

WHO'S WHO IN GEORGISM

BUE BJÖRNER



Bue Björner, retiring president of the International Union for Land Value Taxation and Free Trade, was born in Copenhagen, August 4, 1902, the son of J. L. and Signe Björner, Danish Georgist leaders.

His first public appearance in the Georgist movement was at the 1926 Copenhagen conference of the International Union. There he spoke on the Fairhope (Ala.) Single Tax Enclave which he had visited while studying in the United

States, 1924-1926. Since that time Mr. Björner has crowded each year with Georgist activities in addition to his responsibilities in the international lumber business (Traekontoret, Copenhagen) of which he is joint owner with his father. He has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Danish Henry George Association since 1927 and is Treasurer of the Danish Henry George Memorial Foundation. He is also a director of the Copenhagen Chamber of Commerce.

At the London conference of the International Union in 1936, Mr. Björner was elected president to succeed the late Charles O'Connor Hennessy. At this conference Mr. and Mrs. Björner got acquainted with the work of the HGSSS. They proceeded immediately to translate the teaching material into Danish and established a division of the School for their country. In three years the Danish school has had over 1000 graduates. 56 classes were conducted last winter, 12 in Copenhagen, the balance throughout the country. Mrs. Björner is honorary secretary of the School while Mr. Björner serves on the board of trustees with Mr. F. Folke and Rev. Christian Norlev.

Mr. Björner married Caroline Nielsen whom he met in Chicago. Her parents, too, were old time Danish Georgists. Mr. and Mrs. Björner have three children, a boy 10, a girl 4 and a baby boy. They left their children at home despite the European crisis to attend the Henry George Centennial Congress in New York in September.

Mr. Björner's sister, Gudrum, and two brothers, Dan and Hans, are actively interested in the Henry George movement.