

# **INTERNATIONAL PRESS NOTES**

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## **Appointment of State Archivist in Hawaii**

Jolyn G. Tamura was appointed State Archivist of Hawaii in October 1987. Mr Tamura is the sixth person to fill the post since it was created in the early 1900s. The State Archives of Hawaii contain official government records and photographs dating back to the Hawaiian Kingdom.

## **ARMA International Conference**

The Association of Records Managers and Administrators (ARMA International) held its 32nd Annual Conference in Anaheim, California in October 1987. Papers covered a wide variety of topics dealing with the whole spectrum of information management, with at least five sessions relating to archival concerns. The National Archivists of both Canada and the United States of America were speakers at the conference examining the role of national archival institutions in the management of record information. Papers are available from ARMA International, 4200 Somerset Drive, Suite 215, Prairie Village, Kansas, USA 66208 for \$25 US.

## **Accommodation problems for the National Archives of Canada**

Two serious leaks in the storage space of the National Archives of Canada were detailed in the report of a House of Commons Standing Committee on Communications and Culture which recommended the construction of a new facility to accommodate the National Archives. Almost as the report was released a further leak occurred with a frozen pipe bursting.

The report presents three major findings:

- the available storage space does not meet acceptable and recognized standards for the preservation of the national heritage;
- the Archives is short of space to store valuable archival holdings and government records. As a result it cannot accept manuscripts, collections and other valuable archival documents;

- the archival laboratories, offices and storage space are spread throughout 14 different buildings in the National Capital Region which increases operating costs and reduces public access to archival collections.

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### **Missing Documents from the Berlin Document Centre**

Documents relating to suspected war criminals, SS files, and records of the Peoples Court have been found to be missing from the Berlin Document Centre. Investigations of these losses have been going on for up to six years, it was reported in Brian Furlonger's "A View of the World" on ABC Radio on 16th February 1988. The Berlin Document Centre, which is under the control of the US Army Intellegence, although not the official repository of this information is reported to have up to 30 million files in its custody.