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T. Coleman Andrews, a former Internal Revenue Service commissioner and presidential candidate, died on October 15, 1983, at the age of 84, in Richmond, Virginia. In 1920, Mr. Andrews became the nation’s youngest certified public accountant. During his lifetime he served in many government positions including chief accountant for the North African Economic Board in 1943 and IRS commissioner in 1953. After serving as commissioner for two years, he returned to Richmond to become president of the troubled American Fidelity and Casualty Co.

Soon after leaving the IRS, Andrews began a personal crusade against the income tax system. His attacks soon attracted attention from conservative groups looking for a presidential candidate to lead their protest against the two established parties. Thus, in 1956, Andrews came the closest of any CPA in history to become president when he finished third behind Eisenhower and Stevenson. In later years, Andrews supported George Wallace for the presidency. He was also one of the twelve co-founders of the archconservative John Birch Society. During his lifetime, T. Coleman Andrews served on a number of boards including those of the American Institute of Accountants, the Virginia Society of CPAs, and the Panama Canal Company.

WHO IS GOING TO PISA?

The Fourth International Congress of Accounting Historians will be held in Pisa, Italy, from August 23-27, 1984 (this is the week following the AAA convention in Toronto). As mentioned in earlier announcements, this promises to be the finest meeting for accounting historians ever held anywhere. In addition to outstanding papers from some of the leading accounting history researchers in the world, there are plans for a bus trip to Luca Pacioli’s hometown.

According to the latest news release from the organizers in Pisa, they have received advance registrations from over 125 individuals, including at least 38 from the United States, 26 from Italy, 12 from Brazil, 8 from Australia, 8 from Great Britain, and 6 from Venezuela. Other countries so far represented included Belgium, Canada, Colombia, South Korea, Ecuador, Finland, France, West Germany, Japan, Greece, India, Holland, Spain, and Hungary.

Those from the United States who are planning to attend should make their intentions known to the Academy secretary, Al Roberts at Georgia State University. As was discussed at the annual meeting, it might be possible to obtain lower priced group airfares if enough individuals were interested in leaving at the same time from either New York or Atlanta. Thus, if you American members are planning to go to Pisa, please let Al Roberts know as soon as possible.

And, if you are one of those individuals who has not yet decided whether or not to attend, think about it some more. After all, how often do you get the opportunity for a tax-deductible trip to Italy? Surely, the teaching and research skills of all members would be enhanced by a trip to the birthplace of modern accounting. To obtain more information about the Pisa Congress, write to: Professor Tito Antoni, c/o Facolta di Economia e Commercio, dell’Università degli Studi di Pisa, Pisa, ITALY.