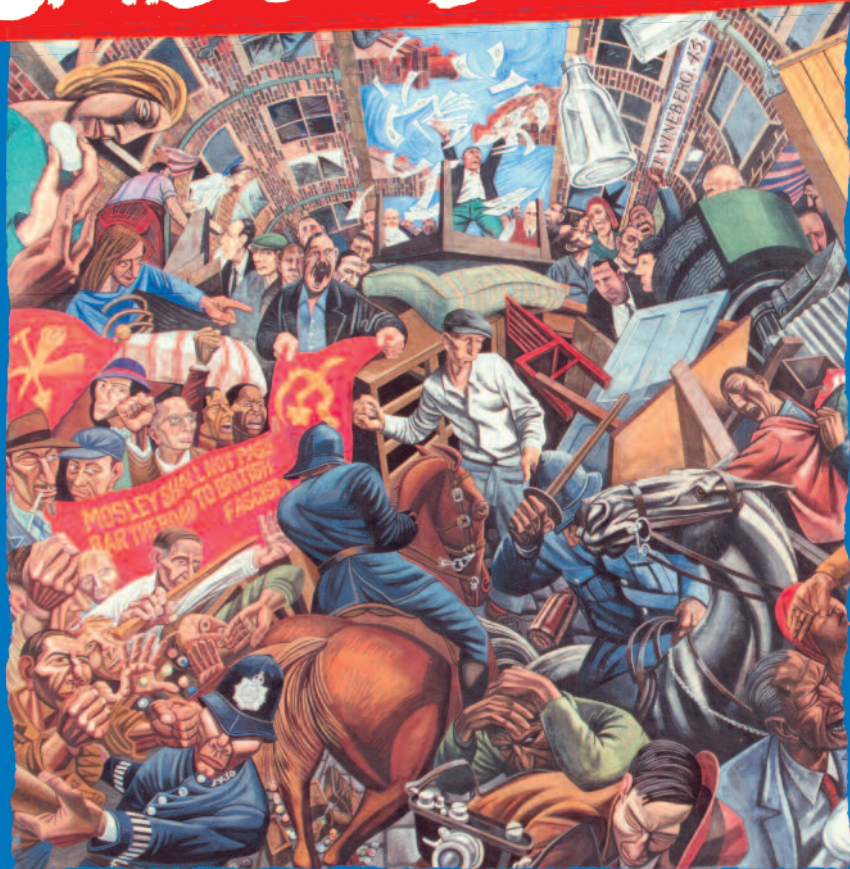


# 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of THE BATTLE OF

# CABLE STREET



Art created by David Thompson, Paul Blair, Desmond Hodson, Ray Walker. Photo courtesy of David Thompson

Sunday 2 October 2011 • 12 noon - 10 pm  
Wilton's Music Hall, Grace's Alley E1 8JB

Admission Free • [www.battleofcablestreet.org.uk](http://www.battleofcablestreet.org.uk)



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# Celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Sunday 2 October 2011 from 12noon to 10pm**  
**Wilton's Music Hall, Graces Alley E1 8JB**

020 7702 9555 [www.wiltons.org.uk](http://www.wiltons.org.uk)

Aldgate and Aldgate East tube, Shadwell Overground Station

A programme of events and exhibitions presented by the Cable Street Group and produced by Alternative Arts to celebrate and commemorate the Battle of Cable Street and the continuous struggle against racism, fascism and all forms of hate crime.

*Events inside Wilton's are free but the auditorium has a limited capacity and admission will be subject to availability. Donations gratefully received.*



## 12noon-6pm

**STALLS** all along Graces Alley by campaigning groups, local organisations and supporters with street theatre and music by **La Columna, The Lost Marbles, The Fairly Fresh Fish Co, Klezmania** and **The Cockney Awkestra**.



## 12noon-10pm

### PROTEST & SURVIVE

Exhibition specially commissioned by the Cable Street Group with photography documenting the actual Battle of Cable Street on 4 October 1936, posters from the Spanish Civil War, images by **Phil Maxwell** recording the past 25 years of protest against racial discrimination and portraits of the diverse communities of the East End today by documentary photographers **Mauro Bottaro, Kalin Coromina, Ned Dyke-Coomes, Zane Mellupe, Lydia Polzer, Ben Speck** and **Neil White**.

**Spanish Civil War posters** exhibited in the upper gallery at Wilton's are available from Christie Books – publisher and purveyor of anarchist culture, history and ideas. [www.christiebooks.com](http://www.christiebooks.com)



This exhibition was first shown at the 70th Anniversary celebrations on Sunday 8 October 2006.

'Protest and Survive' will be transferred from Wilton's to the **Tower Hamlets Local History Library** during October and exhibited as part of **Photomonth East London** – International Photography Festival. [www.photomonth.org](http://www.photomonth.org)



## 1pm

### GRAND UNION YOUTH ORCHESTRA OF EAST LONDON

Specially commissioned concert by a group of 30 diverse talented young musicians who play an amazing range of instruments under the leadership of Tony Haynes, director of the Grand Union Orchestra. Immersed in elements of music that span the globe this ensemble is outfitted with instruments from all cultures, blending Indian ragas and Turkish melodies with Latin rhythms and African drumming, a pinch of Jazz and European harmony. [www.grandunionyouth.org.uk](http://www.grandunionyouth.org.uk)

**THE CABLE STREET GROUP** has been working for over 25 years to keep alive the memory of the spirit that took people to the barricades in 1936. The Group has no source of funds, it is not aligned to any political party and has no office or salaried worker. We are just a group of people who think it is important to remind people today of the courage and fortitude of people in the past who fought against fascism and racism. We need to raise funds to support this event. If you can help **please donate at** [www.battleofcablestreet.org.uk](http://www.battleofcablestreet.org.uk)

# The Battle of Cable Street

3pm

**BOOK LAUNCH and Reception** attended by Cable Street veterans **Max Levitas, Beattie Orwell** and **Bill Fishman**

**Five Leaves** is publishing or republishing five books to celebrate the 75th Anniversary.

- **THE BATTLE OF CABLE STREET** Originally published by **The Cable Street Group** as a pamphlet, now being published as a small book.
- **OCTOBER DAY** A reprint of a long-forgotten novel by **Frank Griffin**, with a new introduction by **Andy Croft**, an expert on the literature of the period.
- **STREET OF TALL PEOPLE** by **Alan Gibbons**, a re-issue of the children's book aimed at 10-13 year olds.
- **BATTLE FOR THE EAST END** **David Rosenberg**'s new book on Jewish responses to home-grown fascism in the 1930s.
- **EVERYTHING HAPPENS IN CABLE STREET** A new title by local author **Roger Mills** bringing the history of Cable Street up to date and covering everything from the Maltese gangs of the 1950s to films based around Cable Street such as *To Sir, With Love* and *Tunde's Film*.

There will be readings and signings followed by a panel discussion about relevant literature of the 1930s and beyond. All the books will be on sale directly from the publisher and the authors present will be available to sign copies. [www.fiveleaves.co.uk](http://www.fiveleaves.co.uk)

4pm

**REBELS IN THE 1930s – working class writers** A panel discussion with **Andy Croft** author of *Red Letter Days*, **Ken Worpole** author of *Dockers and Detectives*, **Mary Joannou** author of *Ladies, Please Don't Smash These Windows: Women's Writing, Feminism and Social Change 1918-1938* and chaired by **Ross Bradshaw** of Five Leaves Publications.

5pm

**SONG & DANCE** With **Sandra Kerr, Leon Rosselson** and **Udichi Shilpi Gosthi**.



7pm

## SUNDAY NIGHT AT WILTON'S MUSIC HALL

The Cable Street Group proudly presents *'They Shall Not Pass'*

A star spangled evening presenting a great variety of performers in a show celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Cable Street

**BILLY BRAGG** ● **SHAPPI KHORSANDI** ● **MICHAEL ROSEN**  
**NINIA BENJAMIN** ● **IGNACIO LOZANO & JESUS OLMEDO,**  
**RAISED VOICES** ● **THE MEN THEY COULDN'T HANG** (acoustic)



### FILMS

On 2 October films about the Battle of Cable Street will be screened in the foyer of Wiltons.

**Stephen Matthews** of Opus Films will be showing a 10 minute excerpt from his historical documentary featuring living veterans from the 1936 Battle and **WORLDwrite** educational charity show a short film called *'The real Battle of Cable Street'* made with the magnificent mural as its backdrop. On 4 October there will be a special preview in the main auditorium of a new film *'From Cable Street to Brick Lane'* made by **Phil Maxwell** and **Hazuan Hashim**.



# And more events...

## BISHOPSGATE INSTITUTE

230 Bishopsgate EC2M 4QH  
020 7392 9200 [www.bishopsgate.org.uk](http://www.bishopsgate.org.uk)

**Saturday 1 October 11am**

**ANTI-FASCIST FOOTPRINTS: A walk through the 1930s East End from Gardiners Corner to Cable Street** Led by **David Rosenberg** this walking tour tells the story of the Battle of Cable Street which took place on 4 October 1936, 75 years ago. It explains how and why Sir Oswald Mosley's fascists targeted the East End and retraces the steps of the Jewish and non-Jewish people of the East End who joined forces to resist Mosley's attempt to set them against each other. Duration of walk approx 2 hours. Tickets £8/£6 concs. Booking essential.

**Wednesday 23 November 7.30pm**

**PROTEST AND RADICALISM in Bishopsgate Library**  
Library tour by **Stefan Dickers**. Free admission.  
Advance booking required.

**Tuesday 13 December 7.30pm**

**THE JEWISH EAST END in the Radical 1930s**  
Talk by **Rachel Lichtenstein** and **Ken Worpole**  
Tickets £8/£6 concs. Booking advisable.



Photo courtesy of Bishopsgate Institute



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## CABLE STREET 75

[www.cablestreet75.org.uk](http://www.cablestreet75.org.uk)

**Sunday 2 October**  
**THEY DID NOT PASS!**

75th Anniversary of the Battle of Cable Street.  
**March and Rally** Assemble 11.30am Aldgate East  
(junction of Braham Street and Leman Street)  
Rally 1pm in the recreation ground behind St George's  
Town Hall, Cable Street E1.

On 4 October 1936 the people of London's East End took to the streets and stopped Oswald Mosley's fascist Blackshirts from marching through its then largely Jewish district. Come and join the march and rally to remember that historic victory and to send a powerful message of unity against the forces of fascism, racism and anti-semitism today. Then celebrate our diversity at Wilton's Music Hall with a day of cultural activity.



Photo courtesy of the Cable Street Group

## HOUSMANS BOOKSHOP

5 Caledonian Road N1 9DX [www.housmans.com](http://www.housmans.com)

**Wednesday 5 October 7pm**

**CABLE STREET THEN and NOW** **David Rosenberg** (Jewish Socialist Group) author of *Battle For The East End* and **Roger Mills** (Cable Street Group) author of *Everything Happens in Cable Street* discuss their new books, just published by Five Leaves Publications, in the context of the current anniversary of the Battle of Cable Street. £3 on door, redeemable against purchases on the night.

## INTERNATIONAL BRIGADES MEMORIAL TRUST

[www.international-brigades.org.uk](http://www.international-brigades.org.uk)

Keeping alive the memory and spirit of the men and women who volunteered to defend democracy in Spain from 1936 to 1939.

**Friday 30 September**

**EDINBURGH TO CABLE STREET cycle ride 2011**

**The National Clarion Cycling Club 1895 (NCC)** start their ride on 19 September to mark the 75th anniversary of the International Brigades and the Battle of Cable Street. They will arrive in Cable Street at the IB memorial plaque on the wall of St George's Town Hall on Friday 30 September (at 5pm approx) at the start of activities in London including the IBMT's AGM and the commemoration of the Battle of Cable Street in which many future Brigaders took part, along with NCC members.

## THE CLARION

President of the National Cyclists' Union - Cycling Club (1895) (London based 1976)

December 2010

### CLARION CYCLISTS

They spread Socialism with every turn of the pedal. In 1894 the Clarion Cycling Club was the muscular front line of a political dream sweeping the world, giving new hope to millions.



*'They haven't gone away you know'*

Gerry Adams M.P.

## JEWISH MUSEUM continued

**Tuesday 18 October 7pm**

### **75 YEARS ON: The British Far Right Today**

Journalists James Montague (Sunday Times) Rebecca Taylor (Time Out) and Nick Lowles (Searchlight) discuss activism, nationalism and political memory. £10 inc free entry to galleries.

**Wednesday 26 October 7pm**

**THE REAR-VIEW MIRROR: Art and remembering** Public art often provokes hostility and, as in the case of the famous Cable Street mural, is often subject to attacks. This illustrated talk based on the exhibition about the mural at Studio 1:1 Gallery will reflect on these issues. £10 inc free entry to galleries.

**Thursday 27 October 7pm**

**GOODBYE BARCELONA** Set during the Spanish Civil War, this original musical by Judith Johnson and Karl Lewkowicz tells the story of Sam, who left London to join the International Brigades and fight Franco's Fascists. Staged reading with live music. Directed by Karen Rabinowitz. £15 inc free entry to the galleries.

## **MARX MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

37A Clerkenwell Green EC1R 0DU

020 7253 1485 [www.marx-memoriallibrary.org](http://www.marx-memoriallibrary.org)

Mon-Fri 11am-5pm

**26 September – 7 October**

**EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS** by International Brigader Clive Branson and his daughter Rosa Branson.

## **STUDIO 1:1**

57a Redchurch Street E2 7DJ 07952 986696

Wed-Sun 12noon-6pm

**15 September-2 October + 3 & 4 October**, the anniversary of the Battle. **RESTORING THE PAST: The Cable Street Mural Today**

The mural is a major piece of political public art, and allowing for periodic damage by the elements and political opponents, its completion effectively took fifteen years. The exhibition will chart this history, with preparatory drawings, photographs from the past and the present, and a commemorative booklet. Featuring the work of artists David Binnington who began the project in 1976 and Paul Butler, Desmond Rochfort and Ray Walker who completed it. Photography by David Hoffman.

## **WHITECHAPEL GALLERY**

77-82 Whitechapel High Street E1 7QX

[www.whitechapelgallery.org](http://www.whitechapelgallery.org)

020 7522 7888

**Sunday 9 October 3pm FREE**

### **THE BATTLE OF CABLE STREET MURAL**

Meet in the entrance to Shadwell Overground Station. To mark the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Cable Street, Whitechapel Gallery Archivist Gary Haines introduces the iconic *Cable Street Mural* painted on the west wall of St George's Town Hall, Cable Street E1 by artists David Binnington, Paul Butler, Desmond Rochfort and Ray Walker. Booking essential.

**Thursday 27 October 7pm FREE**

### **DISCUSSION IN THE SUDY STUDIO**

Paul Butler, one of the four artists who worked on the famous Cable Street mural which is currently being restored, discusses the work with Michael Keenan. Director of the Studio 1:1 Gallery, where Butler's preparatory sketches for the mural will be exhibited from 15 September to 4 October.







**NO PASARAN! From Cable Street to Spain** 7.30pm

Wilton's Music Hall, Graces Alley E1 8JB. An IBMT evening of poetry, music, drama and films.

**Saturday 1 October**  
**INTERNATIONAL BRIGADES**  
**MEMORIAL TRUST Annual General Meeting** at Unite the Union,  
 128 Theobalds Road WC1X 8TN.  
 More information from  
 secretary@international-brigades.org.uk  
 www.international-brigades.org.uk

**INTERNATIONAL BRIGADES 75th anniversary fund raising Gala** 7.30pm  
 New Red Lion Theatre, 271-273 City Road

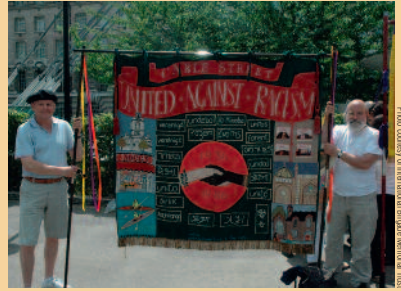


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EC1V 1LA with poet **Jackie Kay**, writer **Jeanette Winterson**, and featuring *Call Mr Robeson*, a one-man show from **Tayo Aliko** who dramatically revives the songs and speeches of the great Paul Robeson, one of the Spanish Republic's strongest supporters and inspirational anti-fascist. Plus special guests. Tickets with or without paella supper at [www.philosophyfootball.com](http://www.philosophyfootball.com)

**JEWISH EAST END CULTURAL SOCIETY (JEECS)**

[www.jeecs.org.uk](http://www.jeecs.org.uk)



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**Sunday 25 September 10.30am**  
**SEMINAR – The Battle of Cable Street and the International Brigade**

St George's Town Hall, Cable Street E1

**JEECS** will be commemorating the 75th anniversary of these two iconic events with a whole day of talks by well known historians including **Dr Cesarani** and **Richard Baxwell**. There will also be a screening of a documentary on the Battle of Cable Street commissioned by JEECS. £30 (£25 members of JEECS) includes beigel lunch. Booking recommended 07941 367882 or email [c.bettington@jeecs.org.uk](mailto:c.bettington@jeecs.org.uk)

**Sunday 2 October**

**WALK – The Battle of Cable Street** 2pm Tower Hill tube

**Clive Bettington** discusses the events of the iconic battle and whether some of the myths that have arisen are true. £10 (£8 mems of JEECS) Booking essential. 07941 367882 / [c.bettington@jeecs.org.uk](mailto:c.bettington@jeecs.org.uk)

**Tuesday 4 October**

**WALK – The Battle of Cable Street** 11am Tower Hill tube

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**JEWISH MUSEUM**

Raymond Burton House, 129-131 Albert Street, NW1 7NB  
 020 7284 7384 [www.jewishmuseum.org.uk](http://www.jewishmuseum.org.uk)



**Thursday 6 October 7pm**

**IMAGES OF RESISTANCE – 1936 in Film** An evening screening of *The Battle of Cable Street* and *No Pasaran* by Yoav Segal and *Madrid before Hanita* by Eran Torbina with Spain and Cable Street veterans + Q&A. £10 inc free entry to galleries.

**Sunday 9 October 11am**

**FAMILY WALK: How the East End was won** with tour guide David Rosenberg £15 for adult + child, £6 for any additional group member. Meeting point provided when booking.

**Monday 10 October 7pm**

**FIGHTING FOR A BETTER PAST: the story of Cable Street**  
 Join Professor Tony Kushner, Dr Nadia Valman and David Rosenberg in discussion about the place Cable Street has taken in our collective memory. Chaired by David Fieldman. Free with museum admission.

**Sunday 16 October 3pm**

**BERNARD KOPPS: Battle of Cable Street** In conversation with Ross Bradshaw of Five Leaves Publications. Kops will read from his short play and other works. Followed by Q&A. £10 including free entry to the galleries.

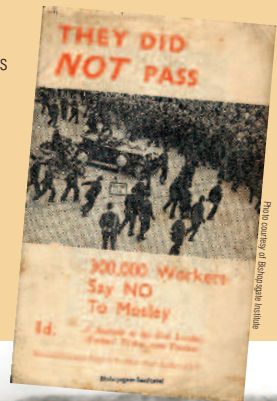


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**WILTON'S MUSIC HALL**

Graces Alley E1 8JB  
 www.wiltons.org.uk 020 7702 9555  
 Wilton's Music Hall is sandwiched between Cable Street and the little known Grace's Alley. From Friday 30 September to Tuesday 4 October the building will be alive with free concerts, recordings, screenings, exhibitions, performances and much more to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Cable Street on 4 October 1936. Please visit the website for more information.

**Friday 30 September 7.30pm  
 NO PASARAN! From Cable Street to Spain**

An International Brigades Memorial Trust presentation of drama, music, poetry and film about the Spanish Civil War.

**Saturday 1 October 7.30pm FREE**



**THE KREUTZER QUARTET  
 present '1936'**

Britten – Suite Op6, Varese – Density 2.15, Joseph Horowitz – Dybbuk Melody, Poulenc – Violin Sonata (in memoriam Lorca), Michael Alec Rose – New Work, Artur Lourie – Le Flute a travers le violin, Hindemith – Trauermusik (in memoriam George V)  
 1936 was a marked watershed in all the arts. Franco's militia executed Lorca, Charlie Chaplin released Modern Times', Margaret Mitchell's 'Gone with the Wind' won the Pulitzer Prize, and the Berg Violin Concerto was premiered in Barcelona. In London George V died, and the Crystal Palace burned down. This concert provides a frame for the Cable Street events at Wilton's – extraordinary music for extraordinary times.

Photo courtesy of International Brigades Memorial Trust

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 75th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF CABLE STREET**

12noon-10pm. Admission FREE.  
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**Tuesday 4 October 7.30pm FREE  
 FROM CABLE STREET TO BRICK LANE**



Special preview of a new film made by **Phil Maxwell** and **Hazuan Hashim**  
 An independent feature length documentary dealing with the fight against racism and fascism in the East End of London. The film explores how different communities came together in the 1930s, 1970s and 1990s to challenge racism and intolerance, focussing on two iconic East London Streets – Cable Street and Brick Lane.  
[www.cablestreettobricklane.co.uk](http://www.cablestreettobricklane.co.uk)



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**PHILOSOPHY FOOTBALL  
 CABLE STREET 75th ANNIVERSARY T-SHIRT**  
 Design based on the original 1936 street-sign.  
 Available from [www.philosophyfootball.com](http://www.philosophyfootball.com)

Film still: Phil Maxwell and Hazuan Hashim

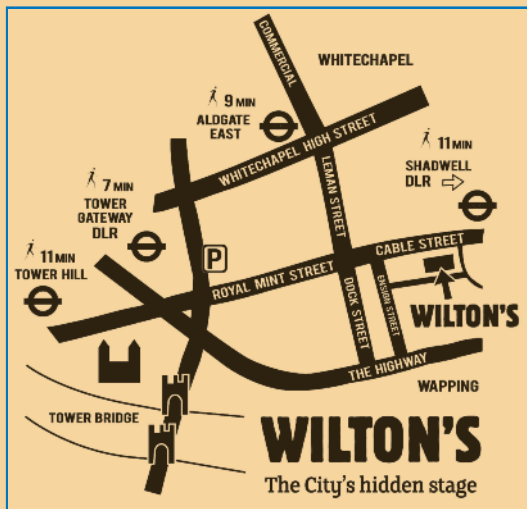
# Celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The Battle of Cable Street

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In 1936, fascism was gaining ground across Europe. In Britain, Sir Oswald Mosley had formed the British Union of Fascists (BUF) portraying Jewish people as the cause of the country's problems. East London had the largest Jewish population in Britain. Attacks on Jews were growing and people were feeling under threat. The announcement that Mosley and his Blackshirts were to march through the area on October the 4th was seen as provocation. A petition was signed and local politicians tried to have the march called off. At first, Jewish and political groups didn't want to get involved, but as a result of pressure from local people, it was agreed that the march must be stopped. On the day, up to 250,000 gathered to defend the East End. A fierce battle began with the police when they attempted to clear a path for the march. A barricade was erected to stop the Blackshirts entering Cable Street. People in their houses also took part, throwing eggs, milk bottles and the contents of chamber pots from windows, whilst at ground level, marbles were rolled under the police horses' hooves. It became obvious that the march could not proceed. Mosley was ordered to abandon his plans. The events of the day were a blow against fascism and helped stop the BUF gaining a foothold in Britain. In East London, there was dancing in the streets and tales soon began to be told in pubs and family living rooms about the victory that had been won.

The purpose of this event is to keep alive the spirit of the defenders of Cable Street. The principles of tolerance, respect and understanding that took the East Enders to the barricades in 1936 are just as important today.



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