

The Museum of Modern Art

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Notwithstanding a strike by its guards over wages, the Museum of Modern Art will keep its major summer exhibition ITALY: THE NEW DOMESTIC LANDSCAPE open to the public. In addition, the galleries in which its collections are on view will be open on an alternating basis, the second floor until 2:30 p.m., and the third floor after 2:30. The Sculpture Garden and the Garden Restaurant will also be open, as will the exhibition "Projects: David Novros." Film showings in the Auditorium will be held on the regular schedule, and the Museum's two bookstores will be open as usual. Regular hours will be maintained: daily from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m., on Thursdays until 9 p.m., and from noon until 6 p.m. on Sundays. The Summergarden program, normally held in the Sculpture Garden on weekends, has been temporarily suspended.

The Museum of Modern Art and Local 32B of the Service Employees International Union have had contractual relations since 1951. The current collective bargaining agreement, which took effect one year ago and has another year to run, provided for a 7.5% wage increase in its first year, together with substantial increases in pension and welfare contributions and provisions for overtime pay. The contract also provides for a wage re-opener to take effect on July 1, 1972. Although the full amount of the prior increase has not yet been approved by the Pay Board, the Union has demanded further wage increases of more than 15%. The Union has made no substantial movement from these demands, and has rejected the Museum's offer of a \$7.50 (or 5.5%) increase in wages for a 40-hour week, which would bring the pay of the average union member to \$143.60.

During the strike, security will be maintained by security supervisors and members of the managerial staff.

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