

# Gift Parcels Can Pierce The Soviet Iron Curtain

By CARL HARTMAN  
(For Jane Eads)

WASHINGTON — For gift parcels by mail, the Iron Curtain has a hole in it as broad as the generosity of Americans. You can mail Premier Malenkov a can of caviar if you feel like it.

The United States approves as long as you put \$23 worth or less in one package and mark it "gift". The Russians, though, will charge five times the regular customs duty if you send any one person more than 11 pounds of fish and caviar in one year.

Most dealings between the United States and the Soviet bloc have come to an end, but the mail still goes through.

"Postal relations," says one post office official, "are about the last links to be cut and the first to be resumed between unfriendly countries. It's usually some time after a declaration of war that someone remembers that maybe the mail had better be stopped."

Not many packages go to Russia any more but some of the satellites get substantial numbers — especially where citizens have many relatives in the United States.

In one year the Soviet Union received only 97,000 pounds of parcel-post from the United States. But Poland got 10,326,000 pounds and Czechoslovakia 2,305,000 pounds. One government trade expert estimates 99 1/2 per cent of it was gifts.

Except for Red China and North Korea, the United States is on good postal terms with the whole world. Sometimes there is trouble, though. A year ago Communist Hungary demanded gift clothing should have an official certificate of disinfection. For a while it ignored protests there is no such thing in the United States, but finally permitted notarized statements from dry cleaners.

Romania also wanted disinfection and puzzled U. S. officials speculated that they may have begun to "believe some of their own propaganda about germ warfare."

Eastern Europe often limit quantities sent to one person — like the Soviet fish, or Hungary's limit of 11 pounds of meat a year.

The Olympic Peninsula in northwestern Washington State may get more than 200 inches of rainfall in a wet year.

# Kentucky Puts Books On Road



BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS—Kentucky got more than expected in the drive to start auto libraries in the state.

AP Newsfeatures

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—More than one hundred mobile libraries soon will fan out over Kentucky to provide something that hundreds of thousands of rural Kentuckians never have had before—free library service.

The cream of an estimated 750,000 books collected in a statewide "Bookmobile Project" will stock these traveling libraries. The goal had been only a half million books.

Three barn-like buildings here, the main collection center for the book drive that dipped into private libraries in nearly every Kentucky community, are jammed by contributions.

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# 'Hondo' At Park Sunday Brings John Wayne And Improved 3-D

The coming of "Hondo" at the Park Theatre Sunday brings not only John Wayne in one of the most heralded pictures to come out of Hollywood but also in improvement in 3-D glasses. A vast and marked improvement in eye comfort and ease is promised movie patrons and clip-on viewers for people who wear regular eyeglasses.

"Hondo," a Warner Brothers western drama, was filmed in color under a broiling Mexican sun with temperatures sometimes as high as 126 degrees. Wayne was joined by his two strapping sons Michael, 18, and Patrick, 14, while on location. He immediately put them to work on the theory that because they are the sons of a rich and famous father, they will probably have to work all the harder.

The boys were rousted out with the crew at 6 a.m. daily, loaded in busses for the location 25 miles away, and worked a full day. Mike was apprenticed to the assistant director, while Pat learned the property man's angle of the business.

The epic adventure film introduced to the screen the sensation of the Broadway theatre, Miss Geraldine Page. The film was based on a novel by Louis L'Amour which first appeared in serial form in a national magazine.

## MORE ABOUT Jaycees

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Carolina Jaycees' third district meeting, with about 80 visiting delegates and their wives from Asheville, Brevard, Black Mountain, Mars Hill and Hendersonville expected here, Banks Finger of Franklin, Jaycees vice president for this district, will preside at the district session, which will follow to the banquet.

A special committee, whose names will not be disclosed, will select the "outstanding young man," who must be between the ages of 21 and 35, but need not be a member of the Jaycees. He will be chosen on the basis of leadership and participation in civic-betterment projects not connected with his regular business or profession.

A plaque will be presented to the DSA winner, while the two outstanding Jaycees will receive keys. Certificates will be given to the three business firms named.

Winners of the distinguished service award have been Charles Isley in 1951 and the Rev. J. H. Coleman in 1952.

Dwight Beaty is serving as chairman for the banquet in place of Blue Robinson, who is in the hospital.

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JOHN WAYNE, GERALDINE PAGE in "Hondo," in improved 3-Dimension color can be seen at the Park Theatre Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

# Report Cites Statistics On County Farms, Homes

An extensive set for statistics on rural population and rural family living in Haywood County were brought into the Department of Rural Sociology at N. C. State College.

However, the report is of only limited value since the statistics are derived from the 1950 census, and hence cannot reflect the situation that exists today in early 1954.

The report contains these figures. Total population (1950 census)—37,631; rural non-farm population—39.9 per cent; rural farm—33 per cent; non-white—2.2 per cent.

Number of rural farm households—2,912; number of persons per household—4.4 per cent; percentage of farm homes built since 1944—18.2 per cent; percentage built before 1920—27.8 per cent; percentage households occupied by renters—23.1.

In regard to farm houses which lack certain facilities, these figures are cited:

Electric lights—17.9 per cent; refrigeration—38.8 per cent; kitchen sink—44.6 per cent; piped running water—48.5 per cent; bath tub or shower—14.0 per cent; radio—9.7 per cent; electric or gas cooking fuel—87.2.

Number of farms—2,784; number of tenant-operated—14.3 per cent;

## Lights And Law

DES MOINES, Mo.—A Justice of the Peace E. J. ton, He searched the law quite a while before he charge.

"Riding horses without said the court, "That it of \$1 each."

## Girl Breaks Record

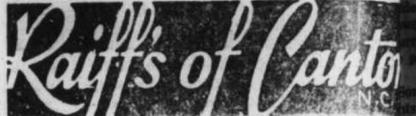
CONCORD, N. H. (AP) 90 years no girl had been to the Atwood farm spell is broken.

Jean was born to the Atwoods, former Concord residents now of Troy, N. Y.

farm products sold, less —74.7 per cent; work off days or more—41.8 per cent; family income exceeds farm products sold—55.4 per cent; farms without electric power—60 per cent; farms without washing machine—38.1 per cent; farms without electric —75.0.

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# New Dominican Dance Popular In Washington

By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON — Those Dominican diplomats have a way of making headlines. In New York it was the wedding of rich Barbara Hutton to Dominican playboy diplomat Porfirio Rubirosa. Here in the capital it was the ambassador's dance.

Everybody here is either talking about or doing the merengue (pronounced meren-ga) since the handsome new ambassador, Gen. de Moya, and his pretty wife introduced the beautiful and state-

ly national dance of their country at a recent embassy party.

The ancient dance was born in Dominican rural districts. Top socialites like former U. S. Ambassador to Russia Joe Davies and Mrs. Davies like it. It is a change of pace after square dancing, rumba, tango and samba.

The merengue has been described as a "stiff-legged fox trot," and one observer remarked it could best be done by a person with one wooden leg. Others describe it as "second cousin twice removed of the rumba, with a step structure that resembles the samba."

"It is between the two, but different," Miss Olga Finke, the ambassador's secretary, explained to the guests. Actually, the dance is a combination of Spanish dances and the dances of the Carib Indians who were around the island republic when Christopher Columbus landed on its shores more than four centuries ago. Ambassador

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