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Congressman Bob Dole (R-Kansas), speaking at Post Office Dedications in Luray and Fescott yesterday pointed out the rapid progress made in postal operations and compared the initial postal system of only 75 Post Offices and 2,000 miles of post roads to today's 12,000 Post Offices which handle more than 63 billion pieces of mail annually.

Congressman Dole also discussed delivery of Communist propaganda to this country and stated, "I believe it is time we halted this subsidized distribution of propaganda by the Communists", and pointed out that he and other Members of Congress had introduced legislation which simply says, "no international mail determined by the Attorney General to be Communist propaganda may be handled by the Post Office Department and further that Communist mail sent within the borders of the United States must go 4th class under the parcel post rates instead of the much cheaper 3rd class. Dole cited as an example a recent mailing by the Soviet Embassy in Washington of a Communist propaganda booklet to a public library in Nebraska. Under present law this mailing cost them only 7¢ while under pending legislation the same mailing would have cost 5¢.

Dole concluded, "I disagree with those who argue that a so-called "cultural" exchange is necessary nor do I believe that prohibiting distribution of the propaganda would do injury to U.S. international objectives."

The Luray Post Office Dedication was at 12:00 noon Saturday and the present Luray Postmaster is Ralph L. Oswald. The Fescott Post Office Dedication was at 2:30 and Clyde Christenson is the Postmaster there.