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ALL SET FOR THE FEAST OF TABERNACIES



MANILA-Preparations for the Feast of Tabernacles at three sites in the Philippines are almost complete. Ben Ortiguero, national Festival Office manager, disclosed that close to 2,000 have registered for all sites.

The main site is still Baguio City, with 1,000 plus expected to attend. Some 900 have already applied for housing within the Teachers Camp, where the meetings will be held. Over 100 others outside the camp are also attending.

The other sites are Cagayan de Oro City, with about 600 expected to come; and the Mambucal Mountain Resort, Murcia, Negros Occidental (a new site), where an attendance of 200 is expected.

No visiting minister from

abroad has been assigned this year, so local pastors will be handling the services in all sites. Messrs. Colin Adair, Pedro Ortiguero, Pike Mirto and Jose Raduban will speak in Baguio; Messrs. Encardio Benitez and Edmond Macaraeg in Cagayan de Oro; and Messrs. George Hood and Bien Macaraeg, Jr. in Mambucal

Activities this year include entertainment by church people, sports tournaments, outings and sightseeing and games erganized by private or church groups. For details, all attending the feast should check with the respective festival managers (Dr. Samuel Librojo -- Baguio; Edmond Macaraeg -- Cagayan de Oro; George Hood -- Mambucal), or their assistants. (PRM)

CAVITE LECTURE-A mostly youthful but responsive audience receives "the message" delivered by Mr. Colin Adair at the Pagoda Kitchen in Cavite City September 18. (Photo by Jerry Ortiguero)

HUMAN SURVIVAL TAKEN UP AT

Cavite Lecture

By H. C. Rustia, Jr.

MANIL'A - Mr. Colin Adair spoke for the first time to the people of Cavite City September 18 at the FT Lecture held in the Pagoda Kitchen. Obviously inspired by his observations on the recent international conference in Manila on Human Survival, he discussed the dilemma of human survival in the face of global pollution, famine and the population explosion, upside-down marriages, the threat of nuclear warfare, etc.

Mr. Adair summarized the answer by saying, "If and when mankind falls to avert the ultimate disaster, it will take a divine plan to save this earth and establish a new order where all living will be able to enjoy lasting peace, happiness, security and prosperity."

A total of 224 receptive Caviturios, many of them non-PLAIN TRUTH readers responding to previous leaflet campaigns by the YAC, attended the lecture.

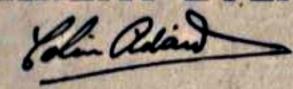
Before the lecture the 30-minute filmshow "HWA-Ambassador for World Peace" was presented. The Caivte audience had an insight into what Mr. Armstrong does when he goes around the world to meet with dignitaries and heads of state, and to speak before well-known organizations like the Kiwanis, Rotary, Lions and others.

Because of an illness, public relations man Nap Acebron (who usually accompanies Mr. Adair on his lectures) was unable to come and the usual visits with government officials and civic organizations had to be curtailed. Rey Taniajura, WCG executive assistant, was on hand to introduce Mr. Adair.at the lecture.

The following day, September 19, Mr. Adair conducted a Bible seminar also in Cavite. He talked about the subject "Individual Salvation: Is There a Way of Escape?" and answered the biblically-oriented questions of some 21 graduates of the Correspondence Course and subscribers to the PLAIN TRUTH Supplement.

The next PT lecture is scheduled on November 27 in Angeles City, Pampanga.

CURRENT EVENTS



Sept. 27: Last September 3 I flew down to Cagayan de Oro City to meet with Mr. Benitez and Mr. Macaraeg (whom I had asked to travel up from Davao). Mr. Benitez met me at the airport and along with his wife and twin daughters plus his brother Eustquio we all boarded the jeepney owned by the Work and travelled to my hotel overlooking the city. That afternoon Mr. Macaraeg and Mr. Benitez joined me in my room and we discussed many things pertaining to the Church.

At the Bible Study next morning we had an attendance of 96 which was a very fine turn-out. When Mr. Benitez moves up to Cagayan to live there in January 1977 we hope to make the study into a full church.

After lunch we went to see the possible meeting places for the coming Feast. As I hope you Mindanao brethren know by now, the first four days will be held in the St. Lourdes Auditorium and the last four days in the Sangguniang Bayan hall. It is regrettable we have to break up the feast in this way but there is just nowhere else suitable. I'm sure those of you going there will still have a very fine Feast.

Tragedy

Recently I received a letter from Mr. Edmond Macaraeg confirming what he had told me in Cagayan de Oro. Apparently during a rebel attack in Davao Oriental during the latter part of August the eldest son (19) of Mr. & Mrs. Sabello was killed. Apparently the son was concerned when he heard firing near the town and went to get his younger sister who was in school, Nearing the town he was accosted by members of the rebel group who had already held up a gasoline tanker-truck and killed the driver and some other people. They had set fire to the truck and some houses nearby were affected. The rebels, ordered the son to lie down on his belly thinking that he was a member of the trucking unit. He obeyed and they fired a shot at his back. When he rolled his head to look up and pleaded he was not a member of the unit he was shot in the head dying almost immediately. The rebels have not been apprehended as far as I know. When I read this brethren, tears came to my eyes in feeling for the young man whose life had been snuffed out by these heartless killers. I hope you will reGod will comfort them as only He can. And please pray for God's protection for the brethren in these troubled areas.

Second Cultural Concert

The second cultural concert sponsored by Ambassador College went off very successfully of Sunday, September 12. The PNC group who performed were tops and afterwards expresed their appreciation for the enthusiasm of the audience. Dr. Dalupan, Chairman of U.E. attended and my wife and I had a chat with him and his wife during the break. The President of PNC and his wife also attended. After "counting the cost" the YAC 'B' have informed me that we were in the black by about P200. It wasn't much but at least we did stay on the right side of the ledger and the enjoyment everyone had both in organizing and attending can not be calculated in pesos. We hope we can have another similar concert in the not too distant future.

Cavite Lecture

The September 18 Cavite P.I. lecture saw an increase in attendance compared to the last two lectures in Olongapo and San Pablo. As an accompanying article shows, we had 200 plus packing the small hall we had booked in the heart of Cavite City. There were some standing at the back.

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Current Events

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Most of the audience were young people and I believe the reason for the good attendance was the distribution of the promotional leaflets the previous day. Unfortunately there are no local radio stations in Cavite begause of its proximity to Manila so we didn't have the advantage this time of wide-spread coverage, Twenty-one attended the seminar the next morning.

Feast of Tabernacles

We are still getting a few people requesting attendance at this year's Feast of Tabernacles. It looks like we will have a record attendance in Baguio and I hope also at the other two sites. Last week I received some letters from a few asking feast assistance but unfortunately our allocation has been exhausted, Some letters were dated early September. Brethren, this is way too late to ask for help and nothing can be done for you this year. You better be sure you request help in time next year. My Feast letter was sent in June yet some of you waited two months or more before seeking help. And this was even after I had reminded you in the August CONTACT.

Mr. John Halford, executive assistance to Dennis Luker Regional Director for Australia, will be arriving in Manila Thursday Sept. 30. He will stay for two and a half days before heading for Malaysia on Sunday October 3 to be there in time for Atonement. Mr. Halford will stay with my wife and I and will speak to the Manila congregation sabbath of October 2, Mr. Halford is presently in charge of the Malaysian church area which includes Singapore, Thailand, Burma, and Indonesia. We will be discussing with him about the servicing of the Malaysian area as regards literature. Mr. Halford was last here in 1973 with his wife and family. This time he will be alone.

On October 2 Mr. Dan Wilson with his wife and one of his sons will be arriving on Panam 841 from Honolulu, Mr. Wilson is presently on sabbatical in Pasadena after serving as Director of the Canadian Work for fourteen years. He is right now assisting Mr. McCullough in the International area and will be discussing with me the hoped-for television program in Manila. The Wilsons are on their way to Australia for the Feast. He will be returning there at the beginning of January to take up the position of Regional Director vacated by Mr. Luker who is returning to the United States. (Incidentally Mr. Luker and his family are planning to come by Manila for the sabbath of December 25. Some of you may remember the Lukers were here a few years ago. We appreciate them taking the time to stop by the Philippines on their way home.) Mr. Wilson will share the sermon time with Mr. Halford on October 2.

Most of our overseas guests should be arriving by October 7. We are expecting Mrs. Okano and her children that evening from Tokyo. We do not know at this time the arrival plans of the others.

Human Potential to Quest

The magazine of the AICF (Ambassador International Cultural Foundation) is scheduled to be launched in February 1977. After marketing investigations were completed it was decided to change the name to Quest, but the contents remain the same. Next year it will be Quest-1977, the following year Quest-78, and so on. Those of you who have already subscribed to the AICF or the magazine will be receiving your first copy early next year.

Overseas Help

The Worldwide News of September carried an article and pictures on the recent Mindanao earthquake. We were very thankful for the love and concern shown by our overseas brethren when they heard of the calamity. The office received telexes from Australia and New Zealand and phone calls from Australia and Headquarters. Also last week we received a check for P1,500 from the Toronto West Church (Canada) for our Welfare Fund. They had been going to send used clothing but the shipping cost was so high it would not have been worth the expense. So they sent the money instead. We are very thankful for the gift and because

CONTACT is read by some brethren in that area I will personally say thank you to those of . you who contributed.

OCTOBER

Feast of Trumpets

Last sabbath we had a fine attendance of 689 in Manila for the Feast of Trumpets. The offering given in the afternoon was 35% up on Trumpets last year which was a very good increase. I have not yet received any details of Trumpets in other areas but we hope to have increases all around. We certainly need it to pull up our income picture. I hope all of you (if you receive this before the Feast) will plan to give as God has blessed you on the coming Feast days. Incidentally, our overall income picture has improved greatly since I wrote about it last month. From the 1% which I gave you, we have seen it increase to 8% plus. Thank you for your prayers in this regard, but keep praying because we are are still far short of our goal.

Weddings

As usually happens at this time of year, we have had a spate of weddings. Yesterday (September 26) three couples were joined in matrimony. Rev. Ong and Minerya Angeles were married at the P.C.C. at 9:15am, At 2:00pm, the same day Jose Luzuriaga and Virginia Salazar were united at 24, Paseo de Roxas (our home). I officiated at both weddings. The weather was perfect for the weddings and everyone was thankful that the rainy weather had at last gone away. That same afternoon Mr. Raduban married Jose Esperanza and Filipina Maala at Project 6, Quezon City, And last Tuesday he travelled to Bataan to join together Manny Quiray and Zenaida Bihis.

No More Bugle

For those of you who knew we had a psychotic dog as a pet (he went to pieces during thunderstorms) you may be sad to hear that as far as we know Bugle has blown his last bark, On September 6 my wife and I went out to dinner, leaving Bugle in the care of Mrs. Nicolas. Because of thunder and lightning Bugle had to be tied up outside the back door of our home. When my wife and I arrived back we were told that somehow Bugle had wriggled out of his collar and run off. We

YAC "A" BARES PLANS FOR BAGUIO

The Young Ambassadors Club "A", in a meeting held at the Meralco Building last September 4, Saturday evening, bared their plans of activities for the forthcoming Feast of Tabernacles in Baguio City.

The group, which in an earlier meeting gave their support and cooperation to Andrew Teng, President of the Club, discussed first of all an afternoon outing or sight-seeing trip and the Social Night in which the YAC "A" is in-charge.

In the planned outing or sightseeing trip, of which Edgar Saboren was assigned Project Manager, the club members had agreed to have it one free afternoon during the Feast and to invite some of our scattered brethren to be able to share and enjoy some happy moments with them. In case the sight-seeing trip in Camp John Hay won't be pos-

sible, the group has for their alternative an outing which would include bowling and cycling.

For the Church Dance, Project Manager Deo Medina announced the assigned Heads of the different Committees to take charge of the different activities related to the dance night. Suggestions were requested from the members for a more successful affair and one of which is shorter entertainment program to give everybody the chance to enjoy the

An exclusive YAC "A" dinner night was also brought out but further discussion of it was set for the next meeting the club would again be having.

Dates for each of the activities will be set as soon as the general schedule of Church is made.

The meeting was conducted by Sixto Yap, vice-president of the Club. (Eden Z. Fabricante)

OFFICE STAFFERS VISIT **HUMAN SURVIVAL CONFERENCE**

MANILA--Mr. Colin Adair and two office assistants sat in on some of the sessions of the international conference on "The Survival of Humankind: The Philippine Experiment" held here September 6 to 10 at the newly constructed Philippine International Convention Center.

Mr. Adair observed the discussions on "Education and Communication." Rey Taniajura and Pete Melendez, assistants in the WCG Coordinating Center, separately attended the sessions on

have not seen him since. In the past he has run away during a thunderstorm but has always come back. We fear that this time he was either killed by a car on Buendia Ave. or more likely some of the guards guarding the Bank near theentrance to Bel Air may have had him for a meal (for our foreign readers we regret to say that some Filipinos look on dog meat as a delicacy). At a previous

'Planning Management and Decision-Making" and "Food," respectively.

Scientists and scholars from the U.S.A. Britain, Germany, France, Australia, Japan, India, Singapore, Algeria, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Taiwan and other countries as well as the Philippines participated in the conference.

"Science is still held as the messiah to save mankind from its problems," Mr. Adair commented on the opening messages by President Marcos and the First Lady.

had been found near the guards who had said that next time they might "have him," Although Bugle was somewhat of a problem to us during the rainy season, we nevertheless miss him around the house. He had been with us six years and with the Dockens before that. The only consolation is he had a long doggy life of eleven and a half years I

Have a great Feast and take time when Bugle had run off he care going and returning home.

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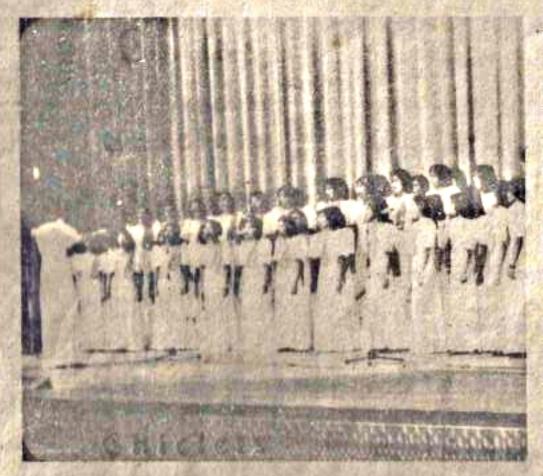
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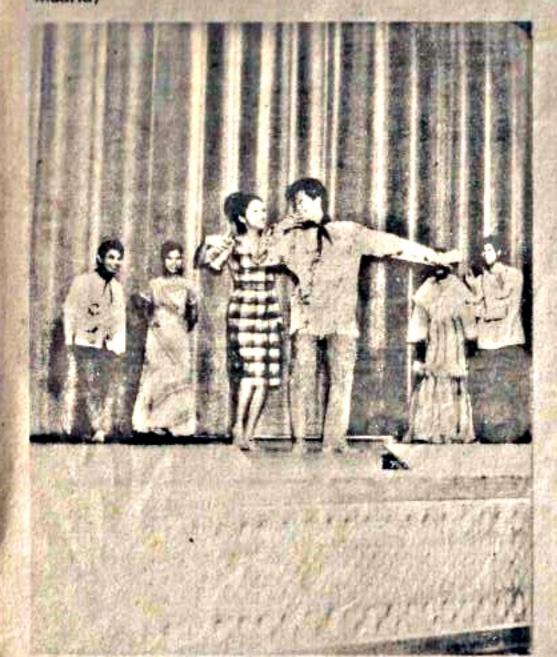
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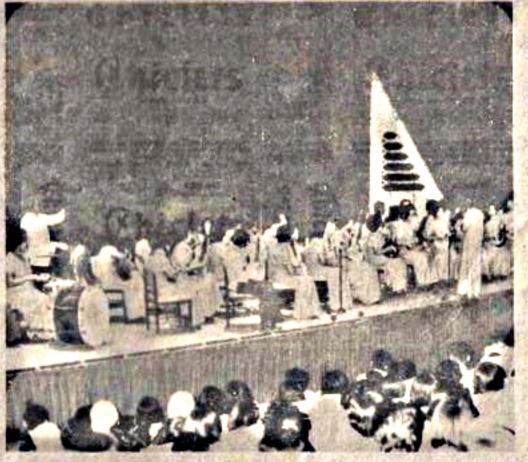




CULTURAL AFTERNOON-Top left, clockwise: Dr. Francisco Dalupan, Chairman Emeritus of the Board of the University of the East, shakes hands with Mrs. Bonifacio Sibayan, as Mr. and Mrs. Colin Adair, Mrs. Dalupan and Dr. Sibayan, President of the Philippine Normal College, look on. The PNC Koro Sampaguita, an all-women chorale ensemble performs under the direction of Prof. Loreto Gloria. Backstage, Mr. and Mrs. Adair and YAC "B" president Mario Dayao personally congratulate the Koro Sampaguita's director Mrs. Gloria and members. The PNC Faculty-Staff Rondalla, conducted by Mrs. Angelita C. Pasamba, plays one of several numbers she arranged herself. The PNC Barangay Folk Dance Troupe presents the lively "Kuratsa" as its final number. Not included in the photographs is the PNC Children's Chorale, directed by Miss Myrna Saenz, which opened the concert. (Photos by Joe Binuya and Arman Madrid)







PASIG, Rizal--Ambassador College and Philippine Normal College successfully presented a cultural show entitled "PNC in Concert" Sunday, September 12 at the Meralco Theater. Leading dignitaries in education and the arts were among the seven hundred guests who witnessed a beautiful combination of Filipino songs and dances performed by a cast of some 150 from PNC.

Among the guests were Dr. and Mrs, Francisco T. Dalupan, Chairman Emeritus of the Board of the University of the East, Dr. and Mrs. Bonifacio P. Sibayan, President of the Philippine Normal College, Dr. and Mrs. Edilberto P. Dagot, PNC Vice-President for Academic Affairs, Prof. Crispina C. Garcia, Chairman, PNC Music Department, Mr. Pacifico Z. Mirto, Executive Assistant to the Regional Director, Ambassador College, Mr. and Mrs. Jose Raduban, Minister of the World Wide Church of God, Undersecretary Narciso S. Albarracin, who at that time was attending the investiture of the first non-religious Lady President of Maryknoll College, was represented by Mrs. Evelyn Horvidalla of the Department of Education and Culture.Due to the heavy rains, guests from nearby provinces were not able to attend.

First to perform was the PNC Children's Chorale conducted by Miss Myrna P. Saenz with Prof. Amador Hernandez at the piano. The Children's Chorale sang "Oh, My Father," "Panis Angelicus," "Handog Sa Ina," "Ili-ili Tulog Anay" and "Buhat". The PNC Barangay Folk dance troupe led by Prof. M. Belvez followed with two dances, "Simpatika" and "Kumintang". Next was the PNC Faculty Staff Rondalla conducted by Mrs. Angelita C. Pasamba, giving six numbers, "Somewhere My Love", "Dahil Sa Iyo", "Pobreng Alindahaw", "Summer Polka", "Minamahal" and "Gandang Pilipina."

Part two opened with another two numbers from the World famous Barangay Folk Dance Troupe. The entire concert was capped by the Koro Sampaguita conducted by Prof. Loreto C. Gloria with Prof. Amador Mernandez at the piano and Mr. Jack Cabansay at the bass. The Koro gave their own rendition of "Sarung Banggi", "Manang Biday", "Kapantay Ay Longit," "Tumawa Ka", "Buhat", "Pamaypay Ng Maynila", "Musye ng Pasig", and "Sa Mahal Kong Bayan". For encore, the Koro Sampaguita gave a medley from "The Sound of Music".

Mario P. Dayao, Project Manager of the show and President of YAC "B" and Joe S. Luzuriaga, his technical assistant together with all the officers and members expresed their thanks to the entire cast of the PNC, to all the guests, to the ushers and usherettes, to Goodprint Press and above all to the generous donors and sponsors who made the "PNC in Concert" a resounding success.

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SAN PABLO STUDY

1976

A LETDOWN

BUT WILL TRY AGAIN

MANILA-The first outlying Bible study in San Pablo City (Laguna) September 19 had a rather disappointing turnout, of the some 170 GN readers, Correspondence Course graduates and members in San Pablo and nearby municipalities who were invited, only 14 came. And of this, eight were members,

Mr. Jose Raduban, assistant pastor of the Manila church who conducted the study, expressed the opinion that the southern Tagalog district seems to be somewhat unresponsive to the Gospel. "Perhaps we should write these people again and invite them again to the study," he suggested.

The next study is scheduled on October 24, also at the Girl Scouts of the Philippines Auditorium there, starting 2 P.M.

CEBU SPOKESMAN CLUB LAUNCHED

man Club was formally launched in the basement of Mr. and Mrs. George Hood's residence here recently. Sixteen zealous brethren gethered for orientation and briefing by the director, Mr. Hood. Two of these brethren were from Tagbilaran City, two from Dumaguete City, and the rest were from Cebu.

Last July 17, 1976 Mr. Hood announced the club officers, as follows:

President Jessup Bahinting
Vice President ... Romeo Pusta
Secretary Ireneo Lagamia
Treasurer Julian Bahinting
Sgt.-at-arms ... Ranulfo Merida
Immediately afterward various

assignments were given. There was to be one topicsmaster every session. And the first batch of five speakers were to start Lesson One: "This Is My Life," to be done in a capsulized form in six minutes. On August 7, shortly

after the Sabbath service, the first regular meeting of the club took place. Then second regular session was on August 21,

In the table topics there were lively and animated discussions participated in by all members. Topics ranged from "What To Do When Earthquakes Strike" to "How to Select a Wife Our Way." Our director was quite impressed thus prompting him to extend a favorable remark.

In the presentation of the story "This is My Life" it seemed at the outset to be most difficult. And true to form as all beginners, due perhaps to time pressure and inexperience, we sort of went off the beam. Mispronunciations and many irrelevancies in our effort to speak the English language came out. But this only served to erase the feelings of inferiority within all members, when each realized he is no worse off than his neighbor. (Julian Bahinting)

SPECIAL BIBLE STUDY AT OLONGAPO

By Florencio S. Sebastian

MANILA-A special Bible study in Olongapo City will be held on October 3. This is the first time that a session of this kind will be held in this city.

In a sense this will be an initial attempt to feel out how the people will respond to this meet-

ing. This will determine their outlook and interest on this matter. Invitations have been sent to GN subscribers, CC graduates, PT Supplement subscribers and members in the Bataan and Zambales area.

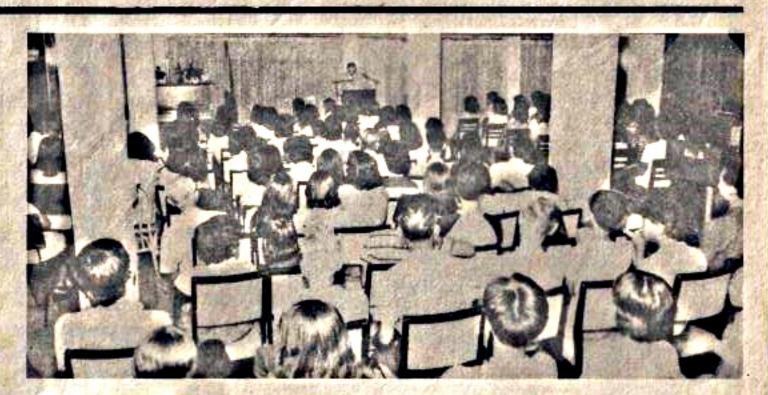
Scheduled to speak in this meeting is Mr. Pike Mirto, Execu-

tive Officer of the Worldwide Church of God. So far the topic to be discussed during the scheduled Bible study has not yet been announced.

Whether there will be other Bible study sessions to follow after the first one will depend on the response of the people who will attend the meeting. If there will be a good turnout, then more sessions of this kind will follow.

Cavite Lecture Photos:

MORE VIEWS of the Cavite PT lecture are shown here. Notice the teenagers among the audience. Unfortunately, this time the lecture was not covered by radio and the customary talks with government officials and civic organizations were cancelled. (Photos by Jerry Ortiguero)







IN BAGUIO!

Have you ever gone to a TV Studio? Have you ever personally seen TV stars do their numbers and perform their tricks? If you have, you're "lucky". If you haven't, here's your chance. The production staff of our 1976 Variety Show is going to offer a live "Television Show"!

HALAKHAK '76, a musical extravaganza in three parts, is this year's musical presentation for the tenth anniversary of the Feast of Tabernacles in Baguio. It is scheduled on October 12, Tuesday, 7:00 P.M. at the Baguio Colleges Foundation Auditorium. A complete package of entertainment, it features our own host of talents.

Patterned after daily television programs, the show will impersonate TV personalities like Ariel Ureta, Rico Puno, Julie Andrews and many others. (Not really. Our performers have their own talents to show off.) Audience participation for the quiz portion is number one on the program and of course prizes are at stake. Just like on any television show, commercials will play an important part of the Baguio show. However, this time, they won't try to sell us any product but laughter.

Would you want to see a rollicking "TV SHOW"? Don't miss! Come and see --HALAKHAK '76! (Eden Z. Fabricante)

"A NEW BEGINNING" 1976 DANCE NIGHT

It's the Feast of Tabernacies once again and surely one of the things that comes to one's mind when the feast in Baguio is mentioned is the traditional dance night. It's one of the most awaited events not only for the single people but also for the Mamas and Papas who never seem to grow old. It's one of those lovely nights where some even meet their lifetime partner.

However, for some (hopefully it's a very small minority), it may be a social night they would not care to attend or dread to be for some reasons they only can give.

Well, for both groups, the YAC "A" is inviting you to the 1976 Dance Night to be held on October 14, Thursday. It has for its theme: "A New Beginning" which goes very well as we start a new era in our Philippine Church, This year's Social Night has been planned to give you an evening of dances, fun and surprises. The entertainment portion has been cut very short to give you the chance to dance away the whole four hours of the night (7:00 to 11:00). But we hope you will also start the ball rolling early.

For those who are not planning to attend, we enjoin you most of all to come. If you won't come because you have no interest in

CAGAYAN DE ORO REVISITED

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, September 5 - After exactly one year and two months since the PT lecture of July 1976, Mr. Adair had the opportunity to be back here again and see for the first time the fruits of his labor.

Though some seeds sown during his lecture at the Xavier University here fell on the wayside, a good number sprouted from "good ground" and showed up to welcome him during the monthly Bible study September 4 at the Sangguniang Bayan Session Hall. Mr. Adair was very happy to see the new faces among the brethren.

Regrettably the sound system acted up, probably from some loosened connections due to long travel on bumpy roads. It was the first time we brought the system along from Bukidnon. Mr. Adair had to speak a bit louder so as to be heard by the 97 listeners.

First he gave the news of the Work in the Philippines and his tight schedule of speaking engagements. Then he proceeded to give some international news of God's Work, about how the Work of God marches on in spite of financial difficulties. He emphasized that this isn't merely a Cagayan de Oro church, but a Worldwide Church of God and we must be concerned with the world-wide Work.

Toward the close of the Bible study Mr. Adair drove home a point by saying that Jonah, although a prophet, was not interested that the people of Nineveh should repent or be destroyed.

But Jonah, feeling safe and secure, had no concern for the lives of the people in that big city. Instead he waited forty days for Nineveh to be thrown down.

God has likewise given us a commission to warn people in the world to repent of their sins. We must be concerned for their lives and not just wait for them to be destroyed, Mr. Adair said. In this way we can get the Work done, he added.

Mr. Adair also announced that Cagayan de Oro will become a full-f ledged church after the Feast of Tabernacles. When that happens there will be whole-day meetings here (a Bible study in the morning and a Sabbath service in the afternoon). Mr. Encardio Benitez, pastor here, hopes to take up residence in Cagayan de Oro in Janury 1977.

In a recent announcement to the Don Carlos, Bukidnon Church Mr. Benitez said that at present nearly 100| prospective members are requesting counseling for baptism in District 10. Most of these are in Misamis Oriental. The indication is that Cagayan de Oro could likely have one of the biggest church attendances in Mindanao in the future as it is centrally located, being the junction of two big cities - Iligan and Butuan - and the province of Bukidnon. There are non-stop buses which enable the brethren from Lanao to attend services. Only a two hours' ride, this makes it possible for them to return home after the afternoon service. (Tex Benitez)

dancing, this may be the time you could start to enjoy it. If it is because you don't know how to dance, you may be surprised to learn that the majority of those you see on the dance floor don't really know much how to dance either. It may well be the night where lots of us are just learning. If you won't attend because you don't have a date, that's NOT an excuse! The ladies especially might be glad to know that there are many gentlemen who come to the dance night purposely without dates to give themselves the chance to know and dance with as

Now, here are some points we wish you to consider for a more enjoyable dance night:

- Please come before the time to assure yourself of a good seat.
- 2. Ushers and usherettes will be stationed at different sections of the dance hall to guide you to your seats. Please cooperate with them for they will be there not only to assure your maximum comfort and enjoyment but also so there will be order.
- 3. Seat reservation is an exclusive right of the Reception Committee. Please don't occupy reserved seats or remove the "reserved" cards. In fairness to

those who come early, no one is supposed to reserve seats for his/her friends.

- The main door will be closed thirty minutes after the dance starts so late comers will have to use the back door near the dining hall.
- Those coming simply to watch are requested to use the back door and occupy the second floor.
- 6. Enjoy the night early. If possible, try to dance even as the first music is played. It has been noted that dancers usually feel the evening when it's 30 minutes before closing time. Why? Because the first 2 hours are just wasted by the dancers in their seats.
- 7. Due to our increasing number, our dance floor has very limited space for all. However, a little consideration especially from the gentlemen would help ease the problem. Like offering a seat to a standing lady, for example,

The Dance Night is not merely for dancing lessons but it is also part of our social training. It is one way of fellowshipping and where we can practice our little courtesies and social graces. (Eden Z. Fabricante)

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT:

Arvin Adrian de los Reyes, son and first child of Laureano and Elisa de los Reyes of Balayan, Batangas, September 4, 1976. 6 lbs. 20 in.

Affections

He is a lover.
A lover of God,
A lover of people
Who give of themselves
to others.

A lover of all The positive things That seek to extend The fulfillment of The other fellow.

A lover of life and All the worthy ideals That are both lovable To God and to people.

-- F. S. Sebastian

Picture an animated occasion where the young and old alike share a lively atmosphere bursting with fun and laughter

Exciting games for everybody.

Prizes overflowing.

Plus a special line-up of surprises and entertainment.

Picture the



and you have all these.

COME!

Share a casual, relaxing evening with the other members of the family. It's definitely fun!

October 10, 1976 (Sunday)
7:00 PM
Benitez Hall
Teacher's Camp
Baguio City

A FEAST OF TABERNACLES SNAPSHOT

By Edgar Borja

The Feast of Tabernacles is both long and short. It is sheer elation for the old-timers, joyous anticipation for the first-timers. It's an empty pocket, a full day's rehearsal with people with upset schedules, an irritated coordinator and impatient participants.

It begins six months earlier, at the last strains of hymnal songs. Announcement-slips begin to pile up, reminders becoming frequent. Heads of families scribbling over application forms, the first step to real preparation.



The Feast is rain-soaked foliage, filmy clothes, a new coat, a rose carefully wrapped up for blooming fair ladies. It's a queue of buses at the wrong time of the night, tons of luggage and weary travelers.

The Feast is an extra provision of diapers, a gas stove and a gas tank away from home, a new toy or a repeat honeymoon. It's thick clothing and sweaters, notebooks and pens and hundreds of chairs and people making a joyous noise.

It's inspiring sermons, a stinging rebuke from a minister,



or a glowing praise. It's warm handshakes that almost dislocate your bones, a hug, a hearty laugh and exciting stories. It's children sleeping on the floor, a muffled cry. It's a silent congregation with damp eyes and yearning hearts.



More than anything else, the Feast is a dream and a reality. A foretaste of an age of milk and honey, of unending happiness, of songs and roses, of a bridegroom's laughter and the giggle of a bride.

The Feast is an instruction, a shot in the arm, a refreshing, a rejuvenation to prepare for another longand drawn out battle.

The Feast passes so quickly, leaving in its path a sob, a sigh, a wish that it should have never ended. Lovers yow that they'll see each other again; folks ride the dusty highways. The Feast is a photograph, crumpled bedding and lots of dirty laundry. It's a full notebook, a broken toy, a preserved rose, an acceptance. It's



memories of a most crowded dance hall and moon-beamed nights. It begins with a hymn and ends with a hymn.

This is the Feast of Tabernacles. Elegant.

Cool and sweet.

Call it a unique experience,
or feet exercise.

Describe it as amusing, socializing.

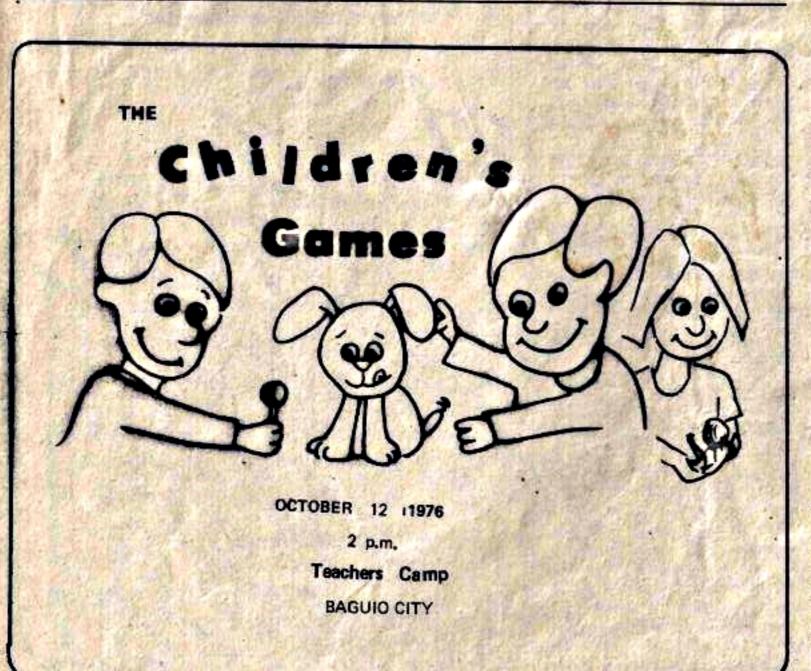
Leaving in you some fabulous feeling.

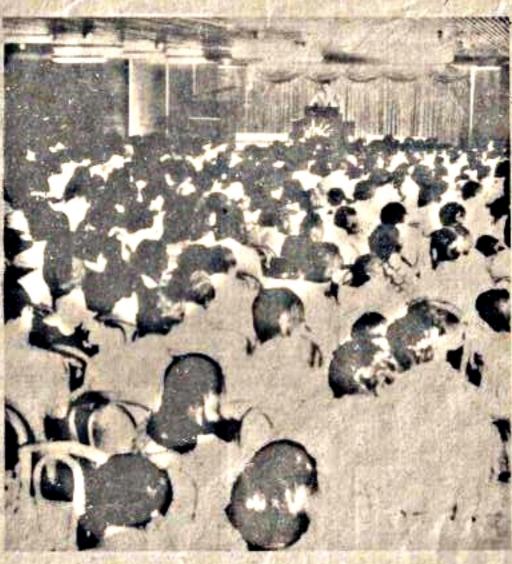
Church? Mance

Sway and move with the rhythm of music.
Step, slide, turn, stomp.
Dance with all your might!

THE CHURCH DANCE.
It's no less than elegant.
Don't miss it!

October 14, 1976 (Thursday) 7:00 PM Benitez Hall Teachers' Camp Baguio City





TRUMPETS IN MANILA-Photo above shows Mr. Colin Adair delivering a sermon during the afternoon service on the Feast of Trumpets September 25 in the Social Hall, SSS Building in Quezon City. A good 689 packed the hall and gave an encouraging holiday offering which was a 35% increase over last year's. Reports received so far indicate that 284 attended the Feast in Don Carlos, Bukidnon and 116 in Deveo City. (Photo by Jerry Ortiguero)

MANILA OCTOBER CALENDAR

SABBATH SERVICE-Oct. 23, 30: 2 PM Meralco Theater Pasig. Metro-Manila

Oct. 27, Nov. 10, 24 7 P.M., GSP Auditorium P. Faura, Manila

SABBATH SERVICES IN THE PROVINCES

BENGUET -*
Every Sabbath, except on 5th
Sabbath of month when it
occurs; 2 P.M.
GSP Hall, La Trinidad
Benguet

PANGASINAN-*

1st Sabbath each month
9 A.M.
ACA Farmer's Hall
Nancayasan, Urdaneta
3rd Sabbath each month
9 A.M.
Teacher's Memorial Hall
Dagupan City

CAMARINES SUR-Oct. 30: 10 A.M. Lindez Hotel Deck Naga City

Oct. 2, 23; Nov. 6, 20 10 A.M.; 1:30 P.M. CPSTA Meeting Hall Cor. P. del Rosario-Jones Cebu City

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10 A.M.; 12 Noon
DPS Social & Cultural Half
Cor. Mabini-Gen, Luna
Iloilo City
BUKIDNON-*

Every Saturday, 1 P.M.

WCG Building

Don Carlos, Bukidnon

Every Saturday, 10 A.M.

WCG Building

Kiara, Don Carlos, Bukidnon

DUTLYING BIBLE STUDIES

LUCENA CITY—

3rd Sunday each month
Sept. 19, 9:30 A.M.

GSP Hall (in front of CFI)

SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA 1st Sunday each month Sept. 5, Oct. 3, 9:30 A.M. St. Cecilia's Hall Sta. Scholastica's Academy Oct. 31, 10 A.M.
GSP.Hall (near ProvL. Hospital)

BACOLOD CITY
Sunday after Iloilo
Sabbath Service; 1:30 PM
Mr. Bernardo Castillon's
Residence, Block 9, Lot 10
PHHC Homesite

SAN PABLO CITY Oct. 24, Nov. 21 2 P.M, GSP Hall (near City Hall)

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY-1st Sabbath each month 10 A.M. Ambassador Hotel

BUTUAN CITY.*

1st and 3rd Sabbath each mo.

10 A.M.

Ong Yui Elementary School

Near 179 Langihan Street

DAVAO CITY-

4th Sabbath each month 10 A.M. Orchid Room, Imperial Hotel MANIKLING, LUPON, DAVAO OR. 1st Sabbath each month 10 A.M. WCG Building (Behind Far East Inst.)

TAGUM, DAVAO DEL NORTE-2nd Sabbath each month * 10 A.M. WCG Building (Behind Dulguime Residence)

No. COTABATO
Nov. 20; 10 AM
Ruferos' Residence

KORONADAL, SOUTH COTABATO Nov. 21 -1 P.M. Samahang Nayon Hotel

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*No weekly Sabbath Service during Feast of Tabernacles, Oct. 9- 16

FEAST OF TABERNACLES - OCTOBER 1976 Teachers Camp, Baguio City Philippines

50% - 85% Off! Discounted! Bargain Sale! Special Sale! SALE! SALE! SALE! At give-away prices!

What more can you ask? Items for sale are almost free at



during the Feast of Tabernaces in Baguip City.

Come and have fun buying from a wide variety of items at prices so unbelievably new they are almost free!

> October 11, 1976 (Monday) 1:00 PM Roosevelt Hall Teachers' Camp Baguio City

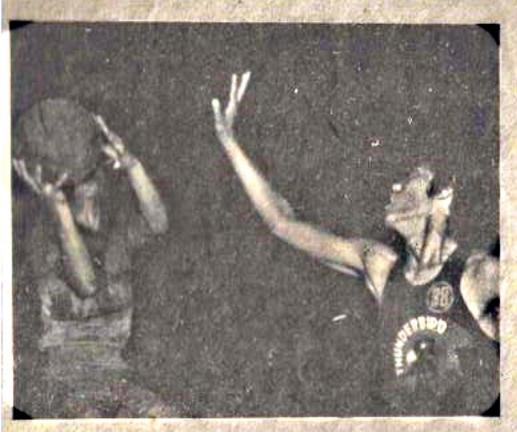
SCHEDULE OF FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES

Friday, Oct. 8	8:00 a.m 12:00 Noon 1:00 p.m 4:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Arrival & Re- gistration GET-TOGETHER SERVICE
Saturday, Oct. 9	10:00 a.m12:00 Noon 2:30 p.m 4:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m 9:30 p.m.	SERVICE SERVICE (H.D.Offer.) Film Show
Sunday, Oct. 10	10:00 a.m12:00 Noon Afternoon 7:30 p.m 9:30 p.m.	SERVICE Free Family Night
Monday, Oct. 11	10:00 a.m12:00 Noon Afternoon Evening	SERVICE Free Free
Tuesday, Oct. 12	10:00 a.m12:00 Noon Afternoon Evening	SERVICE Free (Children's Games, 2 p.m.) Talent Show
Wednesday, Oct. 13	10:00 a.m12:00 Noon Afternoon Evening	SERVICE Free Free
Thursday, Oct. 14	10:00 a.m12:00 Noon Afternoon Evening	SERVICE Free Dance Night
Friday, Oct. 15	10:00 a.m12:00 Noon Afternoon Evening	SERVICE Free Free (GTA Special)
Saturday, Oct. 16	10:00 a.m12:00 Noon 2:30 p.m 4:30 p.m.	SERVICE (H.D.Offer.)
Sunday, Oct. 17	Departures	

SECOND CONFERENCE ENDS

FALCONS TO BATTLE THUNDERBIRDS IN BAGUIO

Eleno Mellomida



READY TO CLAW? -- Like birds of prey that they were named after, two Thunderbirds (E. Quitoriano, left, and E. Mandap) are ready to pounce on an unidentified Falcon during a recent match. Similar -- or better scenes -- are expected to be seen at the Feast of Tabernacles in Baguio City this month. (Photo by Cesar Lumbuan)

MANILA-The struggle for leadership in the second conference ended last September 25 at the YMCA Makati hardcourt with the Falcons proudly raising their banner against all rivals in their best four competition rally. Emerging with a no loss record in thre matches, they will battle the first round champ T-Birds at the Feast in Beguio City.

Here is a summation of the games in the best four competition.

August 28-Falcons whipped Printers, 52-56, posting their first victory during the opening match at the Ayala hardcourt. The usually swiftmoving Printers this time manifested a passive and lukewarm performance after being rattled by Felcons' Intrepid power play in the first half to establish a 28-18 score. E.Boone, Printers' trusted pillar, failed to implement his impressive performance in the first half but enlivened his stagnating team in the second half by exploding missless lay-ups which however only succeeded to close the gap by 6 points. At. Parane, the blues reliable forward scored a mere 2 points and unfortunately vanished after his fifth foul. Although Printers strove to revive their usual threatening rally in the last quarter, they still failed to cope with Falcons' heavy deposit in the first half causing their wreckage in a 52-46 margin.

Shifting on the floor next were the dormant T-Birds who successfully revived their slumbering prominence after beating the leading Philadelphians. Due to the absence of F. Santos, their dependable forward, Philadelphians gradually weakend their solid defenses in the third quarter giving way to spontaneous firings by T-Birds E.Quitoriano, E. Baylosis and the Mandap brothers to construct 67 points, J. Pioquinto's scoring arms wavered this time. Nevertheless, F. Dizon banked 16 points in an attempt to patch up the deficit, but to no avail. T-Birds' secure 5 point lead in the first half stood permanent in the final quarter, where Philadelphians the Printers. Armed with the hope yielded in a 77-72 defeat.

September 4-Falcons enjoyed another round, Printers labored from the 59-42 triumph over the winless Philadelphians in the second encounter in the best for the fest four. Phila's former glory easily faded after two undebatable losses.

Meanwhile, T-Birds lost by a hairbreadth to the clever printers. T-Birds took off with a 6 point lead in the first half, 32-26. But Printers' resourcefulness in switching strategies successfully executed an irksome harassment in the second half, enough to destroy T-Birds.' magnificient display and completely turned the tide in Printers' favor, T-Birds' loss sparked s hope for the Printers to eye for the trophy,

Sept. 25-in a minute-tominute combat, Falcons cracked their

last hindrance - the T-Birds- making them an official representative for the second conference to battle the first round champion at the feast in Bequio.

Although T-Birds realized the danger a triple tie struggle would occur if they beat the Falcons, it nonetheless created hesitancy in their performance to abase the Falcons' double win record. Falcons sweated it out in a 52-47 victory, their third.

Victory starved Philadelphians nosedived in their last match with to share a slice with the T-Birds and Falcons for the Championship first to the last minute. However, Philadelphians, whose only goal this time was to avoid being last in the line, exhibited some of the power they had in previous matches so that Printers barely made a victory, 65-60.

Printers' hopes for a triple tie with Falcons and T-Birds were dashed when T-Birds bowed to the Falcons.

TEAMS STANDING, BEST FOUR

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ON LANGUAGE-SNOBBERY By Florencio S. Sebastian

I was reminded about this subject concerning language-snobbery while I was watching the opening of the 1976 basketball tournament at the Dela Salle gymnasium,

Language-snobbery is common among us Filipinos - we being a conglomeration of people speaking several languages and around eighty different dialects. Language-snobs usually take pride in their ability to speak in their particular dialect, which has its advantage as well as its disad-

For one thing it is comforting to find something in common with a "kababayan" (a person of the same tribal origin) whom you meet, let us say, here in Manila when you have come from a remote province. And it is another thing when a person earns the displeasure (and the degree varies, depending on the situation) of another who may be totally ignorant of that person's particular dielect.

During that basketball game, while I was having a cheerful conversation with a lady, someone went to her left and there and then (without apologies) they began to blabber warmly in their own dialect until the girl totally became oblivious of my presence.

Anyway I took them in good humor and since I welcome new experiences I said to myself, "Bago ito; at " ("Well, this is something new! ")

I do not exactly remember

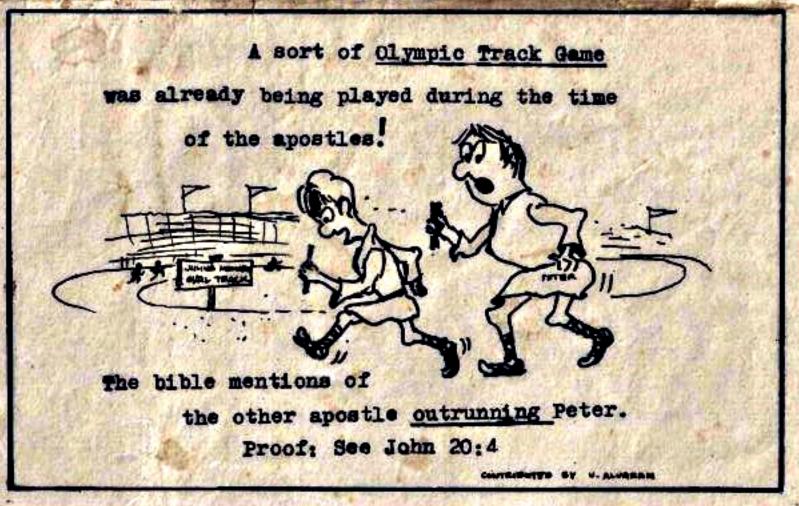
how the episode ended or what next attracted my attention - was it the sound of what appeared to be a one-man cheering squad, or the big numbers on the shirts of the players - 35, 45, 55 etc.? -Which reminded me of my former P.E. instructor who to us before that the numbers merely serve as decorations and do not necessarily imply how many players there are in a team and that the ball captain starts with number four. So no one should carry numbers, 1, 2 and 3,

At that moment I even receiled how Dale Carnegie commented in his book that when talking we people always try to make then. feel a part of the group. But there I was in the opposite situation and pretty isolated.

Also, I remember Mr. Adair used to remind us at the club meeting before (when I was then with the Spokesman Club) that anything said in the vernacular should be translated in English for the benefit of the audience.

So assuming you said: "Ami Tomakey bhalobasi" (in Bengali), "Wou ai ni" (in Mandarin spoken sound), "Inadu kata" (in Bolinao), "Ay-ayatenka" (in Ilocano), "Namu-mu-ot ako sa imo" (In Bicolano), "Nahigugma ako kanimo'' (In Cebuano, ""Gipalangga ko ikaw" (one variation in Honggo), or "Kaluguran da qa" (In Pampangueno), you have to make it clear later on that in English you simply mean "I love you."

BELIEVE IT NOT



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