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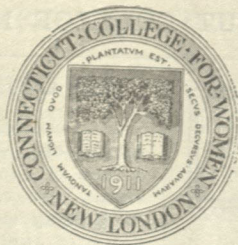
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## STUDY CONFERENCE FRAMES MESSAGE TO CHURCHES.

### States Ideals and Attitudes.

In every age Christians are compelled not only to voice their protest against the existing order but to point out precisely what the spirit of Christ demands and to try practically to embody it.

In this effort to interpret and apply the spirit of teaching of our Lord, the Church, it should be frankly admitted, has rendered a service whose practice has stopped far short of its ideals. It should be now ardently seeking, as it confronts present day obligations and opportunities, to actually know the mind of its Master and to do whatsoever He commands. We here have sought the truth and the inspiration by which right decisions might be reached and by which might be adopted a program for peace, which we may ask the Church to undertake with a vital faith and a conviction of victory.

War is the most colossal calamity and scourge of modern life. War is not inevitable. It is the supreme enemy of mankind. Its futility is beyond question. Its continuance is the suicide of civilization. We are determined to outlaw the whole war system. Economics and industry, social welfare and progressive civilization, morality and religion, all demand a new international order, in which righteousness and justice between nations shall prevail and in which nations shall fear nation no longer, and prepare for war no more. For the attainment of this high ideal the life of the nations must be controlled by the spirit of mutual goodwill made effective through appropriate agencies. War must be outlawed and declared a crime by international agreement. The war spirit and war feelings must be banished, and the war preparations must be abandoned. Permanent peace based on equal justice and fair dealing for all alike, both great and small, must be achieved. The Kingdom of God in the relations of nations must be established.

This stupendous, difficult and urgent task challenges the Churches of America and all citizens of goodwill. It is a moral and religious as well as an economic and political task. All the forces of civilization must therefore unite in this noble adventure of faith and purpose.

This Study Conference, representing some thirty communions, rejoicing in the many ringing declarations and constructive proposals by various religious bodies, in their official actions, presents to the Churches of the United States of America the following Affirmation and Recommendations.

### Ideals and Attitudes.

1. The teachings and spirit of Jesus clearly show that the effective force for the safeguarding of human rights, the harmonizing of differences and the

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## Elshuco Trio Pleases.

The famous Elshuco Trio gave a most delightful and interesting program to an appreciative audience last Monday night in Bulkeley Auditorium. The audience was entirely captivated by the charming personality of the pianist, Aurelio Giorni, as well as by his playing. The other two members of the trio were equally pleasing. William Willeke, the oldest member of the trio, won the audience immediately with his cello, and William Kroll, the violinist, displayed marvelous talent.

The program, though it looked somewhat monotonous and uninteresting, proved to be quite the opposite. The trio in D Flat Major by Franz Schubert opened with a martial strain, and was followed by a slower lyric movement, Andante Un Poco Mosso. The Scherzo movement was playful and light, and the Rondo was a succession of phrases tossed back and forth between the strings and the piano.

The second number on the program, the Sonata a Trois in B Minor by Jean Baptiste Scillet, was the oldest number on the program. For this reason it was very short. The longer compositions are of a much later period than this one. This composition was also of a simpler structure than the other numbers on the program. Nevertheless it was delightful and made a strong appeal to the audience. As an encore a Nocturne by Franz Schubert was played.

The third and last number on the program was the most modern, in point of composition, but even this was not a recent composition. This number was the Trio in D Minor by Anton Arensky. It was a particularly melodious number, very dramatic in some places, with a lovely singing quality in the Allegro and Elegia movements.

The Trio was very generous in giving encores. Beside the encore after the second number, there were three encores after the third number. The first of the three encores was a Scherzo by Saint Saens, the second an Ecstasy by Ganne, and the third a Scherzo by Brahms. All three were unusual and interesting selections which are very seldom heard.

## WESLEYAN GLEE CLUB CONCERT A SUCCESS.

Connecticut College entertained under the auspices of the Service League, the Wesleyan Glee Club, Saturday evening, January sixteenth, in the gym. The proceeds are to go to the Endowment Fund of the college. The Glee Club gave a most varied program which was eagerly received by the student body. One of the entertaining features was by the Jiters, four in number, who gave a collection of humorous college songs. The affair concluded with the singing of the Alma Mater.

Following the concert, a dance was held in the salon of Colonial House which was very well attended. The Wesleyan Serenaders furnished the music and the dance ended at twelve. It was one of the most successful entertainments held this year at college.

## Students Must Know Labor World.

"Something must be done" writes Jerome Davis of the Yale Divinity School in the December *Century* to increase the interest of the college body in the live problems of the day . . . to make the intellectual campus as real as the world of outside activities."

Northwestern University students have found a way to enliven their curriculum by talk fests with hoboes, migratory workers from the wheat-fields of the west and from the ore boats on the Great lakes. On Northwestern night at the Hoboes College, West Washington Street, Chicago, they crowd into the one room Hobo College, voice their opinions and listen to the philosophy, the varied experiences of the migratory workers.

At the last meeting crime was the subject for discussion. Men who had served jail sentences told why they had been arrested, what the penalty had been and the treatment they had received while in custody.

Students who enter the industrial world often arouse the antagonism of organized labor. At the University of Denver there has long been enmity between the local Window Cleaners Union and a student organization of window cleaners. The union men complained because they were heads of families and could not meet the student wage scale. Finally the matter was arbitrated. Now the students have agreed to work under union wages and hours.

"Joining hands of students who earn their school expenses by washing windows with members of the local labor union . . . means a victory for an idea, a principle and a social creed that is of far reaching importance," observes the Denver Clarion.

"Education, no matter how erudite it is in process, no matter how high it claims to be in theoretical ideals, is but ephemeral veneer and worthless mockery, if it does not inspire its recipients to strive for a social order which will permit every man to give full expression to his individuality."

—The New Student.

## TIME SCHEDULES PROPOSED.

From the University of Chicago comes a Committee report which delves into the mysterious realm of students' time. With something of a shock the investigators discovered that the mythical average student spent but 36 hours a week at his studies, devoted little time to serious reading and far too much to outside activities.

In concluding its analysis, the Committee, with unconscious humor, proceeded to plot the undergraduates' week for him. Forty-two hours, it declared, is the minimum which should be devoted to studying, four should be given to serious reading not included in courses, seven to exercise, three to concerts and the theater, two to social affairs, and finally, two to religion. For sleep the committee thought 56

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## VASSAR PLANS "ESCAPE" HOUSE FOR UNSOCIAL.

### Dormitory of Refuge Proposed.

One Vassar professor, interviewed by a "News" reporter, advanced a novel solution for the temporary lodging of tired and unsocial students. The Miscellaneous News account of the proposed structure follows:

"The shape of this newly proposed hall, as it is at present roughly drawn, will be circular, four storeys high, one tier upon another, each storey slightly smaller than the one below, thus providing for a balcony around each floor above the first. The rooms are all outside rooms; each contains one door, an outside one, and one large window. An occupant may go directly from the balcony to her own room; there are no doors from room to room, or from any of the rooms into the large central chamber on the first floor which is to be used for a kitchen and heating purposes. This central kitchen with dome-like ceiling three stories high is reached by corridors from the outside.

Each room has its own private outside stairway like a fire-escape ladder, so that it is not necessary for occupants to pass each other on the stairs either coming or going.

The rooms are to be done in white woodwork, each one furnished with a college cot, desk, chair, dressing table and a picture of *Le Penseur* on the wall. They are all to be single rooms. The inside wall of each room is pierced by a small opening admitting to a dumb waiter on which meals for the occupant may be hoisted at regular intervals of the day, 7.30, 12.30 and 6.00. Meals are to be eaten in the room in solitude.

The rules for the students living in the proposed hall will be tacked on each door for convenient reference:— Quiet hours, 7 A. M. to 3 P. M., 3 P. M. to 7 P. M. and 7 P. M. to 7 A. M., every day except the first Sunday in the month, when there will be no quiet hour from 10 P. M. to 7 A. M. No student may go to or from her classes accompanied by another student without permission; such permit to be obtained for Freshmen from the Dean, for Sophomores from the Head Warden, and for Juniors and Seniors from the warden of the hall. This special permission is under no circumstances to be granted. Every student while in residence is on her honor to spend as much time as possible in meditation. At the foot of each private ladder is a chart on which she will check every morning the amount of cogitation done throughout the preceding day. Any student who wishes to promenade for an hour on her balcony may do so by signing up with the hall warden. No more than two may sign up for any hour on any one balcony and they must walk in opposite directions. The house warden or resident faculty member lives on the fourth floor, which has but one room. Communication with her is by speaking tube.

The proposed site for this dormitory is some place remote from the hum-bub of the campus, Professor Johnson, father of the plan, said when questioned concerning it. In case the

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## EDITORIAL.

### THE EVE OF REVOLUTION.

Recently, we talked of resolution. Today, we talk of revolution. The two have a close relationship.

Mere dreams won't bring the ideal college to our campus. If the dream results in a resolve and the resolve issues in a revolution, then there is hope.

The revolution incipient on Connecticut College campus has to do with Student Government organization. Its cause—necessity; its aim—betterment; its process—yet concealed. A committee of students who are working with council to formulate plans promises us after mid-years, in the dawn of the new semester, to publish the change.

Whether or not the revolution is peaceful depends on the reaction of the citizens of our college government. History offers us revolutions with and without guillotines. We would prefer no blood-shed, if we could engage revolutionary interest and co-operation without it. But when the end in view is an ideal college, the means must be a trifle extra-ordinary.

When you come to college, you contract to live under Student Government. If you contribute your citizen's share in making that government, then you are a peer in the organization. If you refuse to share in the formation and working of the organization, certainly you must accept the resulting government, be it democracy, oligarchy, or tyranny.

The day is near when the opportunity to be an active maker of government, a real signer of the constitution will be offered. Are you ready for the revolution?

### OPEN LETTER.

To the Editor:

Oh, oh, will it never stop—the clatter of dishes, the rattle of silver, and the busy, noisy tongues! Louder and louder, shriller and shriller grow the voices, each table seeming to compete with the next. Very informal it is to be sure, and very jolly. And yet, is it just what we want?

Let us imagine ourselves a guest at dinner at Thames for the first time. We are, perhaps, sitting talking with our

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## THE LOITERER.

"Be strong when all the days of life bear ruth

And fury, and are hot with toil and strain:

Hold thy large faith and quell thy mighty pain."

Examination time is close at hand. It is always a period of unusual stress and strain, both mental and physical. Knowing this should we not exert every effort toward making the task lighter and less exhausting? Naturally there is a certain amount of arduous reviewing to be done, which requires preserving toil. However, we subject ourselves, and unfortunately others, to a great deal of unnecessary worry and nervousness. We work everyone into a state of forlorn hopelessness by predicting remote questions an hour or so before the examination. We insist on relating to the public the outrageous and unjust demands of certain professors. This involves giving a general survey of the course in question. Girls, girls, save your breath! Your friends agree with you absolutely, but at this critical time they can not hear, nor are they interested. Moreover, we have a tendency to come out of an examination, babbling our answers to the examiner's questions. Wait a week before "hashing" it all over. It will save much frantic anxiety and worry.

What wears us out altogether and annoys us most perhaps is the time when we are at meals in Thames. Those individuals who insist on bringing cram sheets and notebooks to the table should, in the *Loiterer's* opinion, be properly admonished by public disapproval. For our physical well-being, if for no other reason, discussions of examinations should be strictly avoided while in the refectory. It is good at this time to let slip all responsibility of academic problems, and to enjoy ourselves while we may.

Rumor has it that Student Government here at C. C. is to undergo a complete change very shortly. While we hesitate to be too eloquent over any unverified report, we cannot control our enthusiasm and joy over this prospect. The flaws in the present system are quite evident, and have been made manifest for a couple of years.

Careful study and reflection shows that the chief trouble is the inadequateness of our present organization. The members of council have been fine and splendid in their efforts to execute their difficult tasks and solve their trying problems. Perhaps they have made mistakes, but we cannot help respecting them for their earnestness and sincere efforts. However, no thirteen students are fully capable of assuming the responsibility of the other five hundred, and that is what the present conditions amount to. The thing is not sensible or just from the students' point of view, and certainly it is totally unreasonable to expect so much from the council members, in spite of their good will and unselfish attitude.

We are not in a position to say whether the anticipated upheaval in our Student Government will result in any violent or drastic change in the present order, but it is our sincere hope that the revolution will be complete and absolute. It must be radically different to affect the maximum good.

## ON OTHER CAMPUSES.

At Pembroke College, the Senior, Sophomore, and Freshmen members of one of the halls, are enjoying the luxury of having breakfast and supper on Sunday served in their rooms. A group of Juniors are filling orders for sandwiches and coffee for twenty cents for the benefit of the Junior Prom.

The faculty members of the University of Wisconsin have passed a resolution to refuse to accept any gifts, donations or subsidies from incorporated organizations of any sort. This was done in spite of the fact that many professors are in favor of accepting any donation offered, believing that fostering research is not harmful to the university. However, the university has recently declined to accept a proffered gift at the General Education Board. This is by way of stimulating educational freedom.

—New Student.

How many students in your college earn all or part of their way by working with their hands?

Here is an interesting and practical subject for investigation by college papers and sociology classes. A labor survey of the college may lead to startlingly interesting conclusions. The topic has many interesting ramifications, the influence of the working student on college democracy, on scholarships, and social life.

Although many college papers have had feature stories, only two have, so far, made extensive explorations. The *Coe Cosmos* has just published the first article of a labor survey. This article listed the various jobs and combinations of jobs to which students turned their hands.

At co-educational Middlewestern Coe College 57 per cent, or 415 out of 709 students earn a total of \$2,891.25 each week. Conditions are different at Vassar, an eastern girls' college, where the *Miscellany News* finds that self help is hard to find and is actually discouraged by the college. The administration attitude seems to be that a great part of education consists in participating in extra activities as well as attending class, and this cannot be done by a working student. Summer work is very unremunerative.

Scholarships are available for a few students displaying the highest ability and the greatest need. These however, are very few.—New Student.

The trustees of Vassar College at a recent meeting voted to decline on behalf of the college the bequest of Emily J. Bryant, who had in her will, bequeathed \$2,500 to Vassar College as a fund for scholarship aid to students who neither attended the theatre nor played cards. In declining the bequest the trustees affirm the principle that as Vassar College is an educational institution they cannot with propriety accept gifts which place any restrictions upon the personal and the social behavior of members of the college.

—Mount Holyoke News.

During the two year course at the New York State Library School, the students, all of whom are already Library school graduates, take two trips of a week or ten days. They alternate between journeys to New England, and Washington, where they visit the Congressional Library. They recently made a trip to Vassar where they were especially interested in the alcove system which they considered unique.

—Vassar Miscellany News.

Asked why they came to college, 100 Oklahoma U co-eds said they came to get an education; 15 came because the

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overcoming of evil is the spirit of goodwill.

Throughout His entire ministry, in all human relationships He was consistently animated by this principle of active and positive goodwill in the face of opposition, governmental oppression and personal violence. He vindicated life and love and service in the face of suffering and trial. His constant emphasis on forgiveness, the charge to His disciples to love their enemies and His prayer on the cross, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do" express and illustrate His spirit and method.

2. The Church, the body of Christ all-inclusive—transcending race and national divisions—should henceforth oppose war, as a method of settling disputes between nations and groups as contrary to the spirit and principles of Jesus Christ, and should declare that it will not as a Church sanction war.

3. The Church should not only labor for the coming of the Kingdom of God in the hearts of men but should give itself to constructive policies and to measures for world justice and for peace. It should fearlessly declare its distinctive message of good will. It should proclaim the message regardless of fluctuating opinion and of political exigencies.

4. The Church should teach patriotic support of the State, but should never become the agent of the Government in any activity alien to the spirit of Christ. The Church should look to the responsible statesman of a Christian country to conduct the public business along those lines of justice and reason which will not lead to war.

5. The Church should recognize the right and the duty of each individual to follow the guidance of his own conscience as to whether or not he shall participate in war.

We draw a clear distinction between the use of force in police service, domestic and international, on the one hand and in war on the other. While force involves coercion or physical control in any case, the motive and end of police force is fourfold: It is inspired by goodwill for the common welfare; it is corrective and remedial in its nature; it is exercised by neutral parties; it is strictly limited by law and has justice as its aim.

War, whether aggressive or defensive, is the use of organized violence in a dispute between nations or hostile groups. Even though one of the parties may be guiltless, it creates hatred, leads to unlimited loss of life and property, and always involves large numbers of innocent victims. In war the parties directly concerned seek to settle the issue involved by superior force regardless of justice. Usually war involves conscription of the individual conscience and a nation-wide propaganda of falsehood, suspicion, fear and hate. This is modern war in its nature and processes, as our generation has seen it, whether the war be fought for offensive or defensive purposes. War is thus the very antithesis of police force. Attention is called to the fact that a punitive expedition undertaken by one or more nations on their own initiative is essentially a war measure, and not an exercise of international police force.

home-time was too dead in the winter; 26 came to enlarge their circle of friends; 22 came to learn the "Charleston" and have a good time.—American Campus.



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**GLANINGS FROM THE  
AMERICAN CAMPUS.**

Students at Pennsylvania State College have joined the crusade against compulsory chapel. Their disapproval was expressed by a vote of 1,709 to 315.

The first college football game in the United States was played by Harvard and Yale fifty years ago.

While inspecting the Harvard campus visiting students from Germany noticed a long line of parked flivvers. Great was their astonishment when they learned that the cars belonged to students.

"Who in Germany would think of such a thing?" exclaimed one. "Never would a student dare to come in a car while his professor walked. Ach! But in such a wealthy country, such a wealthy country—"

The daily paper at Harvard recently published "a confidential guide to students," in which more than forty courses were frankly and sometimes picturesquely described by students who had taken them.

John Hopkins is importing 20 persons from the Himalaya mountains to be used in the study of evolution.

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hours sufficient; it concluded by pointing out that 52 thus remained for eating and other activities.

At Harvard, freshmen have been told that 40 hours a week is the minimum time allotment for studying, nine hours for each course and four

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for tutorial work. Thus far the remaining 128 have been left to their discretion.

While it is possible that certain of the more conscientious may take the official schedule seriously, it is to be suspected that the more effective attack on the problem is from the opposite angle. If standards of work be made sufficiently high and student interest in attaining them sufficiently stimulated, hours of study will probably take care of themselves.—Harvard Crimson.

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hostess, as only two old friends can talk, when suddenly the doors burst open, and, preceded by the cry of "Seniors, Seniors!" an avalanche of girls descends upon us. They bang noisily in, talking, laughing, becoming quiet only when the signal is given for the evening hymn—sometimes not until after it is started. Then, disputing, over who is to serve, they again begin in their chatter. We sit in silence, awaiting a chance to resume our interesting conversation, but we are not given a chance to do so until we are once again out of the dreadful din and confusion.

Do you suppose that we do, actually, make such an impression on our guests? It is not at all unlikely. However, out of consideration to each other, as well as to ourselves, how much more pleasing, how much more dignified, it would be to enter quietly and talk more calmly. Informality is an excellent quality when it is not carried to excess, yet surely one hour of an entire day might be made just a bit different from the rest.

Shakespeare has said, "A gentle voice is an excellent thing in woman." We suggest that a huge placard with the inscription be hung over the fireplace in Thames. Seriously, let us consider the idea of making a dinner a little more formal than the rest of the day. From such an interlude of peace and quiet, in an otherwise crowded day, we may gain a moment of rest, and a great deal of benefit and inspiration.

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# YALE ABANDONS SEPTEMBER COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS.

Beginning in 1927 September entrance examinations for admission to the freshman class at Yale will be given up entirely. The list of incoming freshmen will depend on school records and the confidential reports of headmasters coupled with the results of the June examinations.

In an article in the New York Times, Professor Robert N. Corwin, Chairman of the Board of Admissions, is quoted as saying:

"Under the present condition most of the applicants who are burdened with admission conditions at the completion of the June examinations—those with but slight deficiencies as well as those hopelessly in arrears scholastically—plunge headlong into tutoring schools, in the hope of gaining a sufficient number of credits to give them admission in September. At the end of these examinations, however, but a small portion of the total number of these

eleventh-hour applicants can be admitted. Those who are unsuccessful are left in a rather hopeless plight, since the class lists of most preparatory schools and colleges are then complete.

"It seems accordingly as unfair to require September examination of any applicant whose deficiencies are such as to leave practically no hope of admission, as it is unnecessary to require them of a candidate whose deficiencies in June are insignificant. The few hectic gestures which may be made during the late summer months, usually under the direction of a coaching staff, have little predictive value and are of measurable benefit only to the tutoring school.

"The best proof of a candidate's fitness to meet the requirements of a new position is evidence that he has been successful under conditions not dissimilar to those in prospect. The interest of the Yale examiners is therefore centered upon the evidence of how each applicant has done his last job, which is in this case his preparatory school. This after all has the greatest predictive value as to his probable success in his next scholastic venture."

Professor Corwin contends that the plan will undoubtedly prove beneficial as it will encourage forehandedness in the preparatory schools, discourage summer tutoring and because it will tend to dishearten those whose school work has not been adequate for entering college.

## TWO DELEGATES TO ATTEND NORTHFIELD CONFERENCE.

Florence Hopper and Margaret Elliott have been chosen as the representatives of Connecticut College at the New England mid-winter Religious Conference, to be held at the Northfield Hotel, February twelfth to fourteenth. The speaker at the Conference will be Reverend Reinhold Niebuhr, of Detroit, one of the editors of the *Christian Century*, who has cancelled his Open Forum engagement to accept an invitation to lead the conference. He will take for his theme, "Why Be a Christian Today?" and will challenge and stimulate the thoughts of the delegates. The discussions will tend to find out what real Christianity is and what the implications of the Christian way of life must be, as it is lived on the campus. The conference will try to consider fairly and open-mindedly what those who profess to be Christians actually must do if they are to live effective Christ-like lives.

The conference is in the nature of the Silver Bay Conferences held in the

summer and was planned by the New England Field Council, the Maqua Council, and representatives of the Silver Bay council at their joint meeting at Boston in October. The delegations are limited to two delegates from each college, regardless of the size of the college.

## VASSAR PLANS "ESCAPE" HOUSE FOR UNSOCIAL.

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suggestion is carried out he considers it advisable to call upon the best architect available but preferably one who has studied the Pantheon and has designed railroad round-houses.

The name suggested is "Escape House." Its purpose is to provide a place where any student may reside for a month when she is weary of the ways of the campus world and constant contacts with her kind; or she may be sent there on petition signed by a sufficient number of her residential associates. No implication attaches to such a temporary residence at Escape House, however. The purpose of the hall is to provide an element in college life which is greatly needed, and is least assured at those times when it may be most essential, namely, solitude."

## TO SEND STUDENTS ABROAD.

An interchange of college students has been proposed by the Inter-allied Veterans' Federation of Paris. The underlying idea is the promotion of a better understanding among nations.

The American Legion, as the representative of the federation, will attempt to organize eight scholarships at different American colleges to be open to students of eight foreign nations.—New York Times.

## AUDIENCE AWAITS SPEAKER IN VAIN.

The Tuesday afternoon convocation audience sat in expectant repose, awaiting the speaker. When half an hour had passed and two members of the faculty had vainly searched all corners of the New London railroad station, without finding Frank Tanenbaum, who was to have addressed convocation on the condition in American Prisons, the audience departed in disappointment. Rumor located Mr. Tanenbaum in the far southwest, but we have not sought to verify this.

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