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Washington, D. C. July 10, 1966. Backgrounds of contemporary style will be explored in the next four Sunday films and illustrated lectures which begin today at the National Gallery of Art at 4 p.m. Admission is free.

In today's lecture, Dr. Margaret Bouton will compare the art of the cave man and the Eskimo with similarities found in the works of modern artists.

The talk on July 17, by Dr. Raymond Stites, will trace prehistoric art connections between the Eastern and Western worlds. Two films, Rivers of Time and The Gripping Beast, will be shown to illustrate parallels between the art of China and ancient America with those of Scandanavia and Ireland.

The third of the series, on July 24, will view

prehistoric Stonehenge in England as well as Egyptian and Greek structural forms which have become part of the classical academic tradition which is so strong in Washington architecture of the Federal style.

The July 31 lecture will investigate Gothic Cathedrals and their sculpture, demonstrating the elements of medieval gothic to be found in the art of today.