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# **Rand School is Voted to Be SP Auxiliary: Controlling Society, 38 to 20, Fixes Its Stand — Six Directors Resign from Board.**

**[event of Sept. 23, 1921]**

Unsigned article in the *New York Call*, v. 14, no. 267 (Sept. 24, 1921), pp. 1, 5.

The American Socialist Society, at a meeting in the People's House last night [Sept. 23, 1921], adopted by a vote of 38 to 20, a resolution which, while commending the avoidance of a doctrinaire attitude and dogmatic methods in the teaching of the Rand School, declared that the Rand School of Social Science is not a non-partisan institution and that it should be an "autonomous auxiliary to the organized Socialist and labor movement of the United States, at this time represented by the Socialist Party and by the bona fide economic organizations of the working class."

The vote came after prolonged debated, and when the result had been made known 6 members of the Board of Directors resigned. The members who resigned are Augusta Holland, Eugene Schoehn, Alexander Trachtenberg, Jacob Purchin, Rose Weiner, and Benjamin Glassberg.

Up to a late hour last night the following new members of the Board of Directors had been elected: Morris Berman, Morris Hillquit, Max Schonberg.

The resolution adopted stated that the dominant aim of the Rand School should be to disseminate the principles of the Socialist and labor movement and to serve the Socialist Party and the labor unions. It further stated that the teachers in the school "ought to be in the main either members or avowed sympathizers with the Socialist Party." It concluded that the American Socialist Society considered "it inconsistent for any person to act as an officer or director of the society or as an officer of the Rand School whose views or activities are hostile to those of the Socialist Party or who cannot heartily accept the foregoing instructions.

## **Resolution Which Makes Rand School Party Auxiliary.**

The American Socialist Society, while heartily commending the avoidance of a doctrinaire attitude and dogmatic methods in the teaching work of the Rand School, nevertheless declares that the Rand School is not a non-partisan institution. It was originally designed to be, has been, and should continue to be an autonomous auxiliary to the organized Socialist and Labor Movement of the United States, at this time represented by the Socialist Party and by the bona fide economic organizations of the working class.

The dominant aims of the Rand School have been and should be to promote among the general public, and particularly among the wage-workers, a correct knowledge and understanding of the principles, purposes, and policies of the Socialist and Labor Movement, and to serve the Socialist Party and the labor unions by training propagandists, organizers, and other party and union workers.

The teachers of history, economics, political science, and related subjects, therefore, ought to be in the main either members of or avowed sympathizers with the Socialist Party. This does not exclude the occasional employment of non-Socialists to teach or lecture on special subjects which they are particularly qualified to treat in a scientific manner; nor does it excluded the occasional engagement of lecturers who are openly opposed to the theories and tactics of the Socialist Party, for the specific purpose of presenting the opposed views to the students in an authoritative manner; it being understood that in all such cases the party's position must also be adequately set forth.

The directors and officers of the American Socialist Society and the officers and teaching staff of the Rand School are instructed to be guided by this expression in the performance of their duties in the conduct of the school.

The American Socialist Society considers it inconsistent for any person to act as an officer or director of the society or as an officer of the Rand School whose views or activities are hostile to those of the Socialist Party or who cannot heartily accept the foregoing instruction.

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