

Board of Trustees Defines Policy on Organization

NEW YORK—The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the board of trustees of the Henry George School of Social Science at a meeting held July 26, 1938:

The trustees are of the belief that the educational work of the School can best be promoted through the efforts of volunteer teachers and secretaries.

The Trustees are further convinced that the formal organization of the graduates is not necessary as an aid to the teachers and secretaries in carrying out their functions, and that in many cases may actually add to their problems by the promotion of programs irrelevant to or at cross purposes with the strictly educational objective of the School.

The School's policy of academic objectivity, which necessarily involves the avoidance of any political ideology or propagandist purpose, encourages people of all economic and sociological beliefs to investigate the courses offered by the School. Any infirmation, no matter how indirect, of a political purpose, would immediately alienate the minds of people who are earnestly seeking an un-

biased understanding of social problems.

The definite statement of this policy in printed matter, newspaper advertising and at opening sessions constitutes a promise with which the Trustees feel the School must keep faith, and any attempt on the part of the School to establish or encourage any organization which is or might become political in purpose would be a breach of that faith.

Furthermore, a strict adherence to this policy enables the class secretaries and teachers to enjoy the cooperation of civic, religious and educational institutions in securing classroom space and enrollments.

In view of these considerations the Trustees deem it their duty to advise against and disclaim responsibility for the formation or action of any organization of graduates whatsoever, and to state that no organization is authorized to speak for or represent the Henry George School of Social Science.

The Trustees are firmly convinced that the ideals of the School will be best advanced by the thought of its founder, Oscar H. Geiger, as expressed by Henry George: "Social reform is not to be secured by noise and shouting; by complaints and denunciation; by the formation of parties, or the making of revolutions; but by the awakening of thought and the progress of ideas. Until there be correct thought, there cannot be right action; and when there is correct thought, right action will follow."