

Ich hab's eilig
Ish habb's ailig
I am in a hurry

C'est dans mes moyens
Say don may mwah-YAN
I can afford it

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News Blackout Imposed in West

Death Rides a Mission and Ends It



The valorous risks of airmen who range enemy skies are grimly portrayed in this photo. An Eighth Air Force Liberator burns in France where it crashed returning from a mission. Bodies of crew members, extricated from wreckage, lie in foreground.

Nazis Hurl Reserves Against 1st Army In 'Last-Ditch' Bid

Security silence was ordered at 4 PM Monday concerning battle-line reports of operations along the length of the First Army front, where the German commander, staking Germany's military fate on what may be one last great bid to prolong the war and break the Allied drive for the Rhine, has thrown in an estimated half of his tactical reserves into three thrusts into Belgium and Luxembourg.

Dispatches filed prior to the imposing of the rigid censorship said the Americans were hitting back hard at the enemy and that front-line officers did not try to minimize or underestimate the seriousness of the situation, which was described as "fluid" at some points as the Germans struck with strong numbers of infantry, tanks and armored vehicles, backed up by the heretofore carefully hoarded Luftwaffe.

'Those Dirty —!'

Nazis Turned Machine Guns On GI PWs

By Hal Boyle

Associated Press Correspondent

AN AMERICAN FRONT-LINE CLEARING STATION, Belgium, Dec. 18—Muddy, shivering survivors, mad with rage, told today how German tank-men tried with machine-guns to massacre 150 American prisoners standing in an open field.

"Those of us who played dead got away later," said Cpl. William B. Summers, of Glenville, W. Va. "But we had to lie there and listen to German noncoms kill with pistols every one of our wounded men who groaned or tried to move."

"Those dirty —," Summers said. "I never heard of anything like it in my life. Damn them. Give me a rifle and put me in the infantry. I want to go back and kill every one of those —"

Trapped at Road Fork

Summers, who escaped with a gashed hand, is a member of an artillery observation battalion which was trapped at a road fork by a powerful German armored column which drove several miles into Belgium when the Nazi counter-offensive started yesterday.

The enemy's Tiger tanks quickly shot up more than two dozen American trucks and light armored vehicles. The captured Yanks then were led into a field and as the German column moved past, less than 50 yards away, the Nazi gunners deliberately raked the defenseless group with machine-guns and machine-pistols.

The survivors expressed hope that perhaps a majority of the men had escaped by diving to the ground and lying still, but three hours later, after the mass slaughter was attempted, less than 20 had made their way back to their own lines.

Jap Nisei May Return to Coast

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18 (ANS)—Persons of Japanese ancestry who were removed from their Pacific Coast homes early in the war may return to them after Jan. 1, Western Defense Command Headquarters announced yesterday.

Maj. Gen. Henry C. Pratt said the Army had decided to revoke its security order under which the Nisei, or American-born Japs, were evacuated because of "the favorable progress of the war in the Pacific, as well as other developments."

The West Coast met with contrasting reactions the revocation of the order which since March, 1942, had kept persons of Japanese ancestry from strategic areas.

Gov. Earl L. Warren of California appealed for "an attitude that will discourage friction and prevent civil disorder."

Benjamin Smith, of Kent, Wash., president of the Remember Pearl Harbor League, said his organization had pledged 500 persons not to sell, lease or rent farms, homes or stores to returning evacuees.

Tokyo Hints New U.S. Strike In Philippines

Japanese broadcasts indicated Monday that U.S. forces in the Philippines, with the southern section of Mindoro secured by an 11-mile inland advance from their San Jose beachhead, were ready to strike at another point in the island chain, already split by Friday's westward thrust from Leyte to Mindoro, 150 miles south of Manila.

Tokyo said Jap planes had sighted and were attacking a strong Allied fleet in the Sulu Sea, south of Mindoro, declaring: "The enemy is apparently planning to move into other areas, using Mindoro as a base." The Jap radio said the Allies' apparent design to wedge into the north-western Philippines—which would mean Manila—"is not to be taken lightly."

Still another American fleet, said Tokyo, had been discovered in the Surigao Sea, south of Leyte. This force was said to include a battleship, several aircraft carriers, five cruisers and 13 destroyers.

Doughboys on Mindoro advanced against light opposition, but fighting was still hot on Leyte, where the 77th Infantry Division gained seven miles in the north-west corner of the island, outflanking what was left of the Yamashita Line, while the First Cavalry Division sliced through the enemy defenses farther north.

Commanding the Allied ground troops on Mindoro, it was disclosed, is Brig. Gen. William C. Dunckel, of Northumberland County, W. Va., who was wounded in Jap air attacks against the convoy en route.

Allied Fronts Joined On North Burma Scene

SOUTHEAST ASIA HQ., Dec. 18 (AP)—North Burma's scattered fronts became a single line facing the Japanese today after Scots troops pushing south linked up with 14th Army elements driving east of the Chindwin in the jungle area west of Indaw, 150 miles above Mandalay.

Pinlebu, Jap base from which the invasion of India was launched last Spring, was captured in the current operation.

Partition OK With U.S. If Poles Agree-Stettinius

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (ANS)—Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr. told a press conference today that the U.S. would indorse the Anglo-Russo scheme for reshaping Poland's boundaries, provided all the United Nations directly concerned—including Poland—agreed.

Stettinius' statement followed a report in the New York Times today that Prime Minister Churchill and Marshal Stalin had arranged for the partition of Poland during the Teheran Conference without the assent of President Roosevelt.

The Times said: "Premier Stalin would not agree to coordinate the Red Army's operations with those of his Western Allies until he had a definite assurance Britain would support Russia's claim to Polish territory as far west as the Curzon Line."

Stettinius' three-point statement had been awaited anxiously since Friday, when Churchill told the British House of Commons that England had agreed that the eastern third of Poland should be turned over to Russia in exchange for a substantial portion of eastern Germany.

(Reuter reported that the Stettinius statement was communicated to the British government in advance of its release in Washington. The news agency added that it was welcomed in London since it represented substantial agreement between the two nations.)

While avoiding direct approval of Poland's partition, Stettinius promised U.S. aid for Poland in any transfer of peoples caused by the proposed changes.

Stettinius said it had been the "consistently-held policy of the American government that questions relating to boundaries should be kept in abeyance until the termination of hostilities."

However, he recalled a statement by his

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Hit Rail Points In German Rear

Important rail centers supplying counter-attacking German forces on the Western Front were hammered Monday by approximately 500 Fortresses of the Eighth Air Force, escorted by more than 600 Mustang fighters.

Unopposed by enemy fighters, the heavies struck at marshalling yards at Cologne, Coblenz, Mainz and elsewhere in western Germany. All bombing was done in adverse weather. Flak was light.

A group of patrolling P51s reported bagging three Me109s over the Ruhr. The Eighth's losses were three bombers and five fighters.

Meanwhile, a tabulation of the results of Sunday's fierce air battles disclosed that Ninth Air Force fighter-bombers shot down 97 German planes, probably destroyed five and damaged 61 for a loss of 31 U.S. aircraft, as the Luftwaffe, with an estimated 450 fighters in action, made probably its greatest tactical effort since D-Day to support attacking Wehrmacht elements on the U.S. First Army front.

An AP dispatch said that Allied airmen shot down 194 enemy planes in the first 36 hours of the attack.

An additional 48 enemy fighters, out of an attacking force of over 100, were bagged Sunday by MAAF bomber-gunners and fighter-pilots while the heavies were on their way to bomb synthetic-oil plants in Silesia. MAAF losses were 29 planes.

Germans Hold At Budapest

With the battle for Budapest reported deadlocked, Marshal Malinowsky's Red Army troops seized a fortified point six miles northeast of the Hungarian capital yesterday in one thrust of a two-way drive aimed at Vienna. The other point of the Russian offensive was northwestward from Lake Balaton, where the German communique claimed strong Soviet attacks had been thrown back.

Malinowsky's troops advanced across muddy flats north of Budapest after Soviet troops had laid corduroy roads at breakneck speed.

Northeast and northwest of Miskolc, the Russians were mopping up in the industrial areas near the Czech border, and at several points the Nazis were forced back across the frontier.

Flip Corkin Here in the Flesh

Flip Corkin has hit the ETO—bouncing into it not out of Milt Caniff's famous cartoon strip, Terry and the Pirates, but from a desk job to Washington. The news came in an announcement Monday by Lt. Gen. Lewis H. Breerton, commanding the First Allied Airborne Army, that Col. Phillip G. Cochran—who but Flip?—had been assigned assistant G3 (operations).

Cochran's career as Flip Corkin—he hails from Erie, Pa.—has been followed by millions throughout the world as cartoonist Caniff has chronicled it. Before taking up the duties in Washington from which he has just come to the ETO, he commanded the First Air Commando Task Force in the Burma invasion led by the late British Maj. Gen. Orde Wingate.

New Nazi V-Weapon Hits Behind West Front

NINTH ARMY FRONT, Dec. 18 (AP)—The Germans launched a new V-weapon against the Western Front today, bombarding rear areas by day and night.

were knocked out. Monschau, which is in Germany close to the Belgian border, still was in U.S. hands.

A Reuter correspondent who toured the First Army front Monday said he saw U.S. troops digging in to meet expected panzer thrusts, and tank destroyers firing at enemy armor. Bad weather impeded Allied fighter-bomber support, though the fliers were up in numbers to meet the Luftwaffe challenge.

Dispatches said that the German drive, which began early Saturday with probing stabs all along the Ninth and First Armies' positions before the thrusts into Belgium and Luxembourg, had been resumed Monday after what was described as a 12-hour lull, not otherwise explained.

Spearheading the German blow, it was said, was a panzer division which has seen action on half a dozen other battle-fronts in the war. Quick action rounded up most of the Nazi paratroops dropped behind both the Ninth and First lines. Prisoners said they had been formed over a month ago into special teams for the operation. The paratroops' mission apparently was a diversion to screen the Germans' main effort.

Monday morning, it was announced that disclosures of where the German

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Plastic Surgery on Blitz Scars



U.S. engineers repairing bomb-damaged homes in London's Lambeth area cleared this blitzed site and erected a temporary house in seven days.

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GIs in British Factories

Nov. 22, 1944

To the B-Bag:

The Ministry of Labor, announcing priority for work in shell-making and filling factories, is quoted in the Express as saying that the number of extra workers needed to put through the shell program "will be considerable."

Will someone who knows how to get this thing in the right channels do something to put this idea across!

Bob Hope and 'The Pilot'

Dec. 8, 1944.

To the B-Bag:

Why do people jump to outlandish and over-extended conclusions? The "Old Timer" from the Bomb Sq., it seems to me, has certainly done this relative to "The Pilot," a Catholic publication.

As I recall it, "The Pilot" had no argument against Bob Hope's toil expended in the task of making the burden of American GIs lighter.

In the second place, since the "old timer" is a Catholic, he ought to know by now that his conclusions are not in harmony with the spirit of his Church, since she is far from being a sour puss.

To the B-Bag:

When did Bob Hope and his dirty remarks ever win a battle? A combat soldier on the line is interested in spiritual assistance only, and not a lot of immoral jokes.

Labor's Share

Dec. 1, 1944

To the B-Bag:

I want to take my hat off to PRO for their order to Congresswoman Luce to "keep quiet."

One is a letter of instruction to all Orientation officers issued by General Marshall on Aug. 21, 1944. This letter condemns labor-baiters and specifically states that only one-tenth of one per cent of the total time available was lost through strikes.

Secondly, I should like to recommend a War Department pamphlet No. 20-3 called "Information Materials."

These Congressmen were sent by the American people to study conditions overseas and to make a constructive report to help end the war in the shortest possible time—not to smear labor.

Hash Marks

Shed a tear in your beer for Capt. Sydney J. Rose. After sweating out a letter from his wife (who had been writing daily) for three months, the captain received a big, fat envelope.

Overheard. A pensive combat engineer suddenly exclaimed, "If they won't let me buy the Brooklyn Bridge—why can't I buy a Bailey bridge?"

This week's sad sack. A corporal was drowning over a beer in a Paris cafe and his buddy gave him a hot-foot. The



manager immediately rushed up, tapped the gyrating GI on the shoulder and said, "I'm sorry, but there's no dancing allowed in this establishment."

And then there was a guy named Joe Pterojynskovivich who went to court and had his name changed to Bill. He was tired of people saying "Hello, Joe, what do you know?"

Sgt. C. J. Husak sends this verse, which presents an encouraging slant on the home front:

Said the slick 4-F to the girl so shy With an evil light within his eye: "This is the life. I like this plan. There're now two girls for every man."

Signs of the times: T/5 Pashkowitz of a 95th Division artillery outfit answers all telephone calls "Pashkowitz speaking. You see 'em. We shoot 'em. Twenty-four hour service."

We have been asked to repeat this bit of GI philosophy. As far as many of us are concerned, chemistry's greatest contribution to modern warfare is blondes.

Embarrassing moments. Pvt. J. M., a switchboard operator for an engineer aviation battalion, was busily engaged



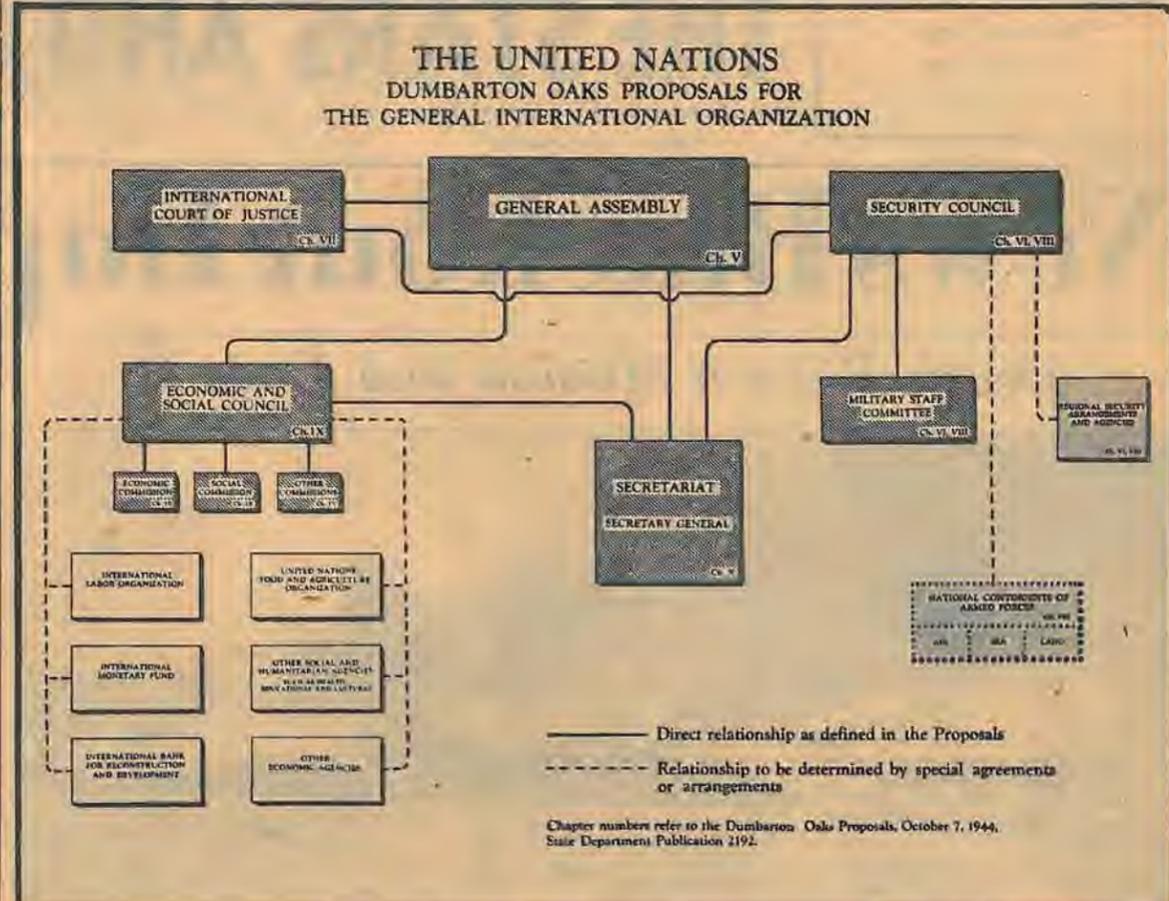
placing calls and chewing the rag with a buddy who possessed a typical "middle-age paunch." The CO entered and the buddy made a hasty exit.

Today's da'nytion. Rain—something that when you take a raincoat it doesn't. (But it usually does over here anyway.)

PRIVATE BREGER



"I thought Headquarters might like a little boogie-woogie between messages!"



Here is the plan drawn up at the Dumbarton Oaks conference for insuring world peace. After weeks of discussions, delegates from most of the countries of the world agreed upon this post-war general international organization.

Wooden-Shoed Away

Off-Limits Signs Are Placed On Dutch Girls by Dutch

MAASTRICHT, Holland, Dec. 18—A distinct and growing movement backed by Church officials to prevent Dutch girls from associating with American troops has come to light with the appearance of unsigned posters warning girls seen in the company of GIs that their heads would be shaved as were those of women who had collaborated with the Nazis.

Cellar Hid 172 Madmen

WAANSUM, Holland, Dec. 18 (Reuter)—A group of 234 men, of whom 172 were insane, lived for two months in the reeking cellar of a shell-battered monastery here until the village was liberated by the British drive to the Maas and their plight was discovered by civil-affairs officers.

AFN Radio Program

- On Your Dial: 1375 kc., 1402 kc., 1411 kc., 1420 kc., 1447 kc., 218.1m., 213.9m., 212.6m., 211.3m., 207.3m. Tuesday, Dec. 19. 1200—News. 1205—Duffie Bag. 1300—Headlines—Sports News. 1305—NBC Symphony. 1400—Headlines—Visiting Hour. 1500—Headlines—German Lesson. 1505—Strike up the Band. 1530—On the Record. 1625—Saludos Amigos. 1700—Headlines—Concert Hall. 1715—Canadian Guest Show. 1755—American Sports News. 1800—World News. 1805—Mark up the Map. 1810—GI Supper Club. 1900—Headlines—GI Journal. 1930—Here's To Romance. 2000—Headlines—Combat Diary. 2015—Johnny Mercer's Music Shop. 2030—American Band of the AEF (Major Glenn Miller). 2100—World News. 2105—Charlie McCarthy. 2115—Omaha Shore Show. 2200—Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A. 2205—Listen Characters. 2300—Final Edition. Wednesday, Dec. 20. 0755—Sign On—Program Resume. 0800—Headlines—Combat Diary. 0815—Personal Album. 0830—Music in the Modern Manner. 0900—World News. 0905—Song Time. 0925—Music from Canada. 1000—Headlines—Morning After (Major Glenn Miller). 1030—Strike up the Band. 1100—Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A. 1105—Duffie Bag.

Notes from the Air Force

The 351st Bomb Group, a Fort outfit commanded by Lt. Col. Robert W. Burns, of Ecu, Miss., recently held a two-year party. Activated in November, 1942, at Geiger Field, Wash., the group started operations in the ETO in the spring of 1943.

In 229 missions, the 351st has dropped more than 12,900 tons of bombs, the gunners have shot down 303 German fighters, probably destroyed 49 and damaged 177.

Seven Eighth Air Force fighter pilots told how they played nursemaid to a crippled, flak-ripped B17 as it limped for miles at rooftop level over enemy territory.

Returning from escorting Second Bombardment Division Liberators to Merseburg, the fighters spotted the clay-pigeon fortress from 20,000 feet.

"We came down to zero altitude and buzzed him to see if he was all right," said 2/Lt. Robert J. Bain, of Pittsburgh. "He had a three-foot hole in his tail, one engine was out and he was well peppered with flak hits."

While the fighters tried to draw heavy enemy ack-ack fire on themselves, to spare the battered Fort, the B17 dodged in and out of valleys, scraping treetops and houses as it pushed westward.

After the Moselle River had been crossed, the fighters had to leave the Fort because they were short of gas. Later they heard it had belly-landed in Belgium. "That clay pigeon had the coolest pilot I've ever seen," said 2/Lt. Harry M. Chapman, fighter pilot from St. Augustine, Fla.

T/Sgt. Bob Dunster and Sgt. Georganna C. LeTourneau, both of Hayward, Wis., were married recently. He's with the 78th Thunderbolt Group.

S/Sgt. John S. Wyrsh, of St. Louis, Mo., was best man and S/Sgt. Meriam E. Hopper, of New Britain, Conn., was maid of honor.

In England, T/Sgt. William E. McDonald, of Ashland, Ala., and Cpl. Frank W. Cooper, of Amsterdam, N.Y., both of the 20th Mustang Group, are buddies.

Somewhere in Germany, S/Sgt. Albert L. McDonald, who is William's brother, pals around with Frank's brother, S/Sgt. John Cooper, both serving with the same infantry division.

Newman's Yankee Doodles

'WHATCHA GONNA DO AFTER THE WAR?'



"... and, lieutenant, I'll certainly get you a ticket to see me race at Indianapolis after the war."

Fritsch Leads Packers to 14-7 Nod Over Giants

Once Over Lightly

By Andy Rooney

NEW YORK, Dec. 18—There were scenes in the locker rooms at the Polo Grounds after the Packer-Giants battle for the professional football title yesterday which were not strange scenes at all.

"I am definitely through this year," Don Hutson, the great Green Bay end, was telling reporters. It was Hutson's fourth annual retirement speech and no one was surprised to hear him make it. "This time I mean it," the league's leading scorer said. "So help me, I'll jump off the Empire State building if I play again."

WHILE pulling on his pants, teammate Charles "Bucket" Goldenberg, veteran Packers guard, said, "Don, you quitting again this year? Why, I'm just beginning to like the game. If I can talk my wife into it I'll be playing again next year." This was Bucket's 13th year in the circuit. He is 33 and a former Wisconsin lineman.

Other veterans were talking retirement in the Giant locker room, too. This was Mel Hein's 14th year in professional football and he has been great at center every one of them.

It was Ken Strong's 11th year, although he was only kicking points after touchdowns and field goals. For Arnie Herber, former Packer and present Giant, this was the twelfth year, and for Joe Laws, Packer back, it was the 11th. The two oldest men in uniform were Strong, 38, and Ade Schwammel, Green Bay tackle, 36.

SHORT SHOTS: Steve Owen, Giant coach, used Lt. Al Blozis on defense only. Every time the Giants got the ball Tackle Vic Carroll would rush in for Blozis. . . . Johnny Weiss, Jersey City kid, played a great game at end for the Giants, but he was disappointed once. All of a sudden he broke out of the pileup and started running. He thought he had stolen the ball, but it turned out to be Ted Fritsch's helmet and he threw it down in disgust. . . . When Bill Paschal's legs buckled under him before he hit the line early in the game he was carried off the field. Announcer Carl Waite asked the crowd to "give Bill Paschal a big hand" and the crowd did—and down on the field Packer Back Irv Comp clapped too. He had good reason to. . . . Despite the four men the Giants had covering Hutson, he still showed the New Yorkers how to catch them. . . . The first Packer touchdown was due to the Giants' fear of Hutson. They put so many men on him no one was left to cover Fritsch who caught the pass and went over. . . . Ward Cuff played the best offensive game on the field.

East's Eleven Leaves For Shrine Contest

CHICAGO, Dec. 18—The All-East football stars were headed westward for San Francisco today where players from eight eastern states will meet the best of the western intercollegiate football in the Shrine benefit game New Year's Day.

Les Horvath, Ohio State's All-American, was missing as the squad entrained. The player of the year stayed at Columbus, Ohio, to clean up some scholastic work and will leave for the game on Christmas Eve.

Coaches Andy Kerr and Bernie Bierman gave the 20 players making the trip diagrams of the plays they will use in the annual charity game.

Spiders Notch Fourth Straight
507th PAR. INF. BASE, Dec. 18—The unbeaten, untied, unscored on Spider eleven of this base yesterday defeated the — Port eleven, 43-0, for their fourth triumph.

Help Wanted —AND GIVEN
Write your question or problem to Help Wanted, The Stars and Stripes, 37, Upper Brook St., London, W.1, or APO 413, U.S. Army, Telephone U.K. Base HQ, Ext. 2131.

APOs Wanted
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London Chapter No. 198, National Sojourners, Inc. DINNER, business and social meeting, Senior Officers' Club, 45, Park Lane, 1845 hours, Wednesday, 20th December. Reservations may be made with Capt. John N. Langitt, Telephone U.K. Base, Ext. 656, or 1065. All National Sojourners and Officer Masons Welcome.

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AN American watch, in London. Will anyone who has lost a watch recently send full particulars of the watch including the inscription engraved on it and the time and place it was lost, to M/Sgt. Leonard A. Waas, c/o Help Wanted.

Packer Plunger



By Pap

THE GREEN BAY PACKERS' PILE-DRIVING FULLBACK

Canadiens Pound Rangers, 4-1, To Strengthen Hold on First

NEW YORK, Dec. 18—The Montreal Canadiens increased their lead in the National Hockey League last night by defeating the New York Rangers, 4-1, in a game which was featured by a fair fist fight between Maurice Richard of the Canadiens and Bob Dill of the Rangers.

Dill was floored by a haymaker after a scuffle back of the cage in the second period, and in a few seconds players of both teams were in a free-for-all. Dill returned to the ice in the third frame with tape over and under his right eye, but a Ranger player explained that Maurice hit Dill while the referee held him in trying to break up the skirmish.

Grant Warwick put the New Yorkers in the lead early in the first period, but that was all—except bumps and bruises—

Heavyweight Tiff Features 7-Bout Rainbow Corner Bill

Seven bouts are on the docket for tonight's Rainbow Corner fight show with a heavyweight tiff between Pvt. Bliss Croft and Pvt. Erwin Sauerland taking the feature spotlight.

Croft, 186-pound paratrooper from Newark, N.J., took a second-round kayo victory at the Corner in his first time out. He is matched with a newcomer, Pvt. Erwin Sauerland, Pittsburgh 182-pounder, who is one of a group of mitt tossers representing the 12th Replacement Depot on tonight's bill.

Here's the lineup for other bouts:
Pvt. Charles Wells, Chicago, 135, vs. T/S Louis Casiano, New York, 132.
Pvt. Leroy Richards, St. Joseph, Mo., 130, vs. Sgt. Roy Mandell, Chicago, 128.
Pvt. Vince Padilla, San Bernardino, Cal., 126, vs. Pvt. James Mewell, Salem, Mass., 126.
Cpl. Ben Starnes, Monroe, N.C., 143, vs. Cpl. Angelo Gallo, New Jersey, 144.
Pvt. William Torrence, Boston, 165, vs. Pvt. Frank Brown, McAllister, Okla., 162.
Pvt. Wilbur Kunz, Vancouver, Wash., 125, vs. Sgt. Roy Sweat, Newport, Ark., 130.

Twilight Tear Named 'Horse of Year' by Scribes

NEW YORK, Dec. 18—Twilight Tear brought to Calumet Farm horse-of-the-year honors for the third time in four years today when she was named by 154 sport and turf writers in the annual poll conducted by the Turf and Sports Digest. The Daily Racing Form had already chosen Tear as 1944's outstanding horse.

The three-year-old filly won 14 of 17 races in 1944 and succeeds the incomparable Count Fleet as the best in turfdom.

Conn Rescues Fighter Pilot

ROME, Dec. 18—An American fighter pilot owes his life to swift action by Cpl. Billy Conn, world heavyweight contender now on an exhibition tour of air bases in Italy. En route to a base, Billy and his troupe saw a fighter plane crash into a nearby swamp and burst into flames. Leaping out of their jeeps, Billy and his fighters dragged out the unconscious pilot and rushed him to the nearest hospital.

Wilmington Pro Eleven Victor

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18—The Wilmington Shipbuilders capitalized on a bad pass from center and defeated the Harrisburg Governors, 7-0, here yesterday in the Eastern Professional League playoff. Bruno Turi, Wilmington star, scooped up a bad pass from the Harrisburg center on the two-yard line in the first period and stepped across the goal line.

American Hockey League

Buffalo 4, Hershey 2
Indianapolis 6, St. Louis 1
Cleveland 6, Providence 5

EASTERN DIVISION									
W	L	T	P						
Buffalo	14	8	2	30	Providence	7	15	2	16
Hershey	11	10	3	25					

WESTERN DIVISION									
W	L	T	P						
Indianapolis	13	7	6	32	Cleveland	11	7	3	25
Pittsburgh	12	8	2	26	St. Louis	5	13	2	12

Fullback Scores Twice As Giant Attack Falters

NEW YORK, Dec. 18—Chunky Fullback Ted Fritsch scored two touchdowns in the second period at the Polo Grounds yesterday to give the Green Bay Packers a 14-7 triumph over the New York Giants and the championship of the National Football League before 46,016 fans. The victory gave the Packers the league title for the sixth time, tying them with the Chicago Bears in winning championships.

The Giants beat the Packers, 24-0, a month ago in the major upset of the pro season, but yesterday Steve Owen's charges couldn't get going until the second half, and then it was too late. The second period had hardly begun when Joe Laws, veteran Packer quarterback who was playing right half because of Lou Brock's leg injury and turned out to be the game's leading ground gainer, shot 15 yards to the Giant 17 after the Packers had taken a New York punt on the Giant 47. Fritsch then tore the right side of the Giant line apart and galloped 27 yards to the Giant one. On fourth down he went through center for a touchdown and Don Hutson converted.

Just before the end of the half Hutson snared a pass from Irv Comp on the Giant 30 for a gain of 24 yards, and then Fritsch again took command. He made three through the line, then pulled down a heave from Comp that was good for 27 yards and the score that proved to be the clincher, Hutson again converting.

Rookie Howie Livingston set up New York's touchdown in the first three seconds after the fourth period opened when he intercepted Lou Brock's pass on the Giants' 45. A couple of plays later Arnie Herber rifled a pass to Frank Liebel, who went out of bounds on the one-yard marker. Ward Cuff plunged over on the following play and Ken Strong converted.

The Giants were handicapped by the loss of two key players. Fullback Bill Paschal, the league's leading ground-gainer, took part in only three plays in the first half and one in the second because of a sprained ankle suffered against the Redskins last Sunday, and Len Calligaro, blocking back, suffered a shoulder injury on the third play of the game.

Passes Connect

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Legal Battle Halts Agua Caliente Races

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 18—Horse racing was suspended at the Agua Caliente Jockey Club yesterday by George Schelling, director of racing, pending settlement of litigation involving track and properties.

Mexican government officials, acting on orders of the Supreme Court, seized the three-million-dollar plant last Wednesday in the name of the Arguello family, and a receiver was appointed.

Two groups of heirs are involved in the fight for possession, and S. P. Barrish, Los Angeles real estate broker, contending he represented 95.6 per cent of the heirs, said he would file a petition to seek possession.

Seahawks Snap Olathe Streak

OLATHE, Kan., Dec. 18—Iowa Pre-Flight's basketball team snapped Olathe Naval's six-game winning streak with an easy 41-29 victory last night as Jim Klein, formerly of Pittsburgh, led the attack against the Clippers with 12 points. Harvey, Olathe center, scored nine points.

Illinois' Freshman Quintet Big Ten Threat

CHICAGO, Dec. 18—There are many college officials and coaches who are still voicing objections about the use of freshman players on varsity basketball teams, but the University of Illinois is finding no fault whatever. The Illini team of freshman "Whiz Kids" has proved beyond a doubt that it can stand off older and more experienced court combines.

The Whiz Kids, who opened up with two victories over Great Lakes Naval, soared to greater heights Saturday night by upsetting DePaul, 43-40.

Illinois won the hard way. They trailed, 15-3, at one part of the opening half and never drew even with the Blue Demons until only three minutes remained in the game. But though victorious, they couldn't stop DePaul's towering George Mikan, who dumped in 26 points.

Iowa and Ohio State came through their pre-season games unbeaten but not in the manner of the speedy Illinois quintet, even though Iowa did preserve

Statistics Along the Ground

	GIANTS	PACKERS
First downs	10	11
Yards gained rushing	70	162
Passes attempted	22	11
Passes completed	8	3
Yards gained passing	117	73
Passes intercepted	3	15
Yards gained interceptions	17	27
Average distance of punts	41	37
Yards kicks returned	107	101
Yards lost penalties	90	48

Snead Takes Coast Open

RICHMOND, Cal., Dec. 18—Sammy Snead gave a great exhibition of long drives and accurate iron shots to a record gallery yesterday as he won the \$7,500 Richmond Open Gold Tournament by shooting a one-under-par 70 to finish the 72-hole medal play with 278, six below par.

Charles Congdon, of Tacoma, Wash., finished second, one stroke back of Snead. He also registered a 70 yesterday for a gross of 279. Tied for third place were golf's famous "Gold Dust" twins, Byron Nelson and Jug McSpaden, with 280.

The victory was worth \$1,600 in war bonds to Snead and brought his golf earnings since his discharge from the Navy to \$4,300 in one month of play.

Wright Defeats Volk In Eighth AF Upset

466TH BOMB GROUP, Dec. 18—Hard-hitting Pvt. Willie Wright, 155-pound Youngstown, Ohio, Negro, provided an unexpected upset here last night when he outpointed Cpl. Bobby Volk, of Portland, Ore., 158, U.S.A.A.F. senior welterweight champ, in the feature event of a nine-bout ring bill.

Cpl. Al Read, of Seattle, Wash., 155, Rainbow Corner favorite, won over Pfc Harry Conroy, of Cleveland, 151, ending the Ohioan's string of six straight wins.

In other bouts:
Pvt. Andy Corrallo, Indio, Cal., 134, TKO'd Cpl. Tich Caprioli, Lawrence, Mass., 150, 1-30 of the third.
Sgt. Ray Wright, of Kaysville, Utah, 138, outpointed Pvt. Clemente Morrone, of Cleveland, 141.
Sgt. Billy Wallin, Amsterdam, N.Y., 163, outpointed Pvt. Edmund Rojas, St. Louis, 159.
Pvt. Jim Brock, St. Louis, 199, outpointed Pfc Glenn Bullfloe, Houston, Tex., 207.
Pfc Joe Gonzales, Salinas, Cal., 162, outpointed Cpl. Walter Cautions, St. Louis, 157.
Cpl. Tommy Carbonero, Brooklyn, 161, outpointed S/Sgt. Harry Gregorians, Detroit, 164.
Cpl. Alex Salazar, Denver, 138, outpointed Pvt. Roger Sanchez, San Antonio, Tex., 139.

Black Hawks Topple Detroit Red Wings, 2-1

CHICAGO, Dec. 18—The Chicago Black Hawks scored goals in the first and second periods to upset the Detroit Red Wings, 2-1, last night and draw into a tie with the New York Rangers for fifth place in the National Hockey League.

Earl Siebert tallied for the Hawks in the first stanza, Sid Howe tied it up for the Wings early in the second frame, and Mosenko came back to clinch it for the Windy City pucksters.

Dick Tracy

NOT A BAD WAD AND WE CAN USE IT. HMM?

MUST HAVE ROLLED OUT OF HIS POCKET

I THINK WE'LL INVESTIGATE YOUR SLEEPING CUSTOMER, CHARLIE

WHO IS HE?

WELL, I'LL BE CHEE! THE GUY IS A SCREWBALL! LOOK AT THAT COAT

UH?

WHAT?

THAT'S A PICTURE OF SNOWFLAKE!

Li'l Abner

NICE EVENIN'! STAY HOME AN' AMOOZE OURSELVES — CEPT WE HAIN'T GOT NO GAMES NOR NOTHIN' (SIGH?)

WE IS TOO FORE AN' MIZZIBLE T'AFFORD FANCY GAMES BUT MEBBE AH KIN LIVEN UP TH' PARTY BY CONJURIN' UP A VISION???

IT KNOCKS ME COLD BUT IT'S CHEAP!!

WIF TH' BLOOD AH HAS DRAWNED FLIM A INNOCENT LAMB AH MAKES A "X" ON MAH BROW—

—AN' WHIRLS AROUN' THREE TIMES REPEATIN' TH' SECRET WORDS I MAH GRAN' MAMMY DONE TOLE ME— AH AIMS T' CONJURE UPA VISION O' WHAR AH'M GONNA SPEND TH' SUMMER??

SHE'S SUDDENLY GONE STIFF AN' COLD— SHE FLOPS— A VISION'S A-COMIN'—

OUCH!!

By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune

By Chester Gould

By Courtesy of United Features

By Al Capp

A Pawn of War—Redeemed



This is Baby Geraldine Whitehouse—described in the American press as "the Newfoundland"—and her soldier-father, Pfc Arthur Whitehouse. The baby's mother was a Newfoundland nurse. The soldier's wife, Mrs. Rose Whitehouse, agreed to bring up the baby as her own, giving the much-publicized war-time romance a happy ending.

Life in Those United States

Senate Battle Looms On State Dept. Nominees

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (ANS)—Despite approval last week by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee of six nominations by President Roosevelt for posts in the State Department, indications were today that a battle would be forthcoming on the Senate floor proper before the group was OK'd.

While the debate was scheduled to get under way today, the possibility loomed that this matter might not be settled before the Senate adjourned for the Christmas holiday late this week. In that event, it would be up to the new Congress, which assembles Jan. 3, to make the decision.

Apparently the chief targets for debate were Joseph C. Grew, ex-ambassador to Japan, and poet-librarian Archibald MacLeish. Sen. Joseph Duffey (D.-Pa.) announced he wanted to make a speech against Grew which would last four hours.

Beside Grew and MacLeish, the prospective appointees are William L. Clayton, James C. Dunn, Nelson A. Rockefeller and Brig. Gen. Julius Holmes, the latter a member of Gen. Eisenhower's SHAEF staff.

Meantime, the Senate approved President Roosevelt's selection of Robert A. Hurley, ex-governor of Connecticut, and Lt. Col. Edward Heller, Army finance officer at San Francisco, as members of the Surplus Property Disposal Board.

A Corsage for the Flower

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (AP)—For rising in defense of Brooklyn soldiers after author Noel Coward had referred to them as "cry babies" in "Middle East Diary," Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia today was named as "the man who has done the most for Brooklyn in 1944."

The award was made by the Society for the Prevention of Disparaging Remarks. About Brooklyn, which made no effort to conceal its irritation over Coward's statement.



LA GUARDIA

Liberty Bell Stays Cracked

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18 (AP)—Mayor Bernard Samuel said today that Americans preferred the Liberty Bell as she was—crack and all—in declining an offer from a London (England) foundry to recast the bell as a gesture of Anglo-American friendship. The company said it originally made the bell in 1752.

Vets Favor Peace Draft

EVANSTON, Ill., Dec. 18—Discharged veterans of World War II have voted 84 per cent in favor of compulsory peacetime training for American youth, in a poll conducted by Northwestern University. The ex-servicemen agreed almost unanimously that world peace could be maintained only through the use of armed forces.

Rita Hayworth a Mother; Veronica Lake a Bride

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 18—Actress Rita Hayworth presented her actor husband, Orson Welles, with a 64-pound baby girl last night when doctors performed a Caesarean operation on the film star at Santa Monica. The child is the couple's first.



RITA HAYWORTH

Meantime, elsewhere in the film capital: Actress Veronica Lake and Director Andre DeToth were married last night at the home of Ed (Archie) Gardner, star of the Duffey's Tavern radio show. . . . Actress Georgia Davis announced she was engaged to comedian Red Skelton, now an Army private.

Lupe Velez, who took her own life Wednesday because of "shame," will not be buried from a Catholic church with formal rites, although friends had attempted to obtain dispensation, Associated Press said. . . . Actress Trudy Marshall was married to Phillip J. Raffia, a Los Angeles restaurateur, a few hours after her divorce from Leland Lindsay became final.



VERONICA LAKE

Jews Volunteer for Yule KP

CAMP BLANDING, Fla., Dec. 18—Members of the Christian faith here will pull no KP on Christmas. Jewish trainees have offered to do the kitchen work—an offer which has been accepted by Maj. Gen. E. W. Fales.

Penalty for Parents

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 18 (ANS)—Parents whose children under 16 are found roaming the streets after 10 PM hereafter will be fined \$50. The city has had the curfew law for some time, but never invoked it.

News Story

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 18—More than 30 calls were received in response to a newspaper ad offering for rent "a newly-decorated single apartment" for a family with a baby. A soldier's wife got the place.

Ten Cents, but No Dance

NEW YORK, Dec. 18—State Supreme Court Justice William T. Colwins has upheld Police Commissioner Lewis J. Valentine's decision denying a license to a taxi dance hall. Colwins cited the police report of "shockingly indecent" conditions in many such spots, which were described as a "substitution for public prostitution."

Mexicans Sell U.S. Butts

CALEXICO, Cal., Dec. 18 (ANS)—Transcontinental train passengers reported here today they were offered cigarettes at \$1.80 a carton. Boys from Mexicali, Mex., they said, were swarming across the international line to sell American butts to the passengers. Customs officials are interested because of the tax of seven cents a package due, it was announced.

Partition OK If Poles Agree, Stettinius Says

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predecessor, Cordell Hull, that some such questions might be settled immediately by "friendly conference and agreement," and said the U.S. would "have no objection" to the changed boundary policy provided the Polish government accepted the Curzon Line as the country's eastern border.

He reiterated that the U.S. could not guarantee specific European frontiers, but noted that America was working for the establishment of a world-security organization and suggested that the Polish-Russian frontier settlement could make an essential contribution to the successful prosecution of the war.

Meanwhile, a journalistic bombshell was exploded when the Times printed the story of the alleged Churchill-Stalin deal at Teheran. The story was written by Raymond Daniell, Times' London correspondent, who based his statements on diplomatic sources "with no axe to grind."

"According to testimony now available," Daniell said, "there was considerable bargaining between Russia and Britain, while the U.S. maintained what has been described as a neutral attitude."

Daniell said President Roosevelt's part "in the deal in Teheran" was "not quite clear," but "it appears he was not present at the time Premier Stalin and Churchill reached their understanding."

Divided Europe into Spheres

"It is quite clear now that, in Teheran, Churchill and Stalin divided Europe into spheres of British and Russian influence," Daniell said.

However, he continued, Churchill was stricken with pneumonia and it was not until Feb. 6 that the Prime Minister told Stanislaw Mikolajczyk, then Polish Premier, that the Curzon Line should be the basis of negotiations.

"Churchill," Daniell wrote, "has said: 'At no time in all the negotiations to induce the Polish government in London to acquiesce in the deal has Mr. Roosevelt indicated definitely that he would not go along.'"

"That is not to say he approved," Daniell added.

The Times dispatch suggested that Churchill, in attempting to persuade the Poles to give up the eastern third of their country in exchange for a slice of eastern Germany, "overlooked" the city of Lwow and eastern oil centers "when he matched the worth of the Priepet marshes against the beauty and importance of Danzig as an economic asset to new Poland."

Athens-Piraeus Road Cleared

Breaking the unofficial "peace parley armistice" in Greece, British troops opened up a lightning "gloves-off" offensive Monday and cleared the road between their island in the center of Athens and the capital's port of Piraeus.

Meanwhile, hope continued that some settlement in the undeclared civil war could yet be arranged. The main holdup in negotiations seemed to be the ELAS (resistance) reluctance to surrender their arms, plus uncertainty over the appointment of a regent pending a plebiscite.

Both the government and the ELAS groups seemed largely agreed that Archbishop Damaskinos of Athens would be the best man for the regency, but King George of the Hellenes would have to abdicate before such a step could be taken. The King, now in London, was reported seeking advice from Greece.

Path of Love—Even if Free—Never Runs Smooth

Co-Ed Battles LSU 'Attitude' On Campus Sex—and Is Fired

BATON ROUGE, La., Dec. 18—The subject of hot kisses brought hot words to Louisiana State University last night when three student organizations voted to ask the Civil Liberties Union, Nelson Rockefeller and others to investigate the case of an 18-year-old co-ed who was asked to "resign" from school because she criticized the university's attitude toward sex.

President W. B. Hatcher told the LSU board of supervisors he had given Gloria Jeanne Heller, of Havana, the choice of "resigning or being dropped from school" after she admitted writing a leaflet in which he said, "she discussed the university's attitude toward sex."

"I told her," Hatcher said, "that we couldn't have promiscuous kissing on the

Shelter Is Where You Find It



Second Division infantrymen of the First Army crouch in a snow-filled ditch inside Germany while seeking shelter from an enemy artillery barrage.

West Fronts -

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columns had smashed through or how far they had advanced would not be allowed. On Sunday, however, it was revealed that the Nazis had fought into Honsfeld, Belgium, west of Monschau, and into Luxemburg below both Vianden and Echternach, both border towns. Monday's dispatches indicated that thrusts elsewhere along the front had been sealed off.

German broadcasts claimed that Field Marshal Gerd von Rundstedt's troops already had crossed most of Luxemburg and hinted at new surprises by saying: "British soldiers who have been promised leave in January may have to do without it." British troops hold positions above the Ninth Army in Germany and along the Maas in Holland.

UP dispatches said the German drive had come as a surprise, quoting reports from troops that in one instance enemy tanks had rolled into a town just as the Yanks were finishing chow.

Meanwhile, elements of four divisions of the Seventh Army inched into the first of the three-belt layer of 20-mile-deep Siegfried defenses before the southern approaches to the Saar Palatinate. Others, still on French soil, overran two Maginot forts near Bitch.

The Third Army made some gains in both Dillingen and the Sarregueminnes area. Air reconnaissance was said to have shown the heaviest enemy railway movement yet spotted behind the Third Army front.

U.S. Subs Add 33 To Toll of Jap Ships

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (Reuter)—U.S. submarines have sunk 33 more Jap ships, including a light cruiser, three destroyers, six escort vessels, a minesweeper and a minelayer, the Navy Department announced tonight. This brings the total of Jap ships sunk by U.S. submarines since the start of the war to 907, including 94 warships.

B29s Hit Nagoya And Hankow

An estimated 200 Superforts struck Sunday against Hankow, in Jap-held central China 500 miles west of Shanghai, and at Nagoya, aircraft production center southwest of Tokyo, flying from bases on the Asiatic mainland and from Saipan, the War Department announced Monday at Washington.

Hankow was a new target for the B29s, but Nagoya, under fire for two hours in the most recent attack, had been hit less than a week ago when, according to reconnaissance photographs taken later, 47 direct hits were scored on the Matsudoki plane plant. Nagoya is Japan's third largest city, with a 1940 population of 1,328,000.

Jap broadcasts admitted the Nagoya raid—carried out by Saipan bombers—saying that 70 planes were over the city and that smaller groups were over the Kinki-Osaka region, south of Nagoya.

Vignette of War

2 Quit Battle To Learn It

WITH AN INFANTRY DIVISION, Dec. 18—The CO wanted these two guys and he wanted them in a hurry. The two guys were out fighting the war some place, but this was important. Messengers were sent around to find them.

It wasn't so tough to locate and bring back the first one—Pfc John L. Tischer, of Gotebo, Cal. He was crouching in the mud near the forward CP, sweating out the day, when he was tapped on the shoulder and told that the Old Man was waiting.

But Pfc Hugh C. Butler, of Helena, Mont., was not so accessible. He was flat on his belly in an open field, pinned down by withering enemy machine-gun fire. Butler had crawled out on a patrol job and was in the middle of nowhere when the Jerries opened up.

Butler's platoon leader swiftly organized a second patrol, which filtered into the field, scattered the enemy fire and brought Butler back safely to see the CO.

Both men thereupon received orders directing them to report to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point for the full course.

Hillman Back in U.S.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18—Sidney Hillman, chairman of the CIO's Political Action Committee, returned to the U.S. yesterday from London.

Crossword Puzzle Solution

I	V	A	N	B	A	G	R	A	M	I	A	N						
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T	A	X	M	E	L	T	P	A	D									
R	T	E	A	L	M	A	N											
P	R	I	S	E	E													
R	O	O	A	N	O	T				I	V	A	N					
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By Milton Caniff

Terry and the Pirates

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