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Shapiro Replies To Jules Dubois

Editorial note: Because the Pontiac Daily Press would not print the rebuttle of Professor Samuel Shapiro to Mr. Jules Dubois, THE OAKLAND OBSERVER feels that it is its duty to the students of MSUO and the community to reveal his article to them. This does not necessarily represent the opinions or beliefs of the administration or faculty at MSUO.

Dear Sir,

If Mr. Jules Dubois is really "the greatest single authority" we have on Latin American politics, then the newspapers of this country are even worse off than I thought they were.

He asks me to prove my statement that the government-controlled Cuban newspapers sometimes tell the truth about events in the country before the American papers do. I can readily do so by citing three recent cases. While I was in Cuba the Castro government expelled two employees of the American Embassy on the charge that they were FBI agents engaged in espionage. American newspapers ridiculed the accusation as a typical hallucination; Cuban newspapers, of course, repeated the government line. Two weeks after the men had left Cuba the State Department admitted, in a front-page story in the New York Times, that the Cuban government (and newspapers) had been telling the truth — the men WERE FBI agents; what they had been doing in Havana was not disclosed.

Similarly, during Fidel Castro's brief illness this summer, Cuban newspapers printed bulletins describing his symptoms, and indicating that he was suffering from exhaustion and had a bad cold. The American newspapers, which were (and are) freely on sale in many places in Havana, printed lurid stories of the Premier's imminent death from tuberculosis, cancer, or even poisoning by his brother Raul. Once again, the Cuban papers were telling the truth, (Continued on Page 2)

Sadie Swings

"Y'all come." "Ah's stupefied." These were some of the greetings passed on to the girls and their beaux last Saturday night at the Sadie Hawkins dance last Saturday. We've heard you can't find a needle in a haystack. Well, we didn't find any needles but the haystacks were sure there.

If one saw a streak running across the floor, it was probably Daisy Mae (Barb Garlick) chasing L'il Abner (Fred Vest). They were searching for Super, Super Auto, the autographed hound presented to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson at the Roaring Twenties dance.

Larry Patch, a Royal Oak disc jockey, provided the music for the dance sponsored by the yearbook staff. Two lucky students received free yearbooks at a drawing which highlighted the evening.

Trimester Plan Considered Today

Out-State Students Get Housing

One house on MSUO's campus is being renovated to provide housing for out-of-state students. Work will be completed shortly before Christmas and will be ready for occupation at the beginning of the second term. The house will be completely furnished and decorated, with quarters provided for five students.

Five boys and a counselor will occupy a former farm office. All of the barns except one, surrounding the office, will be torn down and the ground will be graded and seeded. The boys will live in an apartment on the second floor, containing two bedrooms, a living room, bath, study room and kitchen downstairs.

Weekly rent for the rooms will be \$7.50, and meal tickets for breakfast and dinner five days a week can be purchased for \$7.00 a week. Meals will be served five days a week in the student center, but on weekends, these students may cook their own meals or eat out.

The entire student center will be open until 9:00 p.m. during weekdays. The cafeteria will serve dinner for any students between 5 and 6 p.m. The snack bar and the desk will be open until 9:00 p.m. also.

Over 500 Enroll In Continuing Education

530 adult students have been attracted to the Fall term of Continuing Education classes at Michigan State University Oakland.

More than half, or 55% of the students are enrolled in courses in the humanities, languages and fine arts. The others are in courses leading to professional advancement and are taught by special lecturers drawn from industry in the Detroit area.

The Winter term, offering continuation of most courses and some new courses, will begin the middle of January. All are non-credit courses in which anyone, with or without college background, is welcome to enroll.

Officers Installed

The Teacher Education Association held an installation of officers November 16. The officers who will serve only for next term are President Beverly Donato; Vice President, Judy Noren, and Secretary-Treasurer, Betty Oniga.

The TEA is mainly concerned with programs concerning students interested in teaching. Its installations program included a panel discussion of "Restrictions on Secondary School Teachers" by Dean Hoopes, Mr. Dahlman from Rochester schools, Rita Stanley, and Jim Isler.

11-Month Operation Foreseen For 1961

Rothschild, Obear Among New Faculty

The OBSERVER continues its report on new faculty members:

One of the most charming new faculty members is Mrs. Renee Rothschild, French lecturer.

"Here," she noted, "there is tolerance and quiet." (And there is no need to explain the terms she used — an apt viewpoint of MSUO.) Her charm is hypnotic.

"One must learn to relax and enjoy life. Americans seem to be afraid to break away from their routines."

"Recreation in college, yes! — within limits," she continued, "but education comes first."

Mrs. Rothschild was born in Germany and moved to Strasbourg in 1937. During the last war, she met a Swiss citizen, whom she later married. The marriage took place in Switzerland in 1942. Nine years ago Mr. and Mrs. Rothschild came to the United States and have resided in Michigan ever since. They have two children.

While attending a summer extension course here in psychology, Mrs. Rothschild was asked by the administration if she would accept a position as lecturer in French. Having experimented with a pilot program in elementary conversational French with great success, finding young minds exceedingly receptive, she felt she would enjoy teaching here.

Dr. Frederick W. Obear is another with a striking personality. He was born in Massachusetts, earned his BS at Lowell Technical Institute in 1956, acquired his PhD from the University of New Hampshire in July of this year, was a teaching assistant and fellow at U.N.H., and is now an Assistant Professor of Chemistry at MSUO. A fellow classmate, Dr. Paul Jones, received an enthusiastic letter about our school from Dr. Tamboulion. Dr. Jones did "have somebody in mind"; he broached the subject to Mr. Obear, who became very interested. Once again, with Dr. Jones' recommendation, a vast mechanism was put in motion and when the wheels had stopped churning, Dr. Obear found himself on our faculty.

During his summers, Dr. Obear was employed by the B. F. Goodrich Chemical Co. Development Laboratories at AvonLake, Ohio; he did research for an Air Force sponsored project; and for the AEC, he conducted research and finished two projects, a Kinetics Study in inorganic research and Radio Chemistry. He hopes to follow along the lines of the last two projects here, as soon as the chemistry (Continued on Page 4)



TOM McALLISTER



CAROL STREETER

Students Of The Month

Tom McAllister, sophomore male student of the month for October, had an extremely busy freshman year. Tom, a graduate of Waterford High School where he was President of the Dramatics Club and Student Manager of the Bookstore, played a key position in drawing up the form of student government adopted by MSUO. He has served as a member of the Exploratory Committee. It was in this capacity that Tom drew up the proposal of proportional representation which was incorporated in the MSUO Constitution.

Tom is a scholarship student and works part time in the chemistry lab. He is in the Liberal Arts curriculum, majoring in Chemistry. He hopes to earn his Masters and PhD degrees and then go into research work. His field will probably be metallurgy.

Carol Streeter, sophomore scholarship student at MSUO, was named Student of the month for October. Carol's excellence in academic endeavors and extracurricular activities warrant her this title.

A graduate of Romeo High School, Carol was President of her Senior Class, delegate to Girls State, and recipient of the D.A.R. Award. She was also active in Student Council.

At MSUO, Carol was an active member of the Exploratory Committee and is presently President of Inter-Varsity. Her academic achievement has placed her on the Dean's List all three times. Aside from this, she was recipient of "Premier Prix" in the French Contest held last spring.

Carol is in the Teacher Education curriculum. She hopes to major in Languages and become an elementary teacher.

Senate Reports On Activities

Since elections the Senate has had two meetings which indicate the student government here will be a very active one. Activities will center in the new student government office in room 271 of South Foundation Hall.

The first meeting was a short one at which Senate officers were elected. They are Marge Swoboda, Vice President; Les Fingerhut, Treasurer; Lauree Webb, Recording Secretary; and Janet Long, Corresponding Secretary. At the second meeting when the need became obvious Howard Hinkel was elected Parliamentarian.

Several committees have been established to consider special problems and present them to the Senate. The Finance Committee under the chairmanship of the Treasurer, will propose means of raising money. The Committee on Rules and Credentials, directed by Lynne Anderson will concern itself with proposing rules of procedure for Senate meetings and with recognizing campus organizations. Howard Hinkel is chairman of the Committee for Special Activities which (Continued on Page 3)

Conduct Unbecoming To MSUO

"Conduct unbecoming a student." This statement is and will continue to be used frequently in deciding infractions of rules at MSUO. How about "conduct unbecoming a university"? This would include faculty, administration, and students alike. We think there is a great need for this question.

We feel that it is very "unbecoming" for the names of faculty members to be left off the course in which they will instruct. The faculty at MSUO is of the highest caliber anywhere in the country. Although they are more than capable of teaching their subjects, is it necessarily true that all students are capable of learning a subject the way a certain professor teaches it? If we are helping to pay for these educators, shouldn't we have a choice in the selection of them?

There has been a statement that MSUO is not a branch of MSU. News releases from this school, reports of the National Education Association, and many University Bibliographies list MSUO as the "Oakland Branch of MSU." We are sure that there is someone that can give us the answer to this question. We think it is very "unbecoming" to keep this information from us.

It is very "unbecoming" to most citizens of the MSUO community to find students leaving their books on library tables at 10:00 a.m. and picking them up at 1:00 p.m. — depriving many students of a place to study. Student conduct in the library in the evening is very "unbecoming". If students want parties, why not come to the various dances at school?

Why, we ask — Why do the majority of faculty members persist in giving mid-term examinations? Its only results is the relinquishing of valuable time better spent on a greater understanding of the subject. The students that enroll at MSUO, we feel, are capable of determining their academic status whenever they want. This is very "unbecoming." Would it not be better for professors to plan a number of quizzes after a particular unit of work? Many students neglect other classes when they have to study for a mid-term. We are sure this will be discussed at a future faculty senate meeting.

Young love, true love — but please not parking-lot-love! We have observed that there is much too much "biling and cooing" in the university parking lot. And besides, it is not spring yet. We are sure that students can find a better time and place for this kind of action. Is this being mature?

The Trimester system seems to many people very "becoming." But is it really? When planning for this new innovation, did the administration look to the future — look for the reasons many qualified students come to MSUO. Students that would normally earn money during the summer for school tuition and books would find it hard to do so if the Trimester system were put into effect. Wouldn't this be "unbecoming" and discourage students that would come to MSUO because of financial reasons. If MSUO was founded on intense study and investigation, it seems that we are only adding to a huge work load by requiring students to continue schooling for eleven months a year.

Shall we continue to be "unbecoming" or shall we do some constructive thinking and amend our ways?

Quantity Demands Quality

The November 2 program of the Lecture-Concert Series featured Mr. Karl Haas, Fine Arts Director for radio station WJR and chairman of the Detroit Chamber Music Society. Well known for his daily radio program, "Adventures in Good Listening", Mr. Haas drew an estimated 350 people to the performance.

The basic elements of music were defined and illustrated by Mr. Haas. It was the feeling of many people in the audience, however, that the material was too elementary in its presentation. Certainly those who knew even a little about music could have been expected to be familiar with the elements discussed. Or, perhaps there was one person in the audience who was desperately in need of Mr. Haas' program. We hope that it will save him future trips to his psycho-analyst and, for the sake of MSUO's reputation, from further contributions of the type given at the program.

The hoped-for informal atmosphere, unfortunately, was never attained. This was due, in part, to Mr. Haas' lack of formal preparation and a hesitancy on the part of the audience to ask questions or participate in any discussion. Both of these reasons could, more generally, be attributed to a misunderstanding on both sides about the intended nature of the program. This could easily be avoided in the future.

We hope that future programs will come closer to the quality of the performance of the MSU String Quartet which opened the Lecture-Concert Series. And, although we are aware of the attempt to convey the intimate quality of chamber music, we might also suggest that the atmosphere could be a little less "intimate" and be even more enjoyable. We certainly hope that seating facilities will be improved before the next concert.

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SHAPIRO REPLIES

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and the American papers were not.

Finally, during my stay in Havana, there were many stories in Cuban papers about the imminent American embargo; the US press again denied or ignored the charges. As last week's headlines make clear, the Cuban press had again been correct. I should of course point out that Havana's admittedly muzzled papers often do print wildly distorted items. But so, as I showed at great length in an article about Cuba in the NEW REPUBLIC (September 12, 1960) do our uncontrolled papers. And no Cuban newspaper has ever printed anything as ridiculous as Mr. Dubois' hysterical charge (there is no other word for it) that Castro "will have to massacre most of the country's 6,500,000 people to stay in power."

Mr. Dubois' assertion that "The standard of living of the Cuban people today is lower than it has ever been in the country's history" is contradicted by my own personal observations on this island and by the testimony of numerous anti-Castro journalists. During my visits to cooperatives, (which despite Mr. Dubois' "impression" were not conducted by Communists or by anybody else) every one of the guajiros to whom I spoke assured me that his standard of living had gone up.

George Sherman (correspondent for the London OBSERVER): "The material lot of the landless peasant . . . did look improved . . . It is the one powerful justification I can think of for the system."

Herbert L. Matthews (New York TIMES): "The peasants are getting a break for the first time . . . Schools, hospitals, roads, workers' and peasants' housing are being built at a remarkable rate."

Theodore Draper (THE REPORTER): "There is no getting around the fact that for the poor, illiterate, landless, out-cast guajiros, the cooperatives represent a jump of centuries in living standards. They also represent a vast increase of constructive activity in the rural areas that were formerly the most backward and stagnant part of Cuba."

An other statement of Mr. Dubois with which I wish to take issue is his remark that "the most impartial observers place Castro's support at 30 percent or lower." Mr. Dubois does not tell us who these im-

partial observers are. During my stay in Cuba this July and August I found that there was, of course, disaffection among those whose economic interests had been injured by the rent reductions, the agrarian reform, etc. But the overwhelming majority of the ordinary people in Cuba still supported the Castro regime. Public opinion surveys made by the American Institute for International Public Opinion Research and by a group from Princeton University this summer found that 4 out of 5 Cubans were then supporters of the government. Not even FDR or President Eisenhower were ever that popular. And these are polls by reliable, impartial American groups; where did Mr. Dubois get his figures from?

One final point: Mr. Dubois charges me with "sheer ignorance" for declaring that the "President kept away from the places where Nixon was showered with saliva and tomatoes." Then he goes on to admit that I was telling the truth. The President did not visit Peru and Venezuela, the very places where his appearance would have been most effective in dispelling memories of the outrageous mistreatment of the Vice President. Mr. Eisenhower had time to visit Mar Del Plata, Argentina's Miami Beach, and to play golf in both Puerto Rico and the Argentine Andes; but Mr. Dubois would have us believe "there was no time available" for him to visit Lima or Caracas. I don't believe that, and I don't think Mr. Dubois really does either.

Mr. Dubois has indeed had much more experience in Latin America, and especially Cuba, than I. His biography of Fidel Castro, published in 1959, is an excellent book which I recommend to readers of the Pontiac Press. But his recent column, as I think I have shown, does not disprove what I said about American newspaper coverage of Latin America, instead it confirms it.

Very truly,
Samuel Shapiro
Assistant Professor.

LETTERS to the EDITOR

Students Blamed For Own Low Morale

As the first students at MSUO, all of us realize that there are many decisions to make, traditions to establish, policy to formulate, and, already, mistakes to remedy. This should be an exciting time, not one of defeat and depression. Why, then, is the air practically blue with complaints and more complaints, but no plans for improvements?

I don't think that anyone in the administration or faculty is deliberately trying to put anything "over on us", but misunderstanding and lack of communication are standing in the way of changes. I think that we, as students, are the main cause of our own low morale!

Can't we all be on the same side and help, rather than hinder, this new university?

Barbara Osborne

Gentlemen Or Scholars?

Dear Editor:

Last year we girls were pretty proud of MSUO boys. They were always there to open a door or to pick up a dropped book.

But what happened? This year girls are left standing behind doors as a bunch of boys go plowing through. A boy who picks up a dropped book is the exception instead of the rule.

We hoped last year's gentlemanly behavior would become a tradition but instead we are left wondering if scholars must cease to be gentlemen.

Sophomore Girls.

CATHERINE BENSON

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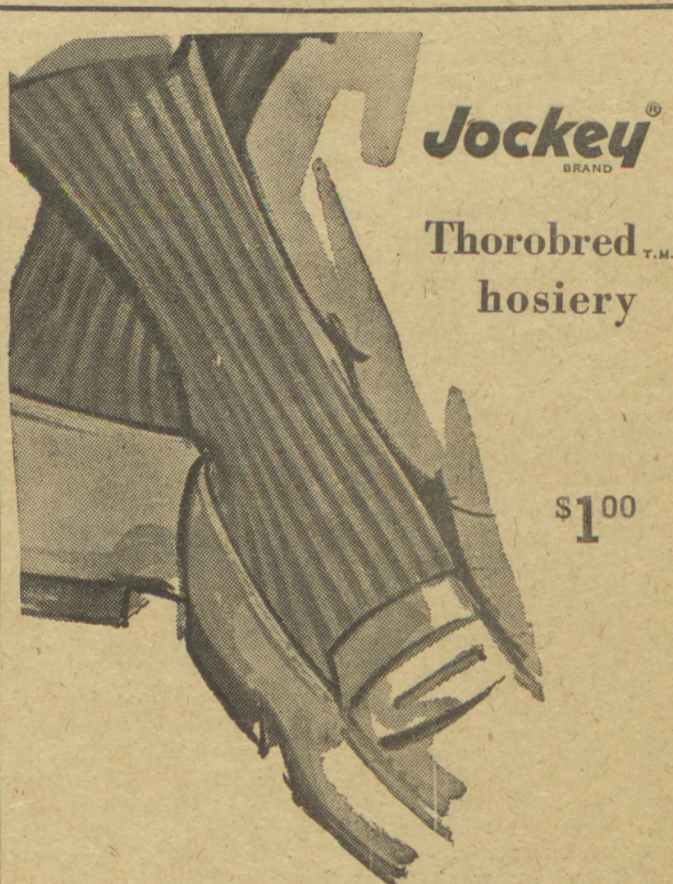
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SENATE REPORTS

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will deal with such matters as a student insurance program and blood bank. An Amendments Committee was established to consider special problems relating to the Constitution but members have not yet been appointed.

These committees will help speed up action by eliminating time-consuming discussions in the Senate. However, they will be kept to a minimum and the greater part of the proposals and debates will come from Senators at regular meetings.

Problems which are likely to be considered by the Senate in the near future include the judiciary, Senate membership shortage, strengthening the Constitution, a student insurance program and a school emblem.

New Name For Drama Club

"What's going on in the student lounge!" blared the loudspeaker. Crowds of students were attracted to a spectacular put on by the drama guild to announce its first appearance on the 60-61 scene.

At the organizational meeting, a spirited group of interested students laid out plans for the type of program best suited to the student body. The charter members stressed the importance of activities of interest within the scope of their abilities which could include the whole campus.

The second meeting increased the membership from 20 to 30 — an admittedly small group, but a quality one.

Many decisions have been reached thus far: the defining of qualifications for membership — simply an interest in theatre arts, the scheduling of regular meetings — every other Monday at 1:00 and the selec-

tion of a name for the club — "The Meadowbrook Players." The highlights of the gatherings have been a practice reading from the "Hairy Ape", discussions on a possible organizational structure and plans for specialized activity which might include informal lectures by prominent students of drama, organized trips to see plays, concerts or stock performances, discussions of phases of drama, and productions of readings or plays.

The next meeting is on Monday, Nov. 21, at 1:00 P.M. Watch for notices!

TRIMESTER

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pletely used. Costly library facilities would be utilized during the entire year. Fuller, year-around use of the physical plant, would reduce by as much as one-third the need for expensive additions to it to accommodate a mounting student population.

Students presently enrolled would be expected to attend only the fall and winter trimesters, from the first week in September to the middle of April, for the next two years. It is unlikely that it will be possible to offer enough advanced courses for them to complete their degrees in less than the originally planned four years.

Of major concern to students is the elimination of the summer vacation period during which many students earn money for their tuition. In recognition of this problem, an expanded student loan and scholarship program would be developed simultaneously to provide the necessary support. Bank loan programs and increased student employment opportunities would also give assistance. An extra year of employment would be gained by the student from this program and would increase his resources in re-paying such forms of financial aid.

The proposed plan is the fulfillment of an early commitment of the university to move on to full-year operation at the earliest possible time.

AWS News

AWS congratulates Julie Becker, the new chairman of the Social Committee. At present this committee is planning the Toy Dance to be held December 3, in the Student Center. The dance will be heel and tie and admission \$1.50 per couple or a toy of the same value. The toys will be given to children from the Oakland County Children's Home at a Christmas party given for them by the Community Service Committee on December 19 in the Student Center lounge.

The SOS Club invites all girls to attend the fashion show given by them on Tuesday, November 29, at 8 p.m. in the Student Center. The show, "Festive Fashions" will feature styles for all sizes and ages from stores in Rochester, Pontiac, and Birmingham. Admission is \$1.00 and the proceeds will be used for advanced student scholarships at MSUO, which will be awarded that night.

Big Sister Council

The Big Sister Council will sponsor a coffee hour for big and little sisters on November 29, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the cafeteria. There will be a panel discussion featuring Wayne State's AWS executive Board members; President, Chairman of Big Sister Council, and Activities Board Representative.

How MSUO can improve the Big Sister program and what part it plays in the AWS as a whole will be the topics discussed. There will be refreshments and a get acquainted hour following. Bev Donato, Chairman of Big Sisters encourages all Big Sisters to invite their little sisters.

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Hockey Club Plans Campus Ice Rink

An ice skating rink is in the making for use this winter. It will be open to all students and faculty.

The MSUO Hockey Club, along with Mr. Lepley, are now in the process of surveying and bulldozing the land immediately east of the Student Center for the ice rink.

The rink should be ready for use around Christmas time. It will be open to the students and faculty except when the Hockey Club reserves it for practice and games.

Math Students Begin Practice Teaching

MSUO now has its first student teachers. Donald Mann, Al Monetta and Dorothy Kircheis have taught high school math classes.

In order to teach, students must prepare a presentation of material studies in class and give it a number of times before the other participating students, Mr. McKay and Mr. Wisner.

The purpose of this program is to give students a chance to get actual classroom experience in addition to internship. However, this will not replace the required internship.

The actual teaching is now done only in the Pontiac school system but later, as the program is expanded, other school systems will be included.

Any interested freshman or sophomore is invited to join the program. The group to which work must be presented meets at 11 a.m. on Tuesdays in room 173 and at 2 p.m. on Thursdays in room 168.

NEW FACULTY

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Aside from this, an advanced inorganic chemistry class for seniors is being planned. Also in the planning stage is a general chemistry laboratory book and a problems text book in analytical and physical chemistry combined.

Dr. Obear's students report that his informal style sometimes touches the humorous. For instance, regardless of time of day, his lectures always begin, "Now, this morning we will undertake . . ."

Dr. Walter S. Collins is our new Associate Professor of Music.

A short while ago Dr. Collins held an all-campus music survey in an attempt to spot those musically inclined. Some missed that survey; so, if you're interested in joining the chorus (you'll see why below), contact Dr. Collins. There is no deadline on the tryouts.

Dr. Collins formerly directed the glee clubs at Hotchkiss School in Connecticut and at Yale University and has conducted the University of Min-

nesota's combined symphony and chorus. Occasionally he is a guest conductor of the choral group at the University of Michigan. He also publishes choral music — mostly editions of early music, writes articles about English choral music, and is now writing an article for the English Groves Dictionary of Music and doing treatises for the New German Dictionary of Music, which will probably be the standard music dictionary of the world.

Dr. Collins graduated from Yale University, earned his Masters and Doctorate at the University of Michigan and taught at Auburn for four years. While at Auburn, the choral group increased from 30 to 200 voices and was acclaimed as the finest in the south.

Added to this background are the performances of his Auburn group with the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra.

Dr. Varner heard of him through Ann Arbor and wrote to him in Minnesota. Dr. Collins decision to teach here is definitely an advantage to this school.

Dr. Marvin Weisman

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