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DO YOU BELIEVE THIS?

Gary Previts stated that the question of AAA sectional status was up to The Academy if they wished to pursue the matter. There seems to be no AAA concern about it.

Mention was made of the process for the nomination of Academy officers. It was suggested that consideration should be given to the designation of a president-elect and the possible amendment of the by-laws to this effect.

President Johnson thanked all those who had worked so hard during the past year. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Alfred R. Roberts
Secretary
September 2, 1983

In the course of human events a practicing accountant died. When he arrived at the gates of heaven there was an impressive welcoming committee which included such notables as Moses, Buddha, Jesus, Mohammed, St. Peter and several other saints.

The inquisitive accountant inquired, "Does everyone get this kind of reception?"

St. Peter said, "No, but this is a special occasion. It isn't often that we welcome an accountant of your advanced age."

"What advanced age?" questioned the accountant. "I am only 45."

"Not according to the hours you've billed clients," St. Peter said, "We also keep accounts."

Submitted by Jimmy Jones

BASIL YAMEY SELECTED AS LIFE MEMBER

At their recent meeting in New Orleans, the Trustees of the Academy of Accounting Historians elected Basil S. Yamey to life membership in the Academy. Yamey has been a professor at the London School of Economics since 1960. According to the bylaws of the Academy, life membership status can be accorded to scholars of distinction in accounting history. Professor Yamey is the fifth individual who has been so honored by the Academy. The others are: Paul Garner (Alabama), Osamu Kojima (Kwansei Gakuin University, Japan), Kojiro Nishikawa (Nihon University, Japan), and Ernest Stevelinck (Belgium).

Basil S. Yamey was born in 1919 in Cape Town, South Africa. He received a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Cape Town in 1938. Prior to his 1960 appointment to the economics faculty at the University of London, Professor Yamey had taught at Rhodes University, University of Capetown, and McGill University. He has also been a visiting professor at the Universities of Barcelona, Bologna, Chicago, and Louvain, and at Queen's University in Ontario. Yamey was elected a Fellow of the British Academy in 1977 and was appointed Commander of the Order of the British Empire in 1972.

Professor Yamey was a trustee of the National Gallery of London from 1974-81. He also served as a trustee of the Tate Gallery of London from 1978-81. In terms of government service, Professor Yamey served as a member of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission from 1966-78.

He has published extensively in various fields of economics, including industrial organization, futures trading and development economics. His articles on accounting history have been republished in two volumes, *Essays on the History of Accounting* (1978) and *Further Essays on the History of Accounting* (1982). He was joint editor, with A. C. Littleton, of *Studies in the History of Accounting* (1956); with H. C. Edey and H. W. Thomason he wrote *Accounting in England and Scotland 1543-1800* (1963), and with M. Bywater, *Historic Accounting Literature: A Companion Volume* (1982). With O. Kojima, he edited re-issues of two early treatises in English, Ympyn's of 1547 and Peele's of 1569. He was also a featured speaker at the 1980 World Congress of Accounting Historians held in London. Professor Yamey is certainly deserving of his election to life membership in the Academy.