

The Indian representatives, who had Mr. Asutt's memorandum before them, might have liked to have questioned him about it. For instance, they might have liked to have reminded him of the day when he had witnessed the demonstration against Gandhi at the Point. Was it directed against stopping Indian immigration or was it against Gandhi, who, in the course of his green pamphlet on conditions of Indians in Natal, published in India, and a summary called to this country, was said to have maligned the British Government of Natal? Mr. Asutt surely knows Natal was always keen on welcoming the Indian labour immigration until the Government of India had to step in and stop further emigration. Surely Mr. Asutt should know what every Indian community

A most remarkable miniature, the
writing of the number 9 in this case
has any other number appears
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play a large many hole factories employ a large number of children ranging from six to 16 years of age who are working from eight to 10 hours at a time in dark, ill-ventilated and unwholesome, even with no ventilation, some on a day at the rate of two cents and some on a thousand.

These and other facts which indicate that child exploitation in Bombay was rampant unthought and unheeded is reported by Mr. Wilfred South, a student in the new quarterly paper published in the *Journal of Social Work*, edited by the faculty of the St. Xavier's College, Bombay, and the *Journal of Social Work*.

Further, with Census and the United

"ALSO SAID."

in Bombay

States, ranks as one of the three largest tobacco growing countries in the world. The indigenous varieties of tobacco, Mr. Singh observes, grown over a million acres in this country are good enough for the hookahs and in fact, not fit for the manufacture of high-grade cigarettes. The country exports 22 lakhs a month of 20, in Bombay—the real India smokes 20 lakhs of cigarettes, and children or class people and those which for convenience and economy are

During his study, Mr. Singh found that in Bombay alone, there were 1,20,000 factories, according to recent estimates of the Government Department of the Bombay Municipal Corporation.

There were two classes of Indians who came to Natal, viz.:-

- (a) The indentured labouring class.
- (b) The traders.

The traders so looked down on their indentured brethren that they styled themselves Arabs so that they would not be associated with the latter.

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Mr. and Mrs. James Thomas, have now been discharged from G. Hospital, Manassasburg, are back in Smith. They are staying with and Mrs. James Smith.

For it is fact," said the Mayor, Sir Rupert Ellis Bruce, when addressing 100 ratings of the Royal Italian Navy.

The annual meeting of the State of Indiana Temple was held in the Temple Hall, Longmarket Street, Maritzburg, recently.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

The secretary, in the course of a lengthy report, reviewed the work of the Temple. He referred to the great loss sustained by the Temple in the death of the late secretary, Mr. B. Sundar. His services were rendered in an honorary capacity for the last 14 years.

The general Hindu festivals, and the secretaries, were duly carried out from time to time. Since the Temple was built there was a great need for a Havan Kundi to perform the Havan Ceremony at festive occasions. This long-felt need of the community is now being fulfilled by an additional building.

The Havan Kund has cost round about 200,000 rupees, a brick path, which was a real necessity in the front portion of the Temple, this also has been done.

MYSTERIOUS POWER

The Indians had some mysterious power to compete more successfully with the Europeans, said Mr. Gilmore, representing the European Meat Traders' Association, replying to Mr.

Councillor Younglemon in reply to Mr. Kaje said that he only represented the citizens of Ward VI and Indians only as ratepayers because of the fact they had no vote.

He admitted the density of population per single room, which was 7.0 Indians and 4.6 Europeans in Durban, and yet the Durban City Council had spent £21,000 on Indian housing as against £467,000 on European housing.

He said that the figures of the Central Housing Board of £21,000 was not correct for the Corporation figure was nearly £100,000.

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INDIAN MIDSHIPMEN IN ROYAL NAVY

They Come to Durban and are Well Received

INDIAN midshipmen from the Indian Royal Navy, but seconded for service in one of His Majesty's ships, were in Durban recently. They were from Hyderabad, Panaji, and Madras, and were the only Indians in the vessel which carried an entire European crew.

While they liked Durban, they said, they did not like the colour prejudice and racial barriers of this country.

They, however, admitted that they were well received by the Europeans of Durban who did everything possible to make their stay in port as pleasant as possible, and the treatment accorded to them was in every way similar to that extended to the other "midship" of the Royal Navy.

One of them, who was in charge of a gun, expressed his contempt for the Indians, especially their naval and air men.

"Their planes always kept away from our gun range," he said, when relating his experiences in the Mediterranean.

Another young Indian midshipman, Nikanta Krishna, also as a result of his experiences while on "survivor's leave" in London in a letter to his father in South India.

Krishna writes:

I suppose you remember my telling you that I have lost most of my telling in action. Well, I am on 14 days "survivor's leave" now and have been rather busy getting all the imm-itate necessities together.

Now for some "more pleasant" news. I had a letter from my captain yesterday, which runs as follows:

"Dear Krishna, in connection with the action of the month, your name has been forwarded to the Vice Admiral Commanding, Eastern Squadron, with others who rendered conspicuous service, in the following terms:

"... By their vigilance, courage, and coolness, the Indians kept and reports made, assisted greatly in the handling of the ship to counter attacks. Yours sincerely, (Sig) John Durnsford, Captain."

I have left two spare blank, as the information is commendable. It is too early as yet to say whether I'll get a medal or not, but I stand a damn good chance of doing so. Even if I don't, being mentioned in despatches is in itself a great honour many people would give quite a lot for. I hope you are pleased.

My nerves, if they were tried at all in one of the most hectic weeks of action I've ever had, have certainly come back to normal again. I made quite sure of that by enjoying the leave. I feel all the better for it, as the tremendous nervousness to death for hours on end has certainly affected

Verulam Bride for Overport Groom

On Sunday last a wedding was solemnised at the residence of Mr. P. S. Ponniah, 128, Macartney Road, Overport, Durban, of Mr. Narayanaswamy Pillay (Harry Morgan), second son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Narayanaswamy, of Overport, and Miss Woomaratne Amal, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. Subban (S. Vellou), of Verulam.

The large canopy erected for the occasion was gaily decorated and was packed to capacity with all sections of the Indian community. The bride is the daughter of Mr. Subban, who is a well-known personality of Verulam, being associated with all activities in the welfare of the Indian community. He is the joint honorary secretary of the Natal Indian Association (Verulam branch); president of the Verulam Indian Child Welfare Society; secretary, Central Factory Mill Group; secretary and trustee, Mamamang Government-aided Indian School, Inanda; secretary, New Glasgow Indian School; and holding other important positions in the local bodies.

Amongst those that were present and spoke were: Messrs. K. Subramony, K. M. Chin, Muthusamy Pillay and Sengodha N. Manickam Pillay, who extended their heartfelt congratulations and good wishes to the wedded couple. Mr. Subban suitably responded.

A musical entertainment was conducted by Mr. Pillay and songs were also rendered by him. Mangalamas were sung by Master Ganesh Subban and Miss Jagathambal and by Mr. Vaniappu Goudy.

The bride and bridegroom were the recipients of numerous presents.

MESSAGE FROM KING FAROUK

To Maritzburg Muslims

The undermentioned is a copy of a letter received by the Maritzburg Muslim Youth Debating Society from the Private Secretary to King Farouk of Egypt:

"I am commanded by the King to convey to you and to all the members of your society an expression of his Majesty's thanks for your kind message of condolence on the occasion of the death of H.E. Hassan 'Abd Pascha, the late Prime Minister."

Ideal Lot of Gifts at Goshalia's

Those who are proposing to make the purchase of their Christmas presents should not fail to visit Messrs. Goshalia & Co., 179a Grey Street. They have imported a large variety of useful and novel articles, of ideal things for presentation. Something which is absolutely new to this country is his wall picture. It is a picture which is well chosen and gives a fine picture to India and the Indian. There are numerous other articles, and a visit to this shop should solve the presentation problems as well as provide something novel for one's Christmas.

The Presents were the presents of Indian cricket. They ventured forth and sent a team to England in 1938. Of the 28 matches played, one resulted in victory. Two years later another team, captained by England, who they played 31 matches, winning eight.

One figure is approximately 15 lakhs is 100,000; a crore 10,00,000.

THE RAINS CAME

To Life on the Avalon Screen



THE THREE GREAT STARS THAT READ A GREAT CAST IN A GREAT FILM: TYRONE POWER AS THE ROMANTIC MAJOR RAMA SAFTI; MYRNA LOY AS THE LOVELY LADY ESKETH; AND GEORGE BRENT AS TOM KANSOMIE.

"THE RAINS CAME" is the first picture that is regarded as a masterpiece of Indian and the Indian. It is the view held by distinguished actors who had seen the picture in its entirety. It breaks the usual Hollywood pattern of treating the white man as a hero and the black man as the villain.

"The Rains Came" there is a beautiful study of the Indian Major Rama Safti, with a background of a life of India. This picture, which will be featured at the Avalon, commencing on Monday and continuing throughout the week, should be seen by every Indian who desires to see the best of European pictures so far depicted on Indian screens.

The story deals with fascinating, deeply emotional, human, and off the world in the colourful mythical city of Ranehper, India, with all its ancient, ancient, and the angry gods of nature made life a fading hope and love a desperate longing, are brought vividly to life in the 20th Century Fox film. Faithful in mood and true to the heart, "The Rains Came" deserves all of Brundage's characters. Myrna Loy breaks with the "perfect wife" tradition to play the heroine Lady Esketh. Esbeth, Tyrone Power has his most romantic role as a high-caste Hindu surgeon, Major Rama Safti, who proves the one great love of Lady Esketh's life and George Brent is seen as the worldly Tom Kansome, a ghost out of the lady's remembered past.

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The names of well-known patrons of the game, including those of the Jam Sahib of Nawabpur, the Maharaj-Kumar of Alwar, and the Nawab of Bhopal have been mentioned in the connection.

They are reported to have been requested to raise sales for the purpose.

It is understood that the Maharaj-Kumar of Alwar has been volunteering to bring over to India some of the world's best cricketers to make the event unprecedented in the history of the game in India.

Invitations have been sent out to such cricket celebrities as Don Bradman, Hammond, Headley, Grimmett, Verity, Farnes and McCabe.

The response is said to have

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month.

"The Minister replied that at the
present juncture it was not possible to
ask the Treasury for an increased
grant," says the Agent-General's re-
port in reviewing his activities for
last year.

Matric Up J.C. Down

SASTRI COLLEGE REPORT

Years Work Reviewed

SPEAKING at the prize-giving of the
Sastri College, the principal, Mr.
Anderson, in his annual report, said:
"The year under review has been
as may be expected in these troublous
times, an abnormal one."

"When the college opened at the
beginning of the year, Mr. A. N.
Lazarus assumed duty vice Mr. Com-
pton who had gone on study leave.
On the opening of the three new rooms
early in the year, Messrs. M. H. K. P.
and Jack Naidoo joined the staff.
When Messrs. Martin and Lumsden
enlisted for military service their
places were taken by Messrs. Ann
Khan and Marwick respectively."

"In August the vice-principal, Mr.
H. S. Miller, resumed duty after two
and-a-half years' leave and Mr. W. J.
Curry, his reliever, was transferred to
the Durban High School. I should
like here to express my appreciation
of the assistance rendered to me by
Mr. G. A. Kallu during Mr. Miller's
absence. At the moment Mr. A. D.
Lazarus is on sick leave and the gap
is being filled by Mr. Nathan Khan."

CLASSROOMS NEEDED

"The new classrooms filled a much
needed want, but I must stress the
fact that still more accommodation is
urgently needed."

"Changes were made during the
year in the school calendar, e.g., the
athletic sports were moved forward
and the final tests back towards the
end of the year. The change did not
prove wholly successful, and the inter-
house debates, among other things,
had to be abandoned. Profiting by
experience, we hope to arrange a
better calendar in 1944."

"While the matriculation results,
1942, were up to standard the J.C.
results were not. This may be due
to the fact that many boys are
receiving instruction through a medium
other than their home language. A
more gradual approach to the J.C.
work may prove of value. The teacher
training classes continue to receive
satisfactory support."

"The dramatic society and musical
club with flourish and are very popular
institutions."

"As against 70 perfect attendance
certificates gained last year, nearly 120
have been issued this year. There is
still room for improvement."

"The physical side of education has
received full attention."

SASTRI HOUSE BEATEN

"After carrying off the athletic
trophy for five years in succession,
Sastri House was beaten this year by
Rozelle House. The difference was one
point."

"Sastri was successful in winning
the football trophy, while Rozelle
won the cricket cup."

"Success in tennis was clinched by
the presentation of a beautiful
trophy by the Agent-General for the
Government of Natal to Rozelle House.
Rozelle won the tennis for 1942 in Rozelle
House."

"The 'Compass' cup for all sides
of college activity has been won for a
second time by Rozelle House with a
total of 45 points over the Rozelle
House. A difference of 45 in the
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Singh's residence.

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Tribute Paid to Work Done

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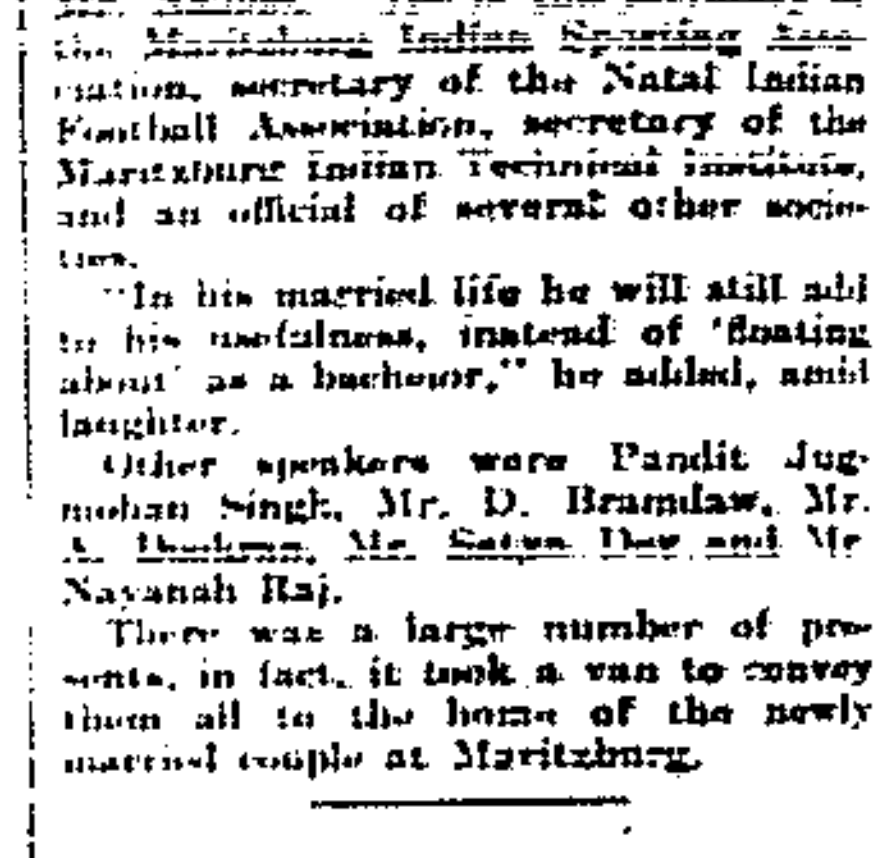
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The Women's World

STEPS TO IMPROVE INDIAN DIETS

Since it came into existence in 1911, the Indian Research Fund Association has devoted increasing attention to the study of nutritional problems and to the practical application of the fruits of such study to the improvement of the diet of the people, states the Report of Scientific Advisory Board of the Association for 1939.

During the year under review, nutri-
tional research has proceeded on the
lines of surveys of the state of nutri-
tion and the dietary habits of the
people in various parts of the country.
The analyses of the common household
foods in India in order to ascertain their
nutritional value, research into various
nutritional problems, including that of
ascorbic acid deficiency in order to
ascertain the prevalence of this defect
in Indian diets, the training of health per-
sonnel in nutrition and educational
work in order to encourage the applica-
tion of the fruits of research for im-
proving the diet of the people.

As rice, as the staple diet in many
parts of India, received special atten-
tion during the year, a memoir en-
titled "The Rice Problem in India,"
which deals with different aspects of
the subject, has been recently pub-
lished by the Indian Research Fund
Association.

The results of over 50 diet surveys
in different parts of the country have
been embodied in a special publication
by the Association and this should
prove to be of value to provincial
Departments of Agriculture in shaping
their policies.

Research into different nutritional
problems involved investigations in
many centres, including medical col-
leges in Lucknow and Bombay, the
Departments of Chemistry in Delhi
and Calcutta University, the All
India Institute of Hygiene and Public
Health, Calcutta, the Nutrition Re-
search Laboratories, Coimbatore, and
the Imperial Agricultural Research In-
stitute, New Delhi.

Position of Women in the Social System

"BEAUTY in women is admired,
but talent is admired; but a good
woman will always be the brightest jewel
of their lives," observed Sir M. Vis-
vesvaraya, addressing the graduates
of the Indian Women's University at
the annual convention at Sir Cowaji
Jehangir Hall, Bombay.

In the course of his congratulatory
address, he drew a comparison be-
tween the position of Indian women
and that of women of other countries
and observed that the Indian social
system was still largely inclined to
neglect the needs of women.

The Indian Women's University had
been brought into existence partly to
meet that social need.

The chief aim of the great majority
of women in life was to secure an ac-
ceptable husband and settle down to
a happy married life. Every position
it was to be satisfactorily filled, re-
quired the cultivation of the qualities
which a girl needed in her
own home and under her own mother
in Indian homes was adaptable as far
as it was the Indian social system
derived many responsibilities to deal with
for which a regular and systematic
training was necessary.

EDUCATION REQUIRED

Indian women required education
of the sort necessary to give them
power of judgment and strength of
purpose to feel their responsibility
for their future at an early age. The
growth of education and economic in-
dependence were leading to the
substitution of reason for authority in
the family. The freedom of women in

Salt and Health

An extra ration of salt is reported to
have proved beneficial in the main-
tenance of the general health of troops
of the Army in India in the hot
weather, and is considered to be useful
in the prevention or reduction of heat
stroke and the effects of heat, accord-
ing to the annual report on the health
of the Army in India for 1939.

To allow for the increased loss of salt
from profuse perspiration during hot
weather, an extra salt ration has been
issued at Multan, Rawalpindi and
Faisalabad to all British troops, and at
Delhi to a proportion of the troops from
May 15 to September 15. The pro-
portion of cases of heat exhaustion in-
creased towards the end of the hot weather
period, when the drain of salt from the
body is likely to have its greatest effect.

A daily loss of salt in the perspira-
tion which is not made good by the
daily food after two or three months
is considered to produce a deleterious
effect on the general health.

Soldiers often drink a weak solution
of salt water while in mines in which
a temperature is combined with
humidity. The effect of salt drinks is
stated to be dramatic in offsetting co-
rdipar from insipid heat stroke or
exhaustion.

The theory that exposure to the sun
necessarily means sunstroke has been
disproved. It has been found that
the best way to keep men healthy in
the hot weather and to prevent heat
stroke is not to shut them up in
barracks from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., or to
give them a heavy coat to wear from
seven to dusk, but to occupy them
fully, outside if need be, throughout
the day, provided reasonable precau-
tions are taken.

The Waridatun Salma of 1938, the
results during the 1937 operations,
the July civil disturbances in Lahore
in 1936, and the recent experience of
training in the hot weather months in
certain stations indicate that heat
stroke and heat exhaustion are not in-
evitable. On the contrary, fewer cases
are reported if the men are engaged on
stable physical duties out in the open
throughout the day, provided ample
drinking water is available and cloth-
ing and shoes are adjusted suitably.

TRAINING OF PERSONNEL

The training of health personnel in
nutritional work which was started in
1937, continued in 1939 and 17 workers
from various provinces and Indian
States attended a three-months' course.

A new edition of Health Bulletin
No. 23, entitled "The Nutritive Value
of Indian Foods and the Planning of
Satisfactory Diets" was issued during
the year and a nutrition museum was
established at the Nutrition Research
Laboratories at Coimbatore, which is
maintained by the Indian Research
Fund Association.

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problems involved investigations in
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the Imperial Agricultural Research In-
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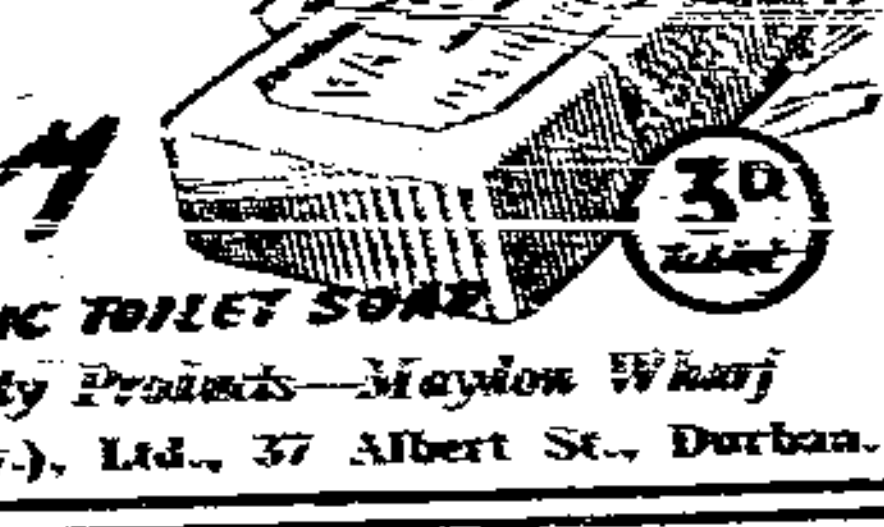
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<u>OCCUPATION</u>					
<u>Miscellaneous labourers</u>					
<u>Male labourers</u>					
<u>Drawers (fruit and vegetable)</u>					
<u>Railway labourers</u>	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
<u>Cave-men</u>	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
<u>Shop assistants</u>	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
<u>Cookery</u>	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
<u>Bakers</u>	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
<u>Vendors</u>	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
<u>Fruit packers</u>	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
<u>Cooks</u>	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
<u>Tailors</u>	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
<u>Others' assistant</u>	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
<u>Carpenters</u>	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
<u>Carpenter</u>	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
<u>Crocker</u>	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
<u>Female labourers</u>					
<u>Painters</u>					
<u>Electrician</u>					
<u>Cartmen</u>					

To Purchase Properties

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we shall make and work efficiently, and protect against the acquisition of the land by the corporation. You need not fear that, in the event of your being unsuccessful in your protest, you will be victimised by the corporation officials. There will be no victimisation by the council.

The older men will bear me out that at one time Indians were living at the Point, then known as the Bombay Square, for a number of years, and also they were trading, and had shops in West street, near the Post Office. The corporation got them removed from there to Warwick Avenue, then known as Ivesa Place, where they lived in a miserable tenement. Again from this latter place the corporation got them shifted. Then a good many of them acquired properties outside the Borough of Durban, and some selected vicinities, where we are at present living.

"You can clearly see the policy adopted by the Durban Corporation. That policy, I can say without fear of contradiction, is to oust us from this land also, which land I again say, that some of you have held for more than 50 years.

"It might interest you that, when I first came here, there were only two houses, and today this place is well populated. The number of persons living in this area will exceed 3,000. Most of them are living in modern houses, and are within easy reach of the city of Durban, the place of their business.

"There is only one fundamental principle on which we residents and landowners of this area could work, that is, cooperation of all landowners and residents of the properties, only by the adoption of cooperation, the policy of the corporation will be thrown out, and we will succeed.

DEHOUSING INDIANS
Further, it is the policy of the City Council to dehouse us and provide for the housing of the coloureds and Europeans, and eventually they will chase us from this area to an isolated place, therefore it is incumbent on us to take stern action and strongly protest against the policy of the council.

Mr. N. Ganga, one of the conveners, said:

"We have today assembled here to consider the action of the Durban City Council in attempting to acquire under Section 11 of the Housing Act approximately 73 acres of our land.

"We are very much perturbed over this matter, because we find that since incorporation the Durban City Council is keen on uprooting the Indians from the locality in which they have lived for generations.

"The City Council is in accord with the Shona Act and the Housing Act, both of which gave them the powers to acquire properties. Unfortunately for us both these Acts are being used against us. Only a few months back the Town Council was able to clear all the Indians who had owned and occupied land in the Orange Lane area. This Shona Act was used to acquire those properties, in extent 19½ acres, in the heart of opposition from the Indian community, and notwithstanding the fact that the Indians in the area had agreed to clear up their premises.

"In this connection I want to point out that the intention of the Shona Act was to clear the Indians, as to the Durban Corporation. For I feel that if the Durban City Council were as lenient as the Shona Act, they would not have acquired the land in the Orange Lane area. I would venture to say that the Orange Lane area would never have been cleared in such a manner.

"You do not say Indian locality, and you will observe the same action on the part of the City Council.

"With respect to our area, the council has put aside the Shona Act, and is applying the Housing Act to acquire our properties, because we have

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REPATRIATION SCHEME

Numbers Falling off

During evidence before the Select Committee on Public Accounts, Mr. Kinnear, the Commissioner for Immigration and Asiatic Affairs, said that there had been a tremendous falling off in the number of Indians availing themselves of the assisted emigration scheme.

"Last year approximately 237 left South Africa under the scheme, Indians born in Natal did not want to go to India.

"Mr. De Wet, Secretary for the Interior, said that the improvements in economic conditions might have had something to do with the failure of the scheme. Mr. Kinnear's report.

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conditions exist in our area. The action of the council to acquire our properties must be contested with all our energy.

"The City Council can even conceive of acquiring our properties and thus displace us, because my countrymen. Some of us have been here for 50 years. We have been here when the whole of South Africa was hush land. We have been here when the roads were more sandy paths. We have developed this area, having got away from the humdrum of the city. It is in this area is within reach of the centre of the city, where most of us are employed and carry on our own trade or business.

"It would be seen, therefore, that if the council were allowed to acquire our properties, we would be placed in a desperate state, because we could acquire no property within easy access to the city.

"We understand that the City Council wants those properties for housing schemes. Whether it is for housing schemes, or for any other scheme, we shall definitely oppose any acquisition of our properties by the City Council.

"I would urge that in this connection the cooperation of the landowners be sought.

GOODY FORMER

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

(1) "That this meeting of landowners held at Spaldham on December 15, 1940, hereby resolves to form a body of the landowners in the name of the Spaldham Indian Landowners' Association, and the objects of which shall be as follows:

(a) "To watch the interests of the landowners in connection with the development scheme of the City Council, and to take such steps as may be necessary therewith.

(b) "To oppose the acquisition by the Town Council of the bank upon approximately 73 acres, situated in the heart of the Indian community, and to take such steps as may be necessary therewith.

(c) "To co-operate with any organised body, obtain help or support from any person, or support from any person, or support from any person, for the purpose of opposing the acquisition of the land by the City Council.

(2) "That this meeting of the landowners held at Spaldham hereby resolves to oppose strongly the acquisition of approximately 73 acres of land by the City Council, and in this connection the officials of the Spaldham Indian Landowners' Association be and it be recommended to all landowners to co-operate with any organised body or individual, and that the said officials be further empowered to do everything that may be necessary in connection therewith.

The following officials have been appointed: J. S. Kinnear, chairman; Mr. P. S. Kinnear, vice-chairman; R. Kinnear, secretary; and ten members.

The Quality of Car Delay Causes Concern

"In 1933, the Agent-General took up with the Union Government the question of increasing the import duty on bananas with a view to protecting the Indian banana growers of Natal.

"The Secretary for Agriculture informed the Agent-General that in view of the Mozambique Convention which was not the simple of native labour from Portuguese East Africa for the gold mines, the Union Government was unable to protect the banana industry in South Africa by way of an enhanced import duty.

"Thereupon it was suggested that the Department of Agriculture should appoint expert demonstrators with the object of improving the quality of the locally-grown product.

"The Secretary for Agriculture, however, replied that on account of the war it was not possible to take up the suggestion for the present." Report of the Agent-General (latest issue).

Sympathy with Mrs. C. W. F. Hime

The Maritzburg branch of the Natal Indian Association has expressed its sympathy to Mrs. C. W. F. Hime on the death of her husband. In the course of a letter the association states: "May we express to you the universal sorrow of the Indian community of Maritzburg?"

"The late Mr. Hime was known to the Indian community for his impartiality and the scale of justice which he evenly held between all sections of the population. It will be recalled that on his retirement as Chief Magistrate, the Indian community expressed its appreciation and high esteem in which it held him during his lifetime."

INCREASE OF WAGES Marked Effect on Indians

The proposals for a wage determination for unskilled labour in respect of twenty-seven trades in Durban and district have, according to the report of the Agent-General for India, to be considered to be of paramount importance to the Indians of Durban.

"The proposed wage" it adds, "is fixed at 4s. a day or 30 shillings a week on the basis of a weekly employment. The ordinary hours of work are fixed at 42 hours or 50 hours a week according to the nature of the trade.

"The determination further provides for the payment of wages on public holidays and for the payment of overtime.

MIST HOLDS UP BRIDAL COUPLE

Alarm was felt at both ends, at the home of the bride and of the bridegroom in Durban and Maritzburg, respectively, when the bridal couple with their retinue, returning home after the ceremony on Sunday, did not reach their destination in the expected time.

The first car containing the guests had reached Maritzburg, and there were no signs of the bride car for some time afterwards. A phone call was put through to the home of the bride, asking as to the time when the car had left for Maritzburg, as it had not arrived.

This inquiry caused concern in Durban. The bride's brothers now started phoning for information at intervals. The answer for a time was in the negative. In the meantime imagination was running riot, and all sorts of things likely to happen were being visualised.

Again a call was made, and this time the inquiry, who had made up his mind to leave for Maritzburg, for the suspense was growing, was told to his great relief that they had just arrived. The mist had caused the delay.

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A MIXED BAG AT AVALON

THE Avalon next week has a mixed bag of programmes. The first part of the week has a strong detective flavour, when Inspector Hornleigh will be seen in one of his big cases.

Inspector Hornleigh and his assistant, Sergeant Bingham, went to enjoy the week-end and the rest of the week a "bonanza holiday." One of their fellow boarders at "Balmoral Guest House," Captain Fraser of the Royal Navy, went out one evening night with his pet terrier and was found, crushed and burned to death, in his wrecked motorcar at the foot of a cliff.

Hornleigh soon proved that the crash was due neither to suicide nor accident and moreover that the body was not Fraser's, despite an identifying tattoo design on the back of the hand. Back of it all he uncovers the multi-coloured claims of a ruthless gang as yet unknown.

Sam Hornleigh and his grumbling but ungrudging assistant are on the trail which leads through cemetery vaults, a bridge club and a hospital where poor Bingham has to pose as a corpse.

But the gang is a pretty good match for Hornleigh's craft, and they use such up-to-date methods as transmitting messages via innocent amateur wireless stations.

"THE HOUSEKEEPER'S DAUGHTER"

The second part of the Avalon's week's programme concerns the story of "The Housekeeper's Daughter," the most and merry series of a group of amateur and professional sleuths who try to solve the mysterious murder of Charles Fontaine, a Broadway play girl, in the swanky town house of the socially prominent Randall family.

Among the various members working at cross purposes, are the beautiful and alluring housekeeper's daughter, the son of the Randall family, two young newspapermen, a mob of gangsters and a psychopathic homicide.

A smash climax is provided when Adolphe Menjou, as the crack news hound solves the murder after he has tormented a gang of underworld hoodlums in a burst of fireworks glory.

John Bennett, as the housekeeper's daughter, solves the homicide in the latest of Robert Rankin, when she runs away from the underworld to join her mother who is housekeeper for the wealthy family. Young Robert (Bennett), who hasn't joined his family for the summer, becomes a newspaperman and stumbles on the first clue in the baffling murder case while making the rounds of the night clubs with the two sensational news hounds, Adolphe Menjou and William Gargan.

There will be a special midnight programme, "My Son, My Son," on December 25.



Joan Bennet

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PRAJNAT's masterpiece of 1940, Sant Dnyaneshwar, will be seen at Mayville Theatre, commencing on Monday night. Considering as it does with Christmas week there will be thousands in Durban who will see this picture, which has been regarded in India as even surpassing "Sant Yashwantrao" and the other socio-psychological films.

Dnyaneshwar, who carries the gospel of equality among men, proves his claim to expound his mission by making:

A buffalo to chant the Vedas, Getting a wall to move.

The story opens 900 years ago in the hamlet of Abundi in Maharashtra, a storm was raging in the home of Vithalant, a young married man, for the supremacy of the joys of earth over the pleasures of the flesh. Finally, sticking to the resolve of devoting his life to the attainment of spiritual bliss, he went to Benares and became a Sanyasi under a Guru. Later, when the Guru, along with Vithalant, visited the latter's hamlet, Vithalant, Vithalant's wife, met his Guru and related her men.

The Guru commanded his chela to break his vow of celibacy and put on the shackles of married life. Back in his hamlet, Vithalant became the butt end of ridicule of gossip-mongers.

His dying message to Dnyaneshwar was to spread the gospel of equality among men, in carrying out the noble mission, Dnyaneshwar in turn became the victim of religious persecution. Ganga, his youthful companion came to his rescue; she prevailed upon the village Shastri Gangadhar to give a letter of recommendation to Vithalant Shastri Pathik so that the long yearning for purification could be satisfied.

Back in his village he started preaching the Gita. Orthodoxy resented once again, isolated the holy of Mahatma Chaugale, a great authority. With all his pomp he came riding on a tiger to see the "Upasat" Dnyaneshwar when another miracle happened: the wall on which Dnyaneshwar was sitting started moving towards Chaugale. The story concludes strikingly.

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supplies for Malaya's population of
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completed. This will involve the nation-
alizing of rice to retailers and will be
introduced very soon if it should become
necessary.

Congress-Minded Muslims

The members of the Council of the
Congress-minded Muslim Conference of
South India have issued a statement to
the Press, in the course of which
they state:

We think the Congress demands that
the British Government should promise
to grant to India, soon after the
present war concludes, a constitution
drawn up by the people, and that, in
the meantime, as an earnest of the
fulfilment of that promise, the Central
Government should be formed by the
people's representatives responsible to
the Legislature, in perfectly sound.

The recently published correspon-
dence between H.E. the Viceroy and
the President of the Muslim League
brings, in our opinion, the Muslim
League much nearer the Congress than
ever before and provides a basis for
mutual understanding and friendly
understanding.

We are convinced that Congress
League unity alone can bring freedom
to India.

Any attempt at "Hindu Revival," as
under the name of the Mahatma, or
at "Muslim Revival," as under the
name of the Muslim League, is bound to
fail, in the strengthening of foreign
domination. What is happening in
India today shows that any division of
the country on the basis of religion
will frustrate the cause of such a
division.

National reconstruction is the only
honourable and possible course open
to all patriotic Indians.

The inspiration and material for
such a national reconstruction should
be sought in the present and in the
future, not in the past. This recon-
struction should be founded on the
fact that India belongs equally to all
those who inhabit it, not exclusively
to any community whose members may
be found in any area in larger numbers
than others.

A DEMOCRATIC BASE

The future constitution, polity and
economy of the country should be based
on democracy, non-party government,
same citizenship for all, free elec-
torate, intelligent franchise and a
common language with safeguards for
every citizen against oppression of all
kinds.

The State should have no religion.
Religion, cultural and linguistic
freedom and the liberty to preach and
practice one's religion and the provision
to impart education through the lan-
guage of one's choice should be accorded
to every citizen not to any community
as such.

Those matters should at first be
settled between the Congress and the
Muslim League. After reaching a mutual agree-
ment the Privy Council and other
bodies should be approached. The
Congress should make an immediate
approach towards unity with the
Muslim League. It should without
delay appoint a trusted plebiscitary
representative with a similarly accredited
representative of the League.

The Congress should immediately
appoint for every district a com-
mittee of inquiry consisting of three
members, including a Muslim, pre-
sided by a member of the League, to
investigate the social, economic,
educational and other conditions
of the Muslims and to suggest
ways in which the Congress could
serve them.

Based on their reports a new policy
of service to the Muslims should be
indicated. Nothing repulsive to the Mus-
lims more than the Congress. And we
will ourselves as members of the
Congress in large numbers to help
the Muslims for their welfare.

INSANE ORGY OF DESTRUCTION

Tagore on World Situation

"THE failure of humanity in the
East to preserve the worth of
their civilization and the dignity of
man which they had taken centuries
to build up, weighs like a nightmare
on my mind." This is one of the per-
tinent remarks made by Dr. Rabindranath
Tagore from his sick bed. When
ever the poet had a respite from
acute physical discomfort, he asked the
news in the newspaper. He was
greatly pleased to hear of the
British decision to reopen the Burma
route to China.

According to Mr. Chanda, the poet's
secretary, to the Associated Press of
India, the violence and persecution
with which some of the thoughtless
expressed by the Tagore indicated how
intensely he felt them. The poet once
said, "I am passing through a period
of physical suffering. The doctors
have forbidden me to think or to talk.
All the same I cannot help it. The
doctors do not know that, along with
physical agony, I am conscious of an
other pain which they cannot control.
The failure of humanity in the West
to preserve the worth of their civiliza-
tion and the dignity of man which they
have taken centuries to build up,
weighs like a nightmare on my mind.
It seems clear to me that this failure
is due to the nations' repudiation of
moral values in the guidance of their
affairs and to their belief that every-
thing is determined by a mere physical
chain of events which could be manipu-
lated by man's cunning or might."

"The consequences of this insane orgy
of violence and destruction, I shall cer-
tainly hold fast to my faith in the
final recovery of man's lost heritage of
moral values. Man is great. We who
stand by him, the privileges of
living disaster and defeat, but never
the agony of betraying the great
trust of humanity. I know that even
in this demoralized world, there are in-
dividuals scattered all over who believe
with me."

DIABOLICAL FAITH

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dividuals scattered all over who believe
with me."

H.Y.M.A. ANNUAL BAZAAR

Paucity of Garden Exhibits

The annual bazaar and industrial
show of the Hindu Young Men's As-
sociation held at the H.Y.M.A. hall on
Dingnan's Day was opened by the
mayor, Mr. A. T. Allison, M.P.P.

Although the number of exhibits
displayed was not up to last year's
mark the standard of the work was
quite good.

A paucity of agricultural exhibits
was noticed. More attention should be
paid to this section next year.

Greatly decorated stalls containing a
variety of articles stood on both sides
of the hall. Buying appeared to be
 brisk.

FREE CINEMA SHOW FOR CHILDREN

Through the courtesy of the man-
agement of the Maitland Theatre, Ltd.,
100 poor Indian children were invited
to a free entertainment at the Grand
Theatre, Maritzburg, on the evening
of Tuesday last. The pictures shown
were thoroughly enjoyed by the chil-
dren.

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The treasurer, Mr. A. K. I. Bayat,
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NATIONALISING THE HOME

"Be Indian but not Behind Times"

BE Indian but not behind the times, says "Molani" in the
columns of the Hindu, of Madras, in writing on Indian homes.
Housewives in this country, keen on modernising their homes,
might feel the article not without interest.

THE modern Indian home, perhaps,
in many respects, tends to be too
Westernised, and in order to avoid
complete de-nationalisation, many a
housewife strives to keep the Indian
atmosphere alive. On the other hand,
many are the real advantages one gains
by being Indian in as far as modern
times will allow, and without being
called "behindhand."

The dining and sitting-rooms can
have many national touches. In the
former, Indian style seats are still a
common feature. These are today often
seated in perfect Westernised style
in a number of houses. The ob-
ligation of sitting on the floor, and
the custom of eating on the floor, is
being lost.

Whereas before, perhaps, the in-
convenient when served on a table, the
large silver platters are so often found
in Indian homes are at once an asset.
They are attractive and more con-
venient than ordinary china. These
platters, with small silver bowls, make
an impressive layout on polished dining
tables. Silver drinking glasses should
accompany this ensemble, and the
centre of the table be decorated with
a silver vase containing flowers.

An Indian lunch or dinner often
holds a quiet attraction when served
on the floor. Little flat stools to sit
on are far better than the mat or
thick carpets. Silver and bronze plat-
ters are an improvement on leaves.

Sitting on the floor, nevertheless, is
not as comfortable as sitting at a
table, and the new style of combining
East and West together is much more
convenient.

Bedroom is still very popular, and
a much loved Indian Indian. Its
service is enhanced if served in the
proper style in bedroom boxes. Very
often the leaves are prepared by the
lady of the house and served on a
silver tray. Somehow they often seem
to taste much better when given this
personal attention.



Mr. Nageswami, president of the Hindu M. R. W. and Mrs. Maheshwari,
of Madras, with his wife, Mrs. Tara Devi, a daughter of Mr. R. Yachowari,
Madras, who were married at Hyderabad recently.

BETEL BOXES

In ancient India, a stand for betel
boxes used to be in vogue, traces of
which, we are told, are to be found
in the Hindu temples. In the
modern Indian home, however, it is
a solid block of wood, a relic from
this idea would be unique.

In the sitting-room the curtains and
carpets fit in much better with the
atmosphere if they are pure Indian.

The lovely home industries of today
produce such beautiful products that it
hardly seems worthwhile buying foreign
material. The "dian," so common in
the Indian home of today, always
looks a charming oriental touch, and is
very welcome indeed in the living
room.

Furniture at Indian style are now
gradually coming into vogue. Heavy,
fat Indian brassware and choice prints
by artists of this country also produce
the desired national atmosphere.

Various provinces have various cus-
toms, and in Southern India the custom
of offering small pots and flowers
and betel-nut to the departing guest
is, I think, most charming. The house-
wife also takes it upon herself to put
the red caste mark on the forehead of
her visitors.

THE CURRY STONE
In the kitchen, to facilitate Indian
cooking, a good idea would be to place
the curry stone on firm legs, thus
making it easy for the cook to grind
his "Masala" without having to sit on
the floor for that purpose.

Modern hygienic devices, such as
sinks and hot water taps and running
doors and windows and many others
should always be welcome in Indian
kitchens.

With the constant infiltration of
Western ideas, it is perhaps hard to
be national in one's tastes, but a wise
sampling of East and West always
creates an ideal home.



Mr. Sohan Arya, of the firm of
Messrs. Ratanand Bros., with his
wife, formerly Miss Benita Das, a
daughter of Dr. Harikrishnan Das,
whom he married in Amam, India.

Stoves that have been used for stir-
ring dry ingredients, such as flour, do
not require washing every time after
use, but can be effectively cleaned by
brushing with a clean, dry brush.
When the stove is washed, however,
see that it is well dried in front of
the fire and brushed before putting
away or the mesh is liable to become
clogged and the stove to rust round
the edges.

Teas, there is more to eat in a per-
fect than just the tea. By scraping the
inside of the pot you get the back of
an excellent and fragrant soup. Al-ways
give you can use the scrapings in a
sauce.

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excess fat, shred finely and fry in it.
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be more digestible.

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Domestic Notice

SILVER WEDDING

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They will be "at home" to all their relatives and friends on Sunday, December 28, 1940, between 2 and 5 p.m. Wedding: Christ Church, Durban, December 28, 1915.

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THIS HIGHER STATUS

WE cannot see any matter for congratulation on the elevation of the status of the Agent-General for India to that of a High Commissioner. It restricts further his right to speak for and on behalf of the Indian community of the Union. When the Agency was created in 1927 the Agent, while he was "in secure continuous and effective co-operation between the two Governments" (quoted by Sir Rama Rau in the course of his statement about the significance of the change and status of his office) he was expected to do yet more. In the Cape Town Agreement, the Union Government admitted their failure to advance ahead of public opinion, and it was believed that an Agent representing the public life of India would be able to interpret the viewpoint of the New India that had become so conscious of the treatment of its people abroad, and also on the issue was making it an acid test of its own association with the British Commonwealth. India chose wisely in sending to this country one of its most distinguished and able statesmen, Mr. Sarvepalli Gopal, to create a new outlook in South Africa regarding Indians. He was able to advance that "public opinion" vigorously in favour of the South African Indians. He left no stone unturned. Press, pulpit and public—which he felt would help to enhance the status of his people in the Union. Though not so

successfully but with the same aim in view his successor continued to render that service of developing a favourable public opinion.

A change in the office from "an Agent to the Government of India in South Africa" to that of the Agent-General for India was made during the time of Sir Rama Rau. He accepted this position with the significant observation that he became a representative, acting not only for the Government of India but also for the people of India, which he valued far more than being only a Government servant. As coming from the public life of India he had the training of a practising advocate in presenting the case for the South African Indians—some of the points he made, such as the restoration of the franchise to the Indians—made his views unpalatable in official quarters.

It is an open secret that the Union Government had expressed a wish that in the appointment of his successor the Indian Government should send out an Agent-General who would not raise such embarrassing issues. And Sir Rama Rau was the choice. While we do not yield second place to anyone in our respect and admiration for him as a man and we credit him with the best of intentions in his efforts for the advancement of the position of the South African Indian community and approval of the sacrifice he has made in staying in a colour-ridden country which we do know, how it is detested by those who do not think that an I.C.S., as Sir Rama Rau is, has done anything to advance this European public opinion one iota further.

His almost complete public silence during his period of office, now two and a half years, has given confirmation to the charge that what was wanted of the Agent-General was his silence. Now comes Mr. Ram Chandra.

The Hindu one of the leading newspapers in India, commenting on a statement made by the Governor of Punjab, Sir Henry Craik, wrote in a current issue: "It is a pleasant thing to be able to give orders. It may not be so pleasant, but it is almost always much easier to obey orders. The I.C.S. from long practice is very good at both these things. But when it comes to giving out a counter-order as between equals, the I.C.S. is very much of a disadvantage as the process involves independent thinking."

Well, if India has this view of the I.C.S., why then, in this brand new age, should it look for a successor to Sir Rama Rau?

Sir Rama Rau's statement contains what The Hindu terms as "pathetic fantastic business" on the part of the Government of India. He says "the I.C.S. of the Government of India only, and not of the Indian community in the Union... which is willing to work in agreement with the policy of the Government of India."

The Indian community of South Africa has never submitted to the view of any time

that the Agent or the Agent-General should supercede its own chosen leaders. He was merely an adjunct, a sojourner in this country, who because of a particularly privileged position, was able to touch all the avenues that were closed to the Indian of this country and, as an Indian, to interpret the feelings of the Government and people of India to those in authority in this country. As an Agent or Agent-General he was free—even occupying a somewhat anomalous constitutional position of speaking for a people who legally was not his own—but today as the High Commissioner of India he has scraped his own stage. What he might have said against the grievances of the South African Indian—as Sir Rama Rau states that in practice he was allowed to do as Agent-General—today he would never be allowed to do so in his new and elevated position as the "High Commissioner of India." For the mere change of name means next to nothing to the European public of South Africa.

We do not think that the people of India would care to accept this position for which they pay over £10,000 per annum, and whose very purpose of existence now seems lost. We do not know whose suggestion led to this change—if it emanated from the Union side then the authors, in the guise of an elevated status, succeeded in securing that silence which would at all times remove any criticism of its actions. It would be hard to believe that India, which itself is a junior partner in the Commonwealth, for it does not yet enjoy Dominion status, would like these empty-sounding changes, at the cost of doing disservice to those whom she desires to assist. In any case whoever is responsible has done his worst at removing any criticism, either from the official of the Government of India or of the Agent-General from the Indian public of this country, effectively and completely. To us the new status means only that:

Defence Savings Stamps

In order to assist the small investor to purchase Defence Savings Certificates, the Government of India have introduced defence savings stamps at the denominations of annas and paise. These stamps are now being distributed at all post offices doing savings bank business for sale to the public.

The present defence savings stamps to the value of Rs. 10, to be issued in the usual application form, are a small post office, a Rs. 10 Defence Savings Certificate will be issued in exchange.

To allow of these stamps being sold only the full amount has been collected, savings cards of available at post offices. Free of charge to all persons of defence savings stamps of defence.

The system of savings stamps, which is being introduced as an approved pattern will shortly be available at post offices. Free of charge to all persons of defence savings stamps of defence.

It is also intended to facilitate collection of small periodical subscriptions to offices and to

Mainly About People

The Agent-General for India, Sir Rama Rau, is now in Durban, he arrived from Johannesburg on Tuesday last.

Mr. A. Christopher, who has been ill for a short time, is now very better.

Mr. A. D. Lazarus, M.A., who recently was a patient at the McGowan Hospital, is now spending his holiday with his wife at Dannhauser.

Mr. H. G. Sont, of Johannesburg, is on a short visit to Durban.

To Help the British Crown

India's part in the Empire's war effort is indicated in letters to the National Savings Committee in London from the savings more than in India.

"Respected sir," wrote a young man, "may I request your generosity to kindly send, by return post, the application form (15 shillings to be returned after six years for 10s. 6d.) for increasing the public gladly and enthusiastically with full instructions and free of all charges by the following address:

"Although I am a poor man in wealth and have to support a good family of 15 to 20 persons, still I am the first man to help the British Crown, by all possible means."

Mr. Lalla N. Bhoola, of Messrs. X Bhoola & Sons, Durban, is shortly sailing for India. He will be accompanied by his two nieces, Miss Ravindra, formerly of the Maharajah's household, daughter of Mr. M. N. Bhoola, and Miss Tarabai, daughter of the late Mr. D. N. Bhoola.

Messrs. R. Morgan, R. Manoj, V. Arumugam, E. G. David, R. S. Paul and F. Sanyal, amongst others, were present in Durban on December 15 on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Saravanan Devanand Thiruv.

Mr. Mahadevappa and his children of Marikurup, are spending a fortnight's holiday in Johannesburg.

Mr. Raghunathan Jagan, of the Ceylon Ceylon Contractors, held a "Thank" ceremony, which was held at his home in Mary Road, Mayville.

Messrs. S. Ramachandran and A. Manoj, both of Durban, are spending a fortnight's leave in Johannesburg.

Messrs. S. V. Bhondary, B. Subramanyam, and K. Sanyal, all of Durban, have planned a cruise to the Tugela next week.

No Spokesman of the Union Indians

SIR RAMA RAU DEFINES WORK OF NEW OFFICE

Position of the High Commissioner

DEFERRING to the significance of the change of his new office of High Commissioner for India, Sir Rama Rau, in a statement issued on Tuesday, the Agent-General for India, Sir Rama Rau, in the course of a Press Statement, stated:

"After the Cape Town Agreement of 1927 the Government of India, at the request of the Union Government, appointed an Agent 'to secure continuous and effective co-operation between the two Governments.'"

"Though representing the Government of India the Agent (subsequently designated Agent-General) was concerned only with the problems affecting the Indian community in South Africa."

"Through out in any official sense the Agent-General had in practice come to be looked upon as spokesman for them in their respects."

"The position of High Commissioner will in several respects be different from that of the Agent-General. The High Commissioner will be the sole channel of communication between the Union Government and the Government of India in all matters, including trade, and his functions will be much wider than hitherto."

"It would be appropriate for him to make representations to the Union Government on all subjects of common interest to the two Governments. He will, however, act as the spokesman of the Government of India only and not of the Indian community in the Union, but his advice and assistance will continue to be available to any section of the Indian community which is willing to work in agreement with the policy of India."

ASSOCIATION'S 'SINCERE THANKS'

The following cable was sent by the Natal Indian Association to Sir Rama Rau:

"Id" Celebrations in Calcutta

"Id" was celebrated in India in much style. At Calcutta the main event was a spectacular appearance when over a hundred of Muslims, who were assembled for the Id, were taken to the Calcutta Khilafat Committee.

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MESSAGE FROM GENERAL SMUTS

The following message has been sent by the Prime Minister, General J. C. Smuts, to the Viceroy of India through Sir Rama Rau, Agent-General for India in the Union:

"On behalf of the Government and people of the Union of South Africa I wish to convey to your Excellency the elevation of the status of the Indian Agent-General to the Union (Sir Rama Rau) to that of High Commissioner of India."

"In thus placing the status of the Indian representative on the same basis as that of the newly appointed representative of the Dominion of Canada in the Union, the Union Government does not only to emphasize the importance of the post in itself but also and more especially to express to the people of India their sympathetic interest in their progress towards the attainment of free and equal partnership in the British Commonwealth of Nations."

"They venture also to express their confidence that India's continuous loyalty and outstanding service in her present war effort will hasten the achievement of that status."

"The following telegrams have been dispatched to the Prime Minister and Sir Rama Rau:

"Natal Indian Association highly gratified status of Agent-General for India increased to that of High Commissioner. Enhanced status will doubtless beneficially affect future of our community in South Africa."

"Natal Indian Association offers its heartfelt congratulations on your attaining the status of High Commissioner for India from January, 1941. Increase in your status well deserved in view of your highly successful work in our cause in South Africa."

INDIA'S EXPANDING NAVY UNDER CONSTRUCTION

India's naval power is being steadily increased. Vice-Admiral Fitzhugh, Flag Officer Commanding the Royal Indian Navy, will by next year have under his command the most powerful naval force that India has ever had to keep watch and ward on her immense coastline and vital major ports.

Already, in the early months of the war the Royal Indian Navy, with the heavy responsibility of providing for naval defence in its entirety, had by intensive efforts increased its active personnel by over 200 per cent, and had put into commission a large number of requisitioned merchant vessels equipped with trained crews and armament for minesweeping and anti-submarine patrol.

With the entry of Italy into the war the dangers of piratical attacks on trade routes in the Indian Ocean and on the security of Indian ports greatly increased.

Prompt steps were taken to initiate a further programme of still greater defence and offensive value. Indian shipyards are at work fulfilling an initial scheme of naval construction up to the capacity of suitable building slips available. In India alone, contracts have been placed for the production of a number of vessels of varying types, while to expedite the delivery of reinforcements, Australian shipyards are also lending a hand with some of the larger hulls of naval defence craft required.

In addition, despite the urgent requirements of the Royal Navy elsewhere, the offensive strength of the Royal Indian Navy will in the near future be increased by the delivery of newly-completed ships of the most modern type. Further ship construction for the Royal Indian Navy is already in hand.

The Career of Mr. Ram Chandra

Mr. Ram Chandra, C.I.E., M.B.E., I.C.S., who succeeded Sir Rama Rau as High Commissioner for India, is from the Punjab. He was born on March 1, 1889. He is married and has a son and daughter.

He was educated at the Government College, Lahore (where he was the Fuller Exhibitioner) and at Trinity College, Cambridge; here he was a Senior Scholar and Wrangler.

He first joined the Department of Education, becoming assistant professor of mathematics at Lahore, 1909 to 1910. In 1913 he joined the I.C.S. and served in Punjab as assistant Commissioner in various districts.

He was Commissioner, 1915; Under-Secretary, 1919 to 1921; Set. of Land Revenue, 1921 to 1922; Director of Land Revenue, 1922; Deputy Commissioner, 1922; Secretary to the Punjab Government, transferred Department, 1926 to 1927; Home Secretary to Punjab Government, 1927; Deputy Secretary to Government of India, Department of Education, Health, and Lands, 1928; Joint Secretary, 1928; Secretary, 1930; Member Council of State, 1935; Member, Punjab Legislative Council, 1935; Finance Secretary to Punjab Government, 1936 to 1937; Commissioner, since 1938.

His recreation is tennis.

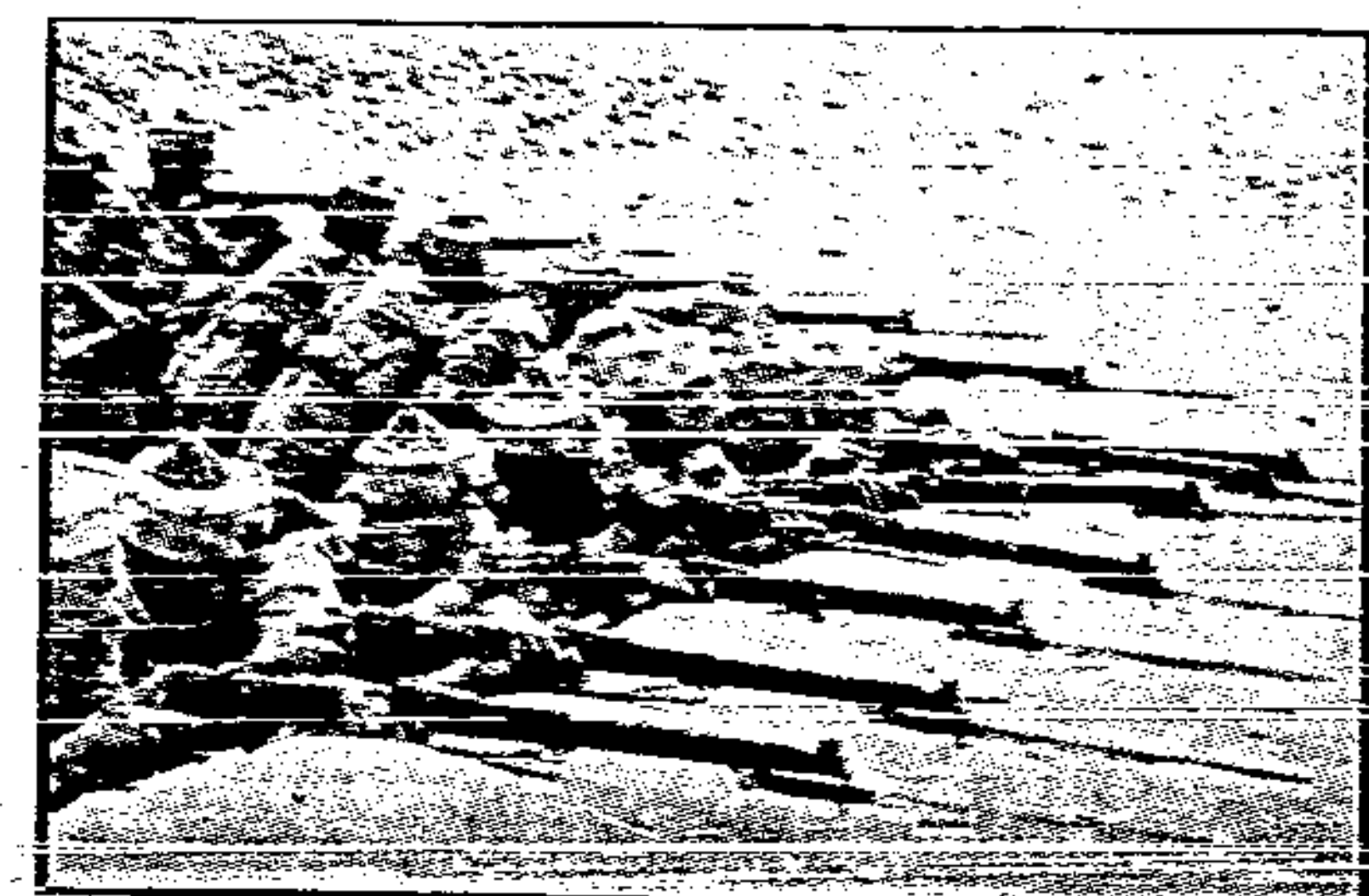
WITHOUT "BOUNCE"

A South African Indian, Mr. P. R. Singh, who had met him when he was secretary in the Department of Education, Health and Lands, interviewed, said that he was a helpful official.

"He is without 'bounce,' so characteristic of so many of the 'Bura Sahib' of India," he said.

"He is charming and sociable and has a strong personality, and impresses one with his culture. High Office sits lightly on his shoulders."

The treasurer of the Aryan Bazaar, Mr. S. S. Marikurup, wishes to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of a sum of Rs. in memory of the late Mr. D. Jagan.



Indian troops ready for action in Egypt and East Africa. They did their share in helping to defeat the Italians.

