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JOHN HAY WHITNEY SUCCEEDS STEPHEN C. CLARK AS CHAIRMAN
OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MUSEUM OF MODERN ART.

NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER TO BE PRESIDENT OF MUSEUM.

The Museum of Modern Art announces the election of
John Hay Whitney to be Chairman of the Board of Trustees and of
Nelson A. Rockefeller to be President of the Museum. Stephen C.
Clark, Chairman of the Board during the war years, submitted his
resignation as Chairman at a meeting of the Board of Trustees held
today (Thursday, June 6) to enable him to devote himself to the
development and effective use of the Museum's collections. He was
elected chairman of the committee on acquisitions. He continues
as a Trustee of the Museum and as a member of its Executive Com­
mittee.

Mr. Whitney, in accepting the chairmanship of the Board
in succession to Mr. Clark, said:

"Mr. Clark has been a great chairman of the Board
of the Museum of Modern Art and his resignation was accepted
with regret on the footing that he has carried the burden of
administrative responsibility during the war years. He is
now entitled to be relieved, as he wishes, of these responsi­
bilities so that he may devote himself to his major interest,
the development of the Museum's collections.

"During his chairmanship of the Board, the Museum
membership was doubled and the attendance has risen to more
than half a million annually. We all recognize our debt to
him and are reconciled to his retirement as chairman of the
Board only because we shall continue to have him with us in
another major role. His devotion and energy, his extra­
ordinary background of knowledge and of taste, have created
at the Museum a spirit and a drive seldom enjoyed by any
institution."

The following officers were elected:

Chairman of the Board
1st Vice-Chairman
2nd Vice-Chairman
3rd Vice-Chairman
President
Vice-President and Secretary
Vice-President in Charge of
Foreign Activities
Assistant Secretary
Treasurer
Assistant Treasurer

John Hay Whitney
Henry Allen Moe
Philip L. Goodwin
Sam A. Lewisch
Nelson A. Rockefeller
John E. Abbott
Rene d'Harnoncourt
Allen Porter
Ranald H. Macdonald
Ione Ulrich

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