WHEN YOU FINISH READING YOUR AFRO PASS IT ALONG TO A FRIEND

'FOR THIS ROBS HIM OF ALL EXCUSES'

Seggies can't fight against non-violence

DETROIT, Mich. — "Whether the white man admits it or not, he suffers more from non - violence than from any other kind of pressure, for this robs him of all his excuses."

"This is the plight of the white man when faced with the passive resistance civil rights drives by colored Americans, according to Joseph Ross, president of Federal Department Stores.

Mr. Ross made this analysis in his address to the National Newspapers Publishers Association luncheon meeting here last week.

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MR. ROSS explained that the non - violent technique leaves the white man defenseless because:

"This leaves him no escape hatch. This gives him no justification for his own acts of oppression. When the colored man fights the white man with bricks, bottles and rocks, the white man can fight back with physical weapons of his own; but when the colored man fights the white man's consciences with non - violence, the white man has no defense against it.

"He is paralyzed, no matter what he says or does. Even if he retreats to the privacy of his own home or the innermost recesses of his own personality, he has no defense against this appeal to his conscience.

"Even if he says his conscience is untouched by this, it IS touched. Governor Wallace and Governor Barnor Wallace are doomed men, for the more postures they strike, the more they rationalize, the more they betray the guilt of their own conscience."

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SAYING THAT "material gain" is involved in the fight for first - class citizenship, Mr. Ross declared that "underneath it, and far more significant, it is a struggle for individual human dignity.

"This factor of what the fight is really all about gives the colored American cause a spirituality and righteousness which permits a range of expression . . . that is irresistible.

"This same factor gives to the white behavior the dimensions of ambivalence, circuitous reasoning, even inhuman savagery, all of which produces a total impression of self-guilt.

"If the issue were only one of material gain, the colored American could never win his fight with non - violent action and demonstration.

"It is because the issue is one of personal dignity that non - violent action becomes an overwhelming technique for it places the white man not only at war with the colored man but at war with his own conscience, and this puts him in an intolerable position.

"It is the moral strength of the cause, even more than the nature of the technique itself, which makes non-violent action effective."

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WIDELY - READ in the works of both white and colored writers, Mr. Ross indicated his understanding of the American race problem when he said:

"An so, in this unique revolution which we are witnessing, the colored American has met the invisibility imposed upon him by American society with a technique of his own to assert his visibility upon the consciousness of the rest of the nation; the peaceful non - violent demonstration:

"This technique is unique in the history of human society for, in fighting back this way, the colored man pays the white man the supreme tribute.

"He argues with the white man in terms of the white man's human beingness.

"He says, in effect, 'I know you have a conscience.'

"He says, in effect, 'I do not want to harm you. I just want you to see, see what my problem is.'"

MR. ROSS also had an answer for critics of the movement who attacked the use of children in demonstrations. He told the publishers:

"When the little colored children, in their nicely - starched church dresses, are marched out of the Birmingham church onto the street manned by the policemen and their snarling dogs, the colored man is saying, in effect, 'forget about me, but how can you do this to these children? What is their crime? Is this to be their lot, too?

"And when these children get whisked up into the paddy wagon to be sent to jail, the white man is saying, 'you have no right to try to persuade me in this way. You have no right to remind me of these things. You have no right to talk to me of the hurricanes and the volcanoes and the earthquakes which have been visited upon you. You are not ready yet for a life with no hurricanes and no volcanoes and no earthquakes.'"

Mr. Ross said that the white opponents are saying, in effect, "You are not ready yet, and neither are your children. You have no legal right to disturb me in this way and to put these problems within the visibility of my conscience."

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THE DEPARTMENT store executive continued:

"And when Governor Sanford of North Carolina says he will talk to colored persons but there must be a truce on peaceful demonstrations, he is saying, in effect, 'I will talk to you, but for God's sake, don't remind me of what is going on around here. It is bad enough without you reminding me.

"What the white people cannot stand about peaceful non-violent demonstrations is the turn - the - other - cheek reminder the colored man provides of the white man's guilt."

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MR. ROSS CLOSED his address by saying:

"The true struggle which is occurring in America is not between the white man and the colored man but between the white man and his own conscience.

"It is within the hearts of people and not on the pavements of cities that the struggle will finally be resolved.

"Whether there is violence or non - violence, the forces afoot are irresistible. The colored man has not been appeased by what has been done for him in the past.

"The gains he has been given have only strengthened him in his resolve to gain more.

"What we are witnessing is a revolution.

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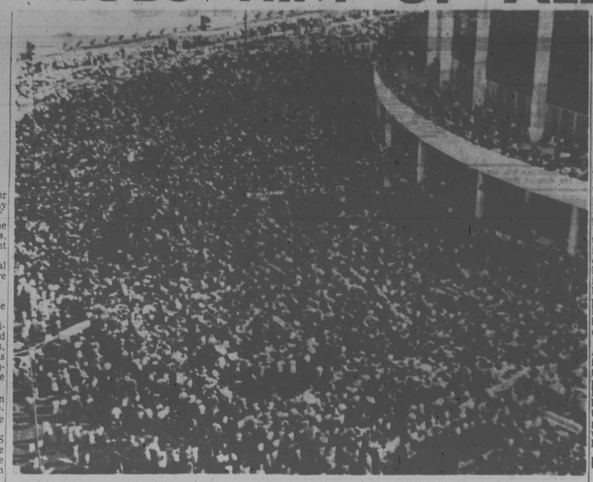
"THE COLORED American will win his revolution because he is a citizen of this country as much as I am.

"He will win it because it is the soul of America which is at stake, because there is something in America which beckons us to give this victory to him . . . ."



100,00 AGAINST JIM CROW—This is what 100,000 men, women and children look like whne they assemble for a "Walk to Freedom" protest against discrimination. The scene is in front of Detroit's Cobo Hall and Arena where the throng heard Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. preach segregation's funeral.

derway in strife - torn Albany, Ga.

Reference here is made to those two dedicated Philadelphia souls whose work is well known in the rights field, Prathia Hall and Joyce Barrett.

Joyce happens to be white, and Prathia happens to be colored, and the simple fact that they are tighting together, with others of both races, for the rights of downtrodden in a far - off place like Albany, Georgia should be enough to stir the consciences of thousands of Philadelphians.

That they care enough to work together for the Big Cause in Georgia in itself deserves the highest accolade reserved for freedom fighters.

Regular AFRO readers no doubt recall Prathia's personal difficulties in Albany in October, 1962, when she was injured by a bullet while participating in a vote registration campaign, and they will never forget Joyce's experience in December, 1961 when she spent a brief period in jail while working with others to desegregate Maryland public eating places.

Right now the two girls, along with others, are going through "a living hell" in Albany, but little news about it is coming out of Albany because, Prathia advises, the city's police chief, Capt. Laurie Pritchett, has clamped a blackout on news of events going on there. Again the group is making an effort to increase vote registration in Albany, and according to Prathia, who talked with us via phone the other day, the police are making false arrests, halting their activities on any trumped - up pretense and in general making things miserable for the freedom fighters led by Slater King.

In addition to Capt. Pritchett, Mayor Asa Kelly of Albany is behind the "news blackout." The best way to fight this situation from this end Prathia suggests, is for those interested, and we hope there are many to apply pressure to Washington (the White House and the Justice Department) and to the Philadelphia area, in particularly, and Pennsylvania congressmen in general, to do something about it. We agree with Prathia and we hope you get those wires off immediately. Just to make it emphatic, why not also send one to Mayor Asa Kelly in Albany telling him how you feel.

Lawnside excited over new sewer system

This may be difficult to understand in some quarters, as most modern - day towns, cities and boroughs are founded with modern conveniences as part and parcel of their facilities, but in nearby Lawnside, New Jersey, the borough's populace is overjoyed and excited over last week's ground - breaking for a new sewer disposal plant.

Construction of the plant is seen as a turning point in Lawnside's growth and bid for new business and new residents.

Besides this, the joy in Lawnside stems from the fact that approval of the erection of the sanitary sewer system came only after a real rough and tumble political battle several weeks ago. In the end, Mayor Hilliard T. Moore and the citizens won. That is how it should be. In the end, the people always win, notwithstanding stubborn politicians.

As the story goes, Lawnside was threatened with loss of $435,000 in Federal funds to aid in construction of the sewer plant when a trio of city councilmen, perpetuating a feud with the Mayor, declined to attend the meeting at which final disposition or loss of the funds had to be made. Their failure to attend would have prevented a quorum, and therehy made any action taken illegal.

When the citizens found this out, they threatened to recall the three Lawnside councilmen involved, prepared for a march on their homes and called their actions "shameful." Finally they moved the three councilmen, and the acceptance of the federal grant was approved along with a bond issue to provide the balance of the cost.

Lawnside was peaceful again. Now they eagerly await the completion of construction.

ART CARTER'S

FROM the BENCH

Win or lose in Chicago, Moore gains

PHILADELPHIA — Whatever happens in the case against Cecil B. Moore in Chicago this week, it is going to have significant repercussions in Philadelphia.

Make no mistake about this. As you know Moore is the militant, controversial yet vigorous and dedicated president of the Philadelphia Branch NAACP. In recent weeks he has been under fire for making alleged anti-Semitic remarks in an interview with a Pennsylvania political paper, a charge which he promptly and properly denied. Nonetheless the chairman, Bishop Stephen Gill Spottswood, saw fit to write Moore for "an explanation," and, according to published reports has scheduled discussion of the situation as an item on the board of directors' agenda in Chicago where the NAACP is holding its annual convention.

MR. MOORE

The last time a local NAACP chapter president was rebuked by the national organization, the local president was accused of threatening violence which, of course, was in direct opposition to the NAACP's program of peaceful protest and court litigation. That president, of course, was Robert Williams, of Monroe, North Carolina, who became involved in a disturbance in Monroe which resulted in his leaving the country for refuge in Cuba. He was accused of a kidnap charge which he has repeatedly denied.

It is not necessary to say that the charges against Mr. Moore are by any means in the category that the charges Mr. Williams faced and there is no attempt here to put the cases into any degree of similarity. Yet the Philadelphia situation merits discussion because Mr. Moore, a newcomer in the top local NAACP post, seems to have captivated the interest and backing of the masses in the Philadelphia area.

His approach to the problem may not be all that is desired by some more conservative elements in the NAACP ranks and he most certainly does not say the things people like to hear. Yet, he seems to have the flair for the dramatic, the politician's push to get things done, and a willingness and readiness to fight for the underdog. In doing this, he naturally runs into a brick wall when he encounters those who would like to see things stay status quo, or who are fond of making promises for tomorrow — a tomorrow which has not come for 100 years.

Thus when he demands that we want jobs NOW, we want an end to discrimination wherever it is found TODAY, not next week, Mr. Moore carries the support of those who have suffered daily under the hammer and now envision a bright new day, in the cafes, at the bars, on the corners, in the churches and most anywhere around town you can hear the little people saying "I'm for Moore."

By the time you read this, the NAACP doubtless will have made a decision in the case, but, as a stranger to the city, it seems to me that whatever the decision is Mr. Moore will be the winner.

News blackout in Albany, Georgia

Highest congratulations and sympathy from all Philadelphians interested in and concerned with the current civil rights movement went this week to two young women who are in the midst of the titantic struggle for rights un-

'Mix or lose $$,' Philly firms told

PHILADELPHIA — Three firms with contracts totaling $685,000 must hire colored workers or have contracts terminated and be barred from city work.

The ultimatum was handed down by Manager Director Fred P. Corleto last week.

His directive came after a 55-hour sit-in by CORE at the Human Relations Commission and his office.

In handing down the decision, Mr. Corleto acted in the absence of the vacationing Mayor James H. J. Tate. His action was recommended by the Human Relations Commission.

A Commission investigation had proved that the two firms had established a pattern of discriminatory hiring of plumbers and sheet-metal steamfitters.

These workmen had been gotten from union locals.

Glad of the victory, CORE chief Louis B. Smith said: "We're all anxious to get something to eat, to get home and get to bed."

He said that because the city barred delivery of food shortly after the demonstration started, some of the sit-inners had not eaten in two days.

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STUDENT BITTEN BY K-9 DOG FREED

A 14 - year - old 10th grade student who was bitten by a K - 9 Corps dog June 19, was freed of delinquency charges Wednesday by Master John F. O'Grady.

Master O'Grady ruled that "there is no basis for the mony from Patrolman Philip charge" after hearing testi- Karcesky, the youth, and Mrs. Margaret Woods, a beautician, who was an eyewitness of the incident at Lafayette Ave. and Bentalou St.

The officer testified his dog attacked the teenager after he (the youth) "stood his ground and refused to move when ordered to."

Karcesky said he was assigned to Calverton Heights Junior High on the day school closed at the request of the principal, Harry R. Parker.

He claimed there were several gang fights when students were leaving the school after picking up their report cards.

Karcesky testified he received a call over the radio that a crowd of the students were fighting at the intersection of Lafayette Ave. and Bentalou St.

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UPON ARRIVAL he claimed that he saw "25 to 30" students engaged in a fight.

The officer told the Juvenile Court Master that he first made a u - turn and got out of his wagon and ordered the crowd to disperse.

When several teenagers, including the victim of the biting, "stood their ground" and refused to move when ordered, Karcesky said he returned to the wagon and got the dog.

The youth was bitten in his side when the dog "lunged," according the officer, who said he transported the victim to Lutheran Hospital for treamen.

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THIS VERSION was disputed by the student and a key witness, Mrs. Woods, who testified she "saw everything and heard every word he (the policeman) said."

Mrs. Woods, who lives in the 2500 block Edmondson Ave., said she was in her beauty shop door at the intersection of Bentalou and Lafayette. She testified:

"There was a group of children following two little girls who were arguing, they were not fighting.

"When the officer's station wagon appeared, they ran over the bridge, under the bridge, around the corner and everywhere."

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THE YOUTH, who had his mother's permission to go to Calverton with a friend who had a broken arm, said he did not run "because I had not done anything."

Under questioning from his attorney Paul C. Wolman Jr., the teenager told Master O'Grady:

"My mother told me that to run when a policeman appears is to admit guilt and since I had done nothing, I had no reason to run."

He said the officer did not ask him or his friend to move.

Disputing Karcesky's claim that he first ordered them to move before getting the dog, the teenager testified:

"He (the officer) drove up, opened the door of the wagon and got the dog and said 'Get 'em!'"

The animal leaped on him, the student said, and bit him in the side as he raised his arms in an effort to avoid the dog's fangs.

CORROBORATING the youngster's testimony, Mrs. Woods said the officer jumped out of the wagon, let the dog out and didn't bother to take the leash. This was contrary to Karcesky's testimony. He claimed he held the leash in his left hand at all times.

"He let the dog out and told him to 'Get 'em,' and did not attempt to pick up the leash when the dog jumped out of the car," Mrs. Woods declared.

Mrs. Woods said the youth and his companion were not with the crowd of students who were following the argument and were standing near a store when the dog attacked.

The youngster said when his companion tried to explain to the officer they were not with the gang, he was old by Karcesky:

"Get the hell away from here and go home."

THE STUDENT'S mother, Mrs. Marie Hinton, 700 block N. Fulton Ave., a school crossing guard for nine years, said she had to sign for her son to be given a tetanus shot for protection against rabies, and was sent a $7 bill by Lutheran Hospital.

Of the nearly 15 witnesses — character and evidence — who appeared for the hearing, only three were heard before Master O'Grady ended the hearing.

Include were the Rev. Willard Clayton, Mrs. Marian Banfield and Troy Brailey.

Mrs. Banfield later described the incident as "disgraceful."

"I've known that child all his life and have known his mother for years. He is a student of superior intelligence," she added.

Will S. Baltimore school shift continue a jim-crow pattern?

By RALPH MATTHEWS, Jr.

Is the Department of Education playing a game of racial checkers with South Baltimore schools?

Some parents of Harvey Johnson Junior High School and Elementary School 162 feel this is the case —that their children are being shunted around to preserve segregation in this volatile community of lower - income white and colored families.

This is the gist of their complaints as given the AFRO.

Three schools in the same neighborhood:

1. Harvey Johnson Junior High No. 106 at Hill St. and Sharp, with an all - colored enrollment.

2. General Henry Lee Junior High No. 72, at Hanover and Lee Sts., predominately white, token integration.

3. Josiah Diggs Elemenary School No. 162 at Barre Wanner and Lee Sts., an all-colored elementary school.

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THE INTENT OF the Department of Education is to combine the colored junior high school with the colored elementary school and preserve the predominately white junior high school.

In shifting the bulk of the Harvey Johnson pupils to the building now housing the elementary School No. 162 six blocks away, the nearly white junior high school contend parents will continue as a "white" school and the continuing racial segregation inherent in Harvey Johnson and School No. 162 is sustained.

"No explanation as to why "under - strength" Harvey Johnson is not integrated has been forthcoming from the school officials.

Why it is necessary to combine older students with little children in one building is not explained either.

Parents suspect that race is the motivating factor in this transfer of an entire junior high school to another building.

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SAID ONE baffled South Baltimore parent: "All I can see is that Mr. Earl Turner, the Harvey Johnson principal, will be moving to half of a new building with a bright office which may please him but won't ease my mind as to school people maintaining a racial status quo."

Will opposition to the school switch mount among parents as has been the case in Northeast Baltimore where parents at School No. 85 have served notice on the Department of Education to end five years of part -time there or face drastic action?

Said a community worker: "This is a forgotten community, there is a lack of leadership here, white or colored. If the NAACP or CORE would step in and help lift up these people then such deals as the Harvey Johnson shift can be nipped before they begin."

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4th District gerrymander under attack

State Senator Verda F. Welcome and Councilman Henry G. Parks Jr. of the Fourth District, issued a joint statement today, appealing for the elimination of the present gerrymander while redrawing the lines for the new Congressional districts.

They stated that the present Fourth Congressional District with its very odd buttonhook shape should be corrected. They emphasized that the first step should be to remove the gerrymander, and after the correction of this historic mistake, high-minded principles of redistricting should be considered as if the district had original been properly drawn.

It was noted by Senator Welcome and Councilman Parks that principles recently outlined by Dr. Harry Bard indicated, that the uniqueness and distinctiveness of districts should be preserved and that the dividing points between districts should be natural.

They claim that, where feasible, groups with similar backgrounds and interests should be placed in the Fourth Congressional District. They further claim that since the present district was designed to and did divide the colored vote, it is proper to consolidate the vote, under the principles enunciated.

Senator Welcome and Councilman Parks, with a committee, will meet to draw up a plan to present to other political leaders and submit same for the Fourth Congressional District.

Mystery shrouds shooting

No motive had been determined Thursday for the fatal shooting of a 43-year-old poolroom attendant Tuesday night in the 1900 block Greenmount Ave., according to police.

Police were looking for a suspect in connection with the murder. At the rooming house where he lived it was reported he had not been there for several weeks.

Dead is Robert Lee Barnes, 1700 block W. Lexington St., who witnesses said was standing near the front door of the poolroom when it opened and a man fired several shots then fled.

Mr. Barnes, whose body is still unclaimed at the City Morgue, was pronounced dead on arrival at Union Memorial Hospital.

Because of the lack of a motive, police admit the shooting presents somewhat of a mystery.

Capt. Joseph A. Mahrer, Northeastern District commander said Thursday that the witnesses of the shooting were unable to supply an description of the assassin.

JFK honors Dr. Bunche, Miss Anderson, 29 others

President John F. Kennedy announced Independence Day that Miss Marian Anderson and U. N. Under Secretary Ralph J. Bunche are among 31 new recipients of the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

The medal, the highest civilian honor in peacetime, is awarded to those persons "Who have made an especially meritorious contribution to the security or national interests of the U.S. or world peace, or cultural or other significant public or private endeavors."

Prior to yesterday's awards, only 24 persons held the medal. The honor came into existence in 1945 through an Executive Order signed by President Truman.

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IN ANNOUNCING the names of those honored, the President said:

"The varied and distinguished careers of those selected to receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom amply demonstrate freedom's rich resources of men and women endowed with creative capacity and dedicated to the highest standards of humane achievement. . . ."

A magnificent American concert singer, Miss Anderson has "liberally contributed her talents to promoting peace and goodwill for the United States." For her efforts she has been honored here and abroad.

Dr. Bunche has been described as the great "keeper of the peace." His labor has earned him an international reputation.

A graduate of UCLA, Dr. Bunche received his MA and Ph D. degrees from Harvard. From his start as a mediator in Palestine, to his 1960 tour of duty in the Congo, the U.N. Under Secretary has been in the forefront of the peace effort.

Others selected to receive the Presidential Medal to Freedom are:

Ellsworth Bunker, Diplomat, (Putney, Vermont).

Pablo Casals, cellist and conductor, (San Juan, Puerto Rico).

Genevieve Caulfield, teacher of the blind, (Bangkok, Thailand).

James B. Conant, scientist, educator, diplomat, (New York, N.Y.).

James B. Carey, labor leader, (Reserve, Louisiana).

George and Joseph Cotten, athletic coaches and coach, (New Haven, Conn.).

Edwin H. Land, inventor and industrial executive, (Cambridge, Mass.).

Herbert H. Lehman, former Governor of New York and Senator, (New York, N.Y.).

Robert A. Lovett, former Secretary of Defense, (Locust Valley, L.I., N.Y.).

John J. Clifford MacDonald, humanitarian and civic leader, (Tampa, Fla.).

John J. McCloy, lawyer, diplomat and banker, (New York, N.Y.).

George Meany, president, AFL-CIO, (Washington, D.C.).

Alexander Meiklejohn, educator and author, (Berkeley, Calif.).

Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, architect, (Chicago, Ill.).

Jean Monnet, statesman, (Paris, France).

Luis Munoz - Marin, Governor of Puerto Rico, (San Juan, Puerto Rico).

Clarence B. Randall, industrialist and government advisor, (Chicago, Ill.).

Rudolph Serkin, pianist and Director, Marlboro Festival, (Brattleboro, Vt.).

Edward Steichen, photographer, (Bridgefield, Conn.).

George W. Taylor, arbitrator and professor of industrial relations, (Philadelphia, Pa.).

Alan T. Waterman, former Director of the National Science Foundation, (Washington, D.C.).

Mark S. Watson, author and journalist, (Baltimore, Md.).

Anne D. Wauneka, health worker, (Fort Defiance, Ariz.).

Roy Wilkins, author and editor, (New Rochelle, N.Y.).

Tennessee Williams, playwright, (Key West, Fla.).

Edmund Wilson, critic and author, (Talcottville, Conn.).

Jerome B. Wiesner, scientist and educator, (Lexington, Mass.).

Robert Penn Warren, poet and novelist, (Fairfield, Conn.).

Andrew J. Wellington, Mayor of Erie, (Erie, Pa.).

Public barred in cleric case

LOS ANGELES (ANP) — Atty. George Vaughn, counsel for Rev. T. M. Chambers Jr., last week requested a closed hearing for the pastor of New Greater Harvest Baptist Church and three other defendants on two morals charges.

The public and reporters were barred from the hearings in the court of Municipal Judge Kenneth L. Holiday, which is said to include revealing tape recordings of conversations between the defendants.

Captain Boone in Vietnam

Captain Howard Boone, a native Baltimorean, was among 110 army officers to complete the ordnance officer career course, recently, at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Captain Howard Boone, a of Dunbar High School and Virginia's Hampton Institute, will be assigned to MAAG, in Vietnam.

Lt. Gen. John P. Daley, commanding general of the U.S. Army Combat Developments Command, gave the address.

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