

Box 173 <sup>LFP</sup> Calman Alta.

March 30, '56

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Dear Ben:

At a meeting held last night it was decided that we should try to merge our proposed Tribune banquet with May Day celebrations. Date of this banquet tentatively set for Sat. April 30 pending word from you. As you will doubtless be invited to attend Union observances of that day (Mon May 2nd) we feel it would work out well if you could come a few days early, hold our Spring classes and cover the May Day celebrations. Please let us know as soon as possible if this arrangement is acceptable to you.

Comradely yours

2501 Florence Hil Rio x

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Edmonton,  
Alberta,  
April 13th  
1956.  
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HEADQUARTERS

Extract re: *LPP COLEMAN*  
Source of Information: [REDACTED]

K1420  
H.Q. File  
Date: 13-4-55

Div. File No. [REDACTED] Supp. 1  
Re: Labor-Progressive Party  
(Documentary Evidence re) Alberta

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Edmonton Special Br.

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R.C. Francis, Cpl. #13344

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F.A. Pagan, Supt.  
i/c C.I.B.

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2990-30  
LPP Coleman  
March 31, 1955

A meeting of our club was held last night and I was instructed to write our Provincial office for assistance in getting a speaker from the Peace Council to visit the Crow. The intention is to hold a mass rally on the issue of the Bomb. This rally would be held in the best hall obtainable and would be widely publicized. If you could obtain such a speaker for us and let us know the date of the visit we will make our arrangements accordingly. Steve Malanchuk<sup>10309</sup> just phoned and suggests Eleanore Achwarth<sup>3839</sup> but it will leave this to your discretion. Meantime the plans for canvassing are well under way. Steve tells me that a canvassing committee of six from the Ukrainian organization are ready to meet with our club tomorrow at the territory. Our own well known canvassers meet Coleman on the visit with him on Thursday.

JUN 22 1955

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HEADQUARTERS

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Source of Information: [REDACTED]

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KPP Coleman Attax  
March 15, 1953.

Dear Ben,

Have arrived fine but we sure were tired, came home 4.30 a.m. my family sure was happy to see me again. Its the first time I ever left them alone. They were all feeling better.

It certainly was a wonderful experience for me, something I shall remember for a long time. We are going to meet the coming Fri to give the report. Its too bad that the whole club couldn't attend. The convention is just what a lot of us need.

We were wondering about the Woods would it be alright to bring

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them into the club?

In closed find this subscription  
which will get to day, hope to  
get lots more.

Getting such great credit in our  
past work we must not let down  
in future.

Regards to family & Thank your  
mom for her wonderful hospitality  
during our stay at her place. She  
sure is a nice person.

Cordially yours  
Manny

W.B.O. Al.  
Edmonton,  
Alberta.  
April 15th  
1955.  
Reel 7.2.



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HEADQUARTERS

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*L.P.P. Coleman Club.*

Extract re:  
Source of Information:

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Date: 21-3-55

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LABOR-DOCUMENTARY UNIT

Alberta Provincial Convention  
March 12-13, 1955

CREDENTIAL FORM

Club Name

Calgary

Club Delegates:

Name J. B. Gindrich Age 44. In Party for 2 yrs.  
Name Mary Stenhouse Age 32. In Party for 1 yrs.  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_. In Party for \_\_\_\_ yrs.  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_. In Party for \_\_\_\_ yrs.  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_. In Party for \_\_\_\_ yrs.

(Registration fee: \$2.00 each. Enclosed 2 fees at \$2.00 each - \$4.00)

Club Alternates:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_. In Party for \_\_\_\_ yrs.  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_. In Party for \_\_\_\_ yrs.  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_. In Party for \_\_\_\_ yrs.  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_. In Party for \_\_\_\_ yrs.  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_. In Party for \_\_\_\_ yrs.

(Registration fee: \$1.00 each. Enclosed \_\_\_\_ fees at \$1.00 each - \$\_\_\_\_\_)

Please list all other comrades who will attend the Convention as observers on the back of this page. Their registration fee is also \$1.00 for each comrade. The convention registration fees will be used to refund fares for comrades travelling long distances.

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Edmonton, Alberta.  
March 18th,  
1955.  
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(club chairman)

M. Stenhouse  
(Club secretary)

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*L.P.P. Coleman Alberta*

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Dear Ben:

A special club got together washed last night at Malanchuk's to discuss matters pertaining to the convention.

In further consideration I had long ago given up my rather grandiose idea of circulating through the pass on the mission of education and decided that to do a good job I had better concentrate on Coleman. I also decided that I was perhaps cowardly of me to be afraid to broach the subjects to my club comrades.

Since the question of education usually comes up at conventions and I have noticed that very little is ever done about it, therefore I thought that if the plan to organize our own party schools was accepted our delegates could go to Edmonton with something definite to report on that matter.

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Alberta.  
March 18th,  
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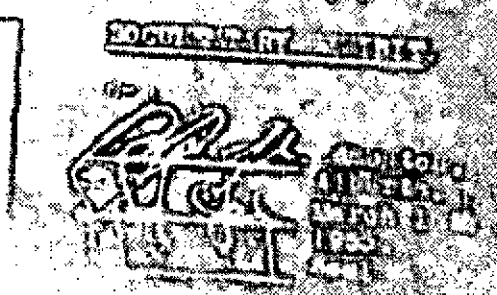
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There was a...  
the things and after the...  
told about mine because after...  
for the first part there were only Mary...  
Pauline and myself.

...brought with my brainchild  
and and had expected the little was one  
I was not prepared to back anyone except  
probably. Black. The class Ben told  
me had passed that I don't know  
they were about anything then anything  
that even Ben said that my face  
special in a way. Back after was  
completely aware.

...and it was...  
came on was...  
...and call my word which  
...and held my gun  
...and...  
...and...  
...and...



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Mary K. did not attend because of the terrible weather. Steve M. is in Calgary for treatment for his eyes and Steve A. did not arrive till about nine because of car trouble so for the first part there was only Mary, Bill, Pauline and myself.

I timidly brought out my brainchild and as I had expected the battle was on.

I was not qualified to teach anyone except possibly little kids. The classes Ben held here had proved that I didn't know anything more about anything than anybody else and when Ben had said that my "great speech at the Jim Buck affair was completely haywire."

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It was about at this point where Steve came in and Mary began to explain. A flood of words were put into my mouth which I had never uttered but I held my ground and did not back out again. Steve did a good job of being mediator, diplomat and general encourager of good will.

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Alberta,  
March 1<sup>st</sup> 1955.  
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He pointed out that even Stalin had said  
he learned from the — I don't ~~know~~ know  
the word but it is apparently something lower  
than a peasant at that time. That anyone  
who conducted a party school would do so  
by directives from above. When I was put  
in the light of a sort of mechanical device  
through which the gods would impart their  
wisdom. Mary looked down. She further  
explained the necessity for a party <sup>school</sup> and said  
he was completely in favor of the idea if  
anyone would take on the job. Then it  
stands as yet neither accepted or rejected.

Having heard my own words mostly  
multiplied and consistently distorted I will  
not take too seriously your reported opinion  
on my speech. But since you were  
apparently combated by a one-sided  
assessment of it I will let it have the right  
to a rebuttal.

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In our correspondence the Ambassador on  
two points had been somewhat involved. The

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Alberta,  
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Tribune and party buildings. When Mary asked me if I would make the collection appeal (a job not particularly desired) I decided to make a speech of it and throw in the two other matters. I know it left much to be desired but the point around which the big issue has been made was by no means a main point. The talk was calculated to uplift and call to action and by the applause the collection (\$22 from 23 people) and ~~winning~~ the motion, of pledge to build the Blairmore Club it achieved its aim. After the guests had departed Steve A. began to offer comradely constructive criticism which I could very well have accepted but it brought on a barrage from Mary and Bill calculated to slay me and which I have not yet heard the end of. I honestly don't think either of them would have noticed my blunder if Steve had not pointed it out but they both seem to have me apart as soon as they get an opening. I am convinced that Mary's

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Edmonton,  
Alberta.  
March 18th,  
1955.  
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- appeal (a job not particularly important) I decided  
to make a quick of it and then in the two  
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thing was made was by no means a  
main point. The talk was calculated to  
stimulate and lead to action and by the applause  
of the audience (from 23 people) and ~~many~~  
the speaker to sail the business  
and to remind its aim. After the  
meeting I went to the State A began to deliver  
a contribution to the discussion which I  
was not have accepted and I brought  
the large assembly and to a close. The  
meeting was very successful and the  
speaker was very well received.  
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main objection to that talk is the fact  
that it was too well accepted. However  
I learned long ago (in self defence) to look at  
life objectively and at people through a picture  
frame and with that perspective it is quite  
impossible to harbour any grudge or animosity.  
I am not trying to curry favour but neither  
do I want to be condemned without a fair trial.  
I know that Mary will continue her all  
out drive to discredit me and it couldn't  
matter less if it were not for the fact  
that it might injure our work. It  
depends on how seriously anyone might take it.  
I think most of the comrades here are  
disgusted with it.

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... from ... Blackie today  
... two weeks after the  
... then to ... for another  
... Sten ... to see him.  
... in the  
... I am keeping forty dollars

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Had a phone call from Blackie today  
he will be home in 10 weeks after the  
15th then to London for another  
month. I shall have to see him.  
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I am very disappointed in the  
way the situation is developing forty dollars

DOUGLAS M. BILLY  
[Signature]  
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ice in pipes.

Be it for a million days a week? it  
could likely do with some revising; we  
appreciate criticism.

...and the ...

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on ice in hopes.

Re - the poem "Five Days a week" it  
could likely do with some revising. Would  
appreciate criticism.

Steve A. gave me the clip and  
asked me to pass it on to you.

Sincerely

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Extract re: **L.P.P. COLEMAN**  
Source of Information: **ALTA**

**K1234**  
H.Q. File  
Date: 8-3-55

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(Documentary Evidence Re:) - **Alberta**

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Dear Ben:

Many thanks to both you and Dad  
for your efforts in trying to find a typewriter  
for me. I didn't really expect it but my  
conscience bothers me when I think of the  
problems in the path of already overworked  
comrades. However when and if I do have  
a typewriter I will try to make it pay off.

As for my writing ability I have written  
considerable in past years but only the  
article on the Ojibway Indians ever got to  
print. Whenever anything hits me but  
it usually bubbles over in the form of poems.  
Some of this was good, not on my say so  
but my Dad was a realist like you.  
A great thinker in Marxism and history.  
I will send a couple of poems as you  
judge for yourself. They may have some  
social significance but not much political.  
I often get the urge to write but when I  
pick up a pen I draw an abstract picture.  
Given an assignment I would do it with  
my best with it but not much.

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No: - K 1-24

*[Handwritten signatures and initials]*

Edwin C. Alberts,  
March 1938.  
New York.

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to also draw a blank on the subject of the  
crisis. Could you suggest something?

At our meeting Tuesday night I  
suggested a Tribune party or social in a  
private home since the hall is not available  
but everybody looked so weary I didn't have  
the heart to press it. So I'm afraid the Trib  
party has gone down the drain. The Slav  
exhibit comes on the 17<sup>th</sup> and that too will  
be a strenuous three days for many  
comrades so it goes they feel they deserve  
a greater rest now.

The Trainmore club is pretty well in the bag. Tony  
is quite optimistic about it and is trying to get  
a meeting together, likely tonight.

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Comradely yours

Forence

It is never more than a sorry to so utterly allow  
me to encourage the universal notion that a  
minor nation is to be brought down the  
dustiness of our provincial space.

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Alberta.  
March 8th,  
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HEADQUARTERSExtract re: *L.P.P. COLEMAN*  
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Jan 15 1955

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Dear Ben:

Kind enclosed a clipping from the Press Herald which certainly deserves an answer. We could not hold a meeting tonight as there is a meeting among the slave people in preparation for the exhibition. However Tony & Jeannette and Mary & Bill were over for a few minutes. It was from Tony I got the clipping. The club in Blairmore is an established fact. They are holding a meeting tomorrow night to elect officers.

While we have not been able to accomplish all tasks outlined such as the Lib affair it is obvious that our movement in the pass is beginning to breathe when the Legionaires are already beginning to complain about the smell of its breath (they just don't like fresh air).

...and the name of John Madison was expelled from the Legion because he admitted he was a Communist. (Blairmore I think)

...progressing fairly well

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Alberta.  
March 8th,  
1955.  
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I still feel that our foothold is very shaky because of the crying need for education. When you know of former party members being swayed by the Jehovah's witnesses and in visiting people either for collections or prospective members you run into so much pessimism it becomes glaringly obvious that we have a colossal educational problem on our hands. Everyone close to the party including former members are nursing a fear either of the opposition or of party work. Even in our own club it is almost impossible to get anyone to take an executive post and since Tony & Jeanette will now be busy in their own club it leaves only me on the executive here. However we will doubtless elect at least a chairman at our next meeting. The state of affairs I do not attribute to laziness. comrades have a fear & a lack which they do not quite understand. I think that what is needed here more than anything else is a regular party school such as my dad used to run and conducted way back when.

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Alberta.  
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I am keenly aware of my own limitations but I am not afraid of work or study and I believe I could handle this job. Not that I particularly want to, but it is so obviously necessary if the party throughout the east is to develop a solid backbone. Mary & Bill have apparently overcome some of their resentment of me but it would still not be wise for me to propose this project unless it were to come from you it would be acceptable to all the comrades. If you are in favour of it perhaps the plan could be formulated and launched on your next visit. The Provincial and National Party schools are undoubtedly the best but they are only ~~periodic~~ <sup>BEST COPY AVAILABLE</sup> occasional and there are so few who can find it possible to attend that it leaves the vast majority of our comrades still in the mire. If this school could be developed as a picture it would also serve as a great recruiting base as my last school certainly did.

I have told you that although we are facing a ~~very~~ <sup>very</sup> ~~great~~ <sup>great</sup> ~~need~~ <sup>need</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~get~~ <sup>get</sup> the

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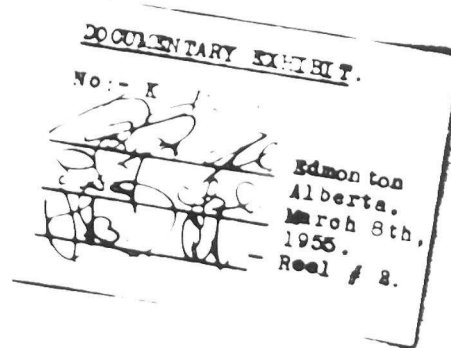
stock taking forms in before the meeting. The  
N.P.F. quota was accepted. We intend to send  
two delegates and all possible visitors to the  
convention. The financial situation is bad at present  
but we will discuss ways and means at our next  
meeting.

Please let me know your considered opinion.

Sincerely yours

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Development of the Juvenile  
Fund enclosed completed 1935 child  
legislation.  
The Campaign against German rearmament  
leaflets were distributed through  
the party cards were mailed to M.P.  
leaflets were distributed house to  
house. The letter was written by a comrade  
to J.H. Blackmore and a very worded  
but completely evasive reply was received.  
- Col. Blackmore has not yet given to  
the 5 members of the committee  
a satisfactory answer.  
The committee will meet  
next week to discuss the matter and  
will send a report to the  
executive committee.

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Dear Comrade Tuomi:

Find enclosed completed 1955 Club  
Registration.

Re Campaign against German rearmament  
890 peace leaflets were distributed through  
mail. 260 cards were mailed to M.P.  
1000 party leaflets were distributed house to  
house. one letter was written by a comrade  
to J. H. Blackmore and a very nicely worded  
but completely evasive reply was received.

All members have made the changeover to  
1955 membership cards and dues & assessments  
have all been accurately paid.

We will be holding another meeting next  
Tuesday evening after which I will be able to send  
in a report on party building and our participation  
in the following convention.

Comradely yours

Alvin K. Rice

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I have received the pictures &  
some time ago and am sorry  
it took some time. I was awaiting  
to get some of things here.  
As you know I was former  
chairman which left us  
without a chairman again, so  
yesterday we met at our place &  
elected Steve A. as the chairman  
which he accepted very reluctantly.  
They wanted to elect Bill as  
chairman but he declined on grounds  
that the other members could take  
the post & give him a chance to learn  
the truth of the matter is he  
doesn't want to be chairman  
because he would be working with  
Glo. & you know how we feel  
about that. I know its not a  
communist way of looking at it but  
we still feel that while there are  
some capable comrades they too  
should take it for a time. And  
Steve & Glo hit it off very well  
to gether.

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We also nominated our <sup>delegation</sup> for the convention. Steve A. & myself were elected to go and to tell you the truth I am scared to go. I've never been to anything like that with all the important people.

Could you please send some suggestions what to speak about & what we are supposed to do there if you have time.

The weather certainly is against us. I ~~surely~~ hope it warms up by then so that it would be possible to go by car.

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Dadit knew who will go from Blairmore we haven't seen them yet.

Things around here were sort of standing still except for 3 days. ~~my help~~ Sue & I helped the slave exhibit sure kept us busy then 1050 people came to see it, a lot of the high ups were down to see it. Sue to Bill Melnychuk <sup>quick</sup> thinking of how to get around them <sup>16575</sup>

He probably got in touch with the school principals & had the high school kids come down to see it & that way all the parents



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the school I have in mind it would  
I can gather it was quite successful  
well attended by all classes of people in  
Crow. one thousand fifty was the actual  
count. It was held in the folks hall and  
the Mayor attended and made a very nice  
talk. I was not there to hear him speak.  
Mary told me it was very good.

As for the school I have in mind it would  
naturally be based on Marxism and since  
the essence of Marxism is its practical  
application to concrete conditions I would  
begin by immersing myself in coal, every  
aspect of it, from our party coal policy to  
production facts & figures. I thoroughly  
Marxist <sup>presentation</sup> interpretation of the entire question  
might also stimulate more interest in the local  
unions. I am sure Sam English must have  
considerable material we could use re. Coal.

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 However I would not want the class to become a reading circle. We could not take chances with it becoming dull or wearisome. In that case it would just die. I know that the main task is to provoke and stimulate lively discussion while not allowing the issue under discussion to get sidetracked. I would set up a question box at each class and ask all attending to put in a question after the class on any subject such as: policy, party program & setups (democratic centralism) politics, Marxism etc. It would be my responsibility to provide answers at the following class but since answers are seldom "pat" much discussion should develop and the getting of answers would lead us into a wide variety of books. This in turn would stimulate home reading.

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I have no fear of opposition from progressive people outside of the clubs and am quite sure that I could get some of these to take part.

There may be people in the pass better qualified than myself to lead such a class but where are they? Perhaps my most outstanding qualification is enough.

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