

## Raymond Moley

Raymond Moley died at his retirement home in Phoenix, Arizona late in February. He was 88. Famed as the originator of Franklin D. Roosevelt's Brain Trust, Mr. Moley was active in politics since his association with Cleveland's renowned Mayor Tom Johnson early in this century.

Mr. Moley's interest in the land question and the works of Henry George began as a student. He would practice oratory, he often recalled, by reading aloud from *Progress and Poverty*. He still had the same well-worn, marked copy in his office at Newsweek magazine a few years ago.

Although he labored arduously on behalf of President Roosevelt's election in 1932 and virtually supervised the organization of the early New Deal, Mr. Moley left the Administration in 1936 because he disagreed with its drift toward paternalistic government.

Upon leaving official Washington, he began his journalistic career as editor of a new magazine, *Today*, which later was merged with Newsweek, and for which he wrote a political column for over three decades. He also wrote a column that was syndicated in newspapers across the country.

He gave the benefit of his knowledge and experience to John C. Lincoln (a past president and benefactor of the School) in helping him to put forward the concepts of Henry George. Maintaining his interest in the land question throughout his life, Mr. Moley continued to advise David C. Lincoln.

Mr. Moley's ideological differences with FDR took tangible form when the two-term presidential tradition was broken. In 1940, Mr. Moley wrote his account of New Deal politics in a best seller *After Seven Years*. He wrote many other books, among them *The First New Deal*, published in the 'sixties; *The Republican Opportunity in 1964*, and *The American Century of John C. Lincoln*, published in 1962. His latest work was a biography of the Irish patriot Daniel O'Connell. (NEWS Jan.-Feb. '75) At his death he was working on his memoirs.