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Highlichts on the Whittier Demonstration

Over 100 friends found seats in the Greek Amphitheatre at Whittier College the evening of August 6th, and watched a demonstration dinner program of the Toastmasters.

The tables and decorations caused Paul Demarce and Art Johnson a lot of work. The flowers were contributed and arranged by various wives of the assembled T.M's.

The presiding officer J.Clark Chamberlain was flanked by Toastmaster Clarence Marshall and Dr. Walter Dexter, President of Whittier, while speakers were ranged about the table over which were brilliant lights. The audience had a good view of the proceedings and the acoustics were perfect.

Dinner began at seven and while we ate President Clark explained that the group represented a mythical T.M.Club "The Olympic Club", and told the auditors what our purpose was, expressing the hope that all 'Y' Secretaries would tell their own Associations of the Toastmaster Clubs.

As an opener we were called on one by one for current events. Some very interesting remarks made this period enjoyable.

The Club Secretary read letters from Streator, Illinois, and Boone, Iowa, asking for information on how to start clubs.

Dr. Waters of San Diego demonstrated on Wesley Eberhard, how that club inducts a new member.

Fred Eley, champeen Orange Rancher and Architect, president of Santa Ana Club, told of the exchange speaker idea and the visit ation of other clubs by his group.

A.C.Acason, of San Diego, explained the benefits of outside activities committees. A.C. when not selling onyx, is at the T.M. Club, or on the radio telling about them. KFSD or KGB are the stations.

Paul Demaree was enthusiastic in his recital of the great good accomplished by the Oratorical Contest we sponsor annually in the public high schools. Last year we had some 20 shools entered. This year Paul expects 40 or 50 schools to come in.

President Clark couldnt withhold the secret that San Diego expects to have a club going shortly at Coronado. First thing we know San Diego will have a district of their own.

Clarence Marshall, rotund and jovial, took the gavel at 7.40 and gave a fine exhibition of toastmastering. Witty, peppy and alert in his repartee, the evening passed quickly.

The program sheets carried out the idea of the Olympics. The first page had an attractive colored stamp of the 10th Olympiad.

Official Starter Marshall called Dr. Dexter to the mark and at the crack of the Gavel the Genial Doctor opened the festivities with well-chosen remarks and closed with a comical story that brought roars of laughter.

Dr. Taylor of Long Beach Club took us on a hop, skip and jump trip over the U.S. covering 11,000 miles in 5 minutes flat.

Cyril Hannah of Anaheim Club was sincere, earnest and likable in his remarks on "Loyalty".

Walter J. Ferris of Santa Ana broke all records by Exploring the Sky. In one second he took us to an island universe just 30,000 light years beyond the horizon. Before he finished he had us out in the vasty empyrean 870,000 light years away, and climaxed by leaving us sitting at the table. A grand talk,Walter.

Arthur MacCulloch of Pasadena, a good baritone singer, took a few whirls out of Hills of Home, Trees, Mandalay. He had two assistants, that good looking Mrs. Holden accompanied him, and Marshall Holden, her hubby and a Pasadena T.M. held the music.

J. A. Hillstrom of Los Angeles Club dove to dizzy depths and leaped to crags and peaks as he rushed us through the Grand Canyon, Bryce's Canyon, Zion Canyon and over the enchanted mesa's of the great southwest.

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Leo Schmid of San Diego Club had a topic most timely "Building New Leaders." His premise was that Toastmaster Clubs do build new leaders. The argument was flawless.

With a summation that enhanced the program, Clarence relinguished the gavel to President Chamberlain, but not until our General Critic A.C.Acason made some apt and acuminous criticisms of those on the program. He held up our faults and praised our good points.

Presenting the officers of Internationix al, Ralph Smedley, J. Gustav White, and J.J.Jessup, former President of Whittier College, occupied only a few moments and President Chamberlain then announced that Long Beach would be the scene of the next International Council, October 8th, the day and he extended a cordial invitation to all present to attend. With a bang of his gavel, we adjourned.

We enjoyed watching Ted Johnson of Pasadena club, act as official timer.

Rolypoly Treasurer Art Johnson was in a happy mood. He found most of the tickets turned in and paid for, and that we would actually break even on the affair. Hats off to Art and Paul Demaree for the work in getting things arranged.

E. W. Brandenburg of the National 'Y' Council was there with his good-looking family. Mrs. Bra ndenburg is partial to any from Illinois. She told us so.

Where was Fred Hanson? Harry Hill was also conspicuous by his absence. He is in Santa Barbara and has an excuse, but the Santa Barbara Club has none. We missed them.

We were all tickled to meet and talk with President Boles of the Whittier Club. He had with him Messrs Felt, Johnson and others. You can expect some news on the Whittier Club this Fall.

No formal Council was held this time. The Executive Committee needed a rest and no delegates appeared.

Ralph Smedley had a few copies of his new book on the Art of Being a Toastmaster. He gave us one. This is the only book of its kind we have ever seen. The price of fifty cents is ridiculously low. Leo Schmid of San Diego remarked,"I dont see how he gets it out for 50¢." We dont either.

MORE About MAittier

Clarence Marshall claims the consonant record for the Olympiad. Asserts he can leave out more 'ings' than anyother man in the world.

A.P.M.Brown, the big Automobile man of Anaheim, has raised a gorgeous moustache. Any Toastmistresses may secure his address by writing the Editor.

International's Secretary had everyone on the qui vive wondering what he had in the shopping bag. Unable to restrain his curiosity President Clark inquired as to the mystic holdall. Instantly from the bag appeared a Prospectus telling all about how Toastmaster Clubs are formed and operated. Before the night was over, the zealous Secretary sold a few copies.

The letters from Dr. Myers of Boone, Iowa, and Streator, Illinois, inquiring of the Toastmaster Clubs, resulted from an article appearing in the August issue of 'Young Men<sup>†</sup>. Thanks are due to our good friend T.H. (TOM) Nelson of the National Council. Tom intended being with us at Whittier, but was too ill to come out here.

Leonard Dahlquist, the tall handsome lad from Hanford, California, swears he will have a club soon and give Turlock real competition. We fancy we can hear Frank Gray, Louis Windmill, et al, of Turlock, having a laugh at such a declaration. Turlock Club is a rip-snorter, gogetter group.

Dr. Ta ylor and R.W.Hendricks of the Long Beach Club, are building that group up rapidly. Every week they take in a couple new members. We can be sure of a great convention down there in October.

To all who participated or helped in the Whittier a ffair, a heap of thanks from all the Clubs.

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LAUGH OR CRY OVER THESE	METHUSE LA K ENJOYED TREM
"I dont fancy the looks of the new serv-	Would-be Ladykiller: I am a little stiff
ant."	from bowling.
"But dear, think of the reputation for	Modern Miss: Where did you say you were
cooking she bears."	from?
"Phooey, where will we get she bears?"	How was that prohibition lecture you at-
Irate Passenger: Madam, what do you mean,	tended last night?
allowing your child to snatch off my wig?"	Fine, except the lecturer absentmindedly
Mother (sighing): "Oh, its a wig, is it? I	tried to blow the foam off his glass of
thought for a moment he'd scalped you."	water.
Loctor: "Well, Rastus, how are feeling now	"Hello, Doctor? What should I take when
a days?"	I'm run down?"
Rastus: "Cap'n, I'se got lots of symptons"	"Get the license number and as many wit-
Doctor: "How are your kidneys?"	nesses as possible."
Rastus: "Cap'n, dey is all growed up, and	He was la rge, stout, and big-footted. "I
most of 'cm is married now."	Want square tood shoes," he explained.
The Boss eyed the lovely stenographer	The clerk a bit snooty replied, "Sir, you
coldly. "Young Lady, that file is supposed	must know that pointed shoes are the
to be vory exact. What are you searching	mode this year."
for?"	Fat Man: "Yes, but kindly remember that
"I'm looking for my lunch, Sir."	I am wearing last year's feet."
Judge: "How did the accident occur?"	"Did you have any luck at the races?"
Autoist: "I dimmed my lights and was hug-	Luck? When my horse passed me I leaned
ging the curve."	our the fence and yelled, 'They went up
Judge: "So you were. That's how most ac-	that way'.
cidents happen. Ten days."	"Pa. What is a garden plot?"
Comic Artist: "This joke ought to be good for its been in my head ten years." Editor: "Humph, Aged in the wood, ch."	"The bugs and the worms planning to eat your stuff up."
In the Northwest lumber territory, a lad	An Americanx, newly rich, was touring in
was asked "How many mills make a cent?"	Northern France. Said he to his chauf-
The boy replied, "Pop says none of 'cm	feur: "James, take that wonderful St.
around here make any money."	Mihiel drive I heard so much about."
Two attorneys met on the street, one looked very sour. "How's business?" asked the joyful chap. "Rotten," answered the pes- simist. "I chased an ambulance 12 miles just now and found a lawyor in it."	Dr. Helms visited Dr. Dexter at Whittier College once to speak at the chapel. He inquired as to how long he might talk and Dr. Dexter replied, "The tradition is that after the first 30 minutes, no souls are saved in Whittier."
The three year old girl enjoyed the new	"Tis a foine lad ye have there, a grand
radio and listened with rapt attention.	head and noble features, the spitin like
The night as she kneeled and prayed the	av ye. Could yez lend me a few dollars?"
fond parents heard the unexpected climax	"I could not. Tis me wife's first child
of the prayer. "Tomorrow night, God, at this	by her first husband, and divil a pinny
same hour I shall be on the air with a new	you'll get from me."
prayer. Be sure to tune in." A husband with hair clipped short may be a coward, or trying to grow new hair.	They say a dead Scotchman exemplifies rigid economy.

# VISITATIONS

Long ago the Service Clubs, The fraternal and patriotic organizations learned that by arranging frequent meetings with neighboring groups of the same order, a certain enthusiasm was the result, and they also discovered that this brand of enthusiasm could not be developed in any other way.

The very fact that members of a given organization were able to mingle with fellow members from another unit of that same organization and observe how others carried on toward the same goal, made for a spirit of rivalry, and rivalry begot enthusiasm.

Through frequent visitations a more successful type of group meeting was created. Toastmasters Clubs have recognized the value to be derived from visitation, and it is pleasant to note the marked increase in this activity on the part of most of the Clubs in the Federation.

If a service club, or a fraternal or patriotic organization can profit from the exchange of ideas made possible by visitation, it is obvious that the Toastmasters Clubs should profit to a greater degree.

Not only are we intensely interested in watching the routine of some other club, which may not use quite the same method in carrying on, but we have the opportunity to observe not only one but several speakers in action.

It is a matter of importance to us to note closely how criticism is applied in the clubs we visit, and whether or not such criticisms are more constructive than those given in our own clubs.

The quality of the talks we hear while visiting give a remarkable insight into the character of the other fellow's organization, and sometimes we find a better average speaking ability than seems to be possessed by our own members simply because of the environment, etc.

If the speakers at the clubs visited seem to be better than our speakers at home, it is an incentive for us to dig in and make our club bigger and better.

## PRESIDENT CHAMBERLAIN TO ALL THE CLUBS

If the shoe is on the other foot, however, we go back to our home Club feeling more than ever proud that we are members of that particular group.

In fact, through visitation, the group spirit and the spirit of competition is carried to the point where a general improvement in several ways is certain to come to the groups participating.

It is mighty helpful to us all to go abroad frequently. Such trips to other clubs are invaluable. We find out what the other fellow is doing and how he does it. Occasionally you'll be disappointed by finding groups who seem to have more on the ball than has your home club. And again, you'll be disappointed to learn that another method is better than the one your clubs prides itself for using.

Dont let the disappointment weigh too heavily on you, tho. Go back home spurred on to better accomplishments. What you learn of good, seize upon it and put it in practice at home. What you find that seems unworthy, disregard.

The grass may not be greener in the other chap's pasture, but how can you tell until you take a trip over and see. Now is the time when it will pay us to look about, and see just how green it is in the other man's field.

At Whittier on August 6th, the Federation will put on a typical program before men and women from all parts of the U.S. and there probably will be folks from over seas watching us.

If you have not visited another Toastmaster Club before, or for a long time, come to Whittier College at 5.30 p.m. and see how the International Council operates. At 6.30 p.m. you can enjoy a fine dinner while lolling at your case, and watch those on the program in their efforts to entertain and instruct you,

We can always learn something from each one we meet. At Whittier you may learn many things.

MEET ME THERE!

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J.Clark Chamberlain

#### LONG BEACH CALIF.

Summer has brought increased interest in our Club. Maybe the boys like the view from the windows of our new meeting place in the Hotel Robinson on the beach here.

President Dr. Taylor has something new each week. the other night we enterta inco 18 members of the British Rowing crew and their coach G. C. Drinkwater.

Since our geusts were here for the Olympics, we used that as the theme of the meeting. Chairman L. B. Weston presented Mayor A.E.Fickling who made the visitors at home with his kindly welcome address.

Dr. N. R. McCoy Toastmaster of the occasion, had a splendid program arranged. Adding a little spice to the good talks, a group of dancers from the Lillian Newman Dancing School showed us the meaning of grace and beauty.

Speakers were E. M. McAllen, Dr. B. M. Tylicki, and Dr. Taylor. R.W.Hendricks, our new mentor, gave us his usual genial and constructive criticisms.

We have enlarged our membership by some 12 new friends. In case other Clubs are interested, here is how it was done. President Ta ylor contacted the teachers at the various evening high schools and through them, reached the public speaking classes. Members of these groups are all excellent prospects for Toastmasters Clubs.

Those who graduate from a public class always seek groups where the newly acquired knowledge may be used. Every Toastmasters Club should think this suggestion over. Surely in your City there are evening schools where earnest men and women are studying oral a rts. Each such person welcomes the idea of joining a club where public speaking is the main idea .

Visiting Toastmasters will be heartily welcomed to our meetings. Every Tuesday at 6.15 p.m. in the Hotel Robinson on the strand at Long Beach. And if you are visiting our city with your wife, daughter or the other fellow's wife, bring her along, too. F. E. Taylor.

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SAN DIEGO

CALIF

Vacation days coaxed away some of the boys, but the old pep and enthusiasm is still animating the club.

And speaking of outside activities, over forty talks were made by various Toastmasters during July. Before schools, service clubs and on the radio.

Clyde Vanderburg gets the palm for the speeches. We wont tell the exact number made by him, but it was a lot. R.C. Wilkinson, Nate Wattawa and Clark Chamberlain held up their usual records by talking before many groups.

Took in five new members, too, which is not bad, what with depressions, and the Summer weather.

In the very near future we will bust out with some real news. Seems like the Toastmaster idea is contagious in this vicinity, and we hope to be able to announce a new club in the next Gavel.

That will be the most Southwest Club in these United States, too. So if your atlas is in good shape, you may be able to guess where it is. Anyhow, watch out for the news next month about a new Toastmasters Club in Southern California.

We expect to have a goodly crowd at Whittier on August 6th, too. We are looking forward to meeting Toastmasters from all over the map because with the Olympic Games on, many visitors will be on hand to meet and hear the other Clubs in the Federation.

Our beach parties have been very successful. Clubs so situated ought to try the stunt. Collect all your members, the wives and the children, and plenty of grub, then go to the beach about sun down. The children play, the wives get the meal ready and then the proud husbands gather round and put on a bangup Toastmaster program. If you get thet up! in your speech, you can cool off by taking a dip in the briny. And if the talk is unprepared and not up to Club standards, the critic will throw you in the ocean. Oh, it's a great system.

Ken Hallowell.

# THE OMNIPOTENCE OF THE SPOKEN WORD

"The most fluent men seem the most influential", says Edwin P. Whipple. "All classes seem to depend upon words. Principles are nothing compared with speech. A politician is accused of corruption, and loving number one more than number ten thousand. Straightway he floods the country with words and is honorably acquitted."

"A gentleman of purse-reaching intelligence concocts 20 millions of pills, and 'works' them off to agents, and in the end transfers the whole from his laboratory to the stomachs of an injured and opprest people, all by means of - words."

"An author wishes to be sublime, but lacks fire to give him sparkle. His ideas are milk-and-water logged, feeble, nerveless and witless; or his thoughts are ballasted with lead instead of being winged with inspiration. What shall I do he cries. "Poor wordslinger, do not despair. Take to the dictionary, drench your thin blood with intoxicating words. Pile the Ossa of Rant on the Pelion of Hyperbole, and the small fraction of your trite will be exalted to the heights of the sublime. The admiring gaze of many people will be fixt upon it, and coin shall jingle in thy pocket and you will be called Great."

"But if your poor pate is incapable of daring, even in expression, then grope dubiously in the dismal swamps of vorbiage, let your fingers feel after spongy dropsical words out of which little sense can be squeezed, and arrange the cozy epithets into lines, and out of the very depths of Bathos you will a rise a sort of Mud-Venus, and people will mistake you for her that rose from the sea, and the coin shall still clink in thy fob, and you will be called Beautiful."

"Such is the omnipotence of words! Many Cl They exalt the little; they depress the high; a ponderous syllable will break the chain of an argument, or crack the pate of a thought, as a mace or a battle-ax could split the crown of a soldier in the elder time.

The TOASTMISTRESS! CLUB of the

LOS ANGELES Y. M. C. A.

Vacations lured away a great many of our members, but July 12th found a goodly crowd assembled.

A short business session was held and we voted to disband for the Summer until September 27th at which time we will be pepped up for a successful winter season. This meeting will be held in the lovely garden of Mrs. P.A.Foster and plans will be formulated for the big dinner meeting of October 11th.

Officors elected at the last meeting were President Mrs. P.A.Foster, Vice-President Mrs. Jean Bordeaux, Secretary Mrs. Russell Jewett, Treasurer Miss. Stella McVicar, Sergeant-at-Arms Dr. Whiteomb.

Speakers at the meeting of July 12th were Mrs. Louis Chandler, Miss. Stella McVicar and Mrs. Jean Bordeaux. Their subjects were By Boat from New York to New Orlean, A Trip 'Round Honolulu, and Politics, respectively.

Tom Butler of the Teastmasters Club was our guest critic. He was his usua 1 jovial self and gave us some splendid criticisms.

We hope that all Toastmasters and Toastmistresses everywhere have restful vacations, and that the Fall will find every Club opening anew with lots of pep, and shorter and better speeches.

Look for the Toastmistresses at the Whittier meeting, August 6th.

Mrs. Russell Jewett.

Manyx Many Club Reporters sent in news items (or imagined they did). Such news appears below.

(Contributed)

# FROPOSED PROGRAM AT THE DEMONSTRATION DINNER TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 6th AT THE

WHITTIER COLLEGE AMPHITHEATRE, WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA, AT SEVEN P.M.

On Saturday, August 6th, there will be a demonstration meeting and dinner for the purpose of teaching YMCA secretaries assembled from all over the country, some of the benefits of Toastmasters. Clubs.

Due to the unique setting of the dinner meeting, out underneath the stars, with a typical club program being given, it should be enjoyable and profitable to all who attend.

Tickets and bulletins have been sent to all California Clubs, except those so far away as to be precluded from attending.

Suppor will be axi al fresco at .65¢ per plate and served in the beautiful Greek Amphitheatre where the demonstration will be given.

On the stage of the Amphitheatre will be a table around which will be gathered some 30 Toastmasters. This demonstration group of six speakers, a Toastmaster, a General Critic and the Officers of the International, will have representatives from many clubs.

Clubs participating, in addition to one speaker, should also have two members designated to be at the Demonstration table. These two will be called on for a snappy news item, etc.

Wives of those participating in the demonstration will be comfortably seated in the audience where they can keep an approving eye on us.

The program has been arranged by the Officers of the International, aided by Clarence Marsha 11, Toastmaster of the evening, and J. Gustav White, who was responsible for bringing the secretaries to Whittier. Musical and other entertainment features will be on the program. Reservations are being taken by Arthur Johnson, 966 Dolores St. Pasadena, Calif.

A big crowd is expected. Better come.

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One contributor asks that those at the On Saturday, August 6th, there will be demonstration dinner explain the following.

#### WHACHT HE GACHT

A small boy when asked to spell yacht, Most saucily said, "I will natht." So his teacher in wrath took a lath, And warmed the boy up on the spacht.

#### BREAKING IT OUGH

There once was a man who for hiccough, Tried all the cures he could piccough, And the best without doubt, as he found Oubt, is water and salt in a ticcough.

#### PURE DISDEIGN

A king who began on his reign, Exclaimed with a feeling of peign, Tho I'm legally heir, no one seems to ceir That I havent been born with a breign.

## MAYBE HE WANTED TO ROMB

He learned to play tunes on a comb And became a nuisance at homb, His ma spanked him and said, "Shall I put you to baid," He cheerfully answered her, "Nomb",

#### SWEET AS A LOIR

There was a young girl in a choir, Her voice rose up hoir and hoir, Till it reached such a height, It was clear out of seight, They found it noxt day in the spoir.

The actress who got one bouquet, Was mad as a hatter, they suet, For she'd specified eight, And sada to releight, Had given the florist his puet.

And now our short story is through, Though we do not assert it's trough, It's merely designed to bring to Your migned, What wonders our spelling can dough.

Next time you feel like laughing at a foreign language, read the above. Chinese isnt in it with English. (Contributed)

# "TOASTMASTERS CLUB MOVEMENT GROWS RAPIPLY

"Much talking is a weariness to the flesh, and of making of speeches there is no end."

Not exactly as worded in the Bible, but in all probability the Ecclesiastical writer would agree to the paraphrase if he could return to the U.S. for a visit in the present day:

Not since the days of Henry Clay and Daniel Webster and the Friday evening debating society in the country schoolhouse has there been such a widespread and compelling interest in speechmaking as is evident now.

**EXAMPLAXAXEXAX** There is a great demand for speakers with something worth while to say, and opportunity seems to have fed the supply until about two out of every three men we meet are ready with spee ches on subjects that cover every interest of humanity.

In such a case the best plan seems to be to take these speakers as they come, and to try to make their efforts as painless as possible to auditors. Such is the ruling motive of the Toastmasters Clubs, spreading from Southern California to all points of the compass in a campaign for More Speeches, Better Speeches, and Shorter Speeches.

The name and idea of the Toastmasters Clubs date back about 30 years ago; to the YMCA in Bloomington, Illinois, where Ralph C. Smedley was Educational Secretary. But the real growth of the organization is but eight years old, having its beginning in the Santa Ana, California, YMCA in 1924 when Mr. Smedley became Gen. Sec. there. This modest activity, based on the desire of every man to make speeches if opportunity and ability would permit. came just at the time when men were actually undertaking to develop themselves in. amateur, extemporaneous oratory, and, having been demonstrated in Santa Ana, began to spread its influence to other cities.

Today there are some 22 Clubs in California, most of them sponsored by YMCAs, while an equal number of clubs are scattered over the U.S. Canada, and Hawaii.

Two years ago the Clubs foderated with the title Toastmasters International, and the Council of the group carries on a program of mutual help, including the publication of a monthly bulletin "The Gavel", and a manual of information as to the organization and management of Toastmaster Clubs.

Practice in public XXXXX speaking and presiding, friendly criticism of speeches delivered, and a fellowship of spirit are the underlying motives of the organization, which has been instrumental in developing scores of speechless citizens into ready speakers, and in helping those already able to speak into better habits of speechmaking.

Most of the clubs have been sponsored by YMCAs, but if an Association does not promote the plan, and a number of local men desire to organize, a club results and secures recognition from the International.

The affairs of the International are guided by President J. Clark Chamberlain of San Diego, and Secretary Jean Bordeaux 731 Richfield Building,Los Angeles,Calif. Information as to the organizing and operating of clubs may be secured from Mr. Bordeaux, whose office also publishes "Gavel".

The Toastmasters Club is an ideal activity for business and professional men of mature years, and serves not only to give them a personality development that is highly valuable to them, but also to build up a group of loyal friends and workers for the Association sponsoring the Club."

T. H. Nelson.

On page 376 of the August issue of the magazine YOUNG MEN appeared the above article in full.

For the benefit of our many members & readers who may not have read the item, we have reprinted here, altho the original article has been edited and parts emended. Lack of space prohibited publishing in full, and all Toastmasters may be sure nothing of importance to our groups was omitted herein.

THAXXX THANK YOU, Young Men.

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