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MATISSE WORKS FOR MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

EXHIBITION TURNED BACK TO FRANCE BY DOCK STRIKE

Many major works by Henri Matisse, which were sent to the Museum of Modern Art by the French Government, are now sailing back on the Ile de France because of the inability to unload cargo in New York.

Museum officials are trying every possible means to get these works back in time for the November 14 opening of the important Matisse exhibition. Ten huge crates of art works contained 25 paintings,

12 bronzes and 7 drawings; 32 of these came from the French master's personal collection. Many of the works have never been seen in this country.

Henri Matisse at 82 is the dean of French painters and one of the best known living artists of international repute. A pioneer of expressionism, Matisse has been a prolific artist for 61 years of his still phenomenal working life.

Following its New York showing, the exhibition is scheduled to be shown in Cleveland, Chicago and San Francisco.