Purse snatch death ruled 1st degree

Curtis C. Johnson, 15, of Wilmington, Del., was found guilty of first degree murder by Judge J. Gilbert Prendergast in Criminal Court Tuesday.

The incident occurred Nov. 11, 1965 after the youth had been in Baltimore two days involved a purse-snatching in the 700 block Cathedral St. Miss Lucille Flannery, 75, 700 block Cathedral St., the victim, was thrown to the ground.

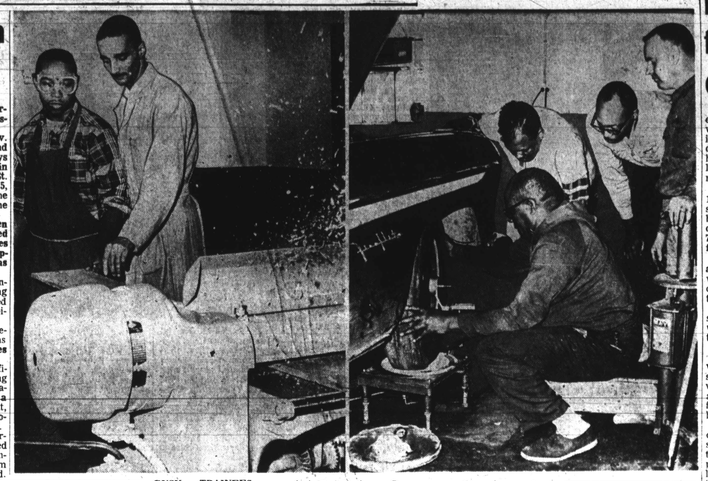
She sustained a broken arm and leg and fractured pelvis plus cuts and bruises resulting from her falling upon the milk bottle she was carrying.

The elderly woman contracted pneumonia during the period she was confined to Maryland General Hospital and died Nov. 2.

According to testimony before the court, her death was a direct result of the injuries during the purse snatch.

According to police officers who apprehended young Johnson at Franklin and Cathedral Sts. the same day, a few hours after the incident, he fit the description the woman gave of her assailant.

Defended by John R. Hargrove, Johnson maintained he was not the purse-snatcher but failed to explain a sum of $75 he had when arrested.



Clues limited in shooting

Clues are scattered in the shooting death of a 25-year-old man in the rear of the 1900 block of Linden Ave. Tuesday night.

Central District police said the man was dead on arrival at Provident Hospital at 11:05 p.m. from a gunshot wound in the chest.

Police were finally able to trace the man's identity from a dry cleaning ticket, made out the previous day, in the right coat pocket of a raincoat draped over his bleeding body.

He was identified as Isaac Bud Frost. Police listed addresses for him in the 700 block of Edgewood St. and the 2900 block of Walbrook Ave.

His unconscious body was found bleeding from the mouth in an alley about 25 feet from Robert St.

Police said a .25 cal. bullet entered the left side of the back of the victim and lodged in the front part of the chest.

An hour before the shooting, officers were notified of a knife fight in the same vicinity, but on their arrival the fight had ended. Police have not yet established a connection between the two. Being questioned are friends and relatives of the dead man in an attempt to discover leads to the murderer.

Sought for questioning is a man who had made statements that "Country," or Mr. Frost, owed him money.

Arrest pupil in assault

A 14-year-old Clifton Junior High school pupil is being held in policy custody in connection the stabbing of John Walpole, 14, 1500 block Holbrook St. on Oct. 4 after school.

Chancellor John O'Grady took the action in Juvenile Court Thursday morning after three Clifton boys also accused in the case named the 14-year-old boy as the person who wielded the knife.

As Chancellor O'Grady decied to hold the youth under police custody he explained, "It's hard to believe. But, when a child is stabbed and lying near death, the offense is serious."

The other three boys were released in custody of their parents to be watched around the clock and to be home before dark.

The hearing is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 21 before Judge Charles E. Moylan.

The Walpole youth lies in critical condition at Mercy [illegible] stabbed through into the lung from the back. He was given last rites by a priest Wednesday at 1:30 a.m.

According to officer Charles C. Owens and detective Harry Stevens, some of the involved youths are yet to be apprehended.

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U-JOIN's leafleting nets contempt threat

Activity centering on Rent Court this week included a contempt of court threat to U-JOIN for distributing leaflets, march of pickets outside the court and a double return of money held in escrow.

U-JOIN staff member Joe Carter was threatened with a contempt of court citation by Judge William T. Tippett Jr. if leaflets are passed out in the People's Court Building.

He postponed one case until next Tuesday in which the tenant, Reginald Hope, 2100 block McCulloh St., had made a long list of complaints.

U-JOIN and 10 tenants picketed the court Wednesday morning carrying signs reading, "Landlords' Court must go" and "No rent for rats."

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THE MARCHERS were again threatened with contempt for chanting and singing.

Staffer Rusty Gilbert said the picketing was "not against Rent Court as an institution."

He said the group was marching for rent control and for laws "that will make a substantial difference in housing," among them one which "would specifically allow judges to place rent in escrow until repairs are made."

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AFRO cites postmaster as he retires

For his 45 years of service to the city, state and the nation, Postmaster William F. Laukaitis received the AFRO's Honor Award, Friday.

The green, gold and silver plaque with the citation "For Superior Public Service Without Thought of Gain" was presented minutes before Mr. Laukaitis left his desk to retire after eight years in the postal service.

With him to witness the ceremony were A. Marshall Santiago, director of operations; Harvey Joyce, assistant director of operations, and Raymond Young, foreman of carriers.

Dr. Carl Murphy, AFRO Board chairman and member of the Post Office Advisory Board, recalled that Mr. Laukaitis as member of the Board of Movie Censors was largely responsible for the elimination of racial epithets from motion picture films.

Also that he had rendered distinguished service to all the people as postmaster, practicing attorney, chief justice of the Traffic Court, government appeal agent for Draft Board Number 24 and assistant city solicitor.

Poverty Rescuers to try once more

In a last-ditch effort, the Rescuers from Poverty of U-JOIN will attend the meeting of the State Board of Public Welfare today (Friday), chairman Mrs. Margaret McCarty said yesterday.

The group again will request a back-to-school clothing grant for children of welfare clients. The request had been denied by state director of welfare, Raleigh C. Hobson for lack of funds.

"We're tired of our children becoming ill every winter from colds, pneumonia and flu because of lack of boots, raincoats, overcoats, underwear, sweaters, warm caps and gloves," an earlier letter for the Rescuers said.

Mr. Hobson promised he would discuss a request from the group for employment in the department for clients this afternoon.

Hoping to be allowed to speak during the meeting, which will also be devoted to discussion of the yearly budget, the group will request funds for education of clients and fuller consideration of the food stamp program.

"We want complete consideration of our own circumstances before the food stamp program is put into effect," Mrs. McCarty said.

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BUSY TRAINEES — Trainees seeking new skills under the Federal and Training Act go about their class assignments with vigor and enthusiasm while learning to become auto mechanics, body and fender men and carpenters in their converted training center at 1370 W. North Ave. From left are David Jones, Robert R. Lee, instructor; Joseph Miller, John Cheatham, Theodore Hicks, Ralph Swope, instructor.

Crosby blasts PSTA's plan for sanctions

Dennis Crosby, president of Baltimore Teachers Union, has labeled the rival Public School Teachers Association as "controlled by a racist group of people and the power structure."

In an expansion of remarks during a debate at Towson State Teachers College Tuesday night, Mr. Crosby told the AFRO that the sanctions invoked against the city by the PSTA "will primarily hurt students in the inner city schools."

He said that already "more of the classrooms in the inner city are staffed with unqualified teachers."

"It seems they should be encouraging teachers to

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MDTA classes humming in North Ave. center

You could tell by the intrigued look on their faces bending over the revving car engine that these were men who enjoyed what they were doing. Tuesday morning was receiving training as auto mechanics in the MDTA (Manpower Development and Training Act) newly-outfitted center at 1370 W. North Ave.

Formerly used by Bitter Ford, the spacious, sturdy building is a natural laboratory for the MDTA classes for auto mechanics, service station mechanics and auto body repairmen.

Also housed in the center, opened for operation in May, are classes in building maintenance, cabinet making, tile laying, furniture finishing and numerous classrooms for continuing education classes.

In the auto repair shop located on the main floor, outfitted with the most modern in testing and repair equipment, a class of 18 is enrolled in teacher Ralph Swope's auto mechanic class.

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ABOUT 20 cars — cars bought at auction and those belonging to teachers, students and customers — line the large garage.

A small group clusters around a black Renault listening to the engine (in the back) with what appears to be a stethoscope.

On closer inspection the instrument does prove to be a stethoscope (with a metal prong substituted at the far end).

A visitor to the class might wish that whoever fixes his car would always go over it so carefully.

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MR. SWOPE explains that the prong, when held against different parts of the motor, "gives the exact sound of the vibrations."

"With it you can locate a loose bearing just by moving it around. It's excellent for teaching. And all garages use them."

The Department of Motor Vehicles is seeking competent persons to fill positions with that agency.

"There is a shortage of qualified applicants to fill vacancies for examiners, investigators and others," a DMV spokesman said this week.

At present the Department has 3 colored examiners, one of whom has been employed there the past 9 years.

Recently promoted to assistant supervisor of the Commercial Driving School Section, he is Sgt. Walter Jones, 2700 blk. Baker St.

Other Drivers' License Examiners are Eley W. Downes, Easton, and Burley E. Caldwell, 4100 blk. Flowerton Rd.

Mr. Downes was employed in July, 1966; Mr. Caldwell in September.

DMV HAS one colored License Reviewer, Rudolph W. Walker, 3900 block Carlisle Ave., a 5-year employee.

Four investigators work for the Department.

They are Marcell Hines 2106 Whittier Ave. - Nov. 5,

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Parks backing Spiro T. Agnew for governor

"I plan to take a very active role in joining with others in forming a Democrats for Agnew movement in the district."

Fourth District City Councilman was announcing late Thursday night that he was supporting the candidacy of Republican gubernatorial nominee, Spiro T. Agnew.

Mr. Parks, an executive of the Fourth District Democratic Organization, said he was acting as an individual and not as a member of the organization.

"I am hoping that those persons whom I might be able to influence will join me in supporting the candidacy for Mr. Agnew," he declared.

Pointing out that the organization is a bona fide Democratic group, Mr. Parks said it was decided Thursday that it could not, as a matter of principle, endorse a Republican candidate.

"However," he added, "other individual members of the organization will join in leading a movement of Democrats for Agnew."

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WHILE HE did not say so, Mr. Parks' announcement confirmed earlier speculation that many key Fourth District Democrats will not support George P. Mahoney, the party's gubernatorial nominee.

Mr. Mahoney won the primary election while running on an anti-open housing platform.

Details of the formation of

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Neighbors hit thug's attack on spinsters

The brutal beating of two elderly North Ave spinsters, which has left them wavering near death, during the daylight robbery of their home left neighbors and police horrified Tuesday afternoon.

As police arrived in the 1300 block of W. North Ave. shortly after 6:30 p.m., the battered and unconscious bodies of the two sisters, aged 76 and 70, were found in the front hallway.

Under the body of one lay a telephone. The receiver was still in her hand and the cord had been pulled from the wall socket.

Western District police said the sisters' assailants were still in the house when they made the call.

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BOTH WERE beaten severely about he head, police said. In the hallway, each victim's head was cradled in a large pool of blood. One officer estimated the loss of blood at nearly a pint.

The sisters, Misses Concettina DiPaula, 70, and Rosina DiPaula, 76, were taken to Maryland General Hospital, where they were later listed in serious condition in the Intensive Care Ward.

The elder sister, with severe head wounds, underwent surgery to relieve pressure on her brain.

Another officer described the effect of the beating: "Their heads were swelled about twice normal size."

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AFTER TWO squad cars pulled up to the three-story house one in the front and one in the back, police saw two youths flee from the rear.

Firing three shots at Officers John Webb and Louis Davis 3rd, seated in the squad car just after it had come to a halt, one youth

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Finan named to Appeals Court

Gov. J. Millard Tawes said Thursday he would name Thomas B. Finan, unsuccessful Democratic gubernatorial candidate, to an associate judgeship on Maryland's Court of Appeals.

The announcement came as no surprise. It had been rumored for weeks.

Robert C. Murphy, now a deputy, will be elevated to Mr. Finan's post as attorney general.

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Greenmount, 31st St. dope traffic 'wide open' as teen-agers look on

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

Dope traffic is so wide open around Greenmount Ave. and 31st St. that school children standing on corners or frequenting teen hangouts in the block can pick up the "lingo" of pushers and addicts, identify "who's who", including narcotics agents.

Exposing the 'open secret' to the court Tuesday was a 16-year-old girl, a senior in cosmetology at Merganthaler Vocational High School, who testified at a narcotics trial in Criminal Court.

Calm and quiet firm as she spoke, the blonde teenager told the court she recognized a woman informer for the narcotics squad the moment she approached a youth suspected of handling dope.

The high school senior said the informer pretended to be ill and told the youth a pusher, she "needed a fix bad."

She quoted the informer as begging the pusher to "cop her some stuff."

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THE TEEN witness frequently used such expressions as "cop" the stuff, which means get some of the dope, "oil up" which means "shoot up", and "mainline".

She told the court in answer to questions on how she knew so much, "You stand around and you hear it."

She stated she and her girl friends hang out on the corner and in near-by ice cream parlor enough to know "what's going on," but never take dope or sell it.

The presiding jurist, Judge Joseph Carter, stated, 'I've heard about it."

In a series of narcotics violation cases, heard Tuesday, several involved traffic at Greenmount and 31st under constant investigation by undercover narcotics agents.

CONVICTED of three violations on Tuesday was James Wallace Peters, known as "Pete", a cab driver who resides in the 500 block E. North Ave.

A two-year college man with no prior criminal record, 31-year-old Mr. Peters received five years in the Penitentiary on each count, to run concurrently.

Judge Carter termed it "letting him off lightly" and ordered a post sentence medical examination to see if the defendant could be worked into a prison hospital program for addicts.

He stated, "There's a long waiting list. When he'll reach the hospital for treatment, I don't know."

ACCORDING to members of the narcotics squad, "Pete" was caught "peddling for profit" May 19, May 20, May 28.

Undercover agents gave him a total of $185 advance funds and received over 85 bags of heroin passed at

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Registration closes, 782 new voters added

The books are now closed at the Supervisors of Elections for voter registration and change of address until after the Nov. 8 general election.

They were closed Monday and will be reopened Nov. 24.

During the final eight-day period of registration since the books were opened on Sept. 24, registrants did a landslide business.

They put 2,281 new voters, 782 of them colored, on the books during those eight days ending Monday evening.

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THE FINAL day Monday saw the registration of 1,080 new voters, 466 of them colored.

In the seven-day period preceding this, 1,201 new voters, 316 of them colored, were registered.

There were 140,019 colored and 268,628 white registered voters on the books prior to the primary.

If the new registrations stand, there will be 140,801 colored and 270,127 white citizens eligible to vote in the city's general election.

Teen drinking

The State Department of Mental Hygiene announces that a folder on teen - age drinking is available from its office on request.

The folder, "Open Letter to a Teenager," was published by the Department to support the manual on alcohol education currently in production by the State Department of Education for use in grades 7 through 10.

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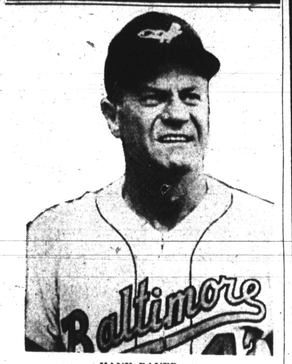


HANK BAUER

The boss of the Birds

Born in East St. Louis, Illinois, Hank Bauer, now lives in Prairie Village, Kansas . . . He is winding up 4th year with Orioles, third as manager.

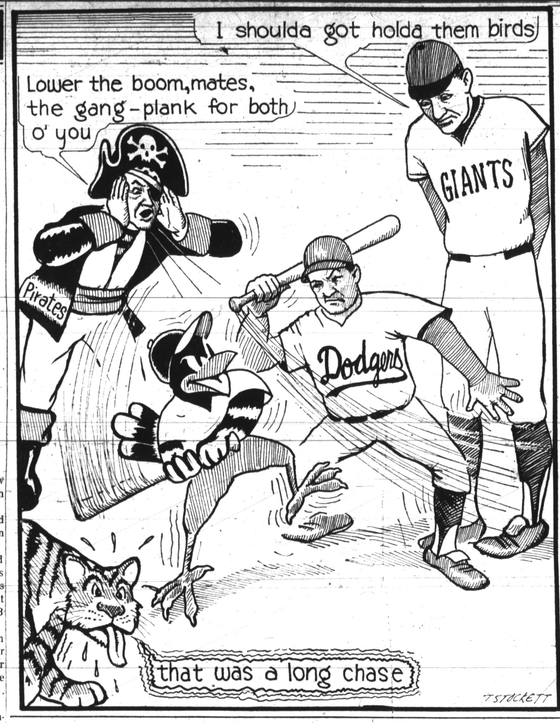
Chosen by both the Associated Press and United Press as American League's "Manager of the Year" in 1964.

Spent more than 13 years in the A.L. . . . Appeared in nine World Series over 11 full seasons with Yankees . . Played 53 series games . . Still holds Series records for hitting safely in 17 consecutive games . . . Hit four homers in 1958 Series with eight rbi and a .323 average.

Played in three All-Star games . . . Went to A's with Don Larsen, Marv Throneberry and Norm Siebern for Kent Hadley, Joe Demaestri and Roger Maris December 11, 1959 . . . Appointed K. C. manager, replacing Joe Gordon, June 19, 1961 . . Resigned after 1962 season . . Was Orioles' third base coach in 1962.

Served four years in U.S. Marines, and saw considerable combat action in the Pacific during World War II . . . Won two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star . . . Youngest of nine children . . .

Married Charlene Friede in 1949 . . . She was secretary to Kansas City Blues (Amer. Assoc.) General Manager Lee MacPhail when Hank played for that club . . . Bauers have three boys and a girl: Hank, Jr. (119/50), Bernadine (8/5/54), Herman (7/12/56), and Kelly James (2/16/58).



Only second time in 15 years no tan pitchers

This 1966 World Series takes an unusual twist for colored fans, because while several tan players are eligible to participate, there isn't a single pitcher in the group.

It makes only the second time in the last 15 years that the rosters of the competing clubs are devoid of colored hurlers. Neither the Orioles nor the Dodgers has one.

IN THE last two Series, it will be recalled, colored pitchers were standouts.

Jim (Mudcat) Grant was credited with two of the Minnesota Twins' three victories against the Dodgers in 1965. And the previous year, Bob Gibson of the St. Louis Cardinals, twice beat the New York Yankees.

Gibson, incidentally, received the sports car that is awarded annually to the outstanding player of the Series.

JUAN MARICHAL of the Giants, Al Downing and Marshall Bridges of the Yankees, Juan Pizarro and Humberto Robinson of the Braves, Don Newcombe, Joe Black, Dan Bankhead of the Dodgers, and Ruben Gomez of the Giants, are among those who have seen Series service since the 1951 affair which saw no tan flingers with either the Yankees or the then New York Giants.

Every October Classic since '51 has had at least one colored pitcher except

AFRO SOUVENIR

WALT ALSTON

Director of the Dodgers

Walt Alston was born Dec. 1, 1911, in Butler County, Ohio . . . By winning his National League pennant in the last eleven years, Walt stepped right up among the top managers in the circuit.

John McGraw won ten pennants in twenty-eight years. Frank Chance won 4 in seven years with the Cubs, Bill Terry four in nine years with the Giants and Bill McKechnie won four pennants over a 22-year career with the Braves, Pirates, Cards and Reds.

Alston's World Series record, four out of five, is, of course, the best N.L. mark. Twice under Alston the Dodgers lost the first two games in the October Classic and yet came on to win in seven games (1955 and 1956).

The only time his Dodgers were beaten in World Series play (1956) it was the other way around. The Dodgers won the first two and then were beaten in seven.

His other World Series wins were in 1959 (in six games over the Chisox) and 1963, the historic four-game sweep of the Yankees.

Alston, a minor league first baseman from 1935 to 1947 and a manager, beginning 1940, moved up to the Dodgers in 1954 from Montreal. He ends into his thirteenth campaign in 1966 and no currently active pilot has been with the same club that long.

the Dodger - White Sox meeting of 1959.

IN COMPETITION, though, the record is a mere 6-10 for Grant - Gibson and Company.

Aside from the 4 victories chalked up by Jim and Bob, only Joe Black in 1952, and Gomez in 1954, scored Series wins.

Newcombe's 0-4 Series mark is followed by Black's and Downing's 0-2. Gibson lost one in 1964, Grant one in '65 — LACY.

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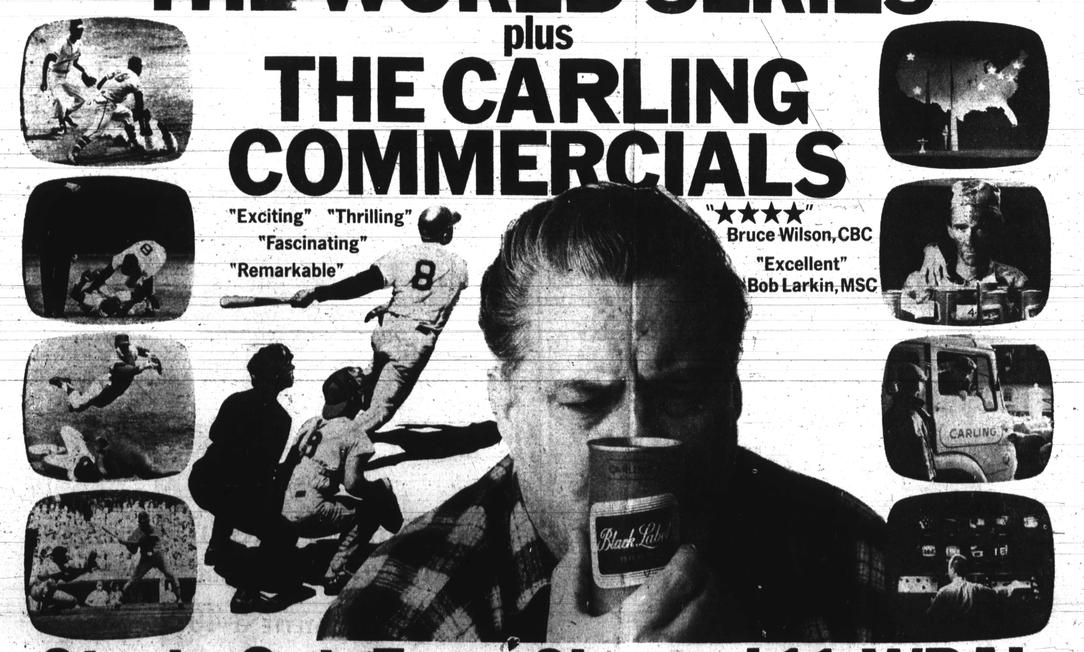

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