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## Biddle named chairman of Arts Endowment

On October 31, President Carter nominated Livingston L. Biddle, Jr., as chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts. The nomination was confirmed by the Senate on November 4.

Mr. Biddle becomes the third chairman of the Arts Endowment. His predecessors were Roger Stevens and Nancy Hanks.

A veteran staff member of the Senate Subcommittee on Education, Arts & the Humanities, chaired by Rhode Island Senator Claiborne Pell, Biddle was instrumental in drafting the 1965 legislation to establish the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities of which the Arts Endowment is a part.

Having served as both Deputy Chairman and director of Congressional Liaison for the Arts Endowment, he has long been familiar with its programs.

From 1967 to 1970, Mr. Biddle was chairman of the division of the arts at Fordham University. He established the arts curriculum at a new liberal arts college at New York's Lincoln Center where he also taught creative writing.

A native of Philadelphia, Mr. Biddle is the author of several best-selling novels, one, *The Village Beyond*, which had a World War II theme, sold 300,000 copies and received the Athenaeum Best Novel Award.

As chairman of the Pennsylvania Ballet for two years, he was credited with having cleared up deficits of a half million dollars that company had accumulated.

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