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### Freedom of Information

In the February issue of the *Urban History Review*, there was a report on freedom of information and the potential opportunities and difficulties that new legislation in Ontario might pose. Now there are two additional developments to note. The proceedings of the November conference, "Key to the '90s: Privacy and Information Access," have been recorded and are available as published transcripts for \$10.00. Copies may be ordered by mail. Cheques or money orders should be made payable to the Treasurer of Ontario and mailed to:

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Frank White, Director of the Freedom of Information and Privacy Branch, Management Board of Cabinet (Ontario), has written to Cornelius Jaenen, President of the Canadian Historical Association, to report that "assessment rolls are a public record and not subject to the privacy provisions of the Act. They will continue to be available to historians."

### New Journal

The Canadian Association of Geographers has founded a new journal aimed at geographers in government, business and education. Published as *The Operational Geographer*, the journal encourages articles and other communications pertaining to contemporary issues and topics important to the practicing geographer and to geography as a professional discipline. Contributions in English or French are welcome. The maximum length for articles is 3,000 words, for reviews and reports, 1,000 words, and of all other items, 500 words. Submissions on IBM 5 1/4" or Apple diskettes in ASCII (text with no control codes) are encouraged.

Submissions of material and correspondence with the editors should be addressed to:

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### Cities in World War II: A Colloquium

To commemorate the beginning of World War II, the city of Stuttgart is sponsoring an international colloquium on cities and their experiences during that conflict. Held 13-15 September 1989 in the assembly chamber of the city hall of Stuttgart, the conference will consist of six sessions dealing with eighteen cities. There are plans to publish the proceedings. The following is a summary of the sessions:

#### 13 September

1. Cities under siege: Shanghai, Warsaw, and Leningrad
2. Cities under occupation: Copenhagen, Brussels, and Lyon

#### 14 September

3. Industrial cities in wartime: Turin, Detroit, and Yokohama
4. Cities as staging bases: Halifax, Cairo, and Calcutta
5. Neutral cities: Zurich, Stockholm, and Istanbul
6. Cities under bombardment: Coventry, Hamburg, and Dresden

Information may be obtained from Professor Dr. Jurgen Rohwer, Director, Bibliothek fur Zeitgeschichte, Postfach 105441, D-700, Stuttgart 10.

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