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ANDREW RITCHIE APPOINTED

DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PAINTING AND SCULPTURE

Mr. Andrew C. Ritchie, Director of the Albright Art Gallery in Buffalo, has been named Director of the Department of Painting and Sculpture at the Museum of Modern Art, it was announced yesterday by Nelson A. Rockefeller, President.

Mr. Ritchie, who will take up his new duties on August 15, is widely known in art circles for his articles and exhibitions. A scholar in the field of art history, he has always shown a great interest in modern art, and his exhibitions at the Albright Gallery have included old and modern paintings and sculpture, the decorative arts, industrial design and architecture.

Born in Scotland in 1907, he came to this country at the age of 15. He studied at the University of Pittsburgh and did post-graduate work at the Courtauld Institute of Art, University of London, where he received his doctorate. Before going to Buffalo he was research assistant and lecturer at the Frick Collection in New York. During this period he also was on the faculty of New York University and was a visiting lecturer at Johns Hopkins University.

At the close of the war he served with distinction in the Monuments and Fine Arts Section of the United States Forces in Austria as representative of the Commanding General. For his work in connection with the recuperation of art looted by the Nazis he was decorated by the French Government with the Legion of Honor and was made an Officer of the Order of Orange Nassau by the Netherlands.

He is the author of English Painters, Hogarth to Constable, and he has assembled important catalogs on Burchfield, Maillol, British Contemporary Painters and Industrial Design.

In his new post as the Director of the Painting and Sculpture department at the Museum of Modern Art, Mr. Ritchie will assume responsibility for the loan exhibitions, the publications and the other varied duties of this important department of the Museum.

In announcing the appointment Mr. Rockefeller expressed the great satisfaction of the trustees at securing the services of one so well qualified for the post.

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