

## Danish M. P. Says Only Liberty Can Release Creative Power

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**"L**AND can exist without man, but man cannot exist without land. Perhaps after the next world war, the land will again exist without man!" With this stern warning the Honorable Viggo Starcke emphasized the first responsibility of our time: the necessity to solve the land problem.

Dr. Starcke, who sits in the Danish Parliament as head of the Justice party, was speaking at the 75th anniversary banquet in New York co-sponsored by the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation and the Henry George School of Social Science.

The Communists have offered the propertyless Asians land, but not liberty. The democracies, he said, offer them liberty but not land. They will give them weapons to fight with, but nothing to defend.

The movement going West began 1,500 years ago with the first Danish tribes going to England. A thousand years ago, the Vikings carried their concept of "land and liberty" to England. This concept was publicly set forth in the reign of King Canute. The next Westward move was celebrated in the American Declaration of Independence.

Turning his searching analysis to the great political struggle of our day, he made reference to "Wealth" in the title of Adam Smith's famous work and to Henry George who, in his subsequent book, explained *why* Poverty followed progress. "The Communists and Socialists," Dr. Starcke said, have done away with wealth, but they still have the poor.

"The Communists have nationalized the land. It is a poor solution. They have imported the modern science and techniques which were created in the Western World as a result of Liberalism. If they had prevented new inventions from going into Russia, the Russian people today would be dead of starvation and communism."

Pointing to his native Denmark as an example, Dr. Starcke said it enjoys the highest standard of living in Europe and has the lowest tariffs. It is a matter of life and death for Western Europe, he said. "The only way to salvation for countries in that part of the world is to do away with tariffs and all other artificial international trade impediments."

"You have 48 states without restrictions, an enormous free trade area," he said "and here you will find the most precious jewel in your Constitution."

Since every part of the world is now owned and controlled and there is no longer any free land, America, Dr. Starcke believes, must be the teacher. It must solve its land problem and break down trade barriers. The question is not only one of economics, but of morals, ethics and religion.