A Doctor Calls

by Ian Robertson

Dr David Owen, MP, founding member of the Social Democratic Party and for some a current leading contender in the "Man of Destiny" stakes, gave a talk at Edinburgh University last Thurs- day.

Despite the fact that he has been dubbed "Dr Who" in recent months, servitors estimate that over 400 people were packed into the David Hume Tower lecture hall, and University Security say a similar number had to be turned away.

In a what some would see as hard-hitting speech, and others as a fanciful dream, he outlined why he felt that the Social Democratic Party, under his leadership, "can provide the credible opposition that this country so desperately needs".

He urged students to disregard the strength of Labour in Scotland as it was not viable in Britain as a whole and "have confidence and trust in continuing the SDP".

Accused of ignoring political realities and, along with the other members of the SDP, causing a vote split between the two opposition parties, thus allowing two Conservative victories, he argued that the idea that the Alliance had taken Labour votes was a misconception.

He felt that the Alliance was generating new centre votes taken in roughly equal proportions from both Labour and Conservatives. This was the result of the fact that "we are now living in a different world; people don't want a Labour or Conservative Party."

Using the contrived code-words of "efficiency" and "effectiveness", he described the essence of Social Democracy as, "that although it does believe that the individual is precious, it also believes in solidarity, coming together to do things together."

He outlined the three major planks in this philosophy: redistribution of wealth, a belief in NATO and thus to "stand up to what was best not just for Brit- "David, you require double-top . . ."

tains but also for Europe"; and also "to believe that if you wanted a high quality educational service, schools etc, you have to have a profitable economy".

Attacking the distinction between left and right in politics as "a lot of nonsense", he said that the real distinction was, "whether you believed in the creation of wealth in a community and when that was created whether you distribute it fairly."

To a cry of "Rubbish!" from the audience, he argued that the non-in merger party was "speak- ing for the majority of the SDP" and went on to say that he would be delighted to see Robert MacLennan and Charles Kennedy, back within the fold of the SDP.

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Pollock Attack

by Cathy Milton

Last Saturday at about 8.30 pm, a female resident of Grant House, Pollock Halls, was attacked by a youth. The incident took place at St Leonard's Hall and Cowan House.

A source close to the Warden said: "I think she must have got away pretty quickly. She was undoubtedly saved by her pre-

sence of mind."

Several students have reported hearing screams which they ignored, believing them to be an attempt by other students to "cry wolf."

Two other, possibly related, incidents took place in Pollock this weekend.

First of all, Scott Buchanan (JCR President, Baird House) was abruptly confronted in his room by two youths who were apparently trying all the doors on his corridor with a view to profiting from some unwary student's carelessness.

Meanwhile, on a different corridor in the same house, students were distressed to find a stranger in their bath. This man claimed to be a friend of some of the residents.

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by Neil Rafferty

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by Kirsty Cruickshank

The Alton Bill also emerged as a highly controversial issue last Saturday, when a march took place in the city centre of Glasgow.

The marches gathering in protest to the Bill included members of Edinburgh University Socialists Works and the University Workers Group.

Organised by the Scottish Trade Union Congress and Fight Alton Bill Group the march culminated at the City Chambers where over 3000 took place in a rally.

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The optimists call it "one of the periodic upsurges of this condition, which tend to last several years," and the pessimists call it an epidemic but all we know is that meningococcal Meningitis seems to have been a bit more recently than in the past recent. The disease probably dates from a couple of years ago when a small number of people seemed to have been having more than its fair share of the disease, and last month a couple of years ago when a similar number of people seemed to have been having more of its fair share. Last month, apart from the cases in Inverness, there was an outbreak of four cases at a primary school in Salisbury. Although there are currently incidences in Clevel and in South Wales plus of meningococcal meningitis in the stonehouse. Two researchers in particular are working on the Stonehouse "epidemic" in order to learn more about the disease. The husband and wife team Dr Caroline Blackwell and Prof. Weir, who have studied meningococcal meningitis outbreaks around the world, have found that genetic susceptibility is common among people of Celtic origin. Within the next six months, a new process of trialing the Stonehouse sample is complete, it should be done in two large hospitals. Possibility to confirm whether that area in Gloucestershire. One late theory of research is that the contraction of meningococcal meningitis could be linked to passive smoking. This suggestion came after studies of outbreaks in Plymouth and Gloucester found that the disease was more likely in families where there were smokers. Dr Jeanne S. Hinds senior registrar for Community Medicine at Gloucester Health Authority, told a news conference last week that 70 per cent of all the cases studied occurred in families where there were smokers. Other results from the Stonehouse research shows that about 1 in 10 inhabitants carried meningococcal bacteria but only 1 in 100 and the virulent B15 strain. It was also found that the people between 15 and 19 were far more likely to be carriers — about 1 in 4, and boys more likely than girls.

Dr Stuart also said that new research in Avon, Somerset and Gloucester, unlike the work done in Salisbury, involved studying each new case as it occurred to get a clearer picture of the disease. Evidence from the Plymouth and Gloucester studies suggested that more cases might occur among families with poor living conditions, though this was not as marked as the apparent relationship with passive smoking. Lethal health Board informed Student that there were two instances of meningococcal meningitis reported in the Edinburgh last year. It is said that this is related to meningitis as the disease does not develop protective antibodies and it is only when people are genetically susceptible and fail to develop antibodies is the balance tipped in favour of

The dangers of Fatal Attraction

by Kirsty Cruickshank

Last week numerous newspaper reported the results of a new study conducted in New York. The survey revealed that one in every 61 children born last month in New York were tested positive for antibodies to the AIDS virus. The basis of its findings, health officials predicted that in this country there may be at least 6,000 AIDS patients by the end of the year.

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Scotland could be facing the same problems as New York since the recent reports of AIDS in Scotland "the majority of HIV carriers are intravenous drug users compared to England, where the majority are gay. The risk of babies being infected by the AIDS virus, is therefore proportionally higher north of the border. No comparable study has yet been done in Scotland, however, a preliminary study suggested that in Edinburgh one in every 500 children born there were infected with AIDS antibodies. The presence of these antibodies indicated that the mother and the baby were infected with the virus, rather than not necessarily the disease itself.

Dr Jacqueline Mok, a consultant paediatrician who runs a clinic in Edinburgh for HIV positive women and their children, stated: "The message must be quite clear that we must go the same way as New York."

She added that since the clinic opened in January 1986, she had only come across 38 children with AIDS antibodies and so far three had developed full blown AIDS.

"Fortunately, most babies lose their antibodies at the end of the first year, so it is impossi ble to say how many babies with antibodies would develop the disease."

By December last year there were 39 cases of the AIDS disease in Scotland, of which 21 had been fatal. Specifically, three more deaths and two more sufferers than the previous month.

The figures seem to prove that the number of people infected with the disease is continuing to rise. There are now 3,871 HIV positive carriers on record — 70 more than September’s figures included in this total there are 792 cases stemming from male and female intravenous drug users, 206 homosexuals or bisexuals, 75 intravenous drug users, 64 infants and children, and 62 cases of infection through heterosexual contact, of which 35 were women.

Notably, in Scotland, 27 per cent of the total were women, compared with only 6 per cent for boys.

Dr Mok concluded that there is reason to hope that Scotland could avoid the New York disaster. She said, "We have a clinic, we have shared syringes up until 1985 and we have been doing very well after the dangers of AIDS had been published." It was vital, she emphasised, to continue stressing the horrific prospects of sharing syringes. Compiled by Tom Bradley
Up and coming Grangemouth band Lowlife recently took time out to talk to Caroline Eddie about The Pet Shop Boys, Gene Pitney and the next things on their agenda.

"I don't really know who I'm like, but I can tell you who I hate — The Pet Shop Boys. Everyone really knows that, or at least anyone with a brain..." Grant McDowell, drummer and gob for Scottish band Lowlife is in a lively mood. But Grant, don't you have the proverbial chip on your shoulder cos lets face it, the Pet Shop Boys are number one in the charts and you are not.

"I don't give a shit, if anyone else made stuff like that they'd be certified insane." Point taken!

Lowlife were formed some two years ago by Will Heggie, former bassist with The Cocteau Twins (a fact which he doesn't elaborate on much.) "I left and that was it" and, to date the band have released a number of well received singles and two "criminaly" ignored Lps, Permanent Sleep and Diminuendo. Surprisingly the band have been laying low recently so, I took the opportunity of asking them what to expect next. Grant explains, "We have a new single Eternity Road out just now, a 12" version is good but the 7" was just rushed through for something to do — and the sleeve's disgusting!"

And the new LP? Will: "We start recording in March; we're still working on material, but it's more or less complete." Grant intervenes "I don't know how well it sounds at the moment but I don't think it'll be in the same mould as Diminuendo."

Lowlife's swirling melodies offset by singer Craig's assured vocal work is very much suited to a live concert. However, despite two one-off gigs around Christmas time I haven't had the pleasure of seeing these lads since their pretty damned good set supporting the Go-Betweens some time ago last year.

Grant: "We couldn't have picked a better band to do our first tour with. They were a good band to get on with — they weren't arrogant or anything...

"The Fall was the tour that we were initially to go on — but it fell through at the last minute. It would probably have been disastrous. It was Mark Smith who didn't personally want us to play cause his friend had a band and they got the tour..." So when can we expect to see you again then? Grant: "Once the album comes out we're going to do our first British tour, around April/May."

Are we going to see some cover versions incorporated in your new live set then, I mean it never did The Pet Shop Boys any harm! Will: "I don't see the point of covering songs which have already been done..."

But surely Nick Cave's version of Gene Pitney's Something's Gotten Hold Of My Heart proves you wrong there? Will: "Aye, but Gene Pitney's terrible though. Let's face it Gene Pitney's a fuckin awful!"

Moving on swiftly I ask the band about the so-called Scottish music scene at the moment. What do they think of their music being rivalled by the likes of The Motorcycle Boy. "Never heard of them." Ex Shoppies "Well that speaks for itself!"

Lowlife clearly have faith in their own unquestionable musical ability therefore they can afford not to take such rivals very seriously. "We're very happy with ourselves and this belief in themselves which will help bring about the inevitable recognition that they deserve. So take my word for it and buy the single, buy the LP, see them live and get them from the "criminalley ignored" tringles of pop music into the "Big Time" where they rightly belong.
THURS 21 JAN

CHAPLAINCY CENTRE
10.15 pm

Kerry Howland, 6th level Common Room, JCBM - FIRST IMPRESSIONS: A SCIENTIST CONFRONTING REALITY - Sir David Smith, Principal of the University.

EDINBURGH STUDENTS' UNION APPEAL
7.30 pm Bistro Bar, Chambers St Union

Group Meeting. Organising rag week events and to elect a new committee member.

EU ANTI-APARTHED Meeting, every Thursday at 5.15 pm Chaplaincy Centre.

FRI 22 JAN

CHAPLAINCY CENTRE
10.15 pm

Vigil for Christian Unity in Chapel until 7.30 am on Saturday 28 Jan.

CATHOLIC STUDENTS UNION
2.15 pm Bread and Cheese Lunch 12.30-2 pm, Common Room in 23 George Square

All Great value at 65p.

SCAG
A Community Activity Week is planned for the fourth week of term. For anyone interested in helping with the activity week there is a meeting at 1 pm at the SCAG office. All welcome.

TEVOT
park 10.15 am

Nervous Choir.

SAT 23 JAN

NETBALL
Edinburgh Uni vs Strathclyde Uni, Sports Hall.

HOCKEY 2nd XI
Edinburgh Uni vs Preston Ladies, Leith</p>
THURS 21 JAN

BILLY JONES

Lord Darnley, West Port 229 4341

Evening

Regular live artist at Lord Darnley.

SCOTTISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Onich's Hall, Clerk Street 688 3456

7.45 pm: Tickets £8.00 £6.00 £3.00 £2.00 £1.00

Repertoire includes Bach's Piano Concerto in E. Conducted by Stephen Berlow, with pianist Peter Serkin.

SAT 23 JAN

BULB CORMORANT

Lord Darnley, West Port 229 4341

Afternoon

Dig the name.

THE CHARGE

Lord Darnley, West Port 229 4341

Evening

CATERAN

The Venus, Calton Road 557 3073

Opening

Late bar and disco

Free

SUN 24 JAN

EDINBURGH COMPETITION FESTIVAL CONCERTO CLASS CONCERT

Queen's Hall, Clerk Street 688 3456

7.45 pm

Tickets £2.50 (concessions £1.50)

McLachlan's "Piano Concerto No. 3" with pianist Rona Macleod, with the Practice Choir singing Stanford's "Songs of the Sea" conducted by Geoffrey Ochlam.

EDINBURGH CONTEMPORARY ARTS TRUST, LONTANO

Queen's Hall, Clerk Street 688 3456

8.00 pm; Tickets £4 (conc £3) Jane Manning (soprano)

Bar and restaurant from 6 pm.

NYUNGE HUNGRY

Music Box, Victoria St 229 4341

Afternoon

For all those who saw them last Sunday too, we presume.

HUNGRY YEARS

Music Box, Victoria St 229 4341

10.00 pm

Free

This is the bunch that originates from the ladies of £2.

TUES 26 JAN

EU FOLK SOCIETY

Pleasance

Tuning a guitar or hum a tune to the knee-slapping folk music, or just sit in a corner and soak in the atmosphere for a good night out. A good bevy accompanies well.

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Free

REVOLUTION

Lord Darnley, West Port 229 4341

Opening

A bit of banging perhaps?

POTTERROW

Briso-Squire Student Centre Evening

WED 27 JAN

FALL IN

Music Box, Victoria Street 229 1708

Evening

Dramatic treatment of the notorious Kelly Babies Case where a young girl has a baby in secret which dies at birth but where a murdered baby is found on the beach she becomes the prime suspect.

ADULT CHILD/DEAD CHILD

Jan 19-21 7.30 pm

Tickets from £2

Claire Dowie portrays an unwield child heading towards breakdown goaded on by her invisible soul-mate Bengie.
The installations, whether working in collaboration with other artists, architects and writers, or as a duo, involved a combination of cityscape wall paintings, together with artworks and objects, the ruins of culture past and present. Hence the group's ambiguous title: Art in Ruins — either art is being made within the ruins of the world, or art itself is in ruins. "Philosophically we live in ruins, perfection can't exist. If something's ruined, it must have been constructed; it implies responsibility and change."

They fought for three years at Kingston Polytechnic's Architecture Department before being dismissed (along with eight others) in 1985. Why? Because they tried to change the traditional design projects, based upon the ideological beliefs of culture, or normality; the nuclear family. Why not design a house suited to the majority? "Extended families, gay couples, single people, roommates or pensioners. Broken families are everywhere — that's more normal." Again they were a threat to the system, and like the GLC, abolished from their position.

Since the press still remained unresponsive to their work, they began writing themselves, annoying critics because of their intrusion. "We thought everyone had the right to challenge the system, we didn't want to be all alternative in the way the alternative had been marginalised and partly absorbed. We wanted to say, they were allowed to intervene this private party and blow it apart. So we were seen as a threat, and therefore became a threat.

"Dada could never have happened in Britain. Dada said, 'Nothing is sacred.' We're prepared to challenge every single area that's precious. There's no area you can't go into."

Art in Ruins have organised exhibitions, with no administrative selection process. Held in a London church's crypt in 1985, Our Wonderful Culture was a snowball-type venture. By word of mouth, sixty artists exhibited; there was no prearranged response. It was a spectacular, apocalyptic success. A collaborative exhibition which Menke described as "the perfect Dada event": 150 artists, 2000 works, 100000 visitors. It was a failure, it was a disaster, it was a success. It was both an exhibition and a revolution.

A Dadaist reaction against the Upstairs-downstairs, white-collared aesthetes who said, "We can't do that." We said, "Yes you can!" And we did. We simply said, 'Philosophically we live in ruins, perfection can't exist. If something's ruined, it must have been constructed; it implies responsibility and change."

We have found an answer on the market.
**Just Like Brookside?**

Crugmiller housing estate is one of the most deprived areas in Lothian Region. David Seef investigates the housing crisis and how the community are now getting involved to solve the desperate problems. Photos by Robert Lambden

Unemployment is as high as 26% compared with an average for the city of 13½%. One housing estate, Craigmillar, has a long term unemployed living within these estates, in the Lindsay area of Crugmiller - one quarter of all households are single parents. In these cases as well as social factors that such statistics are meant to represent, the people in all such areas suffer from damp, structural defects and poor facilities. We must remember also is that such things as the recent demolition of the Craigmillar estate, Tollcress has higher unemployment than any of them and damp affects a third of all houses in Edinburgh. Helen Stewart, a housing advisor on the Craigmiller insecurity that they consequently feel. Certainly, the Craigmiller residents pointed this out as one of the first things they wanted changing in the 1972 Niddrie House development, when they were recently awarded £7m for its rehabilitation. This was seen to be necessary when two thirds of the high rise parts became empty, or in the proper,ingo, "void", Midge Hawkes said.  

"Niddrie House is the most recent scheme in the area and it's the worst scheme. It's got lots more problems, and there's lots of reasons for that. The design, they have no front and back doors, a lot of dampness problems, heating problems and too much open space."
**Tears of Passion...**

**CRY FREEDOM**

**Cannon**

**Dir: Richard Attenborough**

The hype surrounding this film has been theatrical even in Richard Attenborough's terms. The past months have been submerged in a cinematic euphoria of liberalism for South Africa with rare reviews about this long-awaited dramatisation of a well-known cause. But does *Cry Freedom* live up to the reputation that preceded it?

Potentially, it has a very doggy structure. The film is divided quite decisively into two parts: the development of the friendship between white liberal Donald Woods and black radical Steven Biko with Biko's mysterious death, and Woods subsequent ban in South Africa and determination to escape.

It would be easy for the first part to render the second obsolete. The friendship built up between Biko and Woods is portrayed to perfection by the superb performance both of Kevin Kline and Denzel Washington. After Biko's death, there may seem little point in labouring the invariable political issues in the same film. However, this could not be further from the case. What has been important in the story right from the start is Donald Woods' development as a public figure and his determination to escape from a repressive regime.

**WISH YOU WERE HERE**

**Odeon**

**Dir: David Leland**

Cannes film festival darling Emily Lloyd gives a superlative debut film performance in her portrayal of Lynda, a rebellious adolescent discovering the facts of life in post-war Brighton. Her vocabularian, blunt opinions and exhibitionist behaviour result in dismissal from a succession of jobs. This further aggravates her father who has been left the onus of bringing up two daughters after their mother died during the war.

**FATAL ATTRACTION**

**Cannon**

**Dir: Adrian Lyne**

I was terrified most of the way through this. This is not unusual for me, but I think it was the sight of witnessing a brilliantly directed thriller. Whether being scared witless is the bag you are into or not, this is well worth the effort.

Michael Douglas and Glenn Close are credible in the central roles — Douglas is a happily married man with a lovely wife who winds up talking to Miss Close whilst his wife is at her mother's for the weekend. Some far-from-routine thrashing around ensues, supported ably by the kitchen units, and a twist is thrown in the tale, that is, except Mr Douglas's dog, who by now hasn't been fed for two days. Graceful for this night of unattached passion, Mr Douglas attempts to set off home to see the, by now, desperate dog.

Unfortunately for him, the lady is not all she's jacked up to be and she won't let go. Before long she discovers that she is pregnant and her pestering becomes a maniacal campaign of terrorisation as she steadily deteriorates.

As far as suspense goes, this film works but despite all the hype it received in America, it fails to be really shocking. Douglas is certainly seen as a naughtly boy for playing away from home (and losing) but we are given very little explanation as to why Miss Close becomes quite so lonely and desperate and so her reaction seems completely over-the-top.

No doubt this is why the Americans loved it (no prejudice shall grace these pages, I assure you). Nevertheless, it does contain sensual scenes (except the one with the ivory elephant) and there are some quite alarming events.
Edin Uni 16; Kelso 2nd XV 6

On taking the 2nd XV of one of Scotland's top clubs, the University faced one of the most nerve-racking games of the season last Saturday morning. In the event, the University won in fine style, scoring two tries and defending well to hang on to their lead.

Things did not look very promising before the game when the forwards kicked off, Pete "Boo Bearman" Yule was the first to go. However, the backs and the forward line came on strong and, after a few minutes, a composed University went on to dominate the game.

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Shinty Backfire

On the Saturday of the rugby internationals, the other great match of the day was placed in the Perths. The University club, Shinty, was presented with a match that provided the many brave supporters more excitement and entertainment that could be found in either Paris or Dublin.

With The Bear Cat out through injury. Reports say Ross took over in goal. Unfortunately, for him, almost immediately after half-time,

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Colt 45 ShootUp

I thought that this week I would report on happenings in what some might wrongly call the lower echelons of the club. The reasons for this are two-fold. Firstly, the Colts side has been playing with a certain panache in recent months which has so often pressingly hard one again on the Inverness pressure. The in-stribe Derian Derian and McClymonds hit the in-step of the right wing, high and finely rebounded ball, with all the strength and speed Tinker Tinkers have broken his friend's toe in bed last week, at the goal.

Nevertheless the team raised the bar higher and higher. The forwards were driven and the backs were fast. The game was won by a combination of physical strength, speed, and precision. The forwards were dominant, the backs were precise, and the defense was solid. Overall, it was a great win for the University, who move to the top of the league, and a disappointing loss for Kelso 2nd XV.
Our cynical series continues with yet another look at topical things. This week we examine an episode of that great American institution, the soap opera, where, as they say, any relation between the fictional characters and a good television is purely coincidental. Here, however, is a snippet from the old favourite, ‘Dallas’, so that you can judge for yourself just how unrealistic it all is.

THE CAST:
J.R. Owen — the dastardly but charming oil company chief.
Little Ole Bobby — the goody-goody wimp.

“Big Mac” MacLennan — a dynamic new oil man from the north.

The story so far...
Dastardly but charming J.R. Owen has so far managed to thwart Little Ole Bobby’s goody-goody plans to merge with another oil company in order to provide a better service for the Dallas community. Little Ole Bobby thinks the merger will be able to provide practical opposition to the cruel and evil “Thatch” Kartel, and has brought in dynamic new oil man from the north, “Big Mac”, to mastermind the deal. They have planned a press conference to reveal the merger propositions to the Dallas Daily Mail and the Texan Times. But little do they suspect that dastardly J.R. Owen has other plans. The story continues...

Scene One (J.R.’s office, late at night...). J.R. and Bobby are talking when an elderly man bursts through the door.

J.R.: “Well, hell, Ronnie. If I’ve told you once I’ve told you a thousand times. You can’t go Jock, your acting’s not realistic enough, you’ll just have to keep right on being the President.”

(Ronnie pauses out)

Scene Two (the press conference).

Big Mac: “Hi Bobby, nice doing business with you again.”
Bobby: “Hi Big Mac. I hope you’ve got the proposals worked out good and proper.”

(Their original brief-cases)
Bobby: “Well, ma heavens, Big Mac, it says right here that we wanna blow up the world with something called Trident, and put income tax on little children and animals. I swear by Miss Ellie (whoever she is) that I cannot support these things.”
Big Mac: “That cannot be so, Little Ole Bobby, I cannot believe I wrote these things.”

(Dallas Daily Mail Reporter: “It’ll take plastic surgery to live down this, boys!”)

Scene Three (J.R. Owen speaks at Edinburgh University).
“Well hell, Sue Ellen and I could not agree to a merger where ma own son, little John Ross, would be taxed for his entire wardrobe and then blown up with nuclear missiles. I cannot guess how ma brother got involved in these things; I can only hope he’ll ing and again come to respect the name of Owen Oil. I myself will continue to do what the people want.”

What will happen in next week’s exciting episode? Will J.R. go it alone against the “Thatch” Kartel. Or even go it alone for the “Thatch” Kartel? Will Sue Ellen be taxed on her lingerie? Or is Big Mac eaten up with revenge? And will Little Ole Bobby form a splinter group, or simply pick up the pieces?

(By to be continued as soon as possible.)

Rosie Cowan

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Wheels in and dealin’ with the ‘Thatch’ Kartel.

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