

**THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF NEW ZEALAND**  
**A COMMENT ON ACCOMMODATION, PERSONNEL, RESEARCH AND OTHER**  
**ACTIVITIES**

The Chief Archivist and his staff are planning with Ministry of Works' architects for the use of some 54,400 sq. ft. in the second and third floors of the proposed new National Library building. This occupation would be for about 20 years, until the area is required by the library for stack space. It is hoped that eventually a new National Archives building will be located next to the National Library.

Miss Rosemary Collier, who served with National Archives from 1965 to 1968 and from 1970 to 1971, is on the way to London after doing a stint of 6 months at the Hocken Library in Dunedin. Miss Pauline Jenkins is on leave of absence for a year from 28 April last. She has been travelling in South-east Asia, including Burma; also in Nepal, India, Afghanistan and Europe. Mr P. Zilch (M.A., Michigan State University), and Mr T.R. Reynolds (B.A. Hons., Victoria University of Wellington) have joined the staff.

Professor Keith Sinclair of the History Department of the University of Auckland, is making good progress with his researches on the Life and Times of Sir Walter Nash (1882-1968). National Archives holds the collection of Nash Papers, which is one of the most considerable of its kind: The accumulation of the private records of a statesman covering the last 40 years of his life.

Appraisals and reference work has kept the staff busy. The infestation of genealogists (grandfather-hunters) has been heavy. The Records Advisory Officer has assisted the Queen Elizabeth II Arts Council with a new file classification. A renewed campaign to obtain the records of commissions of inquiry has had good results.

The issue of the 1972 xeroxed annual summary of work should be made within two months; copies will be sent to Australian university and research libraries. An information circular has been prepared for Government offices outside Wellington.

The New Zealand Broadcasting Corporation will co-operate with National Archives on the preservation of television film and tape covering industrial and political interviews and historical and documentary items. ( J.D. Pascoe )