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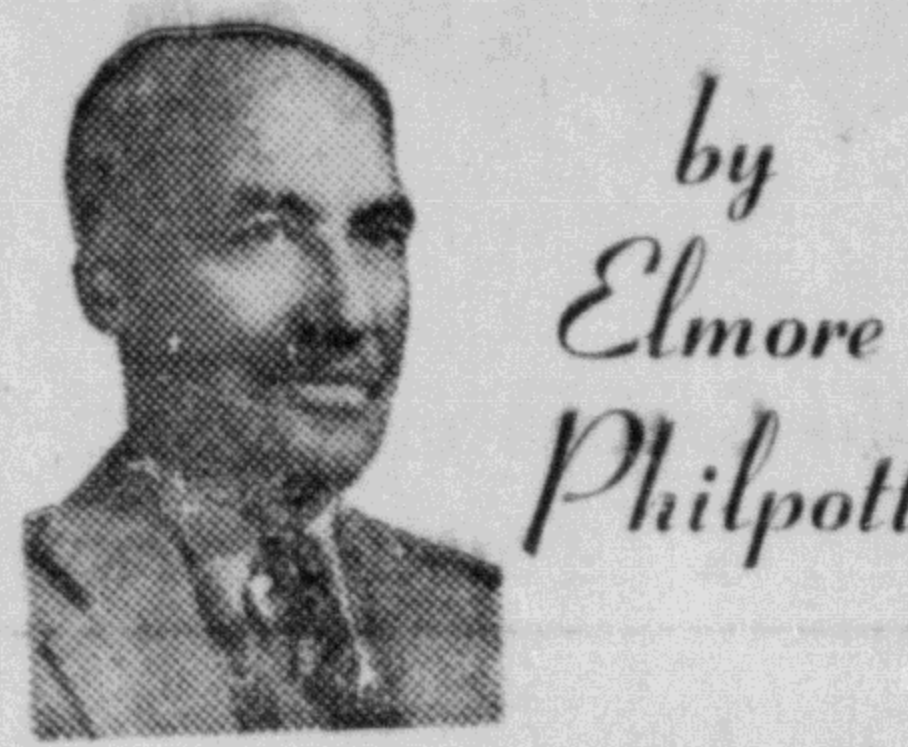
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As I See It



LAST DAY IN CAIRO

CAIRO, EGYPT.—This is my last article from Egypt. To discover this vital, new-old' land has been a real thrill, for it turned out so much better than I had expected.

Tonight I went to the Egyptian parliament. An Egyptian friend had secured a pass for me. Not knowing that I am just a simple writing newspaper man, they ushered me up to the distinguished visitors' gallery—and just to make sure that there was no mistake showed me the writing to prove I was really in the proper place.

THE CHAMBER itself is a better, non-practical building than anything of its kind we have in Canada. That is, it is more truly functional than that monstrosity that someone built at Ottawa, in phony imitation.

The Egyptian Chamber follows the European style. That is, has the horseshoe shape. It is carpeted in green, with light buff walls and there are windows around the dome, which tops the whole, above the second gallery.

IT IS STRICTLY for men only, so far. The MP's mostly wear the national badge—the red fez. But a few sat hatless, and about the same number wore the Arab gown, with white and black narrow turban.

In action, they follow about our own pattern. The first few minutes are taken up with routine stuff. Then the fireworks really get going.

One mischief-making little fellow, who walked to the speaker's dais from the left side of the Chamber, did a masterly job of stirring things up. Of course, as he spoke in Arabic, I could not tell what it was really about. But I got the word "Yugoslavia" over and over again.

This fellow was really a genius as a pin-pricker and general rumpus-raiser. He started by getting the goats of the back benches in the centre of the Chamber—then also succeeded with the rightists, and then really got a rise out of the leftists, too.

THERE WAS much more liveliness and pep about this Egyptian debate than any I have seen or heard in any Canadian Parliament for some years.

The MP's are very much the same type as one sees in Canada—look alike, too, apart from the fezzes, and their voice tones are very much like North American ones.

But they heckle and give and take more than is the recent custom in our parliaments. Moreover, the session I saw was marked by very good humor.

IN THE EGYPTIAN Chamber the residing officer (the one we call Speaker) is dressed in ordinary civilian clothes. He is much more informal than is the custom with our fellows. Time and again he interjected some lively comments (on keeping order). Once he roared with laughter at his own joke.

Usually he tapped for order with an impatient pencil end. But when the boys really got boiled over he rang a sort of gong.

I WAS SORRY I could not stay for the whole evening. But just as I was hurrying back to the hotel to keep a dinner engagement with an Armenian family who have a daughter in Vancouver, it began to rain.

That taught me that these Egyptians have a lot in common with all Pacific Coasters, from Hollywood to Alaska—that is, they are just whopping liars. They told me it "practically never rained," and here was I without even a raincoat.

But the combined Egyptian police force and army took me in hand. When they learned I was from Canada they thought the rain was a great joke, and one kept repeating in a gruff voice:

"Just like Canada—just like Canada." He called it Can-Ah-Dah.

Five cops, one boy and I all crowded into a supposed one-man sentry box. In the box another cop tried out his English. He said:

"You Canada—me Egypt. Me your friend."

They ran around getting me a taxi (naturally they're scarce in a Cairo rain). And they tucked me in as if I had been a prince.

So now you know why I just could not help falling in love with Egypt. And, like every other

LETTERBOX

UNITED CHURCH STAND

Editor, Daily News: I have noted with interest the discussion in your columns provoked by the publication of the Saturday Sermon by Rev. C. D. Clarke.

Although it has been pointed out that Mr. Clarke is no longer a minister of the United Church of Canada, I find that there is a great deal of uncertainty in the minds of many as to what degree his sermon reflects the official belief of the United Church. Since the sermon has been used already by some of other denominations in arguments against the United Church, I would be grateful if you would allow me space in your columns to quote from the official doctrines of our church.

The only statement of doctrine that has been given complete approval by the United Church is that found in the Basis of Union. All candidates for the ministry of the United Church are required before ordination to satisfy their examiners that they are in "essential agreement" with this statement and accept it as "in substance agreeable to the teaching of the Holy Scriptures." The following quotations should make clear our stand on the points under discussion:

"We affirm our belief in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the primary source and ultimate standard of Christian faith and life. We acknowledge the teaching of the great creeds of the ancient Church (i.e., the Apostle's Creed, and the Nicene and Athanasian Creeds). We further maintain our allegiance to the evangelized doctrines of the Reformation."

ARTICLE XI. "We believe that God, on the sole ground of the perfect obedience and sacrifice of Christ, pardons those who by faith receive Him as their Saviour and Lord, accepts them as righteous, and bestows upon them the adoption of sons."

ARTICLE XIX. "We believe that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and of the unjust, through the power of the Son of God, Who shall come to judge the living and the dead; that the finally impenitent shall go away into eternal punishment and the righteous into life eternal."

May I also quote from the United Church Catechism?

17. "All men have sinned and come short of the glory of God."

18. "Man cannot save himself. He needs God's help."

24. "If we are to be saved, we must repent of our sins, and

lady with whom I fall in love (millions of them), I hope to see this lady again.

Blacktop to Port Edward

Intention of the provincial department of public works is to pave the new section of the highway between Port Edward and Galloway Rapids bridge as well as the section between Galloway Rapids and Watson Island in this year's program, according to a communication received by the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce from N. W. McCallum, chief engineer of the provincial department of public works.

Also the arterial highway within the city limits of Prince Rupert (from the limits on the highway to the corner of Second Avenue and McBride Street) is included in the year's program.

The department will endeavour to have the necessary aggregate provided as soon as possible so that the work of hard surfacing may proceed without delay while the weather is suitable.

The communication from Mr. McCallum referred to the difficulty of assembling paving equipment and obtaining aggregate in the vicinity of Prince Rupert. (The city council Monday night approved a proposal to make its black topping machinery available to the provincial department of public works.)

Chief Engineer McCallum is expected to visit Prince Rupert shortly in connection with the institution of the season's public works program in this area.

LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Although a definite time for black-topping of the Port Edward highway has not been set officially, Divisional Engineer L. E. Smith this morning said "in all likelihood" it would begin as soon as dry weather sets in.

Plans are now laid to augment a department "hot-mix" asphalt plant with rental of the city plant. A paving machine is also slated for this work.

Because of long days in the north, Engineer Smith said longer working hours would be implemented to take advantage of the dry season.

commit ourselves to Christ in life and in death."

45. "To those who accept His redeeming love, God gives eternal life, a life of fellowship with Him and His people beginning in this world and perfected in the world to come."

46. "Those who reject His redeeming love shut themselves out from the favour and fellowship of God and His people, a future dark beyond our power to conceive."

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Reflects and Reminisces

NO DANGER

A London audience is told that of 150,000 expected to emigrate this year to Canada, 30,000 would be of British stock. Well, there is at least some comfort to reflect that there will be no Donkibobors.

A CHAT NOW AND THEN

This will be Festival Year in England and nighties instead of pyjamas are expected to be found exceptionally popular by the ladies. Just why, no one seems able to explain. Yet a bit of discreet quizzing might help. The art of light conversation should not be neglected.

"British Columbia," H. J. Welch of Comox tells the Legislature, "should not be in the railway business." Just as if we didn't know it!

SOMETHING TO CHEW ON!

Spring salmon caught off Prince Rupert make a handsome gift and that's why the colleagues of J. D. McRae, M.L.A., are feeling particularly agreeable these blithe spring days. It's pleasant to read about something that does not involve anxiety—if only for a change.

DIRECT FROM RUPERT!

Years ago, when new to Ottawa, Olof Hanson entertained friends to a fish dinner. It scored a hit. Wholesome fare from the North Pacific was



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given a hearty welcome. Incidentally, Prince Rupert gained in publicity (and it could stand it). The member of Skeena had many a question to answer concerning the deep sea port in the far northwest.

STARTED EARLY

A Grimsby paper prints pictures of halibut caught, it's suggested, in some Norwegian fjord. One is said to weigh 42 stone which, it can't be denied, is a sizeable fish. But Prince Rupert can take it calmly. Many a local customer started making his snapshots when little more than a youngster.

MORE NATURAL, SOMEHOW

Horses in the service of the RCMP are said to be down to no more than 150. But the Mounties can always look to the car, the canoe, the dogsled, the powerboat, the airplane, and perhaps the bicycle. Yet we rarely picture that dashing figure without seeing him in a saddle.

Loyal employees of La Prensa closed for weeks, defied Argentine dictatorship yesterday and

paid with their... Aires' chief... other big story... Questions of... city—to anyone... Prince Rupert... the shadow of... the Pacific.

Now If They Do It

IT'S BEEN a long, long time but it now looks like we are going to get some real action from the department of public works this year in the way of speeding up the hard surfacing of the highway between the city and the important industrial suburb of Port Edward with its pulp mill and fish processing plants.

Of course, it should have been done a year ago but, nevertheless, it is satisfactory to anticipate that no further time will be lost and we do hope there will be better luck with such further reconstruction as may be necessary than there was with the last.

The chief engineer of the department has indicated to the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce that the material is to be stockpiled early in the year so there will be no delay once the weather is propitious to carry out the blacktopping.

Arrangements are also being made to obtain the city's blacktopping equipment to augment the government's own machinery.

We are not convinced that it is the ideal arrangement for the government to be borrowing the city's plant but that, evidently, is the best that can be done and it is better to do that than limp along with the inadequate and insufficient equipment, the difficulty of obtaining which has been held in the past as a handicap to getting work done.

We also note with satisfaction that paving of the arterial highway within the city limits is included in this year's program.

All this will, at least, be a fair start for this season for the new policy of the government of starting highway hard-surfacing from this end of Highway 16.

It is to be hoped that the job now promised will be actually carried out and that no unforeseen difficulties will have arisen to leave us in potholes and muskeg quagmire when another rainy season rolls around.

Red Cross Challenge

OURS is the opportunity to show what kind of people live in Prince Rupert.

Before us has been placed a challenge. We have been asked for co-operation. Let us support the novel campaign of our local Red Cross unit to reach our objective of \$5000—not in one month, but in one night.

This plan has many advantages. It will bring to a head quickly what otherwise could be a long, drawn-out affair with something hanging over our heads until it becomes an evading issue.

It will alleviate greatly the work of our Red Cross canvassers, whose services too often are unsung; whose weary feet too often are not comforted by kind words or a smile.

And to know that on a certain night a Red Cross agent will call on us will be most convenient—like an appointment at our home. In 10 minutes or less we will have given our donation generously and cheerfully. We will have time to smile and say: "Thank you. We're so glad you called."

Work of Mercy Never Ends

DURING the past year, DISASTER, minor and major, struck various parts of Canada without warning.

In Winnipeg, Rimouski and Cabano was left a tragic wake of dead, injured and homeless. It can happen anywhere—here—and if disaster strikes, trained personnel, food, medicine and shelter are available through Red Cross.

This is possible only because people give their dollars to the Red Cross. When a mill worker, factory employee, logger, fisherman—or the man or woman on the street—is injured, suffering loss of blood, a transfusion is waiting to save that life. This, too, has been made possible only through our given dollars.

And throughout the isolated northern areas there are hospitals where help is waiting always, because we gave our dollars to the Red Cross.

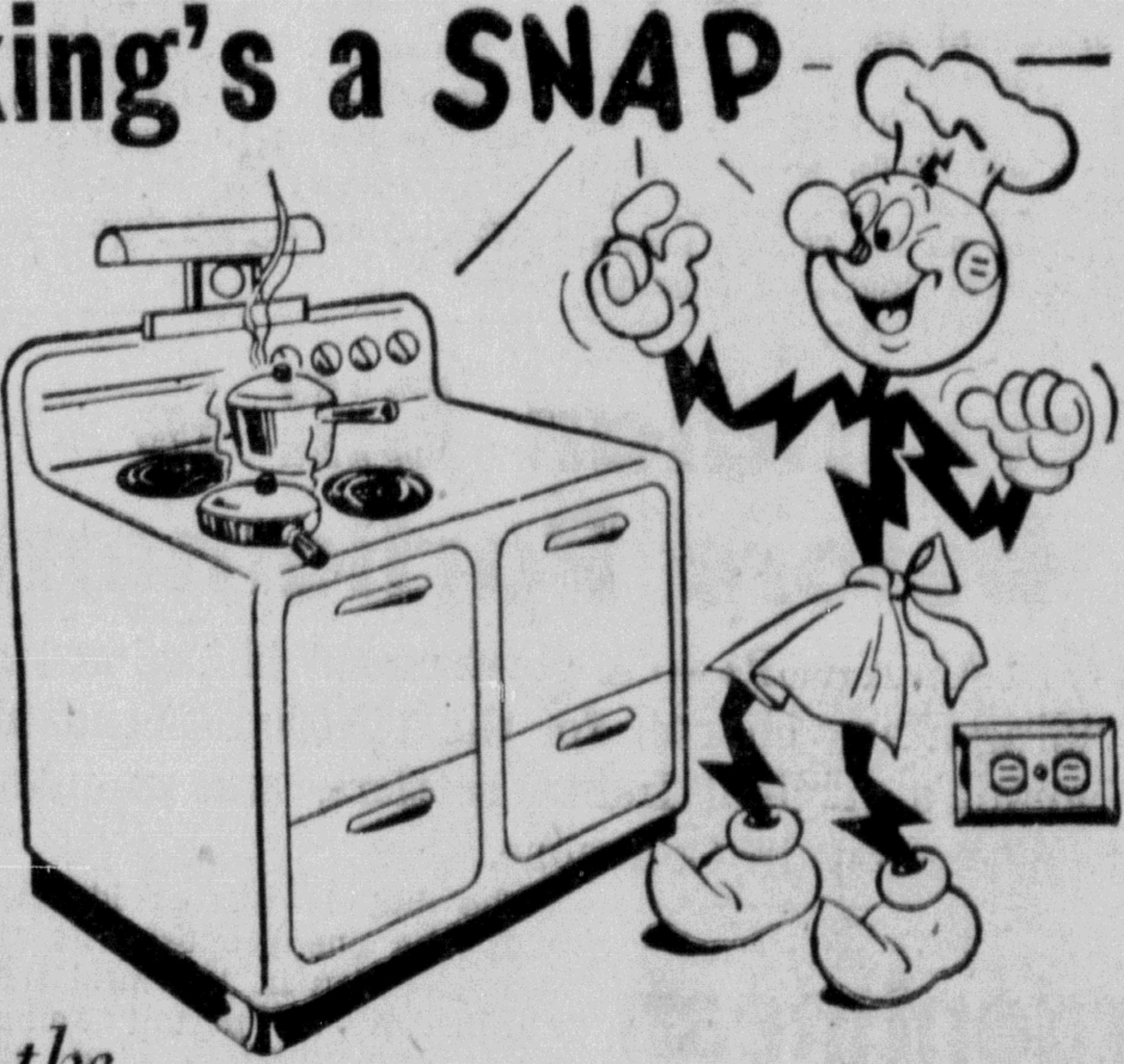
Again this year \$5,000,000 is needed to carry on the work of mercy in Canada. Our share is only small, but it's as vital as the whole. Let us make sure the work of mercy never ends!

Scripture Passage for Today

"And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins."—1 Cor. 15:17.

Cooking's a SNAP

if it's Electric!



Inspect the beautiful new models—

They'll delight the heart of any woman

who cooks... so many conveniences! You'll

want to try new recipes for the sheer

excitement of finding what your new range

will do. Economical to operate and they

make food both tastier and more

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