

# Erie DA Raps Part Of New Penal Law

Buffalo—Michael F. Dillon, the Erie County District Attorney, has attacked a section of the new penal law, which drew both criticism and support during a Senate Code Committee hearing yesterday.

Dillon called for revision of the section that prevents a policeman, in some instances, from using a weapon in making an arrest. To minimize its adverse effects on the policeman performing his duties, amendment of the section was essential, he said.

**THE HEARING**, involving sections that restrict the use of deadly force by persons defending themselves or their property and by policemen in subduing suspects, voiced the opinions of more than 25 persons.

Richard Bolton, state police counsel, supported the revision, saying that state police in the last three years have arrested more than 15,000 felons and that troopers have shot only five individuals in making those arrests. The new law would have permitted each of those shootings, he said.

Although he did not discuss the law directly, Mayor Frank A. Sedita suggested the Civil Service system be revised to permit faster appointment of qualified policemen.

**HE ASKED** that the State Legislature change the maximum age for beginning policemen to 31 from 29 and that state aid be provided for community public safety, like state aid to education.

The entire section of the law

needed revision, District Attorney John C. Little, Jr., of Monroe County claimed, while reasserting the mayor's points.

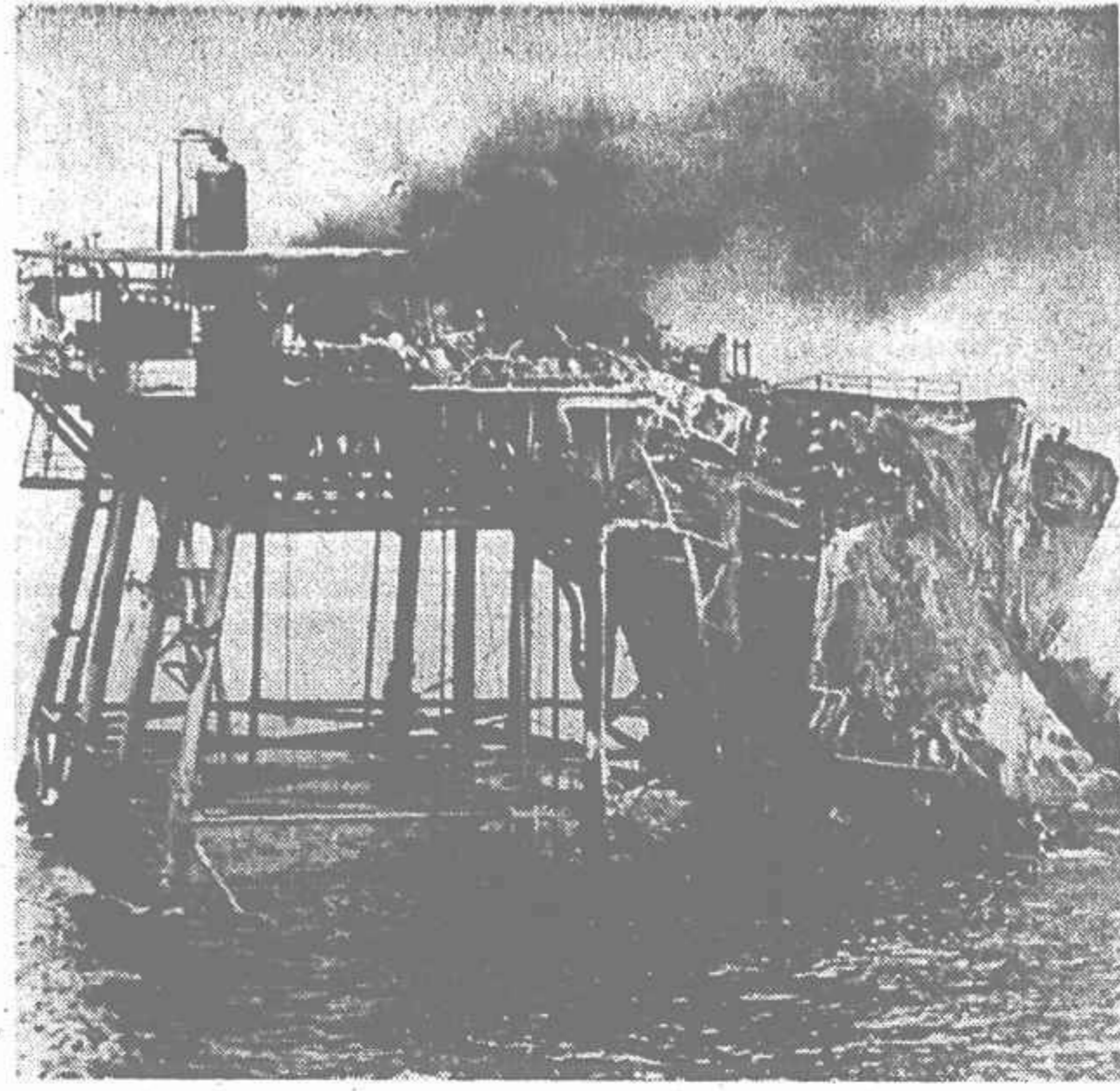
Prof. Travis Lewin of the Syracuse University Law School supported the law, calling it a common sense measure in accord with modern morality. He said it was a modern social necessity, asserting that the police can use deadly physical force to protect their own lives and the lives of others.

A great influx of prostitutes coming from Detroit, Ohio and Canada into the Buffalo area has resulted from the new law, Judge Joseph A. Sedita maintained.

The 15-day maximum sentence for convicted prostitutes allowed by the present law, should be amended by the Legislature to include a jail sentence of six months, he said.

## HST, Ike Head Unit

Washington — (UPI) — Two old army veterans, Maj. Harry S. Truman and Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, have agreed to head the American Legion's 50th anniversary committee of one hundred. The committee will act in an advisory capacity to help the Legion celebrate its golden anniversary, starting next September.



**BURNING RIG CRUMBLES**—An oil rig 16 miles off the shore of Grand Isle, La., exploded and burned today. Eight crew members on the platform leaped to avoid injury and are being treated for shock.

## Ol' Br'er Rabbit Robs Banks Nowadays

Macon, Ga. — Two young Macon boys who set a trap for rabbits in a rural area near Macon returned last night to check it.

They found no snared rabbits

but spotted something down the rabbit hole. It was a dollar bill.

The two brothers, Robert Singleton, 13, and Eugene, 12, then cleared away some underbrush, reached into the hole and pulled

up a paper bag containing \$20,618, the Federal Bureau of Investigation said.

The money was part of approximately \$66,000 stolen Oct. 12 from a Macon bank, the FBI said.

# 300 Writers Refuse to Pay Taxes for Vietnam War Use

New York—(UPI)—More than 300 writers and editors, including novelist Norman Mailer and pediatrician Benjamin Spock, told the Federal Government yesterday they would not pay taxes used to finance the war in Vietnam.

Quoting American essayist Henry David Thoreau's "civil disobedience," the petition said the writers would not pay the proposed 10 per cent tax surcharge, and some would refuse to pay the 23 per cent of their current income taxes earmarked for the Vietnam war.

They also said they would not pay any further tax increase designated for war purposes.

Thoreau's essay, published in 1849 just after the Mexican War, is called his most famous. "If a thousand men were not to pay their tax bills this year, that would not be a violent and bloody measure, as it would be to pay them and enable the state to commit violence and shed innocent blood," Thoreau wrote.

In their petition the writers said they believed American involvement in the war "morally wrong."

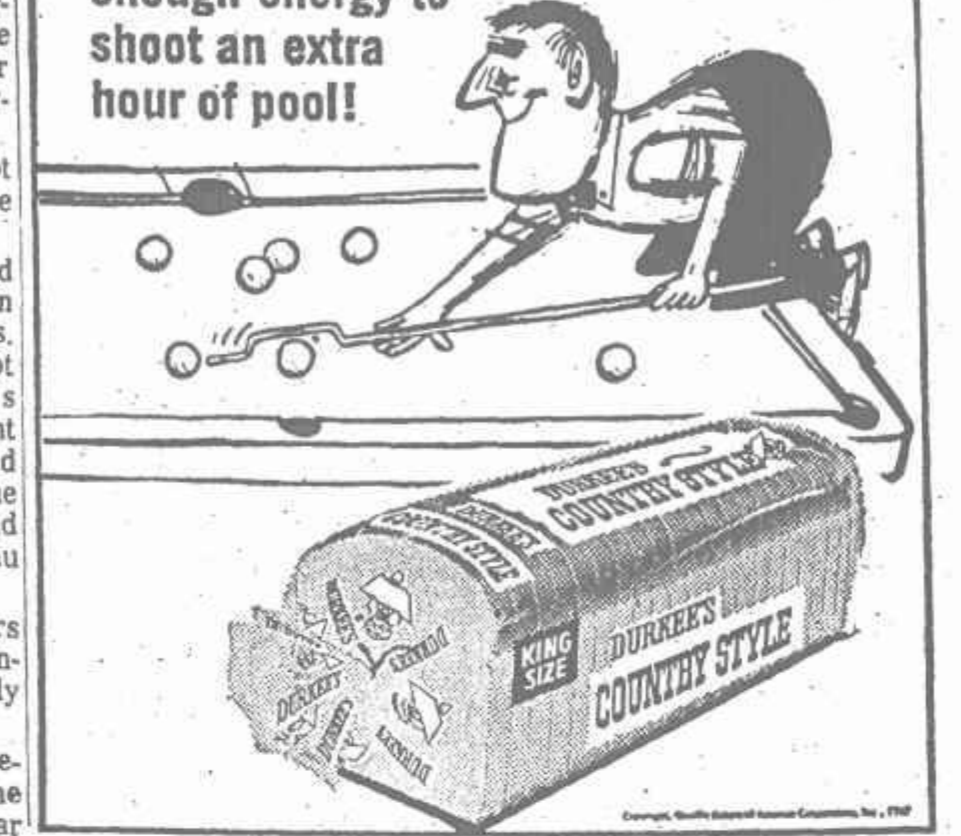
They said they understand refusal to pay federal income taxes is punishable by one year

imprisonment or a \$10,000 fine or both.

Other signers were Eric Bentley, professor of dramatic literature at Columbia University, art critic Dore Ashton, protest organizer David Dellinger, poet

Lawrence Ferlinghetti, magazine publisher Ralph Ginzburg, novelist Harvey Swados, socialist Norman Thomas, playwright Jack Gelber and playwright Herbert Blau.

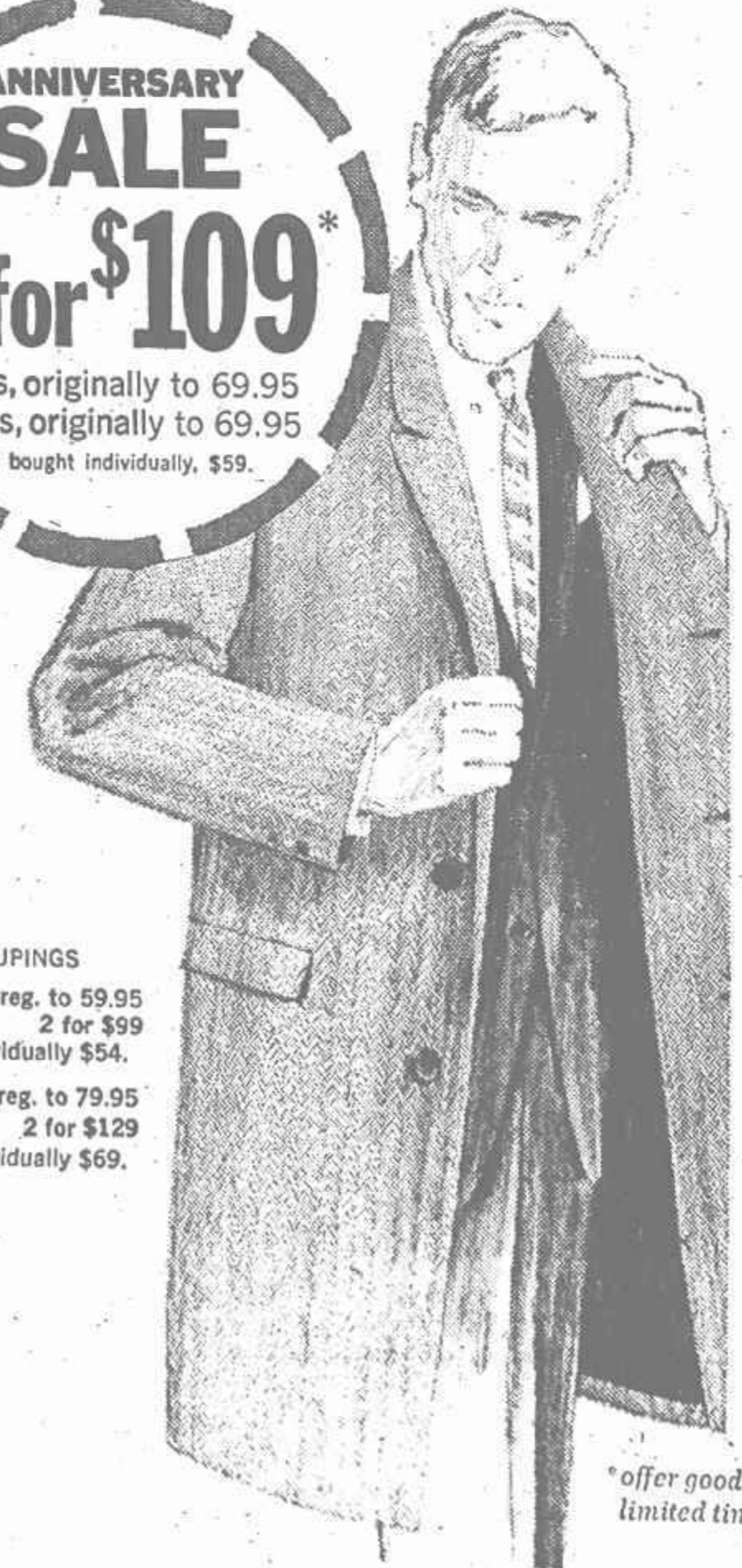
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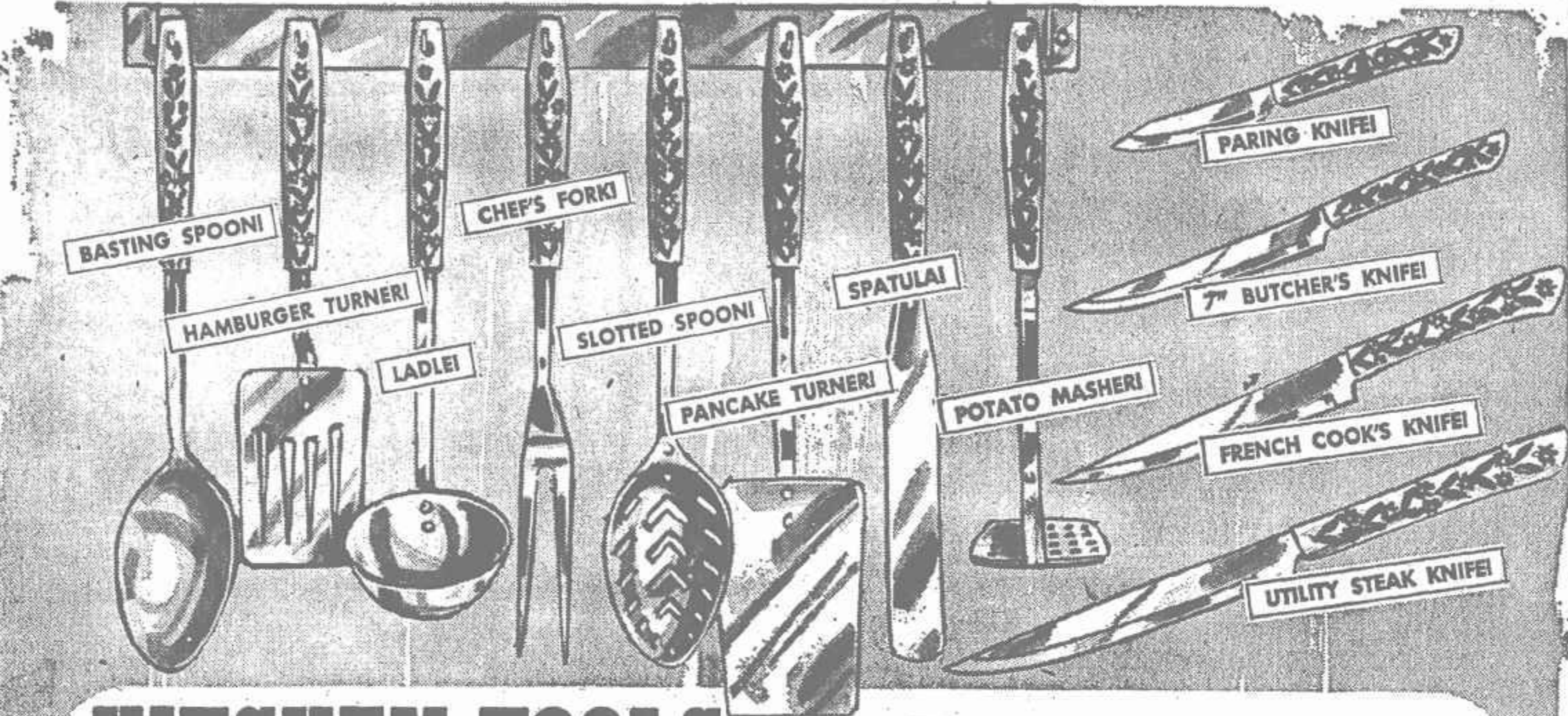
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