

## DOUGLAS HINTED TOP POSTMATE FOR HIGH COURT

**NATIONAL AFFAIRS**  
FRANCE sold air secrets, Gen. Craig testifies (Page One).  
DOUGLAS ranked high for Supreme Court post.  
REPUBLICANS to fight Guam fortification plan.  
RELIEF request may start study of whole program.  
ROOSEVELT to board cruiser after two talks today.  
ICKES may probe PWA "promotion" charge in Georgia.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (U. P.).—An authoritative source said today that President Roosevelt seriously is considering Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman William O. Douglas for the Supreme Court vacancy caused by the retirement of Justice Louis D. Brandeis.

The main objection to Mr. Douglas was said to be geographical. He is a "transplanted" Westerner now residing in Connecticut. It was understood, however, that Mr. Roosevelt would not let that factor stand in the way.

Considerable pressure is being exerted from Western Congressmen for a representative on the Court since none of the present Justices resides west of the Mississippi River.

Head of SEC Since 1937  
The authoritative source said the President might change his mind during a two-week vacation in the Caribbean. Before leaving Washington, Mr. Roosevelt indicated that he would not name Mr. Brandeis' successor until his return early in March.

Mr. Douglas was elected chairman of the SEC in 1937, despite opposition from Wall Street. He was considered a "market theorist." Financial leaders charged that he would attempt reforms injurious to business. Much of his law practice in New York dealt with corporate affairs. He is the author of numerous articles on the distribution of securities, functions of brokers and dealers, and on bankruptcy subjects.

Although born in Maine, Minn., and educated in the State of Washington, he studied law at Columbia University and practiced in New York. Later he became a professor of law at Yale.

**Other Possibilities Listed**  
His name entered the list of prospective nominees to the Court after the President was known to have considered Solicitor General Robert H. Jackson, Senator Lewis B. Swannell (D. Wash.), Federal Judge Florence E. Allen of Cleveland, and others.

It was understood that although Senator Swannell was acceptable geographically, his qualifications were considered less than the caliber desired.

Mr. Jackson has indicated that he does not desire the post. His friends believe it would cut short a promising political career which they hope will lead to the White House.

The source who said that Mr. Douglas was the leading candidate now, said that he possessed all the qualities which Mr. Roosevelt will require in making his selection. He is only 41, an outstanding liberal, an ardent New Dealer, an astute lawyer and a fighter.

## House Republicans Balk on Guam Plans

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (U. P.).—House Republicans planned today to fight the proposed expenditure of five million dollars for harbor improvements on the island of Guam when an authorization bill for new air and naval bases is brought to the floor Tuesday.

Minority leaders said they would oppose the Guam provisions in the bill on the grounds that the project would "involve trouble" with Japan. The island is only 1400 miles from the Japanese mainland. Naval officials testified that establishment of a naval and air base there would extend this country's first line of defense within 500 miles of Japan.

The bill was approved by the Senate last week.

## MEETINGS TODAY

Nature Study Club of Indiana, annual dinner, Marriott Hotel, 6:30 p. m.  
Alliance Française, luncheon, Hotel Washington, noon.  
Indiana Symphony Orchestra, concert, Mott Theater, 8:30 p. m.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

(These lists are from official records in the County Court House. The Times, therefore, is not responsible for errors in names and addresses.)

Fred A. Kurzer, 32 of 3383 Rucker St.; Martha C. Hanks, 22 of 157 N. Jesse St.

Clyde C. Harker, 32 of 1309 N. Pennsylvania St.; Charlotte W. Downard, 25 of 2113 N. Main St.

John Taylor Stuart, 25 of 1301 N. Alabama St.; Emma Belle Deremiah, 20 of 2005 Colfax St.

Ellsworth Deiber, 18, of 4074 Cornwell Ave.; Mary S. Crothers, 16, of 1415 Jefferson Ave.

Wiley Milton Rhodes, 22, of 4348 Madison Ave.; Mamie C. Midge, 24, of 1955 Lawrence Ave.

Eugene Liming, 73, of 2818 Burton Ave.; Clara L. Smith, 22, of 2406 Carroll Ave.

Frederick A. Haskett, 27, of 406 Carroll Ave.; Julia M. Ris, 24, of 406 Carroll Ave.

Hosie Carlisle, 57, of 120 Collins St.; Shelia Jackson, 26, of 1313 Cornell St.

Robert Willis, 24, of 21 N. 10th St.; Mattie Gunn, 16, of 2520 Indianapolis Ave.

## BIRTHS

Russell, Kathryn Brown, at St. Francis, Russell (deceased), Elizabeth Arnold, at St. Francis.

Blaise, Juanita McKinzie, at Coleman.

George, John, at Methodist.

Doc, Violet Miller, at Methodist.

Karl, Robert, at 464 N. Kentucky.

Earl, Shirley, at 1426 Carrollton.

George, Ida Alice, at 720 S. Illinois.

Boys

John, Alice Howard, at 819 S. Capitol.

John, Dorothy Temple, at 24 W. New York.

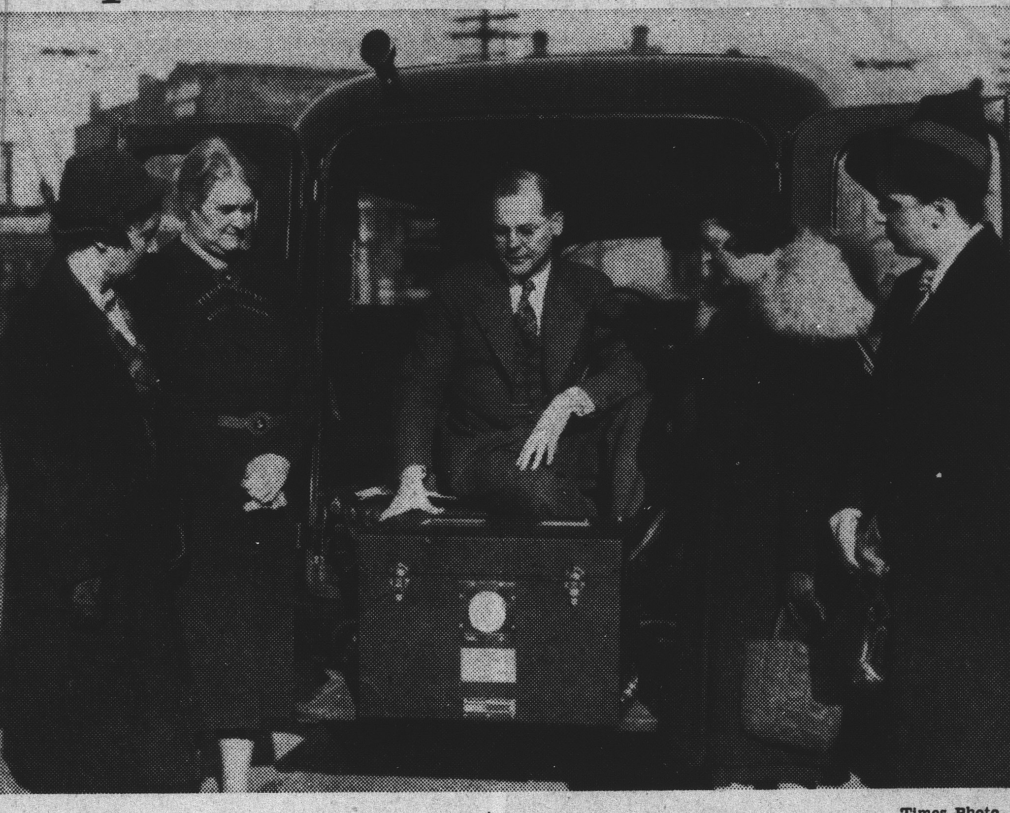
Ralph, Cora Harding, at 238 1/2 Minerva.

Peter, Dorothy La Russa, at 1693 S. Delaware.

John, Lillian Lawson, at 115 N. Elder.

Samuel, Thelma Donohue, at St. Francis.

## Hospital Gets Portable Baby Incubator



To aid in saving lives of prematurely born babies, this portable baby incubator, shown in the rear of a City Hospital ambulance, has been presented City Hospital by the Beta Beta Alumnae Chapter of Alpha Chi Omega. The three-foot, electrically heated and air conditioned incubator first one in Indianapolis, will be used to transport babies to the hospital from homes.

## PWA Likely to Probe Georgia Building Dispute

By THOMAS L. STOKES  
Times Special Writer  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The Public Works Administration is expected shortly to investigate the charge that Lawrence W. (Chip) Robert, Jr., Democratic National Committee secretary, got a 1 per cent cut for political "promotion" in obtaining Federal funds for a five million dollar hospital-building program in Georgia.

His firm, the L. W. Robert Co. of Atlanta, was awarded the architectural and engineering contract under an agreement with Governor Rivers and the State Board of Public Welfare which called for a 6 per cent fee.

Mr. Robert denied before a state legislative committee that 1 per cent of this was for political "promotion," as charged, but said that part of the fee was for services in Washington which he described as "engineering and planning."

The case has attracted wide notice because of Mr. Robert's political and social prominence here and his former connection with the Roosevelt Administration as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury in charge of public-building construction.

Rep. Delancy Allen of the Georgia Legislature, who opened up the subject, charged that Mr. Robert used his political position and "influence" here to get millions of dollars' worth of contracts for his company, and that he was forced to resign from the Treasury post.

House Naval Affairs Committee yesterday. It authorized expenditure of 52 million dollars for 12 naval air bases, but does not provide specifically for other than harbor dredging at Guam. Naval officials said, however, that they might recommend the building of such a base later.

Republicans indicated that they would not hold together on this issue, as they have on other crucial tests of the House.

In addition to Guam, the projects for which the bill would authorize appropriations are:

Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, \$5,800,000; Midway Island, \$5,351,000; Wake Island, \$2,900,000; Johnston Island, \$1,411,000; Palmyra Island, \$1,110,000; Kodiak, Alaska, \$8,741,000; Sitka, Alaska, \$2,884,000; Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, \$2,821,000; San Juan, Puerto Rico, \$9,138,000; Tongue Point, Ore., \$1,500,000; and \$1,800,000 for the naval aircraft factory at Philadelphia.

Naval officials disclosed during the hearings on the bill that some of the air bases might also accommodate submarines, particularly in Alaska, Guam and Kaneohe Bay.

Rep. Martin Maas moved yesterday to broaden the air base program by introducing a bill authorizing establishment of a base on Wrangell Island, north and west of Alaska. The island now is held by Russia. Rep. Maas said it actually belongs to the United States, and termed the Russians "trespassers."

Senator Reynolds (D. N. C.) introduced a similar bill in the Senate.

## Check on Entire Relief Program Considered

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (U. P.).—House Committee consideration next week of President Roosevelt's request for an additional 150 million dollars for relief may be turned into an investigation of the entire work relief program.

Rep. Clifton A. Woodrum (D. Va.), head of the Deficiency Subcommittee, which handles relief appropriations, said he expected the group to begin work next week on an accumulation of Presidential requests, including the one for more relief funds.

He also plans to ask consideration at the same time of his own bill to scrap the existing WPA and set up a new agency, the Unemployment Relief Administration, authorized to administer direct relief, unemployment relief, and to aid the states with grants in taking over part of the program.

Rep. Woodrum said Col. F. C. Harrington, WPA Administrator, probably will be called to testify on Mr. Roosevelt's request, and questioned as to the WPA's efforts to rid its rolls of "malingerers."

An influential Committee member who refused to be quoted, said he expected that the group would "not take seriously" Mr. Roosevelt's request for another 150 million dollars for relief before July 1. The President's request was made when he announced that he had signed an emergency appropriation of 725 million dollars. The amount coincided with the sum cut by Congress from his original request for 875 million dollars.

Congressmen who pilot relief appropriations through Congress have indicated that they intended to stand pat on the amount voted. Some reiterated this attitude today, and said the President's strategy, which they interpreted as intended to put Congress "on the spot," had made it hard for anyone who had already taken a stand on the issue to change it.

They anticipated that the President would send Congress another message on relief after his return from the Caribbean fleet maneuvers.

## DR. BENES FEARS MUNICH MERELY DELAYED STRIFE

Czech Ex-President Gives  
First U. S. Address  
In Chicago.

CHICAGO, Feb. 18 (U. P.).—Dr. Eduard Benes, former president of Czechoslovakia, believes that the Munich agreement brought little if any decrease in the clouds of fear that hang over Europe.

He made his first American public appearance last night in a lecture before 2000 alumni and friends of the University of Chicago. He is to start a course of 10 lectures on the history and science of democracy at the university Monday.

"It cannot be denied," he said, "that the so-called policy of appeasement serves well its purpose of postponing for a certain period a conflict. There is, however, no decrease in the number of those who fear that it does not mean a real prevention of war but only its postponement."

"Although even today I rather incline to the opinion that no European conflict will break out in the near future, I must still admit that there is no decrease, or very little, in the fear of a heavy conflagration in Europe eventually."

He said the regimes of Italy and Germany "have many interests in common but also have some latent conflicts and could at a later stage drift apart."

"I do not believe, however, as is frequently asserted," he said, "that this will happen in the near future. They still have much in common, and they have a pretty long common road in front of them before they have realized their common aspirations."

## SET NEW MAHANEY TRIAL FOR MONDAY

Accused in Fatal Stabbing  
Of Mooneyhan Year Ago.

The second trial in the case of Everett Mahaney, charged with the murder of Luther Mooneyhan a year ago, is to be started in Criminal Court Monday.

In the previous trial last December a Criminal Court jury reported it was unable to reach a verdict after 24 hours continuous deliberations.

Mahaney is charged with fatally stabbing Mr. Mooneyhan during a fight in an Oliver Ave. poolroom Feb. 5, 1938.

A special venire of 100 prospective jurors has been drawn for the selection of a new panel to try the case.

## NIGHT WATCHMAN'S SLUGGING PROBED

4 Purse With Contents  
Valued at \$200 Taken.

Police today investigated the reported slugging last night of a Federal Foundry night watchman, James Bailey, 37, of 916 N. Pershing Ave. He was taken to City Hospital, where he is recovering from a skull fracture.

Theft of four purses containing money and jewelry valued at nearly \$200 also was reported.

Three purses, belonging to Miss Mary E. Reilly, 26, of Pennsylvanian St.; Miss Dorothy Carter, 2116 Park Ave., and Miss Ann Mitchell, 1465 N. Alabama St., were taken from a dressing room at Jordan Conservatory of Music, police said.

The fourth purse, containing \$115 and a ring valued at \$50, was stolen from the home of Mrs. Violet Davis, 1702 N. Alabama St., she told police.

## ANDREWS TO CHECK HOMEWORK RECORDS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (U. P.).—Wage-Hour Administrator Elmer F. Andrews will place in effect March 15 more stringent regulations governing the keeping of industrial homework records.

Mr. Andrews said that the new regulations "will at least test the practicability of this kind of control of industrial homework."

The rules will be in effect for a six-month trial period. They are defined as an "industrial homework any person producing in or about a home, for an employer, goods from materials furnished directly or indirectly from such employer."

The new regulations require the keeping of a separate handbook for each homeworker. They will be furnished after March 1.

## IMPRISON FATHER FOR CRUELTY TO SON

PERU, Feb. 18 (U. P.).—For slaying his year-old son on the face with a pair of scissors and throwing him from the house in a fit of temper, a father today started a six months' term on a penal farm.

Elmer Gochenour, 64, a WPA worker, the father, was sentenced in City Court. His son's injuries were treated by a physician.

## Goodby and Good Luck, Old Betsy



The sun has set for Old Betsy. Her glorious days of firefighting are over. No more will Old Betsy roar down the street at 35 miles an hour, thrill the kids and shoot water over high buildings.

Old Betsy is the Fire Department's water tower, a pride and joy of the department since 1896. Capt. J. W. Blackwell, at No. 30 House, 340 S. New Jersey St., where the ancient piece of equipment is housed, said Old Betsy had given the City faithful service in her time.

"But she's outmoded now," he said sadly. The old buggy, once horse-drawn, is powered by a six-cylinder Seagrave tractor. There are seven waterlines to feed the one nozzle at the end of its 55-foot tower. If Old Betsy can't be sold to a smaller town, Chief Kennedy plans to use her to fill all the City's swimming pools this summer.

## MANUAL GRADS TALK OLD TIMES

Every Class for Last 44  
Years is Represented at  
Founders' Day.

Today is Founders' Day at Manual Training High School. After individual class reunions this afternoon, there will be a dinner at 6 o'clock at the school gymnasium, and a dance and entertainment at the auditorium.

The South Side school was founded 44 years ago and every class will be well represented. Nearly 7000 invitations were sent to graduates all over the country.

The class of June '09 is having some difficulty locating its president, Edwin F. Cullity, who was a classmate of Sheriff Feeney.

Lester C. Nagley Sr., former class historian, said the last time he saw Mr. Cullity was about 26 years ago, when the Levathan docked with the Rainbow Division boys. He said Mr. Cullity, in a U. S. Marine uniform was at Fifth Ave. and Broadway, New York City.

**"Old Boys" to Dance**  
The evening entertainment will include "Ferdinand the Bull," featuring Sheriff Feeney, Irwin Bertram, Charles Dyar, Mark Pangborn, and Ray Fator.

W. Finley Wright, English Department teacher, said he will be in the "Information Please" and "Professor Quiz."

The "old boys" will dance to music provided by the "Top Hatters" and the "Black Cats" orchestra, and will be directed in the Lamson Walk by Louis Stockman.

The alumni association includes in charge of arrangements includes Louis J. Borinstein, member of the first graduating class of 1899, president; Miss Louise Berndt, vice president; Miss Ann Schaefer, secretary; and E. H. Kemper McComb, Manual principal, treasurer.

## Cupid's Head Awhirl Over Double Knot

LOGANSPORT, Feb. 18.—Dan Cupid played a weird trick in the Armstrong-Beedle families. Consequently the nuptial pairs are in a dilemma as to their positions on the family tree.

Mrs. Dorothy Beedle of Logansport became the bride of Harry L. Armstrong of Ft. Wayne just two days after her son Clifford was married to Mr. Armstrong's daughter Mary.

Mary Armstrong, Ft. Wayne, and Clifford Beedle of Logansport were married in St. Jude's Catholic Church of Ft. Wayne. The bridegroom's mother and the bride's father were married in the First Christian Church of Ft. Wayne.

Mr. Beedle is employed here with his father, Jesse Beedle, first husband of his mother.

## ADD TO WHEAT CROP INSURANCE IN STATE

LAFAYETTE, Feb. 18 (U. P.).—Premium payments for "all risk" insurance coverage on Indiana wheat crops have added 140,000 bushels of wheat to the insurance reserve of the Federal Crop Insurance Corp. it was reported today.

Charles P. Gregory, State Crop Insurance Supervisor, said in a statement issued here that 11,187 Indiana farmers have paid premiums and the total crop insured was estimated at more than 2,000,000 bushels.

## STATE GRAIN DEALERS ASK INCOME TAX CUT

MARION, Feb. 18 (U. P.).—The Farmers' Grain Dealers' Association of Indiana adopted a resolution favoring reduction of gross income tax for retailers at their convenience yesterday.

The resolution favored reduction of the tax on retail merchants from 1 per cent to 1/2 of 1 per cent, with retention of the present \$3000 exemption.

**CHILD DIES OF BURNS**  
MARKLE, Feb. 18 (U. P.).—Funeral services will be held tomorrow for Joe Blaine Bear, 3, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bear, who died at Huntington County Hospital of second-degree burns. He fell into a tub of hot water at home three days ago.

## CIRCLING THE CITY

Stipher Heads Alumni Group—Karl J. Stipher has been elected president of the Indianapolis Alpha Association of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity. It was announced today. Harold N. Fields is the new vice president and Franklin Seidensticker, secretary-treasurer. The fraternity will be honored with a special official day at the Golden Gate International Exposition, Bruce H. McIntosh, national secretary, said.

**Tech Pupils Write Articles**—Two articles by Tech High School pupils are included in the current bulletin of the Indiana High School Press Association. One article by John Thomas describes the high school press convention here last fall and the other, by Grace Curry, deals with work on Tech's school paper.

**Council to Convene Monday**—The County Council will convene Monday for the first time in a month to vote on ordinances appropriating funds to pay the County's December bills. Bills that are not paid by Jan. 1 must be disposed of by Council appropriations.

**Seek to Enroll Ex-Marines**—The Indianapolis Detachment of the Marine Corps League today announced opening of a membership campaign. The detachment, with an actual membership of 80, has a potential membership of more than 1000. The League, incorporated by Act of Congress in 1937, is open to all honorably discharged members of the U. S. Marine Corps. Wayne Simpson, Marine, East Gate, is commander.

**Q. O. P. Club Elects Alford**—The Morton Republican Club, formerly the Oliver P. Morton Club, elected Robert P. Alford president last night in a reorganization meeting in the Odd Fellows Hall, 10th and Rural Sts. Others elected are Mrs. Emma Hill, vice president; Marshall E. Keating, chairman; Mrs. Leona Taylor, secretary; Mrs. Myrtle Kough, treasurer, and James Cooper, sergeant-at-arms.

Business sessions will be held the first Friday of each month and the first meeting the third Friday of each month.

**Junior C. of C. to Elect**—The Indianapolis Junior Chamber of Commerce has set April 3 as the tentative date for election of officers. Nominating committee members are Doyle Zaring, Harry T. Ice and Harlan Livengood, board members, and Ralph Swingley, Edward E. McLaren, E. B. Byrd and Bert G. W. Brock Jr., nonmembers of the board.

**Guest Speaker at Church**—The Rev. Richard M. Miller, Broadway Methodist Church pastor, will be a guest speaker at the First Methodist Church of Parkersburg, W. Va., Monday.

**Butler Choir to Sing**—The Butler University Choir and Choral Ensemble directed by Joseph Lautner, with Rowland Cresswell, cellist, of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra will be heard in a recital in the Grace Methodist Church tomorrow at 7:30 p. m.

**Soloists are Misses Ann Calvert and Helen Barnhart and accompanists, Misses Lois Wilson Lautner and Betty Collins.** The ensemble includes Misses Betty Burckes, Mary Ann Lookbill, Lorene Conrad, Mary Wiley, Martha Van Tassel, Betty Starr, Betty Walters, Dorothy Fisher, and Paul Jones, Russell Curtis, Robert Blue, Robert Calland, Harold Gibbs, James Chisler, Irving Folkening and Lowell Gano.

**Traveler to Speak Here**—Col. Thomas Martin, who has served the Salvation Army in his native England, and who has been in Canada and Canada over a period of 55 years, will visit the city next week. He will speak to private groups each day and in the Citadel at 26 S. Capitol each evening.

**Talks at Ft. Wayne**—The Rev. E. Burdette Backus, All Souls Unitarian Church pastor, will speak in the new Unitarian Church at Ft. Wayne tomorrow evening. The Rev. Mr. Backus will also make the Washington's Birthday address for the Colonial Dames here and conduct services at the Altemheim Sunday afternoon, Feb. 26.

**Schedule Church Recital**—Miss Sue Carolyn will give a program of organ music at the evening service in the St. Matthew Lutheran Church tomorrow. The Rev. L. E. C. Fackler, pastor, will speak on "Gardens of Human Interest."

**Measure Exempts Municipal Units From Levy.**  
The "home rule" bill exempting municipally owned utilities from property taxes, passed by the House yesterday, was sent to Governor Townsend for his approval today.

During debate on the measure, which originated in the Senate, Rep. Edward H. Stein, of Ellettsville, minority floor leader, characterized it as "just another bill to stop."

"We've got to have money coming in to the State instead of going the other way," Rep. Stein said in explaining his "no" vote.

Rep. Daniel L. Bower (D. Indianapolis) claimed the State would lose \$26,000 in taxes if the measure passed.

"Taxes on municipally owned properties have been a constant source of trouble," Rep. Winfield Denton (D. Evansville) said. "It's only been since 1931 that we've taxed municipal property. I'm in favor of this bill and it should pass."

Rep. Arnold G. Noland (D. Indianapolis) objected to the measure because in "Indiana we have an alleged municipal utility—the gas company—which would not be benefited by the act."

The vote was 65 to 22.

**ROOSEVELT AID BETTER**  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (U. P.).—Rep. Robert L. Doughton (D. N. C.) and Marvin McIntyre, White House secretary, are recovering in satisfactory manner from the influenza, Naval Hospital reported today.

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