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During the two and a half months which have elapsed since the opening of the National Gallery of Art to the public, 641,277 persons have visited the Gallery. This figure includes visitors through June 4, 1941, and averages over 8,000 people a day.

June 4th also marked the close of the exhibition which has been held in the National Gallery of 200 American water colors selected for the Carville, Louisiana Marine Hospital by the Section of Fine Arts, of the Public Buildings Administration. This was the first loan exhibition held at the Gallery and has proved a popular one, both with the public and with the critics. The greatest number of visitors in any one day while the water colors were on exhibition was over 23,000 on Saturday, May 31st.