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ONE MINUTE NEWS

The conveyor belt (symbol of mass production) comes to the grocery. Issued with a stamping pencil, each buyer becomes his own shop assistant. In a New York store, customers using this so-easy system, pick what they want, stamp it with their individual number and then send it on the moving belt to the front of the shop. The only difficulty arises when a tin of peaches meets up with a tin of salmon. Invented by a radio engineer, who grew tired of carrying his wife's shopping, this new self-service system is a housewife's choice. Living in the Land of Plenty she hasn't to worry about ration books, coupons or points. And now that queuing has been abolished for her, Mrs. America can truly say - this is shopping made easy.

From the modern housewife to the modern youngster. In Paris, if you want to call Santa Claus, you just dial long-distance Lapland. And if the old gentleman hasn't got the present you want - press button B and get your illusions back.

Reindeers are in short supply this year. Parachutes are on points; straight through the roof is the only way left to come down from the Pole.

Cold noses press against every toyshop window in Paris as Christmas brings the one French railway where nobody wants to stage a strike.

From a kid's dream to an engineer's achievement. These first exclusive pictures to come from Russia for several months are from the Far Eastern Soviet - the Terra Kurne Desert. Months of hard work have gone into the laying of 600 miles of prefabricated railway track, which today link the people of this barren region with the industrial towns of Central Russia. Collective farmers acquire a new trade as they join in the building of an ambitious new enterprise.

Each rail section is produced in factories hundreds of miles away. It lays itself. After each new joint it pushes further ahead along its own track. Soviet Russia lifts a corner of the Iron Curtain to show new progress in the ten year plan.

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RAILWAYS.

The inhabitants of the TARRA/KUME DESERT are needing trains. Further and further north on the sands of the Desert the builders lay down the steel rails linked to Cities Charjgon and Kungrad. 600 kilometers of railways will link the far regions to Turtmeni with the Industrial centres of the country.

Russian engineers dreamed of building these railways in the desert, but only Soviet people started building them.

The woman builder laid a 100 kilo of the track. Collective farmer Baba Janov and many other collective farmers acquired the new track trade in the building of the railways.

The 31st anniversary of the October Revolution, this railway will go to DERGANATA - this is one third of the whole new line.