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In the Russian zone of Berlin 25 thousand marchers from 60 nations open the Communist-sponsored World Festival of Youth with a ceremony strongly reminiscent of the Nazi pageants. The flags are different and the slogan is Peace but if they're drilled and disciplined the slogan can soon be changed. Meantime, they call for a Red victory over the United Nations in Korea.

The Giltner family didn't expect an international incident to develop when the postman brought them a bundle from Korea. In the duffle bag - on which £14. postage was paid - they find a £40,000 leopard-skin rug sent home by their son Elverne Giltner, who bought it for £24 in Seoul. Korean officials say that although Sergeant Giltner undoubtedly bought the rug in good faith, it is a national treasure, so U.S. Customs will take charge and decide the rug's fate. The moral is, don't send home a leopard-skin rug - it's bound to be spotted!