THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

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RUSSIAN JOURNALISTS TO VISIT MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

The group of seven Russian journalists now touring the United States will visit the Museum of Modern Art, 11 West 53 Street, New York, on Wednesday, November 16, from 4:30 p.m. to 6. They will be escorted through the galleries by a group of Museum officials including William A. M. Burden, President; Rene d'Harnoncourt, Director; and the heads of the various Museum departments. Following their tour they will be entertained at tea in the Museum Members' Penthouse Lounge.

As a gift the Museum will present each Russian visitor with copies of four important Museum publications: MASTERS OF MODERN ART, the Museum's 25th Anniversary book on its own collections; THE FAMILY OF MAN, based on the photography exhibition presented last year and now touring the world; FILM NOTES, the story of movie making and the Museum's ANNIVERSARY YEAR BULLETIN, containing a pictorial history of the Museum, speeches given at the Anniversary Celebration and financial statements.

The exhibitions currently on view at the Museum include a selection of paintings and sculpture from the Museum's Collection, a retrospective show of prints by the Germans, Nolde and Kirchner, graphic design by the Italian, Munari and the American, Lustig, examples of European and American glass from the Museum's Collection and pictures by students at the People's Art Center. On the Museum's third floor, where a major exhibition, LATIN-AMERICAN ARCHITECTURE SINCE 1945, is being installed the visitors will get a behind-the-scenes view.

In addition to Mr. Burden and Mr. d'Harnoncourt, the Russian visitors will be met by Alfred H. Barr, Jr., Director of the Museum Collections; Andrew C. Ritchie, Director of the Department of Painting and Sculpture; and Monroe Wheeler, Director of Publications and Exhibitions.

The journalists will be accompanied by an interpreter from the U.S. Department of State and a press escort officer. Members of the group are: Viktor Vasilievich Poltoratski, Department Head of Izvestia; Aleksei Ivanovich Adzhubei, Member, Editorial Board of Komsomalskaya, Pravda; Valentin Mikhailovich Berezhkov, Deputy Chief Editor of "New Time"; Nikolai Matveevich Gribachev, Member, Governing Board of Union of Soviet Writers; Boris Nikolaevich Kampov-Polevoy, Secretary, Governing Board of Union of Soviet Writers, writer; Anatoli Vladimirovich Sofronov, Chief Manager, "Ogonok," writer; and Boris Romanovich Izakov, Member, Editorial Board of "International Life".

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