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Nordisk Arkivnyt, VOL. 7 (1962), NO. 2.

Staten overtager Erhvervsarkivet (The state takes over the business archives). P. 21-22.

The business archives organized privately 20 years ago in Aarhus, now boasting about 6,000 running meters of archives and a library of about 19,000 volumes, were taken over by the state on October 1, 1962. The core of the collection consists of deposits from nationwide economic organizations, but there have been accessions also from numerous smaller private enterprises. The law authorizing this transfer to public administration provides for a board of five to seven members, including the national archivist and two or three representatives each from the business world and from the universities. A chief archivist administers the institution and is a nonvoting member of the board. Financial support is guaranteed by law and is to be provided for in the regular budget. The archives may also solicit private support for special projects and for the increase of its research funds.

Centraladministrationens journaliseringsproblemer (Inventory problems of the central administration). P. 22.

The Ministry for Archival Affairs has called attention to the need for revision of inventorying methods to insure a speedier system of disposal of the archives of the central administration.

Dacia og Rhodos (Dacia and Rhodos). P. 22.

Short review of a work found in the estate of Th. Hatt Olsen, which was published posthumously by colleagues in the National Archives at Copenhagen.

EKEN, THORSTEN, *Norges Rigsarkiv* (Norway's National Archives). P. 23-24. Illus.

The first of a series of articles on Scandinavian archives buildings. The building, in late Empire style, was designed for and utilized by the Oslo branch of Norges Bank until 1914. A storage wing added before occupancy by the archives can, after a recent change of the shelving system, comfortably accommodate 9,000 running meters of archives. Much of the recent records could not be brought here but have been placed in a former powder house, where access is often impossible because of season or weather.

Arkiver og arkivhistorie (Archives and archival history). P. 24.

A review of *Svenska Arkivsamfundets Skriftserie*, no. 6 (Stockholm, 1961).

Statanstalten for livsforsikring (State Institute for Life Insurance). P. 24-25.

The Danish National Archives undertook a survey of the archives of the Institute for Life Insurance (about 1,800 running meters of records and a considerable amount of card files), which consist largely of correspondence, concerning every person ever insured through this service, back to 1842, the beginning of the organization.

Det pressehistoriske arkiv i Aarhus (The archives for the history of the press in Aarhus). P. 25.

The press museum in Aarhus began to function as a private institution on January 1, 1962. The press archives, which are to receive special attention, already contain valuable collections of letters.

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Oslo kommunearkiv (Oslo Municipal Archives). P. 25-26. Illus.

The archives, dating back to about 1857, the beginning date of communal self-government in Oslo, are accommodated in four stories on modern shelves in the City Hall. Older documents have been preserved in the state archives.

Et besøg paa byggepladsen i Stockholm (A visit to the building site [of the National Archives] in Stockholm). P. 26. Illus.

Stockholm's unique archival structure will soon be available for occupancy. The impressive system of rooms, blown out of the rock, eventually to be reached by an elevator outside of the main structure so as not to endanger it unnecessarily, consists of a central pentagonal area 20 meters high and of 4 wings reaching into the rock from the central room. A fifth wing can be provided later. Variations in the composition of the rock overhead required the pouring of a considerable amount of concrete.

Fotografering af Danica i udlandet (Photographing Danica abroad). P. 26-27.

The National Archives has been given 25,000 D. Kr. per year for 5 years to spend on copying archival documents of interest to Danish historians abroad. Arrangements are already made with East Germany to begin such work in Merseburg, Dresden, and Schwerin.

Arkivarforeningens aarsmoede (Annual meeting of the Society of Archivists). P. 27.

Personalet (Personnel). P. 27-28.

Promotions and changes in the Danish National Archives personnel.

Rigsarkivet (The National Archives). P. 28-29.

Notes on preliminary archives inventories; an index of personal and place names; the archives of the Danish Mission Society brought to the National Archives; archives of the Danish Aeroklub and of the Danish Pastors' Association; private papers recovered from about a dozen different sources; and archives concerning the Extraordinary State Officials' Court (Tjenestemandsdømstolen), of the Committee on Complaints concerning matters involving state officials, of the Grievances Court dealing with state officials' affairs, and of the Extraordinary Committee of Investigation.

Landsarkiverne m. m. (Provincial archives etc.). P. 29-31.

Buildings, transfers of records, private archives, a new law on family names.

Norden (The North). P. 31-33.

Finland. Primarily personnel data and addresses, opening hours, and directors' names of various archival establishments in Helsinki and of half a dozen or more provincial archives. *Norway.* The National Archives received 880 reels of negative film, prepared by the Genealogical Society of Utah, which contain material copied in the national archival depositories in Bergen, Hamar, and Oslo. *Sweden.* Among other news a short note on the annual meeting of the Swedish Archivists Association, May 14, 1962.

Udlandet (Foreign countries). P. 34-35.

Vello Helk reports on his work in the papal archives in Rome, involving a search of the pertinent archives for the period after 1536, up to which date Danish historians are believed to have combed the Vatican thoroughly. ¶ Archival training in East Germany (D.D.R.) has been placed on a very systematic basis and can be had only in the Institute for Archival Science at the Humboldt University in East Berlin. Admission is controlled by a committee consisting of instructors of the institute, archivists, university representatives, and archival administrators. A *Diplomarchivar* may obtain a job in the public archives service, but he must obligate himself to qualify for a doctor's diploma within 5 years.

JØRGENSEN, HARALD, *Rundbordskonferencen i Madrid* (The roundtable meeting in Madrid). P. 35-38. Illus.

Some of the delegates, especially a number from the Latin countries, warned against

archivists' becoming interested in the saving of photographs, films, sound tracks, etc. Especially the Italians protested against including such so-called noncurrent records in archival care, while the Belgians, the English, and the French stressed the necessity of looking after these. The discussion of archival materials in libraries and museums led to the agreement that libraries should not be made to part with such materials, if they are already incorporated in their collections, but that in the future all archival manuscripts should be preserved in archives depots. The final discussion dealt with sound tracks, radio and television discs and bands, and films, which, as most agreed, should be stored in archives.

Tidsskriftoversigt (Table of contents of periodicals). P. 38-40.

American Archivist (April 1962); *Archeion* (1962); *Der Archivar* (1961, 4; 1962, 1/2); *Archivmitteilungen* (1961, 6; 1962, 1, 2/3).

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Landsarkiverne og Kirkebøgerne (The provincial archives and churchbooks). P. 41-42.

A committee, named to consider the photographing of churchbooks, recommended that: the safeguarding of these important civil records in archival depositories of the state be hastened; such records be closed to excerpting for 100 years after the birth dates of the persons involved; the present prohibition against searching for personal reasons be continued for records in the care of the church clerks but that it be allowed for those stored in the provincial archives, if the legal time-limit (50 years) has elapsed; and the records of recognized religious organizations be received and serviced by the provincial archives, in a manner similar to the church records. Certain church circles were annoyed that the churchbooks had been photographed by the Genealogical Society of Utah and that a film of this material had been acquired by that Society. The National Archives insisted that filming was absolutely necessary for security; the committee therefore recommended that the filming of church records after 1860, insofar as they had not been filmed, be done by the Danish National Archives.

KRISTJÁNSSON, JÓNAS, *Íslands Nationalarkív* (Iceland's National Archives). P. 43-44.

Iceland's National Archives, established in 1882, was called the State Archives until 1915. A building erected in 1906-8 housed the Archives, the National Museum, the Museum of Natural History, and the National Library until recently. Now only the Archives and Library remain. The intended combination of the National Library with the University Library cannot be accomplished until a new building can be erected to accommodate both.

Loven om statens overtagelse af erhvervsarkivet underskrevet (The law regarding the state's taking over the Industrial Archives). P. 44.

The Danish Industrial Archives began to function as a state-owned institution on October 1, 1962.

Ny grundbog i slægtshistorie (New guide to the study of genealogy). P. 44.

Archivist Hans H. Worsoe, who conducted a course in genealogy during July 1962 in the Adult Education School at Koeng, has issued a study guide to meet better the obviously great interest in the subject.

Nye takster for afskrifter (New rates for copying texts). P. 44.

NIELSEN, CARL LINDBERG, *Karen Brahes Bibliotek*. P. 45.

A valuable private library gathered by Anne Gioee and her niece, Karen Brahe, and containing 4,500 pieces, 1,151 of them manuscripts, none of them dated after 1736, has at last become accessible completely. The Provincial Archives of Fyn in Odense, owner of the collection, cataloged it between July 1954 and October 1955.

Faaborg byhistoriske arkivs 25-aars jubilæum (The 25th anniversary of the Municipal Historical Archives of Faaborg). P. 46. Illus.

The celebration focused national attention on this first successful effort of its kind. The founder and continuous conservator is Hans Brandt.

EKEN, THORSTEN, *Jurisdiksjonsendringer og arbeidet i arkivene* (Changes in jurisdictions and the work in archives). P. 47.

In Norway—as elsewhere—the trend towards larger and more viable units of local government and of farmsteads has been furthered in the wake of a survey made by the so-called Schei-Committee. Specific examples show how the compounding of administrative districts, which occasionally results in aligning portions of the same farm with different districts, may lead to great confusion in the record, when the numbers assigned to all farmsteads individually get attached to newly formed units, sometimes even repeatedly.

Personalet (Personnel). P. 48.

Dansk historisk Fællesforenings aarsmoede (The Joint Danish Historical Society's annual meeting). P. 48.

HVIDT, KRISTIAN, *Danmarks Rigsarkiv* (Denmark's National Archives). P. 49-51. Illus.

The evolution of the Danish National Archives as well as the succession of its storage provisions from the sixteenth century. Not until 1889 was the final organization of the National Archives achieved. The law establishing it also provided for the organization of three provincial archives. The pressures of increasing bulk around 1900 led to a series of radical rearrangements in the building complex near the Royal Palace, which provided a total of 27,000 running meters of shelving. Internal rearrangements included the installation of compact shelving providing another 5,000 running meters. From the mid-1930's a number of storage rooms outside of the royal quadrangle included a new depot in Sydhaven and the medieval cloister Esrum. The total shelf-room thus made available is estimated at 50,000 running meters, but the problem has not been eliminated.

Landsarkiverne m.m. (Provincial archives etc.). P. 52-54.

The law concerning personal names, revised May 17, 1962, has led to greatly increased reference work in various provincial archives. ¶News of the transfer of all court and police records before October 1, 1919, to depots; the Joint Historical Council for the District of Copenhagen; the establishment on June 1, 1962, of the new Archives of Lolland in Maribo, founded independently on a donation of 10,000 Kr. by Lollands Handels og Landbobank; and the annual meeting of joint town and local historical archives held on September 1, 1962, in Naestved.

Norden (The North). P. 54-56.

Finland. Appointments and promotions. *Norway.* The State Archives in Trondheim now has a capacity of 5,600 running meters. *Sweden.* First Archivist in the National Archives Erik Grill has been named chief editor for the Swedish Biographical Dictionary. The Municipal Archives of Malmö accessioned regional church archives from the Provincial Archives in Lund covering the period 1680-1890.

Udlandet (Foreign countries). P. 57-60. Illus.

The Committee on Materials for the History of Latin America in European Archives and Collections, appointed at the International Archives Congress at Stockholm in 1960, met in Brussels September 3-4, 1962. It was agreed to publish 13 to 15 volumes covering the subject, the most ambitious undertaking of the international organization thus far. ¶Lille's new archives building has a separate stack building with a capacity of about 32,000 running meters. ¶The rectangle occupied by the French National Archives in Paris has a new depot, with about 12,000 running meters of shelving, and a number of palaces and lesser buildings have been or are being converted for archival functions. Though the total storage capacity of the National Archives is now about

240,000 running meters, the need for more is imminent and a plan for a storehouse for noncurrent archives outside of Paris is in the making. The Paris complex includes the new and efficient building erected for the international archival training course held every year. ¶The Belgian National Archives in Brussels has stored a major portion of its holdings on 30,000 running meters of the 100,000 running meters of shelving provided in the new Royal Library, in a commercial building near the main depot, and in a medieval mansion in the suburb of Anderlecht for exhibition purposes. The future archives building will be erected in the immediate vicinity of the new Royal Library, as was the old. ¶The Archives of the Federal Republic of Germany in Bonn has been moved into an adequate building, with 11 stories above and 2 stories below ground. An annex of three stories above and one below ground accommodates, in addition to various depot rooms, the pictorial archives and a number of workrooms for photography, repair, and binding.

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ERLANDSSON, ALF, *En arkivalisk utgrävning paa Halmstad Slott* (A case of archival unearthing in Halmstad Castle). P. 61-63. Illus.

A second group of letter files found in an attic of Halmstad Castle complements the collection reported by Birger Lundberg in *N. A.*, December 15, 1959. Erlandsson describes the details of the discovery, speculates that the still missing portion of the series may be found as fill-material in the double floor of the same attic, and suggests that the top floor be lifted in a number of spots to test his theory.

Nye regler for kirkebogsudskrifter (New rules for making excerpts from churchbooks). P. 63.

Records under the care of church secretaries may not be consulted by private parties but those deposited in the provincial archives may be so consulted. Lawyers and genealogists have access under certain defined conditions.

Näringslivets första arkivdagar i Finland (The first archival meeting of business and industry in Finland). P. 64-65. Illus.

Finland's first economic archives meeting, arranged by the Economic Archives Association, took place at Helsinki on October 8 and 9, 1962, with more than 100 participants from all parts of the country, including representatives of most of the larger companies as well as of the universities and of government. Topics included the value of collecting records of representatives of various phases of commerce and industry; the potential value of a good archival program for efficient operation of any enterprise; and classification and indexing problems. The proceedings are to be published.

ANDERSSON, INGVAR, *Carl Gustaf Weibull, 1881-1962*. P. 66.

A warm appraisal of an archivist, scholar, and trainer of other archivists.

Arthur G. Hassö, 1899-1962. P. 67.

An archivist in the Danish National Archives from 1934 to 1949, Hassö was quite active in the application of photography to archival management. He founded the photographic division in the Danish National Archives.

Erhvervsarkivet som statsinstitution (The Economic Archives as a state institution). P. 67.

The board includes the National Archivist, three university professors, and a representative of each of the chief organizations of management and labor. The staff consists of four archivists.

Erhvervshistorisk aarbog (Yearbook of economic history). P. 67.

This volume, covering the two years 1961 and 1962, contains nine articles dealing with various aspects of the commercial history of Aarhus.

Riksarkivets byggesak (The building situation of the Norwegian National Archives). P. 68.

Another delay (the sixth) in the construction of a new Norwegian National Archives building resulted from the rejection of the site near Stenspark, because of insufficient security. A site in the rocks of Bogstad in Sørkedalen, also on Oslo territory, is now under investigation.

Nyt papirreglement under udarbejdelse (A new set of regulations concerning paper in preparation). P. 68-69.

A committee of six has been appointed by the Ministry of Cultural Affairs to work out a new set of rules concerning the standards to be applied to paper purchased for the administrative offices throughout Norway.

Aflevering af arkivalier i privateje (The transfer of private archives to public custody). P. 69.

In its report for 1961 the committee investigating the whereabouts and the extent of private source materials for the history of Denmark records a number of valuable finds; e.g., the private papers of the historian of literature Harald Nielsen and of the actor Adam Poulsen and the records of such organizations as the Danish Fisheries Association, the Danish Lawyers' Association, and the Aarhus-Hallen Corporation.

Genparter af tinglysningsdokumenter (Copies of legally registered documents). P. 69-70.

As of October 11, 1962, permission to destroy film copies of legally registered documents, when the originals have been deposited in the provincial archives depots, was granted. These copies may, however, be transferred to local historical archives, if these can be persuaded to accept them.

Personalet (Personnel). P. 70-71.

Appointments, personnel changes, and fellowships.

Rigsarkivet (The National Archives). P. 71-73.

More use is being made of the National Archives' readiness to furnish casts of seals, and the Archives has undertaken a number of experiments, following the example of the French National Archives, of furnishing photographs and casts to schools for the teaching of history. ¶ Also reported are transfers from departmental offices; deposits from individuals and organizations; authorizations for destruction; the arrival of archives of the Danish Mission Society consisting of 87 volumes and 196 packages, covering the period 1821-1958; publication of three more preliminary archives inventories; and the sales offer from a French private source for the extensive correspondence of the French ambassador Ogier, during his assignment in Copenhagen, 1750-66.

Landsarkiverne m.m. (Provincial archives etc.). P. 73-74.

The ancient legislative proceedings of Faerö (1655-66) are being printed.

Norden (The North). P. 74-77.

Norway. For security reasons all original negative film of archival series, when originals are in the National Archives, has been placed in a special room in the King's Mine at Kongsberg, notwithstanding the increased work; the state Archives in Bergen, whose building has served since 1921, still has about one-third of its 5,000 running meters of shelving unused; the archives of the Silver Mine at Kongsberg (274 running meters of archives proper, 4 running meters of manuscripts, and some cashbooks) were transferred to the National Archives. *Sweden.* Västmanland's Provincial Diet appointed a committee to deal with the archives of the legislative body as well as with municipal archives; reacquisition of archives appearing at auction sales is still vexing administrators and archivists and solutions vary from proposals for legal means for repossession to casual arrangements between booksellers and archivists; and Stockholm's new archives ordinance has been followed by appointment of an archives committee by the city council, by regulations regarding listing of archives, and by organization of the Municipal Archives in three sections, viz., state, communal, and private.

Udlandet (Foreign countries). P. 77-78.

The effect of the Grigg report on English archival practices as discussed by John H. Collingridge in the *Journal of the Society of Archivists*, October 1962, is discussed at length. ¶ A note on the first Inter-American Archivists' Meeting in Washington, October 1961. ¶ International archival statistics as reported in Stockholm, 1962, are shown in tabular form.

Register (Index). P. 79-80.

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JØRGENSEN, HARALD, *Rigsarkivar Dr. phil. Svend Aakjær død* (National Archivist Svend Aakjær is dead). P. 1-3.

A tribute to Svend Aakjær (1894-1963), who had been Denmark's National Archivist since 1956, after having worked as Provincial Archivist in Viborg (1929-45) and Municipal Archivist of Copenhagen (1945-56).

Centraladministrationens journalisering (Inventory system of the Central Administration). P. 3.

The Danish Health Service has devised a decimal system of organization so as to standardize its scheduling for archivalization and destruction. The Ministry of Education is working towards a similar objective.

KÖRNER, STEN, *Arkivutställning i Lund* (An archival exhibit in Lund). P. 3.

HVIDTFELDT, JOHAN, *Den nye bygning ved Landsarkivet i Viborg* (The new building of the Provincial Archives at Viborg). P. 4-11. Illus.

The new Provincial Archives Building in Viborg was opened for service during the fall and winter months of 1962/63. The story of the various steps taken since 1901 in arriving at the final plans in 1958 is told here by the present chief archivist. The most essential objectives of the professional archivists appear to have been achieved in the efficient modern structure of seven stories, two of them underground, built of reinforced concrete and faced with dark brick: safety devices (*e.g.*, provision for shutoff of electrical current outside the building, smoke and heat detectors with alarm devices, airconditioning for the underground floors, etc.), provision for compact shelving on four floors, a streamlined filing and finding system, and a good photographic laboratory.

BRO-JØRGENSEN, J. O., *Arkivundersøgelserne i D.D.R.* (Archival research in the German Democratic Republic). P. 11-12.

An account of the first visit to East Germany, describing particularly the archives filmed in the Central Archives in Merseburg, the Saxonian Principal Provincial Archives in Dresden, and the Principal Provincial Archives of Sachsen-Anhalt in Magdeburg.

H., KR., *Strafferegistre og landsarkiverne* (The criminal registers and provincial archives). P. 12.

Lengthy negotiations between the Ministry of Justice and the National Archives have led to a more systematic handling of the criminal registers. Unfortunately, the court proceedings have not been included in this arrangement, though they are greatly in need of systematization both for archival consultation and management.

Fotografering af Danica i udlandet (The photographing of Danish references abroad). P. 12-13.

The filming of archives in East Germany, Holland, and England.

MIKANDER, KAJ, *Finlands riksarkivs nuvarande byggnad* (The present building of the Finnish National Archives). P. 13-14. Illus.

Finland's National Archives Building, erected in 1890, is a monumental structure reflecting the taste of the times. A new wing in the same style added in 1928 provided

4,000 meters of additional shelving; extensive remodeling of the first building in 1956 made it more fire-proof and provided space for 3,000 meters more of shelving as well as more office space. Towards the end of World War II work was begun on blasting storage space out of the rock, with the result that 21 smaller depots, with a total of 5,000 meters of shelving located 15 meters below the level of the National Archives Building, were gained. Another extensive addition is being planned.

Aaret 1962 i tal (The year 1962 in figures). P. 15.

Personalet (Personnel). P. 15-16.

Rigsarkivet (The National Archives). P. 16-17.

Personnel matters, transfers, inventories, deposit of private archives, disposal permits, and preliminary finding lists.

Landsarkiverne m.m. (Provincial archives etc.). P. 17-19.

Plans for an extension of the Provincial Archives Building of Sjælland; description of a collection of medieval manuscript fragments, discovered in the Provincial Archives of Sjælland; transfers from both the National Archives and the Provincial Archives of Sjælland to the newly rented depot in Sydhaven; photographing and indexing of rent protocols, 1699-1917; and transfer of private archives.

Norden (The North). P. 19-23.

Finland. Statistics for 1962 on the use of the Finnish National Archives, provincial archives, the war archives, and the City Archives of Helsinki. *Iceland*. Björn K. Thórólfsson, archivist in the National Archives in Reykjavik since 1938, retired in September 1962. *Norway*. Statistics for 1962 concerning the National Archives and seven provincial archives; start of a project for publishing facsimile editions of old Norwegian law codices (1100 to 1300). *Sweden*. Statistics in tabular form for 1962; staff changes; announcement of vol. 3 of *Studies in Archival Science*, with the table of contents, and of a *Swedish Archival Bibliography, 1945-1959*; and reviews.

Udlandet (Foreign countries). P. 23-24.

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Projekteringen af det nye sjællandske landsarkiv afsluttet (The planning of the new Provincial Archives of Sjælland completed). P. 25-29. Illus.

Plans for additions to the Provincial Archives Building of Sjælland and for fire-proofing the old building were practically completed by the early summer of 1963. The complete structure is to provide about 40,000 meters of shelving, most of which is to be compact, and a greatly increased reading area. The new storage building is to be 15.5×63.7 meters and to have 6 floors, 2 below the surface. Special bunkers for the public and the personnel are located beneath the reading room in the one-story administration building connecting the new and the old storage buildings.

ANDERSSON, INGVAR, *Einar Wendt avliden* (Einar Wendt dead). P. 30. Portrait.

Eulogy of Einar Wendt (1893-1963), who served throughout his professional life in the National Archives.

Vindikationsretten til arkivalier (The right to replevin archives). P. 30.

On inquiry from Switzerland a report was prepared by the Danish National Archives on the application of the right to replevin public archives in private possession. Only once since the publication of a circular on this matter in 1885 has the right been questioned; it has not been invoked for 50 years.

Betänkande om papper och skrivmedel (Report on paper and writing materials). P. 30.

The so-called standard-paper regulations of 1907 in Sweden have been in need of revision for some time. A committee studied the problem concerning paper and

writing materials in state offices and recommended two types of paper, *archives paper* for permanent documentation, and *utility paper* for nonpermanent purposes. Regulations are to contain recommendations concerning ink, ball-point pens, stamps, ribbons, and carbon paper.

MAARTENSSON, GUNNAR, "*I mörker*" ("In the dark"). P. 31-32.

Musings of a client in an archives reading room at Helsinki about the paradox of complex historical research and interpretation in a highly vulnerable artificial civilization at the mercy of elementary accidents such as a failure of the central lighting system.

"*Mormonfilmerna*" högtidligt överlämnade till svenska riksarkivet (The "Mormon films" transmitted ceremonially to the Swedish National Archives). P. 32. Illus.

A collection of 54,440 reels of negative 35mm. film, each reel with some 1,000 exposures, made by the Genealogical Society of Utah in Swedish archives during the past 15 years, was presented by president Alvin W. Fletcher of the Mormon Church to King Gustav Adolf and National Archivist Ingvar Andersson for preservation in Sweden's National Archives, where copies may be had on request.

Arkivarforeningens aarsmøde (Annual meeting of the Danish Society of Archivists). P. 33.

Twenty-two archivists participated in the annual meeting at Aarhus and Viborg on May 19, 1963. They were introduced to the Business and Industrial Archives installed recently in the former State Library at Aarhus and to the new Provincial Archives at Viborg.

Ogier-arkivalierne (The Ogier archives). P. 33.

The archives of the French ambassador in Copenhagen during the latter part of the eighteenth century, Jean François Ogier, were purchased with the aid of the Tuborg Fund.

Indsamling af privatarkiver i Sverige (Collecting of private archives in Sweden). P. 33.

The Swedish Committee for a National Inventory of Private Archives, appointed in 1956, with functions much like the Archival Committee of the Danish Association of Sciences, has published its first bulletin.

Normerings- og finanslov 1963-64 (Adjustment and finance law 1963-64). P. 33.

Implementations of a law authorizing personnel changes and increases, building repairs and installations, and extraordinary acquisitions.

STAF, NILS, *Hur Stockholm styrdes* (How Stockholm is governed). P. 34. Illus.

Most Swedish cities celebrated the centennial of the introduction of liberal municipal government during 1962/63. The City Archives of Stockholm prepared an exhibit to illustrate the difference in structure and effect between the old and the new way.

Personalet (Personnel). P. 35.

Johan Hvidtfeldt is the new National Archivist of Denmark.

Rigsarkivet (The National Archives). P. 35-36.

An account of the Ministry of Finance during the war years (1943-45), which reveals, among other things, the technical problems of payment of state funds to the resistance movement.

Landsarkiverne m.m. (Provincial archives etc.). P. 36-38.

News especially of the new building at Viborg and of transfers to the Business and Industrial Archives at Aarhus.

Norden (The North). P. 38-43.

Finland. John E. Roos, 70, retired from the National Archives staff after 45 years of service; the Business and Industrial Archives Association held its annual meeting on March 29, 1963. *Norway.* News of deaths, archival buildings, nonphotographic

copying from film. The Nordic Archives Council (Norsk Arkivraad), established late in 1961 and composed of archivists representing public and private institutions and business enterprises, has as its main objective the furtherance of training of archivists and the preservation of valuable archives in Scandinavia. *Sweden*. An exhibition of Swedish archives and related materials illustrating relations between Sweden and Switzerland was opened on April 27, 1963, in the Nordisk Museum in Stockholm. A corresponding exhibition of Swiss materials was planned for the fall of 1963 in Bern. ¶A provincial archivists' meeting in Stockholm in March 1963 dealt exclusively with safeguarding archives in case of war. ¶The Association of Professional Archivists met on February 27, 1963, and amended the constitution to permit membership of representatives of semiofficial or private organizations with academic training equivalent to that of the present membership. ¶Aake Kromnov provides not only a descriptive note about the third Swedish publication on business and industrial archives but the main points of the short history of the Swedish business archivists' organization called Näringslivets Arkivraad since 1954, when the Swedish Industrial Society organized the first archival meeting.

Udlandet (Foreign countries). P. 43-44.

A report on the Italian archivists' meeting in Verona, March 31 to April 1, 1963, especially on the debate on salaries and the new archives building in Verona, which has 20,000 running meters of shelving. ¶The new underground addition of three stories, with compact shelving and airconditioning, to the State Archives at Basel underneath the existing building is fully occupied.

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JÖRGENSEN, HARALD, *Arkivalsk rundbordskonferens i Budapest* (Roundtable Conference on Archives in Budapest). P. 45-47. Illus.

The eighth conference of this nature, held in Budapest on June 12-15, 1963, was attended by 43 persons representing 23 countries and Unesco. The major topics discussed were archival sources of agricultural history and modern archives buildings.

BERG, LARS O., *Inventering av enskilda arkiv i Sverige* (Inventorying of private archives in Sweden). P. 47-48.

A discussion of sporadic inventorying of private archives before the establishment of the Committee for National Inventorying of Private Archives in 1956 and an account of the committee's most important accomplishments.

100-årsminnet av lantdagen 1863-1864 (The centenary celebration of the National Diet, 1863-1864). P. 49. Illus.

Three diets (1809, 1863-64, and 1906) of crucial importance in Finland's history were illustrated by an exhibit of archives in Sveaborg's Museum.

Dansk historisk Fællesforenings aarsmøde (Annual meeting of the Joint Danish Historical Associations). P. 49-50.

The annual meeting of Danish local historical associations, museums, and archives in Aalborg, on August 9-10, 1963, was attended by 115 delegates, including the National Archivist and all provincial archivists. Of general interest were the three professional topics discussed: mutual limitation of the activities of local archival establishments, a course for local archival staff, and acceptance in local archives of records discarded by the National Archives.

Landsarkivens byggnadsfraaga (The building problem of the provincial archives of Sweden). P. 50.

The plan for a complete reconstruction of Vadstena Castle and its preparation for the provincial archives was rejected by the Riksdag on strong protest of leading archivists. An alternative plan provides essentially for the development of local facilities in Lund, Göteborg, and Uppsala. Vadstena Castle restoration plans have

been scheduled for complete revision; those concerning the provisional archives in Lund and Göteborg are going forward.

Personalet (Personnel). P. 51.

Rigsarkivet (The National Archives). P. 51.

Transfer or destruction of various departmental records as well as deposits of private archives are reported.

Landsarkiverne m.m. (Provincial archives etc.). P. 52-53.

The plans for a new building for the Provincial Archives of Sjælland in Copenhagen have reached their final stage, appropriations have been secured, and a call for bids was issued in August 1963. ¶ The Danish Department of Taxation regulates the inspection of its offices by the provincial archivists (every 5 years), stipulates the series to be transferred to the provincial depots, and permits all records not specifically named in the transfer lists to be destroyed.

Norden (The North). P. 54-56.

Finland. The titles of papers given at the meeting of the Association of Industrial and Business Archivists (see *N. A.*, 1962, no. 4), which have been published, as the first number of a series, in Helsinki, 1963. *Norway.* The Norwegian National Archives has begun a series of preliminary archives inventories. *Sweden.* The loan of space by Stockholm's City Archives in its storage vault in Kungsklippan has allowed the National Archives to accept more valuable departmental and central office records, all dated after 1920, filling about 2,000 running meters of shelving. ¶ The establishment of a central data-processing office, resulting from progressive concentration of statistical services throughout the national administration, is also responsible for the consolidation of the census and the tax collector's offices.

Udlandet (Foreign countries). P. 56.

Harald Jørgensen, Provincial Archivist, delivered a number of lectures in various parts of West Germany during June 1963. ¶ Johannes Papritz retired as head of the School for Archivists in Marburg, West Germany; he was succeeded by Kurt Dülfer.

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Oral Tradition

The Colonial Documents kindly furnished me by the Legislature of Georgia, to aid in the compilation of this work, have been freely used. A large amount of information has been gleaned, moreover, from aged persons—"the oldest inhabitants" of many of our towns and villages—whose memories are proverbially tenacious in regard to events, which made their vivid impressions in early youth. This oral tradition, indeed, often furnishes the warm flesh and blood of the body of History, while documentary evidence can be relied on for the putting together of the dry skeleton alone.

—REV. GEORGE WHITE, preface to *Historical Collections of Georgia . . .*, p. v (New York, Putney & Russell, 1855).