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OF THE
American Turnerbund



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The Thirty-Fifth Convention of the American Turnerbund was called to order at 10:15 A. M. by Theodore H. Freese, Chairman of the Convention Committee of the Western New York District, who welcomed the Delegates on behalf of his District.

Turner Freese then introduced the Hon. Charles Stanton, Mayor of Rochester, who welcomed the delegates on behalf of the people of Rochester. The Mayor briefly outlined the history and development of Rochester and called attention to some of the distinguished accomplishments of Rochester. He expressed the hope that the delegates would have an opportunity to visit some of the outstanding points of interest in Rochester, especially their parks of which they are justly proud. He thanked the delegates for the invitation extended to him to address their

Convention and hoped that their deliberations would be crowned with success.

Turner Freese thanked the Mayor and introduced Turner Karl Wittig, President of the Rochester Turnverein who cordially welcomed the delegates on behalf of the Rochester Turnverein.

Turner Freese then presented President George Seibel, who officially opened the Convention and then submitted his Annual Message which he delivered in German and which is herewith translated into English as follows:

Message of the President

We are gathered again to renew our allegiance to the lofty ideals of the American Turnerbund and to plan for the future growth of our beloved organization. For the first time since the depression hit our nation — caused, I believe, by our

rulers' disregard of the true democratic spirit set forth in the Fundamental Principles of the Turners — for the first time I look hopefully for a new dawn to follow the darkness. It is reflected in our membership statistics; for the first time in years the loss has been so insignificant that from now on we should easily score an advance. With Prohibition a tragic memory, with thousands realizing they must stand united to safeguard our liberties, we should not neglect our missionary duty of bringing new members into the fold, especially young people.

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

Every Turnverein can also increase its own membership in the same way. Pick the people you wish would join, and get a committee to invite them. Pick the very best—the Turnerbund is good enough for any member that might come in. For almost 90 years it has been the most American of all American associations, and has been the most devoted to human progress.

We have something to build upon as the Jahn Fund is still growing, and may soon provide us with the English organ we have so long hoped to see proclaiming our principles. Lectures and dramatic work will also be sponsored in growing frequency.

Our fine Normal College has suffered because the income of the Turnerbund has not been up to normal, but its friends and alumni have come nobly to the rescue to tide the school over these difficult years. Something should be done to make this institution a permanent fountain of educational progress in the Turner spirit.

The Instructors' Fund for the benefit of the aged and unfortunate teachers has helped a number of such men in a modest way. This fund also is growing, and will do increasing good in the years to come.

We must plan definitely and without delay for the next Turnfest, which is to take place in Cleveland during 1936. It has been too long delayed. We should unite to make it the greatest Turnfest ever held on this continent.

There is nothing we cannot do if we try. There is no reason why the Turnerbund should not have a million members—no reason except our lack of courage and initiative. Let us cry "Gut Heil" and forge ahead. The world needs our liberal and tolerant ideals—it is for us to tell the world about them. "A sound mind in a sound body" is the cornerstone of the mighty pyramid, "Liberty, Education and a Better World."

George Seibel

President Seibel then announced that WHAM the Rochester Radio Station had accorded him the privi-

lege of delivering a fifteen minute Radio address on Saturday Morning, June 29, 1935 at 10:30 A. M. on the Subject: "History and Ideals of Turners."

President Seibel made the further announcement that William Randolph Hearst had offered a magnificent trophy to the Turnerbund to be competed for by the Societies of the American Turnerbund at the Cleveland Turnfest. President Seibel further announced that Col. Jesse Krueger had flown to Rochester as special representative of Mr. Hearst personally to offer this trophy to the Turnerbund.

This announcement was greeted with enthusiastic applause and a motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried that we accept this offer of a trophy and that a telegram be sent to Mr. Hearst advising him of our grateful acceptance. In accordance with this motion the following telegram was sent:

"Mr. Randolph Hearst, San Simeon, California.

"The Thirty-Fifth Convention of the American Turnerbund assembled at Rochester, New York, unanimously and enthusiastically accepts your generous offer of a National Turnfest Trophy and instructs me to express its appreciation of your interest in the Physical Education of the American Youth.

George Seibel,
National President
American Turnerbund"

President Seibel then appointed the following Committee on Credentials: Fred Olt, Martin Nolde, Bruno Uhl, Karl Hartig, August Buchholtz.

President Seibel then ordered a recess until the Credentials Committee would be ready to report.

The Convention having again been called to order, the Credentials Committee reported as follows:

To the 35th National Convention of the American Turnerbund
Gut Heil!

The number of votes to which the districts are entitled and the delegates and alternates listed on Credentials forwarded to the National Secretary, are as follows:

	Votes	Delegates Listed	Alternates Listed
New York	12	10	
Indiana	10	5	
New England	26	4	
Illinois	16	11	
St. Louis	16	4	
Lake Erie	30	16	
Western New York	13	13	12
Philadelphia	12	8	
Wisconsin	5	3	
Pittsburgh	16	10	
New Jersey	13	1	
Kansas-Missouri	2	2	
Ohio	5	5	
Minnesota	2	2	2
Upper Mississippi	16	4	
Southern California	6	1	
Totals	200	99	14

The following districts have not sent in credentials nor have delegates reported: South Central, Rocky Mountain, Pacific, North Pacific.

The Committee:

Fred Olt, Chairman
Bruno Uhl
Martin Nolde
August Buchholtz
Karl Hartig

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

New York: 12 votes, Delegates present 10: Martin Nolde, Otto P. Mueller, John H. Bossert, Hans Kellner, Albert F. Thielemann, Robert Stahl, Erich Weber, Heinrich Schroeder, Karl Neumann, Wm. J. Gasser.

Indiana: 10 votes, Delegates present 3: Dr. Carl H. Sputh, Theodore Stempf, Edward Groth.

New England: 26 votes, Delegates present 4: Henry Richter, Arthur W. Heidke, Charles J. Stahle, Arthur H. Klopfer.

Illinois: 16 votes, Delegates present 8: Chas. Eichin, Robert J. Fenske, Louis O. Greiner, Theo. A. Gross, Rudolph Koenig, William Modrow, Leopold Saltiel, Jos. A. Strohmeier.

St. Louis: 16 votes, Delegates present 3: Edward Hohenstein, Arthur C. Dietrich, Eugene Stifel.

Lake Erie: 30 votes, Delegates present 14: Herman Eisele, Henry Pfeiffer, Henry W. Luther, Rudolph Hartkopf, Bruno Uhl, Gustav Bachman, John P. Klein, Joseph J. Zimmerman, Conrad Krueck, Edward A. Hennig, Fred Matmuel, Herman Fickweiler, Hubert M. Hendrikx, Carl F. Hein.

Western New York: 13 votes, Delegates present 13: Henry W. Kumpf, Carl Wittig, Louis F. Szeles, Fritz Nicke, Theodore H. Freese, Rudolph F. Wiesel, Otto Werner, Adam Volles, Joseph Ulrich, Lawrence Conger, William Schober, Jos. Weidner, John Maley. Three alternates present: Fred J. Kolb, Paul Prietz, Otto Steffen.

Philadelphia: 12 votes, Delegates present 7: Karl Hartig, Harry Ebert, Leopold F. Zwarg, Wm. A. Nicolai, Adolph Pemsel, Emil Preiss, Edward H. Letzer.

Wisconsin: 5 votes, Delegates present 3: H. C. Kidder, Henry J. Huebel, Fred L. Bartels.

Pittsburgh: 16 votes, Delegates present 9: August Buchholtz, Andreas Kohary, Oscar N. Simmen, Wm. J. Kramer, Edmond T. Voelker, Hans Oechsle, Charles Trueg, Anton Fischer, Geo. J. F. Falkenstein.

New Jersey: 13 votes, Delegates present 1: Paul Werner.

Ohio: 5 votes, Delegates present 4:
Geo. F. Roth, Fred Olt, Wm. P.
Beyer, Wm. Pump.

Minnesota: 2 votes, Delegates present
2: Ferdinand Uebel, Wm. Mueller.

Upper Mississippi: 16 votes, Dele-
gates present 3: Alfred C. Muel-
ler, Fred Nusbaum, Chris E. Ober-
lander.

Southern California: 6 votes, Dele-
gates present 1: Carl J. Mettler.

The following Districts were not
represented by Delegates: South
Central, Rocky Mountain, Pacific,
North Pacific and Kansas-Missouri.

Total number of votes to which the
districts represented are entitled: 198

Total number of delegates present:
85; alternates:3.

The following members of the
National Executive Committee were
present and were declared members
of the Convention: George Seibel,
Richard Turnt, Wm. Voelker, Henry
J. Thier and Chas. A. Geber.

The question as to whether or not
the Delegates from Districts who are
in arrears in their per capita tax,
should be accorded seat, voice and
vote in this Convention was brought
up and discussed informally at
length.

A motion was made and seconded
that those districts who have not

paid their current quarterly per cap-
ita tax be refused seat, voice and vote
in this convention unless the dele-
gates present from these districts
guarantee that the quarterly dues
will be paid promptly. After further
discussion this motion was with-
drawn.

A motion was then duly made and
seconded that this Convention ac-
cord seat, voice and vote to all
officially accredited delegates at this
Convention and that every delegate
take up the question of payment of
past due per capita tax with their
districts in order to place their dis-
tricts into good standing. This motion
was voted upon by the delegates from
the districts in good standing and
was unanimously carried.

There being no further objection,
the President then declared the re-
port of the Credentials Committee
adopted and declared the delegates
seated, and announced that the con-
vention was ready to proceed with
business.

President Seibel then appointed
the following delegates as members
of the Press Committee of the Con-
vention: Jos. A. Strohmeyer, Chair-
man, Theo. H. Freese, Gus Bachman
and Eugene Stifel.

President Seibel then called for
nominations for Permanent Chair-
man of the Convention.

Turner Theo. H. Freese was nominated and, there being no further nominations, Turner Freese was unanimously elected Permanent Chairman of the Convention.

President Seibel then turned the gavel over to Chairman Freese, who thanked the Convention and called for nominations for Vice Chairman of the Convention. Turners Arthur W. Heidke, Geo. J. F. Falkenstein, Wm. Mueller, Karl Hartig and Otto P. Mueller were nominated. The vote on these nominees was by Districts and the vote resulted as follows: Heidke 26, Falkenstein 80, Wm. Mueller 32, Hartig 60.

A motion was then made, seconded and carried that the vote for Turner Geo. J. F. Falkenstein be made unanimous and that he be declared elected Vice Chairman. This motion was unanimously carried and Turner Falkenstein was declared elected.

Upon call of the Chairman for nomination for Honorary Chairman of the Convention, Turner Theodore Stempfel of the Indiana District was nominated and unanimously elected Honorary Chairman of the Convention. Turner Stempfel thanked the Convention for the honor conferred upon him.

Upon call of the Chairman for nominations for Secretary of the Convention, Turner Herman Eisele of the Lake Erie District was nominated and unanimously elected.

Upon call for nominations for Assistant Secretary, Turner Fred Olt of the Ohio District was nominated and unanimously elected.

It was moved and seconded and carried that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at 2:00 o'clock.

The Chairman then directed the officers of the Convention and the National Officers to appoint the Committees of the Convention in accordance with the requests accompanying the Credentials, as provided for by the Thirty-Third Convention.

The Chairman then declared the Convention adjourned until 2:00 o'clock.

Second Session, Friday Afternoon June 28, 1935

The second session was called to order by Chairman Freese at 2:15 P. M.

After a few announcements relative to the social features graciously offered by the Rochester Turnverein for the entertainment of the delegates, the Officials directed to select the Committees submitted the following suggested Committees:

Committee on National Affairs: Wm. J. Gasser, Edward Groth, Theodore Stempfel, Robert J. Fenske, Rudolph Koenig, Leopold Saltiel, Edward Hohenstein, Geo. J. F. Falkenstein, Henry Pfeiffer, Henry W.

Luther, Rudolph Hartkopf, Henry W. Kumpf, Carl Wittig, Karl Hartig, Harry Ebert, Andreas Kohary, Aug. Buchholtz, Paul Werner, Geo. F. Roth, Wm. Mueller, Alfred C. Mueller, Carl J. Mettler, Arthur W. Heidke, Hubert M. Hendrikx, Jos. A. Stroh-meyer, George Seibel, Ex. Off.

Technical Committee: Robert Stahl, Heinrich Schroeder, Karl Neumann, Erich Weber, Theo. A. Gross, William Modrow, Arthur C. Dietrich, Bruno Uhl, Carl F. Hein, Gustav Bachman, John P. Klein, Louis F. Szeles, Fritz Nicke, Leopold F. Zwarg, Emil Preiss, H. C. Kidder, Oscar N. Simmen, Wm. J. Kramer, Hans Oechsle, Edmond T. Voelker, Wm. P. Beyer, Wm. Pump, Carl J. Mettler, Charles J. Stahle, Christ Wuest, Chas. A. Gebeß, Ex. Off.

Committee on Platform, Grievances and Statutes: Albert F. Thieleman, Fred L. Bartels, Rudolph F. Wiesel.

Finance (Auditing) Committee: John H. Bossert, Chas. Eichin, Herman H. Fickweiler, Otto Werner, Charles Trueg, Henry J. Thier, Ex. Off.

Mental Culture Committee: Otto P. Mueller, Jos. J. Zimmermann, Adam Volles, Edward H. Letzer, Anton Fischer, Chris. E. Oberlander, Henry Richter, Wm. Voelker, Ex. Off.

Committee on National Publication: Martin Nolde, Eugene Stifel, Conrad Krueck, Lawrence Conger,

Adolph Pemsel, Henry J. Huebel, Ferdinand Uebel, Fred Nusbaum, Arthur H. Klopfer, Theo. H. Freese.

Normal College Committee: Hans Kellner, Dr. Carl B. Spath, L. O. Greiner, Edward A. Hennig, Fred Mattmueller, Jos. Ulrich, Wm. A. Nicolai, Richard Turnt, Ex. Off.

There being no objection the Chairman declared the report of the committee accepted.

Chairman Freese then appointed the following committee to extend the greetings of this convention to the National Convention of the Ladies Auxiliaries of the American Turnbund meeting simultaneously with our Convention at the Rochester Turnverein: George Seibel, Henry Pfeiffer and Chas. Eichin.

A telegram from Berthold Muecke was read to the Convention regretting his inability to attend the convention and expressing the wish that the deliberations of the Convention may be crowned with success.

A communication was also received from the Denver Turnverein expressing regret at their inability to send delegates and extending best wishes to the convention.

Greetings and good wishes were also received in a communication from Turnverein Germania, Los Angeles.

It was then moved and seconded that the convention adjourn to re-convene at 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning, June 29, 1935 and that the Committees be asked to have their reports ready promptly at that time. This motion was carried and the Chairman declared the session adjourned at 2:45 P. M.

Third Session, Saturday Morning, June 29, 1935

The third session of the Convention was called to order by Chairman Freese at 9:45 A. M.

The Chairman suggested that the following rules be adopted for the conduct of business.

Robert's Rules of Order will govern the Convention.

Delegates will be permitted to speak for not more than three minutes at any one time. No delegate will be permitted to speak more than twice on the same subject except by permission of the convention. These regulations shall not apply to delegates submitting reports, who may speak as often as occasion requires in order to answer questions and may also have the floor after debate is closed.

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

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

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

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

There being no objection, the Chairman declared these suggested rules accepted as rules of this Convention.

The minutes of the first and second session were read and after a minor correction were adopted by motion duly made and carried.

Committee on Platform, Grievances and Statutes

The report of the Committee on Platform, Grievances and Statutes was then submitted by its Chairman, Albert F. Thielemann as follows: To the 35th National Convention of the American Turnerbund Gut Heil!

1. We recommend that Par. 1 Sec. 29 of the Statutes be rescinded and that the resolution of the Minnesota District be adopted.

Par. 1, Sec. 29 should read as follows:

"The National Executive Committee shall consist of 23 members of whom at least two shall be trained instructors in physical education. Eight shall be elected by the regional divisions of the Bund. These are to act in advisory capacity, keep the national office advised as to what is going on in their regions, and represent the National Executive Committee at regional or local functions, when it is not practical or convenient to send one of the National officers from headquarters. (The holding of this office is not to interfere with the right of the incumbent to act as a delegate to a national convention.) An absolute majority of votes shall be necessary for the election of the regional members. The Committee shall be authorized to fill any vacancy that may arise. Two of the committee who are trained instructors in Physical Education, shall be members on the Committee on Physical Education, and one shall be an officer of that Committee."

2. We further recommend that Sec. 29A read as follows:

"The regions of the Turnerbund shall be divided by the National Executive Board to conform to the lines

as comprised by the circuits."

Secretary's Note: Paragraphs 1 and 2 were not adopted. (See fourth session)

3. We further recommend that in Art. 48 the words "at least once each year" be changed to "annually or biennially."

With Turner Greetings,
Albert F. Thielemann, Chairman
Fred L. Bartels, Secretary
Rudolph F. Wiesel

Action on Paragraphs 1 and 2 of the above report was postponed by motion duly made and carried until after the consideration of the Report of the Committee on National Affairs.

(Note: A substitute report submitted by a special committee during the fourth session, was adopted at that time.)

Paragraph 3 of the above report was adopted by motion duly made, seconded and carried.

Finance Committee

The report of the Finance Committee was then submitted by its Secretary, Chas. Eichin, as follows:
To the 35th National Convention
of the American Turnerbund
Gut Heil!

The Finance Committee under the Chairmanship of J. H. Eossert and Charles Eichin as Secretary submits the following report:

1. We have made selective checks of receipts and expenses as submitted in the report of the National Treasurer. We accept the report of August Hiller, certified public accountant of Pittsburgh, Pa. who audited the cash accounts of the past two fiscal years ending March 31st, 1935.

2. We also certify to the correctness of cash on hand March 31st, 1935 in the amount of \$1355.59 as shown in financial report and corroborated in bank deposit record submitted to us.

3. On March 31st, 1935 delinquent and current per capita taxes in the amount of \$12,882.51 appear on the books of the Treasurer. Since March 31st, 1935, \$2821.37 of this amount has been paid, leaving a charge of unpaid per capita tax as of March 31st, 1935 of \$10,061.14; composed of the following items:

\$ 1710.85	St. Louis
606.50	Wisconsin
368.92	Philadelphia
774.50	New Jersey
558.87	Pittsburgh
33.50	Kansas-Missouri
624.00	Upper Mississippi
1352.00	Rocky Mountain
361.00	Pacific
1264.00	Lake Erie
1729.00	Western New York
514.00	Ohio
164.00	North Pacific
\$10061.14	Total

4. This committee is absolutely

opposed to any remission of per capita tax as charged on the books of the treasurer, as of March 31, 1935.

5. We recommend that these arrears of dues must be paid over a period of the next five years, with annual payment of at least 20% of such indebtedness.

6. The life and further existence of the Turnerbund is dependent upon the payment of our per capita tax.

7. By adopting our recommendation, every delegate shall pledge himself to do his utmost in his district and home society, to have delinquent taxes speedily liquidated.

Respectfully submitted,

With Turner Greetings

J. H. Bossert, Chairman
Chas. Eichin, Secretary
H. H. Fickweiler
Otto F. Werner
Henry J. Thier

After a brief discussion this report was adopted by motion duly made, seconded and carried.

The report of the Committee on National Publication was then submitted by its Secretary Adolph Pemsel.

After the reading of this report the Chairman declared a recess of the Convention until 10:45 A. M. to permit the Convention to hear the address of President Seibel which was

to be delivered by him over Station WHAM which he entitled: Who Are These Turners? This address was as follows:

WHO ARE THESE TURNERS

Usually I am talking about literature or about drama, but today it is about something that is even more fundamental in importance to the welfare of the human race. During this week Rochester is entertaining the convention of the American **Turnerbund**, as you did in 1874, when I had reached the mature age of two years. I did not attend that convention, but I'm here now because I happen to be the national president of the association, the oldest association of that sort in the United States. I mean the American Turnerbund, which has been in existence for nearly 90 years. The American Turnerbund is the direct offspring of the German Turner Societies founded by Friedrich Ludwig Jahn at the time when Napoleon had his heels upon prostrate Germany. Always trust a people who are downtrodden to find a way to gain their liberty. You can't sit on a lid forever.

Jahn started his gymnastic societies to strengthen the bodies of young men so that the material for an army would be there when the inevitable uprising against Napoleon should come. Jahn — we call him Father Jahn—invented most of the gymnastic apparatus that is in use today on the floors of our gymnas-

iums. The horizontal bar, the parallel bars, and other devices were introduced by Jahn. They are in use all over the world — from Madrid to Moscow, from Honolulu to Yokohama.

Jahn's disciples brought them here to America and started the first gymnasiums here. There were three of these pioneers—Francis Lieber, Carl Beck and Carl Follen. Beck was a pupil of Jahn's at the age of 13; Lieber fought in the battle of Waterloo at the age of 15; Follen was only a little older. These men were afterward driven out of their home land by the petty despots who came into power when Napoleon was down. Their crime seems to have been that they were thinking, always an unsafe business. So Beck and Lieber and Follen came to this country with friendly letters of recommendation from Lafayette. They did great things for America. Lieber compiled the first American Encyclopedia and became the close friend of Abraham Lincoln; Beck became associated with the historian George Bancroft and they founded a boys' school in Northampton, Mass., where they installed the first American gymnasium; Follen was a Harvard professor for five years until he was driven out of the University for being an anti-slavery man. The University was afraid of losing students from the South, so Follen had to go. But when Follen died a tragic death, the poet Whittier paid him a glorious tribute:

" 'Tis something to a heart like mine
To think of thee as living yet;
To feel that such a light as thine
Could not in utter darkness set."

These three men — Follen, Beck, Lieber — erected our first gymnasiums and organized our first swimming schools. But actual Turnvereins, like the one founded in Rochester in 1852, did not come into existence until about the year 1848, when Germany again drove out 600,000 of her best citizens for thinking they could change the form of government. There are always people opposed to any change, like the rats in an old house. It was bad for Germany, but good for America. The revolution of 1848 brought to our shores three-quarters of a million of liberty loving Germans, many of them the finest minds in the universities and newspaper offices of Germany. Among those exiles were men like Carl Schurz, the cleanest politician ever active in American politics; men like Franz Sigel, a splendid soldier to whom President Lincoln wrote a manly letter of apology for some little slight; men like Friedrich Hecker, the most picturesque revolutionist produced by Europe, with the single exception of Garibaldi. Hecker, who is buried at Belleville, Ill., near the farm he tilled, founded the first American Turnverein in Cincinnati, a Turnverein which is still flourishing and still inhabits its original home.

It was men like these three Turners who made the nomination of

Lincoln possible and his election certain. A very strong contingent of the Convention at Chicago which nominated Lincoln was German. His name as a presidential possibility was first mentioned by a German Turner and newspaperman, Gustave Koerner. Lincoln's bodyguard at his inauguration were the Turners of Washington. Alongside of Father Jahn we revere Father Abraham.

When the Civil War broke out, the Turners were ranged on the side of liberty as one man. How they saved Missouri for the Union is a matter of history, but perhaps the best description of that famous episode at Camp Jackson is contained in a chapter of Winston Churchill's famous novel, "The Crisis." In Baltimore the Turner Hall was burned down by Confederate mobs because the Turners refused to haul down the Stars and Stripes. In many cities regiments were formed entirely of Turners; in others they formed companies of sharpshooters. In fact, many Turnvereine passed entirely out of existence during the Civil War because practically every able-bodied member was enrolled in the armies of Father Abraham.

It must not be thought that the Turners are concerned only with physical education. Their motto, "A sound mind in a sound body," indicates that the sound body is sought only for the sake of the sound mind. The other slogan, "Liberty, education

and a better world," indicates the extensive scope and far reach of the Turner philosophy. The Turners do not aim to train gymnasts, acrobats or gladiators. The old educational method consisted of pouring knowledge into the head; the Turner idea of education is that health and strength will enable the head to seek knowledge and assimilate it into wisdom. In this the Turner idea coincides with the ideal of the ancient Greeks, which produced the finest civilization in many respects the world has yet seen, and also the highest development of the individual the world has yet seen. The Turner principles are summed up in these words.

"Liberty against all oppression. Tolerance against all fanaticism. Reason against all superstition. Justice against all exploitation. Free speech, free press, free assembly for the discussion of all questions, so that men and women may think unfettered and order their lives by the dictates of their own conscience."

Commenting on the influence of the Turners on American Physical education, Professor M. D. Learned, of Philadelphia, as far back as 1897, after a comprehensive study, had this to say:

"The German Turners have given to America a system of gymnastics, which has become the foundation of the universal institution of athletics

in this country, and particularly of those branches of athletics which center around the college gymnasium."

From the principles and practice of the Turners has been derived the whole system of physical education in the United States. The Y. M. C. A. is merely a Turnverein under church influence. All the physical education laws of our states were put upon the statute books by the political activity of Turners. Our Normal College, now located at Indianapolis, and born in the last convention at Rochester, 1852, was for many years the pioneer institution of America for training teachers of physical culture. Since it showed the way and blazed the trail, about 400 similar schools have sprung up. But the Turners led the van.

"A sound mind in a sound body" is our slogan. The sound mind is the principal thing. Without a sound mind and clear thinking, a strong man is only a more efficient slave of somebody else. It is difficult to enslave either the bodies or the minds of a healthy race. That is what we Turners are striving for, and so we rejoice that our great leaders in past years have been the fathers of American physical education—the Turners Follen, Lieber and Beck; Schurz, Sigel and Hecker: As president of the American Turnerbund I wish to thank the beautiful city of Rochester for its hospitality, and wish to con-

gratulate you also upon having one of the oldest Turnvereins in the U. S. founded 83 years ago and still blooming like a rose. When you pass their beautiful hall next, look in and see one of the finest gymnasiums in the land. And perhaps you may wish to become a Turner too, if you believe in the words of the great philosopher John Locke: "A sound mind in a sound body is a short but full description of a happy state in this world; he that has these two has little more to wish for, and he that wants either of them will be but little the better for anything else."

This address coming over the radio was heard by the delegates of the Convention and by the delegates to the Convention of the Ladies Auxiliaries of the American Turnerbund.

Upon the conclusion of this address the convention was called to order and a motion was made and seconded that copies of Turner Seibel's address be sent to all Societies of the American Turnerbund and that they be requested to broadcast this address over their own local radio stations and that copies of the address be sent to all educational institutions in this country who are fostering physical education and that this address be considered as a part of the proceedings of this convention, and that the address be incorporated in the minutes of the convention. This motion was unanimously carried with a threefold Gut Heil!

The discussion of the report of the Committee on National Publication read before the recess was then declared in order and considerable discussion of the report took place and many suggestions were made from the floor.

Committee On National Publication

The report of the Committee on National Publications and suggestions from the floor which were accepted by the committee and which were incorporated as a part of the committee report read as follows :
To the 35th National Convention of the American Turnerbund
Gut Heil!

Resolutions from Indianapolis and Wisconsin Districts regarding the present national publication were read and then tabled for future consideration. A general discussion followed and the policies of this committee were agreed upon, taking into consideration the above resolutions.

After much deliberation, and hearing the various opinions from the members of this committee, the following recommendations were adopted:

1. That this Committee go on record as being in favor of a National Turner Publication.
2. In view of the fact that the Turnerbund owes the present publisher of the Turnzeitung about \$2000

and desiring to make it possible to liquidate the indebtedness in the near future, and also create a better Turner publication, the committee makes the following recommendations:

a. That the National Executive Committee be authorized to expand the present Amerikanische Turnzeitung into a monthly, National German-English, Turner publication, and that the trustees of the Jahn Fund be requested to contribute such an amount to the publishing of a National Turner Publication as, within their sound discretion, they find possible and practicable.

b. Additional funds are to be obtained by membership subscriptions and local and national advertising.

c. That the following publication board be appointed by the National Executive Committee: A national editor, a national business manager, and an editorial board composed of one representative from each District to gather society news items, subscriptions and advertising.

d. That this new publication be called the "American Turner".

With Turner Greetings,
Martin Nolde, Chairman
Adolph Pemsel Secretary

This report was adopted by motion duly made, seconded and carried.

A Committee consisting of Mrs. Herman Eisele and Mrs. Ferdinand Uebel from the National Convention of the Ladies Auxiliaries conveyed the greetings from the Ladies Convention to this Convention. The Ladies Committee urged the delegates to this convention to stress the importance of appointing ladies as members of the House Committees and of the Gymnasium Committees of their respective Societies. The Ladies also offered their services to cooperate with the Turnerbund in any respect in which they might aid.

The greetings of the Ladies were acknowledged by Secretary Olt of the Convention with the quotation from Schiller: "Ehret die Frauen, sie flechten und weben, Himmlische Rosen ins irdische Leben." Honor the women, they twine and weave, heavenly roses into earthly life.)

President Seibel, having returned to the Convention Hall from Radio Station WHAM, was advised that the Convention had authorized the printing and distributing of his address to all of the Societies of the Turnerbund with the request that each society re-broadcast it over its local radio station, and a rising vote of thanks was extended to President Seibel for this wonderful radio address.

Committee on Mental Culture

The Committee on Mental Culture, by its Secretary Jos. J. Zimmerman,

then submitted its report as follows:
To the 35th National Convention
of the American Turnerbund
Gut He'll!

Your Committee on Mental Culture organized by electing Turners Otto P. Mueller as Chairman and Jos. J. Zimmerman, Secretary.

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

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

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

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

4. We reaffirm and recommend the adoption of Paragraph 4, Articles (a) of the Report of the Committee

on National Publication, to (f) adopted at the 33rd Convention of the American Turnerbund, which read as follows:

(a) To publish, as a private enterprise, a monthly magazine devoted to the interests of Turnerism, Gymnastics, Mental Culture, Swimming, and Sports in General.

(b) To name this publication RECREATION, which defined, means "the act of making new", "refreshment and rebuilding of mind or body by any exercise or occupation that diverts or gives pleasure, as a change of work".

(c) That, while this publication will not be considered in any way an official organ of the American Turnerbund, it will always foster its principles and never publish anything that can be deemed detrimental to the interests of the American Turnerbund.

(d) That its circulation will comprise as far as possible paid subscriptions from the members of the American Turnerbund and associates, and all people interested in sports in general.

(a) That the publication is to be considered an advertising medium for all reputable manufacturers and producers of equipment and supplies which might be purchased by its readers.

(f) Any subsequent points of agreement will be mutually entertained by the publishers and the American Turnerbund, should these be necessary.

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

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

7. That instead of a lecturer, a field secretary and organizer be engaged whose duties shall be to reorganize such societies as are in need of assistance, to conduct membership campaigns, etc. (This Paragraph No. 7 was defeated by the Convention.)

With Turner Greetings,

Otto P. Mueller, Chairman

Jos. J. Zimmerman, Secretary

This record was considered by paragraphs, and paragraphs 1 to 6 were adopted by motion duly made and seconded. Paragraph 4 was adopted insofar as it conforms with the provi-

sions of the previously adopted report of the Committee on National Publication. Paragraph 7 of this report, after considerable discussion was defeated by motion made, seconded and carried. The amended report was then adopted as a whole.

NORMAL COLLEGE

The Committee on the Normal College by its Secretary, Wm. A. Nicolai, submitted its report and commendation as follows:

To the 35th National Convention
of the American Turnerbund
Gut Heil!

Turner Louis O. Greiner, Illinois District was elected Committee Chairman and Turner Wm. A. Nicolai, Philadelphia District was elected Committee Secretary.

The following official correspondence and suggestions from Districts were read and submitted for the consideration of the committee:

From New York District: It was resolved that the yearly subsidy to the Normal College be discontinued for 1935-36 and that the Turnerbund pay the annual tuition fee of \$120 for a two year term for each student proposed by a District and who is eligible to enter the college.

From Philadelphia District: That Normal College be continued on the present subsidy basis, but that

its major support be derived from tuition fees, individual donations from college alumni and Turners, and that the trustees of the Jahn Fund be requested to contribute liberally to the college maintenance.

From Indiana District: That the convention take steps to assure the future existence of the Normal College.

Further suggestions were received from the Kansas-Missouri and the New England Districts.

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

The following recommendations to the Convention were then approved:

1 Recommended: that the \$6000 appropriation to the Normal College per year be continued for the next two years.

2 Recommended: that a Joint Committee, composed of the Executive Committee of the American Turnerbund and the Trustees of the Normal College, devise some ways and means to insure a Sustaining Fund to adequately carry on the activities of the Normal College.

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

Respectfully submitted with
Turner Greetings,
L. O. Greiner, Chairman
Wm. A. Nicolai, Secretary

A minority report of the Committee on the Normal College was then submitted by Turner Hans Kellner, of the New York District, a member of this Committee, as follows:

To the Delegates of the
35th National Convention of the
American Turnerbund
Gut Heil!

The following resolution was adopted at a meeting of the New York District on June 9th, 1935:—

(1) Whereas: — The Normal College of the American Gymnastic Union (Seminary of the American Turnerbund located in Indianapolis) receives a yearly subsidy from the American Turnerbund to the amount of \$6000.00

Be it resolved:—That this yearly subsidy be discontinued beginning with the term 1935-1936 and that the American Turnerbund agrees to pay to the seminary authorities the annual tuition fee of \$120.00 for a two

year term for each student proposed by a district and eligible after passing certain necessary examinations, same also agreeing to accept a position in a society of the American Turnerbund after his graduation. Should the graduate accept a position outside the scope of the American Turnerbund, he agrees to refund to the American Turnerbund the amount of his tuition fee, \$240.00.

(2) Whereas:—The program of the German Turner System has long been accepted in the curriculum of our public and high schools.

Be it resolved:—That one of the main efforts of the Executives of the American Turnerbund be to establish and further a precisely planned, conscious minded and energetic propaganda to publicize the very existence and aims of the schools conducted by the various Turn-Vereins.

The Executives of the American Turnerbund should consider the furtherance of the Society Schools according to the principles of American Turnerism and its achievements as one of its outstanding and noblest efforts and goals. For this effort, a part of the \$6000.00 now paid to the Normal College should be made available.

Respectfully submitted,
with Turner Greetings,
NEW YORK DISTRICT
Albert F. Thieleman, Secretary

A motion was duly made and seconded that the minority report be made a part of the majority report of the Committee. The motion was declared out of order by the Chairman.

A motion was then made that the minority report be placed before the convention for consideration along with the majority report.

An amendment was offered to Paragraph 1 of the report of the Normal College Committee by Turner Henry Richter from the New England District and seconded, that the proposed appropriation of \$6000.00 per year to the Normal College for the next two years be reduced to \$3000.00 per year.

After considerable discussion, a motion was made and seconded that the minority report be tabled. This motion was carried.

The vote on the proposed amendment to Paragraph 1 of the report reducing the appropriation to \$3000 was voted upon by Districts and was defeated by a vote of 131 to 50.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the majority report of the Committee on Normal College was adopted as submitted.

That portion of the Report on the Committee of Platform, Grievances and Statutes upon which action had been postponed was referred, by

motion duly, made and carried, to a Special Joint Committee consisting of the Chairman and Secretary of the Committee on Statutes and of the Committee on National Affairs, and the two delegates from the Minnesota District, in order to harmonize the reports of the two Committees on the proposed amendments to Sections 29 and 29A of the Statutes.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the convention adjourned at 1:00 P. M. to reconvene at 2:00.

Fourth Session, Saturday Afternoon, June 29, 1935

The fourth session of the Convention was called to order at 2:20 P. M. by Chairman Freese.

After an announcement of the plans of the Rochester Turnverein, to take the delegates upon a sight seeing tour, a motion was made, seconded and carried that the convention complete its business and take the sight seeing trip afterwards if time is available.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that the reading of the minutes of the preceding sessions be dispensed with.

Committee on National Affairs

The Committee on National Affairs by its Secretary, George F. Roth, submitted its report as follows:

To the 35th National Convention
of the American Turnerbund
Gut Heil!

Your Committee on National Affairs organized by selecting Leopold Saltiel as Chairman, and George F. Roth as Secretary and respectfully submits the following recommendations:

1 This Committee recommends the continuance of the annual per capita tax of 50c per member.

2. Your Committee recommends that the National Headquarters be retained at Pittsburgh.

3. We recommend that this convention recommend to the districts of the American Turnerbund to initiate the youth movement as carried on by the Illinois District (American Boy Turners.)

4. The following communities submitted invitations requesting that the next National Convention be held in their respective cities: Louisville, Detroit, Los Angeles, and Elkhart Lake. Your Committee recommends that the Turn-Verein Germania, Los Angeles be selected for the convention in 1937.

Respectfully submitted with
Turner Greetings,

Leopold Saltiel, Chairman
Geo. F. Roth, Secretary

This report was considered and adopted by paragraphs, paragraph 4 being carried by a majority vote, whereupon a motion was made by Turner Henry Pfeiffer of Detroit and seconded by Edward Groth of Louisville, that the vote for Los Angeles be made unanimous. This motion was unanimously carried. There being no objection, the report of the Committee on National Affairs was then declared adopted as a whole by the Chairman.

A motion was made and seconded that this convention extend a cordial vote of thanks to the National Executive Committee for its services in behalf of the American Turnerbund during the past two years and for its willingness to assume these duties for an additional two years. This motion was enthusiastically carried by a rising vote.

President Seibel in accepting the awarding of the National Headquarters to the Pittsburgh District for another two years referred to the invaluable services of the late Dr. Hermann Groth in the National Executive Committee and on the National Technical Committee and referred to the Memorial to Dr. Groth which had been suggested by the Pittsburgh schools in which he had been active. The first suggestion made was a plaque to be placed in one of the schools. Dr. Burns, the Superintendent of Physical Training at Pittsburgh suggested that some-

thing practical would be more after Dr. Groth's heart, preferably a scholarship in his Alma Mater. President Seibel stated that the National Executive Committee would cooperate with the teachers of the Pittsburgh Schools and also hoped for the cooperation of the Societies of the Turnerbund. This suggestion was heartily and unanimously approved in a motion duly made and carried that this Convention heartily approve the Memorial to Dr. Groth.

Upon motion duly made and carried, the Convention rose and stood in respectful silence in memory of Dr. Herman Groth.

The Special Committee appointed to harmonize the reports of the Committee on National Affairs and of the Committee on Platform, Grievances, and Statutes, in reference to the proposed amendment to the National Constitution, then submitted their revised report as follows:

To the 35th National Convention
of the American Turnerbund
Gut Heil!

1. We recommend that Par. 1, Sec. 29 of the Statutes be rescinded and that the resolution of the Minnesota District be adopted:

Par 1, Sec. 29 shall read as follows:

"The National Executive Committee shall consist of 17 members of whom at least two shall be trained

instructors in physical education. Nine of these members shall be elected by a convention of the National Headquarters District chosen by the National Convention, to fill the National Offices and attend to all regular business of the National Executive Committee. The remaining eight members, to be known as Regional Representatives, shall be chosen, one from each of eight Regions of the Turnerbund. These eight Regional Representatives are to act in an advisory capacity keeping the national officers advised as to what is going on in their respective Regions, and representing the National Executive Committee at regional, district, or local functions, when it is not practical or convenient to send someone from National Headquarters. These eight Regional Representatives shall be chosen by the National Officers subject, however, to confirmation by a majority of the District Boards of their respective Regions. The holding of the office of Regional Representative shall not interfere with the right of the incumbent to act as a delegate to a National Convention. An officer of a District shall not be barred from serving as a Regional Representative. The National Executive Committee shall be authorized to fill any vacancy that may occur in its membership. Two members of the National Executive Committee who are trained instructors in Physical Education, shall be members of the Committee on Physical Education, and one shall be an

officer of that Committee."

2. We further recommend that Sec. 29A read as follows:
"The Districts of the Turnerbund shall be divided into Eight Regions by the National Executive Committee."

With Turner Greetings,
Albert F. Thielmann, Chairman
Fred L. Bartels, Secretary

After a brief discussion, this report was adopted by motion duly made and carried.

Technical Committee

The Technical Committee, by its Secretary, Robert Stahl, then submitted its report as follows:

To the 35th National Convention
of the American Turnerbund
Gut Heil!

Your Technical Committee met and was organized by Turner Leopold F. Zwarg, as Chairman, and Robert Stahl as Secretary.

At the request of the Chairman, the delegates registered a rising tribute to the memory of Turners Hermann Groth and Alfred O. Wild.

Your Committee respectfully submits the following recommendations for consideration: To wit:—

1. That National Junior Turnfests be discontinued and in place thereof, that apparatus and athletic

meets for Juniors be conducted each year by either the Districts or the Circuits.

2. That the National Technical Committee be authorized to make whatever changes seem advisable in the rules, regulations and requirements relating to the Turnbund Medal Tests, for the best interest of all concerned.

3. That the National Technical Committee be authorized to revise the rules and regulations for competitive events.

4. That the 1936 National Turnfest be conducted in Cleveland as authorized and that the members of the Technical Committee appointed by the 1935 National Convention who are affiliated with the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States, be requested to explain the circumstances in connection with the 1936 National Turnfest to Turner Roy E. Moore of the New York Turnverein and Chairman of the 1936 Olympic Games Gymnastic Committee, in answer to his letter dated June 14, 1935, addressed to Secretary Voelker requesting that the 1936 National Turnfest be postponed.

5. That the paper from the National Technical Committee entitled: THE JUDGING AND EVALUATION OF COMPETITIVE APPARATUS AND GYMNASTIC EXERCISES be approved as submitted

with minor corrections noted on the original copy, and that the rules and regulations outlined in this paper, be adopted as the recognized rules and regulations for judging apparatus work for all classes at all future District, Circuit, and National Turnfests.

6. That the National Technical Committee be authorized to publish these rules and regulations in handbook form, for distribution to all Societies.

7. That the National Technical Committee be authorized to arrange for a revised list of track and field events for the Pentathlon at National Turnfests and that Rope Climbing be dropped from this group as a requirement.

8. That the National Technical Committee be authorized to prepare a different and smaller type of Diploma for District, Circuit and National Turnfests when the present supply is exhausted and when financial conditions permit such a change.

9. That copies of programs, including exercises, and other important information and the results of all District, and Circuit meets of any nature, be forwarded to the editor of the National Organ by the District or Circuit Turnwards or Secretaries, with a request that they be published, and that copies of such programs, results, etc., be forwarded to the secretary of the National Technical Committee.

10. That Turners Carl Hein and Theo. A. Gross be authorized to consult with National President Seibel in reference to the trophy offered by William Randolph Hearst.

Respectfully submitted with

Turner Greetings,

Leopold F. Zwarg, Chairman

Robert Stahl, Secretary

This report was considered and adopted by paragraphs and was thereupon declared adopted as a whole by the Chairman.

There being no further reports of Committees, the Chairman declared the meeting open for new business. As no proposals were offered under the head of "New Business" the Chairman declared the convention open for proposals for the good and welfare of the Turnerbund.

The first item under this heading was an announcement by Turner Edward Groth, President of the Louisville Turngemeinde, that Mrs. Minna Waltenberger of Louisville, was donating \$100.00 to the Instructors' Fund. Herman Eisele, Secretary of the Trustees of the Instructors' Fund, gratefully accepted this generous donation on behalf of the Trustees of the Instructors' Fund and briefly outlined the history and objects of the Instructors' Fund, referring the delegates to the Annual Report of 1934-1935 for a more complete statement of the Instructors' Fund. Receipt of a further donation

of \$10.00 to the Instructors' Fund from Gustav Bachman was then announced by Bruno Uhl, Treasurer of the Instructors' Fund. This donation which was the first donation to be received from an active Instructor, was also gratefully accepted on behalf of the Trustees.

Turner Adolph Pemsel then issued a challenge to all other Societies in a membership campaign and announced the intention of his society to compete for the prize which may be offered by the Jahn Fund for the largest proportionate gains in membership attained by any society, and he outlined the details of a membership drive which they had undertaken in the Philadelphia Turngemeinde.

A motion was then offered and seconded that the National Executive Committee be instructed to continue the present subsidy to the AMERIKANISCHE TURNZEITUNG until the establishment of the new National Organ. This motion was carried.

Dr. Carl B. Sputh of the Indiana District then cordially thanked the delegates for the confidence placed in the Trustees of the Normal College and for the support granted to the college.

Turner Steinhauser, of New Ulm, Minn., the present publisher of the Amerikanische Turnzeitung, printed and sent 200 copies of a sample paper entitled THE AMERICAN TURNER for the inspection and enlightenment of the delegates. This paper contain-

ed an announcement and a specific proposal relative to the publication of the National Organ which was submitted to the delegates for their consideration. Unfortunately these sample papers did not reach the convention until after the Committee on National Publication had completed its report and until after this report had been adopted by the convention. Many of the delegates, however, read Turner Steinhauser's announcement and a portion of the proposal was read to the Convention, whereupon it was moved and seconded and carried that this sample paper and the proposal be referred to the National Executive Committee for consideration in connection with the resolution relating to the publication of an improved new National Organ.

Turner Richard Turnt, Vice President of the American Turnerbund suggested and discussed methods of raising money for an endowment fund for the Normal College in reference to the instructions contained in the second paragraph of the report of the committee on the Normal College.

It was duly moved and carried that a rising vote of thanks be extended to the officers of the convention for their able and efficient services.

It was further moved, seconded and carried that a rising vote of thanks be extended to the Rochester Turnverein for the hospitality which

they provided for the convenience and entertainment of the delegates.

Turner Richard Turnt expressed great satisfaction with the thorough manner in which the Rochester Abendpost had covered this convention and Turner Ferno, the Abendpost editor attending the Convention, was introduced and a motion was duly made, seconded and carried that a vote of thanks be extended to the Abendpost for its courtesy.

Turner Henry W. Luther of the Lake Erie District, Chairman of the Cleveland Turnfest Committee, briefly outlined some of the details planned for the Cleveland Turnfest, disclosing the decision of the Cleveland Turnfest Committee to hold the mass exercises in the evening in the Cleveland Stadium in an illuminated field. Turner Luther distributed circulars to the delegates and asked all delegates to urge their societies to prepare in every way to attend and participate in the Cleveland Turnfest.

Vice Chairman Falkenstein then paid an earnest tribute to those Turners who had always been regular in attendance at our National Conventions and who had passed on since the last convention and requested the Chairman to ask the delegates to rise and stand in silence in respectful memory to those loyal Turners who have passed from among our number.

After some informal discussion it was moved, seconded and carried that the proceedings of this convention be printed in English only.

The question of the continued employment of Mrs. Marie MacDonald and the alternative employment of a field secretary or the elimination of both was informally discussed and this question was left in the hands of the National Executive Committee by motion duly made, seconded and carried.

The proposed per capita tax blanks were discussed, these blanks having been developed to aid the Districts in the collection of the National per capita Tax under the new system prescribed in Revised Articles 57, 57a, 57b, 57c, 57d, 57e, and 58 of the National Statutes recently adopted by a referendum of the societies. A motion was made that the National Executive Committee be instructed to print a suitable Per Capita Tax return blank for each three month period and that each group of these blanks be distributed to the Districts in duplicate quantities, a sufficient length of time before the end of each three months period to permit the District Officers to redistribute these blanks to the societies before the end of each quarter, and that the newly adopted articles of the Constitution prescribing the new methods of collecting the National per capita tax be included as a part of these per capita tax blanks. After considerable dis-

cussion on this motion and related question this motion was carried.

It was moved and seconded that Paragraph 5 of the adopted report of the Committee on Finance be reconsidered. This motion to reconsider was defeated by a vote of 23 to 34.

A motion was duly offered and carried that the best wishes of this convention be extended to the Cleveland Turnfest Committee for a Successful National Turnfest in 1936.

A motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the fourth session was made, seconded and carried.

There being no further business offered to the Convention, Chairman Freese declared the convention adjourned at 4:45 P. M. with a three-fold Gut Heil for the success for the American Turnerbund.

Respectfully submitted with Turner Greetings by the Officers of the Convention,

Theo. H. Freese, Chairman
Geo. J. F. Falkenstein,
Vice Chairman
Theo. Stempfel,
Honorary Chairman
Herman Eisele, First Secretary
Fred Olt, Second Secretary

All telegrams and letters of greeting were acknowledged; and advices of resolutions adopted, where this was necessary, were sent to the proper authorities as evidenced by copies in the files of the National Secretary.