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The appointment of Perry B. Cott as Assistant Chief Curator of the National Gallery of Art was announced today by the Gallery. Mr. Cott has been for several years Associate Director of the Worcester Art Museum. He will succeed Charles Seymour, Jr., whose appointment to the Faculty and Museum staff of Yale University was announced a short time ago. Mr. Cott is to take up his new duties at the National Gallery of Art on September 1st.

Mr. Cott has had a distinguished career in his administrative and curatorial posts in the Worcester Museum. He served during the war in the Navy and saw duty as a Monuments, Fine Arts and Archives officer in Europe. He received his Doctor's degree in Fine Arts from Princeton University in 1938. He is the author of the standard work on Siculo-Arabic Ivory Carvings of the Middle Ages. He has contributed numerous articles on painting and sculpture to various scholarly publications.

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