OFFICIAL MINUTES
OF THE
34th CONVENTION
OF THE
American Turnerbund

Held at
Elkhart Lake and Camp Brosius, Wisconsin
June 28 to June 30, 1933
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First Session, Wednesday Afternoon,
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The Thirty-Fourth Convention of the American Turnerbund was called to order by President George Seibel at 3:45 P. M. at Schwartz' Hall.

Turner Werner Schaeffer, President of the Wisconsin District of the American Turnerbund made a brief address of welcome.

President George Seibel then submitted his Annual Message as follows

Message of the President

Once again, perhaps for the last time, I greet the Convention of the American Turnerbund, an organization we all love and whose principles we all revere. Our Association, like every other institution in this country, has suffered from the depression that has swept over our land because our lawmakers and rulers ignore those enlightened principles set down in the Turner platform. Now that a change is coming over the national scene, and the iniquitous prohibition law is already practically nullified, we may hope for new progress and growth.

As I have told several previous conventions, the Pittsburgh District hopes to see some other District placed at the helm. We have been and are sincere in that desire—it is time to remove the headquarters, to infuse fresh blood into our organization. Let the committee canvass the situation carefully and recommend a change that will mean new leadership and fresh vigor.

I have seen and felt many heartening demonstrations of your affection and loyalty toward me as your leader. In laying down my office, I should like to see a new impetus given to all our activities.

Again I would urge all the Districts to do their duty by organizing new societies. Select some city without a
Turnverein, canvass from house to house for members, do not quit until your purpose is achieved.

So also let every society plan and work to double its own membership. It can be done. But every member will have to work. Do not be afraid to ask anyone to join because you think he is too high-up. The American Turnerbund is just as high-up as any prospective member.

We have something to build upon—the Jahn Educational Fund for the promotion of our work in the field of mental training, the Instructors' Fund for the benefit of aged and unfortunate teachers. The next thing we will have to do is to provide for the permanent home and endowment of our splendid Normal College, which has had to struggle against adverse conditions during the past two years. The plans prepared by Eugene Stopper of the Philadelphia Turngemeinde, furnish a basis to make the College a permanent monument to the Turner cause. Here is a field for the generosity of a new Ezra Cornell or Andrew Carnegie—an opportunity to build a memorial more enduring than brass.

In a few days hundreds of American Turners will make the pilgrimage to Stuttgart, for the German Turnfest. They will be sure of a cordial welcome, and will carry to Germany our Turner principles of tolerance and liberalism.

It is also time to begin preparations for our National Turnfest, to take place in Cleveland during 1924. It should be the greatest Turnfest we have ever held.

Various matters, like the national organ in English, have been held in abeyance because of the financial condition. During the coming years these delayed activities should be pushed to conclusion. There is nothing we cannot do if we but try. There is no reason why the American Turnerbund should not have a half million members—no reason except our apathy and indolence. Let us shake off this sloth and forge ahead, never forgetting our Turner mottoes: "A sound mind in a sound body" and "Liberty, education, and a better world."

GEORGE SEIBEL,
National President.

This message was received with applause.

President Seibel then appointed the following members as a Committee on Credentials: Fred Olt, Martin Nolde, Herman Elisele, Ludwig Berg and Alban Wolff.

While the committee retired to formulate its report, messages of greetings were read from, Theodore Stempfel, Leo M. Rappaport, George Vonnegut, of Indianapolis and William A. Stetcher of Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands. President Seibel then declared a recess until the committee on Credentials would be ready with its report.

After the convention was again called to order the committee on credentials submitted the following report:

To the 34th National Convention of The American Turnerbund

Gut Heil!

The number of votes to which the different districts are entitled and the delegates and alternates present from each district represented, are as follows:

New York: 13 votes, Delegates present 2: Martin Nolde, Berthold Muecke.


Philadelphia: 13 votes, Delegates present 1: Karl Hartig.


New Jersey: 15 votes, Delegates present 2: Martin Nolde, Berthold Muecke. (See note below.)

Ohio: 5 votes, Delegates present 4: Alban Wolff, Wm. O. Beyer, Geo. F. Roth, Fred Olt.

Minnesota: 3 votes, Delegates present 3: Albert Steinhauser, Wm.

North Pacific: 3 votes, Delegates present 1: Carl J. Mettler. (See note below.)

Southern California: 5 votes, Delegates present 1: Carl J. Mettler.

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

Total number of votes to which the districts represented are entitled: 224

Total number of delegates present: 88; alternates, 2.

The Credentials Committee recommends that the request made verbally by the North Pacific District to Turner Henry Kraft for the appointment of a delegate to represent them at this Convention be accepted and that Turner Carl J. Mettler be appointed as delegate to represent that District.

The Credentials Committee further recommends that all alternates present be entitled to seat and voice in the convention.

A motion was made and seconded, that the report of the committee be concurred with. This motion was carried.

(Note: At the Fourth Session, during the consideration of the report from the Committee on Normal College when his attention was called, on a point of order, to Paragraph 52 of the Principles and Statutes of the American Turnerbund, which states that no delegate shall represent more than one district, the Permanent Chairman ruled that the Constitution would have to be followed, thus leaving the New Jersey and the North Pacific Districts without representation, and reducing the total number of votes to which the districts represented are entitled to 206 and the total number of delegates present to 85.)

The following members of the National Executive Committee were also present and were recognized as members of the Convention: George Seibel, Dr. Hermann Groth, Wm. Voelker, Henry J. Thier and Richard Turrnt.

A motion was made and seconded that all the meetings of the Convention be held at Schwartz’ Hall. After considerable discussion a motion was made and seconded and carried to lay this motion on the table.

After some discussion and some informal motions, President Seibel ruled that the Convention would proceed to the selection of permanent officers and that the nominations would be made from the floor.

In response to call for nominations for Permanent Chairman, Dr. Carl B. Spath of the Indiana District, Otto Kallmeyer of the St. Louis District, and Robert Herrmann of the Illinois District were nominated. The voting was by Districts and resulted as follows: Dr. Carl B. Spath 176, Otto Kallmeyer 24, Robert Herrmann 21. Dr. Spath was thereupon declared elected and took the chair.

Dr. Spath thanked the Convention for the courtesy shown him and the confidence placed in him. He called attention to the great amount of work to be done by the Convention. He suggested that it was now high time that we stopped resting on the laurels which were won by the fourty-eighters and that it was very important that a constructive program be mapped out by this Convention to enable the Turnerbund to grow and prosper and that such a program might advantageously include a revision of the direction of the Technical work of the Turnerbund, whereby a chairman might be appointed to head a committee to supervise each type of activity in, order that the amount of work devolving on each member of the Technical Committee would be reduced.

The Chairman then called for nominations for Permanent Secretary of the Convention whereupon Herman Eisele of the Lake Erie District, was nominated and elected by acclamation.

The Chairman then called for nominations for Second Secretary and Fred Olt, of the Ohio District was nominated and unanimously elected.

The Chairman then called for nominations for Honorary Chairman whereupon Turner A. E. Kindervater, of the St. Louis District, was nominated and unanimously elected.

Turner Kindervater graciously expressed his appreciation of the honor bestowed upon him, stating that he had served the Turner cause for 52 years and was still active in Turner work. His address was greeted with a threefold Gut Heil!"

The motion that all of the meetings of this Convention be held at Schwartz’ Hall was now taken from the table and discussed. Upon the taking of a vote the motion was lost, and the Chairman declared that all of the meetings after the first day
would be held at Jahn Hall at Camp Brosius, in accordance with the pre-
arranged program.

The Chairman announced that, in accordance with the rules adopted at
the last Convention, the Chairman and Vice Chairman, with the assis-
tance of the National Officers would submit appointments of delegates to
the Committees of the Convention. The delegates from the several Dis-
tricts were asked to indicate their choice of Committees on their Cre-
dentials, if they had not already done so.

A motion was then made and sec-
onded and carried that the Convention adjourn until 8:00 P. M. at
Schwartz' Hall.

Convention adjourned at 6:00 P. M.

Second Session, Wednesday Evening,
June 28, 1933

The Second Session was called to order at 8:00 P. M. by Chairman Dr.
Sputh at Schwartz' Hall.

A motion was made and seconded and carried that the reading of the minutes of the first session be dispen-
sed with.

The National Secretary then sub-
mitted the following report of the delegates suggested for the respec-
tive committees:

Committee on National Affairs
Berthold Muecke, Edward Groth,
Oscar Buehler, Arthur W. Heidke,
Leopold Saltiel, Robert Hermann,
Henry Kraft, Joe Strohmeyer, E. L.
Hohenstein, Carl Volk, Frank Hein-
rich, Henry Pfeiffer, Henry W. Luth-
er, Karl Hartig, Werner Schäffer,
Andreas Kohary, Fritz John, August
Buchholz, Wm. Mueller, Adolph Oppenheimer, Carl J. Mettler, Fred Olt,
Ex officio: George Seibel and Wm.
Voelker.

Technical Committee
Henry Meyer, George Crumbo, Carl
Klafs, Theo. A. Gross, A. Vogelsang-
er, B. Brockman, A. Buehler, E.
Klafs, Otto Rost, Otto Eckl, Gustav
Bachman, Carl F. Hein, J. J. Zimmer-
man, Edward A. Henning, John P.
Klein, Fritz Nicer, Henry Zingg, Wm.
O. Beyer, A. F. Schintz, Carl Trueg,
Ed. Funke, Victor Schilder, Herbert
Floss, Hans Oechsle, Ludwig N. H.
Berg, Herbert Klier, Carl J. Mettler.
Ex officio: Dr. Hermann Groth.

Committee on Mental Culture
Wm. Sommerer, Chas. R. Weber,
Geo. Neundorf, Conrad Krueck, J.
Fred Steyer, A. Steinhauser. Ex offi-
cio Richard Turnt.

Committee on Normal College
Emil Rath, Chas. Elchln, L. O.
Greiner, Dr. Otto M. Koenig, Henry
Eting, Hermann Wascoe, Harry
Goar, Ben G. Krause, W. H. Har-
vieux, Wm. Reuter, Martin, Norle. Ex
officio: Dr. Hermann Groth.

Committee on Plaform, Statutes and
Grievances
Max Schlegel, John Luthringer,
August Driemeler, Geo. F. Roth,
Christ Bleidestel, Ludwig N. H. Berg.

Committee on Classification and
Resolution
Gottlieb Flick, Alban Wolff, R.
Koenig.

Committee on National Publication
H. Steichmann, Wm. E. Gutzeit,
Fritz Elchbaun, Henry Rieder, Gust-
av Berkes. Ex officio: George Seibel.

Finance Committee
George Waehnsiedler, H. Reinecke,
Chas. Thingar, Theo. H. Freeze, J.

Upon motion duly made and sec-
onded and carried, this report was
adopted.

It was moved and seconded and car-
ed that all Instructors and Tur-
warts present be privileged to attend
the meetings of the Technical Com-
mittee.

The following delegates were ap-
pointed by the Chairman as a Special
Committee to convey the greetings of
this Convention to the Convention of
the National Ladies Auxiliary of the
American Turnerbund and to express
our wish that success may crown
their deliberations. Leo O. Greiner,
Henry W. Luther, and Karl Hartig.

The various Committees were then
assigned to their meeting places.

The Illinois District extended a cor-
dial invitation to all Turners, when
they are at or in the vicinity of Chi-
cago, to visit their Turner Camp and
pass out circulars of invitation to
the delegates for distribution among
the members of their respective soci-
ties.

It was moved and seconded to ad-
Journal until 10:30 A. M. Thursday
Morning June 29, 1933 at Jahn Hall.
After considerable discussion, this motion was carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P. M.

Third Session, Thursday Morning,
June 29, 1933

The Third Session of this Conven-
tion was called to order by Chairman
Dr. Sputh at 10:15 A. M. at Jahn
Hall, Camp Brosius.

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

The biennial report of the Instruc-
tors Fund of the American Turn-
bund was then submitted to the Con-
vention by Herman Elise, Secretary
of this Fund. The following are ex-
tracts from this report:
Receipts, Contributions and Earnings

Total Contributions and Donations ........................................ $10,285.00
Total Interest Earnings .................................................... 489.61
Total Receipts ...................................................................... $10,774.61

Distribution of Moneys of the Fund

Money Invested in Bonds and U. S. Government Certificates $10,140.74
Disbursements and Expenses of Administration ................. 211.51
Money on Deposit in Bank ................................................... 422.36
Total .............................................................................. $10,774.61

Disposition of Earnings

Total Earnings to April 1, 1933 ............................................. 489.61
25% of Earnings Transferred to Principal ......................... $122.42
Distributions & Expense of Administration ....................... 211.51
333.93
Available for Distribution & Administration ....................... 155.68

Assets of Fund

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A motion was made and seconded that the report of the Trustees of the Instructors Fund be accepted with a vote of thanks. Carried.

The Committee on Platform, Statutes and Grievance being ready, submitted their report. After the reading of their report and considerable informal discussion from the floor, the report was referred back to the Committee by the Convention with several suggestions for revision and augmentation.

Chairman of the Convention. Turner Reuter expressed his appreciation of the courtesy shown him by the Convention and briefly recited the history of his various connections with the Turner movement.

Turner L. O. Greiner reported that his Committee consisting of Turners Henry W. Luther, Karl Hartig and himself had extended the greetings and good wishes of this Convention to the National Ladies Auxiliary and that they had been well received, whereupon the Chairman discharged the Committee with thanks.

A motion was made and seconded that the Convention adjourn until 3:00 P. M. Thursday afternoon. Motion carried and the Convention adjourned at 11:15 A. M.

A Committee from the Convention of the Ladies Auxiliary, consisting of Mrs. George Kroncke, Mrs. Christ Karley and Mrs. Kathryn Hoebel, came to this convention to extend the greetings from the National Convention of the Ladies Auxiliaries of the American Turnerbund. Mrs. Hoebel, acting as spokeswoman, presented her message in a very interesting manner. She submitted two recommendations as follows; for the consideration of this convention and recommended that the Convention act favorable upon them: (1) That those Societies, who do not have Ladies Auxiliaries, proceed to organize Ladies Auxiliaries and also that the men urge their wives to join the Ladies Auxiliaries in those societies where Ladies Auxiliaries are now existing and (2) that the Societies invite the women to some of their business meetings in order that the women may become familiar with the problems of the men.

A motion was made and seconded, that in this convention each speaker be limited to three minutes and that he be allowed to speak not more than twice on the same motion.

The fourth session was called to order by Chairman Dr. Sputh at 3:15 P. M. at Jahn Hall.

A motion was made and seconded that the reading of the minutes of the preceding session be dispensed with. Carried.

Chairman Dr. Sputh called attention to the fact that among our delegates was a very efficient instructor, who had long served the Turner cause faithfully in the person of William Reuter of Davenport, Iowa. Upon motion duly made and seconded William Reuter was elected Second Honorary

While the Convention was waiting for the completion of several of the Committee reports, Turner Gross of the Illinois District submitted and explained the recommendation of his district for the proposed Youth Movement.

The Committee then called for reports of any Committee ready to report.

NORMAL COLLEGE

The Committee on the Normal College, by its Secretary, Harry G. Goar, then submitted the following report:

To the 34th Convention of the American Turnerbund.
Gut Hell!

Your Committee on the Normal College organized with Martin Nolde
as Chairman and Harry G. Goar, as Secretary.

1. We recommend that the Board of Trustees of the Normal College continue its efforts as begun two years ago, to work out some method of associating or affiliating with some higher educational institution under the best possible conditions obtainable.

2. As in the case with all educational institutions at this time, the Normal College finances are in a precarious condition, We deem it necessary for the convention to adopt drastic measures to place our institution upon a financial plan to cover the period of the present depression, and, therefore present the following recommendations:

3. We recommend to continue the contribution of $6,000 per year for two years.

4. (We further recommend that the Trustees of the Jain Fund increase the present loan to the Trustees of the Normal College of the amount $6,500 to an amount sufficient to operate the college for the next two years; such additional loan not to exceed $5,000. The total loan to be repaid at the rate of at least 10% per annum, beginning one year from the date of the increased loan. We feel that this system of repayment can be carried out, as undoubtedly the changed economic conditions will permit the collection of amounts now due the college from delinquent accounts.) (The recommendation contained in this paragraph was replaced by the following substitute recommendation by a vote of the Convention. Vote by districts, 111 for the substitute recommendation and 95 against.) The substitute recommendation reads as follows: We urge all Societies and individual Turners to support the Normal College by subscriptions.

5. We further recommend that, in case a student from a Turnverein be obliged to seek financial aid in completing his course, thereafter such obligation be endorsed by the Turnverein, of which said student is a member and that such Turnverein be also held morally responsible, until said obligation of the student is satisfied.

6. We also further recommend that the Trustees of the Normal College continue in their efforts to obtain subscriptions for the maintenance of the Normal College from the Alumni, Turnvereins, and friends of the Normal College.

7. (We recommend to the Board of Trustees of the Normal College that they change the membership of Group I from 4 to 6 members, and that these members be elected by the Alumni. At least 5 of these shall not reside in the city in which the college is located, or its environs. The purpose of this change is to increase the interest among the Alumni in the institution.) (This paragraph was referred back to the Committee on Normal College by the Convention with suggestions for revision.)

8. We also further recommend that the Convention extend a vote of thanks to those in charge of the management of the College for their untiring efforts and selfless devotion to the institution.

Committee on the Normal College,
Martin Nolde, Chairman
Harry G. Goar, Secretary

Final action on the report of the Committee on Normal College was deferred until resubmission of the report of the Committee on Paragraph (See Sixth Session.)

Committee on National Publication
The Committee on National Publication, by its Secretary, Fritz Eichelbaum, submitted the following report:

To the 34th Convention of the American Turnerbund:
Gut Heil!

After much deliberation and hearing various opinions of persons, other than members of this Committee, the Committee has the following recommendations to make:

1. (As much as an official organ of the American Turnerbund is desirable, the Committee felt that, in the face of the evident shortage of funds, a continuation of weekly payments to the Amerikanische Turnzeitung, cannot be recommended.) (This recommendation was decisively defeated by the Convention and a substitute adopted, as recorded below as Paragraph 4.)

2. The Committee regrets that, because of the economic conditions, the plan of a National Publication, as proposed to and accepted by the 33rd Convention of the American Turnerbund, could not be carried out; it recommends that the Convention again endorse that plan and hopes that improvements of conditions will soon enable the proponent to carry out his plan.

3. The Committee suggests that at this Convention a National Press Committee be formed, for the immediate purpose of investigating the possibilities of an Official Organ, to be owned and controlled by the American Turnerbund. The Committee recommends that the National Press Committee report to the National Executive Board as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,
H. Steichmann, Chairman
Fritz Eichelbaum, Secretary

(Turner Steichmann did not concur in the recommendation contained in Paragraph 1 of the above report.)

The report of the Committee on National Publication was considered by Paragraphs and paragraph 1 was defeated and paragraphs 2 and 3 were adopted.

Motion was then made and seconded for the adoption of complete report as amended, that is, without Paragraph 1. Motion carried.
The following amendments to the above report of the Committee on National Publication were ordered by the Convention, by motions duly made, seconded and carried:

4. That we pay $30.00 per week as subsidy to the Amerikanische Turnzeitung.

5. That we recommend the formation of a National Association of Editors of our Turner Publications in order to improve the standards and correlative ideas.

It was then moved, seconded and carried that the Convention adjourn until 9:00 A.M. June 30, 1933

Convention adjourned at 5:45 P.M.

Fifth Session, Friday Morning,
June 30, 1933

The fifth session was called to order by Chairman Dr. Sputh, at 9:15 A.M. at Jahn Hall.

A motion was made and seconded that the reading of the minutes of the preceding session be dispensed with. Carried.

A motion was made, seconded and carried, that during the balance of the Convention, the total time of debate on any motion be limited to 30 minutes.

Technical Committee

The Technical Committee, by its Secretary, Edward A. Hennig, submitted the following report:

To the 34th Convention of the American Turnbund
Gut Hell!

Your Technical Committee met and organized with Theo. A. Gross as Chairman and Edward A. Hennig as Secretary.

A report was submitted by Dr. Hermann Groth of the National Technical Committee, covering proposed rules and regulations governing individual competition for Actives, Ladies and Seniors and Swimming and Diving.

The Technical Committee recommends the adoption of these rules in their entirety with the exception of the following alterations:

Under the rules for Actives: We recommend the omission of the word "iron" from Paragraph 1, Section 12, Article 6, Part IV, substituting the shot requirements as set forth in the A. A. U. rules.

It is recommended that the following paragraph be added to Section 7, Article 1, Part IV:

"When a contestant falls from the apparatus and comes to a complete stop in the performance of an exercise on the apparatus, his performance has terminated and should be graded accordingly."

Under the rules for Seniors: We recommend that the second method of scoring be used instead of the three methods proposed.

Under the rules for Swimming and Diving: We recommend that the number of dives should be changed to four obligatory and six optional dives, and we recommend that the swimming events be changed from 60 yards free style to 40 or 50 yards free style governed by the size of the pool.

It is also recommended that: "In all events all records made at National Turnfests by contestants should go on record, regardless of whether or not the contestant reaches the required percentages.

The National Technical Committee submitted a plan covering the creation of an American Turnbund Medal, similar to that awarded in Germany, for outstanding accomplishment by our men and women over 18 years of age.

We recommend the adoption of this plan with the following alterations:

That the time requirements for receiving the silver and gold medals be changed to read: four years for men and three years for women.

That the paragraph on requirements read as follows:

There are five groups of events. Each contestant is required to earn the minimum points here given in any one of the events of each group, except Group No. 3. In this Group the contestants shall be required to perform one exercise on each apparatus. The contestant will also be required to select a different event for each test from Groups 1, 2, 4 and 5.

We recommend that additional events be added to Groups No. 1, 2, 4 and 5 for both men and women, and that the date January 1, 1935 be omitted from Paragraph No. 1 on page 3.

We further recommend that competition for women at National Festivals be so arranged that a contestant may enter either the pentathlon or septathlon or both. If possible this arrangement should be effective at the next National Turnfest, or at least made mandatory at future Turnfests.

We recommend that the National Technical Committee in cooperation with the National Executive Committee, be given full power to reorganize and add such members to their committee to create chairmanships for control of and advancement of the various activities in the Turnbund, in accordance with the suggestions outlined to this Committee by Dr. Carl B. Sputh.

We recommend that the National Technical Committee work out a uniform method of judging apparatus exercises and forward a copy of same to the instructors of the Turnbund for their criticism in an effort to find better ways and means for closer and more accurate judging of this class of activities.

The Technical Committee of the Convention wishes to go on record as supporting the wonderful movement,
outlined in a preliminary plan, sponsored and submitted by the Illinois District, entitled: 'The Turner Youth Organization of the American Turnerbund.' We hope that this organization will take root and spread throughout the Turnerbund.

(It is contemplated that a complete outline of this plan will be submitted to all societies after certain details have been worked out and after further consideration and study of the plan by the National Executive Committee.)

With Turner Greetings,
Respectfully submitted,
Theo. A. Gross, Chairman
Edward A. Hennig, Sec.

A motion was made and seconded that this report be adopted as a whole. This motion was carried.

The following resolution was submitted by Turner Karl Hartig: That we recommend that the Festivals, both National and National Junior, be held successively in the Western, Central and Eastern parts of the country, if feasible. Upon motion duly made and seconded, this resolution was adopted.

The following resolution was submitted by Turner Karl Hartig: Recommended that the National Technical Committee consist of: (1) one representative from each Circuit and (2) one representative from each District and that all business be conducted by mail except one meeting per year. Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, this recommendation was referred to the National Technical Committee.

Mental Culture

The Mental Culture Committee, by its Secretary, George Neuendorf, submitted the following report:

To the 34th Convention of the American Turnerbund
Gut Hell!!

Your Committee on Mental Culture organized by electing Turner A. Steinhauser, Chairman and Turner George Neuendorf, Secretary.

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

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

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

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

4. We reaffirm and recommend the adoption of Paragraph 4, Articles (a) to (f), adopted at the 33rd Convention of the American Turnerbund.

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

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

Submitted with Turner Greetings by the Committee on Mental Culture:

Albert Steinhauser, Chairman
George Neuendorf, Secretary

Motion was made, seconded and carried that this report be accepted as a whole.

A resolution, relating to the formation of a society of teachers in each circuit, for the promulgation of mental culture activities, submitted by Turner Karl Hartig, was referred to the Mental Culture Committee, by motion of the Convention.

Platform, Statutes and Grievances

The Committee on Platform, Statutes and Grievances by its Secretary, George F. Roth, submitted the following report:

To the 34th Convention of the American Turnerbund
Gut Hell!!

Your Committee on Platform, Statutes and Grievances organized as follows: Max Schlegel as Chairman and George F. Roth as Secretary.

The suggestion of change of Statute concerning the membership of the National Executive Committee appointed by the National President, Turner Seibel, as directed by the last National Convention, which was presented by this committee and referred back to it, now respectfully submits the following changes:

(1.) Section 29 of the Statutes shall read as follows:

29. The Convention of the district chosen shall elect seven of the members of the National Executive Committee. The Committee shall be composed of fifteen members, of whom at least two shall be trained instructors in physical education. Eight of the members of the National Executive Committee shall be elected by the regional divisions of the Turnerbund, as heretofore provided. An absolute majority of votes shall be necessary for the election of the members. The Committee shall be authorized to fill any vacancy that may arise. Two of the Committee, who are trained instructors in Physical Education, shall be member of the Committee on Phys-
(2.) (We further recommend that Paragraph No. 49 of the Statutes of the American Turnerbund, be amended to read: "Every District should be represented at the National Convention" and that Paragraph No. 52 of the Statutes be amended to read: "No member of the Turnerbund can represent any District other than his own.")

(Paragraph (2) was rejected by the Convention. See below.)

(3) The matter referred to this Committee with reference to the steamship arrangements to Stuttgart from New York, we believe best to refer to the National Committee for adjustment.

(4) We further recommend that an effort be made to have a microphone at the next Convention, to be used by the Turners speaking so that they may be heard plainly by the Convention assembled.

Respectfully submitted,

Max Schlegel, Chairman
George F. Roth, Secretary

Upon motion duly made and seconded, Paragraph (1) of the above report was adopted by a two-thirds vote by acclamation.

After some discussion on Paragraph (2) the following substitute was offered by a motion duly made and seconded: Every district should be represented at the National Convention, either by member delegates or by proxy given to members of other districts, who are not delegates of another district, and no delegate shall represent more than one district. This substitution motion was defeated by a vote by districts; 70 for; and 136 against.

The following substitute for Paragraph (2) of the above report was then offered by a motion duly made and seconded: Any district unable to send a delegate to the National Convention, shall be permitted to request the National Executive Committee to appoint a delegate to represent them at the National Convention.

This substitute motion was defeated by a viva voce vote of the Convention.

A motion was made and seconded that the original recommendation of the Committee be adopted. This motion was defeated by a vote of 50 for; 114 against.

A motion was then made and seconded to accept the amended report Committee as a whole, that is without Paragraph (2.) This motion was carried.

A telegram received from Chicago from Henry J. Thier, who had to leave early to represent the American Turnerbund at the German Turnfest at Stuttgart; sending a parting Greeting to the Convention, was read.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn until 2:00 P. M. to permit the various Committees to complete their reports.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 A. M.

Sixth Session, Friday Afternoon

June 30, 1933

The sixth session was called to order by Chairman Dr. Spath at 2:05 P. M. at Jahn Hall.

A motion was made and seconded that the reading of the minutes of the preceding session be dispensed with. Carried.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee by its Secretary, George O. Wahnsiedler, submitted the following report:

To the 24th Convention of the American Turnerbund

Gut Heil!

Your Committee on Finance organized with Turner Chas. Thinger as Chairman and Turner George O. Wahnsiedler as Secretary.

The Committee has audited the cash accounts of the Treasurer to March 31, 1933 inclusive and has found them correct, and these accounts have also been certified by a Certified Public Accountant.

The Committee has also audited the accounts from April 1, 1933 to June 21, 1933 and found them correct, showing a cash balance of $2,156.41.
In regard to the Jahn Educational Fund we can only refer to the condensed balance sheet, as submitted by the Treasurer, which is as follows:

- Cash in Bank: $888.28
- Coupons on Hand: 1,538.16
- Bonds at par: 44,400.00
- Camp Brosius Mortgage: 6,500.00
- Pledges receivable: 2,326.88
- Wicke Books: 450.60
- Awards: 418.15
- Total Subscriptions: $47,519.14
- Earnings: 9,002.93
- Total: $56,522.07

We have no recommendations to make as this part of the work was taken up in a joint session with the National Affairs Committee and will be embodied in their report.

Respectfully submitted,

Chas. Thingel, Chairman
George O. Wahnsiedler, Secretary

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the report was adopted as submitted.

Chairman Dr. Suth welcomed Turner Chas. Ross as a visitor to the Convention. Turner Ross was formerly from Minnesota and is now a member of the Germania Turnverein of Los Angeles.

The Mental Culture Committee, in a supplementary report, by its Chairman, A. Steinhauser, reported that it had considered the resolution by Karl Hartig of the Philadelphia District, submitted to this Committee after their Main Report had been approved by the Convention. This resolution read as follows: "We recommend that a society be formed of the teachers in each Circuit and that conferences be held with demonstrations, lectures, and business and social activities." While the Committee was heartily in sympathy with this suggestion, the Committee did not recommend the adoption of this resolution for the reason that no method of financing the undertaking was set forth and no feasible method of raising money seemed to be apparent. There being no objection, this supplementary report of the Committee was declared adopted by the Convention.

While the Convention was awaiting further Committee reports, Turner Henry Kraft of the Illinois District, as alternate for Turner Wild, extended a cordial invitation to all delegates to visit the Illinois District Turner Camp and gave a brief history of the camp.

The Committee on Normal College, by its Secretary Harry G. Goar, submitted a supplementary report in the matter of Paragraph 7, which had been referred back to this Committee for revision, the revised form of this Paragraph being as follows:

7. We recommend that the Board of Trustees of the Normal College be requested to set up a procedure enabling the Alumni Association to elect two of its members who are members of the American Turnbund to the Board of Trustees. The expense involved in attending meetings shall be borne by the Alumni Association.

A motion was made and seconded that this substitute paragraph be accepted. Carried.

A motion was then made and seconded that the amended report of the Committee on Normal College be accepted as a whole. This motion was carried.

While awaiting the report of the Committee on National Affairs and anticipating that Paragraph 7, of their report recommending the selection of Rochester as the seat of the next National Convention, the Chairman suggested that the matter of selecting the next Convention City, be taken up by the Convention. A motion was then made and seconded that the Invitation of the City of Rochester be accepted. A cordial personal invitation was presented by Turner Theo. H. Freese of the Western New York District, including a comprehensive statement by him of the claims of Rochester for this Convention, of the facilities to be made available for this Convention by the Rochester Turnverein, of the advantages offered by the City of Rochester, and of the cordial welcome extended by the Turners and Officials of Rochester. Considerable discussion on this matter followed, during which numerous suggestions were made that the Convention be held at Camp Brosius and an invitation to hold the Convention at the Turner Camp of the Illinois District was presented. The vote on this motion was by districts and resulted as follows: For the motion 190; against the motion 16. The Chairman accordingly declared the invitation of Rochester for the 35th Convention of the American Turnbund, to be held in 1935, accepted.

National Affairs

The Committee on National Affairs, by its Secretary, Werner Schaeffer, then submitted the following report:

To the National Convention of the American Turnbund,

Gut Hell!

The Committee on National Affairs, organized as follows: Berthold Muecke, Chairman and Werner Schaeffer, Secretary.

The Committee on National Affairs respectfully submits the following recommendations to the National Convention:

1. We recommend that the resolution of the Illinois District regarding
a Plan for a Youth Movement in the American Turnerbund be referred to the National Executive Committee for further investigation, study, recommendation, and action thereon.

2. We recommend that the proposal of the New York District regarding the subsidy to the Normal College be referred to the Committee on Normal College.

3. We recommend the adoption of the resolution of the Lake Erie District regarding Recognition of Russia by the United States as follows:

Resolved by the Fifty-Eighth Convention of the Lake Erie District that the National Convention of the American Turnerbund adopt a resolution urging the Government of the United States to recognize officially the present Government of Russia as being in the interest of the economic welfare of the world.

4. We recommend to accept the request of the Cleveland Turnfest Committee to postpone the next National Turnfest until 1936 and leave final date to the Cleveland Turnfest Committee and the National Executive Committee.

5. The resolution of the Turnverein Vorwaerts, Brooklyn and the one of the Minnesota District regarding the proposed cancellation of our acceptance of the invitation to the Stuttgart Turnfest were considered and the Committee wishes to go on record that we recognize the justness of the Brooklyn resolution, but that, due to lateness we cannot recommend the withdrawal of the acceptance to participate at the Stuttgart Turnfest. However, we recommend that said resolution be read to the convention and be placed in the Archives of the American Turnerbund.

6. We recommend the adoption of the resolution presented by Turner Saltiel, of the Illinois District, as follows:

We, the delegates of the American Turnerbund, assembled in National Convention at Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin, do hereby reiterate by these resolutions that the American Turnerbund is unalterably opposed to the suppression of free press, free speech, freedom of conscience and the right of assembly in this or in any other country in the world and that we desire to express our sympathies with the Arbeiter Turnerbund of Germany, whose organization has been arbitrarily dissolved, whose property has been confiscated and whose leaders have been unlawfully incarcerated by the present German Government and we also desire to say that we are sorry that the German Turnerschaft has found it necessary to submit to the tyrannical edicts of the present German regime.

Be it resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to the German Turnerschaft and a copy be placed on record of our organization.

7. The Committee favorably considers the invitation of the Rochester Turnverein for the next National Convention and recommends that the 35th National Convention of the American Turnerbund be held in Rochester in 1935.

The following two recommendations were made in joint session of the Committee on National Affairs and the Committee on Finance.

8. Persuant to a resolution of the Western New York District, referring to contributions by Instructors to the Instructors' Fund of the American Turnerbund, the following resolution was adopted by this Committee and we recommend its adoption.

Whereas a fund has been created to assist Instructors of Physical Education, who have served Turnvereins of the American Turnerbund and who have become unable to follow their profession by age, sickness or any other cause.

Be it resolved by the 34th Convention of the American Turnerbund, that the teachers who are now serving or in future will serve as teachers of the Turnvereins of the American Turnerbund, are earnestly urged to contribute a certain percentage of their salaries to the Instructors' Fund now created.

9. The Committee recommends the following resolution for adoption.

Resolved that the National President of the American Turnerbund appoint a Committee, within three months, of five Turners, whose duty shall be as follows:

To secure as soon as possible all statistical material of the financial situation of the Turnvereins of the American Turnerbund, the per capita dues paid or unpaid and all matters pertaining thereto.

And upon having completed and compiled the statistics as herein provided, this Committee shall propose a feasible plan of financial reconstruction and method of collection of per capita tax and such plan shall then be submitted to the National Executive Committee and upon approval in total or in part thereof the said plan shall at once be submitted to a referendum of the Turnvereins of the Bund and all requests for reduction, remittance or delay of per capita tax shall be suspended until this plan has been completed and made the law of the Turnerbund as herein provided; but we recommend that the National per capita tax of 50c remain payable as heretofore and until the results of the referendum as herein provided are published.

10. The Committee recommends to the Convention that the National Executive Committee remain in Pittsburgh.

We further recommend that in recognition of their faithful and efficient work, the members of the present National Executive Committee, individually and collectively, be given
a rising vote of thanks with a rousing threefold Gut Hell!

11. In reference to the resolution of the Indiana District, regarding the dispensation of the Traveling Lecturer the Committee recommends that she be retained.

12. The Committee recommends the adoption of the following resolution, submitted by the Upper Mississippi District:

We, the members of the American Turnerbund, assembled at the 34th Convention protest against the action of any government, which is using force in suppressing the peaceful expression of any political minority, the curtailing of the rights of the individual in the pursuit of happiness or does not guarantee justice to all its citizens regardless of race or creed.

13. The Committee recommends the adoption of the following resolution proposed by Turner Karl Hartig of the Philadelphia District:

We recommend that a Committee made up of the Regional Members of the National Executive Committee study our

(a) economics
(b) administration
(c) effectiveness
(d) ideals and politics
(e) program

in order to ascertain if they can be made to fit into the era just ahead of us and after a thorough study within the Region itself and conducted by representative men of the community, not only members of the Turnverein, report as soon as possible to the National Executive Committee.

14. The Committee recommends the adoption of the following resolution made by Turner Karl Hartig of the Philadelphia District:

We recommend the establishment of a new and up to the minute Turner Hall, as soon as possible, modern in every way, to serve as a control station under our best enlightened leadership and as a pattern for Turnvereins all over the country.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee on National Affairs
Berthold Muecke, Chairman
Werner Schaeffer, Secretary

This report was considered and adopted by paragraphs, in some cases after considerable active discussion.

By a motion made, seconded and carried, the report was adopted as a whole.

In accordance with the adopted recommendation, set forth in Paragraph 3 of the report of the Committee on National Publication, the Chairman appointed the following Turners as members of the National Press Committee to investigate the possibilities of an Official Organ to be owned and controlled by the American Turnerbund:

Fritz Eichelbaum, Toledo, Ohio
Gus Berkes, Chicago, Illinois
Werner Schaeffer, Madison, Wisconsin
Alban Wolf, Covington, Kentucky
Gustav Klose, New York City

The Chairman now called on the Convention to rise and stand in silence for a minute in respect to the many faithful Turners who passed on since the last Convention.

A rising 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 courtesies shown and hospitality extended to the delegates.

Upon motion duly made and seconded and put by Turner Leopold Saltiel, the Officers of the Convention were given a rising vote of thanks for their efficient services.

The Chairman then introduced Turner Chas. H. Witt of St. Louis, President of the Turner Pioneers, who expressed his pleasure at being able to sit in on part of the deliberations of the Convention.

The entire minutes of the Convention were then read by the Secretary and after a few minor changes were approved.

By a motion made, seconded and carried the Secretaries of the Convention and the National Press Committee were instructed to prepare news matter of the Convention for submission to the Associated Press.

The Convention then adjourned with a spirited singing of "Turner Auf Zum Streite!" and with a threefold Gut Hell, for the success of the American Turnerbund, at 4:45 P. M., Friday afternoon, June 30, 1933.

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

Carl B. Suth, Chairman
Otto Kallmeyer, Vice Chairman
Herman Eiselle, First Secretary
Fred Olt, Second Secretary
A. E. Kindervater
First Honorary Chairman
William Reuter
Second Honorary Chairman

Note: All Resolutions, where this was necessary, were sent to the proper authorities.

Wm. Voelker,
National Secretary