted from the floor.

Chairman Doyle then appointed the following as tellers for the election of officers: Ervin Koth, Fred Mann and Ervin Schraeder.

This session then adjourned at 12:25 P.M. and to reconvene at 1:30 P.M.

FOURTH SESSION

Wednesday Afternoon, August 29, 1962

Convention reconvened at 1:35 P.M.

The Chair then outlined the following procedure for the casting of ballots: One blank ballot to be given to the Chairman of each District delegation to be used for indicating the number of votes for each candidate for the office to be filled. Each District delegation would then caucus and determine the number of Federal Votes it desired to cast for each candidate and the Chairman would be responsible for making the ballot in accordance with the result of the caucus and for delivering the ballot to the tellers. The Chair further stated that the tellers, in cooperation with the officers of the convention, would check the total number of votes cast by each District against the Federal Votes to which the District is entitled and that hereupon the tellers would count the votes. No objection being raised from the floor, the Chair ordered this procedure to be followed.

It was moved and seconded that if there was only one nominee for an office, there would be no ballot taken of the delegates. The Convention Secretary would cast one ballot for the election of the nominee. Carried.

The Chairman then called for additional nominations for the office of President. There being no nominations from the floor, a motion was made and seconded to close the nomination. Motion carried.

Turner Carl Anderson was elected President of the American Turners and so declared by the Chair.

Chairman Doyle next called for additional nominations for the office of First Vice President. Turner George Jacquin was nominated. Turners Andrew Doyle and Bruno Pietuchoff declined the nomination and withdrew. There being no further nominations from the floor, nomination was closed. The secretary was instructed to cast one ballot for the unanimous election of Turner Jacquin.

The Chairman now called for the election of a Second Vice President of the American Turners. Turner Wilfred Racker asked that his name be withdrawn from nomination. There being no further nominations from the floor Turner Stephen Reskovitz was declared elected, after the secretary cast one ballot.

In the interval of the balloting Chairman Doyle permitted announcements. Turner Robert Schuler, Central States District, spoke on the success of the Central States Sports-O-Rama Program, and the Soft Ball Program of the Louisville Turners.

Turner Walter Heckelmann of the Illinois District announced the celebration of the 110th Anniversary by the Chicago Turn Gemeinde on October 13, 1962, with President Carl Anderson and Regional Member of Council Walter Kopp participating.

Turner Stocker of the Western New York District, spoke on the success of National Gymnastic Clinics at Buffalo for schools of Western New York and the organization of High School Gymnastic Teams.

Chair now called for election of Chairman of National Health and Physical Education Committee. Turner Henry Schroeder asked that his name be withdrawn. There being no further nominations from the floor, nominations were closed. Secretary cast one ballot for Turner Charles Calhoun and the Chair declared him elected.

The Chair called for election of Chairman of National Cultural Education

Committee. No further nominations were made from the floor, secretary cast one ballot and Turner Sara G. Palmer was declared elected.

Chairman of National Bowling Committee election was next called for. No nominations from the floor, secretary cast ballot and Wilfred Racker was declared elected as Chairman of National Bowling Committee.

Election for 6 year Term on Endowment Trust was the next order of business. Turner Warren Dalbke requested that his name be withdrawn. Turners Robert Schuler and Robert Catlin were nominated from the floor. Chairman directed that ballot be taken. Result was Clifford Anderson 51½; Al Heyn 33; Robert Schuler 29½; Bruno Pietuchoff 21, and Roger Catlin 6. Clifford Anderson was declared elected for the six (6) year term. Turner Schuler was then elected to serve the unexpired term of Turner Edward Groth. Result of ballot — Robert Schuler 71½, Heyn 44½ and Pietuchoff 26.

The National Secretary was instructed to prepare and send letters of appreciation for kindnesses extended during the convention.

President Carl Anderson asked that a rising vote of thanks be extended to Turner Wilfred Racker, President of the Toledo Society and Local Chairman of the Toledo Convention Committee.

Election of Members of Council was then called for.

- Region I. Turner Bruno Pietuchoff was nominated and no nominations made from the floor, secretary cast ballot and Turner Pietuchoff elected.
- Region II. Turner Bob Stahl nominated and no additional nomination made from the floor, secretary cast ballot and he was declared elected.
- Region III. Turner Forrest Steinlage received the nomination and no nominations made from the floor, secretary cast ballot and he was declared elected.
- Region IV. As no nominations were received from the floor after Turner James Szilagyi had been nominated, secretary cast ballot and he was declared elected.
- Region V. Turner Walter Kopp received the nomination and no other nominations made from floor, secretary cast ballot and declared elected.
- Region VI. Turners Al Warr and Aaron Orchard were nominated. Ballot showed Turner Aaron Orchard 105 votes and Turner Al Warr 37, Turner Aaron Orchard declared elected.
- Region VII. Turner Richard Burke was nominated; Turner Willi Franck was nominated from the floor. Result of ballot — Turner Richard Burke 94 votes and Willi Franck 48 votes; Turner Burke declared elected.
- Region VIII. Turner Otto Nell was nominated and having no opposition, was elected.
- Region IX. Turner Clifford Anderson was nominated and no other nominations made from floor, was elected.

Motion made and seconded that this Convention expresses its deepest gratitude and commendations to the officers and committees that worked so faithfully to make visit to Toledo successful; also the Ladies Auxiliary of the Toledo Turners for their fine cooperation and hospitality. Carried.

Motion made and seconded that we give a rising vote of thanks to the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the convention for their excellent manner

in handling this convention. All delegates stood and applauded.

Turner Sara G. Palmer made a short statement in regards to the future of the American Turners-Detroit, that they are still in existence and that there are hopes for its future.

Chairman then called for New Business.

A long discussion followed on the Awarding of the 1963 Festival to Cleveland S.T.V. by Turner Warren Dalbke; James Szilagyi; President Carl Anderson and Vice President Stephen Reskovitz. Exhibits were presented by Turner Dalbke.

Motion made and seconded to reaffirm the action of the 48th National Convention that "the National Council be instructed to draw up rules and procedures for the conduct of National Conventions and to submit them to the Districts for approval before the next National Convention." Carried.

Turner Bob Stahl extended an invitation that the next National Convention in 1964 be held in New York City. The following telegram was received from Mayor Wagner: Turner Bob Stahl — American Turners — In session — Toledo, Ohio; The City of New York waits with anticipation the decision of the American Turners regarding the convention locale for 1964, the first year of the World's Fair. The New York Convention Bureau pledges its full cooperation. Enjoy an outstanding meeting in Toledo.

ROBERT F. WAGNER,
Mayor of the City of New York.

As the next National Convention will be held in New York, Turner Stahl asked and invited all Turners and the families to make plans to visit that city then.

Motion made and seconded that the American Turners By-Laws and Principles and Statutes be brought up to date, printed and distributed before June 1963. Carried.

The convention directed that all communications to societies be addressed to the Presidents of societies.

Turner John Westermeyer spoke on his disappointment that another President's meeting had not been called prior to this convention. That the meeting held previously in Louisville had proven a complete success.

A most cordial invitation was extended to all from Turner James Szilagyi to attend the 1963 National Festival in Cleveland, and assured all a good time.

A tentative invitation was extended to the American Turners to hold their 1966 National Convention at Chicago, Illinois.

The Lake Erie District was asked to give very serious consideration in regards to setting dates for the 1963 National Festival, that schools in Chicago and Region 4 close June 30th. If it were held prior to that time it would seriously hamper participation of the societies in this affair.

Chair asked if there were any other business to be transacted, and hearing none, asked that we adjourn. Motion made and seconded that this, the 49th National Convention adjourn. Motion carried.

RICHARD BURKE,
Secretary.
A. HERMAN NIEHAUS,
Assistant Secretary.