



A STANDARD YULE GIFT for men and juniors is neckties, and this year there are about as many garish patterns displayed for the Christmas trade as there are jokes about the garishness of Christmas ties. Dick Douglas of Oregon Woolen is shown surrounded by colorful neckwear.

How Does He Get Around In One Night

One of the great questions of childhood is this: "How does Santa Claus get all around the world in one night?" The answer is, he doesn't. He has a whole month, from December 6 to January 6, to do the chore, visit his little friends scattered the world over. So the task isn't quite as formidable as it seems. The jolly old Saint Nick covers this country on the night of December 24. But in Holland and Belgium he arrives early in the month, accompanied by Black Pete, his servant who holds a sack and a rod for the naughty. When the youngsters are asleep he leaves gifts in wooden shoes carefully spread out at a window or on the hearthstone, first removing hay or carrots the children leave for his white horse. In France, too, the gifts are left in shoes, except that in the country it is Petit Noel (the Christ child) or Bonhomme Noel (Father Christmas) who does the giving, to be an important feature of the Yuletide observance, and the activities extend from December 24 through December 31. Italy's pre-Christmas activities begin with the booming of cannon at sunset Christmas Eve. Italian children set out their shoes the evening of January 5 for the convenience of La Befana, an old woman dressed in rags who comes riding a broomstick with gifts for the good, ashes for the bad. Shoes are put out in Spain, too, but it's the Three Wise Men or the Three Kings who arrive in the dark hours of January 3 to distribute toys and goodies.

Santa Replaced By Uncle Joe

MUNICH, Germany. (AP)—Radio Free Europe said it has received reports that Stalin's birthday, December 21, officially will replace Christmas as a holiday in Communist Hungary. The broadcast also said the Budapest ministry of foreign trade has issued confidential orders banning the import of Christmas trees and forbidding cards. Radio Free Europe is a privately financed American station.



GIFTS LIKE THESE SHOW the man in your life that you've given thought and care to your Yule shopping, even if he probably will have to foot the bill. Sport jacket (left) is in hound's tooth check, the fabric Scottish cashmere and lamb's wool. Young man's hat (upper center) has telescope crown. Shaving cream (lower left center) comes in a glass ash tray; tale in boot that can be used to hold cigars. Butane lighter (upper right center) gives 2000 lights before needing cartridge refill. Shirt (lower right center) in all-viscose rayon tartan clan plaid comes clean in washing machine. Scottish cashmere jacket (right) with deep pockets is worn over pure wool cashmere sport shirt.

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