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William A. M. Burden was awarded the cross of Officer of the Legion of Honor at the French Consulate General, 934 Fifth Avenue, on Monday, February 13 at 5 p.m. by Count Jean de La Garde, Minister Plenipotentiary, Consul General of France.

"In receiving Mr. Burden into the Legion of Honor, which is not only a decoration but also an order of knighthood, France wants to honor a citizen who distinguished himself as a noted economist, as an expert in aviation research and in art," said M. de La Garde.

The order of the Legion of Honor was created 150 years ago to recognize those who in France and abroad have distinguished themselves either on the battlefields by their virtue or in civilian life by their intellect and achievements.

Mr. Burden is President of the Museum of Modern Art in New York. Last year he served as Co-Chairman of "Salute to France," a series of cultural events presented in Paris, and was Chairman of the Committee for the Exhibition at the Orangerie in the spring.

An aviation expert and financier, Mr. Burden served as Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Air from 1943 to 1947 and later served for two years as assistant for research and development to the Secretary of the Air Force. He is a trustee of the French Institute in the United States and a life trustee of Columbia University.

"As a token of our appreciation for your great services as a public servant and as a patron of the arts who has promoted cultural exchanges between our two countries and for your friendship for France, I am happy to bestow upon you, in the name of the President of the French Republic, the cross of Officer of the Legion of Honor," M. de La Garde said.