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FRANCE

La Gazette des Archives, n. s. NO. 49 (1965).

LEVRON, JACQUES, *L'archiviste et le tourisme* (The archivist and tourism). P. 41-48. The archivist's participation in the promotion of tourism, as one of his additional activities, was officially established in the March 29, 1952, note from the Secretary of Education to the prefects. The archivist participated in those activities long before the Secretary's note. The author describes those past activities and then deals with the role that the archivist should play in the *Commissions des Sites, Commissions départementales de tourisme*, and the *Syndicats d'Initiative*.

La Gazette des Archives, n. s. NO. 50 (1965).

BLAQUIÈRE, HENRI, *La restauration: un des moyens de sauvegarde des archives communales* (Restoration: one way of safekeeping the archives of the communes). P. 117-119. The author stresses the importance of preserving the communal archives. The first need is establishment of a depository; binding of the most important documents is the second need. It should be done under the supervision of the archivist. When the expense for restoration is greater than the means of the commune, the department should pay, or a subsidy should be obtained from the General Council. These two sources failing, funds should be requested from the National Government.

MARCHAND, MARIE-LOUISE, *Les Archives de l'Académie de Paris: expérience de gestion d'un dépôt de "pré-archivage"* (Paris Academy Archives: an experience in the administration of a pre-archival depository). P. 121-129. As administrator of the pre-archival depository, the author presents solutions to the problems faced when dealing with the transfer of records from the Academy to the depository: disposal schedules, accession and description of the records, selection and classification, preparation for transfer to the Archives Nationales, and labeling and inventorying.

La Gazette des Archives, n. s. NO. 51 (1965).

TAILLEMITE, ÉTIENNE, *Quelques enseignements d'un voyage aux États-Unis* (Some lessons from a trip to the United States). P. 201-215. The author's impressions of libraries, archives, learned societies, museums, private foundations, and historic monuments in the United States. He is particularly impressed by the number of publications of the National Archives. His conclusions: there exists in the United States, in the archival field, a service well equipped with numerous personnel and a quantity of material, both used to the maximum of their possibilities. The American archivist is, in most cases, more technician than scholar. This does not, however, nullify his prestige, authority, or efficiency.

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Archiwista: Biuletyn Stowarzyszenia Archiwistów Polskich.

The first two issues (24 and 32 pages, respectively) of the new publication

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of the Organization of Polish Archivists contain almost exclusively organizational news and questions. It is published in Warsaw.

Archiwista, NO. 2 (1965).

KŁONOWSKA, WERONIKA, *Z problematyki archiwów zakładowych na terenie Warszawy i województwa warszawskiego* (Problems of institutional archives in the city and province of Warsaw). P. 1-12.

KAŹMIERCZAK, STANISŁAW, *Problem archiwów zakładowych w świetle zadań Stowarzyszenia Archiwistów Polskich* (The problem of institutional archives in the light of the function of the Organization of Polish Archivists). P. 13-18.

Informacja o studiach w zakresie specjalizacji archiwalnej w ramach zaocznego studium historii na Uniwersytecie M. Kopernika w Toruniu (Information on specialized archival study courses as part of the study of history at the Copernican University in Torun). P. 26-29. A 3-year course covering general history, Polish history, Marxist philosophy, archivistics, Latin paleography, German and Russian scripts, auxiliary sciences of history, and regional history.

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Boletín [de la] Dirección General de Archivos y Bibliotecas,
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II Congreso Nacional de Archivos (The Second Archival Congress). P. 2-14. The Second National Archival Congress of Spain, a session of the Executive Committee of the International Council on Archives, and the Fifth Meeting of the Directors of Provincial Library Centers were held at the new archival building of the Kingdom of Valencia on October 27-29, 1965. This was also the occasion for the formal dedication of the new structure. A group discussion was held on each of the following topics: (1) disposal of documentation (chairman: A. Matilla Tascón); (2) transfer of documentation to the archives (chairman: L. Sanchez Belda); (3) notes for a preliminary archival law (chairman: Federico Udino Martorell). Replies to a widely circulated questionnaire served as basis for the discussions and recommendations of those taking part in these sessions.

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ARAGÓ CABAÑAS, ANTONIO M.^a, *Reflexiones en torno a un curso de archivística (Reflexions on a course of archival training)*. P. 23-24. On January 21, 1966, in Barcelona, in the Archivo de la Corona de Aragón, a training course was begun to prepare archivists for specialized work in military archives. The presence of high-ranking military and civilian officials showed how widespread the interest in this project was. Until now military archives have been neglected, and the intention in starting the course was to promote work on them. A sketch of subjects to be dealt with in the course is given, indicating that they will be both theoretical and practical. This plan would be impossible if it were not for the copious specialized bibliography that has appeared in recent years and the fact that the subject has been discussed at several international archival congresses. The article concludes with a discussion of modern methods of arrangement, cataloging, and classification, and adds that the function of the archivist is becoming more and more active and less passive, and consequently it is fortunate that so many courses and even specialized schools for archival training are coming into being in Europe.

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