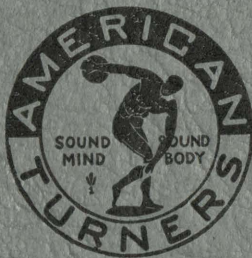


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**First Session, Thursday Evening
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The thirty-eighth National Convention of the American Turners called to order at 8:00 P. M. at Schwartz Hall by President Carl M. Weideman, who presented Dr. Carl B. Sputh, President of the Normal College of the American Gymnastic Union, who own and operate Camp Brosius, where the business sessions of the Convention are to be held.

Dr. Sputh extended a cordial welcome to the Turners and Ladies present on behalf of the Trustees of the Normal College and expressed the hope that their stay at Camp Brosius and Elkhart Lake would be pleasant for themselves and profitable for the American Turners.

Dr. Sputh then introduced Heinrich Edler, President of the Village of Elkhart Lake, who likewise expressed his pleasure at being able to welcome the delegates on behalf of the Village of Elkhart Lake and figuratively handed the proverbial key of the Village to the American Turners.

Joseph Schilder, President of the Wisconsin District greeted the visiting Turners on behalf of the District and expressed the hope that the deliberations of the Convention would result in a substantial progress and growth of the American Turners, and he extended a cordial invitation to the Turners to visit the Milwaukee Turnverein on their return trip to their homes after the Convention.

President Weideman, on behalf of the American Turners and on behalf of the visitors present, thanked the preceeding speakers for their cordial welcome and expressed his pleasure at being able to meet at Elkhart Lake, in order that the Delegates might become acquainted with the facilities at Camp Brosius.

At this point, President Weideman announced that he would appoint a Credentials Committee to examine the credentials presented on behalf of the delegates and to prepare a list of the accredited delegates and to assemble a list of members of the convention committees from the credentials submitted. Pres-

ident Weideman then asked the following Turners to serve on this Committee: Edward Groth, Bruno Sendlein, Wm. Mueller, Frank P. Soen, Jos. J. Zimmermann and Lester Dau. President Weideman asked that the committee have its report ready at the time of the opening of the second session of the convention on Friday morning.

Hereupon President Weideman read his annual message to the American Turners, as follows:

Message of the President April 1, 1940

Submitted herewith is the 90th Annual Report of the American Turners, together with the financial statements and the reports of the various standing committees.

Since assuming the leadership of the American Turners, we are gathered here at Elkhart Lake away from our hustling and crowded cities to discuss the good and welfare of our national organization.

Though I am not wholly satisfied with the progress made since the last convention that took place in Detroit, I can safely say that your National Executive Committee has done the best we could to further the cause of the American Turners.

Most noteworthy is the action in the attempt to secure property tax exemption on all Turner Societies that maintain physical and mental educational programs. There are numerous societies that have been tax exempted since their inception due to the services rendered in their respective communities. However, many of our societies did not enter into proper procedure for their just claim. The Buffalo Turnverein case, through the diligent efforts of Turner Dethloffs Klein made it possible for that society to receive property tax exemption

from the local and state authorities. Likewise, the Detroit Turnverein has been declared an educational institution and therefore tax-exempt. The legal material used has been made available through the national office to all societies. With your cooperation in this matter we hope that we can report in the very near future that all societies of the American Turners are property tax exempt, by virtue of being declared educational institutions.

It is with reluctance that I must report a decline in our membership of a little over six hundred. This decrease in membership has been caused by the sharp decline in our larger societies, whereas the smaller societies have held their membership. What we need most of all is the formation of new societies in communities where there is no Turnverein.

Each district should appoint a special committee to carry out this work. Your National Executive Committee is handicapped because of the lack of funds to carry on a program of this nature.

Our new bookkeeping system, that has been in operation for more than a year, is in very good order, and our records now coincide with that of each district. Numerous adjustments have been made to the satisfaction of our national and district treasurers.

Our system of per capita tax collection has not been improved upon. Your National Executive Committee has given this matter considerable thought and are proposing several plans to be adopted by this convention.

During the past year our records show that most all societies, in placing their orders for 1940 membership cards, ordered as many as twice the number of cards as members shown on their statistical reports.

With the present system, there is no

way of knowing accurately the membership of any societies other than what they report in their statistical reports. I trust that this convention will take drastic measures to eliminate this condition.

With the large amount of back per capita tax, as shown on our books, the National Executive Committee offer such societies that are in the arrears, a one per-cent per month note payment plan. Several societies have accepted this plan and are meeting their obligation as agreed upon and are also keeping up their current dues.

This is somewhat gratifying for us, and we encourage all societies that are behind in their dues to the National Executive Committee to take advantage of this method of liquidating their debt.

The National Executive Committee also found it very difficult to meet its financial obligations. We are some ten thousand dollars behind in our subsidy to our Normal College. Last year we were able to pay only four thousand dollars of the six thousand dollars subsidy granted to the Normal College by the last convention. The records show that in 1939 we had a total membership of 19,871 and were to collect \$9,935.00 current per capita tax dues at 50c per head. Actually we collected only \$7,413.39. Had we met our obligation to the Normal College in full, there would have been very little left for the operation costs of our national office. Considerable thought should be given this problem.

In sending to our societies a copy of the minutes of the monthly meetings of the National Executive Committee, we felt that the societies would appreciate the problems confronting the national office. Also the news letter attached to the minutes to all societies secretaries kept them informed of activities, thus bringing about a closer contact between the societies and the national office. The plan has met with a great deal of enthu-

siasm and approval.

The editorial staff of the American Turner Topics are to be complimented very highly for their outstanding accomplishments. We can boast of having a national official organ comparable to any of its kind. I firmly believe that each Turner should subscribe to this splendid Turner publication, thus acquainting himself with our national movement. I further recommend that financial support of the Jahn Educational Fund and that of the American Turners be continued.

As a result of my visit to the New England and Eastern Societies, following the American Turner's Day at the New York World's Fair, the 1941 National Turnfest became a reality. The National Turnfest was awarded to the Springfield Turners of Springfield, Massachusetts. The National Technical Committee Chairman and Secretary have made a thorough study of the facilities of New England States' Fairgrounds and reported very favorably on the Turnfest plans already in operation. Now is the time for Turner members and Turner societies to make plans and the necessary preparations to attend the Springfield National Turnfest. Let us all unite to bring about the largest Turnfest ever held, and be thankful that we are to meet on a battlefield of true American friendship rather than a battlefield of war.

Two new members were appointed as regional members of the National Executive Committee. Turner Herman G. Cramer of San Diego, Calif., replaced Turner Carl Entenmann of Los Angeles and Turner Julius A. Laffert of Lawrence, Massachusetts replaced Turner Henry Richter of Clinton, Mass. These retiring members, after serving the American Turners for many years, were made honorary members of the National Executive Committee.

Upon application from the Denver

Turnverein to join the Kansas-Missouri District, the National Executive Committee recommends that this request be granted.

The Chattanooga Turnverein has been requested to consolidate with the Indiana District. These changes will eliminate two districts that have been inactive and will give these societies an opportunity to enjoy contact with districts that are active.

As a closing word, I would like to emphasize the appreciation voiced by the National Executive Committee for the splendid work of the Normal College and its Board of Trustees, the various standing committees for their fine spirit of cooperation. I cannot speak too highly of the service rendered by the members of the National Executive Committee who have carried out their duties to the best of their abilities for the benefit of all American Turners.

Turners, I call on every one of you to pledge yourself to increase your membership of your respective societies. It can be done if you put your shoulders to the wheel. Let us stand united for the principles we stand for so that this world may be a better place in which to live.

Gut Heil

CARL M. WEIDEMAN

This report was amplified by President Weideman with remarks to more fully explain certain subjects in his report. He discussed in further detail the progress made in establishing the right of societies to tax exemption on the ground that they are educational institutions and offered to furnish briefs to interested societies, prepared during litigation relating to this matter. President Weideman also briefly discussed plans for a national uniform membership card which would be presented to the convention thru its committees.

President Weideman also expressed re-

grets that the National Cultural Activities Committee had been unable to do more work during the past two years due to the lack of funds and briefly reviewed plans contemplated for the committee on Cultural Activities.

The following letter from Past President George Seibel was read and enthusiastically received by the convention:

June 25, 1940

To the National Convention, American Turners, Elkhart Lake, Wis.

Gut Heil!

To my many friends, from all over the Turner map, my warmest greetings and regrets that I can't be with you.

But I remember with happy heart the loyal friendship you accorded me during fourteen years of service.

Let me counsel you in your deliberations to remember our Turner Principles together with Lincoln's prayer "that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

Let us continue to battle for Humanity, Liberty, and Enlightenment.

Gut Heil!

(signed) GEORGE SEIBEL

Dr. Sputh asked all of the Turners and Ladies present to register and explained that the \$3.00 registration fee covered the cost of the banquet and Kommers in addition to the numerous other expenses for the benefit of the convention.

Dr. Sputh then announced that the Second Session of the convention of the American Turners would be called to order promptly at 9:00 A. M. Friday Morning at Camp Brosius in Jahn Hall and that the meetings of the Ladies Auxiliary would be held in Ling Hall.

Hereupon President Weideman declared the first session of the convention adjourned at 8:45 P. M.

Second Session—Friday Morning June 28, 1940

The second session of the thirty-eighth convention of the American Turners was called to order at 9:30 A. M. by President Weideman.

The President immediately called for the report of the Credentials Committee which he had appointed in the first session of the convention for the purpose of submitting a list of the accredited delegates and for the purpose of preparing lists of the committees of the convention.

Wm. Mueller, a member of the Credentials Committee, announced that the committee had completed the latter part of this report, namely the list of the committees, but that the list of the accredited delegates had not been completed due to unforeseen complications, and that this list of delegates would be completed within a few hours, and asked permission to submit a partial report of the committee.

Hereupon a motion was made and seconded that the Credentials Committee be permitted to submit its partial report of committee assignments and be given additional time to complete the balance of its report. This motion was carried.

Secretary Frank P. Soen, Secretary of this Committee, then submitted his partial report of committee assignments as follows:

To the 38th National Convention of the American Turners,
Gut Heill

This committee consisting of Edward Groth, Bruno Sendlein, Wm. Mueller, Frank P. Soen, Lester Dau and Jos. J. Zimmermann, organized with Jos. J. Zimmermann as Chairman and Frank P. Soen as Secretary. This committee has prepared a list of assignments of registered Turners to the various committees of the convention compiled from the preferences indicated on the credentials sub-

mitted by the District Officers, these assignments being as follows:

Committee on National Affairs: Dirk Voss, Waldemar Eickhoff, George Wahn-siedler, Edward Groth, Al. M. Keim, Lester H. Dau, George Frick, J. V. Thorngren, Lester Swanson, Andrew J. Biemiller, Wm. H. Beutel, Edward C. Felton, Jos. E. Schilder, Eugene Stifel, Otto Kallmeyer, Edward L. Hohenstein, Alvin Steinke, Fred G. Folberth, Donald P. Schuur, Jack Nickels, George Foerster, Arthur J. Burnett, Carl J. Mettler, Ferdinand Turnt, Frank P. Soen, Frank J. Berndt, David C. Zweifel, Chris F. Bleidistel, Joseph Strohmeyer, Wm. T. Meisner, Wm. Mueller, Wm. J. Kramer, Sr., Richard Turnt.

Committee on Physical Education: Rudolph R. Schreiber, Frederick Martin, Emil Rath, Mrs. Edna Eiserman, Joseph Weismueller, Max A. Grob, Dave Henschen, Henry Schiget, Fred Bifano, Wm. Klier, Frank O'Brien, Harry Erickson, Edward Funke, Otto Eckl, Arthur Gude, Wm. J. Uttley, Helmuth C. Hohman, Carl F. Hein, Therese Pletz, Fritz Mueller, Carl J. Mettler, Adolph Pemsel, Fritz Nicke, Harry W. Warnken, Jr., Anthony J. O'Donnel, Theodore A. Gross, Arthur Faulstich, Emil C. Rothe, A. F. Schintz, Oscar Simmen, Walter Klein, Howard Potthoff, Charles A. Geber.

Committee on Cultural Activities: Frank Scholl, Ruel Pitcher, Edward Bresler, Joe Becker, Fritz Degen, Fred Schnell, William C. Niemeyer, Herman Herhold, Rudy Kieselbach, Fred J. Ursem, Arnold Kneiding, Richard Heinrich, Andrew Doyle, Jr., Henry Hild.

Committee on Youth Movement: William Geckler, Frank W. Jenkins, Fred Bartel, Bruno Sendlein, John M. Stocker, Rudy Koenig.

Finance Committee: Otto P. Mueller, George F. Roth, John H. Nissen, Arthur Kneberg, Ted Stenger, Eugene Stifel, Ed-

ward L. Hohenstein, Henry G. Ihlen, A. W. Rayner, Henry J. Koeber, Wm. Mueller.

Committee on Normal College: Louis Cullmann, Dr. Carl B. Sputh, Leo M. Rappaport, Victor A. Shallene, Raymond Ross, Wm. Ludwig, L. O. Greiner.

Committee on National Publication and Publicity: Alban Wolff, Dr. Kenneth Koegel, Bernard Wahe, Walter Palm, Karl Schaltenbrand, John Kovats, Adolph Pemsel, Arthur Reise, Charles Eichin.

Committee on Platform, Statutes and Grievances: Adolph Varrelmann, Herman Eisele, Marshall F. Troester.

At the conclusion of this report a motion was made and seconded that this partial report be accepted as read. This motion was carried.

President Weideman then stated that the convention could not form a permanent organization in the absence of a complete report of the Credentials Committee and asked unanimous consent to authorize the Convention Committees constituted as designated in the report, to proceed with their deliberations, pending the completion of the report of the Credentials Committee. There being no objection, the President ordered that the Committees would proceed with their deliberation immediately after the adjournment of this session of the Convention.

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

Instructions Relating to the Procedure in Committees

The Committee is to be called to order by the delegate marked with an asterisk on each list, and the Committee shall then organize by electing its Chairman and Secretary.

The first duty of each Committee shall be to inspect the resolutions submitted

to it and return to the officers of the Convention any resolution which, in its best judgment, does not come under its jurisdiction.

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

Proposed amendments to the Principles and Statutes, if any, and minority reports should not be included in the main report of the committee, but should each be submitted in a separate report.

The committee reports need not recite the parliamentary procedure by which their conclusions were reached. The report should only indicate the conclusions of the Committee in numbered paragraphs as in the reports of the last convention.

All reports of the Committee must be made in four copies, three copies to be delivered to the Chairman of the Convention, and one 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.

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

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

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

A motion was then made and seconded that the members of the National Executive Committee present be authorized to serve as ex-officio members of those committees most closely associated with their activity on the National Executive Committee. This motion was carried after a brief discussion.

A motion was then duly made and seconded that the attendance at the meetings of the committees be limited to registered Turners and that only those Turners listed with the Committees be entitled to vote in Committee sessions, pending the approval of the report of the Credentials Committee. This motion was carried.

Dr. Carl B. Sputh then announced the meeting places of the several Committees.

President Weideman then suggested that the Convention adjourn to reconvene at 2:00 P. M. and there being no objection, ordered that the Committee proceed with their work, and the second session of the convention adjourned at 10 A. M.

Third Session—Friday Afternoon June 28, 1940

The third session of the convention was called to order by President Weideman at 2:20 P. M.

Adrian L. Potter, a member of the Springfield Turners, and Convention Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Springfield, Mass., addressed the Convention in behalf of the Springfield Turnfest, explaining the advantages of Springfield as a Turnfest City and outlined the numerous and attractive routes by which Springfield can be reached. He enumerated the hotel accommodations and the transportation facilities available in the city.

In his discussion, Turner Potter displayed and explained a map of the Eastern States Exhibition Grounds at which the competitive events of the Turnfest will be held and he described the plentiful other attractions afforded by the Grounds including the interesting old New England Buildings and historic exhibits at "Storowton." He also pointed out the numerous entertainment features planned including sight seeing trips in the surrounding country including the

colleges in the neighboring cities.

Turner Potter was followed by Anthony J. O'Donnell, Instructor of the Springfield Turners who called attention to an added feature of entertainment comprising a trip to Northampton to see the first Turner gymnasium built in this country by Beck, Follen and Lieber.

The Credentials Committee then submitted the balance of its report as follows:

Supplementary Report of the Credentials Committee

To the 38th Convention of the
American Turners,
Gut Heil!

The list of the Turners on the Committee of the Convention having been submitted and adopted at the second session of the Convention, we hereby submit the balance of our report including data covering the Federal Votes, Attendance, and List of Names of Delegates and Alternates of the several Districts.

The total number of Federal Votes in the American Turners is 193. The total number of Districts represented is 14. The total number of delegates present as indicated on the credentials is 108 and the total number of alternates present is 6.

After carefully checking per capita tax payments for the last year we recommend that voting power in this Convention be based upon payments actually made for said year 1939 (disregarding delinquencies for prior years, which delinquencies are in process of collection by various methods by our National Executive Committee).

In accordance with the above, the number of votes to which the Districts are entitled and the delegates and alternates listed on the credentials received and present at the convention are as follows:

<i>Districts</i>	<i>Votes</i>	<i>Del.</i>	<i>Altern.</i>
New York.....	6	3	1
Indiana	18	18	0
New England.....	18	1	0
Illinois	14	14	0
St. Louis	5	7	2
Lake Erie	31	22	0
Western N. Y.	7	3	0
Middle Atlantic	8	2	0
Wisconsin	4	5	3
Pittsburgh	17	7	0
New Jersey	7	1	0
Kansas Missouri	0	0	0
South Central	0	0	0
Minnesota	2	2	0
Upper Mississippi ..	26	22	0
Pacific	0	0	0
North Pacific	0	0	0
Southern Calif.	4	1	0
Totals:	167	108	6

The names of the delegates and alternates present and registered from the districts are as follows:

NEW YORK: 6 Votes; Delegates present: Louis Cullman, Otto P. Mueller, Dirk Voss. Alternate present: Martin Nolde.

INDIANA: 18 Votes; Delegates present: Adolph Varrelmann, Dr. Kenneth Koegel, Alban Wolff, Leo. M. Rappaport, Dr. Carl B. Spath, George F. Roth, William Geckler, Frank Scholl, Max A. Grob, Joseph Weismueller, Mrs. Edna Eisermann, Emil Rath, Frederick Martin, Rudolph R. Schreiber, Edward Groth, George Wahnsiedler, Waldemar Eickhoff, Henry Steichmann.

NEW ENGLAND: 18 Votes; Delegates present: Anthony J. O'Donnell.

ILLINOIS: 14 Votes; Delegates present: Charles Eichin, Louis O. Greiner, Henry J. Koeber, A. W. Rayner, Rudy Koenig, Andrew Doyle, Jr., Emil C. Rothe, Arthur Faulstich, Theodore A. Gross, Wm. T. Meisner, Joseph Strohmeyer, Chris. F. Bleidistel, David C.

Zweifel, Frank J. Berndt.

ST. LOUIS: 5 Votes; Delegates present: Edward L. Hohenstein, Eugene Stifel, Arthur Reise, Bruno Sendlein, William C. Niemeyer, Otto Eckl, Dr. R. Hofmeister. Alternates present: Otto Kallmeyer, Arthur Gude.

LAKE ERIE: 31 Votes; Delegates present: Marshall F. Troester, Herman Eisele, John Kovats, Karl Schaltenbrand, Wm. Ludwig, Henry G. Ihlen, Arnold Kneiding, Fred. J. Ursem, Rudy Kieselbach, Herman Herhold, Fritz Mueller, Therese Pletz, Carl F. Hein, Helmuth C. Hohman, Wm. J. Uttley, Arthur J. Burnett, George Foerster, Donald P. Schuur, Jack Nickels, Fred G. Folberth, Alvin Steinke, Jos. J. Zimmermann.

WESTERN NEW YORK: 7 Votes; Delegates present: John M. Stocker, Richard Heinrich, Fritz Nicke.

MIDDLE ATLANTIC: 8 Votes; Delegates present: Adolph Pemsel, Ferdinand Turnt.

WISCONSIN: 4 Votes; Delegates present: Walter Palm, Fred Bartel, Edward Funke, Wm. H. Beutel, Andrew J. Bie-miller. Alternates present: Jos. F. Schil-der, Fred Schnell, Edward C. Felton.

PITTSBURGH: 17 Votes; Delegates present: Henry Hild, Charles A. Geber, Howard Potthoff, Walter Klein, Oscar Simmen, Richard Turnt, Wm. J. Kra-mer, Sr.

NEW JERSEY: 7 Votes; Delegates present: Frank P. Soen.

MINNESOTA: 2 Votes; Delegates present: Wm. Mueller, A. F. Schintz.

UPPER MISSISSIPPI: 26 Votes; Delegates present: Bernard Wahe, Raymond Ross, Victor A. Shallene, Ted Stenger, Arthur Kneberg, John H. Nissen, Frank W. Jenkins, Fritz Degen, Joe Becker, Edward Bresler, Ruel Pitcher, Harry Erickson, Frank O'Brien, Wm. Klier, Fred Bifano, Henry Schiget, Dave Hen-

schen, Lester Swanson, J. V. Thorngren, George Frick, Lester H. Dau, Al M. Keim.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA: 4 Votes;
Delegates present: Carl J. Mettler.

Respectfully submitted,

Credentials Committee

Jos. J. Zimmermann, Chairman

Frank P. Soen, Secretary

After several questions relating to the representation of Districts had been raised and corrected or answered, a motion was made and seconded that the report of the Credentials Committee be adopted as submitted. This motion was carried.

In addition to the delegates and alternates listed in the report of the Credentials Committee, the following members of the National Executive Committee were present:

Carl M. Weideman, President; Arthur A. Kuecken, Vice President; Emil L. Pletz, Secretary; Archie H. Wilson, Treasurer; Jos. Eckel, National Cultural Activities Chairman; George M. Heesch, National Technical Chairman; Karl H. Schmidt, Normal College Committee.

The following Regional Members of the National Executive Committee were present representing their respective Districts: Louis O. Greiner, Edward L. Hohenstein, Wm. Mueller, Martin Nolde, Edward Groth.

The report of the Credentials Committee having been adopted, President Weideman declared the Delegates and Alternates seated and ordered that the first order of business would be the election of a Permanent Chairman of the Convention, whereupon Turner Leo M. Rappaport of the Indiana District was nominated. Upon call for further nomination, Martin Nolde of the New York District was nominated by Dirk Voss,

and Theodore Gross of the Illinois District was also nominated. Turner Gross gratefully declined the nomination and withdrew in favor of Turner Rappaport. Turner Nolde being absent from the Convention, Dirk Voss withdrew the name of Turner Nolde, there being no objection.

A motion was then made and seconded that Turner Rappaport be elected by acclamation. This motion was carried. Turner Rappaport thanked the Convention and stressed the fact that he did not seek this honor and stated that he would conduct the deliberations with all possible fairness and that this being a democratic organization, everyone would have an opportunity to express his views in accordance with the spirit and within the field defined by the Principles of the American Turners.

Turner Rappaport then took the chair and directed that the next order of business of the Convention would be the election of an Honorary Chairman, and the following Turners were nominated: Richard Turnt of Pittsburgh, Otto Kallmeyer of St. Louis, George Wittich of Milwaukee and George F. Roth of Covington. Hereupon a motion was made and seconded that the Convention elect multiple Honorary Chairmen and that the four Turners nominated be elected Honorary Chairmen of the Convention, by acclamation. This motion was enthusiastically carried.

The Chairman then asked for nominations for Vice Chairman, whereupon the following Turners were nominated: Wm. J. Kramer of the Pittsburgh District, Fred G. Folberth of the Lake Erie District, Dr. Carl B. Sputh of the Indiana District, and Fred J. Ursem of the Lake Erie District.

All of these Turners, in succession, gratefully declined this honor and Donald P. Schuur of the Lake Erie District was then nominated, and after a motion

to close the nominations had been made and carried, Turner Schuur was elected Vice Chairman of the Convention by acclamation.

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

The Chairman then called for nominations for Assistant Secretary of the Convention, in response to which Lester Dau of the Upper Mississippi District was nominated and unanimously elected Assistant Secretary.

The following telegram was received from the Springfield Turners: "Greetings and success to American Turners Convention. Hope to see all Turners and friends in Springfield in 1941 attending the biggest and best National Turnfest ever held in America."

(signed) A. HANDAL

President, Springfield Turners

At this point a motion was made and seconded that we rise in respectful memory of all of the Turners who have passed to the great beyond since the last National Convention, having in mind particularly the following Turners who have been active in our National Councils: Leopold Saltiel of the Illinois District; Henry W. Luther and Berthold Seiffert both of the Lake Erie District; Otto Koenig, Alvin Straube, Henry Braun, and Alvin Kindervater, all of St. Louis District; George Hoffmann and Jacob Christophel, both of the New York District; Herman P. Lieber and Ernest Thoma, both of the Indiana District, and Carl Trueg of the Pittsburgh District. This motion was carried by a silent rising vote.

A motion was then made, seconded and carried that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at 9:00 A. M. on Saturday morning, in order to give all Committees sufficient time to complete their work.

After some discussion this motion was carried.

A motion was then duly made and carried that the Chairman appoint a committee, including himself, to extend the greetings of this Convention to the 11th National Convention of the Ladies Auxiliary of the American Turners.

Chairman Rappaport appointed President Carl M. Weideman, Dr. Carl B. Sputh and Donald P. Schuur to serve on this Committee with him.

Hereupon the Chairman declared the third session of the Convention adjourned at 3:00 P. M.

Fourth Session—Saturday Morning June 29, 1940

The fourth session of the Convention was called to order by Chairman Rappaport at 9:30 A. M.

The minutes of the three preceeding sessions of the Convention were read and approved, after several minor corrections.

The Chairman of the Convention then announced the rules for the conduct of business of the Convention as follows:

Rules for Conduct of Business of the Convention

Robert's Rules of Order will govern the Convention.

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

Speakers may use any language and any delegate shall have the right to have the subject or matter of any discussion translated if he so requests.

The following message was received from Turner Fred Olt of Dayton: "To

the American Turners Convention: It would be a pleasure to see that old gang of mine but it is inventory time and the old man must be on the job. Turner's slogan years ago was 'Physical Education, the source of the Nation's strength.' May success attend your deliberations." Fred Olt. This message was acknowledged with applause.

At this point in the proceedings, Mrs. Laura Olt and Mrs. Alice Moore appeared before the Convention to extend greetings and best wishes to this Convention from the 11th National Convention of the Ladies Auxiliary of the American Turners. These greetings were enthusiastically received by the Convention.

The Chairman then announced that the Convention was ready to receive reports of the Committees:

The report of the Committee on Youth Movement being ready, the Chairman asked Turner Koenig, Chairman of this Committee, to read this report which he submitted as follows:

Report of the Committee on Turner Youth Movement

To the 38th National Convention
of the American Turners

Gut Heil!

The Committee was called to order by the Chairman, Rudy Koenig, and was organized with William Geckler as Secretary.

We recommend the following for adoption by the Convention:

1. To amend the Youth Manual to include American Girl Turner.
2. That each District appoint a man and a woman as Chairmen to promote Youth Movement, the names of these Chairmen are to be sent to the National Chairman.
3. The distribution of two copies of the Youth Manual to each District by the National Executive Committee.

4. That joint Turndays be held for children.

Respectfully submitted, with Turner Greetings,

Rudy Koenig, Chairman

William Geckler, Secretary

Bruno Sendlein

John M. Stocker

F. W. Jenkins

This report was re-read by paragraphs and the Youth Movement as a whole was briefly explained by Turner Koenig, and the particular pertinence of the recommendations in this report was also discussed in detail. Turner Koenig had with him one of the official uniforms worn by the members of the Youth Organization.

A motion was made and seconded that this report be adopted in its entirety. This motion was carried.

The report of the Finance Committee of the Convention was then submitted by John Nissen, Secretary, as follows:

Report of the Finance Committee

To the 38th National Convention
of the American Turners

Gut Heil!

The Finance Committee, under the Chairmanship of Mr. George F. Roth, and with John H. Nissen, Secretary, submit the following report for your consideration:

1. We recommend that the National Treasurer be instructed to offer Albert Steinhäuser a sum of \$2000 cash in final settlement of his claim upon returning all of our property. (Convention Secretary's Note: This recommendation No. 1 was rejected by the Convention. See below).
2. We further recommend that the National Executive Committee adjust their books on an old balance of \$521.14 per capita tax, charged to the Wisconsin

District. This adjustment to be made for the reason that there are no records in the hands of the National Executive Committee to substantiate this charge.

3. We further recommend that the monies now being sent in by the Middle Atlantic District be applied to current per capita taxes as requested by them, and that the outstanding delinquent taxes be referred to the National Executive Committee for collection on the note installment payment plan of 1% or more per month.

4. We further recommend that the delinquent per capita tax of \$1000 of Concordia Gymnastic Society be paid at the rate of 1% or more per month, without interest, as agreed by the St. Louis District and the National Executive Committee.

5. We further recommend that the Portland Social Turnverein be suspended for non-payment of delinquent per capita tax unless satisfactory arrangement for payment be made with the National Committee.

6. Be it resolved: That this Convention adopt a universal membership card as recommended by the National Executive Committee for the reason that this will simplify and facilitate the collection of District and National per capita tax.

7. We further recommend that we accept the Treasurer's report as submitted by Leo A. Berry, Certified Public Accountant, Detroit, Mich., as of April 1, 1939 to March 31, 1940, showing a cash balance of \$2334.16 as of March 1, 1940. This audit we find to be correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. (Convention Secretary's Note: This report is printed in its entirety below).

8. The Committee further states that the recommendations authorized by the 37th Convention held in Detroit, Michigan, July 1938 have all been fulfilled. We find the records in excellent condition; therefor be it resolved: That this

Convention commend the National Treasurer and District Treasurers for their efforts and work for bringing this about.

Respectfully submitted,

Finance Committee

George F. Roth, Chairman

John H. Nissen, Secretary

and the following additional Delegates:

Henry G. Ihsen

Otto P. Mueller

Edward L. Hohenstein

Eugene Stifel

Arthur Kneberg

Ted Stenger

A. W. Rayner

Henry J. Koeber

Wm. Mueller

Archie H. Wilson, Ex-Officio

This report was re-read and discussed by paragraphs.

Paragraph No. 1 of this report was discussed at considerable length and was rejected by majority voice vote of the Convention.

Most of the other paragraphs were discussed to some extent and were successively declared adopted without vote, there being no objection.

A motion was then made and seconded that the report as amended be adopted as a whole, that is without Paragraph No. 1. This motion was carried.

Convention Secretary's Note: The Audited Treasurer's Report referred to in Paragraph 7 of the Finance Committee's Report is as follows:

May 22, 1940

National Executive Committee,

The American Turners

8735 E. Jefferson Ave.

Detroit, Michigan.

Sirs:

Pursuant to your request, I have examined the books of account and records of the Treasurer for the period April 1,

1939 to March 31, 1940, and submit herewith statements and schedules as listed on the index attached.

It is my opinion that, subject to the comments following, the accompanying exhibits and schedules fairly state the financial condition of the National Executive Committee of the American Turners as at March 31, 1940, and that the Statement of Income and Expense fairly states the net income for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1940.

Respectfully submitted,

LEO A. BERRY, C.P.A.

COMMENTS

Cash:

Cash in Manufacturers National Bank was verified by inspection of the statement of the bank and consideration of the outstanding checks.

Accounts Receivable—Supplies

The individual balances were not verified by direct communication with the debtors, but the list prepared from the records was found to be in agreement with the stated total.

Unpaid Per Capita Taxes

Confirmations were not obtained directly from the debtors, because your office had been making every effort during the past year to determine the accuracy of the amounts charged to the various Districts. No provision was made for the loss on doubtful receivables, such as the Pacific District, totaling \$1,027.75, and the Rocky Mountain District, totaling \$1,516.23. The list of debtors prepared from the records was found to be in agreement with the stated total.

Inventory—Supplies

No physical inventory was taken as at March 31, 1940. The inventory value of \$1,160.40 established March 31, 1939 and set up on the records was not changed. Until March 31, 1939 no value was set

up for Inventory of Supplies. Now, that a value has been established, it seems practical to leave the established value on the books, until an actual physical inventory establishes a new value.

Fixed Assets:

No verification has been obtained as to the cost of these assets as stated on the books, or identification of the various items making up the total. No depreciation has been accrued from the date of purchase to March 31, 1940.

Liabilities:

The Jahn Education Fund balance remains unchanged from the March 31, 1939 balance.

The Normal College Subsidy balance has increased \$2,500.00 during the fiscal year to a present balance of \$11,000.00, due to the annual charge of \$6,000.00 being partially paid to the extent of \$3,500.00 during this period.

The amount due Steinhäuser was decreased during the year by \$750.00 by a book adjustment on your records, but which adjustment is in controversy with the creditor.

Per Capita Tax Payments paid in advance were segregated from the Unpaid Per Capita Taxes. An analysis of the Statement of Income and Expense for the current year with the one for the prior year, indicates the possibility that the Per Capita Taxes collected for the prior year were overstated by a substantial amount of prepaid collection. No analysis was made to determine the exact amount of such prepayments. It might be practical to have your office determine the amount, so that you would know the amount of the overstatement of the prior year net profit and the corresponding understatement of this years net profit or reduction of net loss.

THE AMERICAN TURNERS

Assets and Liabilities

March 31, 1940

ASSETS

CURRENT:

Cash in Bank—Manufacturer's	
National	\$ 2,334.16
Account Receivable—	
Supplies	275.52
Unpaid per capita taxes..	14,820.40
Notes Receivable—Per	
Capita Tax	1,788.74
Inventory—Supplies	1,160.47
Total Current Assets	\$20,379.29

FIXED:

Office Furniture and	
Fixtures	808.49
Total Assets	\$21,187.78

LIABILITIES

CURRENT:

Jahn Educational Fund..	\$ 3,000.00
Normal College Subsidy....	11,000.00
Account Payable—	
Steinhauser	2,570.00
Accrued Old Age Taxes..	7.25
Per Capita Tax Pay-	
ments — Prepaid.....	1,423.50
Total Current Liabilities	\$18,000.75

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS

(see attached analysis)	3,187.03
Total Liabilities	\$21,187.78

ANALYSIS OF SURPLUS

April 1, 1939 to March 31, 1940

1939	Dr.	Cr.
April Balance		\$5,304.69
Adjustments to Accounts		
Receivable for Per Capita Taxes		
September 1939 \$ 57.46		
October 132.64		
November 512.27		
December 269.37		
January, 1940 101.70		
February 206.44		
March 127.11	\$1,306.99	
Nov. 30 Adjustment to liability to		
Steinhauser		750.00

1940

Jan. 31 Adjustment to	
Surplus as at March 31,	
1939 due to collection of	
Prepaid Per Capita Tax	
included in error as In-	
come for prior year.....	1,152.00
March 31 Net loss for	
period	308.67
March 31 Balance.....	3,187.03

\$ 6,054.69 \$ 6,054.69

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE

April 1, 1939 — March 31, 1940

INCOME

Per Capita Tax billed	\$9,834.36
Dues—Members at large	10.00
Penny Fund (Net)	6.10
Sales of Promotional	
Supplies \$2,164.42	
Less: Cost 1,436.49	727.93

Total Income \$10,578.39

EXPENSES

Normal College	\$6,000.00
Turner Topics	450.00
Postage and Telephone	328.58
Office Rent	240.00
Office Salaries	1,553.00
Printing	837.37
Interest Paid	170.00
Technical Committee	66.95
Traveling	662.27
Social Security Taxes	17.87
Year Book—Students	150.00
Miscellaneous	411.02

Total Expenses \$10,887.06

Net Loss for Year \$ 308.67

The report of the Committee on Normal College was then submitted by Dr. Carl B. Sputh, Secretary of this Committee as follows:

Report of the Normal College Committee

To the 38th National Convention of the American Turners

Gut Heil!

The following members of the Committee were present: Raymond Ross, Louis Cullman, Victor A. Shallene, Leo M. Rappaport, L. O. Greiner, Dr. Carl

Spath, Karl H. Schmidt, Ex Officio, and Arthur A. Kuecken, Ex Officio.

We recommend the following resolutions for your consideration:

1. RESOLVED That it is deemed to be to the best interests of the American Turners and of the Normal College of the American Gymnastic Union, that the school and property operated by the latter, be absorbed by some well established University, or other institution of learning in the United States capable and willing to conduct the school in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Board of Trustees of the Normal College of the American Gymnastic Union, and its officers and members, be and they are hereby authorized to transfer, assign and set over to any university or other institution of learning located in the United States of America, the school and all its facilities, together with all its property, real, personal and mixed, which the corporation may own at the time of said transfer, to execute conveyances therefor, and to enter into a suitable contract or contracts concerning such conveyances, all within the discretion of the Board of Trustees and without further authority from any governing body of the American Turners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That in connection with such transfer of said school, Normal College of the American Gymnastic Union try to secure from the institution to which such school and property may be transferred, an agreement that said school is thereafter to be known by its present name, or one approximating the same, and that it be conducted as a school or college within such institution of learning to the end that the traditions of the school and of the American Turners may be preserved, and that the alumni of the Normal College of the American Gymnastic Union may be recognized in the future as

alumni of said institution of learning accepting said school.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That if such transfer of said school is made at a time when said Normal College of the American Gymnastic Union is entitled to receive from American Turners, an annual or monthly subsidy, the National Executive Committee of the American Turners, in cooperation with the Board of Trustee of the Normal College of the American Gymnastic Union, shall appoint a committee whose function thereafter shall be to receive and dispose of funds which may come into their hands, for the purpose of granting scholarships to those entitled to the same by reason of their affiliation with the American Turners and who may elect to attend the school when it is taken over by the institution of learning to which said school and its property may theretofore have been transferred and that in this eventuality, the National Executive Committee of the American Turners be and it is hereby authorized and directed to pay to said Committee so selected, all sums of money which would otherwise be payable to said Normal College of the American Gymnastic Union, to be used by said committee for scholarship purposes, and said Committee is hereby authorized to adopt rules and regulations, and fix conditions for the qualifications of applicants for such scholarships.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That it is the sense of the American Turners that if absorption of the school and property of Normal Collge of American Gymnastic Union can be so consummated that the traditions of the American Turners will be preserved by the institution of learning absorbing said school, future Conventions of American Turners shall be requested to vote annual subsidies for the granting of scholarships to Turner members attending such school.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That

in the event the absorption of the Normal College of the American Union is consummated, the Board of Trustees of Normal College of the American Gymnastic Union and its officers, are hereby authorized to dissolve the corporation now owning said school and property.

2. That the \$6,000.00 appropriation to the Normal College per year be continued until the next National Convention.

3. That the Convention extend a vote of thanks to the Board of Trustees of the Normal College for their loyal and untiring efforts in behalf of the institution as well as the American Turners.

With Turners Greetings,

L. O. Greiner, Chairman

Dr. Carl B. Sputh, Secretary

and the following additional members of the committee:

Louis Cullmann

Arthur A. Kuecken

Victor A. Shallene

Raymond Ross

Leo M. Rappaport

Karl H. Schmidt

The first recommendation of this report and the reasons for and the negotiations leading up to such a proposed absorption by some large well established educational institution were discussed at length by Dr. Carl B. Sputh who answered numerous questions which were raised regarding this proposal. Dr. Sputh was followed by Chairman Rappaport who relinquished the Chair to Vice Chairman Schuur, and who, under suspension of the rules as to time limit for Speakers, fully reviewed the status of the College and pointed out the potential advantages of such an absorption as proposed, and explained the use to which any funds contributed by the American Turners might be devoted for maintaining scholarships under such a plan.

At this point a motion was made by

Charles Eichin of the Illinois District that this Recommendation No. 1 of the Report of the Normal College Committee be adopted. This motion was seconded by Carl F. Hein of the Lake Erie District.

President Weideman discussed the proposed absorption from a negative angle questioning the wisdom of proceeding with this proposal, from a business point of view, and suggesting other possible solutions including, for instance, the possibility of providing a summer course for Turner Instructors at Camp Brosius by means of the facilities of the Normal College.

Turner Rappaport responded at length to the questions raised by President Weideman pointing out that there was no other feasible alternative for this proposal.

Turner Theo. A. Gross also discussed this question at length presenting points of view on both sides of the question.

Turner O'Donnell was given the floor and started to discuss the question when a motion was made that the Convention adjourn to meet at 2:00 P. M. This motion was carried and the Chairman adjourned the Convention at 12:10 P. M.

Fifth Session—Saturday Afternoon

June 29, 1940

The fifth session of the Convention was called to order by Vice Chairman Schuur at 2:20 P. M.

Turner Anthony J. O'Donnell of the New England District, who had the floor when the fourth session adjourned, continued to discuss the question and urged that future appropriations of the American Turners be used for the purpose of establishing and maintaining summer courses.

In order to clear up two questions which had been raised by several Delegates during the noon recess, Turner Rappaport explained first, that the pro-

posal does not commit the American Turners to contribute any amount of money for any period to the proposed University under the contemplated plan and second, that Camp Brosius is not owned by the American Turners but is owned, in fee, by the Normal College Trustees, and that this ownership is subject to the interest of the mortgage holder and subject to the interest of the certificate holders.

Turner Gross further discussed the question indicating that he favored this resolution provided that it did not prevent the American Turners from establishing an Institution for training instructors separate from the University referred to in the proposal.

Turner Rappaport advised that this proposal did not so restrict the American Turners.

Turner Kuecken explained the difficulties and disappointments which he had encountered in attempting to raise funds for the Normal College and generally dwelt on the hopelessness of the financial situation of the College.

Turner Hein suggested that a better understanding of this matter could be arrived at by the asking of questions on the part of the Delegates instead of by lengthy discussions. This idea was approved by the Vice Chairman and recommended by him as the best means for further deliberation.

Turner Palm suggested the possibility of turning over Camp Brosius to the Wisconsin District, under terms satisfactory to the Normal College Trustees providing the proposed University would be satisfied to proceed with their agreement without the inclusion of Camp Brosius as a part of the consideration. Turner Rappaport stated that he could not anticipate the attitude of the University in respect to such a proposal but suggested that the Wisconsin District approach the Normal College Trustees, if this District

contemplated making such a proposition.

Turner Ursem questioned what disposition would be made of the \$11,000.00 liability for which the American Turners are obliged to the Normal College. Turner Rappaport stated that this obligation would be cancelled prior to the consumation of an agreement such as proposed.

Dr. Carl B. Sputh, closed the debate with an argument in favor of the proposal, which was favorably received by the Delegates.

Upon the call of the Chairman for a vote, this Recommendation No. 1 was unanimously adopted by voice vote of the Convention, there being no negative votes.

Paragraph No. 2 was also unanimously adopted by voice vote of the Convention.

Paragraph No. 3 was enthusiastically adopted by a rising vote.

In accordance with a motion duly made and carried, the Report of the Committee of the Normal College was then unanimously adopted as a whole.

Vice Chairman Schuur at this point returned the gavel to the Chairman, who asked the pleasure of the Convention in reference to the consideration of further reports.

The Report on National Publication and Publicity was called for and the Chairman asked Turner Eichin, Chairman of this Committee to submit this report, which he did as follows:

Report of the Committee of National Publication and Publicity

To the 38th National Convention of the American Turners

Cut Heil!

The Committee organized with Charles Eichin as Chairman, and Karl Schaltenbrand, Secretary. The following members were present: John Kovats, Alban Wolff, Dr. Kenneth Koegel, Adolph Pem-

Walter Palm.

1. We recommend that the National Executive Committee and the editorial staff of American Turner Topics be complimented on the improvements in appearance and content matter of the official organ, and further that the magazine be continued under the present editorial staff.

2. We recommend that the fundamental principles of the American Turners be brought to the attention of the national membership thru the medium of American Turner Topics, and further that interpretation and analysis of these principles, with their application to present day problems, be published serially, with an invitation to the membership to comment on such interpretation and analysis in the light of individual opinions.

3. We recommend that the present payments to Turner Topics from the National Executive Committee and also the Jahn Fund be continued for the next two years, with the understanding that the editorial staff is working toward a self-sustaining basis to be achieved as soon as possible.

4. We recommend that each local society appoint a correspondent whose duty shall be to send to American Turner Topics such news items concerning his society as may be of interest to the national membership.

5. We recommend the appointment of a national publicity Chairman whose duty shall be to send news releases of events of national Turner interest, as well as such general articles on Turnerism as may be available, to the editors of the various society papers, to be used at the discretion of those editors.

6. We recommend that cuts used in American Turner Topics be loaned to the various society papers upon request.

7. We recommend that the National Executive Committee conduct a contest

among the national membership for the purpose of securing a new official emblem which will embody both "Discobolus" and "The Thinker" to represent Sound Body and Sound Mind, respectively.

8. We recommend that the various local societies exchange their publications.

9. We suggest that American Turner Topics endeavor to publish only news of interest to Turners, and that highly controversial articles from contributors carry an editorial note that these are the views of the author and not necessarily the views of the American Turners. We further recommend that they refrain from publishing any article advocating affiliation with any organization other than the American Turners.

10. We recommend that each editor of various society papers be constituted a district representative of American Turner Topics to solicit subscriptions and renewals in his district, and to endeavor to secure national advertising from interested firms.

11. We acknowledge receipt of a circular letter addressed to this Convention by Albert Steinhauser, and recommend that it be placed on file with other correspondence pertaining to Steinhauser's claim. We recommend that the proposal by Albert Steinhauser to publish American Turner Topics, as outlined in his circular letter addressed to this Convention, be rejected.

12. We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

That each Turner Society appoint a Publicity Committee to serve as a clearing house for information of the Society activities and to furnish the newspapers of the cities in which the Turner Societies are situated, with that information.

That all material, manuscripts, photographs, engravings, etc., to be exchanged freely within the entire Turner organiza-

tion in the interest of spreading the knowledge and desirability of Turnerism.

That every effort be made by the Societies of the American Turner to increase the circulation of American Turner Topics and that local society news items be furnished to American Turner Topics for publication.

That the Society papers be mailed regularly to all daily papers in their respective cities.

That all members be urged to purchase and install on their cars the American Turner Emblem, which will be supplied by their Society at cost.

That Turners and their families be urged to wear American Turner insignia.

13. We recommend that, in view of the present world-wide unrest and in view of the resentment of many Americans against foreign doctrines, each Society of the American Turners make a special effort to impress upon the general public the fact that the American Turners and all Turnvereins, Turngemeindes, Societies, or Clubs having membership in the American Turners are exclusively and fundamentally American Institutions and have no affiliation whatsoever with any foreign nation, organization, group or political belief.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Eichin, Chairman

Karl Schaltenbrand, Secretary

Paragraph 7 was discussed at length and finally adopted.

It was then moved and seconded that this report comprising Paragraphs 1 to 13 be adopted as a whole. This motion was unanimously carried by voice of the Convention.

The following resolution was presented by Turner Walter Palm as supplementary to the Report on National Publication and Publicity:

RESOLVED that the National Execu-

tive be instructed to use the Union Label on all printed matter purchased by them, and further that all local societies be urged to follow this procedure.

A motion was made and seconded that this resolution be adopted. After considerable discussion, this motion was defeated, by voice of the Convention.

The Chairman then called for the report of the Physical Education Committee which was submitted by Theodore A. Gross, Secretary of the Committee, as follows:

Report of the Committee on Physical Education

To the 38th National Convention
of the American Turners

Gut Heil!

The Committee was organized with Joseph Weismueller as Chairman and Theodore A. Gross as Secretary.

The following changes and additions to the recommendations of the Technical Committee made at the last (37th) National Convention were adopted and are recommended to this Convention:

1. That in recommendation No. 1 of the 37th Convention, pertaining to Active Ladies competition the five events recommended are:

- (a) Basketball Throw (free style).
- (b) 60 yard dash.
- (c) Running high jump.
- (d) Hurl Ball (3.3 lbs).
- (e) Standing Hop, step and jump.

2. That in recommendation No. 2 of the 37th Convention pertaining to Senior Ladies competition, the events recommended are:

- (a) Group free exercises
- (b) Volleyball

and that four events of the following six events be selected for individual competition:

- (1) Free exercise.
- (2) Basket shooting from foul line.

- (3) Volleyball serve.
- (4) Indian club bowling (six clubs from distance of 20 feet).
- (5) Basketball far throw.
- (6) Accuracy Soccer Ball Kick.

3. That recommendation No. 4 of the 37th National Convention pertaining to National Turner Medal Test for Actives and Ladies be broadened in scope so as to be also applicable to Junior Boys and Girls.

4. That recommendation No. 7 of the 37th Convention pertaining to summer courses for Turnverein Teachers, be carried out for the summer of 1942.

5. That recommendation No. 8 of the 37th Convention pertaining to a study of existing plans for conducting National Turnfests be rescinded.

6. That recommendation from Upper Mississippi District regarding delay in delivery and cost of national trophies and medals be referred to the National Executive Committee.

7. The recommendation from Lake Erie District to include competition in National Turnfests for Senior Ladies is taken care of in recommendation No. 2 of the 37th Convention and recommendation No. 2 of this Convention.

8. That the recommendation from Lake Erie District requesting at least 90 days notice of competition, cultural or physical be referred to the National Executive Committee.

9. That this Convention adopt the recommendation from the Lake Erie District requesting the National Executive Committee to devise a new statistical form for recording the following data in addition to that required by the present statistical form:

1. Enrollment of each gymnasium class.
2. Average attendance of each gym class from October 1 to April 15 of

each year.

3. Individuals enrolled in gym classes who do not belong to families of members of the societies.

4. The name and address of the District Gymnastic Leader or Chairman of the Physical Education Committee.

10. The resolution from Central Turners, Cincinnati, requesting competitive work for Senior Women is taken care of in recommendation No. 2.

11. The resolution from Lake Erie District requesting the creation of an American Turnfest Fund by contribution of 10c per member was referred to a special committee for consideration and for separate report to this Convention.

12. The recommendation from Lake Erie District requesting the National Technical Committee to investigate the advisability of heavy apparatus work for women was referred to the National Technical Committee for study and research.

13. Recommendation that paragraph 26 on page 10 of the Principles and Statutes be changed as follows: Sentence reading "Instructors in gymnastics shall be permitted to compete only for literary prizes" be changed to read "*Turnverein teachers shall be permitted to compete in National Turnfest competitive events.*"

Secretary's note: This paragraph was adopted in amended form by a two thirds majority of the Federal votes (see below).

14. We recommend that the National Executive Committee suggest to Turner Societies that they interest themselves in improving the Physical Education program of the schools in their community; to try to secure for all pupils of elementary and high schools, a daily period of all around Physical Education with a

view of improving the physical development of our youth.

Respectfully submitted,

Jos. Weismueller, Chairman

Theo. A. Gross, Secretary

Paragraph 1 to 12 were read and declared adopted without discussion or after brief discussion, there being no objection.

During the discussion of paragraph 13 it was moved to strike out this Paragraph 13 from this report and refer the subject matter to the Committee on Platform, Statutes and Grievances. This motion was defeated. A motion was then made and seconded to strike this paragraph 13 from this Report. This motion was also defeated.

The Chairman then announced that Paragraph 13 being an amendment to the statutes would require a two third majority of the Federal votes represented at the Convention and ordered that the vote on this paragraph be deferred until after the balance of this report has been acted upon. The Chairman then ordered the reading of Paragraph 14 of this report, which was declared adopted, there being no objection.

A motion was then duly made that this report comprising paragraphs 1 to 12 and 14 be adopted as a whole. This motion was seconded and carried by voice vote of the Convention. The Chairman then directed that the Convention was now ready to act on Paragraph 13.

A motion was then duly made to amend Paragraph 13 by changing the words "Turnverein teachers" to "Teachers of Physical Education." This motion was unanimously carried. The proposed substitute sentence in Paragraph 26 accordingly reads as follows:

"Teachers of Physical Education shall be permitted to compete in all National all National Turnfest competitive events."

Inquiry by Chairman Rappaport disclosed the fact that the vote on this proposed amendment would not be unanimous and ordered a vote by District which resulted as follows:

<i>District</i>	<i>Votes For Against</i>		
New York	6	6	
Indiana	18	18	
New England	18		18
Illinois	14	3	11
St. Louis	5	5	
Lake Erie	31	31	
Western New York	7	7	
Middle Atlantic	8	8	
Wisconsin	4		4
Pittsburgh	17	9	8
New Jersey	7	7	
Minnesota	2	2	
Upper Mississippi	26	26	
Southern California	4		4
	<hr/> 167	<hr/> 122	<hr/> 45

The vote showing more than a two-thirds majority of the Federal votes represented at the Convention, in favor of the amendment, the Chairman accordingly declared the amendment adopted.

The following supplementary resolution was submitted by the Committee on Physical Education:

To the 38th National Convention
of the American Turners

Gut Heil!

WHEREAS it has become increasingly difficult to secure host societies to sponsor the National Turnfest of the American Turners because of the expense involved, and

WHEREAS only the more affluent societies generally located in larger communities can afford to bid for this event, as a result of which cities available for National Turnfests necessarily become limited,

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that:

1. The American Turners create an

"American Turnfest Fund."

2. That this Convention vest the National Executive Committee with power to devise ways and means of obtaining such a fund.

3. That such monies collected by the National Executive Committee be expended for National Turnfests only, and

4. That an annual financial statement of the "American Turnfest Fund" be submitted to all member societies of the American Turners, by the National Executive Committee at the end of each fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

Sub-Committee on Turnfest Fund

H. C. Hohman

Max A. Grob

Otto Eckl

After considerable discussion on this resolution, a motion was made and seconded that this resolution be rejected, this resolution to reject being carried by a rising vote of 44 to 40.

At this point Turner Emil Rath, requested permission to discuss the purpose behind paragraph No. 14 of the Report of the Committee on Physical Education. There being no objection, the Chair granted him three minutes. Turner Rath stressed the fact that National Physical Education was being replaced by recreational activities in some cities and that he felt that it was the duty of the Turner Societies to counteract this tendency and to do everything possible to expand the scope of rational physical education in their cities.

The committee on Platform, Statutes and Grievances, by its Secretary, Marshall Troester, then submitted its report as follows:

**Report of the Committee on
Platform, Statutes and Grievances**

To the 38th National Convention
of the American Turners:

Gut Heil!

The Committee organized with Turner Adolph Varrelmann as Chairman and Turner Marshall Troester as Secretary.

The request of the Indiana District that the Fundamental Principles of the American Turners be amended to include a provision for the Conservation of Natural Resources, was carefully considered, and on motion duly made and carried, the following resolution is recommended for adoption:

WHEREAS, the Fundamental Principles of the American Turners provides for the promotion of physical education, and the dissemination of rational ideas, in order to advance the health, happiness, prosperity and progress of mankind, and:

WHEREAS, the above provision includes the principle of the Conservation of Natural Resources,

BE IT RESOLVED: That our National and local organizations give their full support and assistance to any feasible program that will promote the Conservation of Natural Resources.

Respectfully submitted with Turner Greetings,

*Adolph Varrelmann, Chairman
Marshall F. Troester, Secretary
Herman Eisele*

After the reading of this Report, the Chairman announced that Turner Waldemar Eickhoff, President of the Indiana District had asked permission to address the Convention on this subject, and that he would grant this privilege at the next session of the Convention.

The Chairman then called for a vote on the report of the resolution submitted by the Committee which vote was unani-

mous for the adoption of the resolution.

The Chairman then called for the report of the Committee on Cultural Activities which was submitted by Fred J. Ursem, a member of the Committee as follows:

Report of the Committee on Cultural Activities

To the 38th National Convention
of the American Turners:

Gut Heil!

The Committee organized by electing Turner Joe Becker as Chairman and Frank Scholl as Secretary.

The Committee, after careful consideration, adopted the following recommendation for submission to the Convention:

1. That the National Executive Committee be instructed to notify all member societies of the American Turners by letters addressed directly to the societies at least ninety days in advance of the closing date of any competition, cultural or physical, scheduled by them.

2. That the Chairman of the National Cultural Activities Committee be instructed to arrange a photographic exhibit or contest to be held as one of the cultural activities at the next National Turnfest and succeeding Turnfest and that the National Cultural Activities Committee be further instructed to arrange for suitable awards.

3. That the National Committee on Cultural Activities be requested to attempt to have prepared and publicized a satisfactory English substitute for the words of "TURNER AUF ZUM STREITE", this English substitute to be a free translation which will convey the spirit of this glorious old song but which will be free from any possible war-like or military inference, which might generate a misinterpretation of our ideals in the minds of the public.

4. That the Cultural Activities Committee be hereafter designated as the "Committee on Cultural Education", and its activities be known as "Cultural Educational Activities."

5. That, inasmuch as the Little Theatre Movement is on the up-grade, and no national organization is better equipped with auditoriums than the American Turners to save the spoken drama, all societies put forth an extra effort to promote dramatics.

6. That the Chairman of the National Cultural Activities Committee be instructed to arrange for singing competition of not less than three voices, male, female or mixed, to be held as one of the cultural activities at the next National Turnfest and succeeding Turnfests and that the National Cultural Activities Committee be requested to draw up rules governing entries, and that the National Cultural Activities Committee be further instructed to arrange for suitable awards.

7. That a definite step be taken by the National Cultural Activities Committee to promote, thru the various Districts and Societies a program of cultural, educational, and recreational activities designed to appeal to members of our "teen-age" groups.

8. That we offer for consideration a plan for organizing the Cultural Activities Committee in each Society to include a member of each section of the society.

9. That the Chairman or other members of Cultural Activities Committees of the various Districts be selected as delegates to the National Convention to serve on the Cultural Activities Committee of said Convention.

10. We recommend that Articles 1 to 5 inclusive, of the Cultural Activities Committee's report of the thirty seventh National Convention be retained. These articles read as follows:

10a. That the Societies which have not yet organized singing and dramatic

sections be requested to do so, and that special effort be made to organize choral groups among the Juniors and children.

10b. That debating teams be organized to work on topics as suggested from time to time by the Cultural Activities Chairman of the American Turners, and that public speaking classes be organized as a preliminary work toward the organization of debating teams.

10c. That competition in art photography be encouraged by the District and National Organizations and that suitable prizes be awarded from year to year for outstanding work and that the Societies which have not yet organized Camera Clubs be urged to do so.

10d. That Society publicity organs give space to activities along cultural lines and for discussion of problems of general interest and encourage members to write contributions on educational and health topics, or on literary subjects, book reviews, etc.

10e. That an annual Cultural Activities Day be established for competition among the Cultural Activities groups of the various Societies of the Districts.

10f. That Ladies' Choruses and Mixed Choruses be organized wherever possible and that these groups be made eligible to competition at District Cultural Activities Day and National Turnfests, as well as Male Choruses.

10g. That Ladies' Choruses and Mixed Choruses of Turner Societies be given the privilege of competing at Turnfests, under the same conditions as are now stipulated for the male choruses (four part voice—a capella—in either the German or English Language).

10h. That the results of the competition at Turnfests be made known early so that winners of wreaths will be present at the prize awarding if these prizes are distributed at future Turnfests.

10i. That the Cultural Activities Com-

mittee and the Local and National Technical Committee cooperate with each other at Turnfests to the end that the list of names of the Cultural Activities Judges shall appear in the Festival Work Plan.

10j. That Societies and individuals must be made to understand that they must have the names of the entries in the hands of the Committee at the time specified.

Respectfully submitted, with Turner Greetings,

Joe Becker, Chairman
Frank Scholl, Secretary

The paragraphs of this report were successively declared adopted during the reading of the report, after brief discussion of some of the paragraphs, there being no objection.

After the completion of the reading of the Report, a motion was made and seconded that this report be adopted as a whole, this motion being unanimously carried by a voice vote of the Convention.

The Chairman then called for the report of the Committee on National Affairs which was submitted by Turner Jos. Strohmeyer, Secretary of the Committee, as follows:

Report of the Committee on National Affairs

To the 38th National Convention
of the American Turners:
Gut Heil!

The Committee was called to order by the Temporary Chairman, Al M. Keim of the Upper Mississippi District, and Temporary Secretary Frank P. Soen of the New Jersey District. Permanent Officers, Chairman Al M. Keim, Upper Mississippi District; Secretary Joe Strohmeyer, Illinois District; and W. T. Meisner, Illinois District, Advisor to Officers.

All resolutions were read and action

taken thereon by the committee. As will appear sub-committees were appointed to formulate reports on particularly important and involved matters and these sub-committee reports were acted upon by the entire committee on National Affairs. It is suggested that any minor, overlapping or conflicting items, which may later be ascertained to be of value, be disposed of by the National Executive Committee.

Several resolutions were submitted to a sub-committee dealing with the subject matter of the following resolution. This sub-committee consisted of Donald P. Schuur, Sub-Committee Chairman; A. J. Biemiller, Dirk Voss, F. J. Berndt, Leo M. Rappaport, Carl M. Weideman. This sub-committee considered all of the resolutions submitted to them and submits herewith, a resolution which it believes to embody all of the thoughts advanced.

Recommended resolutions:

1. For nearly a hundred years, the American Turners have been advocates of laws making health and physical education training compulsory in the various public school systems of the United States, and thru their efforts have succeeded in causing the establishment of health and physical education departments in the schools of most of the larger cities of the country. The slogan of this organization has been "Mens sana in corpore sano" (A sound mind in a sound body). During all these years, the Constitution of the American Turners has advocated for the United States a liberal democratic form of government and has, at all times, supported the nation in any hour of peril. Its policy has been to train boys and girls of the nation so as to make them fit in body and mind upon reaching manhood and womanhood. The principal purpose for the existence of the American Turners always has been, and is now, the development of physically and mentally fit citizens willing and able

to support a democracy within a republic.

Occurrences thruout the world have been a forcible reminder of the needs of the nation and since it seems fitting at this time to bring to the attention of the people of the United States, the national, state and municipal governments, the purposes justifying the existence of the American Turners, therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED that the American Turners, assembled in Convention at Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin, June 27 to June 30, 1940, use this means of declaring its continued adherence to the principles upon which the government of the United States was founded and is being maintained.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we again declare our adherence to the principles that compulsory health and physical education and training affords the best means of making the youth of our country fit to meet any emergencies which might arise, and be it further resolved that we actively advocate the following of our principles thru-out the nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in principle we are opposed to sacrificing American lives on foreign battlefields and that we confine our military and naval strength to the defense of our own country.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event our country should in the future become involved in armed conflict, that our entire facilities be placed at the disposal of the government of the United States.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded by the National Executive Committee to the President of the United States and members of the United States Congress.

The sub-committee on dues, per capita tax, and new form of membership card: Ed. C. Felton, Jack Nickels, and Lester

Swanson each submitted individual reports. Following their rejection, the National Executive Committee's resolution as follows was adopted:

Recommended resolution:

2. Resolved that all membership cards of every Society of the American Turners be issued by the National Executive Committee to the various Districts. That the various Districts shall be responsible for the distribution of said cards, and the collections of the District and National per capita taxes. No society shall have authority to issue any membership card except the official membership card furnished by the National Executive Committee. National and District per capita tax shall be paid upon the issuance or delivery to the member of each membership card. No society affiliated with the American Turners shall honor any membership card except the official card issued by the National Executive Committee. This resolution shall become effective September 1, 1940, and cards shall be available for issuance at that time.

3. Allentown Turners suspended for non-payment of dues and financial obligations. This suspension was not protested. They may be re-instated thru the Pittsburgh Turners District.

4. We recommend that Societies and individual members of the American Turners make contributions to the Instructors' Fund of the American Turners, which was established for the purpose of aiding Turner Instructors who have served faithfully and who are seriously in need of financial assistance. We particularly urge all Instructors and all Societies employing Instructors to contribute to this Fund and we further urge every Society and the sections of Societies periodically to arrange entertainments for the purpose of raising contributions for this Fund.

5. We recommend that a uniform

name be used for each society, embodying the words "Turners", such as Moline Turners Society, or Moline Society of American Turners; North St. Louis Turners, Cleveland East Side Turner Society; Cleveland West Side Turners, etc.

6. We recommend that Turner societies having a membership of 25 or less seek aid of the National Executive Committee with the view of contacting similar societies to combine with them.

7. Being aware of the unwarranted destruction of American Natural Resources in soil, forests, streams, fish, game, and wild life during the past one half century or more, and regarding it as a menace to the future security and prosperity of our country, we take this means of endorsing and commending the steps already taken by our National and State Governments in the enactment and enforcement of National and State laws for the protection of natural resources.

We favor an energetic policy of conservation of natural resources; National, State and Local in streams, rivers, forests, and wild life and the prevention of soil erosion and pledge our whole-hearted support to National, State and Local Governments in the vigorous prosecution of laws and provisions fostering conservation to the end:

(a) That the remnants of American forests may be retained and protected and that the program of re-forestation may be continued uninterruptedly.

(b) That all stream and river pollution by city sewerage and industrial waste be ended and that vigorous measures be taken to remove pollution from streams and rivers that are now polluted.

(c) That measures protecting game, fish, and wild life, continue to be enforced and increased.

(d) That every practicable step be taken for the prevention of further soil

erosion and for the reclamation of ruined land.

(This is to be an addition to the Declaration of Principles of the American Turners). Convention Secretary's Note: This sentence was deleted from this report by action of the Convention (see below).

8. Whereas, individual members of Turner Societies have contributed for many years to the Jahn Fund, and

Whereas the Jahn Fund has, of this date, a considerable accumulation of assets, and

Whereas, difficulty has been experienced in obtaining aid and assistance from the Jahn Fund in order to stimulate the cultural and mental activities in our Turner Societies.

Now therefore, be it resolved that the Trustees of the Jahn Fund in attendance at this Convention offer a report to the Convention, touching upon the present status of the accumulated assets, their source, and the availability of funds for distribution in order to stimulate the cultural and mental activities in our Turner Societies.

Be it further resolved that the advisability of urging Turners to make further donations to the Jahn Fund be submitted to the floor of the Convention.

Be it further resolved that a detailed report be made by these Trustees of the Jahn Fund as to the income available for distribution in accordance with the Declaration of Trust of the Jahn Fund, be included in future annual reports.

9. That the College Campaign Fund Committee give a detailed statement from its inception of all receipts and their sources and disbursements and their report to be embodied in the annual report.

10. That numerally depleted Turner Districts desirous of furthering Turner activities within the District, consult with the National Executive Committee

for aid toward combining with other Turner Districts, to better carry out the purpose of the organization.

11. That the National Headquarters of the American Turners be retained with the Detroit Turners. Convention Secretary's note: This recommendation was rewritten by the Convention (see below.)

12. Invitations for the next National Turner Convention received by the Committee on National Affairs include:

Louisville, Ky.; Los Angeles, Calif.; and Moline, Ill., and the Committee respectfully refers the selection of the next regular Convention city to the Convention.

With Turner Greetings,

Al. M. Keim, Chairman

Jos. A. Strohmeyer, Secretary

W. T. Meisner, Advisory

The following members of this Committee were also present at the discussion of this Committee: Donald P. Schuur, Fred G. Folberth, Alvin Steinke, Jack Nickels, George Foerster, Arthur J. Burnett, Edward Groth, George Wahn-siedler, Wm. Mueller, Frank P. Soen, Dirk Voss, Wm. J. Kramer, Sr.; Richard Turnt, Ferdinand Turnt, Carl J. Mettler, Edward H. Hohenstein, Eugene Stifel, Otto Kallmeyer, Lester Swanson, Lester Dau, J. V. Thorngren, George Frick, Frank J. Berndt, David G. Zweifel, Chris. F. Bleidistel, Andrew J. Biemiller, Wm. H. Beutel, Edward C. Felton, Joe F. Schilder, Waldemar Eickhoff.

Recommendation No. 1 to 6 of this report was declared adopted as read, there being no objection.

Recommendation No. 7 of this report contained the sentence "This is to be as an addition to the Declaration of Principles." The Chairman declared that this sentence would force a referendum vote in accordance with Article 11 of the Statutes of the American Turners.

A motion was then made and seconded that this sentence be deleted from the Report. This motion was carried after considerable discussion.

Recommendation 8, 9 and 10 of this report were, in succession, declared adopted, there being no objection.

Recommendation No. 11 was, after considerable informal discussion, duly amended by the Convention to read as follows:

11. "That the Headquarters of the National Executive Committee of the American Turners for the next two years be located in the Detroit Socialer Turnverein and that this Society be given the right to invite additional Turners from other societies in the Lake Erie District to become part of the National Executive Committee."

This amended form of recommendation No. 11 was adopted by a voice vote of the Convention.

Paragraph 12 of this report was declared adopted, there being no objection, and a motion was duly made and carried that this report of the Committee on National Affairs as amended, be adopted as a whole.

(Convention Secretary's Note: Due to the pressure of time, the questions raised in Paragraph 8 of the report of the Committee on National Affairs, relating to the Jahn Fund, were not discussed on the floor of the Convention. The following data are taken from the report of the Jahn Fund appearing in the 1940 Annual Report of the American Turners, supplemented by data submitted by Trustee George Seibel, as an answer, in part, to the questions raised in paragraph 8.

The total earnings of the Jahn Fund last year were \$1555.00 plus bank interest amounting to \$27.78 making a total of \$1582.78. The total expenditures amounted to \$1428.93, including \$1100.00 to TURNER TOPICS.

One of the provisions of the Trust is that all subscriptions and one-third of the income of the Jahn Fund must be added to the principal. The only funds available for distribution therefor consist of two-thirds of the annual earnings, and these earnings, with the present size of the principal, will ordinarily not far exceed \$1600.00 a year.

The \$1903.16 cash reported under assets in the Annual Report includes the balance in the savings account, which is a part of the principal of the fund and not part of the earnings. The item under Liabilities entitled "Earnings" amounting to \$10,414.86 represents the earnings since the inception of the Fund, and these earnings have been in part transferred to the principal and the balance has been distributed in accordance with the objects of the Jahn Fund.

One of the original objects of the Jahn Fund is "the support of an English organ as soon as the time has come to establish one." In view of this object, the Trustees feel that they are justified in applying the greater part of the income for the maintenance and improvement of TURNER TOPICS, which is the main educational and propaganda organ of the American Turners and the Trustees were accordingly pleased to acquiesce in the resolution adopted by the Convention recommending "that the present payments to TURNER TOPICS from the Jahn Fund be continued for the next two years, with the understanding that the editorial staff is working toward a self-sustaining basis to be achieved as soon as possible."

It is self-evident, however, that if the subsidy to TURNER TOPICS is maintained, no funds will be available soon for other educational activities.

Note is also made of the fact that due to the payment made to TURNER TOPICS it has been impossible to comply fully with the provision of the Trust

requiring the transfer of one-third of the earnings to principal, and the Trustees in their action to maintain the subsidy to TURNER TOPICS owe the principal to the Jahn Fund nearly \$700.00.

In order to comply with the request that the Trustees of the Jahn Fund submit a report touching upon the present status of their accumulated assets and their source, the Convention Secretary is advised that the Trustees of the Jahn Fund are contemplating preparing and sending out, to those interested, a detailed statement covering all information requested.)

After the adoption of the Report on National Affairs the Chairman declared that the Convention would be pleased to receive the invitations of the various cities who were desirous of entertaining the next regular Convention of the American Turners, the speeches to be limited to three minutes each.

Invitations were most eloquently presented by Ed Groth in behalf of Louisville, Carl J. Mettler in behalf of Los Angeles, and Al M. Keim in behalf of Moline. Geo. F. Roth seconded the invitation of Louisville and Lester Swanson seconded the invitation of Moline. Carl Mettler withdrew his invitation in favor of Louisville.

A motion was then duly made and carried that the vote determining the selection of the next Convention city be by Districts. In harmony with this motion the Chairman ordered a roll call by Districts and the vote resulted as follows:

District	Votes Louis. Moline		
New York	6	3	3
Indiana	18	18	
New England	18		18
Illinois	14	8	6
St. Louis	5		5
Lake Erie	31	31	
Western New York	7	4	3
Middle Atlantic	8		8
Wisconsin	4	2	2

Pittsburgh	17	3	14
New Jersey	7		7
Minnesota	2		2
Upper Mississippi	26		26
Southern California	4	3	1
	<hr/> 167	<hr/> 72	<hr/> 95

The majority of the Federal Votes having been cast for Moline, the Chairman declared that the next regular National Convention of the American Turners would be held in Moline, Ill.

A motion was then made that the Convention adjourn to meet at 9:00 A. M. on Sunday morning, and the Chairman declared the fifth session of the Convention adjourned at 6:30 P. M.

Sixth Session—Sunday Morning June 30, 1940

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

The minutes of the fourth and fifth sessions of the Convention were read and approved after certain minor corrections had been made.

The Chairman then declared that the Convention was ready for further business and asked for a report of the Trustees of the Building and Endowment Fund of the Normal College.

Turner Louis O. Greiner, Chairman of the Trustees of this Fund, submitted an oral report briefly reviewing the activities of the Trustees and presenting a concise financial statement of the Fund.

(Note by Secretary of Convention: A complete recital of the Plan of the Fund and the Powers of the Trustees appears in the pamphlet issued by the American Turners, entitled "Declaration of Trust—Building Endowment Fund of the Normal College."—A printed financial statement with explanatory notes appears on pages 26 and 27 of the 1940 Annual Report of the American Turners.)

Turner Greiner informed the Convention that the Trustees of the Fund had requested Arthur Kuecken's resignation as campaign manager, which was promptly tendered by him and accepted by the Trustees.

Turner Greiner urged all Turners to continue to subscribe to the Normal College to meet the serious immediate pressing needs of the College and stated that pledges should be paid and remittances should be sent to the Normal College of the American Gymnastic Union at Indianapolis.

At the conclusion of Turner Greiner's report, a motion was duly made that the Convention extend a sincere vote of thanks to the Trustees of the Normal College Building and Endowment Fund for their services in behalf of this enterprise. This motion was enthusiastically carried.

Hereupon a motion was made and seconded that the Convention extend a vote of thanks to the former Campaign Committee of the Normal College Endowment Fund headed by Turner Richard Turnt of Pittsburgh. This motion was also enthusiastically carried.

A motion was then made, seconded and carried that the Convention extend a hearty vote of thanks to Turner Wendelin Kraft of the Milwaukee Turnverein for his kind and efficient cooperation in making the Convention a success.

At this point the Chairman stated that no satisfactory disposal had been made of the subject matter of the Recommendation No. 1 eliminated from the Report of the Finance Committee relating to the claim of Albert Steinhauser.

Turner Eichin of the Illinois District then made a motion which was seconded, that the National Executive Committee pay \$2000.00 cash to Albert Steinhauser and the balance of \$570.00 in installments provided that the American Turners receive a receipt in full of this claim

and provided that the American Turners receive a complete release of any and all further obligation from Steinhauser. After considerable discussion during which numerous alterations were suggested, this motion was carried.

In response to a question raised from the floor as to the powers of the National Executive Committee to expell or exclude a District, an examination of the Statutes of the American Turners disclosed an apparent conflict between Articles 59 and 84. The last sentence of Article 59 seemed to contradict the provisions of the last sentence of Article 84.

A resolution was then presented as an amendment to the Statutes purposed to eliminate any question as to the full authority of the National Executive Committee to exclude or expell any District as set forth in Article 84. This resolution was submitted as follows:

Resolved that the Statutes be amended to delete the following sentence from Article 59 of the Statutes: "Exclusion, however, can be decreed only by the National Convention."

Upon motion duly made and carried by unanimous affirmative vote of all delegates present from all of the districts represented at the Convention, Chairman Rappaport declared the amendment adopted by a vote of 167 Federal Votes for and no Federal Votes against.

Turner Dirk Voss of the New York District expressed regret that the reports of some of the committees had to be hastily considered by the Convention and made the suggestion that more time be allotted to the business sessions at future Conventions.

A motion was made by Turner Rudy Koenig of the Illinois District that host societies to National Convention be requested to refrain from providing any entertainment during the hours set aside for the business sessions of the Conventions. This motion was seconded and

carried by voice vote of the Convention.

Turner Al M. Keim of the Moline Turners agreed to convey the wishes of this Convention to his society.

Turner Waldemar Eickhoff, President of the Indiana District, addressed the Convention expressing appreciation of the action of the Convention in aggressively going on record as favoring the Principle of Conservation of Natural Resources which he sponsored, altho regretting that the Convention did not go a little farther and initiate action to include this Doctrine as a specific provision of the Principles of the American Turners. Eickhoff commented favorably on the conduct of the business sessions and on the social functions of this Convention.

A motion was duly made and carried that the Convention express its appreciation to Turner Eickhoff for bringing to the attention of the Convention the principle of conservation of natural resources.

A motion was made and seconded that the Convention express its sincere and grateful appreciation to the National Executive Committee and to the individual members of the National Executive Committee for the faithful and unselfish services during the past two years and in behalf of the welfare of the American Turners. This motion was carried with applause.

A motion was then made and seconded that the Convention express its sincere thanks to the Trustees of the Normal College for the excellent and efficient preparations which they made and the excellent facilities which they provided for the convenience of the delegates of the Convention. This motion was enthusiastically carried by voice vote of the Convention.

A motion was then made and seconded that a sincere vote of thanks be extended to the officers of the Convention for the efficient and expeditious manner in

which they directed the deliberations of this Convention. This motion was carried by a rising vote followed by applause.

Mrs. Edna Eisermann of Cincinnati, Ohio, a delegate from the Indiana District expressed her appreciation of the privilege of being present at this Convention.

Turner Geo. Heeschen of the Lake Erie District urged all of the delegates to attend the Springfield Turnfest next year and asked that the delegates urge their societies and the members of their societies to participate to the fullest possible extent in the Springfield Turnfest.

Turner John M. Stocker of the Western New York District, a graduate of the Normal College, expressed his grateful appreciation on behalf of the graduates of the Normal College of the provision of the proposed Plan of absorption of the Normal College which made possible the continuity of existence of their Alma Mater, whereby their professional standing would not be impaired.

Dr. Rudy Hofmeister of the St. Louis District briefly addressed the Convention. He expressed approval of the suggestion that more time be given to business sessions of the Convention. He referred to obscurity and confusion in the Statutes of the American Turners and suggested that they ought to be rewritten and clarified. He expressed regret at the probable termination of the independent existence of the Normal College, but also expressed approval of the resolution which had been adopted. Turner Hofmeister further pointed to the importance of producing leadership of the right type in our physical education department and made suggestions for the maintaining of the proper type of leadership.

There being no further business to come before the Convention, a motion was made seconded, and carried that the

Convention adjourn.

Chairman Rappaport adjourned the Convention at 11:45 A. M. and requested Turner Dirk Voss to lead the delegates in a song.

Turner Voss aided by Turner Otto Mueller asked the delegates to sing the first and last stanzas of TURNER AUF ZUM STREITE and closed the Convention with a three fold Gut Heil for the successful accomplishment of the aims and objects contemplated by the resolu-

tions adopted by the Convention.

Respectfully submitted, with Turner Greetings,

Leo M. Rappaport, Chairman

Richard Turnt

Otto Kallmeyer

George Wittich

George F. Roth, Honorary Chairmen

Donald P. Schuur, Vice Chairman

Herman Eisele, Secretary

Lester H. Dau, Assistant Secretary