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JERUSALEM, Oct. 9 (JTA)--Shmuel Weissenstern, one of two yeshiva students serving prison terms for fire-bombing the Eros shop in Tel Aviv last July, was furloughed from prison for the weekend so that he could join in the celebration of his brother's bar mitzvah. The youth went to the Western Wall to pray after his release Friday and was cheered by hundreds of other yeshiva students who carried him on their shoulders.

Weissenstern and Yisrael Brand of Haifa, both 19, were convicted of setting fire to the shop that sells erotica and were sentenced to one year and 18 months respectively. Their imprisonment without bail prior to sentencing and the sentences which were pronounced by a Tel Aviv judge last Monday sparked a series of street disturbances by Orthodox elements in Jerusalem and other towns.

#### ALBANIAN CHESS TEAM TO PLAY ISRAELIS

TEL AVIV, Oct. 9 (JTA)--In a reversal apparently made under pressure from other competitors, the Albanian chess team has announced that it will play the Israeli team at the international championship tournament currently in progress in Skopje, Yugoslavia, it was reported here today. The game is scheduled to be played next Friday after completion of all other tournament matches. The Albanians refused to play the Israelis last week, forfeiting the match which gave Israel four points by default.

### MAPAM YOUTH THREATEN STREET ACTION AGAINST JDL

TEL AVIV, Oct. 9 (JTA)--Mapam youth circles threatened today to confront Jewish Defense League members "in the streets" if the JDL carries out its threat to engage in street warfare to back its programs. The Mapam youth, at the same time, called on the government to take all necessary measures "to crush the symptoms of fascism in Israel which have emerged with the activities of Rabbi Kahane's JDL."

The Mapam youth asserted today that the war against Arab terrorism must be carried out by the Israeli government through its security arms. "A democratic country cannot tolerate the activities of an organization or individuals who try to take the law into their own hands," they said, and warned the JDL leaders that if they carry out their threat to wage "battles in the streets" they will find Mapam youth waiting. The JDL allegedly has threatened street warfare if the government continues what they claim is a program to persecute them.

Rabbi Meir Kahane, leader of the JDL, was released on \$10,000 bail Friday and ordered not to leave the country as police continued to investigate the JDL's attempts to smuggle arms abroad for a counter-terrorist war against Arabs. No charges have been filed against Kahane who was arrested a week ago and held in Rishon LeZion jail until a Tel Aviv judge set bail. Kahane emerged from jail yesterday unshaven but smiling and told reporters that he would appeal the ban to travel abroad which he claimed was political. He continued to advocate a counter-terrorist war against Arabs abroad.

Also released on \$5,000 bail each, were Yosef Schneider, secretary of the JDL in Jerusalem, and Shlomo Tidhar, a member of the Betar group. The passports of both were confiscated and Tidhar was ordered to report to the police daily. Police yesterday arrested another suspect in the arms smuggling operation. He is Vladimir Silberstein, 24, a recent emigre from the Soviet Union who is studying at the Hebrew University.

### ZIONIST LEADERS URGE PROGRAM TO COMBAT ASSIMILATION AMONG YOUTH

ZURICH, Oct. 9 (JTA)--Zionist leaders from 13 countries attending a conference of the European branch of the World Confederation of General Zionists, were urged by two top leaders of the Confederation to promptly launch a broad program of Jewish education in the diaspora to combat the increasing tempo of assimilation.

Ezra Shapiro, president of the World Confederation of General Zionists and head of the World Keren Hayesod, said "In every community there must be a strengthening of the forces and processes of Jewish education in order to insure the transmission of Jewish values, knowledge and solidarity with the State of Israel, unto our youth," and to encourage aliya "to the fullest extent possible."

Kalman Sultanik, executive vice-president of the Confederation and member of the World Zionist Executive, urged the Zionist movement to launch a "broad and ambitious program of education in the Western world to stem the ever rising tide of assimilation." He said that "in the face of the deepening generation gap and the continued process of alienation of Jewish youth from our heritage," the Zionist movement should "proceed forthwith to deal with the epidemic of assimilation which is decimating our current generation."

To that end Sultanik proposed the immediate establishment by the World Zionist organization of an

all-embracing commission with the "power and authority as well as the budget to implement without any further delay the broad programs of Jewish education, the promotion of Hebrew and teaching of Jewish history which have been adopted at the last two World Zionist Congresses.

### DAIA WARNS COMMUNITY NOT TO PANIC BY RUMORS OF TERRORIST PLANS FOR KIDNAPPINGS, POGROMS

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 9 (JTA)--The DAIA warned today that certain quarters were trying to sow alarm, panic and confusion in the Jewish community by spreading rumors that terrorists were planning mass kidnappings of Jewish children and a "pogrom" this month. The DAIA, the central representative body of Argentine Jewry, identified the "Israelite Association" as the group which reportedly publicized these rumors at a recent press conference. The Association was described by the DAIA as an extreme left-wing group which, while professing concern for Jewish safety, spreads Arab propaganda.

The DAIA said that rumors and telephone threats against Jews have in fact multiplied recently and said the authorities have been alerted. But the DAIA warned the Jewish leadership and institutions not to let themselves be misled by rumors and threats which are a tactic of provocation and hate mongering.

The rumors, which have been circulating anonymously for the past two weeks, claim that 200 Jewish children will be kidnapped in Buenos Aires during Oct. by an extremist Arab organization, and that a "pogrom" will be unleashed on Jews in the capital. According to DAIA, some Jewish pupils have been warned of "pogrom day" which was due today by their school-mates.

### NO JUSTIFICATION FOR CAPITAL PUNISHMENT FOR TERRORISTS

TEL AVIV, Oct. 9 (JTA)--A group of experts who have studied proposals for the re-introduction of capital punishment for Arab terrorists has concluded that there is no justification for such a move either in Israel proper or the administered territories. The recommendation of the group was disclosed last night by Justice Minister Yacov Shimshon Shapiro in an address to the Tel Aviv Bar Association.

Shapiro said it was the opinion of the experts that no executions of terrorists should be carried out and that they believe this policy has saved the lives of many Israeli soldiers captured by the enemy. In recent weeks two terrorists have been sentenced to death by military tribunals. The Justice Minister said that he personally was against the re-introduction of capital punishment.

The group of experts was set up to study the matter as a result of demands from some quarters for the reinstitution of capital punishment for terrorists as a deterrent to such crimes as the Lod Airport massacre of last May 30 and aerial hijacking.

An official of the Ministry of Tourism reported today in Jerusalem that tourism during September was 8% higher than in the same month last year despite terrorist outrages last month. Hanoach Givon, director general of the Ministry, said there were 55,200 visitors last month and that there were 576,500 tourists in Israel during the first nine months of this year compared to 505,700 during the same period in 1971.

# PRIVATE SECTOR URGED TO HELP EFFORTS BY GOVERNMENT TO COMBAT HIJACKINGS

NEW YORK, Oct. 9 (JTA)--An official of the American Jewish Congress called on private industry, trade unions and professional groups to supplement governmental efforts to combat aerial hijacking and other forms of international terrorism by parallel actions of their own. In making the proposal, Howard M. Squadron, chairman of the AJCongress' National Governing Council warned that the problem could not be solved "by conventional inter-governmental structures alone."

Squadron made his remarks at the first meeting yesterday of the 150-member governing body of the AJCongress which was elected last May. He praised US government action to stop terrorism but declared: "Considerations of politics and protocol make it highly unlikely that the United Nations or any of its agencies or other broad inter-governmental organizations will be able to take effective collective action."

Squadron said that "if practical and concrete controls of terrorism are to be put into effect they will have to be devised and carried out in large part by the private sector of each country where these (terrorist) operations now menace public safety, including the US and most of Western Europe."

## Specific Steps Outlined

Specifically, Squadron called for the "immediate consideration of parallel action by private groups" including "withdrawal by the business community of investment in and refusal to do business with" countries that aid or harbor terrorists. He also suggested the "refusal by unions involved in international shipping and international mail to handle deliveries to and from such countries" and "refusal by professional groups to accept assignments in or work on projects for countries that give a green light to international murderers."

Squadron said the AJCongress welcomed the emphasis on countering terrorism by the US Congress and applauded Secretary of State William P. Rogers for "placing this issue squarely before the UN." He said he thought this was "a salutary and important effort to ensure that this problem receives the attention it deserves."

# SENATE POSTPONES INDEFINITELY VOTE ON RATIFICATION OF GENOCIDE CONVENTION

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9 (JTA)--The Senate has again postponed indefinitely a vote on ratification of the genocide convention which has been pending ever since the United Nations adopted it in the aftermath of the Nazi holocaust 25 years ago. The convention was approved by the Foreign Relations Committee a year ago. With the Senate scheduled to adjourn at the end of this week, the prospects for a vote were killed Thursday when Majority Leader Mike Mansfield (D. Mont.) proposed a four-hour limit to debate on the measure. Sen. Sam J. Irvin (D. N.C.) objected to the limitation and the vote was postponed.

Two leading proponents of ratification, Sens. Jacob K. Javits (R. NY), and William Proxmire (D. Wisc.), expressed disappointment. Mansfield promised to try to get the item on the calendar early in the new Congress which meets next Jan. Proxmire, who has been campaigning for ratification for the past six years, said that he would continue his fight for the genocide convention.

## ADL CRITICAL OF CHRISTMAS STAMPS

NEW YORK, Oct. 9 (JTA)--The Anti-Defamation League has again decided to withhold its stamp

of approval from the Postal Service's annual Christmas offering. Paul Hartman, director of the ADL's Law Department, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the Postal Service has in recent years been sidestepping the church-vs.-State problem through the "gimmick" of reproducing "art objects" instead of outright religious symbols on its Christmas stamps.

There are two such issues this year, to go on sale Nov. 10. One depicts Santa Claus under the words "'Twas the Night Before Christmas"; the other shows a detail of a painting and the words "Christmas" and "Master of St. Lucy Legend/National Gallery of Art." Both are 8-cent stamps that will be sold "only to persons who specifically request them," according to the Postal Service, which adds that if this policy results in light sales they "may be placed on general sale, withholding other 8-cent denomination sheet postage unless specifically requested."

The ADL and other Jewish organizations have complained to the Postmaster General in the past about the issuance of stamps with religious themes, Hartman said, but have "never been successful" because of the "art object gimmick." Hartman said the Jewish groups were again "considering" this year what action, if any, to take.

## NEWS BRIEFS

WASHINGTON (JTA)--The Washington Board of Rabbis, representing many of the Reform, Conservative and Orthodox rabbis in this area, have appealed to their congregants to boycott non-union iceberg lettuce in support of the organizing drive of the United Farm Workers Union. In a statement circulated to their congregations, the board urged support of the boycott until "the growers meet their workers and sign fair contracts." The union, under the leadership of Cesar Chavez, has charged that the large lettuce farm owners have refused to sign contracts with the migrant laborers. Other Jewish and Catholic organizations have similarly urged boycotts.

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JERUSALEM (JTA)--The Interior Ministry announced Monday new rules barring entry to Israel of persons deemed to be undesirable. The rules apply to Jews and non-Jews whom the Ministry believes may endanger state security, offend public sensibilities, violate the law or require financial support by public bodies.

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TEL AVIV (JTA)--Samuel L. Haber, executive vice chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, said that the JDC will require over \$26 million to assist more than 330,000 Jews in 25 countries next year. Haber addressed 300 members of a United Jewish Appeal study mission who visited JDC institutions in central Israel.

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JERUSALEM (JTA)--The Health Ministry instructed local authorities to be on the alert Monday following news of an outbreak of cholera in Syria. According to reports from Damascus, 52 cases were reported in the eastern region of the country and a mass inoculation campaign has been launched by the Syrian government. The Health Ministry said it had received no official information from the World Health Organization about the outbreak in Syria.

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Shlonsky said Abrassimov knew of the poet's translations of Russian classics into Hebrew. It was agreed before the conversation began, Shlonsky said, that political questions would not be raised. Shlonsky, who came to Palestine in 1912 at the age of 12, published his first Hebrew poems in 1919. Since then he has published many collections of his poems and has translated works of Gorki, Trotsky, Gogol, Hugo, Ansky, Brecht and others.

#### WEEKEND FURLOUGH FOR YESHIVA STUDENT JAILED FOR FIRE-BOMBING INCIDENT

JERUSALEM, Oct. 9 (JTA)--Shmuel Weissenstern, one of two yeshiva students serving prison terms for fire-bombing the Eros shop in Tel Aviv last July, was furloughed from prison for the weekend so that he could join in the celebration of his brother's bar mitzvah. The youth went to the Western Wall to pray after his release Friday and was cheered by hundreds of other yeshiva students who carried him on their shoulders.

Weissenstern and Yisrael Brand of Haifa, both 19, were convicted of setting fire to the shop that sells erotica and were sentenced to one year and 18 months respectively. Their imprisonment without bail prior to sentencing and the sentences which were pronounced by a Tel Aviv judge last Monday sparked a series of street disturbances by Orthodox elements in Jerusalem and other towns.

#### ALBANIAN CHESS TEAM TO PLAY ISRAELIS

TEL AVIV, Oct. 9 (JTA)--In a reversal apparently made under pressure from other competitors, the Albanian chess team has announced that it will play the Israeli team at the international championship tournament currently in progress in Skopje, Yugoslavia, it was reported here today. The game is scheduled to be played next Friday after completion of all other tournament matches. The Albanians refused to play the Israelis last week, forfeiting the match which gave Israel four points by default.

### MAPAM YOUTH THREATEN STREET ACTION AGAINST JDL

TEL AVIV, Oct. 9 (JTA)--Mapam youth circles threatened today to confront Jewish Defense League members "in the streets" if the JDL carries out its threat to engage in street warfare to back its programs. The Mapam youth, at the same time, called on the government to take all necessary measures "to crush the symptoms of fascism in Israel which have emerged with the activities of Rabbi Kahane's JDL."

The Mapam youth asserted today that the war against Arab terrorism must be carried out by the Israeli government through its security arms. "A democratic country cannot tolerate the activities of an organization or individuals who try to take the law into their own hands," they said, and warned the JDL leaders that if they carry out their threat to wage "battles in the streets" they will find Mapam youth waiting. The JDL allegedly has threatened street warfare if the government continues what they claim is a program to persecute them.

Rabbi Meir Kahane, leader of the JDL, was released on \$10,000 bail Friday and ordered not to leave the country as police continued to investigate the JDL's attempts to smuggle arms abroad for a counter-terrorist war against Arabs. No charges have been filed against Kahane who was arrested a week ago and held in Rishon LeZion jail until a Tel Aviv judge set bail. Kahane emerged from jail yesterday unshaven but smiling and told reporters that he would appeal the ban to travel abroad which he claimed was political. He continued to advocate a counter-terrorist war against Arabs abroad.

Also released on \$5,000 bail each, were Yosef Schneider, secretary of the JDL in Jerusalem, and Shlomo Tidhar, a member of the Betar group. The passports of both were confiscated and Tidhar was ordered to report to the police daily. Police yesterday arrested another suspect in the arms smuggling operation. He is Vladimir Silberstein, 24, a recent emigre from the Soviet Union who is studying at the Hebrew University.

### ZIONIST LEADERS URGE PROGRAM TO COMBAT ASSIMILATION AMONG YOUTH

ZURICH, Oct. 9 (JTA)--Zionist leaders from 13 countries attending a conference of the European branch of the World Confederation of General Zionists, were urged by two top leaders of the Confederation to promptly launch a broad program of Jewish education in the diaspora to combat the increasing tempo of assimilation.

Ezra Shapiro, president of the World Confederation of General Zionists and head of the World Keren Hayesod, said "In every community there must be a strengthening of the forces and processes of Jewish education in order to insure the transmission of Jewish values, knowledge and solidarity with the State of Israel, unto our youth," and to encourage aliya "to the fullest extent possible."

Kalman Sultanik, executive vice-president of the Confederation and member of the World Zionist Executive, urged the Zionist movement to launch a "broad and ambitious program of education in the Western world to stem the ever rising tide of assimilation." He said that "in the face of the deepening generation gap and the continued process of alienation of Jewish youth from our heritage," the Zionist movement should "proceed forthwith to deal with the epidemic of assimilation which is decimating our current generation."

To that end Sultanik proposed the immediate establishment by the World Zionist organization of an

all-embracing commission with the "power and authority as well as the budget to implement without any further delay the broad programs of Jewish education, the promotion of Hebrew and teaching of Jewish history which have been adopted at the last two World Zionist Congresses.

### DAIA WARNS COMMUNITY NOT TO PANIC BY RUMORS OF TERRORIST PLANS FOR KIDNAPPINGS, POGROMS

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 9 (JTA)--The DAIA warned today that certain quarters were trying to sow alarm, panic and confusion in the Jewish community by spreading rumors that terrorists were planning mass kidnappings of Jewish children and a "pogrom" this month. The DAIA, the central representative body of Argentine Jewry, identified the "Israelite Association" as the group which reportedly publicized these rumors at a recent press conference. The Association was described by the DAIA as an extreme left-wing group which, while professing concern for Jewish safety, spreads Arab propaganda.

The DAIA said that rumors and telephone threats against Jews have in fact multiplied recently and said the authorities have been alerted. But the DAIA warned the Jewish leadership and institutions not to let themselves be misled by rumors and threats which are a tactic of provocation and hate mongering.

The rumors, which have been circulating anonymously for the past two weeks, claim that 200 Jewish children will be kidnapped in Buenos Aires during Oct. by an extremist Arab organization, and that a "pogrom" will be unleashed on Jews in the capital. According to DAIA, some Jewish pupils have been warned of "pogrom day" which was due today by their school-mates.

### NO JUSTIFICATION FOR CAPITAL PUNISHMENT FOR TERRORISTS

TEL AVIV, Oct. 9 (JTA)--A group of experts who have studied proposals for the re-introduction of capital punishment for Arab terrorists has concluded that there is no justification for such a move either in Israel proper or the administered territories. The recommendation of the group was disclosed last night by Justice Minister Yaacov Shimshon Shapiro in an address to the Tel Aviv Bar Association.

Shapiro said it was the opinion of the experts that no executions of terrorists should be carried out and that they believe this policy has saved the lives of many Israeli soldiers captured by the enemy. In recent weeks two terrorists have been sentenced to death by military tribunals. The Justice Minister said that he personally was against the re-introduction of capital punishment.

The group of experts was set up to study the matter as a result of demands from some quarters for the reinstitution of capital punishment for terrorists as a deterrent to such crimes as the Lod Airport massacre of last May 30 and aerial hijacking.

An official of the Ministry of Tourism reported today in Jerusalem that tourism during September was 8% higher than in the same month last year despite terrorist outrages last month. Haneoch Givon, director general of the Ministry, said there were 55,200 visitors last month and that there were 576,500 tourists in Israel during the first nine months of this year compared to 505,700 during the same period in 1971.

# PRIVATE SECTOR URGED TO HELP EFFORTS BY GOVERNMENT TO COMBAT HIJACKINGS

NEW YORK, Oct. 9 (JTA)--An official of the American Jewish Congress called on private industry, trade unions and professional groups to supplement governmental efforts to combat aerial hijacking and other forms of international terrorism by parallel actions of their own. In making the proposal, Howard M. Squadron, chairman of the AJCongress' National Governing Council warned that the problem could not be solved "by conventional inter-governmental structures alone."

Squadron made his remarks at the first meeting yesterday of the 150-member governing body of the AJCongress which was elected last May. He praised US government action to stop terrorism but declared: "Considerations of politics and protocol make it highly unlikely that the United Nations or any of its agencies or other broad inter-governmental organizations will be able to take effective collective action."

Squadron said that "if practical and concrete controls of terrorism are to be put into effect they will have to be devised and carried out in large part by the private sector of each country where these (terrorist) operations now menace public safety, including the US and most of Western Europe."

## Specific Steps Outlined

Specifically, Squadron called for the "immediate consideration of parallel action by private groups" including "withdrawal by the business community of investment in and refusal to do business with" countries that aid or harbor terrorists. He also suggested the "refusal by unions involved in international shipping and international mail to handle deliveries to and from such countries" and "refusal by professional groups to accept assignments in or work on projects for countries that give a green light to international murderers."

Squadron said the AJCongress welcomed the emphasis on countering terrorism by the US Congress and applauded Secretary of State William P. Rogers for "placing this issue squarely before the UN." He said he thought this was "a salutary and important effort to ensure that this problem receives the attention it deserves."

# SENATE POSTPONES INDEFINITELY VOTE ON RATIFICATION OF GENOCIDE CONVENTION

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9 (JTA)--The Senate has again postponed indefinitely a vote on ratification of the genocide convention which has been pending ever since the United Nations adopted it in the aftermath of the Nazi holocaust 25 years ago. The convention was approved by the Foreign Relations Committee a year ago. With the Senate scheduled to adjourn at the end of this week, the prospects for a vote were killed Thursday when Majority Leader Mike Mansfield (D. Mont.) proposed a four-hour limit to debate on the measure. Sen. Sam J. Irvin (D. N.C.) objected to the limitation and the vote was postponed.

Two leading proponents of ratification, Sens. Jacob K. Javits (R. NY), and William Proxmire (D. Wisc.), expressed disappointment. Mansfield promised to try to get the item on the calendar early in the new Congress which meets next Jan. Proxmire, who has been campaigning for ratification for the past six years, said that he would continue his fight for the genocide convention.

## ADL CRITICAL OF CHRISTMAS STAMPS

NEW YORK, Oct. 9 (JTA)--The Anti-Defamation League has again decided to withhold its stamp

of approval from the Postal Service's annual Christmas offering. Paul Hartman, director of the ADL's Law Department, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the Postal Service has in recent years been sidestepping the church-vs.-State problem through the "gimmick" of reproducing "art objects" instead of outright religious symbols on its Christmas stamps.

There are two such issues this year, to go on sale Nov. 10. One depicts Santa Claus under the words "'Twas the Night Before Christmas"; the other shows a detail of a painting and the words "Christmas" and "Master of St. Lucy Legend/National Gallery of Art." Both are 8-cent stamps that will be sold "only to persons who specifically request them," according to the Postal Service, which adds that if this policy results in light sales they "may be placed on general sale, withholding other 8-cent denomination sheet postage unless specifically requested."

The ADL and other Jewish organizations have complained to the Postmaster General in the past about the issuance of stamps with religious themes, Hartman said, but have "never been successful" because of the "art object gimmick." Hartman said the Jewish groups were again "considering" this year what action, if any, to take.

## NEWS BRIEFS

WASHINGTON (JTA)--The Washington Board of Rabbis, representing many of the Reform, Conservative and Orthodox rabbis in this area, have appealed to their congregants to boycott non-union iceberg lettuce in support of the organizing drive of the United Farm Workers Union. In a statement circulated to their congregations, the board urged support of the boycott until "the growers meet their workers and sign fair contracts." The union, under the leadership of Cesar Chavez, has charged that the large lettuce farm owners have refused to sign contracts with the migrant laborers. Other Jewish and Catholic organizations have similarly urged boycotts.

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JERUSALEM (JTA)--The Interior Ministry announced Monday new rules barring entry to Israel of persons deemed to be undesirable. The rules apply to Jews and non-Jews whom the Ministry believes may endanger state security, offend public sensibilities, violate the law or require financial support by public bodies.

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TEL AVIV (JTA)--Samuel L. Haber, executive vice chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, said that the JDC will require over \$26 million to assist more than 330,000 Jews in 25 countries next year. Haber addressed 300 members of a United Jewish Appeal study mission who visited JDC institutions in central Israel.

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JERUSALEM (JTA)--The Health Ministry instructed local authorities to be on the alert Monday following news of an outbreak of cholera in Syria. According to reports from Damascus, 52 cases were reported in the eastern region of the country and a mass inoculation campaign has been launched by the Syrian government. The Health Ministry said it had received no official information from the World Health Organization about the outbreak in Syria.

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