

The Museum of Modern Art

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Howard B. Johnson (right), Trustee of The Howard Johnson Foundation, presents check for \$10,000 to Mrs. Bliss Parkinson, President, and René d'Harnoncourt, Director of The Museum of Modern Art. The check is the first installment of an unrestricted gift of \$100,000 to be paid over a period of ten years for the general support of the Museum.

"The Howard Johnson Foundation is pleased to make this donation to The Museum of Modern Art for its outstanding role in helping to enrich the lives of so many people by stimulating their interest in the art of our time," Mr. Johnson said.

In accepting the gift, Mrs. Parkinson said: "We are enormously grateful to receive such a generous unrestricted gift that the Trustees can apply to our most urgent needs. Accordingly, we will use these funds from the Howard Johnson Foundation for our newest service, The Lillie P. Bliss International Study Center."

The Center will make available to scholars, students, and the interested public the vast resources of the Museum, both documents and works of art. It will provide accessible study-storage facilities for the collections that are not on view or on loan, so that all works of art can be seen and studied in close conjunction with the thousands of books, original documents, clippings, catalogues, photographs, and films which the Museum has assembled since 1929. The formal dedication will be on May 27.

The Howard Johnson Foundation, founded in 1961, maintains a continuing program of contributions to charitable and cultural organizations. The Trustees of The Museum of Modern Art have elected the Foundation as a Patron of the Museum. The list of Patrons is permanently displayed in the Museum's Main Hall. The Foundation's Trustees are: Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Dorothy Johnson Weeks, and Mr. John T. Noonan, Sr.

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