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CHRISTMAS FOR KOREA . . .

If Lieutenant Bob Schaefer of the Class of 1954 had taken that one extra course in French at La Salle, he wouldn't have had to sit there with an idiot's smile in a Catholic orphanage in Seoul, Korea, in cold November, trying to make the little French nuns understand. As it was, he needed someone to tell the story for him, and his co-conspirators, the 7th Infantry Division Artillery Surgeon and the Division Chaplain (Father Denis McGranery, one of Brother Clementian's boys at West Catholic '36) were doing the best they could. The nuns listened intently, looked from the interpreters to Bob, and he smiled. They talked gently to him; he smiled. They asked the interpreters questions, pointed to Bob, and he smiled. Then the nuns rose, and bowed toward him, their eyes beaming thank you in any language.

What Bob was telling them did sound unbelievable, even for Christmas, even in Korea. He and eleven other La Salle men in that area wanted to give a Christmas party to the 120 little girls in the orphanage. There would be gifts of clothing to keep them warm for the first winter in their forlorn lives, and enough bubble gum to last a little girl forever.

It all started September 27 when Bob wrote to La Salle with a page full of news about the Class of '54 ROTC alumni. And then he added a haunting paragraph.

"Another reason for writing to you," he said, "is to again test the La Salle spirit in helping the needy. Winter is just upon us here in Korea, and if you could see the condition of these Korean kids, I'm sure you would be moved. Most of the kids run around with nothing on, and those who managed to scrape up some clothes aren't in what one would call the 'best dressed' league. Last year many children died from exposure, and the same thing is bound to happen this year unless we can in some small way help these unfortunate people. If the need for clothing, especially warm winter clothes for kids, can be mentioned in the ALUMNI NEWS and the *Collegian*, I am sure La Salle will be able to relieve some of the misery. Thanking you in advance for your cooperation, and asking you to root a little extra for the basketball team this year for those of us who are absent, I bid you 'Sayonara' from the Far East."

That letter was given to Ted Bronson and Peg Bender Mauger, La Salle's young and spirited publicity team.

On November 7, the NYK Line ship *Arima Maru* sailed

from the Port of Philadelphia, bound for Yokohama, carrying a shipment labelled "Person-to-Person, La Salle College, Philadelphia to Lt. Robert J. Schaefer, La Salle, Korea." It held 6,060 pounds of clothing and 600 pounds of Blony bubble gum. Watching the ship sail were Schaefer's parents, and a half dozen people with weary, happy memories of a month of the turbulent activity known only to a campus with a cause.

In that month, the entire campus had been mobilized in pursuit of clothes for Korean kids. Jack Lombard's Student Council had 36 college organizations competing with each other. A student-faculty basketball game drummed up interest. Alumni were notified by postal card of local pickup centers. Six hundred and eighty ROTC cadets in uniform did all the leg work, all the hauling, filling the Library reception room with clothes. Connelly Containers donated the shipping cartons, Vogel-Ritt the mothproofing. Bowman Co. sent 100 boxes of bubble gum. Lavino took over the transportation problems, along with the Port Authority. The dormitory students sacrificed their week-end packing the clothes, picked up from as far away as Wilmington. Then all of a sudden, as quickly as it started, the job was done.

In Korea, the 7th Division Commander had been listening to his Special Service and Information Officer, one Lt. Schaefer. Yes, the General had heard of La Salle, that was where Tom Gola was from. And yes, he thought he could do something about getting the boxes from Japan to Korea. When the *Arima Maru* would reach Yokohama, 7th Division helicopters would be there to fly the clothes direct to Seoul. Then the eleven La Salle alumni would take over, distributing them as Christmas gifts to the 120 little girls in St. Paul's orphanage, to the sightless children in the Pa Ju Blind Orphanage outside Seoul, to the Bo Kwang Orphanage way back in the hills, to the very poor Pub Mon Ni Orphanage nearby, and to the people, all Catholic, who live in a little village that is one of the poorest in all Korea, too poor to have a name of its own. Now they have named the village. It is "La Salle, Korea!"

Lieutenant Schaefer was still just smiling when he and the Surgeon and the Chaplain bade good-bye to the nuns and orphans at St. Paul's. He turned to wave to the kids, tripped, fell down the side of the hill, broke a few bones in his ankle, put four days in bed, and spent his Christmas on crutches.

NEWS IN BRIEF . . .

LA SALLE EXPANDS BOARD OF MANAGERS

Joseph Schmitz, Jr., '20, prominent alumnus and President of the Universal Dye Works, and William F. Kelly, banker and President of The First Pennsylvania Company, were elected to the Board of Managers of La Salle College at the annual meeting of the Board in December.

Mr. Schmitz, who received an honorary D.Sc. degree from La Salle in 1943, and was affiliated with the Institute of

the Brothers of the Christian Schools in 1951, is a former President and Director of the La Salle Alumni Association, was the first President of the Endowment Foundation and is its present Board Chairman.

Mr. Kelly has been associated with the Pennsylvania Company for Banking and Trusts since 1925, is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar, and is also a director of the Colonial Surety Company, the Commonwealth Title Company, and the Wilbur-Suchard Chocolate Company.

SOCIAL CALENDAR

Feb. 4—Class of 1952. Buffet, Basketball doubleheader, Victory party and dance. Penn AC Boathouse, 6:30.

Feb. 10—'41 to '48 Group. La Salle-Furman Basketball game, Stag afterwards at Philopatrians.

Feb. 10—Class of '49. Stag, Leonard Hall.

PERSONAL PATTTER . . .

From Uruguay, came a welcome letter by Nicholas J. Carroll, '28, who is with the U. S. Govt. Operations Mission, Rincon 487, Montevideo, Uruguay. Sending his regards to the gang from 1928, the Dalys and Kennedys and Callahans and Sullivans and Browns, Nick reports that he attended one of the basketball clinics conducted for the U. S. Government by Ken Loeffler and Tom Gola during the past summer. "I cannot resist telling you about the wonderful impression they left with the people of Uruguay. It is gratifying to hear that especially Tom Gola has done more to solidify the relations between the U. S. and Uruguay than the artists, musicians, professors, who are usually sent to these countries on similar missions, to give further understanding of the culture of the U. S. This is not only a personal observation," writes Nick, "but I have been told this by the chief of the U. S. Embassy personally. The crowd attending these clinics was very great. Certainly, La Salle is entitled to some of the glory." Nick has a daughter in Briant College, Providence, and a son who attended the Brothers School in Managua, Nicaragua.

Lt. Col. Henry J. Smith, '39, is executive officer of the Marine QM Depot in Phila., and has just rounded out his family with his fifth child, John Michael. Wife Rita is very happy, and Uncle Jack, '39, Schmidts Beer's ace salesman, is mighty proud about his namesake. John J. Jelly, '39, has opened his own public relations and advertising firm, Kelly Associates, Inc., in the Land Title Bldg., Phila. William E. Holt, M.D., '41, now practicing psychiatry and is assistant professor of Psychiatry at Penn. William F. Kelly, '39, has been assigned to the New York District office of DuPont's "Kinetic" Division as sales correspondent. Marty Burke, '43, now associated with John MacDonald, Industrial Real Estate, in the Beury Bldg., Broad & Erie. Joe Frazer, '43, is now contacting Philadelphia advertisers to use Channel 12 television. Joe is the sales representative who put across the hookup with the colleges to televise the final games of the Palestra doubleheaders. Joe Colasante, '47, is a revenue examiner with the City Tax Office. Born to Bill and Angel Conran, '47, Bill, Jr. Don Pascucci, '47, supervisor of Contract Billing at Piasecki Helicopter, and wife Betty had their second child, Donald Francis. Major Joseph D. McGeary, M.D., '48, on the medical staff at 6407th USAF Hospital, APO 323, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco. John and Carolyn Sheehan, '48, welcomed their first boy, Daniel Joseph. Dr. James C. McLaughlin, '48, who was dormitory M.D. for La Salle for two years, has completed his specialty training in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Germantown Hospital, and has opened an office in the Germantown Professional Bldg., Green and Coulter Sts., Phila.

Joe Ritter, '38, is District Freight Agent for the Waterman Steamship Corporation. Charles A. "Chick" Cavanaugh, '38, proprietor of Cavanaugh's Pharmacy in the DuPont Building, Wilmington. Anthony J. DiLenno, '39, doing his public accounting in Birmingham, Alabama. Dr. Edward Macko, '41, is in Pharmacology at Smith, Kline & French in Phila. Ludwig M. Frank, M.D., '42, announces the opening of his office for the practice of psychiatry at 295 Farmington Ave., Hartford, Conn. Walter Lion, '43, has five youngsters, sells for Mutual of New York in Uniontown, Pa. Bill Magarity, '43, is national assistant sales promotion manager for Studebaker-Packard in Detroit. Bernard J. Stuetz, '43, now a CPA, is treasurer and director of Apex Alkali Products Co., manufacturers of industrial cleaning and lubricating compounds in Phila. Ed Nolan, '46, is with the Sirlin Agency, Real Estate and Insurance. Steve Marcoe, '47, is mortgage loan appraiser with Prudential Life Ins. Co. Steve has two: Regina and Stephen the Third. Joe Simpson, '47, now wholesale sales manager for Cities Service in Phila. territory. Ted Harris, '48, has a new job, Director of Foreign Student Leadership Project,

financed by a grant of \$128,000 from the Ford Foundation to the U. S. National Student Association.

'49: "The Rise and Fall of Augie Sheehan," by Joe Cogan, picked as the outstanding American short story of 1955. Nice visit with Joe Miele during the Christmas vacations. Joe will be "Father Miele" in May, being ordained a priest in the Trenton Diocese. Arnold A. Bulterman doing a great one-man public relations job for La Salle in the Ohio territory. Visited the Christian Brothers who have taken over the teaching at Canton Central Catholic High, later spent an evening with Johnny Pilconis, '41, and his wife in Piqua, Ohio. Dr. William F. X. Coffey stationed at U. S. Naval Hospital, in charge of Mobile X-Ray Unit for Fourth Naval District. Raymond J. Corbett has recently taken a position as sales representative for Acme Steel Co., territory in northeast Phila. Tom and Yvonne Fairbrother welcomed young Galen Patrick. Dr. Edward P. Frunzi appointed to teaching staff of Penn Dental School. He and Diana had their second child, Diana Maria, in the fall. James Quinn Hartly recently appointed supervisor of personnel at Corning Glass Works Pilot Plant #2. Quinn is also Plant Editor for the "Gaffer News," Corning house organ. Dr. Nuncio N. Grimaldi completed his internship and has opened his office for General Practice at #2 Dorset Drive, Lawrence Park, Broomall. Francis L. Zarrilli has relocated his law offices to 111 Long Lane, Upper Darby. Steve Cassidy selling for Addressograph-Multilith in Phila. Pete Kelly is credit manager for National Drug Co. Paul J. Leonard is associated with Fort Howard Paper Company in Alexandria, Virginia. John "Jocko" Lumsden now handling personnel for General Design Inc., in Phila. Bill McCracken, ex-Navy jet pilot, now in Manufacturing-Management Training with Ethicon Inc. in New Brunswick. Eugene J. Smith represents the Republic Molding Corp., makers of Polly-Flex, in Phila. area.

'50: Stanley Brown, D.D.S., graduated from Penn Dental School, now serving duty at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. Recent addition to the family, David Lloyd Brown. William J. Deery, Jr. now in 5th year of teaching at Benjamin Franklin High School in Phila., in 2nd year as school representative to the Public School Council. Bill also teaches Public Speaking and Drama in the Evening School program, and Northeast and West Philly Highs. Charlotte and Bill "Inky" Gallagher had their first child, Sharon Patricia. Louis P. Goelz, III, recently appointed a Foreign Service Officer with the State Department. Patrick N. Leto now assistant treasurer and comptroller of H. Weinreich Co. of Phila. Born to Joseph L. and Mrs. Patti, their second daughter, Eileen. James P. Conboy has been elected Commander of the Delaware County Chapter of the Disabled American Vets. Joe Verdeur is sales representative of Cassidy Richlar Inc., Direct Mail. Lt. John J. Conboy assigned in New York City as comptroller for military personnel procurement, is single, has had no good offers lately. George T. Evans is associated with Congoleum Nairn. William J. Murphy married Jeanne Stief, of Chestnut Hill '48. Eugene D. Regan is an accountant with United Parcel in Phila. 2nd Lt. William H. Scanlon is in the Marine Aviation Detachment NABTC, at Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida. Owen J. Tucker takes over the position of General Manager of St. Catherine's Foundry in Canada. The Tuckers welcomed daughter Mary Louise recently.

'51: Herbert F. Patrick is an accountant for Department of Collection at Municipal Court in town. Gustave C. Coté is assistant professor in Business at Providence College. Dr. Donald Lintner married Mary T. Donahue. Ferd Morro married Pat O'Brien of Immaculata. Madelyn A. Brown got Bill Ries. Charles P. Dugan is working in the office of

the Chief Counsel, Internal Revenue Service in Washington, D. C. Leo Dodd is an Internal Revenue Agent in Wilmington.

'52: Born to Bill and Lorraine Albanese, William Michael. Al Brennan, with Colorado Fuel, married Irene Bak of Wilmington. Mr. and Mrs. James P. "Reds" Brennan announce the arrival of a daughter, Diedre Mary. Reds is in the Sales Dept. of Colorado Fuel and Iron, Claymont, Delaware. Joe Early, TV's "Mr. Rivets," had a fine writeup in the October issue of *TV Digest*. Ernest F. Gunn wedded Kathleen Holland (Rosemont '52) Dec. 26th. Robert M. Hasson got his M.A. in Economics from Penn. Patrick J. McGee has been voted in as a committeeman at the Ford Motor Company Union. Henry S. Makowski received his doctorate in organic chemistry from Notre Dame and has joined the staff of the Esso Research & Engineering Co. Born to Bill and Mary Metzler, daughter Karen. Ben Tumolo married Delana Ann Stack. Ed and Peg Graham welcomed young Michael Francis. Richard K. O'Donnell sells real estate at 5533 Rising Sun Ave., Phila. Edward McDonald is training officer at American Pamcor Co., electrical equipment manufacturers, in Haver-town. Joe Mulvaney is with Division of Aviation at Phila. National Airport. Robert R. Tierney now in Manufacturing Specialized Training at RCA.

'53: William P. Best doing Time Study with Pioneer Paper Stock Co. William J. Drake now an accountant with Rudd-Milikian, in Hatboro. If you visit the Fred DiTommasos, you'll meet little Diane Marie. Charles J. McGovern married Winnie Purcell. Herbert W. Meyers employed by John J. Nesbitt, Inc. on State Road. John J. Kelly in personnel at Sharpe & Dohme. Leonard DeSantis can be reached at 7784 AU, Orleans, APO 58, New York. Joe McGrath is supervisor of customer services at Sylvania Electric in Hatboro.

'54: Jim Connelly, as might be expected, has it made in the Army. He's Public Information Officer for the XVIII Airborne Corps Artillery at Fort Bragg. His address: 104 Bonner Place, Fort Bragg, N. C. Wife Betty presented Jim with a little girl recently. Arthur J. DiNicolantonio received his Master of Letters at Pittsburgh U. Lt. Gerry W. Faiss is part of the Headquarters Staff, 613th F.A. Bn., Fort Bragg. Has just returned from the Louisiana maneuvers. Navy Ensign Joseph P. Kearney has qualified as a carrier pilot, and is taking further training at Corry Field Naval Auxiliary Air Station at Great Lakes, Illinois. Second Lt. John T. Kulak, Jr., USMCR, is with "E" Btry., 2nd Bn., 10th Marines, 2nd Marine Div., Camp Lejeune, N. C. Lou LeHane reports he has received his Masters at Pitt, and "has settled down on the Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corp. training program for production engineers in Erie," and has "took unto me a wife," the former Janet Zehfuss of Chicago. Pfc. William H. Lockard, Jr. is a survey specialist with the 285th Field Artillery Bn., Btry. C, Fort Bragg. Joachim Mechisky is a radio operator with Btry. D, 16th AAA Bn., Newton Highlands, Mass. Norman R. Pyle currently employed by the Navy Department as a research historian in Washington. John K. Roth is assistant auditing supervisor, going through the executive training program at Strawbridge and Clothier. From Lt. Bob Schaefer in Korea comes this news: "Without a doubt, La Salle has a better representation in Korea than any other college. Eleven members of the '54 Class are now present, and another is on his way to the 'Land of the Morning Calm.' Bob Bonner, Charlie Happ and Joe Heaney are all members of the 57th FA Bn., 7th Div. Bob is the executive officer with 'C' Btry., Joe the exec with 'B' Btry., and Charley is on the Bn. staff as Asst. S-3. Joe McCaffrey is in the 31st FA Bn., 7th Div., as executive officer in 'B' Btry. Bill Wingel is the supply officer in the 15th AAA Bn. Willie is all alone down there now. I was with him for three months, but the powers that be man-

aged to transfer me after a story appeared in print that Willie and I had gone through grade school, high school and college together. At the present time I'm sharing quarters with Earle Wood. Earle is the Division Artillery Recon and Survey Officer, and I'm serving as the Special Service, TI&E, and PIO Officer. Al Avallon and Ed Bruton call the 24th Division home. Al is a forward observer with the 11th FA Bn., and Ed is executive officer with the 13th FA Bn. The artillery units from both the 7th and 24th are located in the same area, and we take the greatest advantage of this. Each Sunday the LSC group meets for Mass, and news from the homefront is hashed out. My god, I'll be shot! I forgot to mention the pride and joy of the 52nd FA Bn., Marv Sue. Marv is the Bn. Motor Officer, 24th Div. Joe Abbamondi is located with the First Corps and it's rather difficult to get in touch with him. I understand via the Korean grapevine that he's a battery executive officer with the 528th FA Bn. Joe Reckner, I hear, is the radar officer with the 26th FA Bn. in Germany. In a letter to Charlie Happ, Reckner said he ran into Capt. Pannell, former Asst. PMS&T at La Salle. Joe Sadowski and George Roney are all with the 613th FA Bn. at Fort Bragg. Dan Fischer, one of the three RA's from '54, is also a battery commander there, and his executive officer is Bob Richards, year-book editor. The other RA, John Fossett, was last heard from while in Ft. Campbell, Kentucky. John has really gone all out, leaping out of planes with the paratroopers. Paul Morrison is located in New York City. There's a real tough duty assignment! We understand that Paul is going to attend the Army language school, so it looks like another Explorer has decided on the Army for a career. Tom Kean, Jack McMonigal, and Ray Agent are teaching at the Artillery School at Fort Sill. Don Price is living the life of Riley at Fort Devens, Mass. Don is the Battery Executive Officer with the 76th FA Bn., spent the summer training the cadets at West Point."

'55: Leo Brennan is with Equitable Security Trust Co. of Wilmington, waiting for the call to arms. Bob Chancler is selling for Burroughs Co. Peter Critikos now teaching in Charleston, South Carolina. Joseph P. Diviny has joined Wm. S. Merrell Co. pharmaceutical house, as medical representative in Baltimore. Edward J. Farley is an accountant with Ethicon, Inc. in New Brunswick. Lt. John M. Grasmeyer married the former Kathleen Mary O'Connor. Leo Murphy is assistant credit manager for Sears Roebuck in Phila. John Siliquini is getting his Masters in Biology at Duquesne.

Ev. D. Lt. Dan Flannery is now at Camp Fugi, Japan, Co. E, 2nd Bn., 3rd Marine Div., FMF, FPO San Francisco. Joe Fitzgerald is an industrial engineer with Air Master Corp., storm window manufacturers. Bob O'Halloran represents Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. at 5700 North Broad.

McCAULEY HEADS FOUNDATION

Daniel J. McCauley, Jr., '38, has been elected president of the La Salle Endowment Foundation, Inc., for the year 1956. McCauley has been a member of the Board of Directors and Counsel for the Foundation since its inception in 1946. He is engaged in private law practice, and is an instructor of law at the College.

Other officers elected were: Joseph B. Quinn, '24, Vice President; J. Russell Cullen, '22, Secretary, and Philip R. Hauck, Treasurer. Joseph Schmitz, Jr., '20, was re-elected as Chairman of the Board.

The Board of Directors of the Foundation consists of Messrs. J. Griffith Boardman, J. J. Caprano, Brother E. James, John F. Maguire, John McShain, R. A. O'Donnell, Glen E. Robertson, Brother E. Stanislaus, John J. Sullivan, and Joseph A. Wilson, Sr.

THE "OLD LA SALLE"

The "good old days" has nothing to do with economics, or politics, or an expanding America, or great cities growing, or a real dollar's worth of stuff for a dollar, as many people would have you believe.

The Old Grads who held a reunion at the Barclay a while back gave the subject plenty of air and settled it like this:

The good old days at La Salle were the days when you packed a sandwich and an apple in your canvas bag with a couple of books and took the long cold walk to Broad and Stiles. If you got past the crowd going one way to Roman and the other way to St. Joe's without getting your head beat in, you were lucky, so you waited for the kid whose father owned the barroom on the corner, and you made the trip together. Two La Salle men could lick any ten kids from Roman.

You hung your coat on the hook in the closet and stuck your hat in the pocket, and hoped you'd be able to tell your rubbers from the pile when you went to put them on again. You laughed at the Jewish kid who was pretending to say the prayers, and ducked the chalk that came from the direction of that left-handed Brother. You chewed a point on your pencil and really tried to learn what the Brother was teaching, but it seemed like either you had the stuff cold, or you hadn't studied it at all, and it always happened to you that you were called on when you weren't ready. You kidded around to get the other guys laughing, and got your head beat in by the Brother, and you got detention, but you were out in time for the basketball game anyway.

It was dark when you got home, and you ran an errand and brought a bucket of coal up from the cellar, and Pop came home and you ate in a hurry and got out quick before Pop thought about "the books, the books!" or beat your head for the mark that lefty Brother gave you on the last report.

You hung around the corner for a couple of hours with your buddies from Roman and St. Joe's—the only guys from Roman or the Prep that were any good—and you matched McNichol up against any ball player in the city, and argued that the Brothers were the toughest teachers in town. You watched a couple of guys from the other gang hop the back of a truck and go past your corner and you held a rock in your hand because you could never tell. They'd beat your head in if you went through *their* block.

You shoved off for home early and did a couple of assignments that you thought you'd better do because that Brother had it in for you. You asked Mom over at the stove to get

you up early because you were making the nine First Fridays or something, and she just nodded that she knew, and stirred the pot of oatmeal so it would be cooked by morning.

You knelt by the bed and said your prayers with the blanket pulled half over you and your feet near the grate where the hot air hit them. Then you climbed in and thought of a few things like what it would be like if you died in your sleep, and the next thing you knew you were being called to get up for school again.

The historians and sociologists and the kids at La Salle today don't think about "the good old days" in that way, but the Old Timers who got together at the organization meeting do, and the memories are very pleasant ones.

The good old days like those are the days Mart Crane must have had in mind at that Alumni dinner when he spoke in the tenderest way of the Brothers and the Old La Salle as "part of my irrevocable youth."

LA SALLE BOOSTERS CLUB

Many thanks to the following alumni who have joined the "Boosters Club," men who have informed the Placement Office of job opportunities: Joe Mulvaney, '52, Joe Waugh, '54 Ev.D., Anthony Mele, '55, Ron Gangemi, '55, Leo Murphy, '55, Pete Kelly, '49, Harry Rotondi, '50, Bob Mauger, '55 Ev.D., Bill Discher, '54 Ev.D., Bill Gallagher, '52 Ev.D., Tom Hare, '48, Bob Costello, '55 Ev.D., Bob O'Halloran, '55 Ev.D., John Beatty, '49, Bill Richards, '54 Ev.D., James Bacon, '55, Joe McGowan, '48, Chris Frangos, '51, John O'Neill, '40, Frank Loughney, '40, Joe Buckley, '39. This is an invaluable service, especially for alumni returning to civilian life after their military duty. Phone VI 8-1100 if you hear of good job openings.

COLLEGIAN JOURNALISM AWARD

Jim Bishop, executive editor of the *Catholic Digest*, and author of bestseller *The Day Lincoln Was Shot*, will receive the eighth annual Collegian Award for public service in the field of journalism at the annual "Collegian" banquet at Kugler's, January 31st. Past recipients have been Ed Sullivan, Morley Cassidy, Bob Considine, Red Smith, Edward R. Morrow, George Sokolsky, and David Lawrence.

Bishop is currently working on his newest book, "The Day Christ Died," and is serializing "The Jackie Gleason Biography" for *Look*.

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