



Fellowship looks to the Future

Welcome to your new full colour Peacelinks. Over the past few months FoR's trustees have been working hard on reviewing our strategy and plans for the future, whilst reflecting on the proud history of our first 100 years of Christian Peacemaking. Whilst we have also set some ambitious fundraising targets, we believe that we can plan confidently for at least the next 5 years on the basis of the resources we have available.

There have been various changes to the staff team at Peace House since the end of the year. Millius Palayiwa has retired after 4 years as FoR Director, and we were able to make a presentation to him at the Centenary Thanksgiving Service in Oxford – see inside for a full report!

Lara Bosley has gone onto maternity leave and we have welcomed Padmakumara in her place as Administration & Finance Officer. We have also made Emma Anthony's post of Membership & Outreach Officer permanent.

The trustees would like to thank Millius, who, building on the work of his predecessor Chris Cole, has significantly raised the Fellowship's public profile with politicians, policy-makers and opinion-formers during his time with us. In future, we hope that the new staffing structure will enable us to build on this success by resourcing and supporting you our members and supporters to keep up this good work.

The first example of our renewed focus on membership and outreach can be seen in what we hope will be a very successful Annual Conference. This integrates our previous youth conference with Annual Council into a



Some of the members and supporters who attended the Centenary Conference in Cambridge. [Photo by Jon Kwan]

single weekend of talks, workshops, prayer and reflection.

In the best traditions of fellowship and hospitality we are not making a set charge for this event, but we are sharing with you our actual costs and inviting participants to make whatever donation they feel able. There are a range of accommodation options ranging from beds and showers to camping, and you're welcome to join us for as much or as little of the event as you wish.

You can find inside this issue a summary Annual Review. Copies of the full Report & Accounts will be available from the office ahead of Annual Council.

As ever, we welcome ideas, questions and feedback on any other aspect of FoR's work. You can contact me or either of the staff by email: chair@for.org.uk, emma@for.org.uk and office@for.org.uk or write to us at the Peace House address on the back cover.

Richard Bickle
Chair of Trustees

Channels of Peace 17th - 19th April

FoR's new annual conference - see back page

News from the Fellowship of Reconciliation, England

New ways to turn over the tables

You'd be forgiven for thinking that now, after our centenary, would be a good time for a breather. Forgiven, but certainly incorrect. This year we're committing to having an annual conference, which as Richard mentioned is designed to resource members to be bastions for peace. The event is aimed at teaching us all new skills and providing food for thought on things we might not have considered to be "peace issues".

There's been a fair bit in the news about whether Christians should be interfering in politics; we're going to be encouraging each other to keep on interfering, interrupting and interacting in politics because it's what Jesus did and it's the message he gives us every day. Expect to learn new ways to turn over the tables and handy resources to help you do this. We'll be building on the Peace Sunday resources we produced last year. How did people get on with Pancakes for Peace? We'd love your feedback on the resources we create and, more importantly, for you to send in ideas of resources you'd like to use in the future.

Last Greenbelt Festival we launched a 5-point pledge to suggest specific, achievable ways to contribute to peace. No matter how active or involved, there's always little things that can be done. The points are:

- 1. Write to your MP calling for no Trident replacement in 2016.**
- 2. Consider whether your financial interactions match up to your morals. Do you inadvertently support fossil fuel extraction or the arms trade through your pension?**
- 3. Challenge scape-goating and use of fear to shift blame and avoid real problems.**
- 4. Get peace into church: speak to your minister/clerk about holding a service on a peace issue or holding a collection for FoR. We'll supply you with resources.**
- 5. When you see militarism being normalised, challenge it – *Why are the armed forces speaking at my daughter's school?...***

Since then, we've set to work helping people to keep this pledge: Peace Sunday sermon ideas for #4; outlines of what to say for #1 and as for #5...

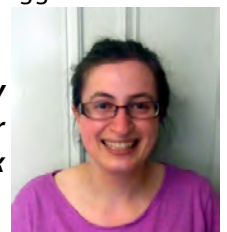
..Just last night, while watching *MasterChef*, I was ruffled by blatant everyday militarism. The contestants introduced themselves to the presenter; one's an estate agent, another RAF squadron leader. The former received a rather damning, "I hate your job, but I love your cooking". The latter caused the presenter to blink in awe, vigorously shake his hand and cry, "Mate that's brilliant! Fantastic! Well done!" One of the others was a doctor but unfortunately, she didn't receive the same hero's response. Why is it that, were the doctor congratulated and the RAF chap greeted like the estate agent, it would've been seen as too political, pushing the boundaries? Why is support for the military, expressed during something as unrelated as a cookery programme, so uncontroversial?

It's this type of encroaching into everyday life, uninvited and unashamed, that we need to push back against. We mustn't let the military be normalised or seen as just another job, kidding themselves that violence, or threat of violence, can ever bring peace or prevent conflict. We hope that we can provide some helpful tools to enable our members to do just that.

You can sign the pledge online at for.org.uk/act, or call or write to me to say that you're in.

Our local groups have started to grow, with a new one popping up on the Lincolnshire/Cambridgeshire border soon. It's these personal relationships which build a strong movement of resistance. If you know of an event where you could run an FoR stall, we've got ready-to-go packs which can be ordered from the office, so all you need to do is turn up. We want to ramp up our presence at marches and vigils, too, so listen out for the next time we're off putting nonviolence into action and don't forget to email or phone me with suggestions!

Emma Anthony
Membership and Outreach Officer
emma@for.org.uk



Rowan Williams - Conference speech

If you couldn't make it to our centenary conference but want to hear what Rowan Williams said in his keynote address, then you're in luck!

We've finally managed to get the MP3 files from the dictaphone onto the computer. The files can be downloaded separately - his talk and the Q&A which followed; see for.org.uk/rowan-talk. They're fairly fuzzy but you can still hear what he's saying.

Rowan drew heavily on a pamphlet he had acquired, written during WWII by FoR member Charles Raven, selecting passages which illustrated how some attitudes have hardly changed in over 70 years; Rowan suspected that if FoR still needs to exist in another 100 years time, the world may well be in an awful lot of trouble .

Notably, Rowan said of the arms trade that it is a "large and remarkably shameless sector, which still needs as much challenge and resistance as it ever did". He said that we must "resist a passive definition of pacifism" and that "FoR goes into the deep roots of violence -

not just war and peace" and congratulated its membership for continuing to ensure that we are not just a single-issue group of people, but a movement which seeks out the causes of violence wherever that may lead us.

Of the just war theory, he said "It's no use, but it's trotted around as if it still had some health in it" and regarding engaging with power, Rowan explained how "Conscientious dissent is something that the law has to reckon with".

In addition, thanks to the recording skills of Jon Kwan, you can now watch the Q&A after the panel session with Dr Zaza Johnson Elsheikh, Rabbi Prof Marc Saperstein, Dr Marcus Braybrooke and Lelung Tulku, chaired by FoR trustee Donald Reece.

Emma Anthony

Trident Lock Down



FoR members were amongst the Christian contingent at the 'lock down' protest at AWE Burghfield on March 2nd. Normal traffic was unable to enter the nuclear bomb factory.

There will be a Pentecost Communion Service on Friday, 22 May at the Construction Gate of Burghfield at 2 pm and anyone is welcome to share in this worship witness. [photo by Sue Claydon/APF]

New Staff Member

Our Peace House home has a new Administrative and Finance Officer, Padmakumara who is there whilst Lara is on maternity leave.

[photo by Mahasiddhi]



A Mother's Cry

The face of a newborn child
Behind whose eyes a conscience
Pure and innocent, born of water
That has washed the memory clean:
Innocence that does not know its nakedness.
Who shall carve the images?
Is this the face of a soul
Desiring the knowledge of good and bad?
Oh God, I pray that you, child, might keep
Your innocence and learn the noble
And the higher things kept safe
In the repositories of truth
And sealed in the vaults of heaven's realm . . .
Being here, you have forgotten being there.

Who has taught this child to hate?

Did not some mother bear the pain
Then quickly forget for the great joy
Of this innocence before her?
Who has laid a yoke and burden on this soul
Because they could not forget?
Who loves their country, their power,
Their race, more than innocence?
Who has taught this child revenge?

Remember these things no more
For we are sick of the stench of vile hatred;
When you have sucked the life from this earth
And our children, the salt of our tears
Shall be the stark temples of a lifeless planet
Once ruled by the living dead.
And the eyes of a new-born child shall witness,
For the sake of innocence,
And desire no more.

Geraldine Bridges

Affirming Peacemaking

The Fellowship rounded off its centenary year with a well-attended service at St. Mary the Virgin university church, Oxford on 17th January to remember the witness of members and supporters over the last 100 years and to give thanks to God for guidance and strength.

Rt. Reverend David Walker, Bishop of Manchester, urged those present to address the causes of war, not merely the symptoms, and suggested that in the future wars would be fought over increasingly scarce natural resources. He was keen to stress human impacts of war, and spoke movingly of the effect fighting in WWI had on his grandfather's mental health.

He also emphasised the part that education has to play in preventing conflict, explaining how in his school days, "When we came to study WWI we paid no attention to the dates and places of battle, nor to the generals who commanded and their tactics. Instead we learned the songs of protest and lament that the men in the trenches composed and sang."

Given current austerity, high military spending and opportunist military recruitment, his comments about social issues and war were highly pertinent: "Today, as it was 100 years ago, most young people don't join up because they want to kill and maim ... They come from the poorest communities, where the life choices are the most limited. Military service offers them the potential of a way out."

Readings were chosen to highlight the Biblical basis for Christian peacemaking. The readers were FoR members including Norman Kember, who was taken hostage in Iraq in 2005. Oxford-based social justice choir the Sea Green



Singers performed Holly Near's Foolish Notion, which challenges the cyclical nature of war – "why do we kill people who are killing people to show that killing people is wrong?"

Bishop David stressed the importance of the work of FoR and of the need for witness to Christ's nonviolent love, and thanked members of FoR their part in this: "Thank you for what you are, thank you for what you do, and thank you for having done it consistently for 100 years, often in the teeth of public opinion. A radically pacifist approach has never been at the mainstream of British public life, and may never be so, but you hold an important part of the debate. You keep all of us thinking about both the impact of conflict and the urgency of making peace".

Hilary Topp

Vice chair of FoR trustees

Note: the full text of the Bishop's sermon can be found on our website at www.for.org.uk/2015/01/21/bishop-sermon

The worship programme

- ✧ **Welcome - Rev. Canon Brian Mountford, vicar of St. Mary the Virgin.**
- ✧ **Introduction by Richard Bickle (chairperson).**
- ✧ **Opening Hymn: Love Divine, words by Charles Wesley, music by John Stainer.**
- ✧ **Readings: Micah 4: 2-4 and Luke 6: 20-31.**
- ✧ **Prayers of penitence and Lord's prayer.**
- ✧ **Hymn: Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands, by Fred Kaan.**
- ✧ **Stories: the beginnings of FoR in 1914 and Andre Trocme and Reconciliation in Europe.**
- ✧ **Hymn: Make us a channel of your peace.**
- ✧ **International FoR's six Nobel Peace Prize recipients.**
- ✧ **Prayers including the World Peace Prayer.**
- ✧ **Sea Green Singers: Foolish Notion, by Holly Near.**
- ✧ **Readings: Luke 19: 31-46 & Matthew 26:50b-53.**
- ✧ **The work of FoR: contemporary, international, and the future.**
- ✧ **Hymn: Thy Kingdom Come, O God, words by Lewis Hensley, music by Leighton G Hayne.**
- ✧ **Sermon: Rt Rev David Walker, Bishop of Manchester.**
- ✧ **Hymn: Lord for the Years, words by Timothy Dudley Smith, music by Michael Baughen.**
- ✧ **Blessing and sending out.**



Book Review

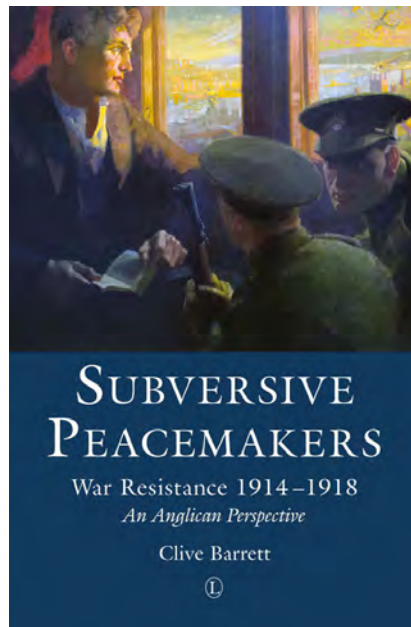
SUBVERSIVE PEACEMAKERS: War Resistance 1914-1918 An Anglican Perspective by Clive Barrett

2014, published by The Lutterworth Press
ISBN: 9780718893675, 312 pp.
Available as: Paperback, ePub, PDF.

I loved this book and learned such a lot from it, not least more details and new light on the history of FOR and IFOR and I think that our members, and indeed anybody interested in the history of the peace movement, will be delighted with this new Anglican Perspective of war resistance during the First World War. The style of writing and the way Dr. Barrett has organised the book makes it very easy to read and here is an author unafraid to speak truth as much as were the people he writes about.

Not only does the book trace a variety of well-known and lesser-known characters through the years leading up to the war and through it but also tells what happened to them and the peace movement(s) they were involved in beyond the war, beyond the Treaty of Versailles and up to the Second World War. It tells of individual heroes who stood firm in their commitment to Christ's teachings of non-violence; not only Anglicans but those from other Christian denominations working together and alongside a melange of non-Christian socialists, politicians, poets and women suffragettes to build a strong and organised opposition to war.

Dr. Barrett shows that even though the Church of



England is so closely entwined with Government and the military as the established church of the realm, and the very presence of pacifists was subversive (hence the title), there were brave war resisters, 'at the very heart of a church that is the most allied and aligned with the military organs of the state.'

Geraldine Bridges
FoR Trustee

Centenary booklet



The Fellowship of Reconciliation England's centenary booklet is an impressive 100-page collection of essays, pamphlets, poems, and prayers that have been published throughout FoR's history. Please place your order by filling in the form on the back page and returning it to the office.

photo: The Lutterworth Press



Author Clive Barrett with Rowan Williams and Millius Palayiwa at FoR England Centenary Conference, Cambridge November 2014

Annual Review

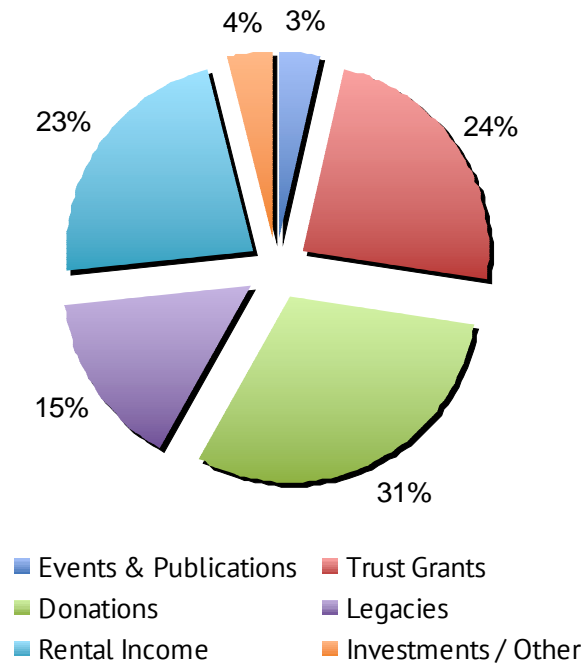
2014 was FoR's centenary year and we marked this with a series of special events, assisted during the first half of the year by Aaron Holiday, Centenary Events Intern.

Building on the Carol Service at the very end of 2014, in February we held a successful joint conference with the Student Christian Movement aimed at young peacemakers. May saw a sellout pilgrimage week on Iona which attracted participants from as far away as the USA and during the summer we published a celebratory booklet including original material from each decade of the fellowship's history – out just in time for our stall at the Greenbelt Festival.

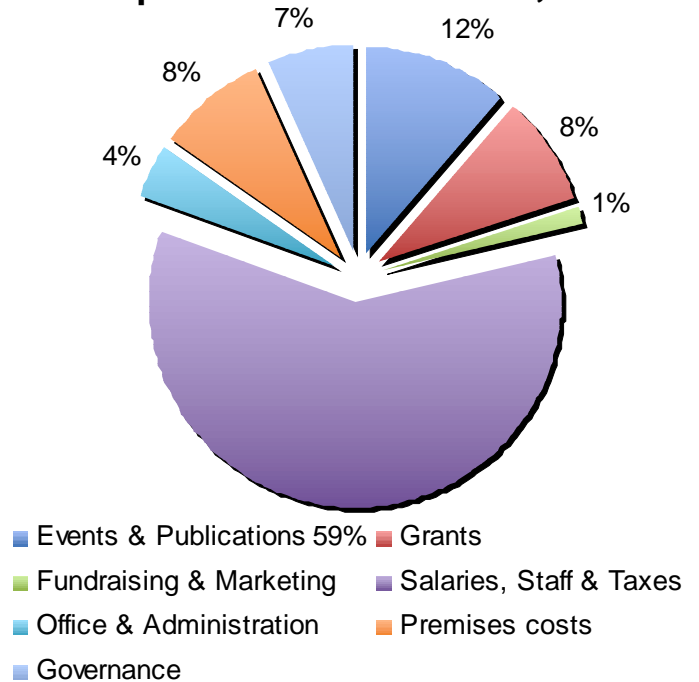
During August we participated in the International Fellowship of Reconciliation's Centenary Conference and Quadrennial at Lake Konstanz, the same town where the Fellowship was originally formed. However, for many people, the highlight of the year was our own Centenary Conference, 'Faith and Peace', held in Cambridge during November with a keynote address from Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury.

Finally, just after the year-end, we organised a Thanksgiving service in Oxford as reported on elsewhere in this issue.

Income 2014 - Total £114,500



Expenditure 2014 - £147,500



Financially, this programme of activity was supported by a grant from the Ferguson Trust and it was pleasing to note that the collections held at the two services and the Centenary Conference provided some welcome additional income. We also saw a doubling in revenue from renting out space at Peace House and an increase in legacies received during the year.

The pie charts above show our income and expenditure summary for the year – full accounts will be available on the FoR web site ahead of Annual Council:

Despite expenditure being broadly in line with the previous year and total income rising from £61,500 to £114,500, we still experienced a deficit of £33,000, leaving cash reserves at £101,500. For this reason, trustees undertook a fundamental review of the Fellowship's activities during the year and adopted a

5 year budget for the period up to the end of 2019 which will ensure that we can continue to operate within the agreed reserves policy of holding no less than £100,000 in reserve while offering job security to our staff and some confidence in planning for medium-term project work.

The trustees would like to place on record our thanks to all the staff who worked for FoR during 2014 (Millius Palayiwa, Emma Anthony, Lara Bosley and Aaron Holiday) and would like to wish Millius well in his retirement and Aaron in his future career. We could also not have operated without the generous support of our members, supporters and volunteers – so thank you one and all!

Richard Bickle
Chair of Trustees

[Thanks to Hilary Topp for the pie charts]

Wilson/Hinkes Peace Award 2015

This Award was established by the Week of Prayer for World Peace (WPWP) to recognise significant contributions by individuals, organisations or projects in furthering peace, justice and reconciliation.

Named in honour of Revd. Gordon Wilson and Revd. Sidney Hinkes, both former Chairs of the WPWP, the Award is usually made annually. This year it is sponsored by the Anglican Pacifist Fellowship.

The Award focuses on grassroots initiatives. It enables otherwise often untold stories to be told and honoured and seeks to inspire others.

We are now seeking nominations for the 2015 Award, to be presented during the Week of Prayer for World Peace on 17 October 2015. Nominations in the form of a letter describing the nominee's contribution to peace and justice issues should be sent to:

The WPWP Secretaries and Chair
Jennifer Jackson and Maggie Brizzi at
j.jackson215@btinternet.com and
maggiebrizzi@yahoo.co.uk by 31 August 2015.

Organise a Collection?

Could your church do a collection in aid of FoR?

We are grateful for, and rely heavily on, financial contributions from our members and supporters to carry out our work in this country and overseas.

We can provide an alternative liturgy – keep an eye on the website or, if you don't use the internet, let us know at the FoR office that you'd like a hard copy sent to you.

You can also borrow to exhibit our Drones Quilt and we can provide speakers.

Our International Peacemakers' Fund focuses on raising capital for small scale projects in many countries affected by conflict or war.

We are a registered charity and so donations are eligible for Gift Aid and payment via the Charities Aid Foundation.

until May: Peace History is Herstory Too: An Exhibition Celebrating Women's Peace History. Peace Museum, Bradford, open every Thursday 10am till 4pm, and at other times by prior arrangement, tel 01274-780241 www.peacemuseum.org.uk
March 21: Arms to Renewables, national gathering of Campaign Against the Arms Trade, London, www.caat.org.uk
March 21: Fly Kites, Not Drones, outside RAF Waddington, Lincoln, 1 - 3 pm, www.dronecampaignnetwork.wordpress.com
March 21: Stand up to racism and fascism national demonstration, London, 12 noon, organised by Unite Against Fascism, uaf.org.uk
March 22: Corrymeela Coventry Cathedral Service, 10.30 am, organised by Corrymeela Community, www.corrymeela.org
March 24: Over The Top, dramatic response to militarisation in education, Friends' Meeting House, Euston London, 5 - 7 pm. Free or donations event, organised by the Peace Education Network. Pre-book your place via the website at www.peace-education.org.uk
March 27-29: YFGM against nukes, Reading. All 18-30s welcome, <http://yfgm.quaker.org.uk/yfgm-free-against-nukes>
April 17-19: Channels of Peace, combined Called to Be Peacemakers conference for 18-30s and Annual Council Weekend at Bromsgrove Birmingham, contact the FoR England office to register. Email events@for.org.uk or call 01865 250781. See back page
April 27: Global Wave 2015: Wave Goodbye to Nukes, details from Yorkshire CND, info@yorkshirecnd.org.uk
April 27-29: Centenary Conference, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, The Hague, www.womenstopwar.org
May 15: International Conscientious Objectors' Day, Tavistock Sq, London WC1. 12 noon and worldwide, www.wri-irg.org/co-day-2015
May 22: Pentecost Communion Service, Celebrating life at the Gates of Death AWE Burghfield (construction gate) 2pm. All welcome, further details from Anglican Pacifist Fellowship, contact via www.anglicanpacifists.com
May 24 - International Women's Day for Peace and Disarmament, www.womenpeacemakersprogram.org
June 29: Methodist Peace Fellowship launch at Methodist Conference, Southport, with the new president and vice-president; also with a stall during conference (25 June-2 July) and AGM. Details: Rev. Marie Dove (MPF secretary), tel. 01262 -679612, www.mpf.org.uk
August 29 - 31: Greenbelt Christian Arts Festival, Boughton House, Kettering. Visit us in G-source tent, www.greenbelt.org.uk

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<http://twitter.com/forpeacemaker> and

twitter.com/FoRpeacebypeace - FoR England on Twitter.

+ <https://twitter.com/StoriesOfPeace>

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2244254396>

- Young Peacemaker's Network.

for.org.uk/drones Drones Campaign and the Drones Quilt

www.flickr.com/photos/forengland/with/13875423525/

- FoR's photographs web pages

www.mpf.org.uk Methodist Peace Fellowship.

www.ifor.org - International Fellowship of Reconciliation and links to other branches around the world.

www.baptist-peace.org.uk - Baptist Peace Fellowship.

www.urc.org.uk/mission/peace-fellowship.html - United Reformed Church Peace Fellowship.

www.quaker.org.uk/working-peace Quaker Peace & Social Witness.

www.anglicanpeacemaker.org.uk Anglican Pacifist Fellowship.

<http://ncpo.org.uk> Network of Christian Peace Organisations.

Channels of Peace exploring our call to action

17th April - 19th April

This year, instead of a Young Peacemakers Network residential and a separate Annual Council, we're holding a combined conference for all our members. It'll be at:

**Community for Reconciliation,
Barnes Close, Bromsgrove, Birmingham B61 0RA**

Contributors include: **Ellen Teague**, journalist and campaigner on peace and ecology; **Pat Gaffney**, peace campaigner and Pax Christi co-ordinator; **Chris Cole**, peace activist and campaigner; and **Symon Hill**, activist, trainer and writer on economic justice and media. The conference Includes Annual Council and AGM at 2pm on Saturday. **No set cost: make a donation if you can. Travel bursaries available. Come for for the whole weekend, or just Saturday, or Saturday and Sunday, all fully catered.** More details: call 01865 250781 or visit for.org.uk/events/conference2015



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