

Abstracts of Foreign Periodicals

GERMAN FEDERAL REPUBLIC

Archivalische Zeitschrift, VOL. 64 (1968).

KAHLENBERG, FRIEDRICH P., *Das Zwischenarchiv des Bundesarchivs: Institution zwischen Behörde und Archiv* (The record center of the Central State Archives: an institution between agency and archives). P. 27–40. After a planning stage, 1961–64, the record center was opened on February 1, 1965, and soon found itself crowded. What developed as an emergency measure because of the sudden flood of material into the Bundesarchiv is now, after a 3-year shakedown operation, an integral and important part of the parent archive. Experiences in the varying number of referrals, in reference use, in sorting and in disposal, in levels of responsibility for record center and archival personnel are given in some detail. American experience is mentioned prominently. Footnotes.

FRANZ, ECKHART G., *Die englischen County-Archive und ihre Bestände* (The English County Archives and their holdings). P. 41–68. A heavily documented account, based upon personal visits in England, after very extensive reading in the available literature.

GRANIER, GERHARD, *Zur Magazinierung moderner Akten* (On storage of modern records). P. 69–78. A discussion of various types of boxes, binders, and similar means of holding and keeping intact large quantities of records. Details of strength, chemical composition of paper, and costs are given; and the whole is documented with notes and one photograph.

ZITTEL, BERNHARD, *Belichtung und Belüftung von Archivmagazinen* (Lighting and ventilation of archival stacks). P. 79–131. A very heavily documented study (247 footnotes), based on European and American literature as well as personal observation, which deals in technical detail with light, damage resulting from direct sunlight, windowless storagerooms, types of window glass, glass building blocks, shades, orientation of the building, general principles of ventilation, heating, chemical composition of ambient air, air conditioning, dehumidifying, and damage to paper from air. Archivists, librarians, architects, and air-conditioning engineers need to work in closer cooperation. "Form follows function."

BRUCKNER, ALBERT, *Der Umbau des Staatsarchivs Basel-Stadt* (The renovation of the State Archives of Basel). P. 132–138. Three pages of text, accompanied by four drawings and two photographs, detailing the addition to the building and the new interior equipment.

SCHWEBEL, KARL H., *Der Neubau des Staatsarchivs Bremen* (The new building of the State Archives at Bremen). P. 139–147. Five pages of text,

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accompanied by four drawings and four photographs, describing the construction, layout, and equipment of this structure completed in 1967.

ZITTEL, BERNHARD, *Der Neubau des Bayerischen Hauptstaatsarchivs München* (The new building of the Main State Archives at Munich). P. 148-172. The extensive renovation, refittings, and new services are described in detail (5 drawings, 15 photographs), with comments on the problems met and overcome. A brief history of the archive, 1906-1945 and 1945-1964, introduces the technical material.

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Boletín de la Dirección General de Archivos y Bibliotecas, NO. 105 (1969).

MARTÍNEZ GARCÍA, MIGUEL, *Cuerpo Facultativo de Archiveros, Bibliotecarios y Arqueólogos* (Archival, library, and archeological staff). P. 2-13. This Division of the Spanish Government was established by Art. 166 of the *Ley de Instrucción Pública*, September 9, 1857. The three branches were reorganized and modernized by two additional decrees in 1887 and 1932. Entrance to the examinations under all three laws is explained; the number of employees in each grade and the corresponding salaries are shown; and the composition and duties of the Board of Directors under all three decrees are compared.

I Cursillo Sobre Fundamentos Básicos del Tratamiento de la Información por Máquinas y Procedimientos Modernos (1st short course on basic fundamentals of the treatment of information by machines and modern procedures). P. 16-17. The following subjects were discussed during this 1-week course: general introduction to arrangers; arithmetic treatment of information; programing languages; flow charts; other tools for information; standard machines; creation and operation of archives; and problems of management.

FERNÁNDEZ CATÓN, JOSÉ, *Necesidad de Preveer una Legislación Archivística Postconciliar para la Conservación del Patrimonio Eclesiástico Documental, Artístico y de Costumbres y Tradiciones Religioso-Populares* (Need for archival legislation to conserve postcouncil ecclesiastical records). P. 18-21. Discusses need for new ecclesiastical archival procedures at all levels as a consequence of the second Vatican Council. The following three types of inventories are being compiled under the director of the Diocesan Historical Archivist for León: (1) inventory-guide to parochial archives; (2) inventory of individual churches and of their art treasures; and (3) inventory of popular religious customs and traditions. Included is a copy of the questionnaire relative to the inventory to be prepared on religious customs and traditions.

Los Archivos de Sonido, Documentos de la Historia (Sound archives, documents of history). P. 22-23. A summary of the history of sound recording from 1877 to the present. Contributions by Thomas Edison, Alexander Graham Bell, Valdemar Poulsen, Stille, and Pflaumer are mentioned. A brief description of sound museums that are being established in the United States, Great Britain, and Spain is included.

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Boletín del Archivo General de la Nación, VOL. 58, NO. 215 (1968).

KECSKEMÉTI CHARLES, *La Liberalización en Materia de Acceso a los Archivos y de Política de Microfilmación* (Concerning the liberalization of access to archives and the policy of microfilming). P. 253-289. Principal headings include: The role of the International Council on Archives; significant differences between countries with regard to restrictions and length of time before documents can be consulted; some theoretical considerations; practical conclusions; advance opening of series or of documental categories; restrictions relating to papers of private origin; statutes regarding foreign researchers; technical facilities; national cards for researchers; microfilming policy as it relates to foreigners; practical suggestions; restrictions for reasons of subject matter; quantitative restrictions and restrictions of a scientific character; technical restrictions; microfilming of finding aids, i.e., registers, indexes, etc.; financial and administrative aspects; exchange and collaboration agreements among institutions; utilization of microfilms; coordinating of microfilming programs.

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