



CITY HALL SNUBS R.C.O. GRANT MEETING

by Norm Craven

On Tuesday October 20th at 8 p.m. the RCO held a meeting at Queen St. East Presbyterian Church. All the "executive members of City council" were invited. Alderman Fred Beavis was the only member to make an excuse for his absence. The others chose to ignore the meeting completely. 280 members of the public attended.

However, some other politicians did spare the time to put in an appearance, among them John Gilbert, M.P., James Renwick, M.P.P., and Alderman Karl Jaffary. The Hon. Robert Andras sent his executive assistant Mr. Wally Struthers.

The purpose of the meeting was to air a 5-page brief outlining various valid and compelling reasons in order to get approval from the Executive Committee of the City Council. At stake is a grant from the Federal Government of \$78,000 payable over a three year term. The grant to RCO will be made provided the local politicians will give it their blessing.

Various local clergymen were in attendance and each in turn stated they were in complete agreement with the objectives and aims of RCO. They all made public letters they had received from their superiors expressing their regrets that owing to prior commitments they were unable to attend. Letters were read from Bishop Fulton R.C., Louis Garnsworthy, Suffragan Bishop of Toronto C.E., and A.E. Mackenzie of the Board of Home Missions United Church of Canada. All expressed their approval of the aims, aspirations and involvement of RCO.

Mr. Struthers addressed the meeting and fielded some questions. He stated "Policy decisions will not be solely governed by any recalcitrant local politician playing the numbers game." He then made an exit to catch his plane back to Ottawa.

John Gilbert as usual was concerned and stated his willingness to appear before the Executive Committee with the RCO Delegation who will present the brief. This brief was on the agenda at 11 a.m. Wednesday October 21st at City Hall.

Alderman Karl Jaffary gave some very good pointers on tactics to use in order to gain approval.

After this Alderman Jaffary, Rev. Norman Thomas U.C., and John Gilbert went to St. Barnabas Church to try to persuade Alderman Beavis to return with them to the RCO meeting. Fred Beavis was on a panel, but stated "There will be no money decisions made until the meeting on Thursday with the East Toronto Social Planning Committee."

It was then decided to take the meeting to Mr. Beavis if he would not come to RCO meeting. At this point the members started to pile into cars and some actually left. This was about 10 p.m., but he appeared after approximately 100 people had left to bring him back.

O.H.C. DRAFTS NEW LEASE

by John Sewell

Since early September, a group of lawyers has been negotiating on behalf of OHC tenants to try and get a new lease from the Ontario Housing Corporation. Tenants complained about the lease which OHC asked tenants to sign, since they felt they couldn't understand most of it (all that legal language) and the parts they could understand appeared to be unjust.

OHC has recently come up with a new draft lease. It has been drafted by OHC lawyers, and since it is still only a draft, subject to change, it has not received any official approvals.

The lease is a major step forward in terms of tenants' rights. Firstly, it is set in language that can be understood by the average person. This means that a tenant can find out his rights by looking at the lease, rather than by going to a lawyer.

Secondly, OHC has committed itself to keeping buildings in good repair, subject to the City's

housing standards. It also has committed itself to making repairs promptly.

Thirdly, it has defined exactly the right of management to enter apartments. The draft states that 24 hours written notice must be given before entry can be made, and the OHC lawyers have agreed to add a clause stating that except in cases of emergency no other entry can be made.

Fourthly, the lease is for a one year term. This applies both to tenants who work, and to tenants who receive some sort of government assistance. The old lease said that people on welfare, etc., could only rent from month to month, so the new draft makes a major change in the way OHC looks at its tenants: it will not discriminate according to how you get your income.

This new draft lease is not perfect, but it is substantially better than the lease now in effect. Hopefully some of the bugs can be ironed out, both in

language and substance, and a really good lease can be worked out in the next month or so.

OHC has said that even if a lease that is satisfactory to both tenant and OHC is worked out, it could not come into effect until the summer of 1971. They state that it is impossible administratively to move any faster, and in any case about 89% of tenants have already signed the present lease, which will expire next fall.

OHC has also made two other important announcements: first, that they hope to implement some sort of grievance procedure early in 1971, and secondly, that the waiting list for OHC applicants will be made public.

In view of these actions on the part of OHC, one can only conclude that the pressure exerted by tenants' groups across the City has been instrumental in making these gains. The situation looks optimistic.

ST. PETER'S DROP-IN CENTRE CLOSED DOWN

Two weeks ago, a kid named Guy Castilloux was faced with what he felt was an emergency.

He reacted and as a result of that reaction, about 70 young people in the Blecker-Ontario-Carlton area are temporarily (at least) out of their drop-in, recreational centre.

Mr. Castilloux, a 17-year-old High School student who lives on Aberdeen Ave., was supervising the centre in St. Peter's Anglican Church. A boy gashed his foot rather badly, and Mr. Castilloux suddenly found himself in need of a phone and a first aid kit.

The result: two doors were broken down; damage was committed; the program was suspended by Rev. J.E. Harvey, the pastor.

And, Mr. Harvey said, it will not be resumed until the repairs are made and the group, called Teen Central, has mature and responsible leadership.

Mr. Harvey and Mr. Castilloux discussed the possibility of emergency before the night in question. Mr. Harvey refused to provide Mr. Castilloux with a key, and Mr. Castilloux warned him that, if the situation arose, things might have to be broken down.

Mr. Harvey says there have been other incidents of damage and disruption since the group moved into the church about seven or eight weeks ago. He was out of town when the "clincher" took place on the Thanksgiving weekend.

Teen Central provided a meeting place and a gym and dancing and just something to do for area kids in an age range of seven to 16. Its closing, obviously, leaves a gap.

However, Mr. Harvey insists it will reopen. "I'm too concerned about the kids in the area to make it an out-and-out closing", he said.

His main objection seemed to be with Mr. Castilloux, whom he called a self-appointed leader. "He's not God's gift to the kids", the minister said. "He may be some day, God willing."

Mr. Castilloux, on the other hand, feels he acted properly under the circumstances. He further feels that Mr. Harvey doesn't really want the church to be used for the community program.

Mr. Harvey said he would discuss the matter with leaders in the area, including, hopefully, Alderman John Sewell.

"But if they (Teen Central) cannot maintain a good leadership, I will call a halt until they do so. And it (leadership) is not always easy to find in our area.

"And I don't think teenagers are capable of this kind of leadership."



The children of the Blecker/Ontario Street area picket St. Peter's Church last week in an attempt to get Rev. Harvey to re-open their club. Rev. Harvey wants assurance of "responsible" leadership for the

children; but he also suggested at a meeting last Sunday that he feels the concern of his church ought to be "spiritual" rather than "social".

Seven News Photo by Charlotte Sykes

Alderman Beavis said he "resented the intrusion" of Alderman Jaffary, John Gilbert, and Rev. Thomas. He stated he had accepted the panel invitation a month ago. He got the RCO invite only a week ago and claimed he couldn't "beg off."

In reply to a series of very searching and loaded questions, he committed what, in this writer's opinion, was political suicide. He did not evade any questions. Samples of his answers run from "I will not be pressured", "I do not like the way Don Keating operates"; "I will not make a decision until after the Thursday meeting". After the meeting he would evaluate the benefits of throwing his weight behind "either RCO or the East Toronto Social Planning Committee"; "I would be very happy if Don Keating was fired."

Some of the people at this point told Alderman Beavis they would work with all their energies

to see that he was not re-elected in the next municipal elections.

Our other friend, Alderman Tom Clifford, who appears to be Alderman Beavis' shadow, said he fully agrees with Friendly Fred. He was told from the floor by one irate taxpayer that he should resign from council immediately. Alderman Clifford then made a series of preposterous statements and the meeting degenerated into a series of recriminations and a personality clash.

After the RCO found out Tuesday night that members of the Executive would not give approval to their financial request to the Federal Government, they went directly to the regular Executive Committee meeting Wednesday. About fifty members of RCO attended at City Hall and five people spoke on behalf of RCO: Rev. John Robson of Queen Street Presbyterian Church, Connie Leslie, RCO Chairman,

Bill Fenn, RCO Treasurer, and Marie McDonald, executive member. The request boiled down basically to a motion from the Executive that it would approve a grant by the Federal Government, through Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, of \$78,000 to RCO over the next three years. RCO presented its case simply and directly: it is trying to get people involved in local issues which affect them, and this is done by getting people on each street together to discuss the problems they feel exist, and then seek solutions. On occasion, this has led to confrontation, and sometimes politicians have not been consulted.

The politicians certainly see RCO as a threat. Mayor Dennison tried to say that RCO was against the present system of democracy, and that it was trying to create a new and volatile type of democracy. RCO replied that

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INCINERATOR DEBATE BLAZES

by Gundi Jeffrey

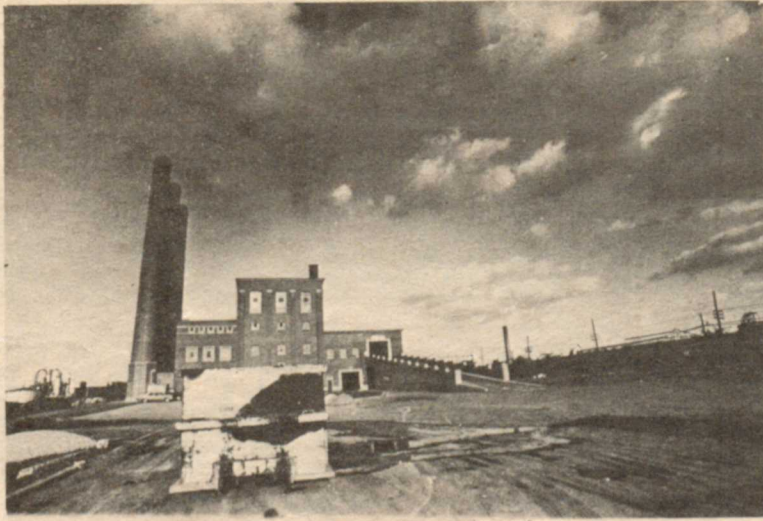
A hostile crowd, made of up almost seventy community organizations from the Riverdale area, met in the Queen Street East Presbyterian Church on Thursday, October 15. Their purpose was to meet with Deputy Commissioner of Public Works, Donald Scott, and several local civic politicians to discuss the future of the Commissioners Street Incinerator.

This incinerator has been polluting the area for years, as at least 600 tons of garbage are burned there every day. The people, fed up with this pollution that is soiling their air, their homes, and even the laundry they hang out to dry, had come to the meeting with only one thought in mind: Stop the pollution! Nothing else was going to satisfy them.

Karl Jaffary, Alderman of Ward 7, tried to explain the renovations for the incinerator - what was to be done (new furnaces, conditioning towers, higher stacks, modernization of the other equipment, etc.) how long it would take (approximately 3 years), and how much it would cost (about \$8 million). He was met with such logic as "I don't want your figures or your facts. I just want this incinerator shut down - and if you don't shut it down, I say blockade it." This from Desmond Behan, Chairman of the Go-Getters Organization. He added "I haven't opened a window in two years - I'm always on air-conditioning."

Mrs. Richard Organ was another who loudly voiced her disapproval of the facts and figures cited - "Statistics don't really matter when what's at stake is our lungs and those of our children." She also felt that in the three years that it would take to complete the work, it would already be obsolete.

It was the old story of "don't confuse me with facts." The people had decided to stop the pollution NOW, and nothing was going to make them listen to



Seven News Photo by Charlotte Sykes

Above is the Commissioners Street Incinerator, topic of a heated debate at last week's meeting. Originally, the plant was designed to burn 900 tons of garbage a day. The volume has since been reduced because the forced air mechanisms have been cut off. Forced air makes the garbage burn more quickly, but it also results in far more pollution. Plans for the renovation of the incinerator include addition of electrostatic precipitators and a 450-foot tower which will disperse the smoke and filter out noxious fumes.

Originally the plant produced 2 parts of particulate matter per 1,000 parts of gas. When the forced air mechanisms were cut off, the level of particulate matter was reduced by 50%, and at present the level is .85 parts per 1,000, a significant reduction; it is hoped that the level of particulate matter after renovation will be as low as .2 parts per 1,000.

Much of the City's garbage is burned at the Commissioners Street Incinerator, but there are other plants in Toronto; one in Scarborough; and one about to be built in Etobicoke. All available dumping (land-fill) sites are now being used to capacity. Apparently the reason that the renovations will take three years is that the plant can't shut down while the alterations are being made. Alderman Jaffary says that the delay seems to be inevitable. "It's too bad we didn't have the meeting a year ago," he adds, "then it would have seemed like a victory."

anything else. Over and over they repeated "Shut it down" and "We're tired of being the dumping ground of the city" and "Let them burn their own garbage, and we'll take care of ours."

In turn Karl Jaffary, Fred Beavis, Tom Clifford (the latter both Aldermen for Ward 8) and Donald Scott tried to reason with the increasingly hostile crowd. "You can't plan a project such as this on the back of an envelope" said Jaffary. Scott pointed out the new incinerator would cut down the pollution by 8/10 or more. No one really listened.

They continued to shout and many left long before the meeting was over. The rest remained to hurl further insults at the panel.



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"Put On!"

Ward 7 to Secede?

A Satire Column
by Norman Browne

It can now be revealed for the first time that a contingency plan exists for the secession of Ward Seven from the City of Toronto, the Province of Ontario and the Dominion of Canada.

The Contingency Plan is to become operable should either of two events occur: a) If the Dominion of Canada should dissolve into separate states, or b) If the politicians and bureaucrats at the Metro and City level totally ignore the needs and desires of the residents of Ward Seven.

The Plan of Secession calls for Ward Seven to become a self-governing constitutional monarchy with Karl Jaffary to be named King and John Sewell to be Prime Minister. A citizen's council would be formed as an interim step until ward-wide elections could establish a Senate and a House of Commons.

The Plan takes note of the fact that Ward Seven has within its boundaries almost all the facilities needed by a viable city-state. It contains a cemetery, parkland, crematorium, zoo, jail, police station, fire halls, hospitals, churches, and schools. Ward Seven also has access to Lake Ontario and via the St. Lawrence Seaway is linked to all other countries in the world. A railway line, navigable waterway and superhighway also run right through the centre of the new country.

Detailed aspects of The Plan call for Ward Seven to issue its own currency, postage stamps, passport and visa documents. The Don Valley Parkway would become a toll road and tolls would also be collected from all ships using the Don River. All revenue collected from these tolls would go into the treasury of Ward Seven. Ward Seven News would become a daily and all other out-of-ward papers would be heavily taxed to prohibit their circulation in the ward.

Another aspect of the Plan calls for the immediate building of a Voice-of-Freedom Radio Station to beam messages of hope and reassurance to the still-oppressed people in the other wards of the city.

And finally, the new country that would be Ward Seven would be able to negotiate as an equal with other countries for loans and grants for homeowners, tenants and various citizen groups.

More About Springboard

by Edward Laboucane

Springboard is a volunteer community-based project. The idea all along has been that if you are going to help men coming out of prison, you must help them become part of the community. And to help others be part of the community you must first be part of the community yourself.

The involvement of the volunteers in Springboard has steadily increased and is continuing to do so; they are now planning a number of ventures into community participation. First is the organization of a temporary help company, aimed at placing habitually unemployed people. Also Springboard is linked

to a janitorial service which would supply jobs on a temporary and permanent basis, at top hourly rates. Some of the volunteers' other interests are Games Night at St. Enoch's, Seven News, possible Day Care for the area, plus an increase in social outlets for the St. Enoch's Centre.

Springboard hopes that as the community continues to grow that they will grow with it, and that as Springboard becomes more and more a part of the community that the community will become more and more a part of Springboard until ideally they will become one and the same. Anyone interested in joining Springboard, please call Edward Laboucane at 922-8322.

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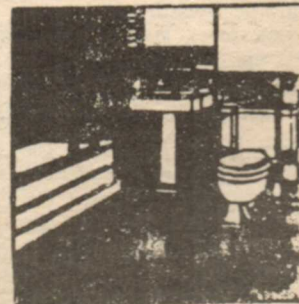
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News From City Hall

by John Sewell

(1) On October 28th Council will consider a request of residents on Gerrard Street, to change parking regulations on the north side of Gerrard, between Seaton and Sherbourne. The four businessmen in that block have found that the present 'No Parking Anytime' regulations have hindered customers who have to park, and they have requested one-hour parking between rush hours. The Commissioner of Works recommended against their request, but the Committee on Public Works overruled the Commissioner, and went along with the request of the businessmen. It appears that Council will confirm the action of the Committee.

(2) On the request of residents, City Council has reduced the speed limit on Boulton Avenue, between First and Dundas, to 25 m.p.h., authorized a stop sign on Allen Avenue at Boulton, and prohibited parking on the west side of Boulton between Allen and 50 feet north of Grieg Street. (3) Ashby Place is one of the half dozen 'lanes' in the Ward which is used like a road, but remains unpaved. Jane Abramowitz, who lives on Ashby, was before the Works Committee October 13th, and asked on behalf of residents that the City pave the street. There seem to be two problems: firstly, the lane is not owned by the City, and if the City wants to get control of it, it will have to negotiate with the owner, or

expropriate. Secondly, most road-pavings like this are considered only of benefit to people on that particular street, and therefore should, in the City's thinking, be paid for by the people on the street. That, of course, is grossly unfair, since it is only in the less wealthy parts of town that the City has never paved road. (Ever heard of a road in Rosedale that isn't paved?) So the residents will also have to convince the City that the City should foot the bill, since it is to everyone's benefit that streets are paved.

The matter will be before the Committee on Works on October 26th, when the Committee will have a chance to review the long history of complaints (never acted upon) which the residents have put forth during past years. Hopefully this case will be a test run for similar action on Woodstock Place (in Don Vale), Baseball Place, and other such streets.

(4) The City has recommended to Metro that penalties be increased for regulations concerning 'No Heavy Trucks'. Present fines are not more than \$10 for first offense, and not more than \$25 for subsequent offenses. The recommendations are to make fines of not more than \$30 for first offense, and not more than \$60 for subsequent offenses. The matter is going to Metro so that fines can be uniform throughout Metro. (That makes it easier for the police.)



Seven News Photo by Charlotte Sykes

by June Trafford

Ninety-three people for breakfast? Sounds like a lot but that's the number of children who actually attended the Duke of York School breakfast program one Friday morning last month. One of the local mothers who assists Miss Mallett the Vice-Principal in running the weekday project puts the usual number of breakfasters at about sixty-five.

The idea for the program, which has been operating at the Pembroke Street School since the opening of this school term, originated last year at the time of the Senate Committee on Poverty. After an open meeting at Duke of York and the publicity given it in the newspapers, an interested citizen contacted the school with a proposal to establish a breakfast program. The school staff consulted with parents, and the community was sounded out by means of a questionnaire. Parents selected a menu and decided on a charge of five cents per day per child. The bulk of the expenses are now shouldered by private citizens, businesses and foundations, although the organizers of the project would like to see the financing assumed by a service club to ensure the project's continuation.

Such a program is helpful in easing the rush and tension of

getting a large family of youngsters off to school in the morning. The servings are plentiful and extra helpings freely given, something which parents on a limited home food budget cannot always afford to provide. The children themselves lend a hand and learn by measuring and mixing powdered milk, setting tables and pouring juice. Then, between breakfast and school the pupils may take part in activities like painting or playing with toys.

The children themselves are full of enthusiasm for this new approach to the first meal of the day:

"It's fun to help. I like to wash dishes. I like to clean up tables. Sometimes I eat three bowls of cereal. Sometimes four. It all depends on the size of the bowl. I eat about seven or eight small bowls. It all depends how hungry I am how many raisins I take, but I take two or three glasses of orange juice." — Calvin, age ten.

"I like breakfast 'cause they give you lots of raisins and whenever you want seconds of cereal you can have whatever you want. Sometimes after we have our breakfast Miss Mallett brings some paints and we can paint a picture." — Jody, age nine.

"Me and my brother go there every day. We never miss it. I like orange juice but always on the

second cup it taste a little sour because of the sugar I put on my Shreddies." — Mitchell, age nine.

The atmosphere is cheerful. For Hallowe'en table favours and special plates are being planned. Co-operation runs high and the children start their day with a sense of pride and participation as well as a good nourishing breakfast.

Poet's Corner

THE DEATH OF GOD

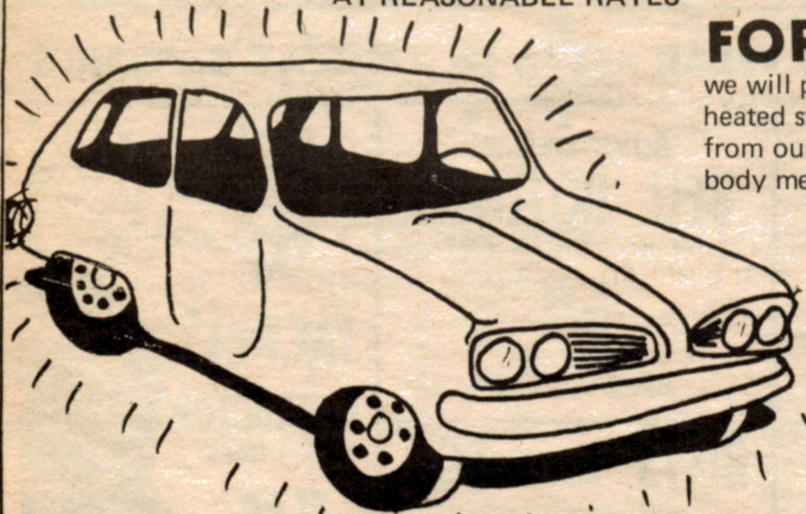
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really it was trying to make democracy work better, by involving people at the grass roots. Alderman Rotenberg tried to say that RCO itself was undemocratic, but when it became evident that RCO was probably more democratic than City Council, he backed away from that argument. Alderman Pickett thought that maybe people got action quickest if they went to the aldermen, and that RCO tried to get people to avoid their aldermen. O'Donohue made a few remarks to indicate that he didn't favour local people getting involved in decisions that affected them, but really let the cat out of the bag, when under his breath he said, "Send it back to Quebec."

Alderman Beavis said nothing throughout the debate. Alderman Clifford, the other alderman for

Ward 8, stated that he did not think the Executive (of which he is not a member) should do anything to support RCO, and that it was not a healthy force in the community. Finally, much to most everyone's surprise, Beavis moved that the Executive advise the City Council that it had no objection to RCO approaching the provincial or Federal Governments for financial aid, but that the City should not make a grant to RCO (as it had done a year previous). The motion carried 4-1, supported by Beavis, Rotenberg, Dennison and O'Donohue, Pickett opposed. It would appear that the motion will get through Council next Wednesday by a narrow margin. If it does, it means that CMHC will be able to make the grant to RCO without incurring the wrath of the City, and organizing in the area east of the Don River will be able to continue for three more years.

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Book Review

Cabbagetown Diary

by Barry Morris

Cabbagetown Diary: A Documentary by Juan Butler (Peter Martin & Assoc., 1970).

At the conclusion of a recent CBC documentary on the United Nations, "Who Speaks for Man?", an observer of one of the martyrs trying to provoke sanity in our otherwise insane world claimed: "There are no observers at a crucifixion, only crucifiers and crucified." Maybe so. The same message comes through in *Cabbagetown Diary: A Documentary*. In and around Allen Gardens, the scenes unfold, and through the eyes, ears, smells, passions and part-time hopes of a guy named Mike, and his part-time woman, Terry, we are taken through the games of being hustled. Here, as with the sad history of the role of the U.N., there are no observers, no one is neutral. There are only those hustling, and those being hustled. It doesn't matter where Mike is, what he is doing, who he is doing things with, it's all the same: people hustling and being hustled. Cops; whores; winos; fags and butch broads; would-be-revolutionaries; young kids already on the make, if only with filthy mouths. Do-gooders, especially, get a going over in Mike's diary — eg., a scene where friend George is scorned for his revolutionary desires:

"Politics is for the birds. Who gives a shit what the politicians say? Look at the Salvation Army. They're playing politics every time they come down to

Allen Gardens with their drums and bugles, and promise all the winos there a better life if they cut off the booze. But the thing is, they don't really want the winos to stop being winos cause if they did there'd be nothing for the Sally Anns to do after, and they'd be out of a job. (p.178)

This is the point of view, and mood, that Mike has throughout his whole diary. Life is a bum drag; only lifted or spirited when you're making a broad. And, Mike not only knows all this routine life — making others for your immediate desires — to be utterly and finally true, but he insists that it is true because he says it is. This is the way he grabs onto young Terry, knocking her up and then kindly putting her out to pasture, always in control; it is also the way he looks on the cops, his job, his friends, and his pathetic landlady (who lives, eats, drinks, and seems to sleep on the front porch). Not much good has ever, or will ever come out of Cabbagetown — after all this, how could it?

Mike's attitude towards Cabbagetown and its peoples, is harsh, "I'm not the ordinary Cabbagetown slob, all mouth and no brains..." He describes the Riverdale Zoo.

"stuck halfway up a hill overlooking the Don Valley, full of whole families — Mom and Pop and their eighteen kids — all jammed together like maggots on a dead rat, gawking at the filthy animals."

And he gives his woman hell being

a little too worried about the victims:

"If she's going to help every joker in Cabbagetown that's bleeding at the head or lying in some alley with an empty bottle beside him, she'll be working so hard that in a week she'll be fagged out and ready for a month's stay at the hospital. It's about time she learned that these people like what they're doing and all that a do-gooder gets around here is a swift kick in the ass. And if she doesn't get it from them, she'll get it from me."

Yet... while author Juan Butler's point of view, through Mike is despairing, if not outrightly futile, *Cabbagetown Diary* offers something more. What more? Shrewd and realistic feelings about any kind of life lived in the raw, without pretense or phoniness or make-believe. Much of what is described in this day-to-day diary, though it takes place over three years back (1967), is real for many people — including the young people, who like Mike's Terry, may be passive and weak and who may settle for quick pregnancies or dope or booze as a way to avoid wrestling hard with what life can come to mean and be. For, among other avenues, one way is the first way of taking hard looks at what is going on. And if the hustles in our areas are going on, if they're real, then we begin with them. No salvation can come to any area, its people, without this kind of honest beginning. No easy romanticising, as writers and do-gooders are wont to do, both living off other people's despair.

"There's no justice in the world..."

That's the trouble with fights. The guy who's lost is usually dying to make up for it and if he does manage to get you, then you're gunning for him after, and it goes on till one of you is either dead or in the pen. And me only wanting to lead a nice, quiet, happy life."

And this is what even the Black Panther leadership in America has been saying — maybe even the terrorist FLQ in Quebec. Whether you're right down in life, or temporarily up, *Cabbagetown Diary* invites you to come to grips with yourself.

Even all of Toronto has a chance to come to grips with herself, here, at this point Toronto is only as just and sane as Cabbagetown activities are just and sane. We can only have it if both are whole. The viewpoint from the bottom in the case of Mike, the viewpoint of a roomer, one of the lost race of society, must be the guideline for Toronto justice and security.

Finally, this diary has comparative value. As many readers know, there are a host of interpretations, articles, studies, and full-length books out on this troublesome place known as (cont. p. 7 col. 3)

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News in Brief

SEVEN NEWS EDITORIAL STAFF meeting, Thursday, October 29 at the Parliament St. Library House, 265 Gerrard St. E., 7:30. Everyone welcome.

THE SIMPSON AVENUE SOCIAL CLUB (Senior Citizens) meets every Friday at 1 p.m. in the parlour of the Simpson Ave. United Church. Their activities include cards, games, entertainment, trips, outings, refreshments. New members are invited.

THE ROSEDALE AND ST. DAVID'S Liberal Associations are holding a Hallowe'en Dance at the 48th Highlanders' Hall, 519 Church St. on Friday, October 30, 8:30 p.m. \$2.00 per person. Live music, dancing, door prizes, bar.

THE METRO NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY will hold a series of "open caucus" meetings this fall, with the intent of setting up a dialogue with the many citizen groups in the Metro area. The hope is that through informal discussions a new awareness of municipal problems will emerge. The Central Toronto Meeting will be November 26th, 8:00 p.m. at the University Settlement House, 23 Grange Road.

BEST WISHES TO THE WARD 7 BUSINESSMEN for their Dance and Treasure Night, Friday October 23.

THE REGENT PARK COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION is putting on a Peanut Sale Drive next month, for teenagers and adults. Anyone interested in selling and taking orders please contact the RPCIA office, 364-2909. All proceeds will be used for the kids of Regent Park, their Christmas Party, etc.

TENANTS IN REGENT PARK SOUTH: There will be a meeting on October 28, 8 p.m., at 203 Sackville Green. People in this section of Regent Park will meet with Architect Walter Kehm and Mr. Loyer to discuss plans for the new Regent Park Community Centre. Meetings for the tenants of Regent Park North will be announced soon.

ON THE REQUEST OF RESIDENTS, the Committee on Parks and Recreation has approved the conversion of the old Biltrite lot at Degrassi and Cummings into a park for children ten years old and under. Some \$7000 is being set aside in the budget for 1971 to prepare the land, grass it, fence it, and provide playground apparatus. The matter will be before City Council on October 28th, and it appears that Council will confirm the recommendation of the people and the Parks Committee.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Metro Tenant's Association will be held Sunday, November 8th in the Hampton Court Room of the King Edward Hotel. The meeting starts at 10:00 a.m. and will deal with election of officers, a constitution and a petition campaign asking for more stringent enforcement of the new Landlord-Tenant Act.

RUMOUR HAS IT THAT a man who owned two houses on Bleecker Street just sold those houses to Meridian for \$250,000. That's a pile of dough for two houses. It seems that now there is only one house left on the east side of Bleecker between Carlton and Wellesley which Meridian does not own. It pays to hold out.

OCTOBER 26, 8 p.m., St. Enoch's Church. Meeting of the Don Vale Tenants to discuss problems arising from newly-imported Housing Standards.

OCTOBER 28, 8 P.M., St. Enoch's Church. Information on home wiring by electrician Peter Akehurst.

NOVEMBER 3, 8 P.M., St. Enoch's Church. Inspectors from the Buildings Department will be present to answer questions about the new Housing Standards.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 8 p.m., at St. Enoch's Centre, there will be a community Hallowe'en dance. The cost will be 50 cents per person. There will be a door prize, costume prizes and fun for all.

A THREE-DAY CONFERENCE of all the poor people's organizations across Canada will be held in December. The exact date and place have not been set, but are being planned on an informal basis. The planning committee met recently to discuss what will take place at the conference; the arrangement committee has also met to discuss accommodation and day care during the conference.

Some of the topics to be discussed are: communications systems for the organizations across Canada; education; day care; welfare; problems of the physically handicapped. The conference is being held to find out why poverty exists in a country as affluent as Canada, and how to eliminate it.

THE WARD COUNCIL will meet for the first time this fall on October 26 at St. Enoch's Church, 8 p.m. On the agenda for discussion will be (1) The major East-end polluters, with a research group from forWARD 9; (2) The problem of the Don Vale Community Centre; (3) The Ward Council — what should it be and should it continue? Suggestions for additions to the agenda will be welcome at the meeting.

This is a good chance for people to discuss what's going on in the ward with their aldermen.

Parks Committee meeting about Cherry Beach, October 29, City Hall Committee Room No. 4. People who want more information about the meeting or about Cherry Beach, should call Mr. Wilton at 397-7030 or Mr. Forest at 367-7284.

MOSS PARK APARTMENTS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION will hold a general meeting for all tenants in the development on Sunday, October 25, at John Innes Community Centre, 120 Sherbourne, just south of Shuter. The meeting will begin promptly at 3 p.m.

The lighting and security of the grounds and buildings will be under particular discussion. Officers of O.H.C. and Mr. Joseph Thurston, of Guardian Protective Services, will be present.

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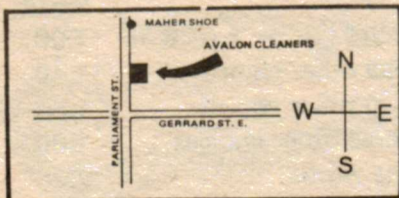
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CHERRY BEACH THREATENED

New Planner for Trefann

by Larry Brodeur

Four months ago the Trefann Court Working Committee met for its first time, after years of debate between the City and the people in the area. City Council had finally passed a motion authorising the Committee and accepting in principle the fifteen points proposed by the people as a working guideline.

The Committee is comprised of 5 representatives from each of the 3 groups of the people: homeowners, tenants, and businessmen. Each group has 3 votes with 5 aldermen completing the voting element. Members of the City Hall Staff are present as non-voting advising experts.

At its 5th meeting on October 22, the Committee will meet with its newly-hired planner, for the first time. The City, through its Planning Board, advertised for a Senior Planner to work with the people of Trefann and received approximately 12 applications. Four of the 12 applicants were selected by the City; the choice was reviewed by a sub-committee of the people, comprised of one representative from each of the 3 groups. The selected four were interviewed by the Sub-Committee, and by Mr. Barker and Mr. Spaxman of the Planning Board. Mr. Howard Cohen was chosen unanimously as the most suitable applicant. At the October 7 meeting of the Working Committee the choice was proposed and endorsed unanimously by the Committee.

Mr. Cohen is a 27-year-old graduate architect who has recently played an instrumental role in replanning Downtown Winnipeg, an experience which should prove invaluable in his new position: in both cases he acts as a liaison between the people's desires and objectives, and the City's.

We look forward to more Trefann renewal progress for a sensible and humane direction for City regeneration, and hope that some of our answers will help provide future solutions for problems that plague cities throughout our country and our continent.



Seven News Photo by Charlotte Sykes

People who have been down to Cherry Beach recently know the changes that are taking place there. The roadway leading into the beach has been torn up, and mounds of sand have been placed so that cars have a great deal of difficulty in getting to the Eastern Gap. Further, a new container warehouse has been placed right along side the beach, and there seem to be plans afoot to build another warehouse.

Cherry Beach used to be a place to swim and relax. Now, it seems, the only use that is made of it is at night. Rumour has it that the Harbour Commission (who leases it to the City) has plans to do away with the Beach. And there seem to be no obstacles to their taking it away from the public.

But despite the gouging and chopping that has been going on, Cherry Beach is still unspoiled. It is wide-open and wind-swept; the view of the lake and its sailboats is spectacular;

the water, protected by the new spit, is cleaner and warmer than anywhere else along the Lakeshore. It is beautiful enough as it is. But wouldn't it be nice if the city decided to make it into a pleasant recreational spot, maybe with barbeque facilities, and then start providing some sort of transportation to the site?

Cherry Beach is Ward 7's Beach. Its loss would be our particular loss — and an unnecessary one; there are many other places to put warehouses. But the fine city beaches are not so easy to come by.

The Parks Committee is due to discuss the problem October 29. If you are concerned, or want more information, call Mr. Wilton at 367-7030.

Help save Cherry Beach will also be the main topic at the October 27 Citizens' Forum Meeting (City Hall, Committee Room No. 1, 8 p.m.)

Canadian Welfare Council Meets

by Norman Browne

The Canadian Welfare Council Housing Committee, meeting recently in Toronto, discussed and took action on a number of proposals and projects of interest to people in Ward Seven. Following is a brief list of the more pertinent items:

— Publication of a booklet, *Who Should Manage Public Housing?* This 64 page, paper-bound book sells for \$1.50 from CWC, 55 Parkdale Ave., Ottawa 3, Ont. It is a transcript of a workshop between public housing tenants and management held last June in Quebec.

— A second and possible third such workshop will be held in Western Canada next year. Winnipeg and Vancouver were suggested as two likely sites.

— A bulletin titled *Housing and People* is being published by the Canadian Welfare Council. Copies will be exchanged free for tenant and low income newsletters and papers.

— A grant request has been made to do a study of Housing Developments for the Aged. The study is expected to be underway early in the new year.

— A report will be produced on the need and feasibility of studying housing requirements in Canada. The report will indicate the work being done at present by the various levels of government.

— A publication titled *A Citizen's Guide To Housing* is in the planning stage. A chapter outline of the proposed publication is being widely circulated to elicit feedback as to the scope of the booklet.

— A study is being done to analyse and compare the new landlord-tenant legislation being enacted in each province across Canada. As a result of the Ontario Law Reform Commission's report, there are now eight provinces who

have or are changing their legislation.

— A study of the Housing Conditions of Public Assistance Recipients is presently undergoing a final data analysis and a report is expected in the late fall of this year.

— A sub-committee of the Housing Committee will meet with Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation to review their recent \$200 million innovative housing loan program. The funding under this program has recently been completed and members of the Committee questioned the so-called "innovation" of some of the projects.

— The question of Housing Assistance for low-income people, who are not in public housing will be the subject of a preliminary study, with recommendations going to the Housing Committee for future action.

— The CWC is helping in the planning of a national Conference of Public Housing Tenants. The planning committee is meeting on November 7 and 8 in Ottawa and the Conference itself will be held in the Spring of 1971.

— A symposium on the subject of Residential Rehabilitation is planned for next year with Montreal as the conference site. The focus of the symposium will be on initiating and implementing rehabilitation programs to produce good housing for

Questions for the City About Tree Removal

by Martti Walker

Why, oh tell me why, are dead elm trees left standing in Toronto while live trees are being cut down?

It is well known that a diseased elm should be cut down and burnt immediately. This is done because the dead tree is the birth place of the insect which killed it in the first place. If the tree is not completely removed the "Dutch Elm Beetle" will simply leave the dead tree, where he has lived since birth, fly to the next living elm, and proceed to destroy it.

How many readers can remember the line of dead elms on Gerrard Street between Parliament and Sackville?

Now they have just removed a once majestic elm which stood on Sumach Street just south of Gerrard. It had been standing

low-income people.

— A workshop-conference on Rent Regulation will be held. The Canadian Welfare Council will help in the planning of such a conference. No date or place has been set.

— Future meetings of the Housing Committee will be partially open to members of the Press. The Committee is aware that it should act more as a pressure group to push for the implementation of some of its proposals. This is the first step in that direction.

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More About Drugs

The Chemical Society

by A.E. Kadry, M.D.

A pill to sleep, a pill to stay awake. A tonic to stimulate our appetite, a pill to depress it. A needle to calm us down and another to lift our spirits. A drink to help us forget and a pill to make us remember. Is this the sort of society we have become? This, I fear, is at least partially true. We will discuss the hows, whys and whos, and what we can do about it.

The turned-on generation is by no means limited to the "freaks" and the long-hair "dirty" hippies. It includes the average middle-class housewife, the business executive, the school teacher, the doctor-lawyer-Indian-Chief set, the social drinker and the social smoker. Mood-altering chemicals have become so much a part of our culture that it would be difficult to imagine our society without them. Some of these chemicals are harmful in physiological terms, some socially — and some, under certain circumstances, are essential for our well-being.

The scope of this topic is vast, and does not lend itself to easy classification, but the mood altering chemicals that are now prevalent can be crudely grouped under the following headings:

Mood Expanders: Although the methods by which these groups of drugs exert their influence are varied and poorly understood, they generally enhance an already existing mood, intensify and alter

perception, and produce vivid hallucinations. These are the psychedelic drugs and include such agents as: LSD, STP, DMT, MDA, mescaline, nutmeg, and morning glory seeds.

Mood Depressants: These range from the harmless sedatives that we take for "upset nerves" to the most potent addictive heroin. They include ordinary, everyday sedatives, minor and major tranquilizers, barbituates, antihistamines (contained in cold medicine), and alcohol.

Mood Elevators: These are theoretically the opposite of mood depressants, and basically are used medically for the treatment of depressions. One prominent group in this category inhibits the action of a certain brain enzyme (Mono-amino oxidase) which is responsible for the breakdown of a chemical stimulant normally produced in the body. The net effect is the reversal of the depressive process.

This group of drugs has managed to escape abuse on a larger scale. Although well known to most drug abusers, it is still used strictly in psychiatric settings.

Stimulants: Appetite depressants (diet pills), wake-up pills, caffeine, nicotine, amphetamines and methamphetamines lead this group. These are habit-forming drugs, but not addictive in the true sense of the word. Methamphetamine (speed) is used intravenously (injected into a vein), and its use is more or less confined to drug-oriented sub-cultures.

The Social Drugs: Alcohol and cannabis (marijuana and hashish). I call them social because they are generally used in a social setting. They have a dual stimulating and depressing effect: initial stimulation is followed by depression.

Alcohol is much more widespread and much more widely researched than cannabis. Neither of these drugs has been

proved to be harmful when used in moderation, but the long-term effects of alcohol are known to have been much more disastrous than that of cannabis.

Marijuana (grass) and hashish (hash) differ only in their purity and relative concentration of tetra-hydrocannabinol (THC) which is the active ingredient. **Solvents:** glue, cleaning fluids, etc. were discussed in my first article. **The Truly Addictive Drugs:** For a drug to be addictive it has to satisfy three basic characteristics: physical dependence, psychological dependence, and withdrawal symptoms when the drug is discontinued.

Heroin, morphine, cocaine, and opium (natural and synthetic) are most commonly used.

Dr. Kadry's article on "The Chemical Society" will continue in the next issue, where he will discuss the reasons behind the widespread use of drugs in our society.

N.I.P. Grows

by Harris Hunter

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Though we have only been open for a short time, we have not been sleeping at the Information Post, and to date have been able to supply information to some 146 people who have made enquiries about problems to do with employment, health and medicine, housing and tenants, legal help, welfare, recreation and family and personal difficulties.

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Book Review

(cont. from p. 5)

Cabbagetown. At least the following are recent and representative: John McAree's *Cabbagetown Store* (1964); Hugh Garner's *Cabbagetown*, and *Sin Sniper* novels; Kathy Wismer's *Come See My Garden* (1970); Ted Plantos' "As A Child I Played in Destruction" in *Fiddlehead* (U. of N.B., 1967); Ian Adams' *The Poverty Wall* (1970), also, Don Baileys' review of it, in *Canadian Forum* Oct./70; James Lorimer's *Real World of City Politics*; Keith Whitney's "Skid Row" in Mann's *The Underside of Toronto* (1970); Ann Bowman's "Poverty and People Power" in Mann's *Poverty & Social Policy in Canada* (1970); plus a number of surveys or studies being done — eg., Albert Roses' *Regent Park*; Social Planning Council's *Don District Study*; and Norm Browne & Marty McMaster's *CRC Roomer Survey* (to be published). Add to this, some recent film and T.V. documentaries on Cabbagetown life — eg., *Goin Down the Road*; "There's No Happy Times on Them Streets I tell Ya" (CBC documentary, Winter 1969); Clay Boris' *Parliament Street* (via Ont. Dept. of Recreation); the Roger's Cable-vision version of "Rally Around the Gardens", the

Ward 7

Sports

Round-up

By Joe Ganny

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The end of a great sports season in the Ward Seven area. The Ladies Softball League climaxed a season of entertainment, friendship, and above all sportsmanship, with a few parties held after each game, no matter who was the winner. Ernie Roadrunners, with manager Ron Horniblow, won the Regent Park Championship with a 17 to 8 victory over Peers Pets. Carol Addley was the big gun for the Roadrunners with four hits and Lorraine Newton of Peers Pets was the star of the game with outstanding catches in the field. The interest and glamour of this league was put to the test when Delores McGuire played, despite a painful ankle injury, and played a bang-up game for Peers Pets. Many thanks to League convener Kathy Bolger and umpire Delbert Lounds, the sponsors of the above teams, St. Barts Angels, and Fine Line Stationery.

Now to the Men's League: Active Construction won the championship two games to zip over Dexters Shell. In the first game Active won 4 to 0 as John Mulhall gave up two hits while striking out nine batters. Both of Dexters hits came from the bat of Jim Garington. Fred Watson led the hitting for active with two hits. Errors were the downfall for Dexters as Active scored three runs on the errors. The second game was also won by Active 4 to 0, as Dave Mullet allowed two hits and had 11 strikeouts. Doug Stubbs led the way for Active with two hits, a home run, and a double. Dave Mullet helped his own cause with a single to drive in two runs. Congratulations to J. Matthews and his team.

Bowlers 18 to 25 years of age: Every Sunday night at the Olympia Edward Bowling Centre one block north of Dundas and West of Yonge St. This League convenes under the name of Young Adults Bowling Council with Marie Niven as Chairman. If you wish to bowl on Sunday at 8 p.m., please contact Marie at this number anytime — 368-5486.

Hockey News: The Moss Park Parents Novice House League Hockey are registering players the last week of October from the hours of 1.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday, at the John Innes Recreation Centre, 150 Sherbourne St. Ages are as follows: Tiny Tyke 6 to 8 years; N.H.L. 8 to 10 years; A.H.L. 11 to 13 years old. If you play competitive or organized hockey you will not be allowed to enter this League as it is a novice League only. For information please phone Em. 6. 0767 and ask for Mr. Bob Gore, Mr. Barry Sherwood, or Mr. Gord Summers. Tentative practice dates begin

unprecedented festival of life at St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts, last Winter; and the National Film Board's Challenge for Change's "Up Against the System". To these, we must add continuing pieces of the hard life that come via the Just Society Movement's *Voice of the Poor* newspiece, or *This Magazine is About Schools* monthly, especially the last issue, via George Martell on questions of community control and the schools, with good material from the Trefann Court Mothers. Further projected works may have John Sewell, and hopefully, Roberta Sankey/Paul Newhan/John Whitelaw all writing

November 14. For those boys in the Regent Park area, please contact Mr. Sid Doyle at EM. 3. 2955. In the past several years I have had the pleasure of attending these hockey games and have found that it is one of the best Leagues for your boy to learn hockey. It is run by the parents and volunteer coaches, with the City of Toronto Parks and Recreation Department supplying the referees and ice time.

Social Notes: The Regent Park North Old Boys Association is holding their Annual Hallowe'en Dance on Saturday, October 24, at St. Cyril's Hall, Dundas and Sackville St. Prizes and lucky draws will be made, along with a few special prizes for the best costumes. Admission: \$1.75 per person and your D.J. for the night will be Johnny Clark with a mixture of rock and roll and old-time melodies for the young at heart.

On October 31 at the Avion Hotel, the manager, Norm, is holding a Hallowe'en costume party at 9 p.m. Hats and favours, dancing, sing-a-long will be available. I hope that some of the old Regent Park Cabbagetowners who have moved out of the area will attend these events.

As I have mentioned before any coaches or managers in any sport who wish their League events to be put in this paper please phone me any night after 10:30 p.m. or any weekend. In the last issue I named the area businessmen who made various donations towards the Avion and Gerrard Waiters ball game and I missed out on one gentleman, Mr. Mitchell, the Manager of the Gerrard Hotel; many thanks to him for the hot dogs and buns.

Recreation is available for your children at the following locations: St. Martins School, boys, Monday 7 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.; girls, Wednesday, same time. Lady of Lourdes School, boys, Monday, 7 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.; girls, Wednesday, same time. Winchester School, Tuesday, boys gym, 7 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.; Monday, girls, same time; Thursday, teen-age Social 7.30 to 10.30. Lord Dufferin School, Tuesday, boys gym 7 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.; Monday and Wednesday, boys basketball, 7 to 9.30 p.m. Park School, Tuesday 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., boys gym and adult floor hockey at 8.15 to 9.30 p.m. Regent Park School, Thursday, 7 to 9.30, gym and athletics. At 203 Sackville Green there is a variety of sports; for more information please call 363-2955. For swimming please call 367-7286, Parks and Recreation Central District Office. See you at the next roundup!

works on their recent, tough experiences.

What does it all mean? Now, from all this, if we could ever get into it all, what image and what hope for ourselves will emerge? Where do we stand — we who live in, building, re-building... trying to make stands...? Who speaks for Cabbagetown people? Those who live for, or off of our Ward 7? Authors may come and go — so do their writing concerns, as Juan Butler has honestly admitted, "Society never changes. Cabbagetown never changes." But what happens when the people don't come and go? Who speaks for ourselves?

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