

steward and chairman of the picket committee, got official recognition as a mighty important man this week, when his bail rose to \$750, all picket line at the main gate to "dis-

At that time he was charged with "refusal to assist an officer in quelling a riot," and released in \$250 bail. Then the company got from Justice John Alexander, who issued the injunction, an attachment order warrant charging Mastriani with contempt of court. Despite the fact that there already was \$250 bail, -Judge-Alexander-set the bail this time at \$500. When the union was notified that the warrant had been issued, it made arrangements for Billy to surrender at the sheriff's office, with bail, so that he was released immediately.

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(Continued from Page 3) next man. Funny thing, no one came out of Mr. Bowles' office. although I did hear an ambulance siren a few minutes later down on the

Well, cold sweat broke out on my face (of course hot sweat is exclusively the property of my employees) and I then and there decided that perhaps I had better not argue too much, and make the best deal I could when I got in to see Chester. I am not too happy about my prospects right now, since the Union has come right out and announced the fact that the Company is making 13% on its investment. While waiting I had the pleasant thought that perhaps since I am going to get the Government to guarantee my payroll. I had better get my stooge directors to vote me another hundred thousand dollars salary.

· I got hungry waiting, so I took out my lunch which I always carry in my pocket. This lunch I bought at the Station, and consisted of a ham sandwich. Since I was in a hurry to get to Chester's office, I didn't have time to supervise making it, so Lopened the sandwich to see what ly against striking workers," the Nawas between the bread. Is my face red? I found one tiny sliver of ham, and a note. The note said "You are cent of what you thought you were getting." The note was not signed, which makes me suspect the sandwich must have been put up by GE.

Your hungry President, Charlie (13% to me—nuts to you) Wilson-Wilson.

Judge Blasts Injunctions

Judge Smart in Pittsburgh praised house Corporation's request for an or more of insurance.

tion of the law that "there is a very definite policy of keeping labor disputes out of the courts." This is exactly what UE has been trying to point out to Charles E. Wilson, that he was not going to settle the strike

was "no evidence that there has been any damage, actual or threatened, to the Social Security Office, 133 Wall the police request that he tell the the plant or its equipment." He Street for one right away, as it takes found that "with but a few exceptions the picketing was orderly and peaceful. The few, isolated acts of physical contact cannot be construed to be such violence as would justify an injunction."

The soundness of Judge Smart's reasoning is obvious. Unfortunately he is in a small minority among the judges handling injunction cases.

Buffalo Sends \$1,000

Following up a pledge made only last week by the Joint Strike Strategy Committee of the five UE locals in the Tonawands, N. Y., Local 319, Buffalo Bolt Co., North Tonawanda, this week sent a check for \$1,000 to the 301 strike fund. Local 319 has only 900 members.

Rotary Hears Lathrop

The Rotary Club of Mechanicville heard the strikers' side of the GE dispute at their meeting Wednesday, from Milo Lathrop, educational director of Local 301.

Lathrop pointed out that "the interests of the small business men are tied in with the prosperity of the factory workers and farmers."

Lathrop was introduced by Melvir Livingston, superintendent of schools Mechanicville, who was Lathrop's classmate at Middlebury College.

A heart-warming greeting to the strike from a small business man came Wednesday in the form of a \$25 donation from "Bill's Live Bait Supply, 16 Edison Avenue," with a note, "Just to keep your picket line warm."

'Courts Are Used To Break Strikes'

"The courts were long used open tional Federation for Constitutional version to the use of the courts in an effort to smash strikes," and notes the letter. "UE has been the victim of more injunctions than any single union has suffered since the infa-

mous days of the railroad strike." "have been notable for their peaceful and orderly picketing."

Unemployment Insurance Arrangements

March 6 is the day when GE strikers become eligible to unemployment insurance under the New York State Vets' Provisions In a situation very closely similar law, but arrangements have been made between the union and the Un- acted as a result of a CIO campaign, the GE plant here, Common Pleas employment Insurance Office, that veterans who might not be covered virtually all of the strikers, need not by unemployment insurance because register until sometime during the they had not worked long enough struck Westinghouse plant in East week of Monday, March 11 to Satur- since their return, will be eligible to Pittsburgh, upheld the union on all day, March 16. But anyone register- such compensation in accordance points, and rejected the Westing- ing after March 16 will lose a week with terms of the GI Bill of Rights.

kill, Mechanicville, Saratoga, Gran- dated back to March 6. ville, Glens Falls, Port Henry, Ti-Ellenville, Saugerties, Hudson, and

IMPORTANT NOTICE It is necessary for applicants to have their original Social Security card when applying for Unemployment Insurance. Knowledge of the The judge also found that there number is not sufficient. If anyone does not have their card, apply at about ten days to obtain another.

For Schenectady County residents special officers will be opened in the Schenectady Armory on Washington Avenue, with a skeleton staff beginning Monday, March 4, to answer questions, and a large force beginning March 11 to take the applica-

Strikers in other areas must go t the office nearest their homes. Strikers living outside the areas listed above should make inquiry of their nearest office of the Unemployment Insurance office, by March ϵ

When they register during the week beginning March 11, strikers will be assigned a specific time during the following week, beginning March 18, to report on their waiting period, and at that time, will be given a time to report during the next week, beginning March 25, to sign for a week's insurance pay. The first week for which they receive pay under the law is the week of March

week is \$21. It is expected that most of the strikers will be eligible for the maximum. A separate story in the adjoining column states how veterans' claims will be handled.

The maximum payable for one

Strike Gains Support

(Continued from Page 1) Merchants Call Meeting

Likewise showing the community sentiment against GE's attitude was the call to a town meeting issued by more than 200 Schenectady merchants and professional people, to demand that GE accept the national wage policy. See the meeting announcement on page one. The ful list of signers of the call will appear in an advertisement in the daily papers tomorrow (Saturday).

Strikebreaking by injunction and violence was getting the company nowhere at any point in the GE circuit. In Schenectady threats to reopen the plant have failed.

The attitude of Charles E. Wilson, GE president, is typical of that for- to the people of Schenectady. They're merly shown by many employers, like fighting to make my home town a Ford, the Little Steel companies, and prolonging a fight that will do it

This means that striking veterans, Applications made during the week no matter under which provision they The judge found that the ar- of March 11 to March 16 will be dat- claim unemployment pay, must make rangements made by the union and ed back to March 6. This applies to application during the week of March residents of Schenectady County, as 11 to March 16 (see general story in the list of persons to enter the plant well-as-to-the residents in the areas adjoining column). Their applicaof Albany, Troy, Amsterdam, Cobles- tions made during that week will be

conderoga, Hoosicks Falls, Kingston, under the GI Bill of Rights, the extra week's waiting period applying to non-vets is out, meaning that the veteran would receive whatever compensation he has coming to him

Springfield Backs Union

cities endorsing the UE's strike for a living wage was the city of Springfield. Mass. The struck plant there s Westinghouse. The City Council voted 21 to 3 to support the strikers in their "grim struggle," and urged the company to enter into immediate negotiations for a fair settlement.

Books, Magazines Requested

An appeal for citizens to donate books and magazines for striking G workers has been issued by the Recreation Committee of UE Local 301. of which Foster Campbell is chairman. The reading material will be placed in the library which the committee is opening in the union hall. 301 Liberty Street.

IN OUR CORNER



welterweight champion, on his triamphal visit home this week, spent a large part of his time on the picket line at the main gate of GE and visiting the union hall. He wrote out and signed this statement:

"I find most of my friends are out on the GE picket line. For my money, they're putting up a better fight than any prize ring professional, and their fight means an awful lot more members of the UE will take care of

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP METING P. M. - Mt. Pleasant Hi School



SCHENECTADY, NEW YORK

Negotiations Are Expected To Start in New York Soon

Organize the Office Group

Organizing work among the office and salaried workers will now center around the plant, as these workers go back under the understanding reached by the union and the company.

The understanding provides that office workers who decline to go back until the strike is settled will not be discriminated against, but of course will not be paid until they do go back.

The UE-CIO urges its members among the office workers to go to work. Under the arrangement worked out, the union is fully protected against any damage to the strike, because of the non-production guarantee. Office workers going back under this arrangement will not be "crossing the picket line."

The union has now given proof to the office workers of its interest in their welfare, and of the fact that strike is settled they will have the full benefits of collective bargaining. tempted strikebreaking.

Negotiations between national UE officers and General Electric are expected to start in earnest Monday, on the basis of the understanding reached this week providing for continuing negotiations as long as necessary until a settlement is reached. They will be held in New York City. It should be emphasized, however, that the start of negotiations does not necessarily mean

an early settlement. At the time this paper went to press, the company had not yet made a new offer as good as other firms. "The understanding meets the With this understanding determcompany's desire to have access to ining plant conditions, emphasis in

But the basis for negotiations was laid in the understanding reached beits plant. tween the union both locally and "The basis has been laid for negotiations which should lead to nationally, which provided also that no production work will be carried settlement. And in the meantime office and salaried workers will be the union here having right to inable to work without hurting the spect the plant. The company ognizes at last that there can be no attempt to break the strike.

In return the UE agreed that office and salaried workers, properly identified, will be permited to enter

the plant-Details of putting the understanding into effect were to be worked out locally by the plant management and the union, and then announced promptly.

In a statement published yesterday as an advertisement, Local 301 declared: "The agreement meets the posi-

the production workers' fight is the tion always taken by the union, that office workers' fight too. The job it would work out any arrangement now is to enroll the office workers that would help the community into the union, so that after the and that any such arrangement must protect the union against any at-

strike," the Union claims, ficials responsive to the people's will. Union PAC Clubs To Be

ance with the instructions of the cap- reached this week, stabilizing conditains and committeemen's meeting to tions around the plant. While the the executive board. The board de- strike continues, the neighborhood cided to have a headquarters in every organizations will have the job of ward, and it is expected several such

The experiences of the local in the strike have aroused the membership to the need of electing officials who really represent the people.

BELOW:-BACKING UP HIS CHARGE that General Electric entered

into a collusive cartel arrangement with the notorious Nazi Krupp

armament firm, to restrict production in this country of Carbaloy and

push up its price, Russell A. Nixon, former official of the American

Military Government in Germany, displays to the Town Meeting Sun-

day, the Federal Court indictment which states the accusation against

the company. Seated on the stage are, left to right: Business

Agent Leo Jandreau: Joseph Dominelli, chairman of the 301 Veterans'

Committee: William Hood, Philadelphia Purple Heart veteran and GE

striker: and Albert-Male. businessman-and-chairman of the meeting.

Formed in Every Ward Plans to build up immediately a An immediate shift of emphasis complete ward PAC organization of to political organization now is re-Local 301 are under way, in accord-sulting from the understanding enrolling increased public support neadquarters will be opened next. They will have the long range job of backing legislation in the interest of the people and helping elect people's

strike activities now shifts to politi-

cal action, neighborhood work to en-

list intensified public support during

the strike, and to prepare for the

election in the future of public of-

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Local 301 officers point out that the committeemen will have to lead in the PAC work, and that the committeemen's meetings will have to engage in real discussions of political and legislative issues. For example, immediately facing union members here are such questions as:

What happened to the Isaacson bill to reduce the waiting period for unemployment insurance, and how did it happen?

What is to be done about antilabor legislation proposed in Congress and by President Truman?

What about the unnecessary price increases granted big business by the administration, and how shall price control be preserved?

Articles Needed For PAC Clubs

Members and friends can help UE political action by giving or lending any spare tables, desks, chairs or benches, for use in the PAC clubs which Local 301 is opening in each ward of the city and in the towns and villages in the county.

If you have any such spare furniture, please phone 2-1252 and tell the union. Arrangements will be made to pick it up.

ORIGINAL TORN

United Electrical Radio & Machine Workers of America, CIO Schenectady G E Local 301

Prepared and Published by the PUBLICITY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE Electrical Union News SCHENECTADY, N. Y.

He Defended "Old Glory" Again



ONE OF THE HIGH POINTS of the Town Meeting at the Armory Sunday was the story of the Philadelphia police attack on the GE strikers and sympathizers there last week, told to the meeting by William Hood, Purple Heart veteran. Above, Hood (right) shakes hands with Business Agent Leo Jandreau. In back to the right stands Joseph Dominelli, chairman of the veterans' committee of the local, while in the center stands Albert Male, chairman of the meeting, who is a coal dealer and member of the County Board of Supervisors. Hood's picture has been see before. In the newspaper photographs of the first day's attack by police on the Philadelphia strikers, Hood is the one of the veterans defending the American flag. One of his wrists was taped up Sunday, because of the beating by police in their futile attempts to tear the flag away.

Lynn Delegation Impressed With 301's Strike Effort

demonstration of support by the Lynn Works, Eddie Pierce and Fran-Local 301 peole in Schenectady cis Peacock representing the salaried should leave no doubt in the com- groups and Tony Fiasa, public relapany's mind that the people mean business, that they are not going to quit fighting until the company decides to fall in line with the rest of the industry by granting a real wage increase," declared Fred Kelly, business agent of Lynn Local 201 which represents the GE employees in the

River Works and West Lynn works. Hugh A. Joyce, vice president of the Lynn Local said he was impressed with the magnificent organization of the Schenectady strike organization. "It is evident that every committee is doing a thorough job and particcommittee, the picket committee un- en eggs to the strike kitchen. tady recently with a large group of Street; and another weekly gift of key people from Lynn to study the cold cuts from Ernie Bezio. local situation.

Members of the delegation besides Kelly and Joyce included Tim Daley, A 5 OR 6 ROOM FLAT OR HOUSE Felix Ditto. Jake Zerhamby, John IS NEEDED AT ONCE-Ph. 2-1309

the River works, Walter Jackson, W. tions. Harry Ward of Pittsfield GE Local also visited with the group.

Farmers and Others Contribute

Newspapers have tried to build up a picture of farmers being opposed to labor's fight for higher wages, but frequently farmers give direct proof they understand that labor's fight is theirs by bringing food tostrikers, quite unsolicited. Last week a farmer drove in.

identified himself as Morgan Strong tem under Fay Marvin, the publicity of Niskayuna, and presented 75 doz-

PLEASE BE KIND

Register Next Week

Strikers are reminded that they must register for unemployment insurance during the week beginning next Monday, for if they register after March 16 they will lose one week or more jobless pay.

Applications made next week will be dated back to March 6, date when the strikers becoming eligible to unemployment insurance

Residents of Schenectady county will apply at the Armory. Others will apply at the Unemployment Insurance offices nearest their homes. Applicants must bring their original Social Security cards. However, if a striker is unable to find his card,

a GE check stub showing his social security number will be accepted. Veterans also should bring their original discharge papers. For the convenience of the Insurance Division, strikers have been asked to come to the Armory on different days next week according to the last four digits of their social security number, as follows: March

11-0001 to 1999; March 12-2,000 to 3,999; March 3-4,000 to 5,999; blurted out "Ten Cents'. "And what plications will be accepted regardless which day next week the strikers

When the strikers register, they lowing week to report on their waiting period, and at that time will be given a specific time to report during the next week, beginning March 25. to sign for one week's insurance pay. The first week for which they will receive pay under the law is the one from March 18 to March 24.

Rotterdam Dems Suspend Riley

The Rotterdam Democratic Town Committee has temporarily removed James Riley, its chairman, Monday night as the result of complaints of Local 301 residents that Riley was acting as a strikebreaker following his passing through the picket line at the main gate.

E. C. Wood, a member of the Brotherhood of Engineers, was named temporary chairman until after the strike at which time Riley will be

HEAR STRIKE NEWS—WSNY 7:15

Strictly

FOREVER GREEN

AREN'T YOU GLAD YOUR YOU

Charlie (Here We Go Again) Wilson-Wilson

Dear Folks,

I am in a quandry. The same old quandry I've been in since Jan. 16th I am getting tired of, sitting around the Penn Station but I can't go to the office as there is a Committee of Stockholders waiting for me and I have an idea they are not too happy about the strike going on and on, and my salary going on and on, and I will have to do something quick or they will stop both from going on and on Well, I was just finishing Dick Tracy and wondering what Diet Smith would do if he were in my shoes. I guess he'd probably buy a new pair. A man rushed up to me and asked me what time the two o'clock train left for Philly. Without thinking I does this guy say but "Oh, I didn' realize that you were Charlie Wilson-Wilson, thought that you worked here all the time, and I never would have known you if you didn't come out with that "Ten Cents" line."

All of which made me decide have my picture taken so the general public will recognize me in the future. So putting on my dark glasses ! walked up Seventh Ave. until I saw a sign "Gentlemen's Portraits". Ignoring the sign I walked up and a man came out of a back room and says "Taxi or Passport, Bub?" Then since I didn't grasp right away what he was talking about, he continued "One Buck" Then he added, after a look at my shoes, "In advance, Bub." He made with the camera, then disappeared in the backroom, finally emerged and showed me three shots he had taken then thrust the wet prints into my hand and said "That's

all, Bub, Come again." I cried, "What's the idea? You can't get away with this swindle, why can't even make out the features. these pictures aren't developed enough for me to make head or tail out of them! Don't you know who I

This wise guy photographer just stood there and smiled. "Of course I do. I'm just giving you a little of

It's A DeCesare Family Affair



At the left, above, is Carl De Cesare, of Building 17, who has 27 years' seniority with GE. Next is his son Sam, who works in the Campbell Avenue plant. Then comes Sam's wife Alma, who works in the office in Building 50, and is typical of the many office workers who have their fathers or husbands on strike in production. Another son, Valentino, next to Alma, is in the merchant marine, and spends his furlough picketing. At the right stands Carl's wife, Mrs. Ida De Cesare, who once worked for GE herself. A third son, Don, not in the picture, pickets on Saturdays because he goes to high school the other days of the week,

Plenty of Activities

The Local 301 Activities Committee has engaged the Redmen's Hall for every Thursday night during the month of March for dances. Two Monday nights have been engaged also the dates being March 18th and 25th. The orchestras will be announced at a later date.

After hearing Foster Campbell sing at one of the dances requests are coming in for him to do his specialty "Five foot two". * * *

-Olive-Grigoleit-who-is-heard-singing at the CIO dances is one of the Activities new discoveries. * * *

John Dadson, Board member of Local 301, is chief sound man at the CIO dances. * * •

has also informed the Recreation Committee that requests for popular titles will be handled. * * *

Miss Hodges of the Public Library

A wide selection of popular magations of magazines will be apprec-* * *

Among the people who have generously contributed magazines are: Mr. F. Dykeman, Mr. F. Nerling, and Mrs. Hugh McMullen. Thanks folks and here's hoping for more of your

cal 301 is composed of Foster Camp- feels about the GE strike issues was bell, chairman; Harold Claus, treasurer; Audna Pitcher, Lucy Swatling, Belle Baxter, Michael Tedisco, Anthony Esposito, John Dadson, Theodore Morelli, Joe Scardino, and Walter

using the recreational facilities at the hall. Many packs of cards and checker boards have been worn out from constant use.

Mr. Thomas Salamone contributed six big boxes of cigars to the strikers. Thank you Mr. Salamone for your generosity and thoughtfulness.

Donations Keep Coming

during the past week again show the widespread support. Contributors included Local 1633 of the AFL, the Societa' Abbruzzese, the Czech-American Sokol Union, the Scotia Friendly Social Club, Locals 1 and 489 of the CIO Textile Workers in Amsterdam, and the Tri-City Newspaper Guild, CIO, whose \$100 check was one in a series of gifts by this

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(Continued from Page 2) figure it out, those pictures are just about as well developed as your lousy 10% offer.

I left, quickly, and I think that ! missed a stair or two going out. Up over the door was the legend "Generous Photo Shop. Kilkenny, Tom. One sour puss after another."

Your hard working President, Charlie (The Profile) Wilson-Wilson

"Champ Proves He's With Us"



last week, followed it up the next morning with practical support by join- plause. Accompanying Mr. Spencer ing the main gate picket line. He stands above under the picket sign along- at the piano was a striker, Ray Bozside Vincent (Chick) Iovinelli, striker, who developed Marty as an amateur, enski of Building 60. as the pickets crowd around.

Businessmen Rally To Support Purchasing Power

How the small business and pro- permitting a repetition of the big fessional community of Schenectady depression of 1929. He said: expressed in the call to the Town Meeting Sunday issued by 275 merchants and professional people. was expressed in the speeches by Albert Male, coal dealer, the chairman, and Colonel Ernest G. Buhrmaster, attorney and member of a prominent local family. It was sumthe close by Male and adopted by a unanimous rising vote, calling upon

and policy of the nation. Male declared that when workers' wages go down, the small merchant's

GE to cease fighting the union and

instead to accept the wage pattern

business drops. He warned against Library Opened

A lending library has been opened at the union hall with over 300 books submitted by the Schenectady Public Library, Foster Campbell, local 301 Activities Committee chairman an-

The Library will function as a sub-station as long as an interest is taken in it by the union members. A schedule will be arranged at the end of the strike so that the library will be open two or three days per week.

For the duration of the strike the library will be open from 10:30 A.M. to 4 P. M., Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. The normal two week He is there every lending period will be in effect and a fine put on those books kept over the two week period.

The Schenectady Public Library staff made a wide selection of books sausage slicer. and just about every subject is cov- Like so many of reed, from vacation to popular fic-

Strikers needing help in filling out their income tax return can get help free at the union hall. The union has arranged to have representatives of the Internal Revenue Department present at the hall every day including Saturday, from 8 am to 6 pm.

and as modern methods increased the production of industry, the whole inworkers could no longer buy what they produced. And we, the small

Buhrmaster sharply denounced the Schenectady City Council for its failure to support the strike. He condemned GE's actions in negotiations as "utterly indefensible."

This country is threatened with what England has had for a long time, Buhrmaster said, namely "low wages and lack of purchasing pow-

Great Negro Baritone Thrills Rally

An expression of vigorous support of the GE strike by leaders in music, the stage and the writing field was a feature of the Town Meeting

at the Armory last Sunday. Ray Lev played the piano, and spoke briefly in support of the strike. Julie Warren, musical comedy actress, sang. Katherine Locke. stage and screen star, brought down the house with her remark that "I want to keep my record clean. The picture 'Wilson' I played in was about Woodrow Wilson, not Charlie Wil-

Two noted former GI newspapermen, Millard Lampell and David Golding, spoke. Jerome Robins, dance director, brought greetings from two others, Agnes De Mille and Helen Tamiris. Gordie Randall and his orchestra furnished the music.

But the high spot of the entertainment was the singing of "Old Man River" and "The House I Live In," by Kenneth Spencer, Negro baritone, star of the Broadway hit "Show

Union Meets With County Supervisors

Once again showing the union's readiness to exhaust every effort -to-bring-about-a-settlement-of-the strike, in contrast with General Electric's refusal to negotiate in good faith, Local 301 Vice-President Wil liam Kelly and Business Agent Leo Jandreau met Monday night at the Court House with the six-man bi partisan committee of the County

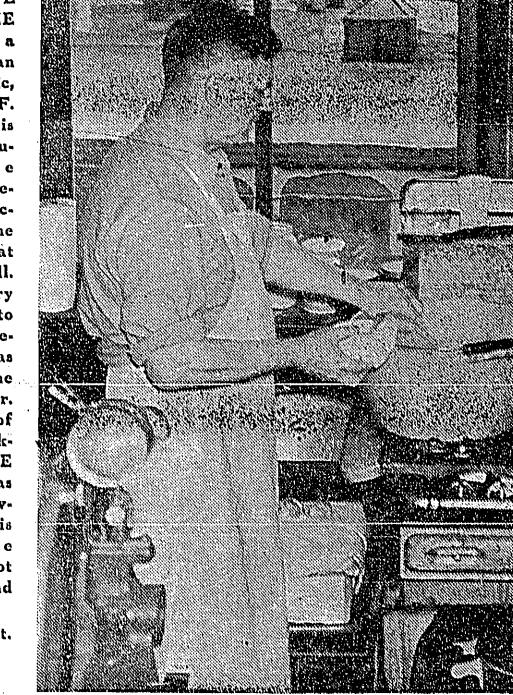
Board of Supervisors. The company also had been invited to come, but refused. The committee spent two hours discussing the various angles of the strike and the wage negotiations with the two union representatives. No further action by the commit tee has been announced.

Captains' Meeting Every Tuesday 8 P. M.

Even Bread With "One Meat Ball"

PAVOLDI is a notor repairman in Shop Electric,

ers, he is a GE oldtimer. He has 28 years of service. Among his specialities are meat balls, hot dogs deluxe and chili concarne. Hé's an expert.



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