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Strike Out the Bund

DETROIT, July 5—(TP)—Members of the American Turnerbund prepared today to leave for their homes after voting in favor of eliminating the "Bund" from the name of their organization.

Turnerbund officials said the move to omit the name was instigated at the convention at Detroit because of what they termed "the unsavory connotation which Nazi organizations in the U. S. have brought on the word "Bund."

The proposal to change the name of the nationwide German group to the American Turners is to be submitted to a national referendum of the member-

ship.

Circuit Court Commissioner Weideman of Detroit was re-elected president. Weideman explained that the organization is thoroughly American and recognizes no other flag than the stars and stripes. He said that it has no connection with official German or Nazi groups either in the U. S. or in Europe.