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BOOKER PRIZE 1971

Owing to a general lack of sympathy with entries for this year's Booker Prize for fiction, Mr. Malcolm Muggeridge has felt it necessary to withdraw his services as a Judge.

Mr. Philip Toynbee replaces Mr. Muggeridge on the panel of Judges, the other Judges being Mr. John Gross (Chairman), Lady Antonia Fraser, Mr. Saul Bellow and Mr. John Fowles. See below for Mr. Toynbee's biographical details.

The winner of the Prize will be announced at the beginning of November.

Philip Toynbee, novelist, was born in 1916. He has been a member of the editorial staff of the Observer since 1950. He was educated at Rugby School and Christ Church, Oxford. Mr. Toynbee was editor of the Birmingham Town Crier from 1938 to 1939; commission in Intelligence Corps 1940-42; Ministry of Economic Warfare 1942-44; on staff of SHAEF in France and Belgium 1944-45; Literary Editor of Contact Publications 1945 to 1946. His publications include The Savage Days (1937), School in Private (1941), The Barricades (1943), Tea With Mrs. Goodman (1947), The Garden to the Sea (1953), Friends Apart (1954), Pantaloon (1961), (With Arnold Toynbee) Comparing Notes - a Dialogue across a Generation 1963, (With Maurice Richardson) Thanatos: a Modern Symposium (1963), Two Brothers (1964), A Learned City (1966), Views from a Lake (1968).

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