## GUEST EDITORIAL

Philately and Capitalism

- Carl P. Rueth -

There might be some notable exceptions, but in the capitalistic nations of the world individuals and businesses are motivated by the desire to make a profit from their efforts. This comes about through the supplying of a product or service. If these are provided ethically, legally and in reasonable quality, and the public finds them acceptable and useful, an enduring and profitable establishment can result providing operations are governed by good sense and a willingness to work. Every dealer who advertises in our pages, and our Linn's Weekly Stamp News itself, wants to last a long time and have a comfortable living as a reward for the work expended.

Unfortunately, however, we find in life people and organizations which decided the use of muscle, brains and integrity too slow a way to earn money and get ahead. They seek only their personal prestige and power, or the dollar, or both. Whether they damage and even ruin the means which provides them these things is absolutely immaterial--"me first and only, and to the devil with everything else".

As an example, we have nations, and nations influenced and directed by private individuals, which utterly disregard ehtics and propriety where stamp issues are concerned. These have been discussed in recent editorials--no further comments on their phony souvenir sheets, long and expensive sets, and new stamps every other week. Just don't buy this type of philatelic junk--in not spending your funds you'll be helping the hobby which providez you with pleasure and some liquidations at a future date.

All the flimflammery isn't with stamps. We also have other areas where the "dollarhungry, to the devil with ethics" fraternity seeks to do business and influence others. A prime example of this came to our notice recently. The K-Iine Publishing, Inc. of Berwyn, Ill. has been producing loose-leaf, printed album pages for a number of countries and topicals. It is under the direction of George C. Kobylka. The firm produced a set of pages for the $01 y m p i c ~ G a m e s ~ i n ~ f o u r ~ s u p p l e m e n t s . ~ W 1 t h ~ t h e ~ l a s t ~ o n e, ~ w a s ~ i n c l u d e d ~ a ~ m e s-~$ sage to the purchaser whereby K-Line sought help in formulating a poilicy for its supplement in connection with the 1968 Olympics. This read:
"It is by now, a well-known fact that certain countries make a mockery out of stamp collecting, and the 0lympic Games topic in particular. Our present arrangement of releasing separate sections for the 'imperforates' was complimented to us by scores of collectors. We would like to go one step beyond this. We believe that only those countries participating in the Olympic Games, or those who are members of the International Olympic Committee have a place in an Olympic album. (Ed. Note-This same policy has been adopted by the Sports on Stamps Society--C.P.R.). And therefore we wish to ask our patrons to state their preference, and their answer will be our guide for the 19th 0lympic Games pages, and such will be noted in Part 5 when released."

This is a fair approach--Mr. Kobylka will be guided in his production efforts by the wishes of his customers. He states his beliefs about what should or should not be included in an olympic topical collection, but as a good businessman he will supply the public what it desires. The public is "the boss".

One of the stamp stores to which K-Line wholesales its pages sent the following letter, which, incidentally, was the only protesting one received: "I will make this letter simple and to the point. I object to your editorializing in your supplements....... I don't give a damn what you think or do not think. The next time I see such an editorial in your supplements will be the last time I will sell your albums. I am ready to discontinue you completely......I am going through the albums you sent me, and I am throwing this page in the garbage pail. I also have a second complaint. I do not want any questions posed to my customers by you. This means they must answer you, and this in turn will give you a list of my customers' names."

Undoubtedly, the K-Line has more collectors names than this "anything for a buck" enterprise ever had. Further, the names in possession of the dealer must be a prize bunch of suckers to whom he feeds all the latest philatelic trash from around the world. He wants to keep them ignorant.

We believe that the philatelic public should put firms and individuals with such an attitude out of business. And the sooner the better.

Our compliments to Mr. Kobylka and K-Line, Inc.
(Editor's note: The editorial reprinted above appeared originally in the July 26, 1965, issue of "Linn's Weekly Stamp News" and is used here with the specific permission of "Linn's" editor. More material concerning this episode follows immediately after this reprint; the editorial in this issue of "JSP" also deals with the same subject.)

## ADDITIONAL NOTES ON THE DISPUTED K-LINE QUESTIONNAIRE

In the July 26, 1965 issue of "Linn's", K-Line publicized the availability of Part 4 of its pages for the 1964 Olympic Games. The part is divided into two sections in accordance with the publisher's policy of separating normal issues from imperforates and other similar varieties. To quote President George C. Kobylka: "The colleotor who does not care for these 'extras' does not have to buy them to fill his blank spaces. If he wants them, he can obtain this 'imperfs section' and have spaces for them".

This same news notice also discussed the questionnaire which is included with each set of album pages. By this questionnaire K-Line hopes to evaluate its patrons' wishes for its pages for the coming 1968 Olympic Games issues. The questions ask approval of the present method of separating imperforates and other extras from normal issues and request opinions on the limitation of future Olympic Games pages to the issues of participating nations and member-nations of the International Olympic Oommittee.

K-Iine then met head-on the complaints of the retailer mentioned in the guest editorial above: "And if this query is not in a purchaser's set, he will realize that his supplier simply does not want him to know all the things he should about the 'varieties' angle'".

AN OLYMPIC WHODUNIT

- Ira Seebacher -

The cover depicted with this article is a recent acquisition of the writer, and, frankly, it comes as a complete surprise. We have never read of any such cachet that was applied on mail of 1912 advertising the then impending Games at Stockholm. Yet, judging by the condition of the frame of this cachet, the rubber stamp had been applied often since the bottom Iine is broken and the
 are parallel. sides of the oblong no longer If so, why has it not been en, the writer has seen no account of it) and who was responsible for making and using it? (2) How far in advance was it used and why is it in French? Were others prepared and used in other languages?

Due to the fact that this cachet is a rather simple one to imitate, the writer is purposely withholding the color of it to prevent the imitation of what must be a rare item. There is, of course, just a possibility that the cover is genuine and the cachet a bit of trickery of recent vintage. So---any help on this will be appreciated.

In the spring of 1963 Bill Stoms accepted the responsibility of Sales Manager fer SPI. Since then he has administered four auctions comprising six sections and including 2232 lots. Just now he is assembling his fifth auction which may very well prove to be the largest yet. In addition to managing our auctions, Bill has devised and put into operation our sales circuit. Here he has worked just as hard as you have permitted him with your relative lack of interest and cooperation. Truly he has been one of SPI's mainstays for these two and a fraction years.

But, as the cliche goes, "All good things must come to an end" and Bill feels that he must give up his sales circuit responsibilities just as soon as a successor can be found to take over. As Bill explains it, the job is not really difficult (we members don't submit enough stamps to make it tough) and the operator does get to see occasional nice lots of sports stamps passing over his desk from time to time.

If you want to make a comparatively simple, but very worthwhile, contribution to our program and to your fellow members; please write now to me (Larry McMillan, 16276 Spruce St., Hesperia, Oalif.). I would like to get this matter cleared up and into someone else's hands as soon as possible. For, to tell you the truth, the sooner we can get this extra responsibility away from Bill; the longer we may be able to hang on to him as auction manager.

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Top ATA honor goes to Oesch. June's TOPEX in Aurora, Illinois, saw the presentation of the American Topical Association's highest honor, the Distinguished Topical Philatelist Award, to Bob Oesch (SPI 250) of Los Angeles. With a wealth of topical interests, Bob is extremely helpful in the field of sports. His ability as an artist produced the design on the front page of each issue of "JSP" and on the organization's stationary and prospectus. Congratulations, Bob.

It is also interesting to note that two of the eight junior awards went to sports topics, in this case soccer and basketball.

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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

With the arrival of September and with this issue, Sports Philatelists International and its periodical, the "Journal of Sports Philately", move into thei $\dot{r}$ fourth jear. Some of us can recall quite vividly two frustrating earlier years of existence as a unit of the American Topical Association, so it is fair to say that the basic idea of the organization has been supported by the working nucleus for five years. These have been five years full of varied achievement, but one cannot help but wonder what the next five years will hold in store for our branch of topical collecting and for our organization.

In all probability our officers and directors are not too proud of this last year; it certainly does not measure up to the standards of the first two. Membership has dropped somewhat; this may be due to dissatisfaction with the flood of sports and 0iympic issues during the Olympic year or with the organization and its program. Some issues of "JSP" have been mere shadows of our previous output; our editor must assume the major responsibility for this, but our membership as a whole has not been very helpful in the time of need. Personal complications here and there have rendered our leadership somewhat less effective than in the past. Lethargy among the members has been more pronounced than ever before; the nucleus of steady workers loses a member here and there, but volunteer replacements rarely appear.

On the other hand, there were bright spots. Our sales and auction department maintained its record for steady, effective performance; the biggest handicap here was insufficient material for the sales circuit. "JSP" never passed an issue as had seemed quite likely last summer. Ira Seebacher's handbook material appeared regularly, even though the intervals between instalments sometimes were a little ionger. Our secretary-treasurer, our publisher, and our membership chairman worked industriously and effectively.

Where do we go from here? The answer rests very largely with the individual members of our organization. Elsewhere in this issue jou will read the first of several forthcoming requests for help--in this case to take over the operation of the sales circuit. Several columnists and/or regular contributors will be needed very soon to bring uJSp " back up to its previous level. Lacking volunteers to fill these vacancies, the best that SPI members can hope for is a duplication of the past year. If that satisfies you individually, we cannot hope to improve.

So much for our organization--its. history, its program, and its future. There is an immediate problem which merits our consideration. Whether we use K-Iine's printed album pages or not, we can all appreciate the efforts of George Kobylka in behalf of sports and Olympic collecting. George has displayed ingenuity and common sense in the development
and refinement of his pages; he has tried to modify his offerings to fill the stated desires of his customers. Already he is looking ahead to the next round of 0lympio issues and searching for some way to provide a wide range of the proper combinations of pages to fill the needs of the users of his pages. His approach seems a sound one, dedicated to the service of his patrons. No thinking member of SPI oan fail to support him in his efforts to fill a definite need in our field. Therefore no thinking member of SPI can side With his cheap detractor from among the con artists who purvey the more debatable of new issue material. SPI, both as an organization and as individuals, should be supporting George and K-Line to the hilt.

Similarly, we should thank Carl Rueth for his forthright editorial on the subject and for his position that this dealer, and all others like him, should be driven out of business. Again SPI should be giving unanimous and wholehearted support.

Two questions arise immediately. What of the A.S.D.A., to which this despicable skunk belongs? Does this organization have a set of ethical standards under which its dealer-members are encouraged to operate? Does the recent letter to K-Line violate these standards? If so, what does A.S.D.A. do about it? In the past A.S.D.A. has done very little, if anything, about disciplining its members who are caught in violation of sound ethical standards. It would appear that this might be a good time for the organization to take firm action. Failure to act now will confirm the oft-held judgment that A.S.D.A. is a straggling organization operated by a self-perpetuating group in New York City whose primary goal is the almighty dollar, whose concern for the welfare of the hobby is secondary and very small.

Secondly, what can and should SPI do, both as individuals and as an organization? Is it time for action instead of sitting on our hands? Would a test case to see whether the dealer under question is selling the whole K-Line packet be worthwhile? Should our members who may possibly patronize this dealer in purchasing their new issue material in one of our larger Eastern cities be told of his identity so that they may do their bit by taking their trade elsewhere? Should our organization make an official presentation to the offending dealer with a request for apology and revision of his tactios with a threat of further publicity in the background? Should our organization lodge an official protest With the A.S.D.A., asking for a review and disciplinary action?

It will be interesting to see whether this matter will stir up any letters-to-theeditor, whether our members have any real concern for the hobby, and whether they have any additional suggestions for action. One thing is certain: this particular dealer adds nothing to collecting in our particular field. Since he makes no contribution, he can be spared. And since he does his customers an obvious disservice, he has to go-right out of selling sports and olympic material.

## SERVICES

Monthly black blot report. For the second month checks in with a negative statement for sports stamps John comments: "Hope this keeps up a long, long time!" One can't help but wonder whether this represents real improvement or whether there just aren't enough sports stamps being printed right now to include any real gems. Has the percentage of greedy producers dropped or is our monthly sample too small to have real meaning?

Stamps badly needed for the sales circuit. If you have duplicate sports stamps (either mint or used), the greatest service you could render our organization (and yourself, incidentally) is to mount this material and send it in to our Sales Manager. See the February, 1965, issue of "JSP" for details.

Mexican pre-0lympic issues due soon. The Mexican Post Office has announced a preOlympic set of five stamps and two souvenir sheets for issue in November of this year. These stamps will feature pre-Columbian athletes on the four lowest denominations and an ancient bail court on the highest value. All five designs are taken from statues in various Mexican museums.

The price of the five-stamp set will be thirty-eight cents and of the souvenir sheets about fifty cents. First-day coremonies with a special cancellation, first-day covers, and maximum cards will be held. Further information will be passed on to our members in future issues of "JSP".

Many collectors will be saying, "Here we go again". Yet these will be legitimate issues by the host country. If one accepts the pre-01ympic series of Japan, eh must go along with Mexico in the same pattern.

Tip of the month--Liechtenstein 320-23. Between 1954 and 1958 Liechtenstein issued an annual sports set of four stamps; this was the last set issued. The designs are ideal for sport philatelists, depicting a swimmer, fencers, tennis player, and bicyclists. although the quantity issued is not yet known, it is approximately 100,000 sets, which is very small for a popular thematic set. Like all stamps from Liechtenstein, this set recently has become "hot", so much so that the wholesale price has now advanced to \$4.00, although retailers still offer this set for $\$ 3.001$ When a set is available for such a discount from the wholesale price, it is a sure bet that the retail price must take a big jump before the year is out. This is your tip-off to make sure that this fascinating set is in your collection now.

Turkey 1488-92 and souvenir sheet. Like so many other countries, Turkey felt compelled to issue a set in honor of the 0lympic Games held in Rome in 1960. Beautifully printed in photogravare by the renowned Swiss printers, Courvoisier, this set depicts soccer, basketball, wrestling, hurdling, and the steeplechase. Although l,500,000 sets were issued, this set is still a good bet to increase steadily in price. Wholesalers ask $30 \phi$ for a mint set, which is equal to the current retail price; so it is difficult to see how you can lose money if you buy your set now--1t will never be cheaper. British retailers, incidentally, ask 50ф for this set.

A souvenir sheet, containing five sets (25 stamps), also exists and sells for $\$ 1.50$ at wholesale and at $\$ 2.00$ to $\$ 2.25$ retail. Dealers in London ask $\$ 3.00$ for this souvenir sheet, so the time to buy is now if you collect souvenir sheets. Remember, this set and souvenir sheet are part of every Olympic Games collection and that increases the number of collectors who will be seeking these stamps.

Netherlands Antilles Bl0-4. Issued in 1951 to promote child welfare, this handsome set depicts children engaged in all kinds of sports. The quantity sold was only 69,464 sets, which is extremely small when we think of the host of specialists in Netherlands philately who want this set. This set is better appreciated in Europe, where the Michel catalogue prices it at $\$ 12.00$. It is amusing to note that American retailers ask $\$ 5.00$ for this set, which is precisely equal to the current wholesale price in New York Oity. Obviously, American retailers must soon raise their prices to $\$ 6.50$ or $\$ 7.00$, so why not buy this set now before you have to pay the higher price?

Barbados 254-56. Sports philatelists who include scout issues are well aware that the various British West Indian colonies have been celebrating the 50th anniversary of scouting ever since 1962, when this set was issued. This particular set is extremely attractive, being large in size and real work of the engraving art. With a face value of $80 \phi$ in U. S. currency, the writer bought his set at the time of issue for only $\$ 1.05$. This set is virtually unobtainable at wholesale, so this can only mean steadily rising prices as dealers must replace the sets they sell, each time paying a higher price. Some retailers still have a small stock, which they sell at $\$ 1.20$ or so, although the retail price in London is now $\$ 1.60$ and still slowly rising. When wholesale stocks of a set are non-existent and the retail price is steadily rising, this is your tip off to buy this set immediately. I don't see how you can lose at this low price--coliectors of scouting, sports collectors, and British colonial specialists will always want this item.

Germany B304-05. Like most German stamps, which have had spectacular price increases in the past ten years, this set is no exception. Depicting a bicyclist, this set was issued in commemoration of the 1949 Bicycle Tour of Germany. Unfortunately Germany was


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still prostrate at the time and few stamp collectors had funds for anything except the necessities of life, so very few sets were sold. We must remember that Germany probably has a higher percentage of stamp collectors than any other nation in the world, but there are only l,300,000 sets available for the entire world's collectors. As a result of these facts, this set is gilt-edge property and sells for $\$ 4.50$ today--if you can find a dealer who has a set. The latest wholesale quotation, however, is $\$ 6.00$, which makes the $\$ 4.50$ retail price a big bargain today. If you really want to search for the unusual, try to get this set on cover. Either way, mint or on cover, buy this set before you have to hock your family heirlooms to own a seti

Ghana 82-5. I am embarrassed even to mention this country, due to its unsavory reputation, but I would like to keep the record clear so I can't help discussing it. Issued to honor the l7th Olympiad in 1960, this set is necessary if your collection of Olympiana 1s to be complete. Today this set retails for 70 $\%$, although wholesalers now ask $75 \phi$ for itf If you need this set and if you can demean yourself sufficiently to include this set in your collection, then the time to buy is now, while the retail price is equal to the wholesale prices as well as approximately equal to face value ( $63 \phi$ ).

Greece 669-76. Considering the spectacular rises in the prices of all Greek stamps, I am at a loss to understand why this beautiful set has not sky-rocketed. Issued in 1960 to honor the 50th anniversary of the Greek Boy Scout movement, this set depicts boy scouts engaged in various activities. Although almost 378,000 sets were issued, most of these stamps were used up in normal commercial usage; so you may buy a complete set in used condition at a very reasonable price. In mint condition this set will cost you approximately $\$ 1.00$, which is about three times face value. Interestingly enough, $\$ 1.00$ is also the current wholesale price of this set, so I fail to see how this set can help advancing rapidly in the future. Once the small wholesale supply of this set is absorbed, I expect to see this set climb rapidly in price, all of which means that it is time to be sure that this set is in your collection now. In case you think I'm just kidding about a rapid price rise of this set on the American market, you might like to know that dealers in London get $\$ 2.15$ for this set today. It surely sounds like a bargain at $\$ 1.00$, doesn't it?

Trieste (Zone B) 42-7. After World War II Jugoslavia issued 168 different stamps for use in the Jugoslavian-occupied zone of Istria, primarily to assert her sovereignty in this area. Although most of these stamps were overprints on contemporary stamps, this particular set was specially prepared and is not an overprinted set. Issued in 1952 for sports propaganda, this set depicts bicycle racers, soccer, rowing, sailboating, volleyball, and diving. These stamps were issued in the minute quantity of 40,000 sets; so they are automatically in the scarce class, especially when we realize that a very high percentage of these stamps were cancelled-to-order, thereby depleting the quantity of mint sets. Wholesalers have not been caught napping, raising their price from $\$ 1.20$ in early 1965 to $\$ 2.90$ which they ask today, just six months later! Retail dealers, however, are still asking only $\$ 3.00$ for this set, giving you the opportunity to buy this set now at a retail price which equals the current wholesale price. How long do you think these conditions can last?

San Marino 477-86. Do I have to tell you that almost every set from this country has taken wings and climbed rapidy in price? This set, depicting hunting scenes from the $16 \mathrm{th}, 17 \mathrm{th}$, and 18 th centuries, has proven to be no exception. Issued in 1961 with a face value of $50 \phi$ in $U$. S. currency, this set is still available from most retailers for $\$ 1.00$ to $\$ 1.25$. Wholesalers are asking a minimum of $\$ 1.25$ and most wholesalers can no longer supply this set. The Michel catalogue prices this set at $\$ 4.50$, which makes "Scott's" evaluations look very humorous. If you need this set and can buy it for $\$ 1.25$ or less, you will have done very well indeed! One thing is certain; the set will never be cheaper.

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## REVIEWS

K-Line Supplement No. 6 for sports stamps. Just off the press is K-Line's Supplement No. 6 for sports stamps. All the complimentary statements which have been made for previous items in this series could be repeated; the quality has not slipped in the slightest. This supplement includes thirty-seven pages for twenty-six different countries.

Three things are particularly interesting about this supplement. First, the editor has made an effort to go back and pick up some of the countries where only one or two stamps or perhaps only one short set have been lying idle without album pages. Thus several pages of the supplement contain only a few items, but the collector's storage stockbook will be relieved accordingly. Second, Editor George Kobylka has made available companion supplements for the imperforate items which correspond to those in the main supplement; this packet includes five pages from two countries. Third, some non-Scott (to date, at least) material is included. Since five of these six pages involve Cuba, whose stamps may not be imported or sold in the United States, they are included mostly for the information of the collector.

The price of the major supplement is $\$ 4.30$ plus $70 \%$ postage while the section for imperforate stamps costs $75 \not \subset$ (postpaid). There is no comparable product on the market for the collector of sports stamps. By way of promise for the future, Publisher Kobylka announces that he has a backlog of thirteen pages with only one or two stamps on each page. Look for more catch-up efforts with K-Line's next supplement. R.M.B.

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## NEW ISSUES GALENDAR

- Barbara T. Williams -

May Addenda
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## June Addenda

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## July Addenda

lst Niger. lst African Games, Brazzaville. lofr gold, gray, and brown (hurdler); lffr red, gray, and brown (runners); $20 f r$ green, blue, and brown (pole vault); and $30 f r$ maroon, green, and brown (long jump). (Additional information)

15th Upper Volta. lst African Games, Brazzaville. l5fr (soccer); 25fr (boxing); and $70 f r$ (tennis). Designed and engraved by Combet and printed in recess by the Paris State Printing Office. (Additional information)

16th Japan. Soma Wild Horse Procession (military sports festival). loy multicolored (parade of horsemen). Designed by Masaru Kimura and printed in sheets of twenty. Quantity: 30,000,000.


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NEW ISSUES CALENDAR (Cont'd)
17th Brazil. lIst Pan-American Boy Scout JamboFee, Ilia do Fundao. 30cr (scout emblem). Designed by Bernardino da Silva Lancetta and engraved by Laercio Francisco da Silva. Quantity: 5,000,000.

Bermuda. 50th anniversary of scouting in Bermuda. ash (scout badge and royal cypher). Designed by W. Harrington and printed in photogravure by Harrison and Sons, London.

France. Tourist issue. $60 \phi$ blue and brown (sailing at Aix-les-Bains). Designed and engraved by Combet. (Additional informalion)


Togo. last African Games, Brazzaville. fr multicolored (discus); loft multicolored ( javelin); lifer multicolored (handball); 25fr multicolored (runner); and loofr mullticolored (air mail)(soccer). Designed by M. Shamir. Printed by photogravure in sheets of twenty-five by the Government Printing Office, Israel.


Current
Jordan. World Volleyball Championship. $15 f$ olive, 351 purple brown, and 50 t urquoise (ail volleyball plavers). Also $100 f$ red brown souvenir sheet (same design). Printed by photogravure by Harrison and Sons, London. (Additional information)

## Forecast

## Bulgaria. Balkanfila Stamp Exhibition, Varna. est (sailing yacht)

French Polynesia. Underwater Fishing Championship, Tahiti. 50fr (skin diving).

Track fans almost never see hammer throwers throw hammers. Except in the Olympic Games the event generally is competed beyond artillery range and out of sight of the crowd. Once you've watched it at close range, the reason is obvious. Hammer throwers should be turned loose only at five o'clok in the morning in the middle of the Mojave Desert b

The hammer is a gleaming glob of metal on the end of a three -foot wire with a handle. The whole thing weighs sixteen pounds and is worth about thirty dollars to anybody who needs one. The good hammers are made in Finland and Denmark; even hammer throwers don't know why!

The outstanding characteristic of the hammer thrower is not, as you might surmise, bulging biceps, but rather massive thighs. It takes enormous strength and muscular control to keep your footing in a seven-foot circle while whirling a cannonball over your head to build up mementum for the release.

A hammer man with butter fingers could wipe out a whole platoon of spectators And viewing recklessly at close range, one cannot avoid pondering the grisly question of what happens if the silly ball comes unscrewed from the handle!


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