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WASHINGTON, D.C. January 28, 1963. The Chief Justice announced today that Mr. Paul Mellon has been elected President of the Trustees of the National Gallery of Art, and the Honorable John Hay Whitney has been elected Vice President.

Mr. Mellon fills the position held since 1955 by Mr. Chester Dale, who died on December 16, 1962. Mr. Mellon, formerly the Trustees' Vice President since 1961, is a graduate of Yale and Clare College, Cambridge, England. He is chairman of the boards of trustees of a number of philanthropic institutions, including the Mellon Institute for Industrial Research, the A. W. Mellon Educational and Charitable Trust, the Old Dominion Foundation, and the Bollingen Foundation. He is also a Trustee of the Virginia Museum and of the Avalon Foundation. He is the recipient of the Yale Medal Award (1953), the Horace Marden Albright Science Preservation Medal (1958), the award for distinguished service to the arts given by the American Institute of Arts and Letters (1962), and of an honorary Doctor of Letters degree from Oxford University.

Mr. Whitney, who was elected a Trustee on May 4, 1961, is the Editor-in-Chief and Publisher of the New York Herald Tribune, and was formerly the United States Ambassador to Great Britain. He is also a Trustee of the Museum of Modern Art, a Trustee of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, a Fellow of Yale Corporation, and Chairman of the English Speaking Union of the United States.

The Trustees of the National Gallery of Art comprise representatives of the Government and distinguished private citizens. The Government members are The Chief Justice, Chairman; the Secretary of State; the Secretary of the Treasury; and the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution. The other private members are Mr. Rush H. Kress and Mr. John N. Irwin II.

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