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NOW SUPPORTS BIG MT. RESISTANCE

Continued From Last Month

This forced migration ended with the Navajo's literally surrounding the Hopi through a series of federally initiated expansions of Navajo land. In 1882, a Presidential Executive Order established the JUA, an area to be shared by the Hopi and the Navajo and any other people the government saw fit to settle thereon. This JUA is the area in dispute today because of legal initiatives by Peabody Coal and the Hopi Tribal Council, who share the same attorney, John Boyden. Boyden also drafted the legislation that became PL 93-531 and hired a public relations firm to stage a fabricated "range war" during the period of time when Congress was deliberating on the legislation.

Actually, there was no land dispute or "range war." All active hostilities between the Federal government and the various indigenous tribes of this country, as well as wars between the tribes themselves, really are a part of history. The traditional cultures of many tribes, though popularly believed to have passed into history, in fact have not. The Hopi and the Navajo are both examples of the handful of tribes who were given the land of their ancestors and therefore did not become refugees or displaced persons. As a result, their cultures are intact and are lived today by those who call themselves traditionalists, i.e. people who have never recognized the Tribal Councils, who never made a treaty with the U.S. government, and who understand themselves to be sovereign peoples, nations, "survivors of genocide history," within the United States of America. Hopi traditionalists say they do not know who Ivan Sidney is but they know that he is not Hopi. They are referring to his consciousness, his way of being in the world, his white male system mentality and values. He is the Hopi's Clarence Pendleton, Phyllis Schlafly, etc. Ross Swimmer, newly-appointed Undersecretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs and the first Indian to fill this position, fills this role for all traditionalists of all tribes in the country.

All other Indian land claims ever to come before the Congress or other government body that were settled in favor of the tribe making the claim have been settled by the government's paying cash to the tribe bringing the suit. In all these cases, the land in question was occupied by whites. Not one white person has ever been asked to relocate in order to acknowledge that the rightful title to the lands he or she occupied belonged to any Indian tribe. PL 93-531 breaks with all previous precedents in Indian Land Claims cases and is also the only case where the occupants of the land in question were not white.

We cannot change rules at will. If the Navajo must relocate, then we all can be removed and not to where our ancestors came from, but to wherever the government decides they want to put us. The restoration of ancestral Navajo lands beyond the boundaries of currently occupied

lands has never been raised as a companion issue throughout this entire procedure. It should be a legitimate question for the Navajo, as it is for the Hopi. Whites occupy former ancestral Navajo lands outside their present reservation. Racism, including the longstanding issue of the invisibility the issue has had with the American public, is a keyfactor. The majority of Americans are not even aware of the existence of the Navajos or the Hopis, much less the present genocidal federal policies being implemented by the nation which leads the world in "Human Rights."

Traditionalists of both tribes view the encroachment question as a non-issue, since the occupancy of land has always been in an overlapping chain (one tribe's territory overlapping another's), and, in fact, that is part of how the land has been "held" in covenant with the Creator. The reservation and allotment systems are the abnormalities. Both tribes have also successfully fought individual allotments and still have communally shared lands. The JUA is merely an extension of that cultural imperative of shared communal land use, and has never been an issue among either tribe's traditionalists. Hopi traditionalists have a covenant with the Great Spirit to hold this land for all people who want to live in peace, and they are adamantly resisting the removal of their Navajo neighbors. They view the proposed removal as sacrilege, as an act that is against all that is mandated by their covenant with the Creator. In addition, they believe that such an event would have consequences for all people, everywhere.

People have died from the effects of relocation to a new home in a border town, and people are dying from the chronic unrelenting stress caused by fear of having to relocate. Recent federal cancellation of the July 6, 1986, deadline for forced military removal (because the government doesn't have a place to which the people can be moved at the present time) amounts to a deadline suspended in limbo that can be "called" at any time in the future. This is an even greater stress than knowing when the deadline is. It also serves to defuse the global solidarity around the deadline date and render it inoperable if no future date is set, but, rather, the remaining people are just nibbled away at, one by one, or family by family.

Removing the people of the JUA is an act of genocide. Their culture, religion and even personal identity is fused with the land in a way that cannot be transplanted, relocated, transferred. This is a reality that is simply outside the experiential frame of reference for people of the dominant culture.

A new house in a border town is a psycho-spiritual death sentence, a transforming of a self-sufficient people into welfare recipients and refugees. American taxpayers will pay for the costs of genocidal relocation, the welfare costs resulting from relocation, and then the cost of the mining and conversion of coal to electricity as we consume energy. We also will finance the arms race when the uranium is mined and processed and finally put into warheads.

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A few people will become richer while the rest of us are exploited for that purpose.

In his last letter, Ross Swimmer used the language of Apartheid: "Resettlement to the new homelands," and this was presented as "Opportunity for all involved." Relocation of the Navajo is domestic Apartheid and needs to be addressed as such.

There are presently two pieces of Congressional legislation regarding PL 93-531, a moratorium bill sponsored by Richardson of New Mexico, and a repeal bill sponsored by Rep. Mickey Leland of Texas. Both of these bills are expected to draw support from those resisting relocation. Their content is not specifically known at present, but the general understanding is that the moratorium bill will provide for a year's time out to reconsider PL 93-531, and the repeal legislation will stop relocation and provide for the return without penalty of any relocatees who desire to reverse their relocation. All expenses involved are to be incurred by the federal government.

In addition to lobbying actions suggested by both National NOW resolutions, there are other needed actions in which NOW activists and units can become involved. There is no existing body or person who connects individuals or groups with individual Elders, traditional activists or resisting families for the purpose of sponsoring them with aid and financial assistance so they can survive and do the work of resistance. All of these have a desperate need for direct aid and financial assistance.

This is similar to sponsoring NOW activists during the ERA countdown. If you or your chapter is interested in being put in direct contact with people on the land for this purpose, please contact Darlita Blanc, National NOW Field Representative to the Big Mountain Resistance, Box 487, Flagstaff, AZ 86002, phone 602-779-2397.

Thomas Banyacya, spokesman for the Hopi Kikmongwi, traditional religious leaders, attended the June 15 NOW Plenary as an observer. As a result, he said, "The Hopi Prophecy predicts that after times when women have been led by men, there will be times when men and women will walk side by side. Later still, at the time when the fate of the earth itself will be determined, women will move forward and lead and the men will follow. When this happens, it will be a very positive sign for the outcome of the fate of the earth. I have been noticing this beginning to happen for the last four or five years. I really saw it in Denver."

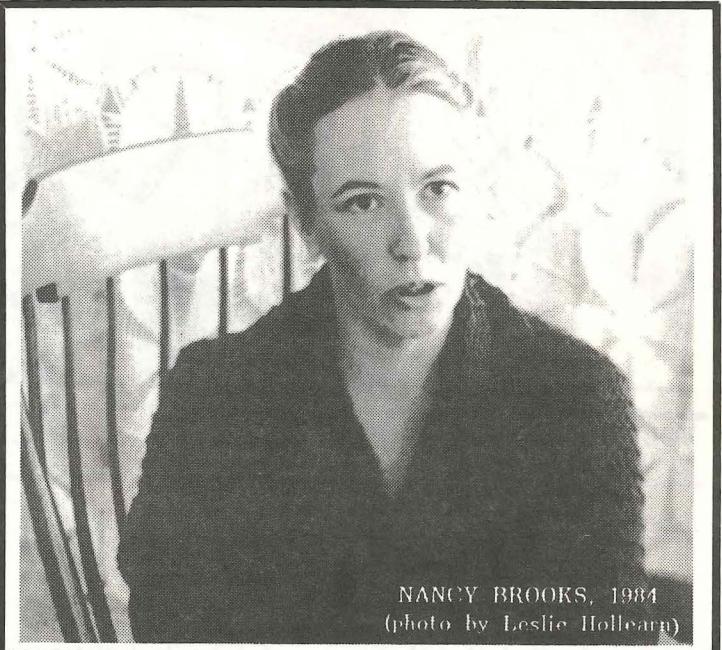
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Nov. 8	Colorado	7:30 p.m.
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Nov. 15	Missouri	7:30 p.m.



NANCY BROOKS, 1984
(photo by Leslie Hollear)

HERLAND PRESENTS WOMEN'S WORD

Herland Sister Resources, Inc., is proudly announcing an exciting program, Nancy Brooks one-woman performance, "Women's Word," to be presented Thursday, November 26. The 7:00 p.m. performance will be held at the Pebbletree Playhouse, 2200 N.W. 39 Expressway (in the Pebbletree Inn).

Tickets for this for women only performance are \$4 in advance, \$5 at the door, and are available at Herland.

"Women's Word" is an anthology of women's writings which celebrate creativity, work, relationships and spirituality. The performance was highly acclaimed when performed at the National Women's Music Festival.

Brooks has been performing since she was six as a dancer, singer and actress. Her study of theatre has included work in all areas of this highly collaborative art form, including directing, choreography, lighting technician, properties manager, costuming, and many more.

In 1977 she helped found WomanShine Theatre in order to provide a place to nurture the talents of creative women and to present professional-quality theatre without the usual stereotypic female characters. Since that time, Brooks has served as artistic director of the company, performed in ensemble pieces and developed two one-woman plays for touring.

Nancy Brooks is the mother of two sons, 17 and 19, and has recently completed a B.A. at Indiana University in theatre, women's studies, folklore and American Sign Language. She is currently the director of the Office for Women's Affairs at I.U.

This performance promises to be entertaining, informative and inspirational about women's lives and women's work.

FALL PEACE FEST TO BE HELD NEXT WEEK

The Benedictine Peace House and the Unitarian-Universalist Service Committee Action Unit of Central Oklahoma are sponsoring a Fall Peace Fest, Saturday, November 15, at Christ the King Church, 1905 Elmhurst Ave., in Oklahoma City. The Fest will feature entertainment, food, arts and crafts, educational films, children's activities and informational tables.

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NAT'L RAINBOW COALITION TO VISIT OKC

The state organizing convention for the National Rainbow Coalition will be held December 6 and 7 at the Jimmy Stewart Building, 1500 N.E. 4, Oklahoma City. The NRC is an independent progressive political organization, operating within the framework of the U.S. Constitution. Most of its constituency base is currently active within the Democratic Party.

"We believe the solutions to many of our planet's social, political and economic problems can be realized by increased understanding cooperation and participation among different racial, religious, social and ethnic groups," says spokesperson Opio Toure.

Members of the Rainbow--blacks, Asians, whites, native Americans, Latinos, lesbians and gay men--will strive to end economic, racial, regional and sexual violence which have greatly intensified under Reagan era politics.

To receive brochures or make reservations for the convention, please call Dee Crockett, 427-1330 or 427-2665, or write to the National Rainbow Coalition, 1301 Martin Luther King Ave., Oklahoma City, OK 73117.



"One More Court Appointment and We'll Be Back in Business"

BOOK OF LETTERS VERY SPECIAL EXCHANGE

by Mary McLachlin

Women Well at Ease, by Dr. Beatrice Silverman and Dr. Sally Goldin

As we all know, when women talk seriously about the people and ideas that matter to them, the results can be enriching. An extension of that fact can be found in a new book, Women Well at Ease, a paperback that should be in local bookstores by the time you read this.

Something special about Women is that it's an exchange of letters between two educated, accomplished and articulate women of different generations. Who they are makes it even more special: Dr. Beatrice Silverman, Daytona Beach psychiatrist, and her niece, Dr. Sally Goldin, psychologist and computer science professor at the Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok, Thailand.

In the series of letters from September 1983 to March 1985, they discuss womanhood from their individual life experiences. Dr. Silverman bases much of her commentary on case histories from her practice over the past 25 years.

Silverman opens the correspondence with a historical perspective on "Biology as Destiny," emphasizing the beginnings of woman's subservience to man as a product of the primitive female's vulnerability and need for protection during pregnancy and while caring for children. Goldin responds with a more deterministic view that women's supposed vulnerability is partly a "societal fabrication--one of the many myths invented by the male dominated culture to keep women in their place."

Succeeding letters deal with a wide and now familiar range of problems and options faced by women who dare to seek independence and equality at varying times in their lives. Along the way, both writers reveal much about their personal efforts to escape bonds and reach for fuller lives. Silverman's experience of wartime marriage, child rearing, divorce and flight to Mexico to enter medical school is juxtaposed with Goldin's accounts of falling into what she calls the Perfection Trap--studying to exhaustion, suffering anorexia--communal living, open marriage and, ultimately, self acceptance.

The book is subtitled "A Primer For Independence," and so it might be--a condensation of personal and observed experience by women capable and unafraid of expressing it. The title, incidentally, is from a line in Chaucer's "Troilus & Crisedye," which says: "I am myn owene woman, wel at ese." (I am my own woman, completely free.)

An interesting note: Bea Silverman was told by several publishers that the topics examined in Woman are passe and no longer commercially

viable. (Translation: Nobody's interested in the woman's movement anymore.) Knowing otherwise, she produced the book on her own through a local publishing company.

--Politica, Vol. III, No. II

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ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL HERLAND RETREAT

In case you missed it and haven't heard--the 2nd Annual Herland Fall Retreat was a gigantic success. Over 90 women enjoyed a rather cold, damp fall day which was made sunny and beautiful by the talents of local musicians Peggy Johnson, Mary Black, Cindy B., Mary K. H., and the positively scintillating performance of Rosy's Bar and Grill.

Veteran retreaters said, almost in unison, that this was the "best one yet," and the Saturday night concert had a great deal to do with that. Even for those who had heard their record, the personalities of the three kept the audience in stitches, with such classics as "I Enjoy Being a Gull" and the famous "F-Word Song." The music was great, but their senses of humor made the total evening just so much fun. Of course, the food spread was up to its usual standard. (The nicest addition this camp made was in providing "troughs" for meals, rather than plates.)

As soon as a spring weekend is set, HSR will announce it so you can begin making your plans for the next retreat. (Start rehearsing your pets now for the talent show!) The retreat has to be in April or May, so if you have suggestions, let the Collective know.



HERLAND SISTER RESOURCES, INC.

announces its monthly
Collective Meeting

Sunday, November 16, 1986

6:30 p.m.

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Open to the Public

HERLAND LOSES GOOD FRIEND, 'MURRAY'

Herland's housemother and overseer, Goldie Murray, or "Murray" as she was called by most of her friends, died October 8.

Murray and her husband had operated a grocery store in the front of their house and that space became Herland Bookstore about four years ago. During the next few years, Murray became a good friend to those of us who worked at the store, attended functions there or just dropped by. She brought us ice water the summer we replaced the ceiling in the store and always was interested in who was working and how things were going.

"I spent more time with her during the last few years than I have with my mother," a Collective member remarked at the graveside service. "But then, she was nicer to me."

It was rather remarkable that Murray was able to overcome 80+ years of many prejudices and be as accepting as she had become, but she did and we all benefited from it. She also taught us about growing old and maintaining independence.

Born December 14, 1899, Murray will be remembered by everyone associated with Herland for her feisty spirit, her sense of humor and her caringness, which allowed a bunch of women she had never seen before to invade her home, use her bathroom and her phone, plop ourselves down and visit at our convenience.

We'll miss you, Murray. More than we knew we would. The saddest part is, most of us never told her we really cared about her.

(Note: There will be a special clean-up weekend, November 15 and 16, of the living and storage quarters back of Herland. Bring brooms, vacuums, boxes, etc., and help clean up those rooms. We will be working during store hours both days.)

All the Sisters of Herland received this note from Murray's daughter and son:

I really appreciate all that all of you did for Mother in the past few years. She enjoyed knowing and visiting with all of you and looked forward to the weekends when the store was open and she could visit with you.

Ann Dooley
Gene Murray

GROUP ANNOUNCES LOCAL ABUSE STUDY

A new group, WASAD (Women Against Sexual Abuse by Doctors), is seeking information about sexual abuse by doctors in Oklahoma, and is asking victims for vital information.

For a copy of the questionnaire, write: WASAD, P.O. Box 700235. Oklahoma City, OK 73107. Your privacy will be protected.



HERLAND TO BE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS

Because so many Collective members and volunteers will be out of town, Herland Sister Resources, Inc., will be closed both Thanksgiving and Christmas weekends. Buy your Christmas gifts early while the selection is still good.



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VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN CONTINUES

On August 17 the body of 22-year old Pamela Dunn was found at a Lexington, Mass., dump. Dunn had gone to court in March seeking protection from her husband. The judge issued the order but told her she was "doing a terrible disservice to the taxpayers" by taking up the court's time when it "has a lot more serious matters to contend with."

Dunn was with her mother at a bus stop on August 16, when her husband accosted them, maced her mother, shot his pregnant wife in the abdomen and dragged her into his car. Her stabbed and strangled body was found the next day.

"The judge contributed to this woman's death," said Paula Becker, a law student advocate for battered women. "His attitude destroyed the credibility of the order; his attitude told Dunn that the court didn't take her seriously."

--Arkansas Gazette, 9-22-86

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SWISS EASING SOME CHAUVINISMS

One of the cornerstones of Swiss male chauvinism is gradually being chipped away as the country phases out compulsory housekeeping classes for girls.

The country's largest canon Zurish is the latest to abolish the once widespread practice of training girls in special schools to become good housewives. In a recent referendum, Zurich voters approved lifting the requirement that all schoolgirls must complete several weeks of "further education" in housekeeping after they leave school and before they reach age 20. Now, boys as well will learn some knitting, cooking and needlework as part of their basic education.

Zurish made housekeeping classes, similar to the U.S.'s home ec, compulsory in 1931, but in 1981, 10 years after Swiss women were first granted the right to vote in federal elections, a national referendum enshrined equality for women in the Constitution and sounded the death knell for girls-only housekeeping classes. "It is high time that the obligatory classes disappeared, not only because of the injustice between boys and girls, but, above all, because of the changed makeup of households," wrote columnist Eva Maria Borer in the weekly Zuri-Woche.

She said many people now live alone and both partners in many marriages had jobs, so the tradition of training women to run homes for their working husbands had become obsolete.

There are still three canons who have not gotten rid of their compulsory classes.

At present, Zurich schoolgirls attend institutions such as the Domestic Economy Further Education School for courses lasting an average of 3-8 weeks. The school's director, Dr. Erika Welti, says the school is very progressive. "We don't just teach them cooking and sewing, but they learn nutrition, how to manage a budget, how to shop, how to repair and recycle things, how to unblock drains--everything necessary to create an environment in which human beings will feel well."

Courses at the school are already offered to boys, but few attend. Starting next year, students of both sexes will take the same basic housekeeping courses in their own schools. Local authorities will still be obliged to offer voluntary further education classes for teenagers and schools such as Welti's will be retained for that purpose.

Beatrice Grotzer, an Education Ministry official, says many Zurich schools began offering mixed-sex classes in skills such as knitting and crochet to eight-year olds last year. "The classes have certainly become livelier since the boys joined."

The Zurich newspaper Tages-Anzeiger hailed the electorate's 69 % support for ending compulsory classes as welcome recognition of the fact that running a home is not purely a job for women. "The clear Yes is also a Yes to the legal equality of women," it wrote.

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The photographic images by and of lesbians of JEB (Joan E. Biren), in a slide/narrative presentation, range from portraits and documentary images to the comic and the erotic. They are a powerful evocation of our own experience as lesbians and as women.

Sponsored by Little Feather Productions, the presentation will be at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, November 15, in the Activity Building at Reverchon Park, 3400 Maple, between Oak Lawn and Turtle Creek.

In celebration of all women artists, Little Feather will mount an exhibit of photographs by North Texas women, to be displayed the night of the presentation.

JEB is also interested in conducting a photography workshop for women, tentatively scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 16, from 1:00-5:00 p.m., at the NOW office, 3107 Routh. This workshop will be held only if enough women register in advance. Call Mary (214-826-3692) or Becky (214-827-8318, evenings) for more information.

For more information, write Little Feather, P.O. Box 14037, Dallas, TX 75214, or call 214-827-8318.

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ANOTHER TV FILM ABOUT STEVEN BIKO

Contrasting with last fall's Showtime special about anti-Apartheid activist Steven Biko, the one being shot now focuses on the young black man himself. Starring St. Elsewhere's Denzel Washington in the title role, the film is based on two books written by Donald Woods about Biko, who was first introduced to many of us in song by Holly Near and Ronny Gilbert. Kevin Kline also stars as journalist Woods. Last fall's Biko dealt with the trial of the police and doctors who were judged to be responsible for the activist's death. Watch for "Biko: Asking for Trouble" this fall.

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UNIVERSITY GUARDS WITNESS RAPE-MURDER

Clarkson University security guards Donald Shantz and Kim Avadikian thought they had stumbled on two students consensually making love by a campus arena, the first week in September, and declined to intervene.

"I have seen students having sex in unusual places before," Shantz said.

But the scene was actually a violent rape of student Katherine Halwelka, 19, who died a few hours later. Police arrested a suspect two days later.

--Arkansas Traveler, 9-12-86

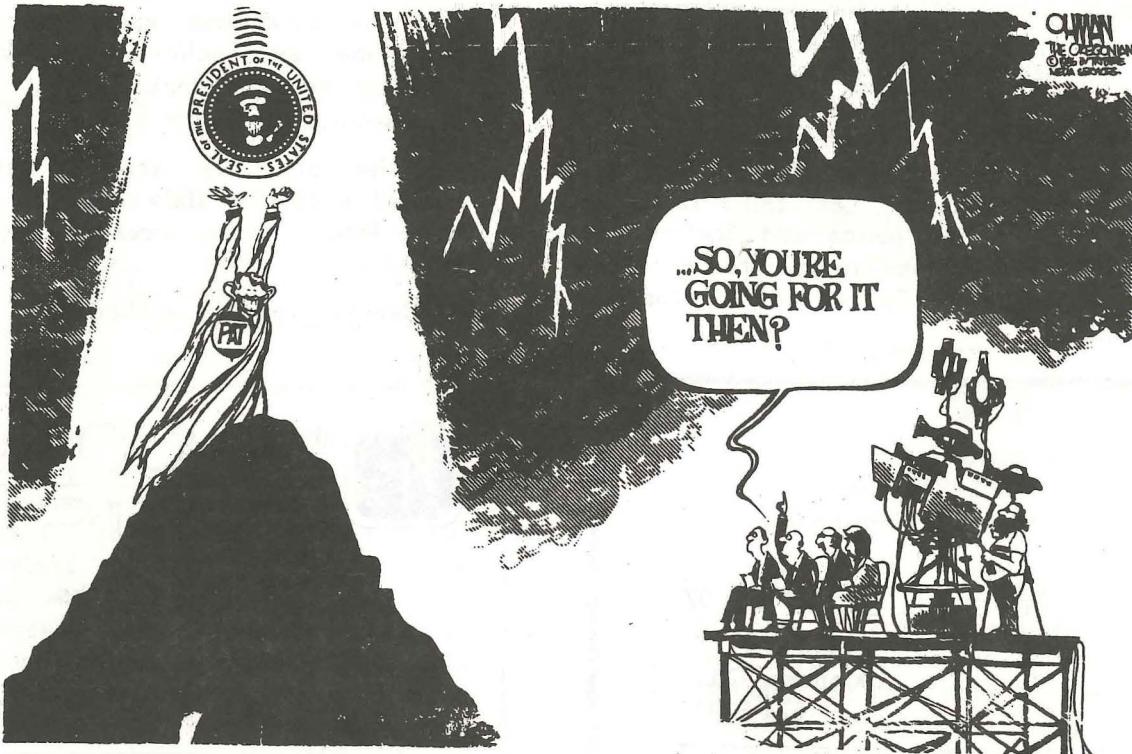
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