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Council Members Help "Bridge the Gap"

by Joyce Hodel

After receiving a handbook from the NASC about Youth Conferences on Older Americans, the Roanoke-Benson Student Council organized their own Bicentennial "Bridge the Gap" Conference. In order to commemorate the bicentennial and also to let the elderly in town know that the youth is concerned about them, a breakfast, consisting of discussion between students and residents, was held at the Roanoke Apostolic Christian Nursing Home.

After the principle had given his go-ahead, arrangements were worked out with the activities director of the home. Seventeen students were chosen by the executive board to attend, and about 25 residents of the home were chosen to attend. All students attended a meeting before the "Bridge the Gap" Conference to discuss possible topics for discussion, some of which were: where were you born, how were you affected by the depression, what do you see as the nation's greatest im-

provement in your lifetime, what do you think of teenagers today, what do you foresee for the future of America, tell us about your childhood, tell us about both World Wars.

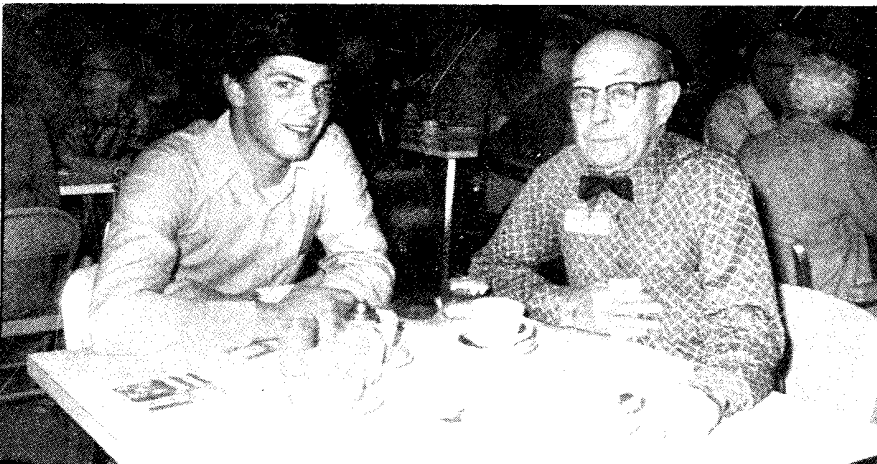
The conference was held one Friday morning from 8:00 to 9:30, meaning that the students were dismissed from school. Nametags and programs were given to all of the students and residents. Students and residents sat at tables, with plenty of doughnuts and orange juice. And the talking began.

Some of the residents knew some students' older relatives and were soon talking about similarities and differences between the young and the old in the family. Many students asked the residents about the depression and World War II. Some residents talked about their homes and families. While the students were avid listeners, they also stated their opinions on today's issues and the future of America.

Concluding the breakfast was a poem and "America the Beautiful", sung by all in attendance. The re-

sidents heartily thanked the students for coming and urged them to come again. The students left reluctantly, more enlightened, and more awed and appreciative of the elderly.

This activity is a fine activity for any student council to organize. Not only do the elderly people enjoy the young visitors, but at the same time, it is a fantastic learning experience for the students. Perhaps it can best be summed up by a few sentences from the letter of the administrator of the nursing home to the principle of R-BHS, "I don't think any of us realize how much things like this mean to our elderly. We heard many fine comments about the program and all thoroughly enjoyed it. We hope it will be repeated in the future. Please convey our admiration and thanks to all who participated."



A Roanoke-Benson council member talks with Ben Schnieder of the Roanoke Apostolic Christian Nursing Home.

Routing Slip

After reading the REPORTER, check your position off of the list below and pass it on to the next person on the list.

- Council President
- Council Vice-President
- Council Secretary
- Council Treasurer
- Committee Chairperson
- Committee Chairperson
- Senior Class Reps.
- Junior Class Reps.
- Sophomore Class Reps.
- Freshmen Class Reps.
- Other _____
- Other _____
- Post on council bulletin board
- School Library

So You Lost an Election-Now What?

Ever since my involvement in student council began on the district level, two and a half years ago, I have wondered what ever becomes of the runners up in the election of district and state officers. In very few cases have I ever seen these candidates continuing to be active on the district and state levels.

I think what happens in most cases is that after spending hours planning a campaign and writing a speech, when a person loses the election, s/he is extremely disappointed and tends to lose his/her self confidence. What this candidate should do is stop and evaluate why s/he lost the election. In most cases, it is not because the candidate wasn't qualified.

Often, delegates at these conventions don't take the time to talk to the candidates, so consequently, the winner is usually the cutest girl or most handsome guy. I know it doesn't say much for responsible student government but unfortunately, it's true. If you're running against a really good looking girl and most of the delegates at the convention are guys, you have practically no chance of winning.

Sometimes, the most posters, biggest campaign, or funniest slogans win an election. Face it — how can all of the delegates at a convention possibly get to know the candidates in such a short period of time? They can't. It is utterly impossible for a group of people to choose the best candidate 100% of the time when the candidates have had so little exposure.

So what happens to the losers? Now and then I see one of them sitting in the back of the room at a district workshop, but more often, I never see or hear of them again. It doesn't make any sense that people who consider themselves qualified to be an officer of a district or state association should sit back and discontinue their involvement on these levels of student council.

There is a multitude of opportunities for these people to remain involved on the district, state, and national levels, as

well as at home on the local level. Discussion group leaders with experience and good leadership abilities are in demand for district and state conventions and the national conference. The IASC McKendree workshops always need junior counselors with experience.

There are about one hundred student positions in the IASC that need to be filled every year, including 40 discussion group leaders, 35-plus committee members, 15-20 junior counselors, and 8 state officers.

Another way to stay involved on the state level is to offer to help the state officers. We were overloaded with work most of the time, and would gladly have let someone else write some letters or make some phone calls for us. Personally, I would have appreciated someone else writing articles on IASC and district activities for **The Reporter**.

Too often, students get discouraged if they lose in an election of district officers. Instead, they should be considering running for state office. If a person feels s/he was qualified for a district office, s/he probably has a good chance of being elected to a state office.

There are countless other opportunities for students to use their leadership abilities, outside of those dealing with student council which I have mentioned. Many volunteer organizations — one in particular comes to mind — The Multiple Sclerosis Society, have youth councils on a regional or state level. There is a student advisory committee to the state board of education, which has openings every year. Most communities have student positions on councils or project planning committees I could go on and on.

The point is, only one person can win an election, but if you apply for other positions or run for other offices, your chances of getting in a leadership position are much better.

Hopefully, the losing candidates at this year's state convention and the ones who lost district elections in the past year will choose to stay involved in student council and use their leadership skills in areas where they are needed.

— Bill Brown

Briefs of the February Board Meeting

The following information was taken from the minutes of the IASC Board Meeting held February 21 and 22, at Sacred Heart Academy in Springfield.

Lynn Larson reported that there were 190 member schools, and presented her financial statement showing an ending balance of \$1,222.99.

Phil Hoyt presented a list of discussion group leaders for the state con-

vention. He stated that the Cenosis and West Northwest districts still don't have anyone on the credentials committee representing their district. Phil was directed to select the persons from the two districts to represent their district.

Ed Pluhar reported that six businesses and schools have already applied for a place in the Hall of Ideas, and he also reported the details of

what the schools are going to do in the Hall of Ideas. Ed showed the board members an example of the buttons he ordered for the state convention and quoted prices for IASC pocket calendars. The buttons are being donated for the convention by Win-Craft, Inc. Both the buttons and the calendars will be included in the convention packets for the delegates.

Bill Brown reported that the net

cost of the first five issues of **The Reporter** was \$353.51. Bill Carlson suggested that Mr. ZumMallen and Bill look into what the advantage would be if they cut down on the circulation of **The Reporter**. Mr. Wells suggested that if the school is not a member of the association, **The Reporter** could be sent to the school library instead of the student council advisor.

Kevin Ritter reported that 300 copies of the 20 page yearbook would be printed. He also quoted prices for the book.

President Bill Carlson gave his report on the Bicentennial Committee. Linda Fuchs was contacted by Bill about the bicentennial decals. It was decided that the IASC would pay for the decals and give them out at the convention.

The Executive Board passed board policy providing for a workshop director appointed by the board to be in charge of registration and other details of IASC workshop activities. It also provided that the IASC Executive Secretary will act as consultant at workshop activities.

The legislative committee met in January and they developed guidelines and policies for the legislative committee. The Executive Board suggested some changes to be made, and Bill Carlson will present the policies and guidelines again at the May board meeting.

Bill Carlson reported that convention speakers are lined up as follows: professor George Walters of Wisconsin for the banquet speaker, and Terry Giroux, director of student activities for the NASSP, will be the speaker for the convention.

Tonia White, president of the Chicago District, presented her minutes of the last district meeting. Tonia passed out some information on what is happening in the Chicago District. She was attending the meeting for the purpose of asking for official recognition by the IASC of the Chicago District. A motion that the board recognize the Chicago District was passed with the provision that schools in the Chicago District need not be members of the district to attend the IASC 1976 Convention.

Bill Carlson stated that Andrew English will be in charge of a seminar at the state convention and that the deadline for seminars was January 21, 1976.

Theresa Probst stated in her host school report that she has ordered 1200 folders which will be stuffed on Wednesday night, May 5, at 8:00. Theresa also stated that it has been acknowledged by the governor's office that May 2-8 is Student Council Week in Illinois.

It was decided that members of the legislative committee be allowed to attend the convention as out-of-quota delegates.

Mr. Phelps read a letter he received from Mr. Giroux asking the IASC to choose a student from Illinois to be on the regional advisory committee. The board directed Bill Brown to send out applications for the position with the February issue of **The Reporter**.

Peter Johnson, president of the North Central District, presented their constitution to the board. The district, which was formed from schools in the eastern half of the old Northwest district, was officially recognized by the board.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m., February 22.

Dates to Remember

May	
6-8	IASC 1976 Convention at the Congress Hotel in Chicago.
7	Deadline to submit registration for the 1976 NASC/NASAA conference if traveling on the IASC bus.
11	Urbana High School's Mock Democratic National Convention at the Assembly Hall in Champaign.
June	
4-6	Eastern Illinois University leadership workshop.
20-14	NASC/NASAA 1976 Bicentennial Conference at James Madison High School in Portland, Oregon.
July	
9-11	Eastern Illinois University leadership workshop.
11-16	National Leadership Training Center at Brandywine College in Wilmington, Delaware.
25-30	National Leadership Training Center at Camp Couchdale in Hot Springs, Arkansas.
26-30	IASC Summer Workshop at McKendree College in Lebanon, Illinois.
August	
2-6	IASC Summer Workshop at McKendree College in Lebanon, Illinois.
6-8	Eastern Illinois University leadership workshop.
9-13	IASC Summer Workshop at McKendree College in Lebanon, Illinois.
10-15	National Leadership Training Center at Camp Cheley in Estes Park, Colorado.
October	
23-24	IASC Fresh-Sophomore Workshop at East Bay Camp.
November	
6	Little Egypt District Convention at West Frankfort High School.
12-13	IASC Advisor's Workshop at East Bay Camp.
December	
4-5	IASC Conference on Student Views.

District News

Kickapoo District

The second Kickapoo District Convention was held on April 3, at the Danville Ramada Inn. 112 students from 17 schools attended the convention, which had the theme "Leadership in '76." President Harold Otto of Arcola called the meeting to order and introduced the Danville High School Principal, who welcomed the students to the convention.

Reports were then given on various state and national activities, a report on last year's convention was given, and the treasurer's report was given.

Mr. Lemons, advisor at Urbana High School, gave a short talk about the mock democratic national convention that the Urbana Student Council is sponsoring at the assembly hall in Champaign. He read a list of the states already assigned to high schools, and then mentioned that if all the schools in the Kickapoo District would vote together, they would have a majority.

Candidates for district officers were then nominated and they gave their campaign speeches. Two of the four candidates ran unopposed.

Two sessions of discussion groups were held in the morning, a buffet lunch was provided, after which the delegates met for the balloting. The keynote speaker in the afternoon was Mr. Charles Willey of Moline, Illinois. The delegates enjoyed Mr. Willey's address which focussed on the growing importance people are placing on time.

Another session of discussion groups was held in the afternoon, but due to the warm spring weather, most of the groups chose to meet outside on the lawn rather than in their assigned rooms.

New officers were then introduced: Treasurer, Mike Walsh (St. Joseph-Ogden H.S.); Secretary, Rex Rund



Staff Photo

Delegates at the Kickapoo District Convention enjoy the spring weather as they discuss ways of making committees more effective.

(Villa Grove H.S.); Vice-President, Andy Hamilton (Rantoul H.S.); and President, Brad Whitehead (Monticello H.S.). New advisors-at-large elected were Mr. Wayne Truman of Tuscola and Mr. Doug Harper of Oakwood. The convention was adjourned by the new president, and afterwards there was a dance.

West-Northwest District

The convention of the West-Northwest District was held on March 20, at Oregon High School. The theme of the newly-formed district's first convention was "Reconstruction in our 200th Year".

The students were welcomed to the convention by Mr. Jerry Barabas, principal of Oregon High School. The guest speaker was Phil Hoyt, IASC First Vice-President, followed by a report from the credentials committee on the candidates for 1976-77 officers. The candidates were then introduced and gave their speeches.

The movie "No Man is an Island" was shown following the first general session. One session of discussion groups was held concurrently with an advisor's meeting where Harold Harrison of Mt. Morris High School was elected the new advisor-at-large.

During lunch, caucusing and voting on new district officers took place, and entertainment was provided by the Oregon High School German Band.

At the second general session, the treasurer's report and president's address were given and new officers were installed. The 1976-77 district officers elected were: Betsy Bittner (Oregon H.S.), Debbie Fisher (Rock Falls H.S.), Alisa Amert (Mt. Morris H.S.), Kathy Montaron (Amboy H.S.), Paul Hitz (Mt. Carroll H.S.), and Williams Ellerby (Oregon H.S.). Of these, Mt. Carroll High School was the only school that did not have a representative on the executive board the previous year.

Illinois College Students Speak Out Against Tuition Hike (Again)

by: Karen Anderson and
Kendall Christiansen

Editor's Note: Karen Anderson and Kendall Christiansen were both active in the IASC when they were in high school. Karen, from Mattoon, was active in her district and was co-campaign manager for Jill Greathouse, 1973-74 IASC Treasurer. From Morton, Kendall is immediate past-President of the IASC. Both are currently students at ISU, where they have continued their involvement in student government.

"A tuition increase? Who cares? I'm not in college."

You're right. You're not in college — yet. But many of you **might** be in the very near future and a tuition increase may make the difference between whether or not you — and many more students like you — can afford a college education.

For that reason and more, the Association of Illinois Student Governments (AISG — the college counterpart of the IASC) is sponsoring a state-wide petition drive aimed at persuading the Illinois General Assembly to reject the proposed tuition increase plan of the Board of Higher Education. AISG is shooting for a minimum of 40,000 signatures and is asking you help, the help of high school Student Councils, to reach that goal.

Petitions and more information are available from:

Association of Illinois
Student Governments
318 South Fourth Street
Springfield, IL. 62701
217/552-2233

or

Karen Anderson
ISU—AISG Coordinator
225 North University

Normal, IL 61761
309/436-6661

There are two major issues around which the tuition increase proposal centers. The first is that, when originally proposed, the tuition increase plan was accompanied by an assumption that financial aid monies would correspondingly increase to offset any financial hardships. But the hopes of a financial aids increase have proven false. In fact, within the last month, **decreases** in two major grant programs have been announced. The Illinois State Scholarship commission (ISSC) hit the fan first with their news that grants for this semester would be cut 10% from announced awards, grants for summer school would be dropped, and awards for next year would be cut 12% for schools on semesters/18% for schools on the quarter system. In addition, they admitted to being \$5 million in debt, are opening 2 new offices (less money for aid), and are relaxing eligibility standards which, while making more students eligible would make the amount of each award smaller. Obviously, no extra help to students in meeting the costs of college is forthcoming from the ISSC.

And neither is any help coming from the Basic Educational Opportunity Grants (BEOG) administered by the US Office of Education. Aid checks promised students for this semester have still not arrived and are awaiting an emergency appropriation from congress to take the BEOG program out of debt. At ISU alone that move affects 1700 students and amounts to \$700,000. Imagine how worried students are who were planning to use that money to pay rent and other necessary expenses. Obviously no extra help is coming from the BEOG program.

The second major issue concerns who should be in college. Frequent arguments used in favor of a tuition increase are that not everybody should be in college and that students should pay. But as long as society requires a college degree to compete for most good jobs **equal opportunity and access to public higher education** must be guaranteed. A tuition increase which prices many students out of college does not fulfill that guarantee and therefore makes college only accessible to the rich while denying the chance to improve to the poor and the middle class.

Although the above is just a brief summary of why college students — and you — should be opposing a tuition increase, AISG hopes it is enough to make you want to get involved in this issue. It directly or indirectly affects every person in Illinois and the students in your high school.

AISG was instrumental in 1974 in the defeat of a tuition increase. With your help we can do it again.

GET INVOLVED. Write or call the addresses/phones listed above to find out what you can do.

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I.A.S.C. Spotlights Bill Brown

by Lynn Larson

"Work an hour every day on **The Reporter**," that's what Bill Brown (**Reporter**-editor) tells students who are interested in applying for the position. He also says to know about the IASC and its functions, be well organized, and enjoy the work.

Trying to get current news from districts is one of the hardest parts of his job. Also contacting companies and organizations for advertisements in **The Reporter** is a time consuming task, so Bill appointed a business manager from his school to help out. Bill has planned for a total of nine issues this year and he has tried to make the reading more informative and interesting.

Because of income from the advertisements, Bill has been able to increase the size of **The Reporter**, and by the end of his term, will have published over 80 pages of material. This is double the amount published any previous year.

Bill decided to apply for the position after attending the 1974 Conference on Student Views because he wanted to become more involved with the IASC. A senior at St. Joseph-Ogden High School and involved in student council all four years, Bill has also been an area representative for the Eastern District. His advisor, Mr.

Gary ZumMallen, gave him extra confidence to apply for editor.

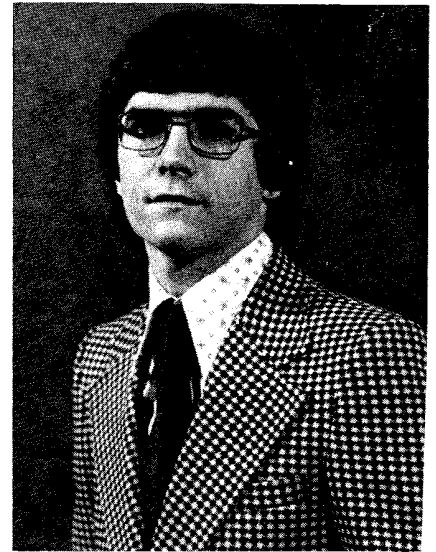
Bill and Mr. ZumMallen work closely together, and spend much of their time attending IASC workshops, district conventions, and district workshops. In fact, Bill celebrated his seventeenth birthday with a hostess cupcake given to him by other state officers at the Prairie Eight District Convention.

Bill is very interested in Photography, and it helps because he has to take pictures for **The Reporter** at many of the activities he attends. He is also yearbook editor at St. Joe-Ogden, he has been involved in the National Honor Society, newspaper staff, Thespians Club, president of a church youth group, and was presented with the Sons of American Revolution good citizenship award at his school.

Some of his favorite sports include golf, bowling, swimming, and ice skating, although Bill admits he spends more time sitting on the ice than skating on it!

If you are an interesting, talkative person, talk to Bill Brown, because he enjoys listening more than talking. He also enjoys good music, traveling, and has been known to have a "lead foot" while driving.

The Brown family resides at North 2nd Street in St. Joseph and consists



Bill Brown, Reporter-Editor.

of Bill, his parents, one older brother who is living at college, and two pet rats. The rats were given to Bill by a biology teacher, who somehow came across an over-abundance of black and white baby rats.

Bill is undecided in which field he will major in at college, anywhere from veterinary medicine to journalism to business administration. One thing for sure, he will attend the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign, where he has been accepted in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

REGISTRATION FORM FOR IASC SUMMER WORKSHOPS

McKendree College, Lebanon, Illinois

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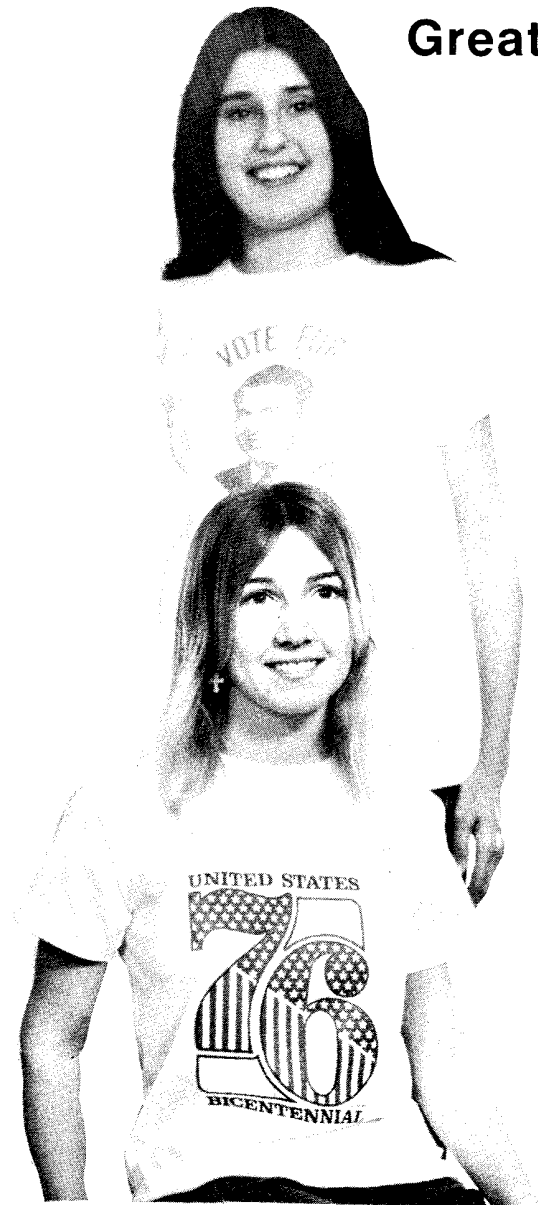
Send \$60.00 for each delegate to: Mr. Ronald Ganschinetz
798 Ostle Dr.
Collinsville, IL. 62234

Make checks payable to Ronald Ganschinetz. Remember, only three (3) delegates may attend each session from the same school. Previous workshop participants are not eligible to register. Duplicate registration forms as needed.

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Red Maples "For the Youth of the Nation"

by **Kenneth J. Furrier**

This year, as we approach the 200th anniversary of the birth of our country, most organizations are either looking for — or have already found, a bicentennial project. Some of the projects are rather hokey - others, rather profound. Needless to say, what follows is an example of the latter!

The Greater Cincinnati Association of Student Councils is urging student councils to plant a bicentennial tree. The tree, dedicated by your school to the youth of the nation, will serve as a constant reminder of the many contributions young people have made to the development and growth of the United States. We hope you will agree that this is a worthwhile bicentennial project.

The specifics are as follows:

Type of Tree: Red Maple (selected since it is native to North America, it's hardy, and it's especially attractive in the fall.)

Cost: The cost of any tree, based on the size of tree purchased. A good size Red Maple will cost from \$40 to \$50. (A smaller tree would cost less; larger - more.) The cost of the tree would be, of course, paid by your school's student council.

Dedication: We suggest the following plaque be located near the tree: A Bicentennial Tree/Dedicated to the Youth of the Nation/ by the Students of (Name of High School)/ 1976.

When: We suggest the tree be planted in the spring of 1976.

Location of Tree: The school's tree should be planted on school grounds. The location is, of course, up to you. The GCASC suggests that the location be such that your students are able to enjoy the beauty and shade the tree will provide.

As a part of this project, the GCASC will donate a Red Maple Bicentennial Tree to the city of Cincinnati.

If your school decides to participate in this project, write a short note to Mr. Kenneth J. Furrier, Greater Cincinnati Association of Student Councils, 7600 Forest Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45230, just for general information to see how many schools participate.

**ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS
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