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THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART 11 WEST 53RD STREET, NEW YORK TELEPHONE: CIRCLE 5-8900 LATIN AMERICA SENDS MORE THAN HALF OF THE 855 POSTERS RECEIVED IN UNITED HEMISPHERE COMPETITION. WINNERS TO BE ANNOUNCED

OCTOBER 21 AT OPENING OF EXHIBITION AT MUSEUM OF MODERN ART.

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Despite the great difficulties and delays of wartime mail and transportation facilities, 473 artists in Latin American countries have sent posters to the Museum of Modern Art for entry in the United Hemisphere Competition which opened last April and which closed July 28 for artists in the United States and Canada, and on September 30 for artists in the Latin American countries of the Western Hemisphere. Artists in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico entered 382 posters. Museum authorities expressed great pleasure over the enthusiastic response from artists throughout the Hemisphere.

From these 855 posters thirty-four prize winners will be chosen by a jury composed of Don Francisco, Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs; Fred Cooper, Artists Guild; John Falter, The Society of Illustrators; William A. Irwin, Art Directors Club; René d'Harnoncourt, General Manager, Indian Arts and Crafts Board; and Alfred H. Barr, Jr., Monroe Wheeler, and Captain Eliot F. Noyes, of the Museum of Modern Art.

Additional posters will be selected by the jury to be shown in an exhibition with the prize winners which will open at the Museum of Modern Art Wednesday, October 21, and will later be sent on a tour throughout the Hemisphere. A complete catalog of the exhibition, illustrated with reproductions of the winning posters, will be published with text in English, Spanish and Portuguese.

Prize winners in the Competition will be notified by wire or cable on October 20, the day before the exhibition opens to the public. The thirty-four cash prizes total \$2,500 and will be awarded in two groups as follows:

Posters from the 20 American	Posters from the U.S., its
Republics:	Dependencies and Canada:
First prize\$500Second prize2505 Third prizes, cach5010 Fourth prizes, cach25	First prize \$500 Second prize 250 5 Third prizes, each 50 10 Fourth prizes, each 25

The winning designs will be placed at the disposal of agencies of the United States Government for reproduction and use in the Americas. (<u>NOTE</u>: The United Hemisphere Poster Competition should not be confused with the National War Poster Competition which closes October 22, with the exhibition opening in November)