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WASHINGTON, April 10: More than 500,000 people have visited the National Gallery of Art during the current exhibition of German-owned art treasures from the Berlin museums, it was announced today. Gallery attendance crossed the half-million mark this morning, averaging more than 20,000 daily since the exhibit opened March 17th.

Visitors have come from all parts of the country to see this collection of 202 great paintings, mostly from the Kaiser Friedrich Museum, which were found by the U. S. Army in a salt mine at Merkers, Germany. Out-of-town visitors have comprised more than half of the total attendance.

Last Sunday the number of visitors at the Gallery set an all-time high of 68,983, and this coming Sunday a comparable or greater attendance is expected. The following Sunday, April 18th, will be the last day of this exhibition, which has been held at the request of the Department of the Army. It was announced on March 7th that the paintings would be returned to Germany in the near future.

To assist visitors in viewing the German art, the Gallery presents a daily lecture at 11 a.m., which provides an introductory survey of the collection. In addition, talks on special aspects of the exhibition are given daily at 3:30 p.m. in the lecture hall.

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