

THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

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JOHN HAY WHITNEY SUCCEEDS STEPHEN C. CLARK AS CHAIRMAN
OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MUSEUM OF MODERN ART.
NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER TO BE PRESIDENT OF MUSEUM.

The Museum of Modern Art announces the election of John Hay Whitney to be Chairman of the Board of Trustees and of Nelson A. Rockefeller to be President of the Museum. Stephen C. Clark, Chairman of the Board during the war years, submitted his resignation as Chairman at a meeting of the Board of Trustees held today (Thursday, June 6) to enable him to devote himself to the development and effective use of the Museum's collections. He was elected chairman of the committee on acquisitions. He continues as a Trustee of the Museum and as a member of its Executive Committee.

Mr. Whitney, in accepting the chairmanship of the Board in succession to Mr. Clark, said:

"Mr. Clark has been a great chairman of the Board of the Museum of Modern Art and his resignation was accepted with regret on the footing that he has carried the burden of administrative responsibility during the war years. He is now entitled to be relieved, as he wishes, of these responsibilities so that he may devote himself to his major interest, the development of the Museum's collections.

"During his chairmanship of the Board, the Museum membership was doubled and the attendance has risen to more than half a million annually. We all recognize our debt to him and are reconciled to his retirement as chairman of the Board only because we shall continue to have him with us in another major role. His devotion and energy, his extraordinary background of knowledge and of taste, have created at the Museum a spirit and a drive seldom enjoyed by any institution."

The following officers were elected:

Chairman of the Board	John Hay Whitney
1st Vice-Chairman	Henry Allen Moe
2nd Vice-Chairman	Philip L. Goodwin
3rd Vice-Chairman	Sam A. Lewisohn
President	Nelson A. Rockefeller
Vice-President and Secretary	John E. Abbott
Vice-President in Charge of Foreign Activities	René d'Harnoncourt
Assistant Secretary	Allen Porter
Treasurer	Ronald H. Macdonald
Assistant Treasurer	Ione Ulrich

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