6 photograps THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART 11 WEST 53 STREET, NEW YORK 19, N. Y. TELEPHONE: CIRCLE 5-8900 520911-60 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE PREPARATIONS UNDER WAY FOR LARGE INTERNATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION Mr. Edward Steichen, Director of the Department of Photography for the Museum of Modern Art, 11 West 53 Street, will fly to Paris on September 19 on the first leg of an extensive European trip to make an exploratory survey of material available and suitable for inclusion in a proposed international photographic exhibition. His aim is to organize a large exhibition - and perhaps the most important photographic show in the Museum's history - on the theme "The Family of Man." Mr. Steichen will search out penetrating documentary photographs that portray the basic and universal elements in human relations and demonstrate the role that can be played by the art of photography in communication and explanation of man to man. These are the photographs that would form the exhibition, providing photographers and material can be found to meet such requirements in the many countries Mr. Steichen will visit. The exhibition is scheduled to be shown in the Museum of Modern Art in 1954 and then in countries throughout Europe and Asia.