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The International Council of the Museum of Modern Art has announced plans for sending 19 exhibitions to countries in Latin America, the Far East and Europe in 1963 and for sending original works of art to United States Embassies in France and Africa bringing the total number of embassies thus served to 19.

The Council, a non-profit organization consisting of about 100 art patrons from various parts of the United States announced its plans at the conclusion of its annual meeting held in Washington October 29 and 30. At the same time Council officials reiterated a previous announcement of last May that it could no longer subsidize the official United States representation at the important international art biennales in São Paulo and Venice as it has done since the early '50s. It was reported at the meeting that thus far no public or private agency has offered to assume or share these responsibilities.

The 19 exhibitions to circulate abroad next year include paintings, sculpture, prints and drawings, architecture and design and photography. They bring the total number of exhibitions circulated under the Council's auspices to 72. These exhibitions have had showings in nearly 60 countries and constitute the largest program of its kind emanating from this country.

Honorary Members of the International Council include Mrs. John F. Kennedy, C. Douglas Dillon, Senator J. William Fulbright and Sir Herbert Read. August Heckscher is Chairman of the Board and Mrs. Bliss Parkinson is President.

One of the new exhibitions scheduled to travel in Europe is a one-man show of work by Franz Kline selected from the memorial exhibition opening this week at the Washington Gallery of Modern Art. This is one of a series of five one-man shows requested by museums in London, Brussels, Basel, Rome and Amsterdam which have offered to share the costs. A one-man show of work by Willem de Kooning is also scheduled for a European tour next year under the same arrangement; a show of paintings by Mark Rothko is just completing its tour as part of the same series.

Other exhibitions that will travel in Europe during 1963 are: Drawings by Arshile Gorky; Photographs by Edward Steichen, Modern Sculpture USA, The Artist in His Studio, The Intimate World of Lyonel Feininger, Ben Shahn, and Visionary Architecture. The Feininger and Shahn shows will also travel in Israel.

New exhibitions to be prepared for circulation in Japan include the United States section of a major international painting and sculpture show which is being organized by the Ashai Press and will travel under the sponsorship of the Japanese Ministry of Education and Foreign Affairs. This will be followed by a one-man show of work by Mark Tobey and an exhibition of work of about a dozen American artists each represented

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by six to ten paintings or sculptures. The latter show is being organized in cooperation with the New York-Tokyo Sister Affiliation Program and is scheduled to begin circulating in the fall of 1963.

Visionary Architecture will continue to circulate in Japan and two other exhibitions of photographs, work by Edward Steichen and The Artist in His Studio will begin tours in the coming months.

The largest exhibition approved for Latin America will consist of about 70 modern paintings from American public and private collections and is dependent on the raising of additional subsidies beyond the resources of the International Council. If these funds can be raised in this country and abroad the show will be sent to about eight major cities in Latin America beginning next year.

In addition an exhibition of Abstract Drawings and Watercolors: USA, now touring, will continue to circulate in Latin America during 1963 and a new show, Roads, will begin to travel during the same time.

Five shows will travel in India during 1963: Ben Shahn, The Intimate World of Lyonel Feininger, Visionary Architecture, Photographs by Edward Steichen and The Artist in His Studio. The latter two will also travel in Australia.

In Africa, Near, Middle and Far East, the 20th Century House will tour. This show of photographic panels is being prepared in multiple versions with text in various languages.

Among the special projects approved at the Council meeting were three new projects of the Art in Embassies Committee: selections of works of art for the U.S. Embassies in Nigeria and Cameroon and a second shipment to Paris. Under this program, organized by the International Council in 1960, 16 U.S. Embassies have already received works of art borrowed from public and private collections. The countries in which they are located are: Canada, Denmark, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Iceland, India, Japan, Peru, Phillipines, Poland, Portugal, Thailand and Yugoslavia. Projects for Turkey and Colombia are now in preparation.

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