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Vice Pres. Pemberton Sees Faculty Dining Hall Built Within 2 Years

Rumor was having it that Financial Vice President Henry R. Pemberton had just submitted an amended application to the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency for a long-term, low-interest loan of \$400,000 to help bring into being the University's projected Faculty Dining Hall at 36th and Walnut Streets.

"Rumor is not always wrong," said Mr. Pemberton in his office, pausing briefly, then adding with all the aplomb of a contestant on the "\$64,000 Question": "Tacitus."

He continued: "The present status of the Faculty Dining Hall—a more realistic title for the building than the term 'Club' by the way—is this: The University has on hand approximately \$325,000. This has been obtained from three sources: \$100,000 from a donor, \$150,000 from University funds, and \$75,000 from three unrestricted bequests."

Hadn't the original estimates for the Faculty Club run in the neighborhood of \$300,000?

"Ah, yes," said Mr. Pemberton, "but the neighborhood has been getting more expensive. For Clubs and Dining Halls. Matter of fact, the architects and engineers estimate that the cost of building the kind of quarters deemed suitable by all concerned runs closer to \$725,000."

"And that brings us to the \$400,000 application you've just filed?"

"Yes. We've had some difficulty in getting the loan from the Government, since the original application—upon recommendation of the Government, was filed for the purpose of constructing a University Faculty Union. Upon investigation, the Government notified us that they did not believe that such a structure came within the

appropriate law which provides Government financing for educational construction. But words have a magic power. By a simple change in the application, wherein the University Faculty Union has been changed to read University Faculty Dining Hall, we believe that the loan does come within the law, and it is in accordance with this new and proper wording, together with a slight modification of the plans, that we filed our amended application late last month."

"Another figure that interests us is the rumor to the effect that it will cost something like \$60,000 to furnish the Club-Union-Dining Hall. Where is this money going to come from?"

"That's one for the future. But we'll find it before the building is completed," said Mr. Pemberton with all the confidence of a man not to be troubled by trifles.

"And one last question, please. When will construction begin?"

"There's no exact way of knowing when the final approval of the loan may be expected. It might be several weeks or several months. But it's estimated that construction will begin three months after such approval—with approximately fifteen months necessary for the complete construction of the Hall."

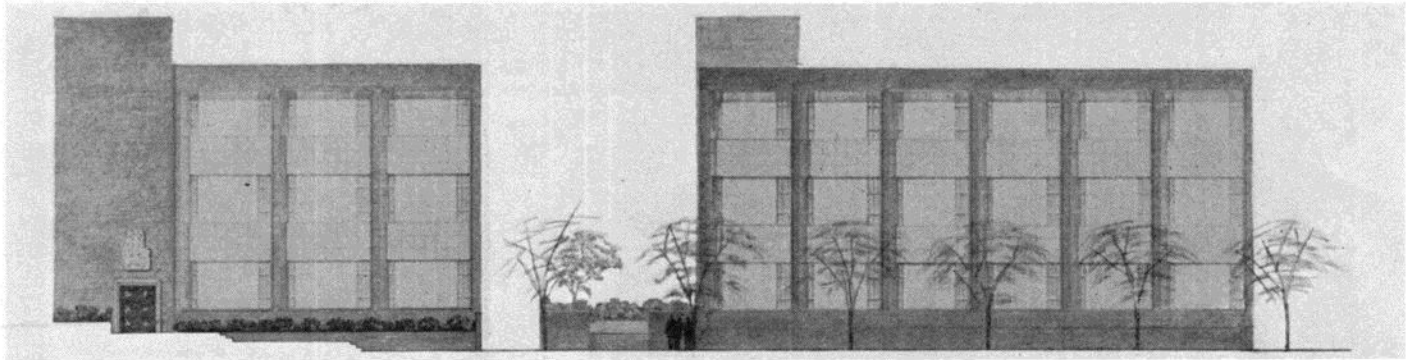
The local Lenape, meanwhile, will continue their meridian tribal rites at the long board and keep the old tepee in repair.



Henry R. Pemberton

Insurance Conference Planned

As part of the 75th anniversary celebration of the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce, the University is sponsoring an International Insurance Conference to be held on the campus on May 21 and 22 of this year. Top executives of more than 400 life and property insurance companies from thirty-five foreign countries and the U. S. will participate in the programs. Selected by the University as Co-Directors of the Conference are Dr. Davis W. Gregg, President of the American College of Life Underwriters, and Dr. Dan M. McGill, Professor of Insurance at the Wharton School and Executive Director of the S. S. Huebner Foundation for Insurance Education.



Two views of the architect's proposed design for a University of Pennsylvania Faculty Dining Hall to be built at 36th and Walnut Sts.

Faculty Dining Hall Described

The proposed Faculty Dining Hall at 36th and Walnut Streets will be a handsome addition to the campus.

Its exterior, according to Theo B. White of the architectural firm of Hatfield, Martin & White, has been designed in light sienna-colored brick and light yellow marble. The Walnut Street side will be windowless, but great expanses of glass, accented by strips of aluminum, will dominate the 36th Street exterior as well as the entrance in the south wall. Enhancing the beauty of the entrance will be a garden some 28 feet in width and 72 feet long, part of the green thoroughway to 37th Street (drawn in the University's over-all building plans. The garden will be carefully planted and decorated with fountain and statuary; some pieces of sculpture may be made available by the University Museum.

In a letter to *The Almanac*, Mr. White says that the basement will contain the main kitchen; service to the upper floors will be achieved by a battery of dumb waiters and vertical conveyor belts. The basement will also house the heating, air-conditioning, and electrical equipment, along with locker rooms for the dining room staff.

The first floor will consist of "a generous enclosed stair hall and lobby," a lounge, bar, grille room, game room, manager's office, check-rooms, and men's and women's rest rooms.

The second floor plans show a large L-shaped dining room capable of seating 250 persons, plus two smaller dining rooms seating about 40 each. A second floor lobby is also in the drawings.

The third floor (which may have to be left unfinished pending additional funds) will house five small private dining rooms for committee meetings; each room will contain a large table capable of accommodating 20 persons comfortably. The plans also provide for a large formal room for teas and receptions for distinguished visitors.

Ample space has been designed for closets, lavatory facilities, and showers. The first and second floors are to be air-conditioned, and a small automatic lift will serve the needs of guests.

Faculty Polled on Club

According to the results of the Faculty Club survey conducted by students of Dr. Edward L. Brink, Assistant Professor of Marketing and Foreign Commerce and Secretary of the Senate, the Faculty are enthusiastic about the project.

Reporting to the Senate at its meeting last November, Dr. Brink projected an immediate membership of 600—with a growth to 1200 in three years or less. Based on a dues structure running from \$45 a year for Professors down to \$25 for Instructors, annual revenues from a membership of 1200 would be close to \$50,000. Interestingly enough, rank by rank the near 700 respondents to the questionnaire indicated that they were *willing* to pay more on the average for membership than they thought they *should*!

To a question designed to pin-point faculty wishes in respect to physical facilities, the results show, in order of preference, the following: dining facilities, lounge rooms, committee rooms, reading rooms, a bar, a VIP suite, a snack bar, a game room, a library, lockers and showers, a TV room, a Hi-Fi room, and a barber shop. The order of preference changed slightly in the answers to a second question on the same subject, "Which of these facilities (if any) *must* be available in order to induce you to join?" The choice of committee rooms moved to fifth place in the rankings—while the bar moved to third.

Radio-TV Fellowships Offered

College instructors in the social sciences are invited by the Social Science Foundation and the School of Communication Arts of the University of Denver to apply for all-expense fellowships for a nine-week summer seminar-workshop on planning, writing, and producing world affairs programs on radio and television. Apply to the Director, Social Science Foundation, University of Denver, Denver 10, Colo. Completed application and supporting papers must be postmarked no later than March 1, 1957.

The University Plays an Important Part in U. S. Scientific Research

How important research is to the national economy may be dramatized by the billions of dollars spent annually by private industry and the Federal Government on "pure" or fundamental research, on applied research and on development.

During 1955-1956 nearly 400 projects at the University were supported by government and industrial contracts or grants. Approximately two-thirds of these were concerned with various aspects of the medical sciences, about one-sixth were conducted in departments of the College, and the remaining one-sixth were conducted in the other schools and divisions of the University.

Total expenditures on such projects for the current year—\$6,000,000—will exceed total expenditures for last year by nearly half a million dollars.

ICR Established in 1954

Because of the growing importance of team research, the University established the Institute for Cooperative Research in 1954. The function of the ICR is to administer inter-disciplinary projects; to provide an organization for the administration and guidance of research programs that require coordination with classified governmental activities; and generally to increase the University's capacity for handling research problems that industry and government logically feel the universities are best equipped to study.

The ICR is administered in much the same way as a faculty of the University. At the present time, Dr. Carl C. Chambers, Vice-President for Engineering Affairs, acts as director of ICR. He is assisted by two Associate Directors, Dr. William H. Boghosian, Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering, and Dr. Edward L. Brink, Assistant Professor of Marketing and Foreign Commerce.

Currently, the total annual value of the interdisciplinary projects administered by the ICR is approximately one and one-quarter million dollars.

Almost all of these projects use research assistants and junior investigators, thus providing aid to promising graduate students. For example, in Project Big Ben, an ICR project sponsored by the Air Research and Development Command, eleven members have received their Ph.D. degrees during the five years that this project has been in operation.

The Office of Project Research and Grants

To assure coordination and central control of all University research (including ICR), the Office of Project Research and Grants was established in 1949. This office, under the direction of Dr. Donald S. Murray, Associate Professor of Economics and Social Statistics, handles contractual, administrative, and financial matters relating to University research projects.

In addition to the large, interdisciplinary projects of

the ICR, Dr. Murray's office handles contractual and financial details for those projects administered by individual departments.

Since a recent accounting by Dr. Murray showed that only 7% of the University's total research program for 1955-56 was conducted in cooperation with private industry, the post of Industrial Liaison Officer (now held by Dr. Harry F. Arader, Lecturer in Electrical Engineering) was added to the Office of Project Research and Grants in March, 1956. It is Dr. Arader's responsibility to promote the various research facilities of the University in an effort to increase the University's participation in fundamental research conducted in cooperation with private industry.

In its endeavor to attract to the University appropriate support for such research as members of the faculty wish most to pursue, it is, of course, necessary for the Office of Project Research and Grants to be informed of changes in the research capacities and interests of the various departments and their members. For this reason it is hoped that Department Heads and individual faculty members will advise the Office of Project Research and Grants regarding their capacity and desire to undertake additional research work.

Research Funds Received From U. S.

Dr. Norman H. Topping, Vice-President for Medical Affairs, recently confirmed receipt of grants totalling \$550,000 from the U. S. Public Health Service to assist the University in the construction of health research facilities.

One grant of \$400,000 was made toward the construction of a new research laboratory wing on the School of Medicine at 36th Street and Hamilton Walk, and for research facilities in two new medical structures, the I. S. Ravdin Surgical Institute and The Phipps Institute.

A second grant of \$150,000 was received for research facilities in the School of Dentistry. It will permit renovation of existing dental research facilities and the construction of a new building consisting of a basement and two floors.

According to Dr. Topping, these are the first steps in a comprehensive, long range program for the extension and integration of research facilities in the health sciences at the University. The total cost of the construction involved will be \$3,200,000, of which one-half is expected to be borne by the U. S. Government over a three-year period.

"Complete Education" Defined

"I call a complete and generous education that which fits a man to perform justly, skilfully, and magnanimously all the offices, both private and public, of peace and war."—John Milton in *Tractate on Education*.



Carl C. Chambers

I Remember...



by DR. CLARENCE N. CALLENDER
Emeritus Professor of Business Law

A Ramble In Time

The Almanac should be cautious in inviting old timers to reminisce in view of their well known propensity to magnify the past and minimize the present. . . .

Well, anyway, the scene, with many parallels, was different in the autumn of 1905 when this particular youth arrived on the campus and asked for an education.

Theodore Roosevelt, as President, was lambasting Wall Street and malefactors of great wealth but grabbing the Panama Canal at the same time. . . . Mayor Weaver was making unconvincing gestures of reform, for the gang was in the saddle and the few Democrats who were around hardly opened their mouths. . . . the Philadelphia Rapid Transit, having been thoroughly looted by the underlyers, was giving wretched service between strikes but for five cents withal. . . . Provost Harrison was raising our funds and ruling the institution with a firm hand, and the merits of liberal arts and business education were being debated to the disadvantage of the latter. What seemed more important in those days were the satisfying results on Franklin Field. . . . A common subject of discussion was the architecture of the University Library, but of course no one dared, then or since, to question the ageless beauty of College Hall, with or without its towers. . . .

Slowly the scene changed, the tempo and degree in accord with the conservative pattern of the times and especially the Philadelphia variety. Even World War I with all of its disrupting influences and far reaching consequences failed to alter accustomed modes of thought very greatly. The intellectuals, one the whole, were not much in advance of Henry Cabot Lodge in foreign affairs and protested little over the excesses of the 1920's in domestic matters. . . . It is always interesting to ponder the question of how much a university leads or merely reflects the social and political attitudes of the community. . . . It seems to me that the academic world was dragged along quite reluctantly by the reforming spirit of the 1930's and that grave doubts are still entertained by many that the ends were good. However, the far-reaching effects of the great depression soon became apparent.

The devastating events of the 1940's have made it clear to everyone that the world has really changed. In

spite of its manifold benefits, scientific progress has brought the world to the sorry realization that it might change its ways or face annihilation. No such threat has ever before confronted mankind and it is small wonder that we are frightened and confused. In desperate need of new modes of thought and new methods of accommodation, our principal answer is more and better weapons of destruction.

What a challenge to the social scientists are the many dilemmas of today! For your task and for the benefit of all of us, fervent good wishes!

U. of P. Fourth in Language Survey

According to the results of a four-year survey conducted by the Foreign Language Program of the Modern Language Association of America, the top five collegiate language centers in the country are: Columbia (teaching 41 languages); Harvard (26); Yale (25); and Pennsylvania and California (24 each). Pennsylvania is among the very few institutions offering Lettish, as well as Tamil and Telegu, and it is unique in teaching the only formal college course in Romany, the language of the Gypsies.

Interesting statistics: Almost forty U. S. institutions of higher learning teach no modern foreign language at all, and close to 450 colleges and universities teach only French, Spanish, and German. French remains the most popular foreign language: 905 institutions report instruction in it. Second most popular—Spanish (867), followed by German (825), Italian (212), and Russian (183).

Chinese, though spoken by half a billion persons, is taught in only 29 U. S. schools. Japanese, spoken by 100,000,000 is offered in only 22 institutions. Javanese (41,000,000 speakers), Marathi (28,000,000), Gu'arati (20,000,000), and Swahili (8,000,000) are among 27 languages taught nowhere at all in the United States.

In all, some 971 American colleges and universities were examined in the survey.

Dr. Price Named To New Post

The School of Medicine has announced a grant of \$69,000 from the Wellcome Trustees, London, England. The grant will support a Wellcome Associate Research Professorship in the Department of Anesthesiology for a five-year period. Dr. Henry L. Price has been named the first appointee to the new post.

Tea Club Extends Invitation

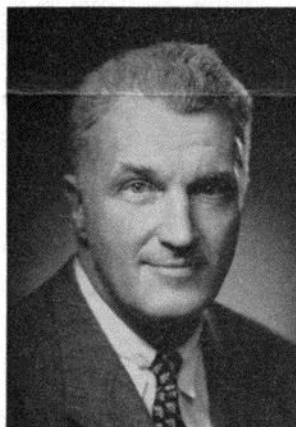
The Faculty Tea Club wishes to invite the wives of new Faculty members to attend the New Members Group, which meets the third Tuesday of every month. For time, place, and programs, call Mrs. C. C. Price, MA 3-8261 or Mrs. Samuel Gurin, SW 6-2579.

The Faculty Establish Character of a University, Says Dr. Harnwell

What is the greatest single asset of a university?

President Gaylord Harnwell offered the following answer to the question in his remarks at the December luncheon meeting of the University of Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Association of University Professors:

"Without in any way minimizing the function of the physical plant, including laboratories, libraries, museums, classrooms, playing fields, and so on, it is the men who bring these facilities into being, who work in them, and who pass through them that establish the character of a university and determine the significance of its work.



President Harnwell

"The professional and scholarly quality of a faculty is a university's greatest single asset.

"Other faculty characteristics are important, but as the group at the core of an educational institution it must possess pre-eminently intellectual energy and curiosity, the potentiality for inspiration, and the integrity of academic character. No group is more important in the formation of educational policy than the committee which scrutinizes and monitors the selection of faculty members. This group can exercise its judgment and discrimination effectively only if the salary scale is adequate and the academic community accords a faculty member appropriate respect and standing."

Faculty Salaries in Yugoslavia

Professors in Yugoslavia are at the very top of the salary scale in that country, according to Dr. Carl C. Chambers, Vice President for Engineering Affairs, who spoke about his recent visit to Titoland at the Lenape Club on December 10th.

The minimum to maximum salaries in Yugoslavia vary by only one to three. But professors, who are on the "three" level, "are on a par with the managers of the industries, the presidents of the republics, and the Vice President of the Executive Committee reporting directly to Marshal Tito."

In case any reader is now hat in hand on his way for a passport, let him reflect that that "three" level top salary bracket comes to exactly seventy-five dollars per month.

My Current Reading

Very currently, as part of my study of the English Novel, I have been swimming in the waves of writers who are following Joseph Conrad in adopting English as their new language and the novel as their medium for interpreting the complicated world scene. I particularly recommend the Czechoslovakian Joseph Wechsberg for his *The Self-Betrayed* (1955); the Lebanese Edward Atiyah for his *Black Vanguard* (1952); the Hungarians Richard Ullmann for *A Taste of Poison* (1954) and Arthur Koestler, who is already well known; the two Austrian writers Robert Neumann for his *Insurrection in Poshansk* (1952) and Erik von Kuehnelt-Leddihn for his *Moscow 1979* (1946 revised); the Chinese Fa Shun Chang for his *Until the Phoenix* (1953); the Spaniard Salvador de Madariaga for his *A Bunch of Errors* (1954); the South African Peter Abrahams for his *Mine Boy* (1946); the Dutchman Jan de Hartog for his *Stella* (1951) and *The Little Ark* (1953); the Pole Jerzy Pietrkiewicz for his *The Knotted Cord* (1953); and the Indian writers Kamala Markandaya for her *Some Inner Fury* (1955) and R. K. Narayan for his *The English Teacher* (1945). The movement created by these and other adoptive English writers seems to me to be the most fruitful one in contemporary world literature.

DR. THEOPHILUS E. M. BOLL
Associate Professor of English

Academic Freedom Defined

Dr. Samuel Eliot Morison, Professor Emeritus of American History at Harvard University, offers a three-part definition of "academic freedom" in his forthright volume of essays, *Freedom in Contemporary Society* (Little, Brown):

"(1) The right of a teacher or researcher in a university or other institution of higher learning to search for the truth in his chosen field; to interpret his findings and communicate his conclusions to students and public; without being penalized or molested by authorities within or without the university.

"(2) The right of a student in an institution of higher learning not only to be taught by unfettered instructors but to have access to all data pertinent to the subject of his study, and to be reasonably free from compulsive rules and regulations of a secondary-school nature.

"(3) The right of a teacher or researcher to exercise the freedom of speech, writing, and association that all other citizens enjoy, without being molested or discharged from his academic position. And the right of free speech includes the right to be heard; it is not much use, if you have something unpopular on your mind, to be told to go into the woods and tell it to the birds and squirrels.

"Like all other freedoms, academic freedom is not and cannot be absolute. It must be exercised in a framework of academic discipline, which includes good manners, good taste, and a decent respect for the opinions of the nonacademic world."

Among Other Things

Hungarian Note: Dr. Gaylord P. Harnwell, President of the University, has notified Dr. Buell G. Gallagher, Chairman of the World University Service, that free tuition at Pennsylvania for five Hungarian men or women will be available with the beginning of the spring term in February. The possibility of enlarging the program will be considered, if "the magnitude of the problem warrants," said Dr. Harnwell. . . .

Names: Dr. I. S. Ravdin, John Rhea Barton Professor of Surgery in the School of Medicine and Chief Surgeon to the University Hospital, was made an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, England, in ceremonies held in London last month. Dr. Ravdin was honored after delivering an address on "The Complexity of Liver Disease—Surgical Steps Toward Solution." . . . Dr. Thomas R. Kane was promoted to the rank of Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering after receiving the 1956 Teaching Award of the University's Engineering Alumni Society at its recent annual dinner. Speakers included Dr. Carl C. Chambers, Vice-President for Engineering Affairs, and Gene Kelly, popular Philadelphia sports announcer. . . . Dr. Theresa I. Lynch, Dean of the School of Nursing, spoke on "Communicable Diseases and the General Hospital" at the recent annual meeting of the Virginia Hospital Association in Roanoke, Va. . . .

Worth Another Thought: "Education is what remains when we have forgotten all that we have been taught."—George Savile, Marquis of Halifax (1633-1695). . . .

Chain Reaction: Dr. Matthew W. Black, Professor of English, advises us that "it would save financial loss to the University and inconvenience to those who use the University parking spaces, if key-holders would adjust the chain properly on leaving the lot." The process, he says, is simple: "(1) Hook chain to pole; (2) pass auxiliary chain through loop on pole; and (3) padlock end of auxiliary chain to the main chain." . . .

Building Department: The University has applied to the community facilities branch of the Housing and Home Finance Agency in Washington for \$3,000,000 in Federal funds for the erection of new dormitories for 667 women students. The application stated that the University would spend \$1,030,000 of its own funds to defray part of the cost of the new housing. . . . Construction to enlarge and remodel the Rehabilitation Center of the Hospital is now under way at a cost of about \$450,000. Of this sum, two-thirds was contributed by individuals, and one-third was obtained from Federal sources under the Hill-Burton Act, through approval by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Hospital Construction Authority. The Center will be named in honor of Dr. George Morris Piersol, Dean of the Graduate School of Medicine and Professor Emeritus of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. . . . Work has also begun on an addition to the Fels Center, which houses the University's Institute of Local and State Government (39th and Walnut Streets). The addition has been made possible by a gift of \$225,000 from the Fels Fund to the Institute. . . .

Catching up with the News: The University's College Collateral Students have sent us a copy of their lively new newsletter, *The Evening Pennsylvanian*. In their

"Did You Know?" department, they remind us that Franklin Field was once a cemetery and that football games were first played by the University's teams in the dormitory quadrangle at 37th and Spruce Streets. Making the members of those ancient teams *quadranglers*? . . . Dr. Joseph L. T. Appleton, Emeritus Dean of the Dental School, thinks that Gerald W. Johnson's remarks on loyalty oaths in the November, 1956, issue of *The Almanac* were "emotional and bombastic," and much prefers the following quotation from M. R. Cohen's *A Dreamer's Journey* (Beacon Press, 1949): "No man, no matter how critical, can stand up before a class and refrain from saying more than he knows." Continues Dr. Appleton: "Our most stimulating teachers, I suspect, are just such persons. Of course, we should never knowingly advocate what we believe to be untrue or misleading." . . . Attendees are still buzzing with admiration for the series of lectures on *The Idea of An Atlantic Community*, delivered last month by Dr. Frank Thistlethwaite, Visiting Professor of American Civilization. . . .

Observation: "Women have been so highly educated that nothing should surprise them except happy marriages."—Oscar Wilde . . .

Clippings: Dr. James H. S. Bossard, Professor of Sociology, has just been informed that his article, "Eight Reasons Why Marriages Go Wrong" (published in the *New York Times Magazine*, June 24, 1956), has been selected for inclusion in a new Scribner volume entitled *A Quarto of Modern Literature*. . . . Dr. Israel Live, Professor of Microbiology, School of Veterinary Medicine, has been appointed to a second five-year term on the Expert Advisory Panel on Brucellosis of the World Health Organization. . . . Pioneer cinematographer Eadweard Muybridge, much of whose important work in the development of motion pictures was done under the auspices of the University back in the 1880's, is the subject of articles in two new books: *A Volume of Things* (Hawthorne), edited by Geoffrey Grigson and Charles Harvard Gibbs-Smith, and *U. S. Camera 1957* (Duell), edited by Tom Maloney. . . . Dr. William Arnold, Dean of the School of Education, is a member of the recently formed National Council of Administrative Leadership, a group of eminent national educators now at work on a ten-year program designed to improve the nation's public school leadership. . . .

Conclusion: "Experience teaches us much—but learns us little."—Josh Billings.

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