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Members of the Council were guests of honor at a special reception at the Whitney Museum of American Art on Wednesday; heard a lecture by Vincent Scully, Professor of Architectural History at Yale University on Thursday morning at the Frick Museum and had cocktails in the Library and Museum of the Performing Arts at Lincoln Center before attending a performance of "La Gioconda" at the New Metropolitan Opera House that evening; they visited an exhibition of Pre-Hispanic Gold at the Colombia Center of the Republic of Colombia and four private collections of modern painting and sculpture, in addition to attending the regular business meetings of the Council at The Museum of Modern Art.

The Council, which sponsors the Museum's program of international exchange exhibitions, consists of 145 members from 18 states and nine foreign countries. Mrs. Donald B. Straus, of New York, is President; Mr. Walter Dowling, former Ambassador to West Germany and now with the Atlantic Institute in Paris, is Chairman.

At the business session on Wednesday, Waldo Hasmussen, Executive Director of the Museum's Department of Circulating Exhibitions, announced plans for several new exhibitions among them a major retrospective of paintings by WILLEM DE KOONING which will be shown in The Netherlands -- the