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Aarre Simonen, Finnish Minister of Commerce and Industry and the Finnish Ambassador to the United States, Johan Nykopp, visited the Museum of Modern Art, 11 West 53 St., on Friday, February 10, to inspect the Museum's Collection of Finnish glassware, furniture, china and wood objects and to present three glass pieces to the Museum. They were received by William A.M. Burden, President of the Museum, René d'Harnoncourt, Museum Director, Arthur Drexler, Curator of the Department of Architecture and Design and Greta Daniel, Associate Curator of Design. The Finnish guests were accompanied by Mr. Jakobson, Press Attache.

The Museum of Modern Art has been exhibiting and collecting work by Finnish designers since 1938 when it first presented a comprehensive exhibition of work by the famous Finnish architect and designer, Alvar Aalto. Glass bowls and vases, wooden platters, drinking glasses, porcelain dinner and kitchen ware and a selection of furniture by Aalto are now included in the Collection. Other designers represented are Kaj Franck, Timo Sarpaneva, Tapio Wirkkala, GÖRAN Hongell and Gunnel Nyman.

Craftsmanship and originality of Finnish design have contributed widely to the contemporary design world, Miss Daniel points out. Examples have been shown in numerous Museum exhibitions including the "Useful Objects" and "Good Design" shows, and special exhibitions drawn from the Museum Collection. They have been reproduced in "Masters of Modern Art," edited by Alfred H. Barr, Jr., Director of the Museum Collections and published during the Museum's 25th Anniversary Year and in "Useful Objects Today," a teaching portfolio edited by Associate Curator, Greta Daniel.
