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FOR RELEASE WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 1940

The President and Trustees of the Museum of Modern Art entertained at dinner last night in the penthouse of the Museum, 11 West 53 Street, before the members' preview of Twenty Centuries of Mexican Art, the exhibition which opens to the public today (Wednesday, May 15).

The dinner was given in honor of the Directors of the Organization Committee of the exhibition, who assembled the material in Mexico and directed its four sections: Dr. Alfonso Caso, the Pre-Spanish; Prof. Manuel Toussaint, the Colonial; Senor Roberto Montenegro, the Folk Art; Senor Miguel Covarrubias, the Modern; and Dr. Carlos Chavez, who arranged the orchestral program of Mexican music which the Museum will present as part of the exhibition. The Honorable Ramon Beteta, Under Secretary of State of Mexico, and the Honorable Raphael de la Colina, Mexican Consul General, were also guests of honor.

Those attending the dinner included Mr. Justino Fernandez, Mrs. W. Murray Crane, The Honorable Raphael de la Colina, Senora de la Colina, Miss Naomi Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. Eduardo Hernandez Moncada, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Parkinson, Jr., Miss Ines Amor, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Street, Jr., Mr. Roberto Montenegro, Mr. Jose Clemente Orozco, Mr. and Mrs. Miguel Covarrubias, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen C. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson A. Rockefeller, Mr. John Hay Whitney, Dr. and Mrs. David H. Stevens, Miss Anne Stevens, Prof. and Mrs. Manuel Toussaint, Mrs. Alfred H. Barr, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Alberto Misrachi, Mr. Rene d'Harnoncourt, Dr. and Mrs. Carleton Sprague Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Beardsley Ruml, The Honorable Ramon Beteta, Dr. Carlos Chavez, Mrs. David M. Levy, Dr. and Mrs. George C. Valliant, Mrs. Cameron Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Hardinge Scholle, Mr. Monroe Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace K. Harrison, Mr. John McAndrew, Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Roberts, Dr. Herbert J. Spinden, Dr. and Mrs. Alfonso Caso, Miss Beatrix Caso, Mrs. George Henry Warren, Jr.