

OFFICIAL MINUTES  
of the  
33rd CONVENTION  
of the  
**American Turnerbund**



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## **First Session, Friday Evening, June 26, 1931**

The Thirty-Third Convention of the American Turnerbund was called to order at 8:00 o'clock at Schwartz' Hall by Dean Emil Rath, who officially welcomed the delegates to Elkhart Lake.

National President George Seibel then opened the Convention officially by reading his Annual Message.

### **Message of the President**

Again we are gathered by the calm and cool waters of our own Elkhart Lake, the Turner Chautauqua, to look backward upon the glorious past of our organization and to plan for a future that shall realize the dreams of the fathers. Let us be calm and cool as that lake for the times require wisdom and courage.

The world is plunged in blackest pessimism, and even the United States, usually secure and supercilious, echo with voices of doubt and foreboding. In the midst of such depression, the Turner outlook is rather encouraging. There has been little recession in membership, despite adverse economic conditions, and heroic work has been done to prepare for the high tide of recovery.

Incidentally we have had a fine opportunity to point to the Fundamental Principles of the Turners, which show the way out of the world's chaos and tribu-

lation. Your National Executive Committee has not lost sight of this opportunity. Among other things a memorial was sent to the Congress and the Senate of the United States, adjuring them to turn aside from petty politics, dictated by forces of intolerance and special privilege, and to follow the enlightened philosophy of Jefferson and Paine, as set forth in the Turner Principles.

The response was astonishing, for scores of our national legislators wrote to say they would study the document. A few even expressed approval and admiration in words indicating they really had read what was sent them. I am not so naive as to expect any radical improvement in consequence, but the cruel lash of experience will bring about reform.

We are paying the price of war, prohibition, race prejudice, and economic greed. There is the diagnosis of the disease. The Turner prescription, "liberty, education and a better world," is the only cure.

Though we do not expect any immediate action, it is our duty to keep on preaching these truths. So many things for which the Turners have stood in the past are now in the laws of our land, that we need not despair of further progress.

Periods like the present are not unknown in the world's history. To political thinkers they are known as "reac-

tion;" the biologist calls it atavism or a throwback.

Let us beware of atavism or throwbacks in our own ranks. Let us keep aflame the old Turner spirit and pass the torch of truth and light on to the younger generation.

That reminds me of something I said in my last annual report. Let me repeat it now:

"Perhaps the present Bundesvorort or National Executive Committee has already held the reins too long. Perhaps we are getting weary and growing stale. Young blood with fresh ideas and new energy should be summoned to the work. I ask all Turners to weigh this matter carefully, and assure them that we shall be glad to retire to make way for the Young Guard."

Every convention puts fresh duties and heavier burdens upon the National Committee. Many of these things remain undone because there is too much to do and ordinary human beings can do only one thing at a time. Conscious of our inadequacy, we yet have a few items of progress and achievement to set over against the counts where we have been derelict or lax.

I believe the problem of establishing a national Turner organ in the English tongue may be solved through the reports which the special committee will render to this convention.

I believe the demand for an Instructors' Aid and Retirement Fund will be met by the splendid action of the two Cleveland Societies—the Sozialer Turnverein and the Germania Turnverein Vorwaerts—who are planning to launch the Fund with a donation of \$5000, which will be augmented to more than \$10,000 by other sums already in hand.

The next matter we must take up will be the future of our Normal College, a magnificent institution that should have a permanent home.

We must show more of the spirit of sacrifice and liberality. We are shamed by the rich gifts poured forth to per-

petuate superstitions and tyrannies. Can we not do as well for the cause of freedom and justice?

Our missionary efforts must never be relaxed. We must recruit new members. We must organize new Turner societies. We must swell the Jahn Educational Fund and the Instructors Fund about to be established. We must redouble our efforts in the field of Mental Training, which have been much stimulated by the labors of Mrs. Marie B. MacDonald.

Above all we must enlist the young men in our great cause. For two years I have been sounding a "call to youth," and last year I asked you not to be afraid to elect young men to this convention. Youth must carry on to new victories the beautiful Bundesbanner presented to the Turners by the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Your National Executive Committee has done the best we could to serve the American Turnerbund, to justify the trust reposed in us. And we have been deeply moved by the evidences of your faith in our efforts, which often seemed to us woefully inadequate. And now we are more than ready and willing to surrender our authority to stronger hands and younger heads, to insure fresh progress and new victories.

GEORGE SEIBEL

The message was received with a prolonged demonstration of applause.

Upon the request of President Seibel for nominations for Temporary Chairman, Turner Otto Kallmeyer of St. Louis District was unanimously elected Temporary Chairman of the Convention.

Turner Herman Eisele of Lake Erie District was unanimously elected Temporary Secretary of the Convention.

The Temporary Chairman appointed the following Turners as members of the committee on Credentials: Martin Nolde, Edward Deuss, Carl Volk, Adolph Varrelman and Wm. Mueller.

After a short recess the committee on Credentials reported that the number of votes to which the different districts are entitled and the delegates and alternates

present from each District represented to be as follows:

**New York:** 15 votes, Delegates present, 4: Martin Nolde, Berthold Muecke, Christopher Wuest and Gustav Klose.

**Indiana:** 13 votes, Delegates present 10: Dr. Carl B. Sputh, Edward Groth, Herman Korte, Henary Moesch, Emil Rath, H. Steichmann, Joseph Weissmueller, Richard C. F. Hansen John A. Howison and Henry Meyer.

**New England:** 31 votes, Delegates present 2: Henry Richter and Edward Brink.

**Illinois:** 22 votes, Delegates present 22: Leopold Saltiel, William Schelling, B. Brockmann, Chas. Eichin, A. Vogel-sanger, R. Koenig, L. O. Greiner, Ernest Klafs, Karl Miller, Frank Pfustler, A. Teuscher, Dr. Ed. Luehr, Theo. Gross, Joe Strohmeier, George Schillinger Gus. Reinoehl, Robert Hermann, Crist. Bleidistel, William Horschke, G. Berkes, F. Berndt and Chas. Thinger.

**St. Louis:** 17 votes, Delegates present 11: Chas. Branditz, Edw. L. Hohenstein, A. E. Kindervater, Max Doering, Otto Eckl, Dr. Otto M. Koenig, Otto Kallmeyer, Louis Lamwersick, Otto Rost, Louis Kittlaus, Jr. and Philip Gruenewald.

**Lake Erie:** 36 votes, Delegates present 15: Henry Pfeiffer, Dr Chas. Joerin, Emil Pletz John Luthringer, Carl Hein, Bernhard G. Krause, Herman Eisele, Carl Volk, Edward A. Hennig, Gustav Bachman, Bruno Uhl, Jos. Zimmerman, Edmund Schwerdtfeger, John Klein and Rudolph Hartkopf.

**Western New York:** 26 votes, Delegates present 2: Detloffs E. Klein and Lewis F. Szeles.

**Philadelphia:** 19 votes, Delegates present 2: Herman Schwalbe and John Mais.

**Wisconsin:** 9 votes, Delegates present 8: George Wittich, Ed. Duess, Fred Schnell R. W. Maaske, Ed. Funke,

Jos. Schilder, Albert Reichmann and Fred Bartels.

**Pittsburgh:** 22 votes, Delegates present 8: August Buckholtz, Harry Dippold, Wm. J. Kramer, Herbert Floos, Oscar Simmen, Andreas Kohary, Carl Trueg and Henry Etling.

**New Jersey:** 21 votes, Delegates present 1: George Seikel.

**Kansas-Missouri:** 3 votes, Delegates present 2: Otto Peuschel and Oscar Oberndorff.

**Ohio:** 6 votes, Delegates present 6: Wm. Meyer, Alban Wolff, Wm. J. Huhn, Max Grob, Geo. Roth, Adolph Varrelmann. The following Alternates from Ohio present: Wm. Bischoff, Wm. K. Streit, Dr. Knoch, Fred Foell and Dr. Tuite.

**Minnesota:** 3 votes, Delegates present 3: Albert Steinhauser, Wm. Mueller and W. R. Kuehn. 1 Alternate: Ferd. Uebel.

**Upper Mississippi:** 24 votes, Delegates present 12: H. C. Sellmer, W. J. Rieke, J. I. Maxheim, J. H. Jebens, C. E. Oberlander, L. N. H. Berg, J. Louis Moeller, Frank B. Ohm, Harry Warken, Hugo Westhal, J. H. Mohr and Louis I. Schreiner.

**Nebraska:** 1 vote, Delegates present 1: Fred. Lorenz.

The following Districts were not represented: South Central, Rocky Mountain, Pacific, North Pacific and Southern California.

Total number of votes to which the districts represented are entitled: 268.

Total number of delegates present: 109. Alternates present: 6.

The following members of the National Executive Committee were also present and recognized as members of the Convention: George Seibel, Dr. Herman Groth, Wm. Voelker, Henry J. Thier, Carl Erdlen, George J. F. Falkenstein, Richard Turnt, Henry Miksch, Fred Zaugg and Chas. A. Geber.

A motion was made and carried, that the report of the Committee on Creden-



tials be accepted, that the delegates present be entitled to sit and vote and the Alternates be accorded seat and voice in the convention.

The Temporary Chairman appointed the following Turners to the Committee on Permanent Organization, this committee also to serve as a committee on committees, to propose all standing committees of the convention: Martin Nolde, Henry Steichman, Leo O. Greiner, Edward Funke, Ludwig Berg, A. E. Kinder-vater and Carl Volk.

A telegram was read from the Louisville Turngemeinde inviting the National Convention to Louisville in 1933. Referred to the Committee on National Affairs.

Persuant to a motion made and carried, Temporary Chairman Kallmeyer appointed the following Turners to serve as a Classification Committee: Alban Wolff and Louis F. Lamwersiek.

A recess was announced by the Temporary Chairman until the above committees would be ready to report.

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 P. M., whereupon the committees reported that they would require about an additional thirty minutes to complete their report. A motion was duly made and carried that the convention adjourn until 9:00 A. M., Saturday morning, June 27, 1931, at the Jahn Hall at Camp Brosius.

### **Second Session, Saturday Morning, June 27, 1931**

Temporary Chairman Kallmeyer called the second session of the Convention to order at 9:30 A. M. at Jahn Hall at Camp Brosius.

Mr. Theodore Damman, Secretary of State of the State of Wisconsin, representing the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, Phillip LaFollette, welcomed the delegates in the name of the State of Wisconsin. He discussed the valuable work done by the Governor and his able father for the people of Wisconsin, and in behalf of the people of the United

States. He also explained the efforts being made by the State of Wisconsin to eliminate false statements from History Text books used in Wisconsin Schools, relating to the late World War. He also urged the delegates to take an active interest in politics.

A committee consisting of Mrs. Elizabeth Bachman, Mrs. Emma Fenski and Mrs. Mae Lange, appeared before the convention and brought the Greetings to this convention from the National Convention of the Ladies Auxiliary, which was being held at Ling Hall at Camp Brosius.

The committee on Permanent Organization by its secretary, L. O. Greiner, submitted its report of nominees for the Permanent Officers of the Convention and its recommendations for the Committees.

It was moved and seconded that the Report of the Committee on Permanent Organization be accepted. The vote was by Districts, and resulted in 106 votes for, and 162 votes against. The reason for the defeat of the motion was caused by dissatisfaction with the selection of the delegates on committees and the limited number of delegates on the different committees.

After lengthy discussion on a substitute motion by Herman Schwalbe, which was finally withdrawn it was moved and seconded that the report of the Committee on Permanent Organization be accepted with the reservation that the different delegations may name additional delegates to the various committees from among their number.

Upon motion duly made and carried, the convention proceeded to the election of permanent officers. The Committee on Permanent Organization recommended the following Turners for permanent officers of the convention:

Permanent Chairman:

Otto Kallmeyer, St. Louis District

Dr. Carl B. Spath, Indiana District

Permanent Vice Chairman:

Henry Pfeiffer, Lake Erie District

#### Permanent Secretaries:

German, Fred Schnell, Wisconsin District

English, Frank Pfustler, Illinois District

The name of Leopold Saltiel of Chicago was added to the list of nominees for permanent Chairman of the Convention, from the floor.

The election of permanent Chairman by Districts resulted as follows: Dr. Sputh, 106; Otto Kallmeyer, 73; Leopold Saltiel, 89.

Henry Pfeiffer was elected by acclamation as permanent Vice Chairman.

Fred Schnell and Frank Pfustler declined to run for German and English secretary, respectively.

Edward Brink, New England District and Herman Eisele of Lake Erie District were nominated, respectively for German and English secretary and both were unanimously elected.

George Seikel of Newark was nominated as honorary Chairman of the Convention and elected by acclamation.

Upon the call of the Chairman, Dr. Sputh, and in compliance with the wishes of the various delegations, numerous additions and alterations were made by the Committee on Permanent Organization to the list of delegates composing the different committees which were constituted as follows after completion:

Committee on National Affairs: Edward Groth, Berthold Mueke, Henry Richter, Ferd. Uebel, Leopold Saltiel, Edwin L. Hohenstein, J. H. Jebens, Aug. Buckholtz, Otto Peuschel, Geo. Seikel, Fred Foell, Carl Volk, Jos. Schilder, Herman Schwalbe, Fred Lorenz, G. Schillinger, Henry Pfeiffer, Wm. J. Huhn, R. W. Maaske, L. N. H. Berg, John Luthringer, D. E. Klein, George Seibel and Wm. Voelker, Ex-officio.

Committee on Platform and Statutes: Wm. A. Schelling, Max Doering, Louis Moeller, George F. Roth, E. Schwerdtfeger, Geo. J. F. Falkenstein, Ex-officio.

Committee on Normal College: Dr. Edward Luehr, A. E. Kindervater, Dr.

Henry Etling, Wm. K. Streit, Martin Nolde, Ed. A. Hennig, Geo. Wittig, R. C. F. Hansen, Wm. Mueller, Emil Rath, L. O. Greiner, Dr. Knoch, Chas. A. Geber, Ex-officio.

Mental Training (Educational) Committee: Herman Korte, Jos. Strohmeyer, Christ Oberlander, Andrew Kohary, Adolph Varrelmann, Jos. Zimmermann, Gust Klose, G. Reinoehl, Fred Schnell, Otto Kallmeyer, Richard Turnt, Ex-Officio.

Technical Committee: Jos. Weissmueller, W. R. Kuehn, Ernst Klafs, Otto Rost, Frank B. Ohm, Christopher Wuest, Herbert Floss, O. Oberndorff, Albert Reichmann, Wm. Beyer, Bruno Uhl, John Mais, F. Bartels, Louis F. Szeles, Max Grob, H. Meyer, R. Hartkopf, Edward Funke, Emil Pletz, Aug. Westphal, J. Mohr, W. Kramer, H. Dippold, Oscar Simmen, B. Brockman, R. Koenig, Carl Miller, A. Teuscher, Theo. Gross, R. Herman, W. Horschke, F. Berndt, J. Maxheim, H. Warnken, L. Schreiner, Carl Hein, Gus. Bachman, John Klein, O. Eckl, L. Kittlaus, Jr., Dr. Hermann Groth, Ex-Officio, and all instructors present.

National Publication Committee: H. Moesch, A. Steinhäuser, Chas. Eichin, Otto Koenig, H. C. Sellmer, B. G. Krause, C. Bleidistel, G. Berkes, Dr. C. J. Joerin, Frank G. Pfustler, E. Deuss, Carl Erdlen, ex-Officio.

Finance Committee: John Howison, Art Vogelsanger, Chas. H. Brandtitz, W. I. Rieke, Chas. Thinger, Henry J. Thier, Ex-Officio.

It was duly moved that the present classification Committee act as a committee on resolutions. Motion carried.

It was moved that when we adjourn we reconvene Sunday morning, June 28, 1931, at 9:00 A. M., at Camp Brosius. Motion carried.

A committee consisting of George Seibel, Dr. Sputh, Herman Eisele, and Edward Brink was appointed to extend the Greeting of this Convention to the National Convention of the Ladies Aux-

iliary of the American Turnerbund meeting at Ling Hall at Camp Brosius and these greetings were extended in a fitting manner by Dr. Sputh.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 A. M.

### **Third Session, Sunday Morning, June 28, 1931**

The convention was called to order by Dr. Sputh, Chairman, at 9:15 A. M., at Jahn Hall at Camp Brosius.

The minutes of the first two sessions of the convention were read and approved.

Telegrams of greeting were read from Turner Henry Braun of Guthrie, Oklahoma, Carl Entenmann of Los Angeles, expressing regret at their inability to be present and wishing success to the convention.

A telegram from the Germania Turnverein of Los Angeles was read, expressing greetings to the convention and extending an invitation to visit the Olympiad to be held at Los Angeles next year.

An invitation was read from Upper Mississippi District inviting the Convention to Davenport for 1933. Referred to the Committee on National Affairs.

Greetings to the Convention were also received from Turners George Vonnegut and Theodore Stempf of the Indianapolis Turnverein.

A rule was adopted by motion duly made and carried that during this convention each speaker be limited to three minutes and be allowed to speak not more than twice on the same question.

#### **Technical Committee**

The Technical Committee by its Secretary, Theo. Gross submitted the following report which it had formulated for consideration:

(Note by secretary: All parts printed in bold face type, are amendments or alterations made by the convention to the reports of the various committees.)

To the 33rd Convention of the

American Turnerbund:

Gut Heil!

Your Technical Committee met and

organized with Jos. Weissmueller as chairman and Theo. Gross as secretary.

Dr. Hermann Groth outlined the program and plans of conducting the Junior Turnfest being held at Camp Brosius, June 28, 1931, and gave a brief explanation of the different plans under which the next National Turnfest may be conducted.

The Technical Committee respectfully submits for your consideration the following recommendations:

1. That the present National Turnfest rules designated as Plan No. 3, with such minor changes as may be made, by the National Technical Committee, be used for the next National Turnfest.

2. That the National Technical Committee be instructed to arrange the program of the next Turnfest so that the decathlon for Actives and the septathlon for Women can be completed the same day they are started (in one day).

3. That the Local Technical Committee handling or holding the Turnfest be specifically requested by the National Technical Committee to strictly enforce the rules pertaining to the compulsory participation in the mass exercises

4. That the National Technical Committee be instructed to change the rule designating a penalty for the violation of the above rule as published on page 7, article 5, paragraph 1, of the Rules Governing Turnfests, to read as follows: 5 points shall be deducted from the score or points won by the society, for each absentee **and 5 points from the score of the individual.**

5. That the National Technical Committee be instructed to arrange a final volleyball championship tournament between the winners or champions of each Society group for Actives, Women, and Seniors divisions. The winners of this tournament to be recognized as National Turner Champions.

6. That the model exercises be judged on the same basis and ratings as designated on page 33, Part V, of the Rules Governing Turnfests, except that

**no points scored by the model number shall be counted for the society's total points.**

7. That the National Technical Committee be instructed to **endeavor to limit** the duration of the compulsory competition of the Turnfest to no longer than three days.

8. That the matter of re-arranging the rating, scoring and age divisions for the Senior competition be left to the National Technical Committee.

9. That the National Technical Committee be instructed to change the medicine ball throw event for Seniors to hurl-ball.

10. That the recommendation of the National Technical Committee to the effect that the **deposit on the** guarantee fund be reduced from \$15,000 to \$5000, be adopted.

11. That the recommendation of the National Technical Committee to the effect that the Junior Turnfest be held annually with the exception of years when National Turnfests take place, be adopted.

12. That the recommendation of the Pacific District for the creation of an American Turnerbund medal similar to that awarded in Germany for outstanding accomplishment, be left to the National Technical Committee.

13. That the recommendation of the National Technical Committee concerning the Fifteenth German Turnfest be adopted to wit:

1. That the societies and districts participate.
2. All participants representing the American Turnerbund shall be subject to the rules and regulations prescribed by the National Executive Committee.
3. All registration must be made thru the National Executive Committee.
4. A leader shall be appointed by the National Executive Committee to have charge of all prescribed

special numbers in which every competitor must participate

5. That the National Executive Committee be requested to make arrangement for railroad and steamship travel by the lowest rates obtainable.

14. That the National Technical Committee be instructed to change the rule on page 58, article 1, paragraph 3, of the rules Governing National Turnfests to read as follows: All Juniors who have not attained their eighteenth birthday prior to February 1 of the year of the National Junior Turnfest, shall be permitted to compete.

15. That the National Technical Committee be instructed to add to the rule on page 59, article II, paragraph 2a, an explanation to the effect that regardless of a contestant qualifying in more than one group of events, the full quota of nine Juniors from each district shall be permitted to compete.

16. That the National Technical Committee be instructed to add swimming relay races to the swimming events designated for the Actives and Women.

17. That the National Technical Committee be instructed to arrange for conducting the compulsory exercises for women in two grades instead of one.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joseph Weissmueller, Chairman.  
Theodore Gross, Secretary.

This report, with the amendments made on the floor of the convention, indicated in bold face type, was acted upon and adopted by paragraphs and subsequently adopted in its entirety.

Mr. Theodore Hoffman, National President of the Steuben Society was given the courtesy of the floor for ten minutes to deliver a message. The speaker suggested that, wherever possible, the Steuben Society and the Turners cooperate to avoid conflict of activities and duplication of halls, and also to promote each other's membership and work jointly for objects approved by both organizations. Mr. Hoffman was accompanied



by Mr. Chas. J. Wolfram, National Secretary of the Steuben Society and several officers of the Steuben Society of Milwaukee.

### Normal College

The Committee on the Normal College submitted the following report by its secretary, E. A. Hennig.

To the 33rd Convention of the

American Turnerbund:

Gut Heil!

Your Committee on the Normal College organized with Dr. Edward Luehr as Chairman and Edward A. Hennig, Secretary.

The following report of Dean Emil Rath was presented to this committee and thoroughly considered:

To the Convention of the

American Turnerbund:

Gut Heil:

The following description of the status of the Normal College is addressed to you with the hope that you will give it your earnest consideration.

The Normal College is at the crossroads. It has reached a position at a time when its future is most clouded; its very existence uncertain. The convention should be informed of this so as to determine the course it may take. We have grown from a small school offering a one year course to a small number of young men, to an institution offering a four year course with an attendance of nearly 150 students. Founded many years ago by the American Turnerbund for the purpose of training teachers for its Turnverein, it is today preparing not only these but also men and women who, by virtue of the education that they receive, are supervisors of Departments of Health and Physical Education in cities, many who are assistants to these supervisors, heads of Normal Schools, teachers in Colleges and Universities, and in Elementary and High Schools. The appended list, to which please refer, shows the positions its graduates now hold. There is likewise appended a number of testimonials

from some of the leading educators in Health and Physical Education in America showing the place the Normal College has attained in educational circles. Additional information is also added.

We are now face to face with the question: "To be or not to be?" Shall the Normal College pause at this level of its progress, exist for a few more years and then give up the ghost, leaving no trace of the contributions of our forefathers, the founders of the American Turnerbund? It cannot continue in its present condition for any great length of time because states are constantly raising their teacher training requirements and in the course of time will accept only graduates from institutions that are members of college associations. It is obvious that our attendance will decrease once a student can no longer get a state certificate. To join such a college association requires a large endowment fund, many facilities, and abundant equipment.

Or shall it receive the financial support it merits, by virtue of its contributions to Physical Education in America, by virtue of the place it has achieved in American Education, acquire its own property and buildings and become a permanent, self-sustaining independent organization, forever proclaiming the ideals and principles that actuated its origin? Let us give some thought to these prospects.

Merely to continue in our present stage of development requires at least sufficient facilities. As you know, our present quarters, rented from the Indianapolis Turnverein, have become entirely inadequate because of the growth of the school. There is a further possibility of the Turnverein disposing of its building and leave the Normal College without a home. Thus the first suggestion, i. e. to continue for a few more years, necessitates finding a suitable home for the Normal College in Indianapolis or elsewhere. A proposition made to the Board of Trustees at the April meeting,

to give the Normal College these much needed facilities in the Indianapolis Athenaeum upon consultation with architects proved to be a costly undertaking and revealed the uncertainty of the Athenaeum's existence. To fit the present building for a four year course in Health and Physical Education would involve an expenditure of nearly \$13,000.00. The question of where to raise the money was superseded by the aforementioned discovery that the Athenaeum might not be at our disposal in the near future. In this respect we are thus faced with definite uncertainty.

If on the other hand the American Turnerbund wishes to perpetuate its name there is no better means than by placing its Normal College on a sound financial basis and by making it a permanent, independent institution. It would not be difficult to bring such a school into affiliation with a larger institution where our students could acquire all the benefits and privileges that the diploma or degree of such an institution would embody, and at the same time retain its independence and give its students the thorough training for which it is noted.

Are there, in the American Turnerbund, enough enthusiastic members, firm believers in its cause, to perpetuate their names in this manner? Does the Turnerbund have men in its midst who would save its soul, who would leave for posterity the cumulative efforts of the past and present members of the American Turnerbund? "That which a man does for himself dies with him, that which a man does for his fellow man, his community, lives forever."

This year concludes 22 years of my service to the Normal College and 33 years to the American Turnerbund, the first eleven of which were spent in the Central Turnverein, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. I trust you will pardon this personal reference, but I should like you to know that my aim in life has been to bring the Normal College to an edu-

cational level, the equal of any similar institution. I believe I have reached that goal. It is now my ambitious hope that it become an independent school associated with some university so that the work of the Turners, crystallized in the work of its Normal College, find a permanent place in the annals of some university and thus in the History of Education in America. Regardless of what may happen to the American Turnerbund in this manner it will leave a permanent record in the history of our adopted fatherland.

With Turner Greetings,

Respectfully submitted,

Emil Rath.

Note: List of Graduates, Supervisors, etc., also Testimonials referred to in above report may be procured from Dean Rath of the Normal College.

Whereas the above report indicates that the operation of our Normal College under present conditions for any length of time seems very doubtful, we recommend:

That the Normal College Committee of the National Executive Board in connection with the board of Trustees of the Normal College, get in touch with interested parties immediately for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not it may be possible for our Normal College to affiliate with some other college or university, such affiliation to be consummated without losing the identity of our institution, and that if favorable conditions present themselves for such an affiliation, the trustees of the College and the National Executive Board combined be empowered to carry out any plan which to them shall seem to be in the best interests of the Normal College.

We further recommend that the National Executive Board take immediate steps to create an adequate fund to make such an affiliation possible.

We further recommend that the college be continued in Indianapolis for the present.

We further recommend that the appro-

priation of Six Thousand Dollars per year be continued for the ensuing two years.

We further recommend that this convention extend a vote of thanks to those in charge of the management of the College for their unselfish devotion to the institution.

Committee on the Normal College

Dr. Edward Luehr, Chairman.

Edward A. Hennig, Secretary.

This report was adopted as a whole.

An enthusiastic rising vote of thanks was given to the Trustees, Administrative Officers, and Faculty of the Normal College for the very valuable and efficient work which they rendered and for their unselfish devotion to the institution.

### Financial Committee

The Financial Committee by its Secretary, W. J. Rieke, submitted the following report:

To the 33rd Convention of the

American Turnerbund:

Gut Heil-

Your Committee on Finance organized with Turner C. H. Branditz as Chairman and Turner W. J. Rieke as Secretary.

The committee has audited the cash accounts of the treasurer to June 20, 1931, and has found them in order.

1. The cash balance on June 20, 1931 is \$3985.71 in the Treasury of the American Turnerbund.

2. The books of the Jahn Educational Fund show that on June 20, 1931, there was on hand:

Savings account .....\$1269.14

Checking account ..... 336.44

Undeposited Coupons .. 828.66

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\$2434.24

3. Bonds to the amount of \$45,000 are in a safe deposit box in the Union Savings Bank in Pittsburgh, as is also mortgage on Camp Brosius for \$6500.00 belonging to the Jahn Educational Fund.

4. The Treasurer's report of March 31, 1931, shows outstanding \$9959.30 for unpaid per capita tax.

5. The committee realizes that included in this amount are the taxes of some societies who are in arrears for several years and are in poor financial condition. We recommend that the National Executive Committee be authorized to negotiate the best settlement possible of this balance of March 31, 1931. This may appear to grant exceptional powers to the National Executive Committee, but it is this committee's wish that the American Turnerbund retain all these Societies and help them along, without establishing any precedents.

6. In view of this, the committee further recommends that societies in establishing their dues, should endeavor to collect from their members the per capita tax as a separate item, and immediately deposit same in a different account so that when the time comes to pay the per capita tax, they will not find it a burden.

7. On March 31, 1931, the American Turnerbund had a balance in the bank of \$2939.47, \$5,000.00 in bonds, making a total of cash assets amounting to \$7,939.47 on hand.

8. We further recommend that the Secretary's books be on hand for the next convention for the use of the Finance and Auditing Committees.

**9. That every effort be made to collect the unpaid special taxes and that the names of the Societies who are in arrears be published in the Annual Report of the American Turnerbund, and that the names of the Societies no longer affiliated with the American Turnerbund be dropped from the list.**

The committee was not furnished with a report by certified public accountant as was recommended by the Finance Committee of the 32nd Convention of the American Turnerbund. The treasurer stated that he was unable to get this for us.

With Turner Greetings,  
C. H. Branditz, Chairman  
W. J. Rieke, Secretary  
John Howison  
Chas. Thinger.  
Art. Vogelsanger

This report was acted upon by paragraphs, and was adopted with the addition of paragraph 9 which was added by the convention as a substitute for a similar recommendation made by the committee. This report was then adopted in its entirety. This report originally contained paragraphs recommending the fixing of the per capita tax and recommending payments to the Jahn Fund and to the Instructors' Benefit Fund, but these paragraphs were declared to be in the jurisdiction of the Committee on National Affairs and beyond the powers of this Committee.

A motion was duly made and adopted that a report by a Firm of Certified Public Accountants be submitted at future Conventions with the Annual Report of the Treasurer of the National Executive Committee.

#### **Committee on Platforms and Statutes**

The Committee on Platforms and Statutes, by its Secretary, Geo. F. Roth, read its report.

At the completion of the first reading of this report and before any action was taken on the report, the Convention adjourned till 2:00 P. M.

#### **Fourth Session, Sunday Afternoon, June 28, 1931**

Convention called to order by Chairman Sputh at 2:05 P. M.

The reading of the minutes of the preceding session was dispensed with.

The Report of the Committee on Platform and Statutes, being unfinished business, was taken up and read and acted upon by paragraphs. This report was as follows:

To the 33rd National Convention  
of the American Turnerbund:  
Gut Heil!

Your Committee on Platform and Statutes organized as follows: Louis Mueller, Chairman and Geo. F. Roth, Secretary.

No paper having been referred to this committee, we naturally felt that we

should do something that we think would benefit the Turnerbund, therefore we are presenting the following for your consideration.

**The officers of the National Executive Committee shall act as officers of the Convention until the permanent organization is completed.**

Order of business in conducting the opening of the National Convention and the selection of its officers and committees shall be as follows:

1. Opening of the convention by the National President and receiving of addresses of welcome.
2. Selection of the committee on Credentials by the National President.
3. Report of the National President and all National Officers.
4. Report of the committee on Credentials.
5. Election of the permanent officers of the convention as follows:
  - A. The election of the permanent Chairman, who then takes charge of the convention.
  - B. Election of the Permanent Vice Chairman.
  - C. Election of the 1st Secretary.
  - D. Election of the 2nd Secretary.
  - E. Election of an Honorary Chairman.
6. The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Convention, with the assistance of the National Officers, shall appoint the following committees of accredited delegates, provided, however, that the convention itself may augment the committees at its pleasure on the convention floor.
7. **The districts are to be requested to designate on reverse side of credentials their wishes as to committee duty assignment of each delegate and this district request may be complied with.**

Committees to be appointed are as follows:

1. Rules and Classification



2. National Affairs
3. Platform and Statutes
4. Normal College
5. Educational—Mental Training
6. Technical Committee
7. National Publication
8. Finance
9. Committee on Resolutions
10. Grievance Committee

With Turner Greetings,  
 Louis Mueller Chairman  
 Geo. F. Roth, Secretary

After considerable discussion and after the addition of the two paragraphs in bold faced type, the report was adopted in its entirety.

A motion was made and carried that, in the future, in the voting at meetings of the various committees of the convention the issues be decided by a vote of the individual members of the committee present.

### **Committee on National Publication**

The Committee on National Publication by its Secretary, B. G. Krause, submitted the following report for consideration.

To the 33rd Convention of the American Turnerbund:

Gut Heil!

The committee organized by electing Dr. Otto M. Koenig as Chairman and B. G. Krause as Secretary.

We recommend that the Amerikanische Turnzeitung be continued and strenuous steps be taken to obtain 500 new subscribers, in order to place this paper on a self-sustaining basis. That if this increase in subscribers is not secured, the American Turnerbund underwrite the deficit. This deficit is deemed to be an increase in the subsidy now being paid from \$20.00 to \$30.00 per week immediately.

This committee recommends the adoption of the proposal presented by Turner Gus P. Berkes, Jr., for the publication of a monthly magazine devoted to the interests of Turnerism.

This proposal comprises the following:

- (a) To publish, as a private en-

terprise, a monthly magazine devoted to the interests of Turnerism, Gymnastics, Mental Culture, Swimming, and Sports in General.

- (b) To name this publication RECREATION, which defined, means "the act of making new", "refreslment and rebuilding of mind or body by any exercise or occupation that diverts or gives pleasure, as a change of work."
- (c) That, while this publication will not be considered in any way an official organ of the American Turnerbund, it will always foster its principles and never publish anything that can be deemed detrimental to the interests of the American Turnerbund.
- (d) That its circulation will comprise as far as possible paid subscriptions from the members of the American Turnerbund and associates, and all people interested in sports in general.
- (e) That the publication is to be considered an advertising medium for all reputable manufacturers and producers of equipment and supplies which might be purchased by its readers.
- (f) Any subsequent points of agreement will be mutually entertained by the publishers and the American Turnerbund, should these be necessary.
- (g) The success of this enterprise can be guaranteed only if we obtain ten pages of advertising which will insure covering the necessary production costs. This fact should be borne in mind and ways and means of securing the needed support devised. Unless this can be brought about, it will not be possible for us to launch the publication.

This recommendation is based on previous reports and data obtained by the National Executive Committee and is

based on reports appearing on pages 14, 15 and 16 of the Annual Report of the National Executive Committee for the year ending April 1, 1931.

Respectfully submitted,

The Committee on National Organ

O. M. Koenig, M. D., Chairman

B. G. Krause, Secretary

This Report was adopted as a whole after some discussion, and after a complete explanation by Turner Berkes of his proposed plan and publication.

### **Mental Culture Committee**

The Mental Culture Committee, by its Secretary, Adolph Varrelmann, submitted the following report for the consideration of the convention.

To the 33rd Convention of the

American Turnerbund:

Gut Heil!

Your Committee on Mental Culture organized by electing Turner Otto Kallmeyer, Chairman and Turner Adolf Varrelmann, Secretary.

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

1. To re-submit the following recommendations by the Mental Culture Committee of the 32nd Convention.

Due to local conditions of the various societies, strict lines cannot be laid down for mental work, and it may become necessary to deviate from the following recommendations. We recommend:

1. That efforts be continued to introduce into the Normal College a course in conformity with the purpose of the Jahn Fund, in which speakers and teachers for mental training can be trained.

2. That the societies of the Turnerbund shall use all possible methods and means to further and conserve the German language.

3. That the issuance of Society newspapers and bulletins be encouraged and a mutual exchange take place.

4. We recommend the adoption of the following recommendations advocated by the National Executive Committee:

(a) Debates of district societies are to be held semi-annually. The two teams obtaining the highest number of points, to meet in a final debate, during the days of the next District Festival.

(b) The team receiving the highest number of points at the District Festival, to meet the victors of other districts during the days of the National Festival.

(c) The debates of the District Societies are to be conducted and judged by the district committee on Mental Activities; this committee also to select topics for debates.

(d) Final debates to be held during the days of the National Festival, are to be conducted under the supervision of the National Committee on Mental Activities and the rules and regulations governing national competition.

(e) Topics for debates are to be selected by the National Committee, and are to be printed and distributed free of charge to the societies.

(f) Suitable prizes are to be provided by the National Executive Committee, to be paid for out of the treasury of the "Jahn Educational Fund", and distributed to the victors at the conclusion of the National Festival.

5. We further recommend that where it is locally possible, mental activities such as music, singing, and drama be introduced and encouraged.

2. Your Committee further submits the following:

1. That the recommendations submitted by the Indiana District pertaining to the production and distribution of Turner literature is amply covered by the National Committee's activities as recorded by the last annual report, pages 17, 18 and 19.
2. An earnest effort should be made to have diplomas and wreaths, won by contestants in Mental Training at our National Festivals distributed before the close of the Festival (This can be effected by arranging for a conference between the members of the Technical Committee and Auditing Committee, in conjunction with the members of the Local Festival Committee.)
3. We recommend that an annual award be made to Societies showing the greatest activity in Mental Training. The National Executive Committee to issue such diplomas and other honors which they in their judgement may deem proper to confer.
4. That the National President be requested, if in any way possible, to arrange for the publication of his literary contributions in the column of the National Organ.
5. That we encourage the presentation of Dramatic performances during the days of our National Festivals. Local Society talent is to be given preference to avoid unduly high expenditures.
6. We heartily approve of the mental activities in the Ohio District and recommend that the Ohio District be requested to mail copies of their semi-annual educational conferences to all Districts of the Turnerbund.
7. Realizing that the radio has in no small degree supplanted much of our wholesome family entertainment, such as children responding to the request to entertain home

gatherings, we wish to impress upon the minds of all Turners that they must encourage the children by calling on them at all times to demonstrate their talents in speaking, music, etc. We recommend that we must not depend upon our radio entirely for entertainment, as many speakers and artists have become successful because of the fact that they had received encouragement at home, school and civic programs.

8. As an example of fruitful propaganda for the Turner cause we heartily recommend the splendid work of Miss Mildred D. Schoen of Sheboygan, Wisconsin. Advertising is the secret of success in business. We must make our ideals and beneficent work known to the public, for no one can appreciate or admire a thing that is not known or understood. Newspapers will gladly publish articles pertaining to our activities if furnished them in acceptable form, saying something that is worth while, and will be looked upon by the press as news. Miss Schoen has proved positively that proper propaganda can be carried on in the press if intelligently and persistently done.
9. The Committee on Mental Culture of the Turnvereins should also serve as a promotional or publicity department to advocate and propagate the theories and principles of Turnerism among those who are unacquainted with our cause. It should of course provide mental training for its own members; enlighten them on all topics of civic interest through lectures and debates. However a more necessary and important job for this committee is to advertise and broadcast the splendid principles of Turnerism to the world.

It should contact all of the out-



side agencies who can be interested in the work of our society and seek their cooperation and support in all of our undertakings.

It should be the committee of our society that should curry favor and solicit the cooperation of the Municipal Officials, School Boards, Park Boards, and such Public bodies that can be of service and aid to our cause.

This committee should be composed of the best minds and the best thinkers of the society, men who are thoroughly familiar with the aims and objectives of our cause and who are by training and experience able to impress and command the respect of those outside of our institution who may be able and willing to endorse our cause.

10. We recommend that the changes, alterations, and additions in the Rules Governing National Festivals submitted by the National Executive Committee be adopted, as follows:

Part IX, Paragraph 1, to read: The National Committee on Mental Training shall have full charge of all matters pertaining to Mental Activities and efforts of societies and their members. These exercises consist of the following:

- A. Mental Activities of Societies.
- B. Literary Prize essays.
- C. Elocutionary Contests.
- D. Prize Singing and Chorus Work.
- E. Dramatic Performances.
- F. Exhibitions of School Work.

Part IX, Paragraph B-19 to read: In judging essays, it is immaterial whether they are submitted in English or German. They are to be written legibly, on one side of the paper only, preferably typewritten. Two copies to be submitted to the National Committee on Mental Training.

Part IX, Paragraph B-24 to read: For each theme a number of prizes are to be awarded, whose rank is determined by the number of points obtained. To be eligible for a first prize, at least 90 points must be obtained; for a second prize, at least 80 points, and for a third, 75 points are necessary. Essays credited with less than 75 points are not entitled to a prize.

Part IX, Paragraph B-25, to read: A. Covering Principles of the American Turnerbund, its history and Turning. (By condensing the present groups A, B and C, to form new group A). B. Covering Science of Education, Religion, Philosophy and History. (By condensing present groups D, E and H, to form new group B.)

C. Covering Science of Agriculture, Economics and Sociology. (by condensing present groups F and G, to form new group C.)

D. Covering Literature, Music and the Arts (Architecture, Sculpture, Painting, etc.) (By condensing present groups I, J and K, to form new group D.)

E. New group to be composed of such subjects as the National Committee on Mental Training may deem advisable and appropriate to submit for competition; also self-chosen themes, not classified under the above groups.

Part IX, Paragraph C-29, to read: Each contestant shall recite from memory a self chosen poem not exceeding 200 verse lines

That the paragraph alluding to alterations and amendments to the Rules and Regulations Governing National Festivals be amended to read: That the Technical Committee and the Committee on Mental Training be entitled to submit suggestions and motions to these rules and regulations for the considera-



tion of the National Convention.

Submitted with Turner Greetings by the Committee on Mental Training:

Otto Kallmeyer, Chairman

Adolph Varrelmann, Secretary

It was moved and seconded that the above report be adopted in toto. Motion carried.

### **Committee on National Affairs**

The Committee on National Affairs, by Geo. Seibel, a member of that Committee, submitted the following report for the consideration of the Convention. To the 33rd Convention of the

American Turnerbund:

Gut Heil!

Your committee on National Affairs organized with Edward Groth as Chairman and Fred Lorenz as Secretary.

1. We propose that the recommendation of the Ohio District adopted at the 32nd Convention of the American Turnerbund be readopted and the Executive Committee requested to make it mandatory to debate these recommendations through the committee on Mental Training.

2. We further recommend, in referring to publicity for societies, that a prize of \$25.00 be offered out of the Jahn Fund for the best paper, German or English, on practical methods of publicity.

3. We recommend that a National Bureau of Publicity be formed.

4. We recommend to the societies of the American Turnerbund to stress the word TURNER in their publicity so that every one in their city will know their society as "Turner Society".

5. We recommend that a committee of three be appointed by the convention to revise the By-Laws for the purpose of obtaining a better representation of the Districts on the Executive Board, and that this committee be instructed to submit this proposed revision to the next National Convention.

6. We recommend that members pos-

sessing the diploma for fifty years' membership be exempted from the payment of dues.

7. We recommend that the convention telegraph the President of the United States our greetings and expression of approval of his efforts to bring relief and to alleviate business depression through the suspension of war debt payments.

8. Because of the alarming decrease in interest in Turnerism, the committee suggests that the National Executive Committee be instructed to make stronger efforts to get in closer and more frequent contact with the various districts to effect an awakening. We also urge that the Executive Committee make use of the radio for broadcasting the benefits of gymnastic instruction as promulgated by the Turners.

9. Contending that partiality is shown, the committee urges a change of the immigration laws to allow as many German people to enter the United States as any others.

10. We submit for the consideration of the convention the invitations of societies in Chicago, Cincinnati, Milwaukee, Louisville, Davenport and Kansas City, to hold the next National Convention in their cities.

11. We recommend the adoption of the suggestion for the appointment of a National Transportation Committee and that such a Committee be appointed preferably one member from the eastern part of the United States, one member from the Central States, and one member from the Western States for the purpose of obtaining and organizing all possible information as to cheapest rates and best service on any prospective travelling of Societies, Districts, or National Organization. That the Turners engaged in Transportation work for railroads shall be appointed on such committees and such services shall be without expense to the American Turnerbund, Districts or Societies.

12. We submit for the consideration

of the convention the invitations of Cleveland, Ohio, and Indianapolis, Indiana, for the Turnfest in 1934.

13. We recommend that a letter of commendation be sent to the Chicago Tribune for the arrangement of the Chicagoland Sport Congress, held at Chicago, June 21, 1931.

14. We recommend the support of the Pioneer Section of the American Turnbund.

15. Be it resolved by the 33rd Convention of the American Turnbund that the United States Senate be requested by our National Executive Committee to take up the Bill known as the Shipsted Bill at their very earliest opportunity.

16. Resolved that we extend, through the National Executive Board, our greeting to the National Council of the Steuben Society, our gratification at such co-operation as has been possible in the past, and our hope that such mutually profitable relations may be further extended to the advantage of both organizations and the advancement of our common ideals.

17. We recommend the adoption of the Proposal for the Establishment of the Physical Instructors' Beneficial Fund, which is made jointly by the Socialer Turnverein of Cleveland and the Germania Turnverein Vorwaerts of Cleveland in accordance with the following resolution.

**Resolution Relating to Physical  
Instructors' Beneficial Fund  
Submitted by Socialer Turnverein and  
Germania Turnverein Vorwaerts,  
Cleveland, Ohio**

Whereas, the American Turnbund is desirous that the Socialer Turnverein of Cleveland and the Germania Turnverein Vorwaerts of Cleveland undertake the control and operation of what is to be known as the Physical Instructors' Beneficial Fund and,

Whereas, the American Turnbund has heretofore set aside the sum of Five

Thousand Dollars (\$5000.00) with interest for this Fund, and,

Whereas, the above Cleveland Turn-Vereins are willing to donate the sum of Twenty-Five Hundred Dollars (\$2500) each, toward the establishment of said Fund.

Now, Therefore, be it resolved that the American Turnbund in Convention assembled be advised that the Socialer Turn-Verein of Cleveland and the Germania Turnverein Vorwaerts of Cleveland will each pay into said Fund the sum of Twenty-Five Hundred Dollars (\$2500.00) cash, when and upon the following conditions:

First:—That the Trustees of said Fund shall consist of seven (7) members; three (3) selected from each of the above Turn-Vereins. These six (6) trustees shall select a 7th with the approval of the National Executive Committee. The seven Trustees or their successors shall hold perpetual office and shall have perpetual control of said Fund except as herein otherwise stated. In case of the death or retirement of any of the seven original Trustees, his place shall be filled in the same manner as provided above.

Second:—That the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5000.00) with interest, heretofore set aside by the American Turnbund towards this Fund be turned over to the Trustees of the Fund by the National Executive Committee as soon as said Trustees are selected, thereby forming an initial Fund of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) or more.

Third:—The Trustees and their successors shall receive all contributions and gifts for the above Fund, and shall have power to invest the same in United States Government Bonds or other State or Municipal Issues, and have power to distribute the income for the purposes for which the fund was designed; but if the original purpose of the Trust Fund shall at any time cease to exist, the Trustees shall turn back the existing

Trust Fund to the general treasury of the Turnerbund.

Fourth:—Until a plan has been definitely worked out and approved, it shall be possible for the Trustees of the Fund, in their sole discretion, to use the income for rendering aid to any instructors of any Turn Vereins, who shall be in need through illness, accident, or other misfortune. Rules shall be adopted as to the manner in which said cases can be brought to the notice of the Trustees, and a true copy thereof delivered to the American Turnerbund and approved by the Executive Committee, and as to the maximum amount which may be paid to any person, also as to the qualifications necessary to entitle recipient to such aid. The said Trust-agreement to contain a paragraph making it obligatory upon said Trustees to make a true accounting of said fund and their actions, at every National Convention of the American Turnerbund.

Fifth:—That five cents of the collected annual per capita tax be paid to the Trustees of this Fund by the American Turnerbund for the purpose of increasing this Fund.

Sixth:—That no Trustees of the Fund shall receive any salary or other compensation from the principal or income of the Fund; that the details of the working plan shall be worked out by the Trustees, and all the officers of the National Executive Committee and all Turners of all Societies shall be invited to make any suggestions towards the working out of this plan.

Respectfully submitted,  
Socialer Turnverein, Cleveland, Ohio  
Germania Turnverein Vorwaerts, Cleveland, Ohio.

18. We recommend that the National Executive Board remain with the Pittsburgh District.

19. We recommend that the per capita tax remain at 50 cents.

20. We recommend that 5 cents from each per capita collected be deposited in

the Jahn Educational Fund, and 5 cents in the Physical Instructors' Beneficial Fund, if amount be available.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Edward Groth, Chairman  
Fred Lorenz, Secretary

The above report was considered and was adopted as printed, by paragraphs and in its entirety. This report, as originally submitted, contained a paragraph recommending that money be appropriated from the Jahn Fund for radio propaganda to gain new members. This recommendation was defeated due to questionable efficacy of radio for this purpose.

In reference to Paragraph 18, of the above report, Turner Seibel, on behalf of the Pittsburgh District, accepted the continuation of the assignment of the National Executive Board to the Pittsburgh District but states that it was the desire of the present National Officers to relinquish these duties at the end of the coming term of two years and expressed the hope that, in two years, many other cities would prepare themselves to take over the duties of the National Executive Committee.

Greetings were received by the Convention from Turner Fred Olt of the Ohio District who expressed his regret at his inability to be present.

Mrs. Kathryn Hoebel addressed the convention, conveying a suggestion which was made at the National Convention of the Ladies Auxiliary relating to aid for the Normal College. The gist of this suggestion was to make an investigation of the possibility of obtaining state aid for the Normal College.

The Committee on Resolutions, by Alban Wolff, submitted the following resolutions which had been referred to this committee:

Resolution by the Illinois District.

Resolved that a telegram reading as follows be sent to Herbert M. Hoover, President of the United States of America:

'To the Honorable Herbert M. Hoover,  
President of the United States of Amer-  
ica,  
Washington, D. C.

The American Turnerbund represent-  
ing more than 30,000 loyal citizens of the  
United States, tender greetings to our  
President, and hereby express our hearty  
approval of your worthy efforts to bring  
relief and to alleviate business depres-  
sion through suspension of war debt pay-  
ments.

American Turnerbund  
National Convention

This resolution was unanimously  
adopted.

Resolution by the New York District  
requesting the unconditional pardoning  
of Thomas Mooney and Warren K. Bil-  
lings.

Whereas, the State of California  
through the power of its courts and an-  
tagonistic attitude of its Governors, has,  
for over fourteen years kept confined  
and suffering unjust punishment, Thomas  
Mooney and Warren K. Billings,

And whereas, this continued injustice  
is a direct defiance of all progressive and  
right thinking people, and a threat  
against the peace and security of the  
common people of the State of Califor-  
nia, and whereas this attitude is con-  
trary to the tenets and principles of just-  
ice as interpreted by the American Turn-  
erbund, therefore be it resolved:

That we, the American Turnerbund  
protest against the continued incarceration  
of Thomas Mooney and Warren K.  
Billings, and demand their immediate  
and unconditional pardon.

This resolution was adopted.

Resolution by the Upper Mississippi  
District relating to certificate of affilia-  
tion.

Whereas, National Fraternities issue  
to their subordinate Societies or Lodges  
a certificate showing affiliation with the  
National Organization, and,

Whereas, such a certificate gives pres-  
tige to the local Lodge or Society, and  
impresses upon the minds of both the

old and the new members that they are  
a part of a National Fraternity, and,

Whereas, no Turner Society now has  
nor, as we verily believe, ever did have  
such a certificate indicating affiliation  
with the National Turnerbund, and

Whereas, we believe it to be to the  
advantage and advancement of Turner-  
ism that such a certificate be issued to  
each Turner Society now affiliated with  
the National Turnerbund, in that such a  
certificate would be appreciated and cher-  
ished by the membership, and

Whereas, we believe new Societies be-  
coming affiliated with the National Turn-  
erbund should be given substantial evi-  
dence of such affiliation which may be  
displayed in their halls, therefore be it

Resolved: That this convention ap-  
proves the issuing of Certificates of af-  
filiation by the Turnerbund, to all so-  
cieties belonging to the Turnerbund and  
also to all new Turner Societies as they  
become affiliated.

Such certificates as each Society may  
receive, to be prominently displayed in  
their respective meeting Halls as a testi-  
monial of affiliation and a constant re-  
minder to members of the National char-  
acter of the organization.

This resolution was adopted.

Resolution relating to the Celebration  
of the Two Hundredth Anniversary of  
the Birth of George Washington.

Whereas, the Congress of the United  
States has created a Commission to ar-  
range a fitting nation-wide observance of  
the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the  
Birth of George Washington in 1932,  
and

Whereas, the Commission so created,  
composed of the President of the United  
States, the Vice-President of the United  
States, the Speaker of the House of Rep-  
resentatives, four members of the United  
State Senate, four members of the  
House of Representatives, and eight citi-  
zens appointed by the President of the  
United States, is charged with the duty  
of planning and directing the celebration,  
and



Whereas, the high purpose of the event is to commemorate the life, character, and achievements of the most illustrious citizen of our Republic and to give every man, woman and child, living under the Stars and Stripes an opportunity to take part in the celebration, which will be outstanding in the world's history, and

Whereas the United States George Washington Bicentennial Commission, desiring the full cooperation of the people in the United States has extended a most cordial and urgent invitation to our organization to participate in the celebration, therefore be it

Resolved, that the American Turnbund does hereby endorse the program of observance of the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Birth of George Washington to take place in 1932; accept with appreciation, the invitation of the George Washington Bicentennial Commission in all possible ways, and pledge this organization to extend earnest cooperation to the United States Commission so that future generations of American citizens may be inspired to live according to the example and precepts of Washington's exalted life and character, and thus perpetuate the American Republic, and be it further

Resolved, that this resolution be incorporated in the official proceeding of this Convention and that a copy thereof be transmitted to the United States George Washington Bicentennial Commission, Washington, D. C.

This resolution was adopted.

There being no further Committee Reports, the Chairman called for new business.

Invitations for the next convention were received from the following organizations:

Cincinnati Turngemeinde  
Illinois Turnbezirk  
Louisville Turngemeinde  
Davenport Turngemeinde  
Kansas City Socialer Turnverein  
Milwaukee Turnverein

After cordial invitations had been presented by the claimants for each of the above localities, Turner Saltiel of the Illinois District suggested that the next convention be held at Elkhart Lake.

Motion made and seconded that the next convention be held at Elkhart Lake. Carried.

Upon the call of Chairman Spath for invitations for the Turnfest to be held in 1934, Carl Volk of the Lake Erie District, in an eloquent address extended a cordial invitation on behalf of the Germania Turnverein Vorwaerts and the Socialer Turnverein to hold the National Turnfest in Cleveland in 1934. This was followed by an illustrated talk by Herman Eisele of the Lake Erie District, showing, by means of charts and enlarged photographs, the adequate and compact facilities of the City of Cleveland for holding a Turnfest.

Dr. C. B. Spath, on behalf of Indianapolis, Indiana, stated that they had been planning on having the Turnfest, and explained the arrangements which they had made for this purpose. However, at the end of his talk, in view of the superior claims of the City of Cleveland, he graciously moved that the invitation of the Cleveland Twins, Germania Turnverein Vorwaerts, and Socialer Turnverein, be accepted, and that the next National Turnfest be held in Cleveland. This motion was enthusiastically carried.

Moved and seconded that the National Executive Committee appoint the Committee of three to formulate the proposed revision of the By-Laws for the purpose of obtaining a better representation on the National Executive Board. Carried

Moved and seconded that a stenographer be provided for the next convention. Motion lost.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to the officers of the Convention for their services.

Motion duly made and carried that, when the convention adjourns, it adjourn with a song.

[An invitation was extended to the

delegates by Turner Richter of Clinton, Massachusetts, to visit his Turnverein if they come to the east.

A vote of thanks was extended to the Board of Trustees of the Normal College for the efficient arrangements made for the convenience of this convention, and for the hospitality extended to the delegates.

Mrs. Marie MacDonald spoke to the convention regarding her experiences in visiting Turnvereins in the west, telling how thankful the societies were to have someone sent to them to inspire them in their work, and expressed her gratitude at being given the opportunity of serving in this manner.

The convention adjourned at 6:00 P. M., to reconvene at 9:00 A. M. at Camp Brosius on Monday morning.

#### **Fifth Session, Monday Morning, June 29, 1931**

The convention was called to order at 9:25 A. M., by the Chairman, Dr. Sputh.

The minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

Turner Richard Turnt delivered an inspirational address covering the obligations and duties of the graduates of the Normal College and urging the delegates to subscribe and secure subscriptions to the Jahn Fund and stressing the fact that it is not what we say here but what we do here that counts.

Turner Saltiel proposed a Turner Greeting to wish a pleasant voyage and safe return to President Seibel on his trip to Norway and Sweden, which was enthusiastically given.

The contestants who took part in the National Turnfest for Juniors then appeared before the Convention for the presentation of diplomas to the victors. The Juniors were addressed by the Honorary Chairman of the Convention, Turner George Seikel of the New Jersey District, and by President George Seibel. Diplomas were then awarded by Dr. Carl B. Sputh, Chairman of the Convention.

Dr. Herman Groth then addressed the convention explaining this National Turnfest for Juniors. The convention gave a Turner Greeting to the Juniors.

Turner Richter announced the donation of \$200.00 for a cabin for Camp Brosius from the New England Turn District.

Turner Branditz of St. Louis gave a brief talk on the inspirational value of bringing the Juniors before the convention and discussed the value of physical education, and referred to the completion of 50 years of service by Turner Kindervater, in the field of Physical Education.

Turner Kindervater, in response, spoke briefly on his career and efforts in behalf of Turner principles and aims.

Turner Pfustler spoke and brought out the fact that in subscribing \$25.00 to the Jahn Fund, 5 years were allotted to pay in installments and offered to take subscriptions at the end of the convention.

Turner Deuss extended an invitation to the delegates to visit Sheboygan and explained how the word Sheboygan originated.

Turner Klose, stated that the New York Turnverein was endeavoring to complete its quota for the Jahn Fund, and explained the various means which they employ to raise money, for this purpose.

Turner Kindervater and 14 members of the Turnerbund were made Fellows of Physical Education among 40 so honored at Detroit by the National Physical Education Association.

Turner Seikel called attention to, and gave credit for the above affair to Dr. Marooney, a pupil of the Normal College, who made this possible.

Turner Otto Kallmeyer announced his personal donation of \$25.00 to the Jahn Fund.

The convention adjourned with "Turner auf zum Streite" and three "Gut

Heils" for the welfare of the American  
Turnerbund, at 11:00 A. M. Monday  
Morning, June 29, 1931.

Herman Eisele, English Secretary  
Edward Brink, German Secretary

Note: All Resolutions, where this was  
necessary, were sent to the proper au-  
thorities and all telegrams and greetings  
were acknowledged.

Wm. Voelker, National Secretary