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HELP PROMOTE FLAG DISPLAY . . .

'New Glory for Old Glory'

MORE THAN 16,000 POSTS of The American Legion will join with dry cleaning firms across the country during the first 12 days of June to encourage the display of Flags of presentable appearance on Flag Day, June 14, as well as other appropriate occasions during the year.

"New Glory for Old Glory" will be co-sponsored by The American Legion and the National Institute of Drycleaning, which represents more than 36,000 dry cleaning firms throughout the nation. Under this program, member firms of the N.I.D. are urged to encourage the display of Flags of presentable appearance on Flag Day and other appropriate occasions by offering to dry clean free of charge Flags of the United States during the 12-day period just before Flag Day.

Complete information on this program is furnished to member firms of the N.I.D. through the organization's national publication. Your local dry cleaning establishment should have received the publication outlining this program about the same time you receive this issue of the **ADVANCE.**

Program Encourages Flag Ownership

More so than any other organization, The American Legion is in an excellent position to make every citizen in the community a bit more conscious and proud of the Flag. American Legion Posts participating in this program find that it not only promotes the display of Flags of presentable appearance, but also encourages Flag ownership and display.

Here is an activity which can be handled easily by any post. And it's a "natural" for those posts sponsoring either Sons of The American Legion Squadrons or Boy Scout units. These youngsters can participate by collecting the soiled Flags from households and business firms, delivering the Flags to the cooperating dry cleaner, and then returning the clean Flags to their owners.

SAL members can participate in this activity as part of their patriotism qualifications in the Ten Ideals program. Scouts can participate and work toward their "Citizenship in the Community" merit badge.

Legion Pamphlet Aids Program

An area in which an American Legion Post and the local dry cleaning firm can work together for a better understanding of Flag display and respect is through the distribution of the Legion's pamphlet, *Flag Code,* which explains the proper method of Flag display and expressions of Flag respect. This pamphlet is available at 4 cents per copy, or $3 per hundred (delivered), from National Emblem Sales, The American Legion, P. O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, Ind. 46206.

A brief and clear summary of the correct data on Flag etiquette, this pamphlet, which could be an appropriate inclusion with each returned clean Flag, offers a needed service to those many Americans who have long since forgotten the basic Flag facts they learned in school.

Contact Dry Cleaning Firms

To get the "New Glory for Old Glory" program under way in your community, contact your local cleaning firms and/or dry cleaning association to see if they will participate. Once you have been assured of their co-sponsorship in the program, arrange the extent of your post's joint participation. Enlist the assistance of local youth organizations—SAL, Boy Scouts, 4-H Clubs, Boys' Clubs, etc.—to pick up and deliver Flags.

When all facets of the program are definite, contact your local news media—newspapers, radio, and television—and provide all necessary background informa-

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post commanders' log

May	
2-8	National Employ the Older Worker Week.
3-4	National standing commissions and committees meet, Indianapolis, Ind.
5-6	National Executive Committee, Indianapolis, Ind.
8	V-E Day.
16	Armed Forces Day.
16-22	Armed Forces Week.
22	National Maritime Day.
30	Memorial Day.*
31	Official Memorial Day Services, Arlington National Cemetery.
June	
6	Twenty-first anniversary of D-Day, 1944.
14	Flag Day.
25	Fifteenth anniversary of beginning of Korean War, 1950.
July	
4	Independence Day.
16-23	Boys Nation, Washington, D. C.
27-28	National Membership Workshop, Indianapolis, Ind.
August	
20-26	47th National Convention of The American Legion, Portland, Ore.
31-Sept. 6	National Finals, "World Series," American Legion Baseball, Aberdeen, S. D.

*May 30 is observed as Memorial or Decoration Day in the District of Columbia, the Canal Zone, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and all 50 states, except Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, South Carolina, and Texas. Confederate Memorial Day is observed April 26 in Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, and Florida (which also observes May 30 as Memorial Day for Veterans of All Wars). In Virginia, May 30 is Confederate Memorial Day which is observed on May 10 in the two Carolinas and on June 3 in Kentucky, Louisiana, and Tennessee.

EDITORIAL

How Relevant Your Resolutions?

EACH YEAR, the National Convention of The American Legion has before it from 500 to 700 resolutions. Except for a few resolutions which are written by committees of the convention, they all come from the various department conventions and usually originate in a post.

In an effort to make sure that the resolutions to be considered are germane to the purposes of The American Legion, the National Executive Committee in 1960 adopted Resolution 21—"Urge departments to restrict resolutions to matters relevant to purposes for which The American Legion was organized."

Resolution 21 further declared "that all resolutions . . . should be supported by the identification of the individual or group originating the resolution, and also by a statement or brief containing the supporting arguments in favor of the action sought, and clearly establishing the material relevance of the subject to the purposes for which The American Legion was formed."

Each resolution referred to the National Convention in proper form and through proper channels must be considered and dealt with in accordance with established procedures. Committees of the convention have the authority to examine the resolutions assigned to them for, among other things, their germaneness and whatever documentation the subject matter of the individual resolution might require.

Convention committees may recommend to—and usually receive the concurrence from—the convention the rejection of resolutions found to be not germane to the purposes of The American Legion or lacking in supporting documentation as might be required by the subject matter involved.

Mr. Post Commander: Your Department Commander has been reminded by National Adjutant E. A. Blackmore of the intent of the 1960 NEC resolution. Accompanying this reminder was the urgent request that every reasonable effort be made to have resolutions which have nothing to do with the basic purposes of The American Legion rejected in the departments.

Because the bulk of the resolutions considered by departments and, eventually, by the National Convention start in a post, your help is needed to make sure the resolutions adopted by your post are really the business of The American Legion.

Questionnaire On Immigration

During the month of May 1965, The American Legion probably will be called to testify on pending immigration legislation. When that testimony is presented by National Americanism Chairman Daniel J. O'Connor, it is important that he have the thinking of the leadership of The American Legion at the grass roots level.

The following questionnaire was used in the State of Ohio during the Cleveland hearings on immigration. Congressman Feighan has agreed to The American Legion's utilization of this questionnaire.

We need, by return mail, from each Post Commander and Post Adjutant in The American Legion this completed questionnaire. Please do not—repeat, do not—hold this questionnaire for your next meeting but complete the questionnaire based on your own opinion and, if possible, Air Mail as indicated below.

You will be doing a service because the answers to these questions can be consolidated and utilized in testimony on this vital subject.

MAIL TO: Maurice T. Webb, Director
National Americanism Commission
The American Legion
P. O. Box 1055—Dept. IM
Indianapolis, Indiana 46206

QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Should there be a limit to the number of immigrants we admit each year?
   YES..... NO.....
2. We are now admitting approximately 300,000 immigrants each year. Do you think this number is:
   About right.....
   Too high .....
   Too low .....
3. Should Congress set the limit by law on the number of immigrants we admit?
   YES..... NO.....
4. Should the President be delegated authority to decide the limit and how visas are to be distributed between countries and classes of aliens?
   YES..... NO.....
5. Approximately one million alien applicants for admission are now pending. Among these, whom do you feel should have preference (list in order of priority, one to five):
   a) Relatives of United States citizens.....
   b) Skilled workers.....
   c) Relatives of aliens living in United States.....
   d) Semi-skilled workers.....
   e) Victims of communist persecution.....
6. Were you aware that during the last ten years non-quota immigrant visas (1,774,367) have doubled quota immigrant visas (948,334)?
   YES..... NO.....
7. Do you favor repeal..... or retention..... of the national origins quota system?
8. Should natives of countries of Western Hemisphere who wish to immigrate to the United States:
   a) have open, unrestricted admission?.....
   b) be treated like all other alien applicants for admission?.....
9. Should there be a limit to the number of refugees we admit each year?
   YES..... NO.....
10. Should Congress provide safeguards in law to prevent immigrants from competing for jobs which American workers can fill?
    YES..... NO.....

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

Top-Notch Posts . . .

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cause changes in the resolution may require changes in the preamble.

The resolving section of a resolution begins with the word **"RESOLVED,"** usually printed in capital letters and followed by a comma. Between this opening word and the statement of the resolution's intent, there should be inserted the following information: (1) identification of the resolving authority; (2) the circumstance and place of the action; (3) the date of the action. The first word after this information should be **"That"** with a capital "T." Example.

"RESOLVED, By Post No.....The American Legion, Department of....., in regular (or special) meeting assembled in.....(Place and Date)....., That . . ."

This clause, referred to as the "resolving clause" (comparable to the "enacting clause" of a law) should be uniform for every resolution. For National Convention resolutions, and resolutions of the National Executive Committee, the resolving clause has been standardized as follows:

"RESOLVED, By the.....(Number).....Annual National Convention of The American Legion, assembled in....(City and State)....., ...(Date....), That . . ."

"RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular (or special) meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana (or other place), on....., That . . ."

The word **"That"** immediately following the resolving clause introduces that clause which is the object of the verb **"resolved."** It aids the reader to find the point at which the "meat" of the resolution commences; it aids the drafter of the resolution to launch a strong and unmistakable statement of intent. Examples:

"RESOLVED, . . . That The American Legion shall sponsor and support legislation to . . ."

"RESOLVED, . . . That The American Legion is opposed to repeal or weakening of . . ."

Additional Resolving Clauses

Although each resolution should deal with only one subject, it is often necessary or desirable to attach additional clauses (or paragraphs) to a resolution's resolving section in order to cover matters that are closely related to the main intent. This device is especially useful for spelling out the details of how and by whom the intent of the resolution is to be carried out or accomplished. Example:

"RESOLVED, By (etc.) . . . That . . .; and, be it FURTHER RESOLVED, That . . ." and, be it (add further resolved paragraphs as required;) "and, be it FINALLY RESOLVED, That . . ."

As shown here, the identifying information is stated **only once,** in the first paragraph of the resolving section of a resolution, and is not repeated in the subsequent paragraphs. A period is used only once—at the close of the last paragraph of the resolving section.

The preamble of a resolution is made up of one or more clauses (or paragraphs), each of which begins with **"WHEREAS."** Two or more clauses are joined together by a semi-colon followed by **"and."** Example:

"WHEREAS, The American Legion is an organization of war veterans who have dedicated themselves to the service of their community, state, and nation; and

"WHEREAS, This service is performed through The American Legion's basic programs; and (etc.)"

Each clause in the preamble should contain a statement of fact which is logically related to the intent of the resolution and explains and justifies the need for the resolution. Note that each clause would stand alone as a complete sentence if the **"WHEREAS"** were removed and a period were used in place of the semi-colon at the end.

The final clause of the preamble is joined to the resolving section of the resolution by a semi-colon (or colon), followed usually by the phrase **"now, therefore, be it . . ."** (Acceptable variations in common usage are: **"therefore be it"**; or simply, **"be it"**). Example:

"WHEREAS, ...; and
WHEREAS, ...; and
WHEREAS, ...; now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED, ..., That....."

(Note: The "Whereas" may be set out in capital letters, italics, underscored, etc., depending on preference. When capitalized, it is usually followed by a comma, and the first letter of the following word is capitalized.)

There is no formula for deciding how many "whereas" clauses a resolution should have. In general, the fewer the better, provided that the reason or reasons for the resolution are **adequately** stated.

Most of the good reasons for a resolution will have been expressed during the debate for its adoption. Use them. It is not necessary, however, to refer in the preamble to every fact or circumstance that has a bearing on the intent of a resolution.

Study the resolving section and get the exact purpose of the resolution firmly in mind. Then start writing down statements of fact which relate to this purpose. Organize them into a logical sequence (throwing out the weak or unnecessary ones), and then put a **"whereas"** in front of each, a semi-colon at the end of each, plus the appropriate connecting word (**"and"**) or words (**"now, therefore, be it"**) for joining them to each other and to the resolving section. Do not use a period in the preamble.

Resolutions are important business to The American Legion. Write them with thought and care. Vote on each one with the realization that through your action you are helping to build (or tear down) the effectiveness and the reputation of your post, of your department, and of the entire American Legion.

suggested

news release

(Child Welfare Report)

In addition to an immeasurable amount of time and effort, a total of $..... has been spent for the benefit of .....(**Community's**)..... children and youth during the 12 months' period ending May 31, by .....(**Name of Post**)..... Post No. ..... of The American Legion, Post Commander .....(**Full Name**)..... announced today.

The expenditure of these funds for child welfare and related youth activities was contained in the annual report of Post No. ..... which has been filed with the state Legion organization for transmittal to national headquarters in Indianapolis, Ind. Each of the 16,000 Legion Posts and 14,000 American Legion Auxiliary Units is asked to file a report in order that the national organization may have a tangible reference for use in determining the scope of one of its basic programs.

On the basis of recent years' reports, The American Legion is anticipating to reach with this year's reports the cumulative total of $200 million spent on child welfare and related youth activities since 1925, Commander .....(**Last Name**)..... reported. The biggest portion of these funds have been spent within their respective communities by the local organizations of the Legion and its affiliates, he added.

Typical contributions of Post No. ..... for the benefit of children and youth of .....(**Community**)..... during the current reporting period included: ..... (**List some of the major activities and expenditures as contained in your post's 1965 report form**).....

"The Legionnaires (**and members of the Auxiliary**) of Post (**and Unit**) No. ..... are indeed proud of their contributions of money, time, and effort in behalf of the youngsters here in .....(**Community**)....., Commander ..... (**Last Name**)..... declared. "The program of accomplishments as itemized in our annual report would not have been possible without the support of these dedicated men and women."

Commander .....(**Last Name**)..... pointed out that much of the credit for the outstanding report of the local Legion Post (**and Auxiliary Unit**) goes to Child Welfare Chairman(**men**) ....(**Full Names**)..... (**You may also wish to include the names of those other than the Post and Unit Child Welfare Chairmen who have been active in the program.**)

suggested

news release

(Boys State Delegates)

.....(**Number**)..... high school junior boys will represent .....(**Community**)..... at the 1965 session of .....(**State or State Nickname**)..... American Legion Boys State, sponsored by The American Legion of .....(**State**)....., Commander .... (**Full Name**)..... of ..... (**Name of Post**)..... Post No. ..... here announced today.

Selected to participate in this annual civics workshop are ..... (**List each boy, his parents, and street address**).....

(**If more than one high school in your community is to be represented by the boys in your post's delegation, insert a paragraph here, identifying the youths with their respective high schools.**)

The 1965 .....(**Full Name of the Boys State**)..... Boys State will be in session from .....(**Date**)..... to .....(**Date**)..... at .....(**Place**)....., Commander ....(**Last Name**)..... said.

Departments (state and territorial organizations) of The American Legion this summer will sponsor 49 of these Boys States where boys who have just completed their junior year in high school will study the organization, operation, and political processes of state government.

The youths from .....(**Community**)..... will participate in the organization of political parties, campaigns, elections, and the enactment and enforcement of their own laws within a mythical 51st state.

"Boys State is one of the outstanding youth-training programs of The American Legion," Commander ....(**Last Name**)..... stated. "Not only do the youths learn more about the functions of government, but also they see the importance of the role played by each good citizen in discharging his basic citizenship responsibilities. They soon discover how the quality of government is related directly to the active interest of each citizen."

On behalf of Post No. ....., Commander ....(**Last Name**)..... expressed appreciation to the following firms, clubs, and organizations which are assisting Post No. ..... in the sponsorship of local youths to the 1965 Boys State: ....(**List cooperating firms, clubs, and organizations**).....

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news release

(Memorial Day Ceremony)

Memorial Day services, sponsored by ..... (**Name of Post**)..... Post No..... of The American Legion here, have been scheduled for..... .....(**Day, Date**)....., Post Commander ....(**Full Name**)..... announced today.

In extending an invitation to the residents of ....(**Community**)..... to attend these rites, Commander .....(**Last Name**)..... reported that the ceremony would begin at .....(**Time**)..... at .....(**Place**).....

Principal speaker at the services will be ....(**Full Name and Identification**).....

(**Insert here any other details of the program. If it follows the suggested outline as contained on Page 8 of the April 1965 ADVANCE, list the names of those persons responsible for the various program items or arrangements.**)

In addition to the traditional formal services, the Legionnaires of Post No. ..... will be responsible for the decoration of the graves of all known veterans with flags.

The first order for the observance of Memorial Day was issued in May 1868 by Gen. John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic "for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in the defense of their country . . ." For many years after the Civil War, the G.A.R. in the North and the Confederate Veterans in the South took charge of Memorial Day in their respective communities.

When these founding organizations became unable to carry on actively these rites, The American Legion pledged to help perpetuate the annual observance of Memorial Day, Commander .....(**Last Name**)..... explained. Although it began as a day to commemorate the Civil War dead, Memorial Day has since become an appropriate occasion for the decoration of graves of family and friends.

In urging the widest possible participation by ....(**Community**)..... residents in the Memorial Day rites, Commander .....(**Last Name**)..... referred to the following excerpt from General Logan's original order of nearly 100 years ago: "Let no . . . avarice or neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided republic."

Commander .....(**Last Name**)..... reminded that the observance of Memorial Day in..... (**Community**)..... should include the display of a United States flag by every home and business firm.

Suggested
Proclamation

Proclamation

WHEREAS, The Flag of the United States of America is a symbol to all mankind of the costly attainment of precious freedoms; and

WHEREAS, The Flag should always be held in reverence and respect by all Americans; and

WHEREAS, The display of a Flag of presentable appearance is an expression of sincere loyalty and dedicated patriotism; and

WHEREAS, Americans everywhere should take time to renew and revitalize their faith in what our Flag symbolizes, and to increase their knowledge of its history; and

WHEREAS, Many Americans need to obtain Flags and the necessary equipment for the display of the living symbol of their Nation before their homes and places of business on Flag Day, June 14, and other appropriate occasions;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ...(Full Name) ....., ...(Title) ..... of the City (Town, County, State) of ....., do hereby proclaim the period of June 1 through 12, 1965, as a time for rededication to "NEW GLORY FOR OLD GLORY," and further commend to the residents of ..... the services of local firms which, through the cooperation of The American Legion and the National Institute of Drycleaning, will clean Flags free of charge for those who pledge to display a Flag of presentable appearance before their homes or places of business on Flag Day, June 14, and other appropriate occasions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City (Town, County, State) of ....., this ..... day of ....., 1965.

(Signature).....

(Title).....

(Seal)

'New Glory...'

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tion of the promotion. This type of activity makes good "copy" for the news outlets, so you should have no difficulty in publicizing the program.

Promotion Possibilities Unlimited

A suggested proclamation (appearing on Page 6 of this issue of the **ADVANCE**) is an excellent method of opening the promotion of this program. Possibilities for newspaper, radio, and TV coverage include the signing of the proclamation; the handing over the first Flag for cleaning; youngsters either collecting or delivering Flags; etc.

The *Flag Code* has also been prepared in newspaper mat form (5 columns wide by 17½ inches deep) which your local newspaper might be able to use in conjunction with the program. Once the mat is in plate form, the plate can be cut into sections and run as a series of articles on Flag etiquette. The mat is available for $2 from National Emblem Sales.

This entire program not only helps to remind the public of proper respect for the Flag, but also helps to remind those who do not own a Flag to obtain one and display it on appropriate occasions.

Once the 1965 "New Glory for Old Glory" program has been concluded, your post should give serious consideration to appropriate recognition to those instrumental in its success through special citations, letters of commendation, etc. It's so easy to say "Thank You!" and a simple expression of appreciation means much to those who participated.

MEMO

TO: All Post Adjutants
FROM: ADVANCE

We are rapidly approaching that period of the Legion year when annual post elections bring about a leadership changeover. While in most instances a new Post Commander will be elected, many posts retain their Adjutant. Whether or not this is the case in your post, Mr. Post Adjutant, may we count on your assistance in seeing to it that the names of all post officers for 1965-66 are certified to your Department Adjutant as promptly as possible?

A communications link from both the department and national organizations to the Post Commander, and Post Adjutant, is extremely important.

Your assistance in this matter will contribute much to the success enjoyed by your post, your department, and the entire American Legion.

Post Commander's HOT LINE

Noting the order of President Lyndon B. Johnson for a "second look" in regard to the matter of the proposed closing of 11 VA hospitals, 4 domiciliaries, and 16 regional offices, **National Commander Donald E. Johnson** has stated, "The American Legion is hopeful the President will heed the voice of Congress in rescinding these closings."

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Of the 534 members of the 89th Congress, 310 (247 in the House of Representatives and 63 in the Senate) are members of **The American Legion.** Thirty-four of the 50 governors are Legionnaires. In addition to President Johnson, who is a member of Post 352, Blanco, Tex., six Cabinet officers and four members of the Supreme Court are Legionnaires.

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American Legion Posts are urged to help bring to the attention of several hundreds of thousands of veterans the opportunity of obtaining **National Service Life Insurance** (NSLI) coverage. (See pages 11 and 12 of the April 1965 **ADVANCE.**)

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James Franklin Kay, 16, of Fullerton, Calif., is the 1965 champion of the annual American Legion National High School Oratorical Contest.

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Firing Line, published monthly by the National Americanism Division of The American Legion, has been selected for a Vigilant Patriot Recognition Award by the All-American Conference to Combat Communism, Washington, D. C.

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Presidential Portraits: American Legion Posts wishing to purchase pictures of any or all Presidents may do so by contacting either Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Office Services Branch, 14th and C Streets, S. W., Washington, D. C., 20226; or Library of Congress, Division of Prints and Photographs, Washington, D. C.

MR. POST SERVICE OFFICER . . .

Details of New Pension Law

Conclusion of a Series

Right of Election

BEFORE THE ENACTMENT of PL 88-664, it was estimated that VA pensioners were losing $46 million in pension payments each year. Service Officers of The American Legion should do everything possible to bring to the attention of these pensioners the fact that they may be entitled to increased benefits, if they elect to receive pension under the provisions of PL 88-664.

As stated in our earlier article, our advice and counsel must be prudent to protect the claimant. Since a significant amount of benefits are being lost annually by those who can ill afford to lose them, the energetic attention of The American Legion and others is needed to assure enrollment under the new law, as amended, of those cases where entitlement is shown.

Although elections made prior to May 1 will be effective from Jan. 1, 1965, there is one thing that must be remembered. An election made under the new law is final and irrevocable once the pension check is received and negotiated. Our responsibility is to make certain that these people are properly advised.

Exercise of Right of Election

Any statement in writing signed by the beneficiary (or fiduciary) will be accepted as a valid election. Only veterans, widows, or children, where there is no widow, (or their fiduciaries) may elect to change to PL 86-211, as amended.

The widow's election will control the rights of children, in or out of her custody. However, a widow's election will not deprive any children not in her custody, any pension benefit they were entitled to receive at the time of her election. When necessary, the widow will be informed that her share will be reduced by the amount necessary to maintain the child's rate if she (the widow) insists upon the election.

Deferment of Election

An election can be deferred and exercised at a future date when it appears the monthly rate would be less than the current rate now or in the foreseeable future, as evidenced by information supplied by the claimant.

When election is deferred the claimant will be advised of the exact amount of pension payable under each law. It will be necessary for the claimant to submit a signed statement indicating the election to effect a change.

An election may be made by a fiduciary appointed by a court or designated by a Chief Attorney; but, an election **MAY NOT** be made by a Director or Chief Officer of a hospital or institution receiving payment on behalf of an incompetent veteran. In such cases the Chief Attorney will be requested to recognize a fiduciary.

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