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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Since it has existed, The Academy of Accounting Historians has developed extremely well, thanks to the able leadership of its past presidents and officers, specifically Gary Previts and Al Roberts, to name a few. The monographs, working papers and *The Accounting Historians Journal* give ample evidence of past efforts. Your new officers pledge to continue these efforts to the best of their ability.

All efforts of organizations such as ours, however, depend entirely on the willingness of its members to give their time and assistance; without these inputs it is impossible to move forward. Therefore, I take this opportunity to call on all of you for your continued support. There are several ways in which you are able to contribute: submitting papers for our publications and annual meetings, and participation in meetings [regional and national] are some of these ways. Another important contribution is your participation in the work of our committees and working groups. Presently there are the following committees: Research, Taxonomy and Bibliography, Accounting History Course, Translations, Archives, and Publicity. Your participation in one or more of these committees is greatly appreciated. Will you please return the questionnaire sent to you together with your annual dues notice so that we will be able to find new or additional committee members based on your area of special interest.

Over and above letting the Academy know about your willingness to cooperate in established activities, we need suggestions concerning worthwhile tasks and projects to undertake—thus widening the scope of our activities. Will you therefore communicate your suggestions to your officers? This will help us greatly to direct our efforts in accordance with the interests of our members and bring together members with common interests. This, I believe, will stimulate our organization appreciably.

To facilitate research of individual members we are thinking about a project to review [with considerable details] important foreign language historical material. This should enable our members to access foreign sources with greater ease,

not having to spend excessive amounts of time for search. This, however, is only one thought—and by no means the only area in which we should explore opportunities. I am sure you will have many more suggestions and ideas.

The Academy, as any other organization, is also dependent on the number of its members for inputs, suggestions and last, not least, for funds which will enable us to undertake or continue projects. I therefore call on you to approach your colleagues with an interest in history and ask them to join us.

Finally, I would like to mention the Third World Congress of Accounting Historians which will be held in England [tentatively scheduled for August 16-18, 1980, immediately after the AAA meeting in Boston [August 10-13, 1980] to facilitate your travel arrangements]. We should not only support the Congress by attending in large numbers but also should submit papers. Our British colleagues have already asked for papers [to be submitted to Professor R. H. Parker, University of Exeter, Department of Economics, Armory Building, Rennes Drive, Exeter EX 4 4RJ, England]. It is highly desirable that many members submit papers. Will you please notify Professor Parker of your intentions [stating topic] and also let the Academy know.

All the officers and I look forward to working with you during the next year. Your help and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Hanns-Martin W. Schoenfeld



DENVER AAA MEETING

On Sunday evening August 20, 1978 a reception will be held for Academy members at the Denver Hilton. The Business Meeting will be held the following Monday morning. Members should stop at the main desk in the hotel to obtain specific times and locations.
