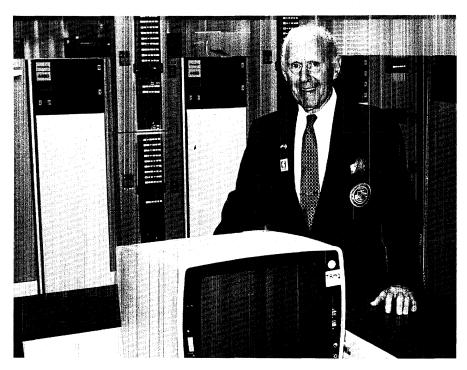# *Data center consolidation*

"When new computer technology made it possible to consolidate our two data processing centers into one facility, we seized the opportunity to boost efficiency and save tax dollars," says State Comptroller Louis L. Goldstein.

The installation of the ES9000 Model 740 mainframe at the Annapolis Data Center in 1991 permitted the consolidation while providing capacity to implement the technological breakthroughs in tax administration, accounting and imaging of tax returns described throughout this report.

Designed to handle more than ten times the data of previous hardware, the new computer allowed a dramatic streamlining of staff functions, including the elimination of 83 positions.

Maryland State Comptroller Louis L. Goldstein surveys the Operations Section of the Annapolis Data Center, which serves most agencies of state government and supports technological advances in tax administration and financial management.

Despite the momentous change, service was not affected. The consolidation also resulted in an annual savings of $5 million in hardware, software, rent, personnel and other costs.

The Annapolis Data Center serves the data processing needs of most state agencies, the circuit courts and the citizens who depend on them. Nearly 1,400,000 data transactions are handled at the center every day, through more than 16,000 on-line terminals in state agencies in every part of Maryland.