

Who is Who ?

HANS THIRRING

- 1888 Born in Vienna, Austria
1911 Graduated Ph.D. at the Vienna University
1921-1938 Full professor of the Vienna University and Head of
and
1945-1958 Department of theoretical physics
1938-1945 pensioned by the Nazis on account of his antimilitarism
1945/47 Dean of the philosophical faculty of the Vienna University
Since 1947 Corresponding member of the Austrian Academy of Sciences
Since 1957 Vice president of the Austrian National Commission of
UNESCO
1957-1963 Member of the Austrian Bundesrat (second chamber of Parliament).
1961 D.Sc.h.c., Temple University, Philadelphia
Since 1964 President of the Austrian League of Human Rights

Author of a number of books on Theory of Relativity, Wave Mechanics, History of the Atom Bomb, Nuclear Warfare, Power Production, Education for International Understanding, Psychology of Human Relations

Awards received: Ehrenring der Österreichischen Liga für die Vereinten Nationen, ~~KIRCHENHOF~~ Renner-Preis der Stadt Wien; Grotius-Medaille der Internationalen Grotius Stiftung; Ehrenring der Stadt Wien.

Thirring was the first who in 1946 (four years before President Truman's first announcement, and without having access to classified work in the nuclear field) published a book on peaceful and military use of atomic energy in which he revealed the possibility of making hydrogen bombs and gave authentic data on the explosive power of thermonuclear weapons.

His main concern after the Second World War is education and re-education of man to avoid irrational behavior which he considers to be among the children's diseases of our very young and still infantile civilization.