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G. A. McLellan of Chappaqua, N. Y., president of Business Committee for the Arts, Inc., and George M. Irwin of Quincy, Ill., a founding member and a director of BCA, will take part in the Montana Governor's Conference on the Arts.

The conference, Jan. 15 and 16 in Helena, is coordinated by the Montana Arts Council. Council Chairman Charles W. Bolen, dean of the University of Montana School of Fine Arts, will preside at the sessions, which are open to the public. Registration will be Wednesday (Jan. 15) from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Civic Center.

McLellan will speak on "Business and the Arts," and he and Irwin will participate in a panel discussion of the topic at a session Thursday at 2 p.m. at Jorgenson's Holiday Inn.

BCA was created in 1968 to enlist business support of the arts. The founding committee was composed of Roger M. Blough, U. S. Steel; C. Douglas Dillon, former secretary of the Treasury Katherine Graham, Washington Post; Devereux C. Josephs, New York Life Insurance; Gaven K. MacBain, Bristol-Myers; H. Bruce Palmer, National Industrial Conference Board, and David Rockefeller, The Chase Manhattan Bank.

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McLellan was the first administrative director of the Plans for Progress Program, working with President Lyndon B. Johnson as a dollar-a-year man. He received citations from the President, the vice president and the secretary of labor for his management of this voluntary cooperative effort of business and government to assure equal employment for all. He continued to serve on the advisory council for the program after he returned to Olin Mathieson Chemical Corp. in 1964.

Before taking his present position with BCA, McLellan was director of public affairs for Olin Mathieson. He is a member of the boards of several cultural organizations, and he is a former member of the Human Resources Development Committee of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce.

Irwin, in addition to serving on the BCA board, is chairman of the Associated Councils of the Arts and chairman of the Illinois Arts Council. He is on the board of Council on Foundations, Inc., and arts consultant to the National Endowment for the Arts and the Peace Corps. He is on the boards of the Chicago Symphony and other cultural organizations in Chicago and Quincy.

He is chairman of the board of Quincy Compressor Division of Colt Industries, Inc., and chairman of the boards of Irwin Paper Co., Peoria Paper House, Inc., and Decatur Paper House, Inc.