Charles A. Barker

Charles Albro Barker, historian, scholar and author of the critically acclaimed 1955 biography of Henry George, died in Santa Barbara, California on September 12th. He was 88.

Dr. Barker's field was American Intellectual History, which he taught for forty years. He chaired the Department of History at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore for five of his twenty-seven years on the faculty.

Dr. Barker won the Ralph Waldo Emerson Award of the American Historical Society for American Convictions, the first volume of a history of American ideas. He was nearing the completion of a second volume when he died. Other published works included: Background of the Revolution in Maryland (which won the Beveridge Prize of the American Historical Society), Among his editorial contributions were Problems of World Disarmament (1963), Power and Law: American Dilemma in World Affairs (1970).

Dr. Barker was a strong worker in the early peace movement. He was First Chair of the Baltimore Seminar on Arms Control and founder of the American Histoical Association's Conference on Peace History.

In addition to Johns Hopkins, Dr. Barker taught at Smith College, Mills College and Stanford University. He was also a visiting fellow at the American University of Beirut, and Fulbright Scholar at Punjab University, Chandigahr, India and the University of Melbourne, Australia.

He is survived by his wife Louise Chase Cottle, and two children: John Gaylord Barker and Louise Barker Cannell; their third child, Charles Cottle Barker, died in infancy. His grandchildren are Ellen Charles Barker of New York City and Catherine Cannell Eisenbarth of Santa Cruz, California. A long time resident of Baltimore, Maryland, he moved to Santa Barbara in 1982 and lived there until his death.