

Simon D. Strauss (1911-1998)

1988 Inductee into American Hall of Fame

Simon D. Straus has been a leader in the metals and marketing field for many years. He is a recognized expert on the international metals market and has written extensively on the subject. Born in Peru in 1911, Mr. Strauss first worked as an editor with Engineering and Mining Journal. Through the war years, he worked on metal procurement programs for the United States Government with Metals Reserve Co. He joined Asarco's sales department in 1946. He was appointed Executive Vice Chairman of Asarco Inc. in 1971 and Vice Chairman in 1977. He retired from the Board in 1981 and has since been active in the consulting field.

He has been President of the Lead Industries Association, President of the Zinc Institute, Chairman of the American Bureau of Metal Statistics, President and later Chairman of the Silver Institute, Director of the Copper Research Association, and Chairman of the Operating Committee of the Copper Development Association. He is the author of "Trouble in the Third Kingdom", which was an analysis of the political and economic problems facing the mineral industry and which was published in 1986.

The University of Arizona conferred the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws on Mr. Strauss in 1981. In the same year, he was made an Honorary Member of the A.I.M.E. He was honored as the "Copper Man of the Year" in 1962 and received the Gold Medal of the Mining and Metallurgical Society of America in 1984.