

## PUBLIC AND PROFESSIONAL RELATIONS

As in the past, the Hall of Records was host this year to a distinguished group of visitors from this country and from abroad who came to inspect our plant and to observe our work. Those who came from foreign countries were Purnendu Basu, of the Imperial Record Office, New Delhi, India; Luis Gonzalo Patrizi, of the National Archives of Venezuela at Caracas; and Atilio Giacoso Bértoli, who holds a similar position in the record office of Uruguay at San José.

Several of the American visitors were from institutions of other states now planning new archival or library facilities. We are especially pleased that the Hall of Records remains a model for so many new installations. Among the visitors from such public or quasi-public institutions in other states were J. Edward Boell, the newly-appointed Archivist of Wisconsin; L. Garrett Myers, Superintendent of the Genealogical Society of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints at Salt Lake City, and Mary Thornton and Elizabeth H. Cotten of the University of North Carolina Library.

Some other visitors were Nellie M. Coats of the Indiana State Library at Indianapolis; Albert B. Corey, Historian of the State of New York; Leon de Valinger, Archivist of Delaware; J. H. Easterby, Archivist of South Carolina and R. L. Meriwether, President of the Archives Commission of that State; and Russell F. Barnes, Secretary of the Minnesota Historical Society.

Among the visitors from Washington, D. C., were Father James J. Kortendick, head of the Department of Library Science of Catholic University and Ferdinand Zach, who is his assistant in the binding division; Roscoe R. Hill, the distinguished specialist in Spanish American Affairs and the retired chief of State Department Archives of the National Archives; Ernst Posner, Dean of the Graduate School of American University; F. L. Belin, Vice-President of the National Art Gallery; and Victor Gondos and Daniel F. Noll of the National Archives Division of Microphotography.

On the occasion of the Inauguration of John S. Kieffer as President of the St. John's College, October 25, 1947, the Hall of Records prepared a special exhibit of materials having to do with the history of the College. This exhibit was well-attended, and it aroused a good