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# ANNOUNCEMENT STORY

"AVALANCHE EXPRESS," a Mark Robson film, roars across movie screens as one of the year's most spectacular adventure-suspense dramas, opening \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ Theatre.

The Lorimar presentation, produced and directed by Mark Robson, and based on a screenplay by Abraham Polonsky from the novel by Colin Forbes, boasts an all-star international cast headed by Lee Marvin, Robert Shaw, Linda Evans, Maximilian Schell, Mike Connors, Horst Bucholz, Claudio Cassinelli and Joe Namath. The high-voltage thriller is a Twentieth Century-Fox release.

The action of the film centers about an attempt of the highest-ranking official ever to leave Russia -- the head of the K.G.B. -- to defect to the West. A hand-picked team of American agents is assigned to get him safely to his destination in the face of Iron Curtain agents, under orders to stop at nothing in order to exterminate the defector. The breathtakingly suspenseful drama moves with the swiftness of the train itself -- until it reaches its surprising dramatic conclusion.

The film was shot on location in Italy and Germany, and the climactic avalanche is another gripping spectacle from the director of "Earthquake."