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The Minister of the German Federal Republic, Albrecht von Kessel, will officially open the exhibition German Art of the 20th Century at the Museum of Modern Art, 11 West 53 Street, to an invited audience of about 500 this evening, September 30 at 9:30 p.m. Dr. Bruno E. Werner, Cultural Counselor, will also speak before the reception in the Museum galleries. They will be introduced by William A. M. Burden, President of the Museum. Dr. Adolph Reifferscheidt, German Consul General, will be among the distinguished guests, as will Dr. Werner Haftmann, Dr. Alfred Hentzen and Dr. Kurt Martin, Director of the Art Academy at Karlsruhe, who have come to New York for the opening.

The exhibition, consisting of more than 170 paintings, sculptures and prints from public and private collections here and abroad, will open to the public on Wednesday, October 2. Tuesday evening, October 1, the Museum's 25,000 members will have a special preview.

German Art of the 20th Century, selected by Andrew Carnduff Ritchie, has received material assistance from the Federal Republic of Germany. An unusually large exhibition occupying two entire gallery floors, the show is the most comprehensive survey of modern German art to be presented in this country. It covers the period from the beginning of German expressionism in the first decade of this century to a selective representation of recent work. After the New York showing the exhibition will be on view in St. Louis.

Full texts of the brief talks by the German Minister, the Cultural Counselor and the Museum President will be available by 3p.m. For additional information please call me, CI5-8900.