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THE COURSE OF HUMAN EVENTS . . .

UMT REJECTED- TEMPORARILY. The Administration and militarism received an unexpected setback when Congress rejected the UMT bill and referred it back to committee. It will probably remain there until after election and be reintroduced next spring.

A year ago both houses of Congress passed a resolution favoring UMT "in principle" and little effective opposition was anticipated by the proponents of the Prussian ideal. Many who voted for it last year followed the line of least resistance - war paranoia was at its height in Washington and to refuse support was to risk being branded as unAmerican or pro-Russian. But this is national election year and politicians subordinate almost everything to winning the Presidency for their party, with its 4 years' control over Federal patronage and the graft that goes with it. They will not, of course, subordinate their careers and many are up for re-election, so they cannot ignore the wishes of their constituents, as they customarily do.

Armed Services Com. Chairman Vinson, opening the debate, asked for passage because "the destiny of the country and possibly the peace of the world for the rest of the century depended on it". He didn't explain how or why and dealing with glittering generalities, said that our allies' confidence might be shaken if the bill was not passed. He certainly failed to explain that those countries which had similar systems were almost continually involved in military ventures of some kind. Rep. Arends of the com., but opposed, believed it would pass and observed, "the President and the Pentagon will get exactly what they want" and Congressional control will be nil. Congressman after congressman spoke in opposition. Rep. Allen, in a fairly representative speech, said the bill provided "indenture and slavery of our young men for 7½ years" and reminded the House that UMT was opposed by the Farm Bureau, Grange, Natl. Farmers Union, AFL, CIO, every ministerial assn. in the country, educators, civic leaders, "and above all the people back home". Succeeding speakers attested to the truth of this by citing the overwhelming opposition voiced by their constituents. Significantly, no proponent of the bill took issue with this, but one intellectual giant, Rep. Cole, tried to offset it by remarking that the Am. Labor Party, the Young Prog. of Am. and the "Daily Worker" were opponents. Rep. Cox, Georgia's gift to Congress, couldn't suppress his anti-Semitism even for this occasion, saying the bill would have to be defended against "cloak room arguments that this is an Anna Rosenberg social service scheme". Mrs. Rosenberg is Asst. Sec. of Defense, who appointment Cox opposed. After the first day's debate revealed substantial opposition, some newspapers which had been so positive of passage and still retained some regard for truth, admitted that defeat was possible, but most of the "free press" continued to quote proponents in detail, and omit or summarize opponents remarks, deleting vital points. Administration leaders, stunned at the volume of opposition, planned to have the bill sent back to committee, if it appeared to be defeated.

An interesting sidelight occurred in the evening of the first day's debate. Am. Legion Nat. Commander Wilson, in an effort to whip up sentiment in favor of UMT, gave a dinner attended by about half the House members and some Senators. In his address, he reminded the gathering that the Legion had been in favor of UMT for 34 years and said he refused to believe that members of Congress would shirk facing the issue in an election year. This was slightly veiled charge that Congressmen ignored their constituents' wishes when their own futures were not involved by elections, which, while true, is seldom put to them so baldly. None of the estimable gentlemen took any offense or made any protest. Rep. Canfield commented on the ovation given Wilson and observed that he had never known the Legion to support any cause not good for the country. He should have said "big business". He reported the dinner at the following day's session. Rep. Hinshaw, following him, said that Wilson's remarks disturbed him and were unwarranted. He said that after the dinner he discussed with a number of Legion officials and com. chairman, most of them long-time friends, and found that not one had read the bill they endorsed. Brass tried a last minute stunt to influence

members by reading a letter from Gen. Eisenhower favoring the bill, but it didn't work.

The military gang and the Administration grit their teeth and try to appear nonchalant in the face of the recommitment, but the fact is that they suffered a real defeat and that war-making got a severe set back.

ON LIVING COSTS, TAXES AND THE O.P.A. "Income Tax To Rise Up to 33.7% by 1953" is the headline of a "NY Times" article, even if Congress passed another in mid-October, before the first became fully effective. Consequently the workers did not feel the full impact of the last rise in their 1951 withholdings, as it affected wages for only 2 months. In 1952 the new tax applies to the whole 12 months and with the constantly rising cost of living will really put the screws on the workers. The uncomplaining manner in which the workers have accepted the unloading of the tax burden from the rich onto them gives the Washington "statesmen" the impression that the workers will stand for anything. This illusion will soon be shattered and in a manner that will make them gasp.

Writing to his successor, Defense Stabilization Director DiSalle said, "You just cannot imagine how silly one feels signing orders decontrolling dinosaur skeletons, sun dials, canned rattlesnake meat and even stuffed elephants..." Silly? Sure, but no more inane than most of the other actions of politicians... Defense Mobilization Dir. Wilson told Georgetown Univ. students that "our annual expenditure of \$50 billion for military goods will continue for 4 years instead of 3, as originally planned". Cheering note, eh?

WHO SELECTS OUR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES. How delegates to the two capitalist parties national conventions are selected and who they are reveals one of the means by which the State is firmly controlled by labor's exploiters. Tammany leader DeSapio's selection of the 13 who will represent NY county at the Dem. powwow is - 2 bankers, a newspaper publisher, a vice pres. of Am Woolen Co., a national chain hotel owner, a paint mfg. and 2 other businessmen, the remaining 6 being big-shot lawyers and professional politicians. The alternates are a banker, a pres. of a national food products corp. and 11 lawyers and professional politicians. It is no accident that not one is remotely interested in the workers or their problems. The procedure thru which they are ultimately designated is a travesty on democracy. The Tammany leader, probably after consultation with district leaders, selects the slate, after which petitions are drawn up, followed by what the NY Times calls "the formality of electing the delegation at the April primary". It is a formality because only registered party voters can vote at primaries. These are mainly political job-holders and potentials, and civil service workers on whom pressure can be exerted. Workers are not interested since primaries generally concerned only internal party matters. Those who do vote in these farces are confronted with the Hitler-Stalin option: they must vote for the boss's hand-picked selections because there are no others and no means of signifying opposition.

OUR SECOND CLASS CITIZENS. NY County Medical Society condemned NY City voluntary hospitals for discriminating against Negro physicians... National Urban League, surveying 30 key cities, reports widespread discrimination against Negroes in defense plants... Community Service Society, condemning NY City for its treatment of dependent and neglected children, says Negro babies get hardly any attention... Gov. Byrnes, SC, racist, former Sec. of State, Supreme Court Justice and Roosevelt confidant, told the State Legislature that the Dem. party in 1948 had been forced by big city Negro politicians to accept racial equality and compelled the party to accept a platform "more socialistic than Democratic".

PROMOTING DEMOCRACY * MILITARY STYLE. Last year Rep. Werdel told Congress that US General Staff had commissioned Nazi Gen. Guderian, while in jail, to draw up plans for overall mobilization here in the event of war. Werdel charged that our brass was preparing a military dictatorship similar to Hitler's. Exposing how this was being put over on the country, he quoted Gen. Vandergrift, appearing before the Armed Services Com., "Then, as now, these matters were the subject of negotiations behind the scenes under the sanctuary afforded by rubber stamps marked "Confidential" or "Top Secret". Then, as now, matters which should have been presented openly to Congress for solution

were withheld from the light of public inspection." Latest outrage of the brass is the importation of Nazi Chief of Medical Science of the German Army Walter P. Schreiber who conducts chemical experiments at a Texas airfield. Several groups of physicians and civil groups protested to Pres. Truman, demanding the expulsion of the director of infamous medical experiments on helpless victims, resulting in the cancellation of his contract by the Air Force.

VOICE OF AMERICA ECHO OF BIG BUSINESS? We are told that the "Voice of America" broadcasts our democratic way of life to the people of the world, contrasting it with communism. Whose voice it really is is determined by its head. Latest Truman appointee to that post is William Compton, for many years an executive and lobbyist for the lumber industry, a Hoover Republican, whom even McCarthy approves. If his qualifications for carrying out the original objectives of the Voice project are completely absent, his experience and training do equip him to paint rose-colored pictures of labor exploitation in the U.S. But it really doesn't matter much, the Voice is just another of U.S. capitalism's conspicuous waste projects to which the world's workers pay no attention.

CIVIL DEFENSE A COMPLETE FLOP. Well laid plans to instill war hysteria in the masses has been a completely unsuccessful. Despite scare publicity planted in newspapers, on radio and television, the people refuse to take seriously the so-called Civil Defense program intended to prepare us for invasion. The Federal Civil Defense Administrator told 9 reps. of welfare organizations that a concentrated enemy bomb attack could affect 7 million people and cause such destruction and life loss as to break the people's spirit unless essential services were quickly restored. Plans were laid to cope with the situation, all dutifully reported in the press, but the Federal agency said not one word about funds to defray costs, because Congress has not appropriated a dime for that purpose and locally appropriated funds do not even begin to do the job. In New York City, Civil Defense Director Wallander resigned. His original intention was to recruit from 600,000 to 1 million volunteers, but after a year and a half, during which adequate use was made of scare and threat, he reported a force of only 332,000. Among these are thousands of civil service and public utility workers, who were threatened with job loss unless they "volunteered".

North Carolina's civil defense director accused the communists of trying to sabotage the agency's work by mailing thousands of letters ridiculing civil defense. It rained there yesterday, but strangely enough, no one has yet blamed the communists!!

KILL PEOPLE BUT BE CAREFUL OF PROPERTY! Chief Army Chemical Officer Maj. Gen. Bullene told the Am. Chemical Society: "Not only is gas a good psychological weapon, but its effectiveness and economy are enhanced by the fact that, unlike bombing with explosive-type bombs, it does not destroy physical property". The military boys become more blunt as their power grows. Top military leaders, having investments in industry, have the same disregard as industrialists for workers' lives and the same holy awe of private property.

Now occasions teach new duties, Time makes ancient good uncouth;
They must upward still, and onward, who would keep abreast of Truth;
Lo, before us gleam her campfires, we ourselves must Pilgrims be,
Launch our Mayflower and steer boldly thru the desperate winter sea,
Nor attempt the Future's portal with the Past's blood-rusted key.

---James Russell Lowell

YOUTH AWARE OF MENACE TO DEMOCRACY. "Are Our Civil Liberties Threatened?" was the subject of a forum under the auspices of the 'NY TIMES' participated in by representatives of four high schools. One speaker said that the threat was not only political, but also to education; another that restrictions denied the students' right to make their own decision on the merits of doctrines other than democracy. A third states that free thought is being discouraged by fear, primarily fear of communism and a fourth maintained that any restrictions on teaching was undemocratic and that students should get credit for doing their own thinking. Only one favored restraint upon education, approving the barring of Communist teachers because "they can twist facts to their line of reasoning".

In another 'Times' forum on "Fascism and Communism - Do They Differ?" a student said the two were most alike as political systems since both bring a country under state control, another called communism "disguised fascism", a third said that the only difference was in the theory of ideologies, but that in practice both were alike. A youth, significantly from Stepinac (Catholic) High School, maintained that of the two systems, fascism was the more tolerable because fascism maintains some of the institutions built up over the years while communism does not. The series of forums illustrates that students are well aware of the effect on education and liberty of cold war conditions and opposed them. It is one of the few favorable signs today for democracy and freedom.

The Red Bank, N.J. Board of Education cancelled its invitation to Dr. Theodore Brameld, prof. of Ed. Philosophy, to address the city's teachers on "Professional Day". 25 Parent-Teachers Assn. members protested that Brameld had "associated himself, either voluntarily or otherwise with persons, organizations and institutions that seem to be anti-American", after which the Board acted. Brameld denied any connection whatsoever with communism or Communists, but was given no opportunity to refute the charges.

NY State Board of Regents appointed Mrs. Harper Sibley, wife of an industrialist and former US Chamber of Commerce president, to the new commission to examine public school textbooks to determine whether they contain material either seditious or tending to promote disloyalty to the US in favor of any country with which the US is at war. Hitler's Germany burned all non-conforming books, but we have only begun using that method and in small towns (see article, "The fight for Civil Rights") ordinarily we use a less crude technique--we appoint reactionary committees to purge the books lest an uncomplimentary truth reach student's eyes, and create a doubt that this is the best of all possible countries in this best of all possible worlds. The technique may differ from that of the Nazis, but the result is the same.

"The Harvard Crimson", the University's daily newspaper, editorially denounced as "irresponsible" and "ludicrous" the House Un-Am. Activities Com. criticisms of Prof. Struik, who is under indictment for alleged Communist activities, and Prof. Mather for coming to his defense. The editorial says that the com. assumes that Struik is guilty and that Mather has aided communism by supporting Struik. It further said that no group should have the right to censor the thought of others.

EMINENT LIAR NAILED. Addressing the Assn. of the Bar of NY City, its president said that the reason Communists have so much difficulty finding reputable lawyers to represent them is because they refuse to allow lawyers their usual freedom to conduct their cases as the lawyers think best, thereby imposing on them "terms which no self-respecting lawyer could accept". Prof. Thomas I. Emerson of Yale, co-counsel of 17 Communists indicted under the Smith Act, in a letter to the "NY Times" implies in polite language that the gentleman is a liar, as does a prominent attorney, who acted for John Gates, in another letter. Emerson intimates that the Am. Bar Assn. has abdicated its traditional attitude of willingness to defend unpopular opinions - in the face of war hysteria.

US IMPERIALISM ON THE MARCH

The NATO Council, comprising the "free nations" of the Atlantic met in Lisbon, Portugal to plan further solidification of Western imperialism. Main objective was the formation of the European army, but raising funds for it, removal of trade barriers and manpower problems are difficulties that take precedence before the army can get beyond the paper stage.

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On their return, Sec. of State Acheson and Defense Sec. Lovett gave highly optimistic interviews to newsmen, amplified by Acheson's speech the next day which was televised and radio broadcast. Truman also said it was a very excellent and successful conference. All this is so much eye-wash and recalls the previous meeting in London, where similar extravagant plans and similar enthusiastic reports were given the Am. people. A year later, little if any progress was actually made, but problems grow. NY Times diplomatic correspondent Reston sums up the meetings accurately; "Nobody knows better than Mr. Acheson himself, however, that his main victory in London and Lisbon was that he avoided defeat".

The first result of the conference was the fall of the French government, which met defeat trying to impose taxes to meet its Lisbon commitments, and the German cabinet may fall any day for the same reason. Other governments will face their difficulties when they attempt to fulfill the obligations they assumed.

US FOREIGN POLICY A BLACKJACK

The US pushes its foreign policy of anti-Russian military alliances with all the means of coercion at its disposal. Thus France's fear of a rearmed Germany was played upon at Lisbon to coerce her into building a large military establishment and paying more for it, while Germany's need for an economy free of Allied controls is used to force her to build an army and subordinate it to the proposed European army. Similar methods are resorted to in other instances. European politicians, with one hopeful eye on US financial aid and the other on their restive and rebellious peoples, try to maneuver to stay in power. It is obvious to everyone except our "statesmen" that the European people have no intention of becoming cannon fodder for US imperialism and that any deals their politicians enter into without their consent will be null and void. Sen. Connally's denunciations of France on learning that the French cabinet had fallen and the reason for it, and his threat that no financial aid would be forthcoming unless France obeyed US orders illustrates the subtleness of our "diplomacy".

US CONSISTENCY

While US reps. at Lisbon have been urging the European countries to drastically reduce and even totally eliminate trade barriers, the Italian and Danish ambassadors protested to Washington against increased import duties on dairy products which make it impossible for them to compete in the US market. The US philosophy is "Do as we say, not as we do".

SECRET DIPLOMACY

We are continually told that Russian leaders are aggressors, liars, untrustworthy etc., etc., and it is certainly true, but ours are no different. We are assured that we are not like the Russians; that in our dealings with other nations we are scrupulously honest, fair and straightforward and never deal from the bottom of the deck. Oh yeah?

Mutual Security Adm. is a US govt agency that lends money to foreign nations to develop their resources. It is a civilian agency, we are constantly assured that to get its help no military commitments are required. Recently we had an illustration of how it really works.

Indonesia is one of the world's richest storehouses of strategic materials and its foreign policy is neutrality in the East-West imperialist duel. Needing funds to develop its industries, the Indonesian foreign minister, negotiating with the US ambassador for MSA aid, apparently faced the alternative of agreeing to a military pact or not getting money and agreed. The minister specifically said that he had accepted only non-military aid, but when his cabinet and parliament learned the truth opposition was so intense that the Prime Minister was forced to resign.

The State Dept., exposed after it thought the covered-up deal was in the bag, tried to double-talk itself out of its predicament. Acting Sec Webb issued a statement saying that two provisions of the MSA act existed, one included military aid and the other excluded it and both govt's decided to use the first. How a secret deal with the Prime Minister becomes a decision of the Indonesian govt was not explained, but it

does illustrate why the US is so cordially hated by the people of the world. Webb also said that the US ambassador acted in full accordance with the dept's instructions and had its full confidence, which means it was all previously planned. In spite of the Prime Minister's resignation, a State Dept. press officer said the US still considered the agreement binding. The Indonesian govt. and people apparently think otherwise.

RECOMMENDED RADIO PROGRAMS

These programs, altho not Socialist analyses, are not too distorted and give a fairly real picture of political and economic events in Europe and Asia and are therefore recommended to our readers:

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INTERNATIONAL WORKING CLASS...

Altho India Socialists won only 12 parliamentary seats, against 363 for Nehru's Congress Party and 27 for Stalinists, the Socialist Party is the third largest in India's parliament now. Fascistic Hindu nationalists and a reformist dissident Congress group were annihilated in the elections. These 2 groups--expected to do better than Socialists--did much worse. And Nehru stole Socialist votes by claiming to favor Socialism. Voters also liked Nehru's independence of both war camps. If Socialists learn from the elections that they must completely reveal the demagogy of Nehru and Stalinists, the India Socialist Party can achieve its goal-- and win the big sub-continent for socialism in 10 years...

"Freedom", British anarchist weekly, predicts that a revolutionary nationalist movement soon will become very important in the Sudan. "Freedom" says the movement, the Oumma Party, is "not corrupted by politics", and is willing to unite with the Egyptian people-- against the Egyptian ruling class and British imperialists. The Oumma Party is for an independent Sudan-- an independent democratic Egypt could cooperate with the Sudan. The article in "Freedom" predicts the Oumma Party will be called Stalinist-- an absurd charge in this case. After Egypt repudiated the Anglo-Egyptian treaty, the Sudan party called for a constituent assembly. AP reports the Oumma Party and a rival National Front both want a plebiscite to decide whether the Sudan should be independent or become part of Egypt...

FOR THE THIRD CAMP OF WORKERS AND COLONIAL PEOPLES: Congratulations to the International Workers Union, the left Socialist movement with headquarters in France, for vigorously opposing both imperialist war camps. The group's bulletin says: "We must fight the idea that the world must choose between the two blocs of slave-drivers. The choice is not between Washington or Moscow, but between socialist revolution and capitalism."...

Irish high living costs are causing strikes...

The Bovanite London "Tribune" ridicules Wall Street imperialists for submitting a "disarmament" plan at the same time the militarist Eisenhower insisted on more rearmament...

Anti-Stalinist guerillas blew up a locomotive and two train cars in China near Hong Kong...

Colombia, S.A., workers continue their guerilla struggle against the Roman Catholic clerical fascist government. The Communist Party supports this regime, incidentally...

NEWS OF WINSTON'S SENILE EMPIRE: The British Tory colonial secretary, Oliver Lyttelton, was told by Malayan nationalists that Stalinist guerillas could be thrown out if Britain gave the country independence, because the Stalinists would lose their chief issue. But, instead, Lyttelton wants more efficient fighting...

India peasants stages another hunger march. Led by the Socialist Party, 7,000 peasants paraded thru Gadhra demanding inexpensive food grain stores to relieve drought-induced famine...

A mob of landlords attacked Arab Socialist Party members at Maarat Al Noman, Syria. 56 persons were injured and 36 arrested...

RACISM REFUTED: Australian aborigines, considered the world's "lowest", got a chance for education at a school in Sydney-- a school with no color bar. And the aboriginal children, who comprise more than half the school, are at the top of every class...

British imperialists still permit whipping of Africans in Tanganyika, the Cameroons and Togoland as a legal penalty. Belgium allows flogging in Central Africa. The UN trusteeship council report said 482 people-- including 359 children and adolescents-- were whipped last year in British Tanganyika...

Unusual inflation menaces Brazilian workers...

JUST LIKE CERTAIN SOCIAL DEMOCRATS: Gerillas menace Stalinist rule in Albania at the same time that Greek and Yugoslavian armies threaten the country. And Moscow also is worried by the personality feud of Albanian Premier Enver Hoxha and Vice-Premier Mehmed Shehu. Their quarrel is causing dissension. The dispute is not over principle.

both men are good Stalinists, but only personal. (Sounds like those feuds they have in a certain social democratic party)...

For the first time the Stalinist gov't. of Czechoslovakia officially admits that workers are striking against bureaucratic orders to work longer for less. Premier Zapotocky made the admission in a broadcast...

Canadian unemployment is rising, reports "Commonwealth", published by the Saskatchewan Coop. Commonwealth Fedn....

Fascist Premier Malan of South Africa warned Negroes and Indians not to fight his racist regime. But the African National Congress went ahead with plans to begin, on April 6, non-violent resistance to racial segregation laws. Masses of Indians and Negroes were scheduled to break the race laws in an organized manner...

Rep. Olin E. Teague, Texas Democrat, after a month's trip to Korea, demanded the use of atomic bombs against North Korea. This alleged statesman declared: "At least one officer who should know something authoritative on the subject told me he believes four or five atomic bombs dropped on North Korea would wipe out everything they have..."

ANOTHER RUSSIAN DOES IT FIRST!: An East German Stalinist "Berliner Zeitung", says the sea passage to India first was discovered by a Russian, A. Nitkinin, 30 years before Vasco da Gama discovered it in 1498...

Latest figures show that prices in the Soviet Union have risen 3000% in the last two decades, while earnings increased only 1000%. Thus, the average Russian worker has only a third of his previous buying power...

Besides cutting social services, British Tories are "economizing" at school expense...

Alan Winnington, "London Daily Worker" correspondent, is enthusiastic about Chinese Stalinism...because it's made the trains run on time. That, of course, is what they said about Mussolini. Winnington said Chinese train service now is "incredibly efficient" and "really marvelous"...

FOREIGN WORKERS TOO SMART: Deputy Asst. Sec of State H.H. Sargeant complains that foreign nations fear the policies of the gov't. in Washington will lead to war. Addressing the U.S. National Com. for the UN. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Org. in New York City, the State Dept. official also said foreign people fear the U.S. gov't. has "an urge to expand". These views are untrue, of course, Sargeant said, but "the important point is that so many people believe them". The State Dept. official complained people abroad "are inclined to question our professions of goodwill toward the colored races"...

"Bulletin of Atomic Scientists" attacks anti-"subversive" restrictions which prevent foreign scientists from obtaining visas to enter Am. Screening investigations of the scientists take so long that the men are unable to come to this country for scheduled lectures, etc.--even if the scientists are cleared. And foreign scientists often are branded "subversive" on "guilt by association" grounds...

"The Commonwealth" blasts hogging of newsprint by U.S. publishers. The U.S., with 6% of the world's pop., uses 60% of the earth's newsprint, says C. Am. publishers say they need the newsprint for their "propaganda war against Communism". As if capitalist publishers were capable of arousing anyone to resist Stalinism. Actually, comments C., most of the newsprint is used for comic books and cheap magazines. The reactionary Canadian gov't. allows so much Canadian wood pulp to be sold as newsprint to Am. publishers that all Canada papers are rationed. Thus the Commonwealth can't print as many copies as necessary...

The CCF in Saskatchewan, where the party administers the provincial gov't., hasn't taken the position of so many social demos. who support the U.S. imperialist war camp. Instead, Sask. CCF-ers support "bevanism"--altho they haven't taken an all-out Third Camp stand against both war camps...

Unemployment has risen sharply in the British cotton industry, reports "Freedom", British anarchist publication...

FASCIST CRUSADES FOR DEMOCRACY: The Mutual Security Agency, Marshall Plan successor, appointed Allen W. Rucker as special advisor. Rucker is qualified to aid the West govts. fight for democracy, because he founded the Tool Owners Union--which even the New York State Dept of Labor described as "fascist"...

HOW MUCH DOES SOCIALISM MEAN TO YOU ?

The LIBERTARIAN SOCIALIST LEAGUE picked up the banner of International SOCIALISM first disgraced by the Social Democrats and then dragged thru the mud by the Communists.

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