Borough of The Bronx, June 8, 1927.

To the Board of Directors, THE BRONX BOARD OF TRADE.

Gentlemen:

Your CIVIC BUREAU reports briefly on its activities since

your last meeting in May:

HUNTER COLLEGE:

The Bureau is pleased to report that the Board of Estimate has voted \$1,400,000 to the Trustees of Hunter College, in order that they may commence building operations on the Jerome Park Reservoir Tract.

## EVANDER CHILDS HIGH SCHOOL:

The Bureau is also pleased to report that the Board of Estimate has approved the request of the Board of Education to acquire the two blocks bounded by Gun Hill Road, Bronxwood Avenue, Bartholdi Street and Barnes Avenue, as the site for the proposed new building for Evander Childs High School.

This proposition to locate the new Evander Childs High School in the Northeast Bronx has been supported vigorously by our Board of Trade, and the matter went through the Board of Estimate in almost record time, since the request of the Board of Education that the site be acquired reached the Board of Estimate late in April.

Dr. Norr feels that it will be possible to break ground for the new building early next year.

# PROPOSED LIBRARY IN THE VICINITY OF LONGFELLOW AVENUE: AND JENNINGS STREET:

The Board received from a Committee of the Parents' and Teachers' Association of P.S.66, at Longfellow Avenue and Jennings Street, a request that we join with them to recommend the establishment of a public library on a plot adjacent to the school.

This plot has been inspected by the Manager and members of the Bureau, and it is recommended that the Board communicate with the

Parents' and Teachers' Association to the effect that we have made an investigation and fail to see our way clear to support their recommendation that a library be located on the site suggested.

PROPOSED MODEL LAW TO CONTROL THE USE AND SALE OF FIRE ARMS:

The National Crime Commission has framed a model law proposed to control the sale and use of fire arms, which, in the opinion of the Bureau, is a very desirable measure.

The Bureau recommends that the Board favor the enactment of this proposed model law by all states.

#### NEW SCHOOL SITE ON BAILEY AVENUE:

The Bureau recommends that the Board of Education be requested to acquire a site for a new school on Bailey Avenue near Kingsbridge Road, in view of the lack of school facilities in that vicinity.

OTHER MATTERS BEFORE THE BUREAU:

Other matters before the Bureau include:

PLAYFIELD FOR THEODORE ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL

STADIUM FOR DE WITT CLINTON HIGH SCHOOL

CHANGES IN ZONING LAWS

SURVEY OF HIGH SCHOOL POPULATION

LOCATION OF POE MEMORIAL AT NEW THEODORE ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN A. STEINMETZ, Chairman.

Vincent A. Clinton, Manager.

#### SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

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The Bureau recommends that the Board favor the enactment of the proposed model law framed by the National Crime Commission to control

the sale and use of fire arms by all states.

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