"BRIBES AND THREATENS" WORLD LABOUR

"THE 57-MILLION STRONG NON-COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF FREE TRADE UNIONS, WHICH HAS HAD AN UNHAPPY 11 YEAR'S EXISTENCE, HAS BEEN SAVED FROM THREATENING COLLAPSE." London Observer, March 18.

In this article, based on reports received from America and Europe, Spectator shows how the big boss of the U.S. trade union world, Mr. George Meany, has been bullying and bribing the ICFTU in order to make it an instrument for the better carrying out of U.S. foreign policy. The main purpose of the ICFTU in Meany's eyes is not to further the interests of the world's workers, but to "fight Communism" and further the interests of Washington. Meany controls the purse of the ICFTU—and calls the tune.

GEORGE Meany, President the Independent Labour League in nance, administration, and publi-the Thirties, organised by Jay cations, Press and publicity. At of the 57-million strong United States trade union United States trade union from the Communist Party. Love-federation A.F.L.-C.I.O., is a from the Communist Party. Love-stone went on to a career in the French-speaking Africa and the typical trade union boss, used AFL as a foreign affairs expert other for Latin America. to having his own way in all matters, especially on foreign policy.

When he proposes resolutions at keep still in the interests of unity. But Meany's efforts to export his views to international labour groups have touched off rugged fights. His notion that he can call the tune because the AFL-CIO pays most of the bills has not always been taken kindly.

Last January the Intl. Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU) came close to ruin when Meany withheld a cheque for \$221,000 because the organisation rejected his nominee for a post on the ground that he was a US in-CIO leaders that he would just as soon pull out of ICFTU and ad-Trud, the Soviet trade union daily, telligence agent.

AFL-CIO leaders are also threatening to withhold funds from the UN's Intl. Labour Orga-nisation (ILO) because it published But a compromise was reached at an AFL-CIO executive commit-tee meeting Jan. 21, with auto union president Walter Reuther a survey reporting favourably on Soviet trade unions.

Meany's Boy

A long-simmering feud broke into the open at the ICFTU congress in Brussels in December, 1959. Meany wanted a general 🛲 overhaul of the organisation, including the removal of general secy. J. H. Oldenbroek because he drew Brown's nomination and sent had grown "soft on communism." He also proposed intensive aid to Asian, African and Latin American unions to ensure their commitment to the "free world."

Aligned against Meany were British Trades Union Congress leaders and most other European union officials. They rankled at his opposition to summit meetings and general disarmament. They were also touchy at his references to Western colonialism in Africa.

British steel union leader Harry Douglass saw the issue in underdeveloped countries as the need to "fill empty bellies," rather than to enlist the people against communism.

A compromise continued Oldenbrock in office until last June and set up a committee to study reorganisation.

Omer Becu of Belgium replaced Oldenbroek last summer and four assistant general secretary posts were created. In December, Meany nominated Irving Brown, AFL-CIO European representative, for one of the jobs. But he was not appointed because, accor-ding to the Washington Post, "some European unionists . . . view him as an operative of the Central Intelligence Agency and not as an independent unionist."

The Compromise

Lovestone after he was expelled least two new union training cendedicated to undermining the

USSR, taking Brown with him. The Chicago 'Daily News' re-ported in 1955: "It can be stated without qualification that the CIA AFL-CIO meetings to intensify ... has in recent years obtained the cold war, those who disagree much of its primary information about international communism from Lovestone." Lovestone is at present Meany's foreign policy adviser and speech-writer.

When Brown was not appointed, Meany refused to pay \$221,000 to the ICFTU Solidarity Fund, due last Dec. 31 for the period from 1957 to 1960. Meany complained that the reorganisation plan had bogged down and his pet aid-Africa project was suffering. He reportedly told a meeting of AFL- asked for some amendments. CIO leaders that he would just as minister aid directly.

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acting as mediator. Meany withagreed that the funds would be earmarked for Africa. ICFTU president Arne Geijer and Becu also agreed to have reorganisation plans ready for a March 13 meeting in Brussels.

Meany Wins

Meany said that the AFL-CIO would announce at the March meeting whether it would continue to support the Solidarity Fund and to what extent. He also said that the AFL-CIO would continue independent activities in world

Meanwhile he sent a letter to all members of the ICFTU executive, containing a passage, regarded by many as an ultimatum, in which he stressed an American contribution to the ICFTU was completely subject to its reorganisation on the lines he had indicated

One European trade union leader said the letter was "a mixture of threats and bribery."

But the threats and bribes seem to have done their work. The March 13 meeting of the ICFTU executive committee adopted Meany's plan. Two leading ICFTU officials lost their jobs-Charles Millard, the Canadian director of organisation, and Jay Krane, his deputy.

a CIA agent. He was a member of heads of departments covering fi- lic document."

ILO Report on Russia

One of Meany's "independent activities in world labour" is to try to lay down the line for the International Labour Organisa-

An ILO team of experts from Britain, France, Poland and Cey-lon recently completed parallel on-the-spot surveys on "the trade union situation" in the US and the USSR. The US had no representative on the study mission but i checked the report prior to publication. The USSR sent an official

wrote of the report that, despite some shortcomings, it was "a serious and conscientious survey of new and complex problems . . based on objective and incontro vertible facts."

But the American journalist C. L. Sulzberger, writing in the New York Times, said United States trade union leaders were outraged when they compared the ILO reports on the USSR and USA.

Social System

The ILO report said: "The situthe cheque. But ICFTU officials ation of the Soviet trade unions can only be clearly understood if the difference between the conditions of private capitalism and those of the Soviet state is con- S.A. Belongs to All, sidered . . . The omnipresence of Soviet trade unions cannot fail to strike any visitor who has had an White and Non-White opportunity to go a little off the beaten track and to get briefly into touch with industrial and agricultural enterprises."

AFL-CIO officials exploded. A T a multi-racial Symposium Lovestone said the ILO report was A T called by the Durban branch Russians."

ILO."

Rudy Faupl, of the Machinists' union, said the report "definitely

who headed both the US and which all our people can accept as 29-31. USSR surveys, said: "Whatever their own." reservations may be made about the USSR report, it must be re- Mrs. Fatima Meer, former member strike. was established that the Soviet Government has allowed a mission from an intergovernmental organisation to make an on-the-spot study in the Soviet Union and



ABOVE: A section of the huge crowd which crammed the Durban City Hall to pledge support for the demand for a National Convention at a symposium organised by the interpreter, read the report and Durban branch of the United Nations Association.

> RIGHT: Speaker: at the symposium discussing the programme with the Secretary of the U.N. Associa-tion, Mr. A. I. Meer. From the left, Mr. Meer, Col. Peter Francis, Archbishop Denis Hurley, Mrs. Fatima Meer and Mr. H. J. Bhengu.

2,000 BACK CALL FOR CONVENTION **UNITATIVITATION**

DURBAN.

"a fake which completely distorts of the United Nations Association the picture in favour of the last week, former South African Senator, Dr. Edgar Brookes, Pro-US Steelworkers' officials are fessor of History and Political US Steelworkers' officials are preparing a report for Labour Secretary Arthur J. Goldberg call-said, ". . . In the difficult days which may come upon us at the NR. W. J. P. Carr, manager NR. W. J. P. Carr, manager be a success of a failure. MR. W. J. P. Carr, manager labour's attitude towards the end of this month, it is no use making fine speeches if you intend dismissing your employees for not being at work."

But John Price, the Englishman tion, "to plan a new South Africa

cutive, when she said that she was convinced that the pattern of demo-cracy which was being fashioned presiding over the meeting, Mr. outside the fou-board room. Garr told the members that his De-partment was concerned with the proposed stay-at-home and wanted This led to nobody had any reason to fear.



These Intimidators Are Not Arrested

GOVT. TERRORISTS ATTACK **CONGRESS HOMES**

have been active in attempts to intimidate Congress members "This is the Supreme Commander ting in the kitchen when they heard against intimidators. The fact of the who are active in the organisa-tion of the demonstrations. of the Ku Klux Klan." He repeated the bomb explode. When they matter is that our supporters are this twice. Last week

• a petrol bomb was thrown nto the Maitland home of Mrs. R. Kara whose son, Mohamed, is a member of the Coloured People's

• windows of the homes of three

All the incidents occurred during one pane. the early hours of the morning. In a statement to New Age, Mrs. Blanche La Guma said that she was man's voice, obviously disguised, asked to speak to Alex La Guma. lone Police in the morning. "I acted on the instructions

heavyt huds against the front wall followed, and then the sounds of ACTION CO other members of the CPC were that two heavy stones had been the end-of-May demonstrations in licences would be withdrawn. thrown at the windows, breaking the area.

"I acted on the instructions of the Police Chief who has said that all threats of intimidation should be reported," Mrs. La Guma said. "I trust that they will act speedily to find the culprits."

"We refuse to be intimidated," Mrs. La Guma added. "I have every confidence in the political work in which my husband is engaged, and we will not be intimidated by pro-Government hooli-

Neighbours have arranged to guard Mr. La Guma's home.

SIMILAR PHONE CALL A stone was hurled through the ounge window of the home of Cllr.

G. Peake in Woodstock shortly after the incident at Mr. La Guma's home. Mrs. L. Peake said that she received a phone call similar to the one received by Mrs. La Guma. A man's voice said, "Your husband will be dead tonight." Cllr. Peake was in Durban at the time of the incident.

Still later a stone shattered the window of an upstairs room of the home of Mr. Ebrahim Desai, nother CPC executive member. . Desai's father, Mr. M. Desai, ushed outside in time to see a black car of German make drive

PETROL BOMB A petrol bomb was thrown into he house of Mrs. Kara in Maitland

CAPE TOWN. A S preparations for the de-monstrations against Ver-woerd's republic intensify, pro-Government terrorist groups Mrs. La Guma replied that he vas not home, and the voice said: "Tell your husband to watch his step. We are going to get him. You won't see him alive after tonight." **KU KLUX KLAN** The man speaking in a deep

At about 3.30 a.m. Mrs. La a pillar of flame roaring up one Guma heard the sound of a car wall. They managed to put the fire drawing up outside the house. Two out with blankets and water, and

ACTION COMMITTEE footsteps running away and the car moving off. Mrs. La Guma called bers of the local action committee with the stay-home demonstrations her neighbours and it was found had been distributing leaflets about at the end of the month, their

LINE ENGAGED Mrs. La Guma's attempts to ring Desai, vice-president, and Mr. Reg. September, general secretary of CDC description taches, the Cre-September, general secretary of dent that our people will stand firm awakened at 1 a.m. on Thursday morning by the ringing of the phone. When she answered it a She reported the matter to the Ath-CPC, stated that the attacks on the and that these tactics of intimidators



serving jail terms of two and four months after losing their appeals against their conviction for organising protests against high rents.

Originally 12 women, two of them girls of 16 and 17, were charged with public violence arising out of disturbances outside the Jabavu superintendent's house during a high rent protest by Jabavu residents last year.

The protests were preceded nesburg City Council. The women complained about high rents and the indiscriminate arrests of tenants in the early hours of the morning. Dissatisfied with the replies of the Council the women staged daily protests outside

Jo'burg Anti-Strike Move Fails

of the Non-European be a success or a failure. Affairs Department of the Jo-

Tremendous applause greeted Johannesburg Joint Boards was gerating the mood of the people. Mrs. Fatima Mear former member delided by Mr. Carr to discuss the This speaker was sharply criticised as traitors by their own people.

to all South Africans," she added. I tion on whether the planned demon- Moses should leave the meeting or people.

JOHANNESBURG. |strations were going to be violent | he himself would do so.

To Give Information

FIRST SURPRISE Mr. Carr's first surprise was that After Mr. Moses had withdrawn hannesburg City Council, failed Mr. Carr's first surprise was that the members were not prepared to the matter was dropped without any to get members of the location give an opimion on this matter. Only decision being taken. kills any possibility of an AFL- Over 2,000 people-both White Advisory Boards to become in- two or three spoke, after which the But outside the Board room mem-CIO donation" to the ILO Inter-national Institute for Labour Durban City Hall pledged to work do anything to break the stay.

"GET OUT"

political, but only civic matters.

national Institute for Labour Durban City Hall pledged to work do anything to break the stay-Board said he did not think the and putting their case so clearly. at-home beginning on May strike would be successful. He was The view of some of the memin touch with the people and he bers is that if they give informa-A meeting of the Executive of the thought press reports were exag- tion to the Non-European Affairs

membered that this is the first of the Natal Indian Congress Exe-of the Natal Indian Congress Exe-Presiding over the meeting, Mr. outside the four walls of the NEAD has made attempts to break African struggles in the townships of Johannesburg. During the Alexandra bus by the Non-Whites was one which to know what the views of the Ad- tween Mr. T. Moses, chairman of nightly meetings with members of visory Boards members were. He the Joint Boards, and Mr. Carr, the Advisory boards and his so-



the police.

Advisory Boards Refuse

The man, speaking in a deep voice and rolling his R's added, Kara and her two daugh-ters, Fatima and Khadija, were sit-

SHOPKEEPERS

The CPC also said that members of the police force had been visiting non-white shopkeepers and threaten-

"We call on the people to resist A statement issued by Mr. Barney these Gestapo tactics," the CPC month."

> the location office, picketing and telling the residents not to pay the high rents. They were arrested and

charged before the Kliptown court.

All 10 were sentenced to 4 months imprisonment without the option of a fine. The two girls who had supplied tea to the women during the demonstrations were sentenced to 3 months in jail or a fine of £20 each suspended for 3 months. The sentences of 4 months on Mrs. Emily Mokgethi and Mittah Mbanywa were upheld by the Supreme Court and the by memoranda to the Johan- rest were reduced to two months

The 8 women are:

Mesdames Violet Makgoka, Miriam Diphoka, Priscilla Langa, Selma Hlakane, Tryphina Hlatywayo, Gertrude Ntshakala, Joseline Xulu and Elsina Masoele.

NEW AGE, THURSDAY, MAY 25, 1961

Thousands Arrested In Mass Police Raids

Govt. Bid To Prevent May 29 Stay-Home

anti-republic the police are throwing their with fresh loads or left for Modder whole weight into their own campaign of intimidation. Thousands of people have been arrested all over the Union, in what the authorities describe as "routine" operations against socalled "vagrants and tsotsis."

In JOHANNESBURG alone 1300 Africans were arrested in two days.

Nearly all those arrested and appearing before the Native Affairs Commissioner's Court in Fordsburg are being remanded in custody for at least a fortnight.

Then the convoys of trucks and police vans carry the men to Modder B jail, on the outskirts of Johannesburg.

Five Native Commissioners, sitting in five crammed courts, last week rushed through cases at the rate of about one every two minutes.

From early morning dozens of police pick-up trucks and vans shuttled between numerous Rand jails, where the Africans had been Congresses said. "We demand that detained, and the Commissioner's Court.

When the New Age reporter visited the Court one morning, hundreds of men who had been picked up on alleged pass offences were crowded into small cages in the yard. They were surrounded by barbed wire and chicken wire, and stood or sat uncomfortably on the the run. Only a Government which floor.

"We are arresting 70 a day here in Joh'burg alone and the courts are too busy to hear the cases now. In any case they are all tsotsies and loafers and must go back where they came from," he said. WOMEN AND BABES Collected from streets and homes. DISPLAY OF FORCE Prior to the raids there was

waiting to find out what had times. happened to those near and dear to

to go before the massive man at the door refused to allow demonstrations, them inside, and they watched for their men when the kwelas arrived Β,

VIOLENCE FEAR

In DURBAN the African people are angry. Reports reaching New Age indicate that if the raids continue they may lead to large-scale violence in the City.

Last week three African "Black Jacks" and a European City Constable had to flee for their lives when angry people stoned them as they raided fruit vendors at the Central Bus Terminal.

A statement issued by the Joint Congresses in Natal said that the police raids were obviously aimed at intimidating people in the face of the overwhelming support received for the call for action by the National Action Council.

"We cannot accept the statements by the Government that these raids are routine and we condemn this latest move by the authorities as yet another indication of the jack-boot march to a fascist republic", the all those arrested during these raids be released forthwith.

LEAFLETS

In the meant me the National Action Council has issued 50,000 leaflets calling on the people to 'Defy Intimidation.'

The leaflet, headed "Victory is Ours", states that the Nats are on was losing its grip on the country Asked when their cases would be heard, a police officer said that they would first be remanded for 14 days and sent to Modder B prison. "We are arreging 70 as doing.

In the EASTERN CAPE mass arrests have been made in New Brighton and Zakele in Port Elizabeth. Hundreds of Africans were

Prior to the raids there was a Outside the building there were a display of force with jet planes large number of women patiently which flew over the city several

Police have also questioned many them. Many had babies on their leaders. Among them was Mr. Ray backs or were accompanied by Mhlaba, who was warned that as

WITH only a few more days school-age youngsters. The police one of the people directing the plans for the general strike next week, he would be prosecuted if there was trouble. Mr. Mhlaba was also telephoned by an unknown person who told him he would be arrested under the detention Act.

Mr. Erasmus and Mr. D. Brutus, members of the planning committee of the Coloured Convention, were also among those visited by the Special Branch.

Messrs Canzibe Ngxixi and Stanley Marwanqa were asked what part they had played in the recent bus strike and boycott.

"HELL!"

Urgent messages from the TRANSKEI describe the position there as: "The police are giving us hell."

The homes and offices of wellknown former members of the banned ANC and PAC in EAST LONDON and GRAHAMSTOWN were visited by the Special Branch during the recent union-wide raids.

Mr. George Komani of East London was taken to the Fleet Street police station where he was held for questioning. He was released later. No political arrests were made but some documents were taken during the raids.

"DANGEROUS WEAPONS"

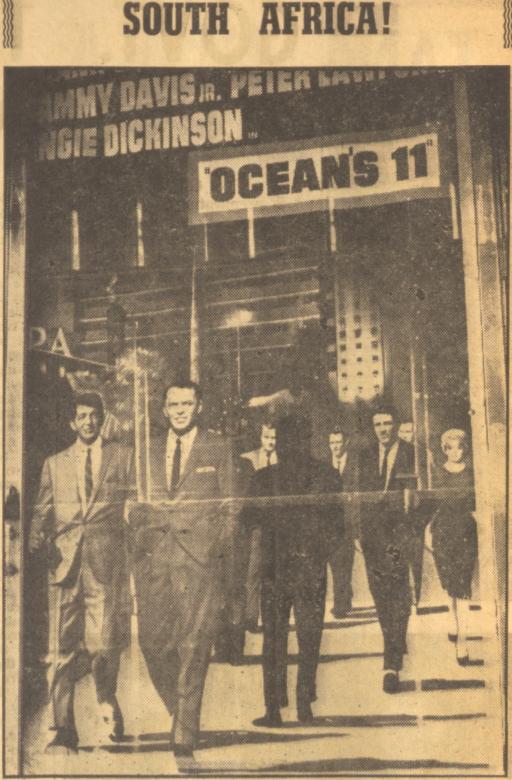
In Grahamstown police confiscated what they said were dangerous weapons. They said they were endeavouring to curb the activities of "tsotsis." One man was arrested for being in possession of dagga and another for refusing to stop his car at a police road block.

The court of the Bantu Commissioner at Langa, CAPE TOWN, was kept busy every day last week as hundreds of Africans held in the mass raids appeared on pass offences.

Police in cars, vans and riottrucks have been active at bus-stops and railway stations, piling people into their vehicles and rushing them off to the police stations.

United Front Call in Tanganyika

DAR ES SALAAM. S.A. United Front representatives



COULD ONLY HAPPEN

This poster for the film "Oceans 11" shows film stars Dean Martin and Frank Sinatra walking down the street next to a figure that has been blacked out. The missing man is Sammy Davis Jnr. but because he is a Negro, South Africans must not be allowed to know that he can walk in the company of White men. This poster was on display at the Colosseum Theatre, Cape Town, last week.



WHAT'S all the panic about? ... Why, even the Mayor of Cape Town has got herself a .45 and gone and joined a shooting club . . . Last week I cheered her, but this week I'm jeering her ... It's no use saying shooting clubs are not political either . . . Whites seem to be under the impression that the black hordes are going on the rampage . . . Come off it, folks . . . Lay them pistols down . . . Shooting clubs only help to pour oil on the fire . . . And we expected better of the Mayor in this time of tension.

coat came down the line, looking at everybody, and peered at me . . . The queue moved on . . . Somebody said: "Here!" . . . Mv heart froze, I held on to the briefcase . . . "Hold out your hand." ... I held out my free hand, holding on to the precious briefcase with the other . . . "Next please," said a lady in a starched white uniform . . . And by then I had swallowed my polio sweet.

ARRESTS-POLITICAL FIRST REFUSED

taken place in the last week -apart from the ugly police swoops for passes, permits, beer, bread-knives and pokers (socalled 'dangerous weapons'):

Ahmed ('Kathy') KATHRADA-Transvaal Indian leader, former treason trialist, arrested in a Fordsburg street at 10 a.m. on Thursday morning; removed to Marshall Square by the Special Branch; lawyer refused access to him. Charge: unknown.

Thomas T. NKOBI-former national organiser of the banned African National Congress, arrested in Bloemfontein. Bail refused.

Gabriel DICHABA-New Age sales agent, arrested in Bloemfontein. Bail refused.

John K. NKADIMENG-Arrested as he entered Sekhukhuneland after applying for a permit on May 3 to visit his mother. The police took him into custody because his car left the main road, they said. Bail refused. Case adjourned to June 2. Police threaten charges additional to the permit contravention. Defence application for bail to the Supreme Court being prepared.

and Johannesburg are still in cus- leased the next morning.

THE following arrests have | tody after their arrests in Pretoria a fortnight ago.

Sam MAGALEFA and Titus MOA-LUSI of Western Native Township -arrested after a leaflet distribution. Bail refused.

ARRESTED AND RELEASED

Newly elected Liberal Party vicechairman Drake KOKA arrested, held for 24 hours, then released. No charge pending.

New Age street-seller Hosiah TSEHLE arrested, New Age bundle in his hand, poster round his neck, by police squad car. Released not long after on the order of Special

Branch Colonel Spengler himself. NOT ONLY NEW AGE BUT EVERY PAPER IN TOWN IS CARRYING STRIKE NEWS, HE **TOLD HIS POLICE INFERIORS!**

Four students of the University of Cape Town were arrested recently on an allegation of painting May 29 strike slogans on city walls. They were released on R20 bail.

Several members of the Coloured action committees in the Peninsula were detained by the police when discovered distributing leaflets in connection with the anti-republic demonstrations. Four of them, including three young women, were 6 YOUNG INDIANS from Pretoria kept overnight in the cells and re-

n Dar Es Salaam have called on Africans in East and Central Africa to hold demonstrations in support of those to be held in South Africa next week.

In a statement to all African organisations and people in East and Central Africa, Mr. J. J. Hadebe and Mr. G. Radebe said: "You are hereby called to hold demonstrations in your own areas in sympathy with your people in the Union of South Africa. Pass resolutions and send them to the Government of the Union."

The people in these areas have also been asked to send messages of support to Mr. Nelson Mandela, Secretary of the National Action Council in South Africa.

S.A. SUPPORT FOR

EICHMANN JOHANNESBURG. Johan Schoeman of Broe-derstroom, South Africa's most vocal Nazi supporter and Jew-hater, has published a booklet in which he says he has offered £100 for Eichmann's defence. He appeals to others to do the same. same.

The booklet praises Eich-mann for the work he did in trying to rid Germany of the Jewish people. Jewish people.

THE other day I slipped quietly into an alley and took an inventory of the contents of my briefcase . . . Result: one stale sandwich, one scratch-pad, blank typing paper, half-bottle of cough mixture, one envelope covered with mysterious symbols (probably code), ball-point pen and one pencil without a point . . . And all these are supposed to be the tools of an intimidator . . . Phew! From now on I'm going to carry a golfbag.

S^O, clutching my briefcase under my arm I joined a queue in one of the suburbs . . . Several ladies escorting a convoy of small children eved me suspiciously.

I strengthened the grip on my briefcase and tried to look as innocent as possible . . . The queue shuffled forward . . . A man in a white

I SEE that Spanish dancer Luisillo and his troupe will not upset themselves about events in this country while they are on their tour . . . Only interested in

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art, said the maestro . . . Us blacks are also interested in art . . . I wonder whether we'll get a chance to see them doing their stuff.

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IN Cuba Castro is prepared to exchange rebel prisoners for bull-dozers . . . It'll be a pushover, somebody remarked.

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