

FORD CONTINUED HIS CHARGES AFTER FACTS WERE MADE KNOWN TO HIM, SAPIRO SAYS

Committee Explained Farm Cooperatives' Work to Ford, But Accusations Persisted, Gallagher States; Lawyers' Conference Said to Have Agreed to Cut Evidence Short; Six Men and Six Women Constitute Jury; Two Jews Eliminated as Talesmen by Senator Reed's Objection; Former Klansman Barred on Challenge of Sapiro Counsel

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Detroit, Mar. 16.—The fact that a committee representing Aaron Sapiro, plaintiff in the Sapiro-Ford \$1,000,000 libel suit, explained to Henry Ford and his associates the exact activities and purposes of the cooperative farm marketing organizations at the time the alleged libelous articles in regard to them were appearing the "Dearborn Independent", was brought out in the District Court here today by William Henry Gallagher, counsel for Sapiro.

Mr. Gallagher said in his opening plea before Judge Raymond, who is trying the case, that when Sapiro's committee called on Ford he referred them to F. D. Black, business manager of Ford's organ, the "Dearborn Independent". The latter heard what they had to say and for some time the series of articles attacking Sapiro and charging him with exploiting the farmer, were discontinued. They were resumed after a while, however, no reason being given.

A prolonged conference between Judge Fred M. Raymond, Senator James A. Reed, chief counsel for Ford, and Attorney Gallagher delayed opening of court today for more than an hour. What took place in the conference no one would say, but it was understood an agreement had been reached to cut the introduction of evidence as short as possible.

In the course of his plea, which he had not completed at noon adjournment, Gallagher declared there would be no difficulty in proving preposterous the allegations of a "Jewish conspiracy" to control America's agriculture, of domination of farmers' organizations by Sapiro or of the idea of cooperative associations originating with the Jews.

"Only one Jew is associated with Mr. Sapiro where 10,000 gentiles are cooperating with him," said the attorney, "and of the millions of dollars borrowed by the so-called Sapiro organizations not one dollar was obtained from Jewish banks."

"The idea of cooperative marketing is not Jewish; it is American, if anything. The managers of the organizations are not Jewish and are not appointed by Sapiro. True he advises and often recommends, but the board of directors does the appointing."

Mr. Gallagher exhibited pictures which had appeared in the "Independent" and read excerpts therefrom.

"Mr. Ford was not content, through his publication, in attacking co-opera-

tive marketing and the Jewish race as a whole," Gallagher said. "He went further than that. He said Mr. Sapiro was a member of an international Jewish combine to gain control of agriculture, being little more than a tool in the hands of the conspirators."

"Perhaps even worse, Sapiro was accused of spreading Communism and Bolshevism throughout the country; of entering homes and instilling the propaganda of 'Red' Russia in the minds of the children."

Mr. Gallagher said the question for the jury to consider was "was there libel against Mr. Sapiro."

"Was Mr. Sapiro injured when it was said he was a member of an international conspiracy to spread Communism; and exploit farmers."

"If it was true, then there was no libel."

Senator Reed objected here and Judge Raymond asked Mr. Gallagher to confine himself to what the plaintiff in-

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POLISH PARTIES FORWARD PLAN TO REDUCE NATIONAL MINORITIES' REPRESENTATION IN LEGISLATIVE BODIES

Ask Minorities to Endorse Plan; Jewish Deputies Reject Guarantee If Other Minorities Are to Suffer

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, Mar. 16.—The national minorities in the Republic of Poland will be asked to consent to a plan according to which the number of their representatives in the Polish legislative bodies would be reduced to a minimum.

The plan originated with the Polish Right parties and aims, through a change of the Polish election ordinance, to reduce the number of deputies in the Polish Sejm from the present 444 to 300. The draft of the ordinance also aims at such a rearrangement of the election districts that the reduction of the number of deputies of the Jewish population and other minorities would result and would assure an overwhelming majority of Polish deputies in the Eastern provinces.

In general, the ordinance strives to create such conditions that at the next election an overwhelming majority of Polish deputies would be elected.

As the situation stands today, due to the existence of many parties in

"JOSEPH GOSPEL" PROVED FORGERY, ITALIAN EDUCATION MINISTER STATES

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Rome, Mar. 16.—The "Gospel of Joseph of Jerusalem", an apocryphic book alleged to have been found recently, has proven to be a forgery, a statement issued by the Italian Ministry of Education declares. The document, consisting of 30 pages on parchment, was requisitioned by the Italian government from a Milan city official, Luigi Maccia, who claims to have obtained it in 1919 from a Jewish refugee, a resident of Jerusalem.

It was stated here that the manuscript had been offered to Henry Ford at a price of £400,000.

JEWS TO INSCRIBE LATE LATVIAN PRESIDENT IN NATIONAL FUND GOLDEN BOOK

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Riga, Mar. 16.—The affection which the Jewish population in Latvia had for the late president of the Republic, Jan Tschakste, was shown by the action of the Latvian branch of the Jewish National Fund.

The Fund proclaimed a popular subscription to inscribe the name of the late president in the Golden Book of the Fund in recognition of his friendly attitude toward Judaism and Zionism.

the Polish parliament, no political unit can form a majority consisting wholly of Polish deputies.

At the initiative of the speaker of the Sejm, Maciej Rataj, a conference of all the parties in the Polish Sejm was held yesterday to consider the possibility of reaching an understanding and securing the cooperation of the national minorities in this plan. It was stated that the Polish parties are considering making certain compromises in order to secure the endorsement of this plan by the national minorities. The correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency here learns that certain leaders of the Right parties have proposed to the Club of Jewish Deputies that in exchange for its support of the plan a guarantee would be given of a certain number of Jewish deputies through the introduction of separate Jewish voting districts (Kurien), provided the Club would pledge itself to support the plan to reduce the number of deputies of the other

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COMMERCIAL COLLEGE IN VIENNA IS REOPENED

Measures Taken Against Further Riots

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Vienna, Mar. 16.—The World Commercial College was reopened on Monday. Dean Gruntz announced on the reopening of the college that he has issued radical orders against anyone creating disturbances in the college.

He also stated that the room assigned by the college to the anti-Semitic students' organization has been withdrawn until the organization guarantees that order will be maintained.

A defense court of the democratic student body was formed to counteract any possibility of renewed rioting.

JUSTICE LOUIS D. BRANDEIS RECEIVES HABIMA PLAYERS

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)
Washington, D. C., Mar. 16.—Justice Brandeis received the Habima troupe during their visit to the Supreme Court yesterday. After being introduced to the individual members of the troupe, the Justice spoke briefly extending his best wishes for its continued success. He concluded in German, "Ich bin mit euch verbunden."

The members of the troupe, who made a tour of the city, were particularly interested in the Semitic Division of the Library of Congress where they examined Hebrew books. Dr. Israel Schapiro, Chief of the Division, conducted them through the Library. The Habima appeared here Sunday night in "The Golem".

Protestants Follow Jews and Catholics in Federation Idea

Formation of an association to do for Protestant charities the work now done by the Federation of Jewish Charities and the Catholic Charities for institutions of those faiths was announced by William H. Grattwick of Buffalo, N. Y., President of the State Board of Charities and Commissioner of Public Welfare Bird S. Coler.

MRS. REBEKAH KOHUT FIRST WOMAN JUDGE IN JEWISH COURT OF ARBITRATION

The distinction of being the first woman to act as judge in the Jewish Court of Arbitration goes to Mrs. Rebekah Kohut, Jewish social worker, communal leader and author of "My Portion."

Mrs. Kohut served at Tuesday night's session, held at the Municipal Court at 264 Madison Street. One of the cases in which she was called upon to make a decision was that of Kalman Landau against the Chevra Anshe Repean of 96 Clinton Street. The plaintiff's wife, who had been a member of the society, died in Baltimore and was therefore denied funeral expenses by the society whose constitution, it was argued, does not include funeral expenses for members dying outside of the state. The society had allowed Mr. Landau \$25, but this amount he refused to accept. The decision of Mrs. Kohut, judge Jacob Panken and Rabbi David E. Frankel was that inasmuch as the society was for the benefit of the members, and that the society was not supposed to profit by a member's dying outside of the state, the award to Landau was \$37.50.

The Jewish Court of Arbitration, which, with Tuesday's session, celebrated seven years of existence, was organized by Dr. Samuel Buchler and Louis Richman, the latter now being executive secretary of the court. The purpose of this court is to settle all Jewish cases containing some religious phase. The judges, attendants and clerical workers all serve free of charge and there is no fee to either plaintiff or defendant.

CONVENES CONFERENCE TO COMBAT WHITE SLAVERY

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Mar. 16.—Steps to combat white slavery traffic will be taken at a conference of philanthropic organizations which will be held on June 22. The conference was convoked by the London Jewish Association for the Protection of Girls and Women, which acts as the central agency of Jewish organizations in this effort. A similar conference was held in 1910.

Many American and European organizations have signified their intention to send delegates to this conference.

NEW PALESTINE CURRENCY WILL BE OUT THIS YEAR

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Mar. 16.—The new Palestine currency will be issued this year, an official announcement published here today states. The coins will bear only an olive wreath and the names of the denominations in the three official languages. Banknotes will also have pictorial decorations.

The coins will have beaded edges in imitation of the ancient currency. Barclay's bank will be the agent of the controlling currency board.

DIGEST OF PUBLIC OPINION ON JEWISH MATTERS

[The purpose of the Digest is informative. Preference is given to papers not generally accessible to our readers. Quotation does not indicate approval.—Editor.]

Reed as Ford Counsel and Presidential Aspirant

The conviction that Senator James Reed's role as chief counsel for Henry Ford will not enhance his chances as an aspiring Presidential candidate, is expressed by the "Jewish Morning Journal."

The paper, in its editorial of Mar. 15, draws an analogy between Reed's activities in connection with the recent "filibuster" in the Senate and his activity on the Ford defense. "In both cases," the paper remarks, "one cannot charge him with a direct guilt. In the Senate he was only indirectly responsible for the 'filibuster' which deprived Congress of an opportunity to do useful work in the last few days of its session. What he did had upon the surface an appearance of innocence and even of virtue. Nevertheless, it was his obstinacy that caused the 'filibuster' and the unpleasant results for which he is being blamed.

"The same is true of his role as Ford counsel. Perhaps a lawyer cannot be expected to reject a client, especially when that client is regarded as the richest man in the world. But this 'case,' just as his obstinacy in the last few days of the Congress session makes a bad impression. A man who is aspiring for the Presidency of the U. S. should have sought other business than to align himself with foolish prejudice and defend activities which are viewed by millions of Americans, besides the Jews, with contempt."

The Rosenwald Library at Luxor

The establishment of an archaeological library at Luxor, Egypt, through funds supplied by Julius Rosenwald, is the subject of comment in the New York "Sun" of March 15. The paper says:

"American experts established themselves permanently today amid the ruins of Thebes, when Professor James Breasted opened the new archaeological library at Luxor, which was built with money supplied by Julius Rosenwald of Chicago and furnished with its first books and endowed by the General Educational Board of New York.

"Those who talk about the 'materialism of America' can find little to justify their theory by contemplating what has been done in making the waste lands healthful or in compensating a dead yet ever living civilization to give up its secrets."

PALESTINE MACCABEES DEFEAT ARMY FOOTBALL

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Mar. 16.—The champion football team of the Palestine army was defeated by the Maccabees' Jewish sport club. The score was 4 to 1.

Lord Plumer, the High Commissioner, was present at the match.

JOHNSON ANNOUNCES NEW RESTRICTION PLAN FOR NEXT CONGRESS SESSION

Would Cut Immigration Quotas in Half; Makes Vehement Attack on Immigrant Population in Statement Published in Congressional Record

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Washington, D. C., Mar. 16.—Making sensational charges against the immigrant population, Chairman Johnson of the House Immigration Committee revealed another change of heart toward the immigration problem by announcing that he will ask the next session of Congress, convening in December, to reduce immigration from the present approximate total of 160,000 to 75,000 or about one-half. The bill he will propose will limit the maximum quota for any country after July 1, 1928 to 25,000. This reduction to one-half will be effected by a plan whereby the quotas shall be reduced ten per cent per year from July 1, 1928, until July 1, 1933, when the basis of computation would be changed to one per cent of the 1890 census. He will provide for the admitting of a limited number of relatives, however, by giving the benefit of the ten per cent annual reduction to certain relatives for the first two years after the bill goes into effect.

Chairman Johnson also declared he will support voluntary registration of aliens and the revival at the next Congress of the Holiday Deportation Bill.

Chairman Johnson disclosed these intentions in a statement printed in the Congressional Record of March 14.

"We shall revive the deportation bill in the next Congress. I believe the gentleman from Illinois, (Representative Holiday (Rep.) of Danville, Ill.) is right in his belief that a national form of voluntary alien registration can be effected. Such a form of registration is necessary as the first step toward giving some recognition of legal domicile to the large number of well-meaning aliens who are unable to prove legal entry into the United States and who are not subject to deportation because of the time limitations of the law," Johnson stated.

"We could not deport these people if we would; and I have heard of nobody who wants to deport them; but as we deal with those who have entered surreptitiously since the restrictive immigration act of 1924, it will become more necessary to give some form of card to those others in the great alien mass here whom we hope to take into citizenship some day; but when we go into that process of giving citizenship to these I think we should extend the time which now exists between the holding of first papers and the right to final citizenship," he said.

Explaining the reason for his present drastic attitude, Johnson expressed great indignation with respect to "certain churches of various denominations working through an organization which professes its interest in the immigrant for relief of relatives." Johnson does not indicate to what organization he has reference but states that questionnaires have been sent out by this organization with instructions to

get details of distressing cases and when completed these will be sent to various members of Congress. Already six hundred have been prepared in Pittsburgh, he said. Congressman Johnson does not explain the reason for his indignation, particularly since he professed to support partial relief of relatives at the last session of Congress. Charging that aliens cause American life to deteriorate, Johnson stated:

"They came faster and faster, more than amillion a year, for a long stretch of time, conditions in the United States began to change. Our traditions began to change; our customs began to change, hardly noticeable at first, until suddenly we awakened to find about everything changed. Our literature is changing. Who would have thought twenty-five years ago that in this year 1927 book publishers with strange sounding names would turn out books too filthy for even the most decadent European country?"

"The drama in the United States has changed until a great part of it is nude, cheap, and vulgar. Methods in our public schools have changed. The grade schools and even the high schools have had to slow down so as not to get too far ahead of the children who have come out of the melting-pot mixture—not to say that there are not many bright and intelligent children among these, even geniuses—but the average is down. Even the sature of our people is changing in larger cities.

"The character of our newspapers is changed. Too few newspapers now attempt to lead when 25 years ago they did lead an intelligent, constructive public. The tabloid newspaper, with its trash, its vulgarity, and its obscenity, is making it harder and harder for the substantial, clean newspaper to reach the everyday mass of our population. I refer to the newspapers printed in English. In several of the large cities the circulation of the foreign-language newspapers exceed that of the English newspapers. Cleveland, Ohio, finds itself with but one morning English daily. I have forgotten just how many foreign language morning dailies there are in that city, but there are several.

"I attribute nearly all of these changes to the forces of the newly arrived people of the last quarter of a century, not charging it against any one kind of foreign people, mind you.

"I am sure the thinking public senses all of this, and I am satisfied that the feeling in the House of Representatives today is for more and more restriction of immigration. I do not believe it is possible to stop or check the movement for greater restriction than we now have. Interested organizations may cry out for more and cheaper labor; farmers may cry for imported serflike farm hands; women may think that they need

FEDERATION TO BE MADE BENEFICIARY OF \$1,000,000 JOINT INSURANCE POLICY

A joint insurance policy for \$1,000,000 with the Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies as the beneficiary will be taken by a group of members of the Real Estate Club of the Federation, it was announced Tuesday night by G. Richards Davis, president of the club, at a testimonial beefsteak dinner to Nathan Wilson, associate president, at the Hotel Biltmore.

Seven hundred of the city's leading real estate operators and men prominent in other fields, among them Mayor Walker, Borough President Julius Miller, Commissioner of Plant and Structures Albert Goldman, Frederick Brown, Sol M. Stroock, president of the Federation and Solomon Lowenstein, executive director of the Federation, were among those who attended. Benjamin Winter, who was chairman of the committee on arrangements, presided.

ACTIONS COMMITTEE TO MEET IN EUROPE IN MAY

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Mar. 16.—The forthcoming meeting of the General Council, the Actions Committee of the Zionist Organization, will be held in May, it was announced here.

The session will take place in a Central European city and not in Palestine as was originally planned.

servants from abroad; but all intelligent citizens, when they analyze the situation, will see that so many such arrivals must bring down the standards.

"I have been able to observe that a very large proportion of our people, perhaps not more than two generations away from the old countries, want restriction. They know why. They do not want this country to go the way the older countries have gone. They do not want us to break up and divide into peoples speaking varying languages and hating each other—a veritable Babel.

"Nobody expects much heavy, constructive legislation in a short session of Congress, but I think I can see that the complexion of the next House as well as the next Senate will be highly restrictionist; and I am safe in laying out a program that will likely include, among other things, quotas or restriction of the countries of this hemisphere; less immigration; more examinations overseas; less need for Ellis Island; more selection; and, above all, more care in the making of citizens, and a form of registration by which every citizen and every alien and every alien seaman may have something to show his right to be in the United States of America."

It was disclosed today that Johnson introduced his new bill during the last day of the Congress session just closed in order that members may have an opportunity of studying it during the recess.

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tends to prove. The judge explained to the jury attacks may be made on races, religions and classes without fear of libel, but it was when individuals were singled out that the attackers were open to punishment.

"The first article alleged to be libelous was published April 5, 1924," said Mr. Gallagher, and was entitled "Monopoly Traps Operated Under Guise."

He read parts of this article in which Sapiro was singled out as one of "a band of Jews" which, the article stated, is "on the back of the American farmer."

"Jewish bankers always stand ready to make the 'loans' to the needy farmers, the article says," Gallagher declared.

"Making these 'loans' to farmers, the articles claimed, enabled the 'ring' to gain control of large amounts of land when farmers found it impossible to lift the debt," Gallagher continued.

He showed to the jury pictures which he termed damaging to Sapiro that appeared in the "Dearborn Independent". He thumbed through the pages, reading captions and headlines.

"Mr. Sapiro is legal adviser of sixty-four cooperative organizations and knows nothing of the problem of the farmer," one article asserts," said Mr. Gallagher. "We will show he is one of the ablest farm advisers in the country."

"The statement that this man is an autocrat and dictator is absolutely false.

"Other Jews said to be interested with this alleged conspiracy—Bernard Baruch, Julius Rosenwald, Otto Kahn, Eugene Meyer and Harris Weinstock—are mentioned sarcastically as 'working for the farmer.'

"The article asked why all these men working for the benefit of agriculture are not farmers themselves. We will show they were thoroughly acquainted with the agricultural situation."

Showing the jury a picture from the "Dearborn Independent" of a field of growing celery, he read from an article which he termed "false, scandalous, malicious and defamatory," as follows:

"Every stalk of celery shown in this corner of a large field pays direct tribute to Jewish dominion [meaning the alleged conspiracy] of the cooperative marketing system of the United States."

Detroit, Mich., Mar. 16.—With the elimination of J. B. Garrison of Jackson, Mich., a postal clerk, from the jury in the \$1,000,000 libel suit of Aaron Sapiro against Henry Ford and the elimination of Isaac Greenberg and Louis H. Caplan because they are Jews, the jury as constituted consists of six men and six women. The twelve who are to decide the case are:

Mrs. Emma S. Clarkson, Presbyterian, housewife, the wife of a retired banker of Ann Arbor; Charles A. Parkhurst, Presbyterian, dry goods merchant of Detroit; Mrs. Grace A. Jewell, Baptist, corsetiere of Detroit;

JEWISH COMMUNAL ACTIVITIES

The "Million Dollar Treasure Hunt" of the Brooklyn Federation of Jewish Charities was launched Tuesday with Morimer Schiff's \$100 reading the list of pledges. Other pledges totaling more than \$75,000 were reported.

The drive began at 8:30 o'clock with a breakfast at the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, at which Borough President Edward J. Byrne of Brooklyn made the opening address. Supreme Court Justice Mitchell May presided. Among the contributors were: H. H. Lehman and Ralph S. Ochs, \$6,000 each; Max Blumberg, \$5,000; B. M. Maltz, \$4,000; Samuel Rothenberg, \$3,750; Moses Ginsberg, \$2,250; Jesse Baar, Julius Kayser, Dr. Joseph Krimch, Kanaseh Miller, Alfred Norek, David Schwartz, \$1,500 each.

The new Temple Beth-El in Birmingham, Ala., was dedicated Sunday. Rabbi Solomon Katz presided at the services. The dedication address was delivered by Rabbi Raphael Gold of Temple Beth Israel, New Orleans.

Dr. Pizitz is president of the congregation. The temple was erected at a cost of \$150,000. The architecture is of Romanesque design, built in buff brick, trimmed with polychrome terra-cotta. The structure is about 1,000 and contains besides the auditorium the Rabbi's Study, library, directors' room, social rooms, class rooms, kitchen and offices.

BREVITIES

Max Salomon, New York Assistant District Attorney for five years and before that an Assistant Corporation Counsel, was appointed a Justice of Special Sessions by Mayor Walker. He succeeds the late Justice Moses Herrman.

He served as an assistant corporation counsel attached to the tax division for several years, and in 1922 he became Assistant District Attorney in charge of commercial frauds. His term as Justice will expire July 1, 1931.

Eight Jewish students are among the fifteen at the College of Arts and Science of New York University elected to the Phi Beta Kappa, honorary scholastic society.

Of the fifty-two of the Engineering College included in the honor roll there are nine Jewish students.

Miss Anna M. Konen, Catholic, housekeeper, Detroit; Herbert Schoenhals, Congregationalist, hardware salesman, Chelsea; Carl P. Haag, Catholic, druggist of Detroit; Mrs. Anna C. Brown, housewife, Farmington (her religion was not developed during the examination); Amor M. Duart, accountant with Christian Science "leanings"; Detroit; Charles J. Daly, ex-Catholic, farmer, of Waterloo; Ernest Schwein, German Lutheran, cafe employee of Farmington; Mrs. Cora M. Hoffman, Catholic, housewife of Detroit; Mrs. Grace L. Stiles, Universalist, of Detroit.

Unseen except by his own lawyers, Ford came to the Federal Court yesterday. He agreed to testify as a witness called by his opponents whenever he was wanted. It is expected that he will be called on Monday. An hour before Mr. Ford visited the court building Senator Reed had said he did not know Mr. Ford's intentions. The attorneys for Sapiro threatened to start contempt proceedings against Ford unless he appeared today in obedience to a subpoena which, they contended, was served on him last August.

Mr. Ford's visit was recorded entirely on hearsay. C. D. Longley, general counsel for the Ford interests, told Mr. Gallagher, Sapiro's counsel, after Ford had left the court building. He remained away from the courtroom on the third floor of the Postoffice Building.

PLAN TO REDUCE NATIONAL MINORITIES REPRESENTATION IN POLISH PARLIAMENT

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minorities. It is understood that the Club of Jewish Deputies definitely rejected this proposal.

A similar plan affecting the composition of the city and village councils is being advocated by the Polish parties. At yesterday's meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Sejm, the plan concerning the city and village councils was considered. Deputy Insider of the Club of Jewish Deputies, read, in behalf of all the national minorities, a protest against the agreement concluded by all the Polish parties, including the Socialists, according to which the parties are pledged to take such action during the elections to the city and village councils as would secure a Polish majority in these councils.

Following this, the representatives of the national minorities left the meeting of the Committee as a demonstration. It was stated on good authority that the agreement concluded among the Polish parties aims at preventing the possibility of a majority of Jewish councillors in any town in Poland and of a majority of the Slavic minorities in the village councils of the eastern provinces.

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