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Dialing Wrong Number

BEFORE Prince Rupert gets a new telephone system, it appears we are going to be asked to dial another number. The idea is that we speak back to ourselves. It sounds complicated, and it is.

Having approved a by-law authorizing the new system, we will now be asked to admit by petition that we did not mean exactly what we said. That may be all right, but once having admitted this there is no guarantee that anything can be done about it. We may thus be in the peculiar position of being forced against our will to accept what we asked for in the first place.

It is to be hoped that when, if ever, the new system is finally installed, it will be more satisfactory than the method employed in getting it. Speed and clarity are two main requisites of a good telephone service. Our present manoeuvring has neither.

A Brand of Calm Philosophy

BILL RAYMOND has been gone for one week. To everyone but those on the staff of the Daily News, this may have no significance. As far as our readers are concerned, Ray still "Reflects and Reminisces." Where or how he does this is not important. To them he is still a presence on these pages and, if he is doing his writing in the quiet of his own room, that is probably so much the better for him.

On the staff, however, we miss him. As this is a matter affecting only ourselves, we will not dwell on it, but in a larger way it is an experience with which most readers are familiar.

It is the retirement from their midst of an associate whose gentle maturing over many years has produced its own special brand of calm philosophy and kindly outlook. Men and women so blessed see the best in others—or at least no harm to worry about—and therefore attract the best. Their presence is a sedative, and to be able to go back with them through their memories reduces the future to its proper and less awesome perspective.

Such a man is Bill Raymond. Although we are inclined to reflect sadly that he is not at his desk, and reminisce about the time when he was, we recalled his assurance that he will remain in Prince Rupert and it does not seem so bad after all.

Scripture Passage for Today

"The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in."—Psalm 121:8.

Soviet Imperialism Attacks Saboteurs Within the Union

There has been an inclination among people in the west—particularly those in officialdom—to shrug off the Moscow attacks on "bourgeois nationalists" and on spies and saboteurs within the Soviet Union. The reaction has been that these attacks were nothing more than a means of dangling phantoms before the workers to keep them producing.

But these blasts now deserve a long second look. Above all, in the Soviet Ukraine, the violence of the denunciations hints there is more to this than just crying "wolf!"

"Bourgeois Nationalism," a pet bogey of Moscow, is a sin that can happen only outside great Russia. In the 15 other Soviet republics, it is a serious offence to forget that the great Russians are the masters of all the Soviet Union.

Along with "Bourgeois Nationalism," the Kremlin's organs of education and enlightenment also are discovering spies, saboteurs and agents of the American Imperialists.

A suspicion is justified that this is not all hogwash. While Moscow has indoctrinated its people to believe the fellow next door may be an enemy of the state, it is a serious admission for the Kremlin to say the Americans have penetrated with their agents on such a grand scale.

The "agents," of course would not be Americans at all. The people the Kremlin fears now are the nationalists, in the Ukraine and in other constituent republics of the U.S.S.R.

There has not been such a concentrated attack in the Ukraine for some time. Two years ago the ruling Communists let it be broadcast that they had liquidated "the worst enemies of the people," the apparently un-

killable Ukrainian nationalists. Moscow has just published an account of a Ukrainian party congress. L. D. Melnikov, Ukrainian party chief, railed once again against the Nationalists, calling them spies, saboteurs, agents, etc.

Meanwhile the Soviet press has been full of criticism of the Ukraine—of coal miners, heavy industry workers (many of them likely slave laborers) on the hydro-electric programs of the southern Ukraine and northern Crimea.

Perhaps the Ukrainian nationalists have risen, phoenix-like, from their ashes to plague Communist rulers again.

Ukrainians exiled from their native land insist that the nationalists still are a potent force, stabbing from hideouts at tender spots in the Communist hides.

What happens in the Ukraine could also happen in other Soviet republics, particularly among the nomadic and fiercely-individualistic peoples of central Asia. This would be one more reason why the U.S.S.R. would move cautiously to avoid a third world war. The Kremlin might be watching its subjects with a nervous eye.

The tansy, a bitter herb found along roadsides, has been used in medicine since the middle ages.

As I See It



by Elmore Philpott

The Stay Home Vote

THE Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. is publishing some useful ads which show how many eligible voters actually used their franchise in the latest general elections. The exact percentages are Australia 96, Britain 83, Sweden 80, Germany 75, Canada 74, Israel 72 and U.S.A. 51.

Australia has the compulsory vote, with a fine for those who fail to use it. But the others are as free to vote or not to vote as the citizens of U.S.A. Thus we see the strange paradox that the mightiest democracy in history is one where half the voters don't care enough about the outcome to go to the polls.

I SPENT British election day last year in Rutherglen, a suburb of Glasgow. No less than 88% of the people actually voted—though they only had about one tenth the number of polling stations that we would have in Canada for the same sized constituency. Also the British laws strictly limit the number of cars any party may use to get its voters to the polls. In other words the British get there afoot, or by bus or tram. Yet they cast the highest percentage of any uncoerced vote in the world. That is because they are about the most mature people politically of any I have met.

But there is another side to this story. If you check back into the American figures you see that the key to Roosevelt's record-breaking success was that he convinced the great majority of the people that it WAS in their interest to get out and vote.

ONE YEAR in Vancouver we had a civic election where about 27% of the eligible voters turned out to vote. The editor of the Edson, Alberta, paper was in town that day. He began making a sort of impromptu speech to bell boys in the Hotel Vancouver about the iniquity of this lack of interest among Vancouver citizenry. But finally one thoughtful bellhop remarked quietly:

"Could the reason be, sir, that nobody was running and no issue was presented which really interested those who stayed at home?"

IN MY lifetime I have seen some really hot elections, where the people really got worked up and discussed the issues and outcome with universal interest.

In our house the famous Reciprocity election of 1911 split our family right down the middle. We boys would get so worked up that more than once we came to blows. But then our mother organized a sort of living room parliament and made us boys debate the question—with so many minutes for each side. It was such fun the whole neighborhood used to come to watch and join in.

IN B.C. in the last election the Liberal government broke the most fundamental of all rules for successful politics. It had helped introduce a complicated voting system which made it very difficult for voters to think in clear-cut terms. But the Liberal leadership also failed to offer the people a clear program or issue on which they could say yes or no, by their votes.

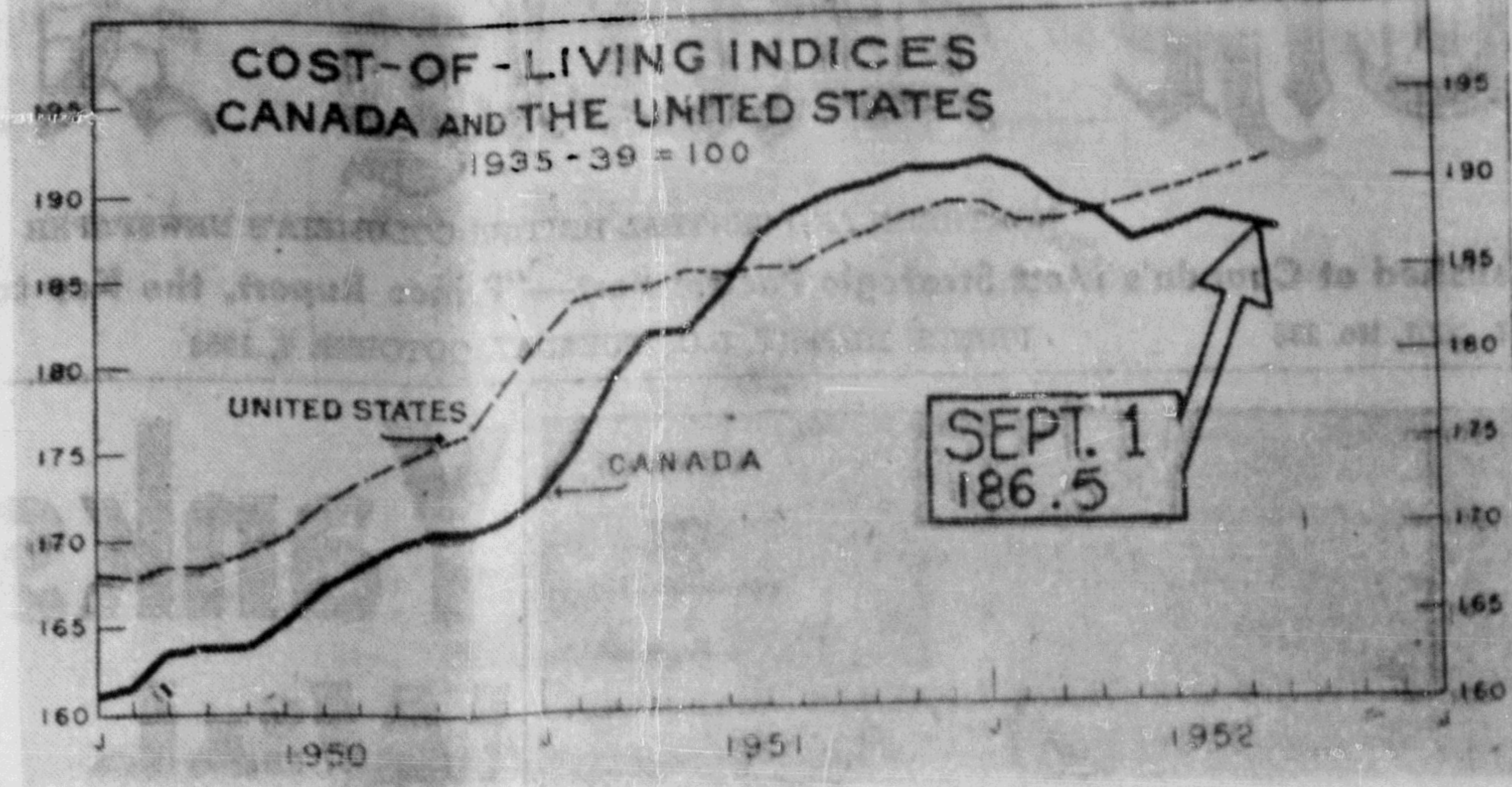
There was no certainty that the day after the election the old parties would not once again form the very coalition from which everybody was trying to escape.

The situation was made-to-order for exactly what happened. Scientists say that nature abhors a vacuum. Students of politics could well say the same thing.

That is why B.C. has a Made-in-Alberta minority government today, which was the first choice of a mere 26 per cent of the voters who actually did vote.

END OF TRIP

CANORA, Sask. (CP)—Two Winnipeg boys, Robert Ellison, 18, and Glen Fisher, 16, had to abandon their hope of paddling from Winnipeg to the junction of the Assiniboine and Qu'Appelle Rivers in Saskatchewan. Their canoe was stolen while they were making a portage.



C-O-L DROPS—The cost-of-living index declined by 1.1 points during August to 186.5 from 187.6 following a drop of four-tenths of a point during July. The index, based on 1935-39 prices equalling 100, reached its all-time high of 191.5 last December. The August decline—the sixth in eight months of 1952—was caused mostly by lower prices for foodstuffs and some clothing items. The dotted line shows the United States consumers' price index which Aug. 15 hit a peak of 191.1. These indices measure percentage changes in prices in each country but should not be used to compare actual levels of prices between the two countries.

UNDER OUR ROOF

By JOHN STURDY

If you are having any trouble with your rivers, please don't blame me. Just drop a note to the Canadian Geographical Society or your member of Parliament, and I'm sure that some action will be taken to put matters right, because I know how embarrassing it must be to wake up and find that the river flowing by your door is an altogether different stream to what you had yesterday.

You see, it happened this way. Col. S. Sheffington-Smuts (Ret.) and Hamish and Little Augie and I are trying to get home to The Island, and just the other day we managed to reach Banff. But owing to the fact that the Colonel purchased a glacier with our few remaining dollars (and no one else seems to want to take it off his hands) we find ourselves temporarily strapped for funds.

In fact, we are so strapped that we have been forced to walk the railway tracks, hoping to jump a freight train, and yesterday morning we had got as far as the Great Divide without even seeing a hand-car.

The Great Divide is an interesting place, partly because it separates Alberta and British Columbia (you notice the change in air almost immediately) but mostly because it is supposed to be the highest point in the country.

Well, there was a bus load of tourists at the Divide when we arrived there, and while I wanted to continue our journey, Hamish demurred.

"Look," he said, "there is a guide giving a lecture, and perhaps we shall learn some interesting facts about this great country of ours."

"I would rather get some interesting food," I said, but the Colonel and Little Augie backed up Hamish, and so we sat on the rails and listened to the guide.

RIVERS BORN

"Now folks," he was saying, in the quaint dialect of the Rocky Mountains, "you see this here stream running along at my feet? You see how it divides, and part of it goes one way and part of it goes the other? This is the birthplace of our great river systems, folks. From this here point the rivers either flow west to the Pacific or east to the Prairies. Take a gander at this little stream at my feet, folks. See how it branches east and west, like I told you. Well, pretty soon each branch turns into great, big, rushing rivers, going out to the Pacific Coast or back to the East. Ain't it wonderful?"

Well, the stream looked pretty feeble to me. In fact, I thought if you threw a pebble into it, you would probably dam up the whole works.

The tourists got back into the bus and drove away, and I said: "Come on. Let's be moving," and I started off with Little Augie beside me.

It was about twenty minutes later that we discovered that Hamish and the Colonel were missing. So we had to turn around and go back and look for them, and a couple of hundred feet down the track they suddenly came into view.

I noticed that their hands were muddy and that their coat sleeves appeared to be wet.

"What have you been up to?" I demanded.

"A rather interesting experiment," said the Colonel. And Hamish nodded in agreement.

AN EXPERIMENT

"In our small way, we may have changed the entire face of the Dominion."

"What do you mean, Colonel?" I asked nervously.

"Well, my boy," said the Colonel, "you heard what the feller said about the rivers flowing east and west. Well, Hamish and I have just completed changing the direction of the source, so to speak, and the water that formerly flowed west is now flowing east, and vice versa."

"Good heavens!" I cried. The possibilities were staggering.

Well, I might have returned to

ray ...

Reflects and Reminisces

SPEAKING OF CLIMATE

Ask any dozen easterners who have never been to British Columbia what its climate is like and ten will say it is mild and moist. But east of the mountains it is neither mild nor moist. There are many places in the interior valleys where the thermometer reaches 100F in the shade and even higher in summer and drops to 50 or 60 below zero in winter. There is a place on the west coast of Vancouver Island where the average rainfall is 200 inches while over large areas in the south, sage brush and cactus with rattlesnakes are as common as they are in Arizona.—D. M. LaBourcais.

A commission of three will recommend changes in the B.C. drinking laws. What a thriving trade it is! It almost rivals cigarettes among the ladies. What significance is attached to that oft heard expression "liquor by the glass." Is there any other workable way of swallowing a snifter?

NOT OFTEN SEEN

Try to borrow a copy of the Prince Rupert Pioneers Association book, with numerous portraits of old timers, and see how far you'll get. Some are here, of course, but they seem scarce. The association was organized July 1, 1914. First officers were: President, David H. Hays (brother of the late great railway genius Chas. M. Hays who visited this port and gave it its name); vice-president Wm. Manson M.P.P.; Secretary-treasurer Arthur Cuthbert; directors Alderman D. W. Morrissey, Alderman John Dybhavn, and Alfred J. Galland; membership committee.

Australians say that so far as details go concerning that atomic blast off their north coast, they know as much as the Canadians, which is nothing. In other words, it was successful. It always is.

THE LETTERBOX

CANADIAN CREDIT IN DEFICIENCY

Editor, Daily News:

One's ability to produce goods and services determines the amount of his credit. In like manner a nation's ability to produce goods and services determines the amount of its credit. Taking statistics as evidence, Canadian goods and services amounted to \$21,241,000,000 in 1951, and wages and salaries (of the people who produced this) only amounted to \$17,299,000,000. This shows a deficiency of four billion dollars between the current total income of Canadians and the selling price of the goods they produced.

Under Social Credit you will put a parliament at Ottawa that will at once re-possess the exclusive power (it handed it over to private banks in 1871) of the issue of all money and credit, and through a monetary commission appointed by parliament, cheques will be distributed equally to all citizens, supplementing their wages and salaries to equal value of the goods they produced. Thus will come the National Dividend forecast by William Aberhart in 1935.

Should production exceed Canadian people's needs, excess goods may be exported, and yet the people will possess sufficient purchasing power (money) to replace excess (exported goods) with imported useful goods, thus making use of exchange of goods with other nations. All Canadian credit amassed at Ottawa will enable the Bank of Canada to issue money for every purpose without interest. Taxes and licence fees will be wiped out.

Inflation and deflation cannot exist as all money gets its life through goods and services, and not through interest or hired money. "Spare money" out at interest has been the cause for taxation.

All this will be corrected when we socialize our credit and our government bank issues our own money. Social Credit will do this for the people of Canada.

CHARLES W. REEVES
1040 East 8th.

FAMILY TRADITION

LETHBRIDGE, Alta. (CP)—When three men and a baby boy got together recently for a four-generations picture continuity was stressed. The outlines under the photograph read John Garrett, John Garrett, John Garrett and John Garrett.

WILD RICE

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Eastern Highway Death Corridor

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When a bank manager retired last year he wrote his General Manager to tell why he was proud his son also had chosen a banking career:

"I shall always recall my banking days with pleasure and I cannot think of any other occupation that gives one a greater opportunity to meet people and form lasting friendships. I have been privileged to serve the bank in three provinces... That my son has chosen banking is also a great satisfaction to He is most anxious to make good on his own account."

Any young man on the lookout for interesting and worthwhile career—for opportunities to grow and get ahead—should take a look at banking. Have a talk with the bank manager in your neighborhood branch. It may prove an important turning point in your life.

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