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eccentricity.

By Daily Express reporter

THOUGH born in the US the artist,

printmaker and art restorer Francis

Kelly found common cause with British

He arrived in England in 1955 to study at

the Central School of Arts and Crafts in

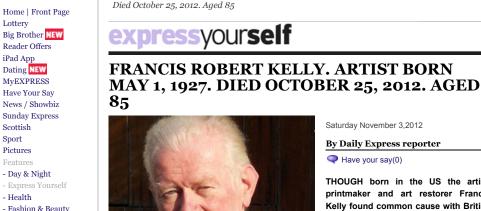
Besides exhibiting in London galleries

Kelly became the first American-born

president of the Serpentine Swimming

London and stayed nearly 60 years.

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Francis Robert Kelly died of pneumonia after a long

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The son of a barber and a waitress, Kelly was born in Minnesota.

For more than 20 years he was among those who braved the cold for a Christmas Day dip in the

Serving in the US Navy from 1944 to 1948, he took part in Operation Crossroads, the atomic

In 1949 he married Gail, a teacher he had met in a post office. Two years later they moved to

battle with Parkinson's disease

bomb tests on Bikini Atoll in the Pacific.

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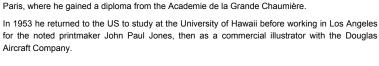
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In 1955 a Fulbright bursary brought him to London, where he stayed for the rest of his life.

From his studio at the top of his Bayswater mews house he produced works that were acquired by galleries all over the world and by private collectors including Swedish royalty.

Having studied conservation at the Courtauld Institute. Kelly travelled to Florence in 1967 to restore paintings damaged when the River Arno burst its banks.

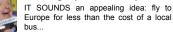
With this hands-on experience, he wrote Art Restoration, a seminal text on the subject.

Kelly died of pneumonia after a long battle with Parkinson's disease and vascular dementia.



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