Problem of the Week Problem C Crossing Canals

Koji is rowing his boat on a busy canal system near his home. The following diagram shows the canal system with a star representing Koji's current location and the house representing the location of his home.



From Koji's extensive canal experience, he knows the following:

- 1. Rowing straight across an intersection square takes 30 seconds.
- 2. Rowing straight across a square that is not an intersection takes 20 seconds.
- 3. Turning right at an intersection takes 15 seconds.
- 4. Turning left at an intersection takes 270 seconds, due to heavy traffic.
- 5. It is not possible make U-turns or reverse direction.

Calculate the shortest amount of time it will take Koji to row home from his current position, using only the canals shown.

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This problem was inspired by a past Beaver Computing Challenge (BCC) problem.

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