## RESTORING PEACE IN BURMA

## Government's Proposals To Aid Committee

From "Sunday News" Special Correspondent

NEW DELHI. May 21.

Repatriation

SYDNEY, May 21.

THE immigration Minister, Mr.

Arthur Calwell, said today that

proposed legislation to repatriate

every Asian from Australia was de-

signed solely to cope with the pro-

blem of war-time evacuees. It would

in no way alter the normal admini-

stration of Australian immigration

During the war, Australia had gi-

ven asylum to 6,000 Asian refugees

from Japanese aggression on the

clearly understood condition that the

governments concerned would repa-

triate their nationals at the end of

the war. The purpose of the legisla-

tion was merely to facilitate this re-

COST OF REPAIRIATION

than before the war. They were all

received with friendliness, courtesy

CONCERN OVER U. K.

**EXPORT TRADE** 

LONDON, May 21: Several pro-

minent British politicians today ut-

tered a warning on Britain's export

The Chancellor of the Exchequer,

Sir Stafford Cripps, speaking after

yesterday's announcement that the

export drive had been checked in

April, renewed appeals to British

workers to produce more for export.

upon ourselves and not on the good-

will and charity of others," he said.

Mr. Brendan Bracken, M. P. Con-

servative), told National Liberals

(Allied with the Conservatives) at

Hampshire, that Sir Stafford Cripps.

had failed in his duty in not telling

the country that "we are drifting

into one of the worst economic crises

in our history." He added that in al-

most all world export markets Bri-

tain would have to face formidable

Mr. Leslie Hore Belisha, former

Conservative War Minister, speaking

at Maentwrog, Merioneth, Wales,

said the explanation of the high costs

jeopardising British export markets

were the rising prices for coal, gas,

electricity, transport, the abuse of

bulk purchase and rationing of raw

materials such as steel .- P.T.I.-Reu-

RECONSTITUTION OF

BARODA DISTRICTS

Bombay Talks

A conference of officials of the

Bombav Government and Baroda

State was held at the Bombay Sec-

retariat on Saturday to discuss plans

for the reconstitution of the districts

of the State and its surrounding

areas in the province after its com-

plete integration with Bombay at

The Bombay Government was re-

presented by their Chief Secretary,

and Mr. V. T. Dehejia, Special Com-

missioner, attended the conference

After the conference the partici-

LAW AND ORDER

IN HYDERABAD

Military Governor's Talks

HYDERABAD, May 21: Major-General J. N. Chaudhuri, Military Governor

of Hyderabad, conferred with the mem-

bers of the Workiny Committee of the

Hyderabad State Congress for about an

hour, at the residence of Swami Rama-

nanda Tirth, President, this morning.

It is understood that the Military

Governor spoke to the State Congress

leaders, frankly and candidly on pro-

blems agitating the minds of the people.

The over-all situation in respect of law

public, particularly Congress workers,

the Government proposal to appoint ad-

bour reforms were some of the impor-

tant subjects which came up for dis-

cussion. The Military Governor heard

the view points of Congress workers,

and explained Government attitude on

dhuri took the initiative of meeting the

State Congress Working Committee in

order to remove certain misunderstand-

ings, and enlist their co-operation for

the smooth running of the administra-

nistrator of Hyderabad, was also pre-

POLICE OFFICERS ON

MURDER CHARGE

HYDERABAD, May 21: Five police

intendent of Police of Mahboobnagar,

They are alleged to have shot dead

a Congres worker who was detained in

Mahboobnagar jail, when the police ac-

tion taken by the Union Government

Later, they are reported to have

killed in the police action .- U.P.I.

sent during the talks.-U.P.I.

are being tried for murder.

was in progress.

Mr. D. S. Bakhle, chief Civil Admi-

All members were present.

pants met Mr. Morarji Desai, Home

the end of July 1949.

on behalf of the State.

"We must in the long run depend

trade position.

competition.

and hospitality.—P.T. Reuter.

Of Asians:

Australian

Policy

THE Thakin Nu Government have presented specific proposals to the Four-Nation Aid Committee in Rangoon for the Commonwealth Countries' help to restore peace and order in Burma. it is authoritatively stated here today.

The Ambassadors of the U.K., India, Pakistan and Ceylon are understood to be considering these suggestions in consultation with their respective Governments.
The Aid Committee is first expect-

ed to assess the Burmase requirements of money and arms and then determine the ways and sources of securing them.

#### INDIA'S AID

India is understood to have already sent a small quantity of light arms and ammunition to Burma, but is stated to be in no position to supply any more. It is expected that in view of the limited resources of the three Eastern Commonwealth countries, the bulk of armament supplies to Burma would come from the U.K.

No indication is yet available as to when the Aid Committee is likely to finalise its recommendations, but law. it is presumed that the considered views of its members would be available to the Governments concerned by May 30, when the Burmese Premier is scheduled to reach London for his projected talks with the British Government.

Meanwhile, 10,000 Indian refugees and destitutes have arrived in India from Burma, Another 500 have crossed the frontier into Assam. So far no reports have been received of harassment of Indians either in the Government-held or Karen-controlled areas. An Indian Military Liaison | their repatriation, Mr. Calwell said. Officer is touring the districts in The Government had given them pewhich the rebels hold sway to see | riods up to three years to make arthat Indians residing there are not | rangements to return home.

BURMA'S TIES WITH CEYLON | had always welcomed Asian business "P.T.I.-Reuter" states: Burma is men, traders, students, tourists and considering entering into diploma-sportsmen. More students, business the relations with Ceylon and Aus- men and tourists from Asian couna in the near future, according tries were coming to Australia now to official sources here.

The Government of India at New Delhi will be directly linked with its Embassy in Rangoon when the Embassy's wireless station, now being installed, comes into operation very shortly.

The Indian Embassy in Rangoon is responsible for the welfare of the 700,000 Indians living in Burma. Some 200,000 of these Indians are ed behind the battle lines the rebels. They have been treated well so far either side.

Several hundred Indians leave Rangoon on every homeward pound boat. Over 12,000 have left so far.

#### "BIG FOUR" TALKS ON GERMANY Preparations In Paris

PARIS, May 21: Three of the "Big Four" Foreign Ministers, Mr. Ernest Bevin, Mr. Dean Acheson and M. Robert Schuman, were already in Paris today, hard at work in preparation for their conference on Germany opening on Monday after-

They were meeting at the French Foreign Office today, to review questions which their representatives have been considering here throughout the week.

Most observers here regarded the conference as a major attempt to find a formula to reconcile Russia and the West through agreement on

The Western Ministers and their advisers have maintained secrecy about the preliminary meeting and Monday's conference, but usually reliable diplomatic sources here think that no major difference now exists between the Western Powers on a Four-Power German settlement.

Meanwhile, the Boon constitution basis of the proposed West German Federal Republic-has now been ratified by the required two-thirds of the "eleven West German States, it

Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky, Soviet Foreign Minister, arrived at Orly airport, near Paris, from Moscow this afternoon to attend the conference here on Monday.

### GOODS SUPPLY SITUATION

Last reports of the goods supply situation in Germany told of German food lorries travelling freely to Berlin along the roads from the West. But in Berlin early toda, Herr Heinrich Rau, chairman of the Soviet Zone and Revenue Minister, Bombay Gov-Economic Commission, announced ernment, and discussed with him the that negotiations between East and plans about the reconstitution of the Nepal. West German economic experts on Baroda districts. resumption of inter-zonal trade came to a standstill last night.—P.T.I.-

### LATE NEWS

PARIS TRADE FAIR PARIS, May 21: India was participating for the first time when the Paris Trade Fair, claimed to be the world's biggest, opened here today .-

P.T.I.-Reuter. "REDS" CAPTURE SIAN SAN FRANCISCO, May 22: Communist, Controlled Peiping radio claimed tonight that Sian, capital of Shensi province, has been occupied by Communist forces. The largest city in North West China, Sian is a key Communication centre.—P.T.I.-Reuter. CHILE & RUSSIAN VETO IN U.N.

SANTIAGO, May 21: President Gabrie Gonzalez Videla told the reassembled Chilean Parliament here today that in the U.N. Chile would seek to restrain the use of the veto which had been exploited by Russia to hold up the solution of important international problems.

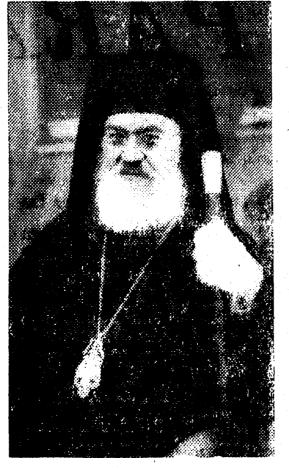
KAREN CHIEF ARRESTED RANGOON, May 21: Brigadier San Po-Thin, former Minister for Karen Affairs, was arrested today and detained in the Rangoon, Central Jail, it was officially learned here tonight.

COUNTY CRICKET At Peterborough: Northamptonshire vs. Lancashire. Lancashire\_\_'07 (Place 101; Wharton not out 137; Greenwood

At Nottingham: Nottinghamshire vs. Kent. Nottinghamshire—273 (Hardstaff 87; Poole 70: Harvey not it 50. Ridg-

way 6 for 79). At Sheffield: Yorkshire vs. Worcestershire. Worcestershire-263 (E. Cooper 50: Bird 116; Wardle 5 for 93). Yorkshire 42 for one.

GREEK PRELATE



Damaskinos of Archbishop Greece who died near Athens on Friday. He was Regent of Greece from the liberation until the return of King George.

# M.Tito's Charge Against Russia

The great majority of refugees CELGRADE, May 21: Marshal Tito, speaking on Yugoslavia's relahad returned to their homelands voluntarily and the Australian Governtions with the Eastern "bloc", dement had borne the entire cost of clared that "the responsibility of the present situation falls in the first place on Soviet Russia." "Russia must realize she has made

a mistake and repair it," he added. Mr. 'Calwell added that Australia Marshal Tito was addressing the last session of a conference of members of his old Communist Guard action of each member country. Division in Belgra le. He said "that, in spite of everything, our situation is not bad."

> Speaking of the tasks of the Yugoslav army, Marshal Tito declared: 'We have seized power as the first part of our task. Now there remains the fight with the gross enemy, towards whom we must be vigilant".-P.T.I.-Reuter.

### Calcutta Subway Scheme

#### BORING STARTED TO TEST SUBSOIL

CALCUTTA, May 21: Calcutta's underground railway may have to be laid deeper than in most other cities of the world owing to soil conditions resulting from the heavy monsoon. This was one of the points made in speeches last night at the Institution of Engineers, Bengal circle, by members of the French Engineering mission who are now investigating problems of a subway system for this city.

Boring has been started in Wellington Square, in central Calcutta, to test the subsoil, and M. Andre Bois, a member of the mission, stated last night that it would be continued in other parts of the city to determine the nature of the soil in different

CEMENT CONCRETE TUNNEL M. Phillippe Picarel, another member of the mission, said that they were proceeding with the idea of building the underground tunnels of the Calcutta system with cement concrete, as India could not afford to import 2,500 tons of cast-iron pipes, the quantity estimated to be required

M. Picarel, who is Chief Engineer, Operation, in the Paris Metropolitian Company, said that the mission proposed to follow the main streets of the city for the underground railways and not delve under areas where building had been reerected .- A.P.I.

#### Plea For Release Of Nepal Leader

RAXAUL (Bihar), May 21: At the instance of Pandit Nehru, Mr. B. P. Koirala, a former President of the Nepali National Congress in Nepal Mr. M. D. Bhat, and the Revenue Secretary, Mr. V. N. Sardesai, while prison, has started taking glucose Dr. Jivraj Mehta, Chief Adviser, and fruit juice, it is learnt.

> The Prime Minister of India is also stated to have addressed a message to the Maharajah of Nepal requesting him to release Mr. Koirala on humanitarian grounds. The message was sent to the Maharajah through the Indian Ambassador in

Mr. Koirala, has been on hungerstrike since May 1, demanding better amenities in prison.—A.P.I.

## London Pact In Accord With **Congress Directive**

### LIVELY FIVE-HOUR DEBATE AT A.- I. C. C. SESSION

DEHRA DUN, May 21.

THE momentous session of the All-India Congress Committee, meeting for the first time in the picturesque setting of Dehra Dun to ratify the London agreement on India's continued membership of the Commonwealth, commenced its proceedings at 3-15 p.m. this evening with Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya in the chair.

Forest Research Institute where the A.I.C.C. is meeting was so. He pointed out that for the first tastefully decorated with Congress flags and on the rostrum resolutions, and it was up to them to was placed a life-size photoutilise the opportunity. graph of Mahatma Gandhi in London Commonwealth decision. Dr. his famous Dandi march pose.

Besides the President on the rostrum were seated the Central Cabinet Ministers and the Working said that the doubts arose out of weak-Committee members, including Pandit Nehru. Sardar Vallabhbai Patel, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Pandit Govind take the Prime Minister at his word Ballabh Pant.

MAIN RESOLUTION The only official resolution before

the A.I.C.C., that on the Commonwealth deciration, was moved by Dr. Rajendra Prasad and seconded by Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant. "The All-India Congress Committee, having considered the declaration agreed to by the Prime Min-

ister of India on the membership of India in the Commonwealth of Nations, as set out in the official statement issued at the conclusion of the conference of Commonwealth Ministers in London on April 27, 1949, records its approval of the action taken on behalf India." says the resolution. It adds: "The Committee is the opinion that this action is in

accordance with the directive given in the foreign policy resolution of the Jaipur Congress, and it main- sage of friendship between nations and tains the full sovereign dence of the Indian Republic, while at the same time keeping the l free association of India with other Govind Vallabh Pant said that the Commonwealth countries in a new conception of the Commonwealth which in no way interferes with the sovereignty and freedom of had acknowledge the supreme necessity **OPENING ADDRESS** 

In his opening address, the President Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya, welcomed the Commonwealth decision, dwelt on the situation in Hyderabad and Kashmir and discussed organisational problems before the Congress. Referring to the Commonwealth ag-

reement, the President said: "The Western countries and ourselves are now bound together by ties of friendiness which in fullness of time. let us hope, may ripen into friendship. Let us not rake up past quarrels". About foreign possessions in India the President said: "I am sure that if there is a proportionate awakening will also be able to obtain freedom." In Hyderabad, Dr. Pattabhi said, the problem was two-fold. How to deal with anti-social elements which had ong terrorised certain border districts. and, secondly, how to change over the present provisional administration to a democratic form of Government and liquidate the reactionary forces. The Congress President expressed he hope that peace and order would

the firm rule of the States Ministry and its renrecentative in that State. KAST MIR'S FUTURE On Kashmir, Dr. Pattabhi said: "Pakistan has been condemned on its own admissions. Even so, the Government of India seeks peace subject to the basic principle that peace cannot come

soon be restored in Hyderahad through

if it is based on untruth, immorality or acceptance of brutal aggression. We must discharge our duty in defending Kashmir from aggression, and allowing the will of the people to prevail. Kashmir's future lies with India. "There have been rumours of a division of Kashmir. Let it be clearly understood that we do not approve of

any such division or of any appease-

#### RESERVATION FOR **MINORITIES Abolition Move Hailed**

Dr. Pattabhi welcomed the recommendations of the Advisory Commit-

tee of the Constituent Assembly abolishing reservation for minorities except for Harijans, and paid a tribute to Nationalist Muslims and Sikhs. About refugees Dr. Pattabhi said: "It behoves every one of us to ask ourselves, every day "what have I done to ameliorate their lot? the cumulative effort of millions may well achieve what even organised labours of Gov-

ernment may not." .The President, called upon everyone to follow Mahatma Gandhi's construcive programme and ended his speech saying: "Today India's prestige and reputation are high in the world. Nations of the world look for inspiration to our Prime Minister for the establishment

of a world State based on truth and The House stood in silence for two minutes as a mark of respect to the memory of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu. This followed a moving reference made by

Dr. Pattabhi to her death. Out of 398 members 233 were present. Before Dr. Rajendra Prasad moved the main resolution on the Common-

#### "ALLIED OCCUPATION MUST END SOON" Dead Persons' Eyes

### Austrian Minister's **Demand**

"Daily Telegraph" & "Sunday News" Correspondent

VIENNA, May 22: A vigorous and outspoken attack against the and order, vis-a-vis, the Communist Allied occupation Powers was demenace, attitude of officials towards the livered by Dr. Gruber the Foreign livered by Dr. Gruber, the Foreign Minister at a Second Party Convisory committees for the various de gress of Right-Wing Peoples held partments, food situation, land and la- here on Friday.

He threatened that if necessary the Austrian Government would refuse to pay any more occupation costs and demanded the immediate creation of an Austrian army to It is learnt that Major-General Chaulensure the country's security. After stressing that it was ime-

perative that the Austrian question should not drag on indefinitely he pation, camouflaged as liberation, must now end. We must make it clear that from now on the Austrian Government will follow a policy of increased activity. It necessary we will say to the Occupation Powers that we will not pay

a penny more. Get on as best as officials, including Ahsan Rasool, Super- you can." The speech, which was quite unexpected, has made a very strong impression in Allied circles here. Though delivered with an eye to party propaganda for the forthcoming elections there is no doubt

### For Blind FRENCH ASSEMBLY ADOPTS BILL "Daily Telegraph" and "Sunday

News" Correspondent PARIS, May 21: A Bill to faciliblind to see has been adopted by the tional means has been given French National Assembly.

out immediately after death.

an exception to legal dispositions, Pakistan would not hesitate to hitherto in force, forbidding post- crush any subversive attempt. should not drag on indefinitely he declared. "We must make it clear within 24 hours of a person's death to exploit the name of the Muslim The law states that the cornea of League. If they honestly stood an eye may be grafted on to another against the Pakistan Muslim person without delay at the place League, they should have some where death occurred, provided the other label for their proposed party dead person has testified to this ef- and not call it the "Muslim League,"

### Bhopal Official

Mr. N. B. Bonarjie, Chief Commissioner-designate Bhopal, arrived in Premier, M. Molotov's daughter, Svetview, which lasted over an hour, it is the star. learnt, was of a "routine and casual nature.'

it is an accurate reflection of the after spending about four hours in Western ideas and rather likes them. given out that the Congressman was impatient mood of the whole Aus- Bombay, returned to Bhopal in the

The convocation hall of the | wealth. Dr. Pattabhi said he would accept amendments from members, and would give them half an hour to do time in the last seven years a whole day had been allotted for non-official

> Moving the resolution approving the Rajendra Prasad said that it did not restrict India's independence either in the external or in the internal sphere Replying to criticisms, Dr. Prasad ness, and were not warranted by the agreement. He would advise them to when he said that there were no secre commitments involved. Any suspicion or doubt was an injustice to the Prime Minister and to the nation. Dr. Rajendra Prasad said that, un

like other agreements, this particular

agreement on Commonwealth had no strings whatsoever attached to it. If at any time India felt she wanted to get out of the Commonwealth she was free to do so. There was nothing in the agreement to compel India to stay even one minute longer in the Commonwealth than she wanted to. The London agreement marked yet another departure in the Common wealth concept. Under this agreement a country which was not prepared to owe even nominal allegiance to the King was welcomed as a full member of the Commonwealth.

Dr. Rajendra Prasad expressed his conviction that the London agreement was fully in accord with past Congress pledges, India's policy of non-alignment with any bloc, Gandhiji's mesindepen- that it would contribute to world

> Seconding the resolution, Pandit concept of the been entirely revolutionized by the London declaration. By the London declaration Britain

of having independent India as co-Geographical and economic considerations led to the present ag-20 AMENDMENTS

#### The President announced that about

20 amendments to the resolution had been received, but when he analysed them he found that several of them used ironical terms in expressing opposition to the resolution. This was not in conformity with the dignity of the House. The President ruled out all amend-

ments excepting three. Among those ruled out was one of Prof. Shibbanlal Saksena, who sought postponement of consideration of the issue until a new A.I.C.C. and a new Parliament was elected. Mr. Vishwanath Das moved an

amendment seeking deletion of the reference in the resolution to the new conception of the Commonwealth. Mr. Jagat Narain Lal (Bihar) moved an amendment stating that the declaration maintained "in sprit" the sovereign independence of the Indian Republic. His amendment substituted the words "in spirit" for the word "full" (sovereign independence) in the reso-Joharilal Jhanjheria (Ajmer)

'full" before the words "sovereign indepence of the Indian Republic." He said that the word was redudant. Mr. Dasu Sinha (Bihar), orposing the resolution, said that if India was in fact, an independent nation there was no reason why it should remain in the Commonwealth, in which a member nation like South Africa treated Indians as aliens. Mr. Govind Das C.P., supporting the

moved for the deletion of the word

resolution, said it was not political sagacity to condemn the agreement without a constructive alternative. Babu Purshotamdas Tandon U. P supporting the resolution, said: "There are no special reasons which warrant us to sever our relations with it".

TIME LIMIT TO SPEECHES At this stage the President announced that as time was short, speeches should be restricted to three minutes

At the suggestion of Mr. Roshanlal Vyas (East Punjab), the President agreed to give one minute more to opposition speakers than he would give to supporters.

After a five-hour debate all the amendments were withdrawn and the resolution was passed by an overwhelming majority.-A.P.I.

**Congress Executive Meets** DEHRA DUN, May 21: The Congress Working Committee met this morning at Circuit House with Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya, Congress President, in the chair. The Committee, besides finalising

the official resolution on the Commonwealth issue, discussed some of the non-official resolutions. FLAG HOISTING

The need for discipline among Congressmen, was stressed by Mr. Kala Venkatrao, General Secretary of the Congress hoisting the tional flag at the parade ground

He appealed to the people serve the nation selflessly. He pointed out that out of a population of nearly 30 crores only about 200 persons were Ministers in India. Everybody could not become a Minister, he said.

Mr. Venkatrao deprecated the tendency among some Congressmen to aspire to become a Minister, and said that they should put service before self.—A.P.I.

#### Frontier Premier's Warning

PESHAWAR, May 21: A challenge to the Opposition to remove tate the new practice of using the lenge to the Opposition to remove eyes of dead persons to enable the the present Ministry by constitu-Khan Abdul Qayum Khan, the The principle is to graft the cor- Frontier Premier, addressing a pubnea of the eye of a dead man on to the blind person's sight organ. The grafting operation must be carried formed Muslim League against employing any violent or unconsti-The object of the law is to make tutional methods, and added that

### Stalin's Son To Wed

LONDON, May 21: The Soviet Vice-Bombay by a pecial plane today and lana, and Premier Josef Stalin's son, met the Nawab of Bhopal. The inter- Vasilij, are going to get married, says The newspaper described Svetlana as

'a well read, thoughtful, good Russian The Chief Commissioner-Designate, Communist who knows a lot about Stalin's son is a Major-General in the Air Force.-U.P.A.

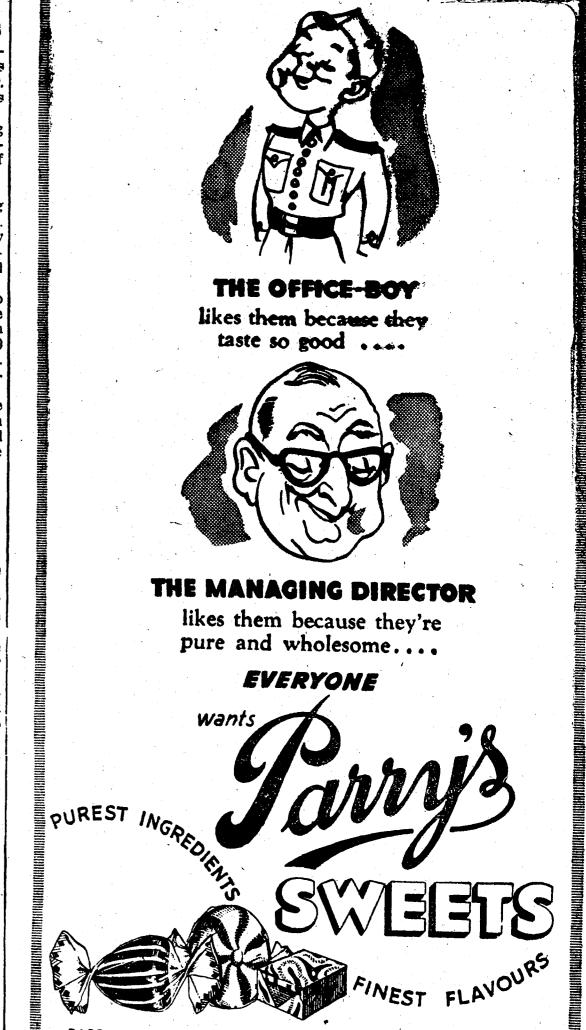


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