

To for Mr. Jones

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Washington, Sept. 11: David E. Finley, Director, reported today a record attendance of 25,023 persons yesterday (Sunday) at the National Gallery of Art. In addition to this peak attendance for a single day, he also reported a new high of 2,060,071 persons for the fiscal year ended June 30.

"The number of visitors to the National Gallery," said Mr. Finley, "is steadily increasing and has already exceeded even the high mark established during 1941, the year the Gallery was first opened. Such attendance is very gratifying as reflecting the growing interest in art in war-time, especially among the personnel of the armed forces who constitute more than one third of all our visitors at the present time."