

Census Travelers

While most people will send in the questionnaires, some won't. Census takers will have to visit these folks. In the past, they have used many different ways of traveling to reach them. They must get those answers back in as close to April 1 as possible.

Sometimes they travel by . . .



Coast Guard boats to reach people on remote islands.



Helicopters to reach snowed-in citizens in Maine, Minnesota or Alaska.



Canoes to reach villages along the shores of the Hawaiian islands.



Horseback to reach people in rural areas with no roads.

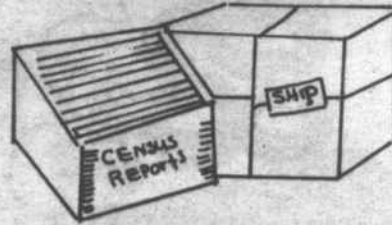
How the 1980 Census Is Handled



1. Ninety percent of the U.S. population will be asked to answer and mail in blanks by April 1. Census takers will visit the remaining 10 percent.



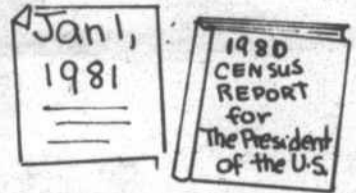
2. Clerks, sworn to secrecy, will review the blanks and see that all questions have been answered in full.



3. Questionnaires will be packed and labeled, then shipped to one of three centers in Indiana, Louisiana and California.



4. High-speed cameras will photograph the blanks on microfilm. The microfilm will be "read" by a scanning device that will send the information to the Census Bureau in Suitland, Maryland. No names and addresses can enter any computer. Only codes are used.



5. Computers will produce a population total for each state. These totals must be given to the president by January 1, 1981.



6. The questionnaire blanks will be shredded and dissolved in acid and recycled into paper. The microfilm will be stored in Pittsburg, Kansas. In 72 years, the information on these blanks will be available to the general public at the National Archives in Washington, D.C.

The Paper Box

Be on the lookout for other stories in your paper about the 1980 census.

It's income tax time. Read all about it in next week's Mini Page.

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Words that remind us of the census are hidden in the block below. See if you can find: count, Congress, state, race, tabulate, data, April One, ten, accurate, government, bureau, form, national, Constitution, household, decade, mail, pencil, paper, complete, population and computer.

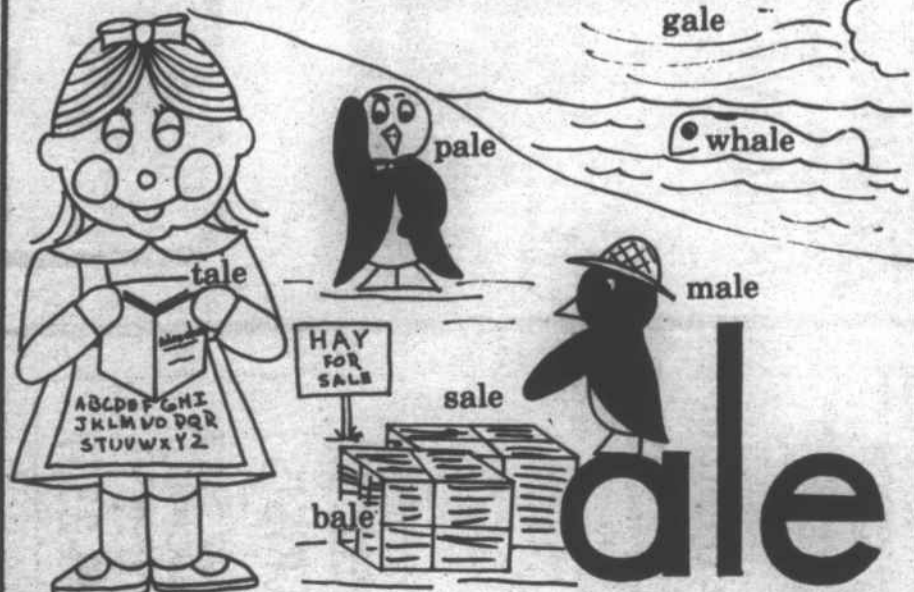
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