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**Table 5—County of Origin and Non-Irish.**

County	1982	1983
Antrim .....	52	28
Armagh .....	14	28
Carlow .....	5	9
Cavan .....	19	9
Clare .....	27	32
Cork .....	136	159
Derry .....	48	34
Donegal .....	23	28
Down .....	23	34
Dublin .....	239	274
Fermanagh .....	6	8
Galway .....	94	89
Kerry .....	58	65
Kildare .....	26	34
Kilkenny .....	11	20
Laois .....	8	19
Leitrim .....	16	18
Limerick .....	55	86

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### The Irish Centre (continued from page 2).

Longford .....	20	24
Louth .....	12	18
Mayo .....	31	63
Meath .....	13	20
Monaghan .....	5	19
Offaly .....	7	16
Roscommon .....	12	27
Sligo .....	12	29
Tipperary .....	34	48
Tyrone .....	18	12
Waterford .....	50	36
Westmeath .....	26	16
Wexford .....	16	22
Wicklow .....	19	17
Total Irish .....	1140	1372
Non-Irish .....	464	338
GRAND TOTAL .....	1604	1710

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We had our Dinner/Dance at the Irish Centre Camden Town, on Saturday, 8th June and it was a huge success. Despite the fact that on that night Barry McGuigan was boxing, we had over 280 present, including a large contingent from Luton. Mr. J. Bermingham, Minister of State, Department of Finance, travelled over for the occasion. Also attending Miss Orla O'Hanlon, Irish Embassy. Mr. S. Troy, Chairman Council of Irish County Associations, and Fr. C. Malone, Director Irish Centre. A letter was read from the Life President Mr. P. Mulpeter, who regrettably was unable to attend.

The meal was excellent. Proof was the empty plates. Mr. P. Hoare, Luton, was M.C. and our thanks to him for the efficient way he conducted the proceedings.

Mr. Bermingham was full of praise about the work done by the Irish Centre, and the help given by the various organisations, to help combat the problem connected with welfare. We hope he will go back to Dublin and do his best to get financial support from the Irish government. He is fully aware that there is a vast flow of Irish people arriving daily, without accommodation, or any hope of work.

Mr. S. Troy spoke about the forthcoming Irish Festival, and gave some figures to clear up any misunderstanding regarding the amount of money taken on the day. He emphasised that children and senior citizens are admitted free. Speeches were also made by Mr. P. J. Loughman, Chairman Kildare Association London, and Mr. P. Casey, President. Fr. C. Malone spoke about the Parachute Jump which will take place late autumn. He is himself going to do the jump, and we have many more lined up to follow suit. All we need is a number of sponsors, and I am sure we can rely on the other County Associations to support us. Sponsorship cards will be available soon.

During the evening two bouquets were presented. One to Miss O'Hanlon and the other to Mrs. R. Davis. The latter was a complete surprise and needless to say the kind gesture was very much appreciated. We had many prizes for the raffle, and again our thanks to all the donors.

In conclusion we wish all our members a very happy holiday and look forward to seeing you all soon.

R. Davis (Mrs.), Secretary

## Sacred Heart Missionaries

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In 1876, Father John Neenan, a priest in the Cloyne Diocese and Dean of St. Colman's College, Formoy, was the first Irishman to go to France to join the young band of missionaries. Others followed him and it was made easier for Irish students when, because of the expulsion of religious from France, two houses were acquired in England—Madeley, Shropshire, and Glastonbury, Somerset. Still it was not the ideal set-up and in 1909, a house was established in Ireland to serve as a Junior Seminary. This was known as 'Dyke House' and was to the western end of Cork City—its front avenue is the famed Mardyke and it housed many famous and infamous people, including the hanging Judges on the Southern Circuit. When it was enlarged and modernised in 1921, it became known as the Sacred Heart College. In 1931, at the request of Bishop Cohalan of Cork, a public church was opened to cater for the needs of the people of the area.

In 1936, Moyne Park, Co. Galway, was brought as a Theological Centre, and in 1947, Myross Wood, Co. Cork, was purchased as a Philosophy House and Novitiate. Moyne Park has since been sold and a house ten miles nearer Galway City—Coolarne, Athenry—has been purchased as the Novitiate and the Late Vocations Centre. Myross Wood is now a centre of spiritual renewal in West Cork. All the Theological and Philosophical students are now accommodated in a newly-built House of Studies in Dublin, from where they attend U.C.D. and the Institute of Ecclesiastical Studies at Milltown.

The number of students entering for the priesthood of Cork increased so much that in 1963 a new College was built outside the City at Carraig na bhFear.

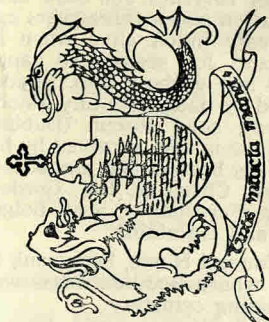
From as early as 1889, the Society has been administering the Parish of St. Alban's in Herts, England. Little other work was undertaken in England until 1953, when another parish was taken over in Yorkshire. Then in 1957, a school was opened at Leamington Spa, Warwicks, and on its expansion an old Benedictine Convent School was acquired at Princethorpe, near Rugby, where there is now a College with over 400 students. In the late 1960's further apostolates were accepted in Liverpool—the Parish of Cantril Farm and teaching posts in St. Kevin's Comprehensive School.

While these developments were taking place, all was not static on the Foreign Missions. Since the 1920's, men had been going to New Guinea, and in the early 1950's the Irish Province received their own Mission Field in Northern Transvaal, South Africa, since raised to the status of a diocese. Also around this time men left to do parish work in the Cape Province of South Africa and in the Southern States of America. The latest development in the Foreign Missions has been the undertaking of a new apostolate in Venezuela in South America.

Further undertakings and advancements depend on the present and future members of the Society. Are you going to be one of those?

Further information from: Fr. Charles Sweeney, Sacred Heart Missionaries, Western Road, Cork, Ireland.

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There were not as many people as would have liked at the Parish's Re-union, but all who came thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The Benefit Dance for Johnny Corbet we held at Watford was a great success. The hall at Tolpits Lane was full to capacity before 9 p.m. which was great considering the 'Big Fight' was on the box, however it could be seen by anybody who wanted to go upstairs. When our Chairman announced the result there was great cheering. There was a lot of pride also as it was the Irish in London who gave Barry the opportunity to go to the Olympics in the first place. Our best wishes to Johnny Corbett for a speedy recovery. Our thanks to Jim Keane and his English wife Joan for all the help they gave in setting up the function in Watford.

### Youth.

Congratulations to our youth who came 5th in the 'All Britain Knock Out Competition.'

### Quiz.

We lost to Cavan in the Senior Quiz. Our team said they could answer all the questions from the other side but that's how it goes. Many thanks to Cavan for a lovely evening.

### Ald. Joe Cummins.

Our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Nell Cummins on the death of her husband Alderman Joe Cummins who died aged 59 after a few days illness at the City and County Infirmary, Waterford, recently. During his 20 years as a member of the Corporation, Ald Cummins was mayor on two occasions, namely 1974-75 and 1982-83. Joe, R.I.P., was chairman in 1984-85 of the South Eastern Health Board, Chairman of the Association of Health Boards, the latter body was his brain child in order to co-ordinate all the Health Boards throughout Ireland—he was 1st Chairman as well as Chairman at the time of his death. He was also Chairman of the Special Hospitals Committee of the South Eastern Health Board. Joe was Chairman of Waterford Corporation's Roads Committee, a long serving member of the City of Waterford Vocational Education Committee. Alderman Cummins was a member of the Irish Vocational Education Association, in addition a member of the Committee of Management of Belmont Park.

### **Waterford Association** (continued from previous page).

Alderman Cummins was a life long member of the Ferrybank Hurling and Football Club and a secretary of same for 10 years. Joe came back from the brink of death after a serious operation about three years ago and certainly seemed most cheerful and very much alive when he was with us here a few years ago. Nell and Joe seemed so happy together and so full of life. Nell will be so lost without him. Besides his wife Nell, Alderman Cummins is survived by daughters Lily Moody (Ferrybank), Maureen Bulger (Co. Wexford), sons Joseph (Dublin), Brendan (Hong Kong) and Jim (Waterford). Joe is also survived by his mother Elizabeth who resides in Ferrybank, his brother Bill and sisters Lillian and Miriam also grandchildren Laura, Christine, Bill, Gordon, Gillian and Paul, son-in-law Richard Moody (Ferrybank), Sean Bolger (Co. Wexford) and daughters-in-law Terry and Geraldine.

The remains were removed from Powers Funeral Home, Ferrybank to the Church of the Sacred Heart Ferrybank where Requiem Mass was celebrated and burial took place in the adjoining cemetery.

There is a lot more I can tell you of the special meetings held to pay tribute to this great son of Waterford but space does not permit, perhaps in the next issue.

Again our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Cummins and all the family. R.I.P.

### **The Irish Festival.**

Hopefully this issue will be with us in time for the Festival. We are praying for good weather and wishing everybody a happy and fruitful day.

### **Ryanair Flights Between Gatwick and Waterford.**

Beginning on 8th July, daily flights by Ryanair between Gatwick and Waterford. For details ring Waterford 72872.

Jane T. Smyth (Mrs.), Press Officer.

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## **Gaelscoil Phortlairge**

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A Chairde,

Through contact with your home town you may be aware that an All-Irish Primary School opened in Viewmount last September. This was as the result of a tremendous amount of hard work by a group of people who wished to offer the children of Waterford the opportunity to be educated through the medium of Irish. The school opened its doors to fifteen children in September and now has eighteen on the rolls. These children are drawn from all over the Waterford area.

As the school is an ordinary primary school in all respects, except for the medium of instruction it is funded like all primary schools by the Department of Education. It is not a private school. However in our first year we find that we need more funds than are currently available to us from the Department. We run a Confined Members Monthly Draw and we intend holding an Auction/Cake Sale later on in June. The purpose of these few words is to humbly appeal to your generosity by seeking your financial support for Gaelscoil Phortlairge.

Any support that your Association might choose to give us would be deeply appreciated and you could rest assured of the gratitude of everyone concerned.

Tir Gan Teanga, Tir Gan Anam.

Mise le meas.

Breda Hettierington (oifigeach) (Coiste Aingeadais)

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### London Irish Festival.

This years London Irish Festival takes place at Roundwood Park, Willesden, London NW10, on Sunday, 7th July. The Association as in previous years will be playing a large part in the organising and running of the day. We are delighted to hear that Co. Wexford Development Officer, Mr. Billy Ringwood has recovered from his recent illness and that together with his wife Theresa will be travelling over for the Festival. Billy and Theresa will be displaying and selling Wexford produced goods and handicrafts. The Association itself will be selling teas, soft drinks, cakes, home-made bread and sandwiches. We also have a bottle stall and wheel o' fortune. Please come along to see us. Membership forms will be available and the fee for a year is only £1.

### Grosvenor Rooms.

5th July, two days before the Festival sees us at the Grosvenor Rooms for a great Co. Wexford Re-Union Dance with the Bannow Ladies Mummers Set and Musicians, who will give us a display of their wonderful Mumming and Ceili Music—incidentally the Mummers will be showing their talents to all at the Festival on the 7th. On the 5th at the Grosvenor Rooms, The Bantry Pipers will also be performing for us and we have the final of the waltzing competition, so a great night will be had by all with, music for dancing by Jean Dunne and Rapsody. If you get your ticket beforehand it will only cost you £1 or on the night at the door £2.50. Ring any of the numbers at the heading of this report.

More news in the next issue.

Michael Sills, Chairman.

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(Continued from last issue.)

beaten, or Frank who was found dead on the local Green, or John, discovered early in the morning lying face-down in a hole in the road, or Tommy whose death is still in the hands of the Police. The close relationship we had with them all enabled us to make contact with their families and give the kind of support that was necessary at the time.

Talking of support, we also had many occasions to concern ourselves with offenders and ex-offenders. Not only were our prison visits increased, but the aftercare with many was most important. For a visit like ours is their only contact with a friend during a sentence, and without exception these visits are much appreciated. To quote from a recent letter: "Thanks very much for coming along to pay me a visit. It was good to see you, also the Crack was a break from prison chat that becomes a bit old hat after a while." Because of the complicated system of movement from time of arrest, remand, conviction and sentence, many of these visits would not have taken place were it not for the co-operation of the Chaplaincy team at the various prisons. In particular I would like to say a special word of thanks to Sr. Agnes for her many calls on behalf of our friends and her arranging of pastoral visits.

Although the financial outlay for all services during the year increased by 15%, our fund-raising team not only provided for the increase but created a substantial credit balance for the coming year. Once again, it was the dedication, hard work and team spirit of our helpers that brought success to the Bazaar, Jumble and Furniture Sales and Dances. Besides the Barbecue we had two exceptionally generous donations: one from the Council of Irish County Associations and the other from the Monaghan Association, London. To the many people who supported the activities that made these donations possible, my sincere thanks.

Each year we are grant-aided by the Irish Government and the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham. Last year we received what I consider a well-earned boost by the Irish grant being doubled to IR£10,000 (£8,438), while at the same time we received a disappointing 2½% increase from the local Borough. Although we take pride in the fund-raising done from within, we do also acknowledge and appreciate the importance of these grants and wish to thank the Irish Government and the local Borough for their continued interest and support.

Finally, our thanks to the great number of people who continue to supply the Bureau with much-needed clothing. Your kindness brought dignity and happiness to many during the year. To my Augustinian Community at St. Augustine's in Hammersmith, I wish to express the gratitude of all concerned in the Bureau's activities. We know that without your continued loyalty and encouragement there would never have been a first Annual Report, never mind a fourteenth. And to my colleagues my deepest gratitude and appreciation.

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First I would like to give you some dates for the coming year to be put in your diary.

Our Bacon and Cabbage Supper is being held at the Irish Centre on Saturday, 5th October.

Secondly on Thursday, October 24th again at the Irish Centre we will be holding our Clare Re-union, again this year His Lordship will be in attendance. Thirdly and most importantly the Clare Association will be holding their Annual Dinner and Dance on Saturday 26th October again at the Rainbow Rooms Kensington, where we enjoyed an excellent evening last year. We have had to hold the evening a little early this year as the hall was fully booked in November.

The Clare Association would like to extend its deepest condolences to one of our most outstanding members, Agnus O'Connell who sadly lost her husband recently. R.I.P.

We would also like to wish a speedy recovery to another long standing member of the Association Mr. Michael McMahon.

Fewer young Irish and second generation Irish are getting involved in the Irish Associations of today, I think the main reason for this is that they are not being given the incentive to join in with the older members. Also they do not realise just how much fun it can be to take part in the various activities put together by these associations. In a way the problem is a vicious circle. There are few activities to attract these young people and while young people are showing no interest in the associations they will not have enjoyable social events put on for them. We do have some however, that may be of interest, and I can speak from experience when I say I have enjoyed many years of

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### The Annual Dinner/Dance 1985

"Rev. Fathers, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen at the outset, let me take this opportunity of collectively welcoming each and everyone of you to this our 20th Annual Dinner/Dance, here at the new McNamara Hall, Camden Town." So began our Chairman Mr. Cyril McKervey (Athlone) in his opening address at our big annual event of 1985, he welcomed our guests from across the water.

Westmeath's first citizen councillor, Jack Coleman—Chairman, the Westmeath County Council. Mr. Taffe, Co. Development Manager, and Mrs. Taffe. The well known now in London, Chris Keirnan, County Development Officer. He welcomed our own Kevin Cadogan, Manager the Waterford News and Star, Kevin never misses our big night. Our guests from this side were next on the list. Seamus Troy, former Chairman of our Association and now Chairman once again of the Council of Irish County Associations, also Mrs. Troy. Our President Gerry Reilly and wife Gerty. "Having completed the list of guests" said Mr. Mc Kervey, "It would surely be remiss of me not to mention some old and familiar faces who unavoidably cannot be with us tonight. Lady Pritchard Jones, Paddy Flanagan, and our own Ritchie Norton, M.C. for many years." A special welcome to my predecessor Mr. Adrian Towey, who has now taken over the prestige role, once occupied by the legendary Tommy Dunne, promotion manager at Aer Lingus, well done Adrian. Also here tonight I have much pleasure in welcoming another of Westmeath's sons John Dully from Athlone, John is Commercial Counsellor at the Embassy here in London, he has just returned from the airport, having acted as host to the minister for Industry and Commerce—Mr. John Bruton."

In his final address our Chairman welcomed former Chairman, Steve Cunningham, and wife Audrey. He thanked the many newspapers who allowed us such valuable space throughout the years, he thanked Aer Lingus for their generous donation: Tara Tea Set, other donations received with many thanks: B+I, Travel Voucher £75; Tara Travel, Travel Voucher £25.00; Denmare Foods, Side Smoked Salmon; A.I.B., Cheque £25; M. McInerney, Bottle Jamesons Whiskey; Tom Bannon, White Heart Pub, Donation £50.

Our thanks to Nancy and Andy Keane for cleaning our banner.

"My final address to the people of Tooting and Clapham, S.W. London who travelled by special coach tonight, and of course my appreciation, as Chairman to Paddy Looney for organising same." This concluded the Chairman's address.

Mr. Jack Coleman, Chairman Westmeath County Council showed his appreciation as follows: "As Chairman of the Westmeath County Council, I am very proud to be present at this Annual Dinner/Dance of the

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## **Westmeath Association** (continued from page 16).

Westmeath Association in London. This is now the 7th occasion on which a Council Chairman has been invited to your Annual Dinner, and it is a great pleasure for me to address you tonight.

I know that this is a very special night for you, being your 20th Anniversary Dinner, and I congratulate the Association on the special efforts made to make this a memorable occasion. Your association has every reason to be proud of its efforts on behalf of all Westmeath people in London over the past 20 years," said Mr. Coleman and he thanked us for being so actively involved throughout the year promoting the material and cultural welfare of our members. He went on, "I know you would wish me to make special reference to the late Jimmy Bennet who was always immensely proud to represent Westmeath County Council at former Annual Dinners. Jimmy was honoured to have been elected an Honorary Life member of your Association, and always held the efforts of your association in the highest regard, with Jimmy's untimely death I lost a valued colleague and we all lost a very good friend."

"Our County Manager Mr. Jack Taffe and his wife Frances are with us tonight to join in the celebrations of your 20th Dinner and our County Development Officer is also present."

Mr. Coleman concluded by informing us of the prospects of a new beef processing factory for County Westmeath and that any queries would be welcomed by Chris Kiernan, Development Officer.

A gift of Mullingar pewter was presented to the association by Mr. Coleman. When the dinner was over, which was described as 'marvellous' and the best we ever had, the dancing to 'Billy and the North Winds' commenced, and what a wonderful bunch of five they are, the crowd were on their feet all night.

### **Greetings.**

Of the 140 present, every one wanted to send greetings home.

At Eileen Rolf's table I met Cramel Timms and Brian, and Eileen's husband David. The ladies want to send greetings to all their relatives (the Edwards) in Moate. Also at the table were Theresa and Michael Keant (Kerry), Cecilia and Clayton Green from Kanturk Co. Cork. The Penroses from Ballynacargy were there, Lee and Eileen, and daughter Eileen, my special thanks to the Penroses for supporting all our functions. The Genouds from Tyrrellspass, Paddy, Nora and Suzanne send greetings to all at home. Not far from that village—greetings were sent home to Rahaugh, Kilbeggan by Agatha Hanley (nee Dempsey) and husband John (Limerick) with them were Mr. & Mrs. Tom Lynn—great supporters of our association—from Rahaugh comes annual supporter Aiden Grehan. It was nice to meet Mrs. Bridie Cunningham. Down the road, Fermore, Coole, Mr. and Mrs. Dobson, Bernadette and Bernie Bannon asked me to send his regards to all in Streete and Boherquille. I was introduced to Caroline and John Dully (Athlone), Eddie and Sheila Mitchell (Killucan). Greetings too from Mr. and Mrs. Lydon to all in County Mayo. Mr. & Mrs. J. Moloney, Mullingar, don't forget the Marshalls from Kilsallagh, Rathowe, said Mr. & Mrs. Fagan (nee Bridget Marshall).

### **86th Birthday.**

Our hosts at the association meeting place 'The Bull's Head', Clapham Common, Frank and Helen Prendergast always support all Westmeath functions. Frank from Kilkenny brought with him Jeordie and Ella Williams, it was Ella's 86th birthday, she told me "I'm as fit as a fiddle" and indeed she was. Mrs. Prendergast invited her sister Margaret and Liz and John Sheridan. Billy Attwell sends regards to all in Mullingar and his sister Mrs. Sheilds sends regards to all in Edmon-ton, Killucan and the Mulderry family from Mullingar.

### **Westmeath Association** (continued from previous page).

Many thanks to the following supporters: The Round Towers under guidance of Dermot O'Brien, Bill and Mrs. Cashin, Brian Guinan and Mrs. Brian, and Mrs. Devlin and others, who always support us and a special thanks to you for helping in the coach. Thanks to Joe and Mrs. Garry, Joe sends Sadie and David Hopson regards. Thanks to our treasurer Theresa Curran and husband Chris. Our secretary Betty Walsh for all her hard work in helping to make our 20th Dinner such a wonderful success. My final thanks to the Tooting supporters including Dan Fox, Margaret Jeffers, Fr. Seamus Hetherton, the man whom the Cavan G.A.A. will always be proud of, came as promised despite other engagements, many thanks father, and an apology to all the wonderful people who came, but were unavoidably left out. I know that you will support us next year, and throughout the year. Don't forget the next Dinner/Dance of 1986 will be the biggest of all events, our 21st birthday in May, 1986. See you there.

### **The Pride of Rathowen.**

All Ireland Champion flute player Sean Marshall, from Rathowen and his four piece band did us proud recently when they paid a flying visit to London to present "NA FIANNA" although little known here in the big city they were double booked in all entertainment spots and numerous requests were made for them to return soon.

No wonder when you had a lad like Dermot Doran who is a genius on the "Bedhran" and a "Fields of Athenry specialist" accompanied by school teacher Olive Kilbane All Ireland Fiddle Champion (her native Portumne should be proud of her) Barney Brady, this son of Abbylara is a gifted player and an even better singer. You certainly made a name for yourselves—Good Luck "NA FIANNA".

Pat Looney, P.R.O.

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### **Clare Association** (continued from page 15).

participation in these events. Firstly and foremost we have the youth quizzes. Last year I had the pleasure of captaining two outstanding teams who went on to win the cup. Many Counties have teams in these youth quizzes, but this could be made a much bigger competition, maybe become as popular as Mastermind or Family Fortunes although we do not compete for 'Big Money' as Max would say, we have a handsome cup, trophies and the honour of being the champions as prizes. Also we have various team games and sporting events taking place during the year. The Clare Association would like to be able to put together more events for the young people but until they show an interest this is impossible. Parents can be a big help in this matter, your encouragement could make all the difference, when your going to a dance, take the kids with you, bring them along to the Centre, show them this article or any one with a similar theme.

The Irish Festival in Roundwood Park is a perfect example of just how much fun it can be to join in with the older members of the family, please if you would like to take part do not be shy, get in touch with myself or any member of the Association. The future is in OUR hands, and as I have said before—'The children of today are the County Associations of tomorrow'.

Have a great holiday and I hope the sun shines wherever you go.

God Bless.

Christine Bonney (P.R.O.)

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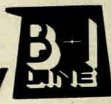
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