

INDIAN SOLDIERS GET NO THANKS — VETERAN

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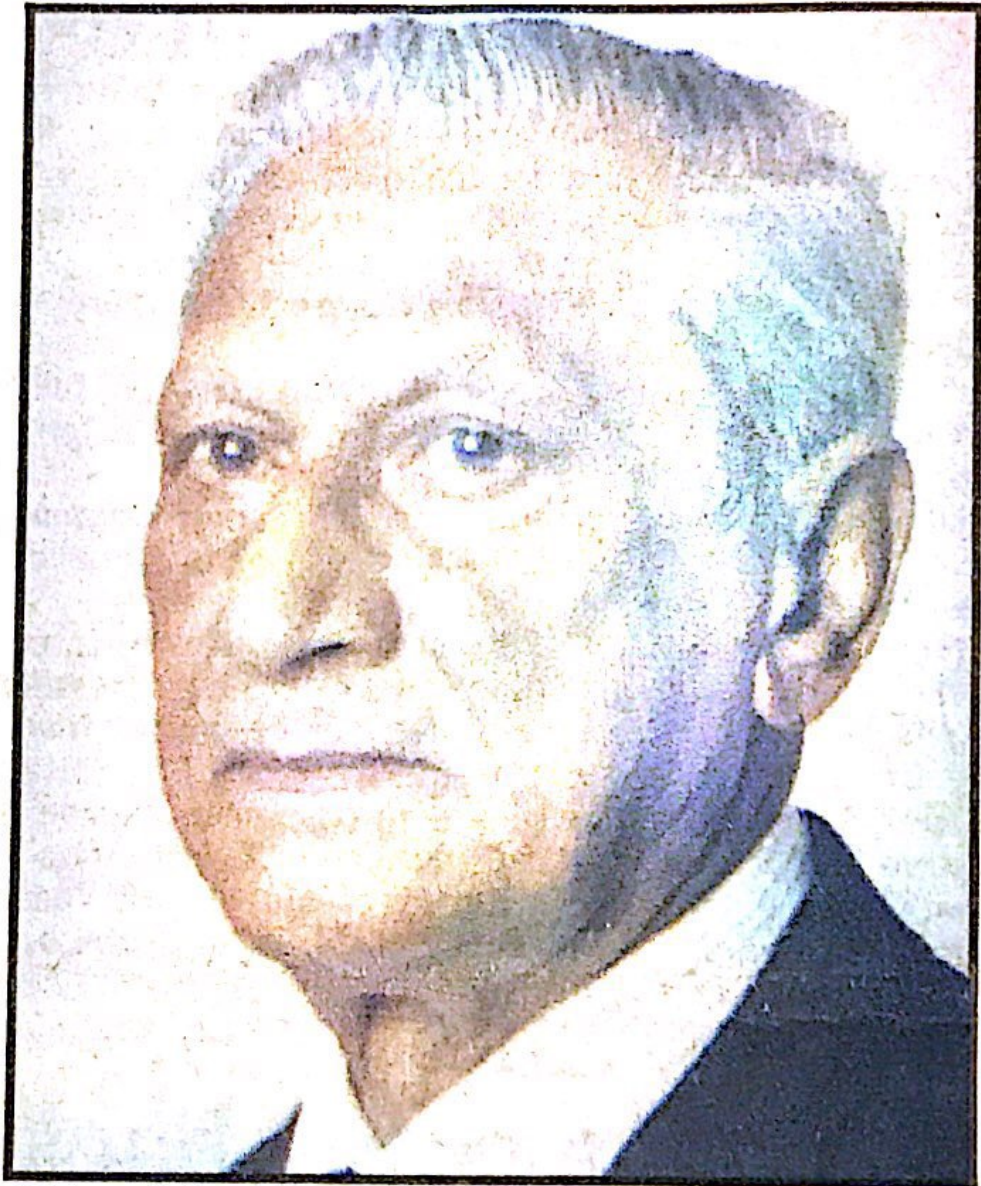
A CELEBRATED Durban war veteran, who served in the South African Army and fought with British forces during World War 2, said Indian soldiers were given no credit for their role in the war.

Gurudutt Varma, 75, chairman of the Indian and Malay Service Corps, which this week celebrated its 50th anniversary, said discrimination was rife when soldiers returned from the war.

White South African soldiers were treated like royalty, he said.

"Indian soldiers, who fought shoulder to shoulder with whites, received no credit on their return. Our men protected the borders of this country and helped fight Nazism, yet we got nothing."

Mr Varma said Indian soldiers had to do something to show people that they took up arms against Hitler.



Old soldier Gurudutt Varma ... Indian war veterans got nothing.

"People must not forget our contribution," he said.

"Bombs and bullets do not discriminate. When you're on the battlefield, no one really cares whether you are black or white. It's a pity that that type of kinship ended after the war."

Commenting on post-war discrimination, he said:

"White soldiers got

homes and jobs and pensions. We got sweet nothing."

Mr Varma said that at one stage after their return Indian soldiers were not allowed to lay wreaths at war memorials on the same days as whites.

"We had our turn on Monday, a day after whites had theirs on Sunday," he said.

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Education Primary School Certificate, Springfield Methodist
and Carlisle St. High School..Terminated Schooling
1929 due to world wide depression.
Education 1954 Enrolled St. Ives Turf Research Institute, Bingley
Yorkshire England. 1956 Awarded Fellowship Royal
Horticultural Society...Elected Fellow of Linnean
Society.
1961. Enrolled University of London...Dept. of African &
Oriental Studies. Course Indian & Oriental Art,
Authentication, Valuation, Identification,
Researching...Etc.
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1930-1939 Employed School Teacher Natal Education Dept.
Market Gardener, Wool Grader, Clerk...Dealer in
Hindi Books, Indian Paintings & MSS.
1939-1946 World War II...Served as Sgt. Instructor, East Africa
Middle East, Italy...1st. & 2nd. Divisions...
Union Defence Force under General De villiers and
General Klopper..Under Field Marshal Viscount
Montgomery..8th. Army Battle of Alamein.
1947 Founder Secretary Indian Ex-Servicemen's Legion.
Involved, Rehabilitation of Ex-Servicemen, Employment,
Housing, General welfare.
Elected member of Committee Durban Indian Child
Welfare Society.
Established Victory Cartage Co. Landscape Gardeners
& Grassing Contractors.
1954 Left South Africa to study Horticulture...Enrolled
St. Ives Turf Research Institute, Bingley Yorkshire
United Kingdom.
1957 Employed Kew Gardens London....Joined Indie League
Invited as Observer World Youth Congress Vienna
Austria...Went to Budapest as Observer to witness
aftermath of Russian devastation of that city.
1957 Accepted Member Royal British Legion..Invited
Remembrance Day Ceremony at Royal Albert Hall
London on behalf of South African Ex-Servicemen.
With Representatives of Commonwealth War Veterans
~~Ex-Servicemen~~ Met the Queen of England.
CHAIRMAN
INDIAN SERVICEMEN & EX-SERVICEMEN'S LEGION.
MEMBER ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
~~MEMBER PUBLIC HOUSES ASSOCIATION~~
MEMBER BRITISH MUSEUMS ASSOCIATION

- 1960 Joined Commonwealth Institute. Worked with British Council and University of London...Providing Housing Accomodation, Welfare to students from Commonwealth countries.
1961. Enrolled University of London...Dept. of African & Oriental Study.
- 1962 Went to India and Far East..Visiting Art Galleries, Museums, Cottage Industries..Meeting Indian Film Producers , Directors, Musicians & Film Stars.
- 1963 went by car with family extensive tour of Europe, Middle East and India.....visited South African and Commonwealth War Graves in Egypt.
- 1963 Established Indian & Oriental Art Centre London... Dealing in works of Art, Paintings, Sculptures Etc. Purchasing Indian Works of Art from Sothebys and Christie's Auction Rooms on behalf of clients, Museums & Art Galleries Holding Exhibition of Indian Art...United Kingdom and E.E.C. countries.
- 1967 Elected Member of British Museums Association.
- 1968 Introduced Indian Art on Passenger & Cruise Liners operating from Southampton, England.
- 1970 Organised very large Exhibition of Indian Art in conjunction with Indian Tea Board and Govt. of India. Europa Hotel, Grosvenor Square London. Opened bu Sir A.B. Pant. High Commissioner of India.
- 1971 Adviser to the Govt. of India on the Marketing of Art and Handicrafts to EEC. countries.
- 1973 Made extensive trip to India, Japan, Bangkok, Indonesia, Malaya and Nepal. Invited by King Mahendra with highly decorated Gurka War Veterans for a re-union at his Palace. Made a Honorary member of Gurka Rifles....Flew over Mount Everest.
1974. Visited Durban after an absence of Twenty years... Guest speaker at a Meeting of Indian War Veterans, Himalaya Hotel....Invited Naval Base SAS Jalsena..Met Chief of the Navy...Corresponded with Mr. P. W. Botha Minister of Defence, army training for Indians... Interviewed Media and SABC.
- 1976 Contacted Sir Patrick Wall M.P. and other members of the House of Commons. Asking for support for the supply of heavy armaments for South Africa...Met Field Marshal Montgomery at his home in Alton, Hampshire on the Arms Embargo..wrote articles to the Press.
- 1976 Invited by Lord David Montgomery to attend the Funeral Service of Field Marshal the Viscount Montgomery of Alamein at Windsor Castle Cathedral in the presence of the Queen of England, Royalities and dignataries on behalf of South African Ex-Servicemen.
- 1976 Made representation to the Govt. of India for establishing Trade and Cultural ties with South Africa.
- 1977 Effective opposition to the anti-South African Postal Strike in London.
- 1978 Sold Indian and Oriental Art Centre..Continued on part time basis dealing in Oriental Antiquities and Paintings.
- 1981 Arrived in South Africa to take up permanent residence. Discussed with Durban City Council for the establishment of an Indian & Oriental Art Gallery...Wrote numerous press Reports.
- Supported Candidates for election South African Indian Council, *LATER. HOUSE OF DELEGATES.*
1983. Appointed Member of Publication Control Board of South

- 1983 South Africa, by Minister of Home Affairs.
Elected member of Aryan Benevolent Home Council.
Teamed with Professor Tom Mathews, H.O.D. History of Art, University of Dbn. Westville and Mrs. Molly van Loon, Principal, Buddhist Institute of South Africa to promote culture via the media of Visual Art. Advising Prof. Mathews, evaluating, researching and identifying Indian works of Art.
- 1985 Appointed Justice of the Peace by the Minister of Justice Hon. H.J.Coetsee M.P.
- 1985 Executive Member "Orient in Durban" Exhibition to co-incide Durban EXPO 85 at Durban Art Gallery for three months. Co-Writer Introduction on Hindu Art. Gave talks and lectures on Hindu & Mughal Art, Paintings and Icons.
- 1986 Formed Visual and Creative Arts Association..representing Hindu..Muslim and Buddhist cultures.
Elected as Chairman.
- 1987 Held major Exhibition of Indian Works of Art at the Redfern Community Centre...assisted by South African Hindu Dharam Sabha..Opened by Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Delegates, Mr. Kessie Ramdutt.M.P.
- 1988 Held Exhibition of Indian and Oriental Works of Art in support of the Cancer Association of South Africa at the Westville Community Centre to raise funds.
- 1988 Elected Vice-Chairman..Residents Association Clayton Gardens Home..Advisor Gardens and Maintenance.
1988. Elected Chairman Indian War Memorial Committee...To Complete War Memorial and Plaque by 1991.

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Completion of Indian War Memorial in 1991

I'M BARRED BY CLUB, SAYS WARTIME HERO

By LESLIE CHARLTON

A LONDON member of the Royal British Legion today claimed he is barred from a Balham club because he is coloured.

Mr. Gurudutt Varma, a South African-born Indian horticulturist who fought for the British in war-time, alleged the ban is being operated by the United Services Club's Gothic Lodge in Devonshire Road.

Mr. Varma's Balham and Clapham British Legion branch colleagues use the club for their monthly social gatherings.

"I am not allowed to attend with them," said Mr. Varma, aged 61, at his

Trinity Crescent, Tooting Bec, home today.

When he joined the Legion two years ago, Mr. Varma was told by local branch secretary, Mr. Stanley Heelan, that he would not be allowed to "socialise" at the USC "because it did not allow non-whites to use it."

Later he wrote: "I regret that the situation regarding coloured people still applies at the USC."

"It is alien to the aims of the Royal British Legion, but as we are guests at the club we have to abide by their rules."

Today, Mr. Heelan said: "I have now written to the USC to ask that their committee agree to Mr. Varma using the club on our social occasions."

"So far, they have told me they don't have a colour bar, only that they reserve the right of admission."

Mr. Fred Humphris, the USC secretary, said: "We definitely do not have a colour bar, though like any private club we reserve right of entry."

Mr. Varma said: "When the British needed people like me, we gave our services and our lives."

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Colour bar on Alamein veteran

by CHARLES GLASS

A 61-YEAR-OLD Indian veteran of the Battle of El Alamein has been denied access to the United Services Club, Balham, south London, because of his colour.

The club is used as a social centre by the local branch of the Royal British Legion to which Mr Gurudutt Varma belongs.

He was told by the Legion committee when he joined in 1975 that the United Services Club operated a colour bar. As a result Mr Varma, the only non-white member of the Legion branch, has never been inside the club in Gothic House, Old Devonshire Road, where Legion members go after their meetings in Saint Andrew's church hall. But until recently he was unable to do anything about it because of illness.

After discovering that Mr Varma had talked to the Press and written to the leaders of the three main political parties to protest at his treatment, both the Club and the Region branch agreed late on Friday night to hold a joint meeting of committees to discuss the ban.

Mr Varma, the first Indian volunteer in the South African Army during World War II, served with British forces in Ethiopia, Italy and Burma, and was attached to the British 8th Army in North Africa.

'Our bodies are lying all the way from El Alamein to Benghazi. No one asked us then not to die because of our skin,' former Sergeant-Instructor Varma said.

In a letter to him, Legion branch secretary Stanley Heelan wrote: 'I regret to inform you that the situation concerning coloured people still applies at United Services Club, Balham. As you will appreciate, this is completely alien to the aims of the Royal British Legion, but as we are only guests at the club we have to honour their rules although we do not agree with them.'

Ex-Indian Army man barred at Legion

EX-INDIAN serviceman Mr Gurudutt Varma has been barred from club drinking with British Legion mates for the past two years because he is non-white.

And this week the 61-year-old war veteran was outraged to find that the ban still holds fast — despite his appeal to the top brass of the Tooting and Clapham branch of the British Legion to let him fall in with the rest of his colleagues.

'I'm very hurt and disgusted at the way I have been treated. I feel that if Indians were regarded as good enough to die for Britain, then the legion ought to take a stand and support me,' said Mr Varma at his home in Trinity Crescent, Tooting Bec.

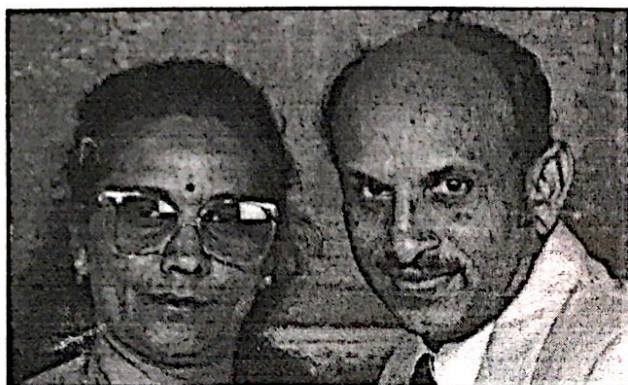
But the Tooting branch secretary of the Legion Mr Stanley Heelan said that the "no non-whites" rule is not their policy but the policy of the United Services Club from whom they hire the Devonshire Road hall.

But the United Services Club secretary Mr Frederick Humphries retorted: 'It's a load of old rubbish. We have never discriminated in this way. Musicians and dart players of all colours use our hall. I'll have to talk to the secretary of the Legion about this.'

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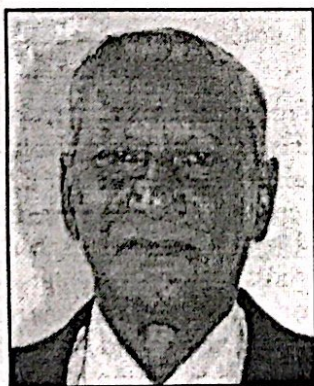
Mr Premchand Polton is an official of the ABH and a retired educator. He is married to Mayawathie and the couple have three children: Ishara who is married and is on temporary transfer to Australia; Akashnee is married in Stamford Hill and Rishan. Mr Polton completed his Natal Teacher's Diploma

in 1963 at the Springfield College of Education, the B A degree at UNISA in 1974, the B Ed at the same university in 1976, a Diploma in Radio and TV Servicing in 1972 and a Diploma in Computer Upgrades and Repairs in 1997. He became a Member of the ABH Council in 1982, and has held the positions of Chairman of the Staffing and Human Resources Committee, Chairman of the ABH Fair Management Committee, Chairman of the Children's Services Committee, Chairman of Radio ABH, and Deputy President. Mr Polton is currently the President of the Arya Yuvuk Sabha. He has been a teacher, a Junior Primary Head of Department, Lecturer at the Springfield College of Education, Deputy Principal, and a Principal - from which position he retired in 1997.

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Mr Gurudutt Rughuvir Varma was born in Springfield, Durban, on 8 September 1916. He was the son of G Rughuvir Varma, a dealer in Sanskrit and Hindi books, paintings and sculpture, who was the Secretary of the Indian Market and

Squatters Association from 1922 to 1924.

Mr Varma was educated at the Springfield Methodist School and the Carlisle Street High School. From 1929 to 1939 he was employed variously as a market gardener, wool grader, dealer in Hindi books and paintings, and finally as a teacher with the Natal Education Department. In World War II, Mr Varma served as Sergeant Instructor, and was appointed Organising Secretary of the Indian Ex-Serviceman's Legion. He was awarded the Fellowship of the Royal Horticultural Society and joined India in an invitation to the

World Youth Congress in Vienna, Austria. In 1958 he was temporarily employed at Kew Gardens, London. Thereafter he went to India and the Far East, visiting art galleries, museums, and cottage industries in relation to art and handicraft, and returned to London to establish an Indian and Oriental Art Centre. He was later made a member of the British Museums Association.

Mr Varma continued on various international visits in pursuit of his interest in art and participated in its active promotion through his links with various art institutions. On his return to South Africa in 1981 to take up permanent residence, he was appointed as a Member of the Publications Control Board and later as a Justice of the Peace. He pursued his interest in art by, inter alia, forming the Visual and Creative Arts Association of Durban. He was elected Chairman of the Indian Servicemen and Ex-Servicemen's Legion, and was Treasurer of the Clayton Gardens Residents Association. His son Rajendra is a quantity surveyor in England, daughter Urmila Devi a sociologist in Greece, and the other son Kumar is an architect in London.

● PROFILE ●

By Sunny Clothier.

A LIFE OF WANDERING

WHEN, as a young lad, Gurudutt Varma had to keep a lookout for leopards (which infested Burman Bush at the time) while he lugged his pile of wood to his fathers' shack in Alpine Road, Springfield, it is doubtful whether he envisaged the myriad of achievements he would notch up in the years which lay ahead of him. This week this 65-year-old, genteel man recalled some of the highlights of his life while sitting in an Isipingo flat where he is spending a well-deserved retirement.

Gurudutt's father came from India and ran a book-stall which carried mainly Hindi and Sanskrit literature at the Indian Market. He did his primary schooling at the Springfield Methodist School but had to leave school after completing Std. 4 because his father's business went insolvent.

"My first job after leaving school was caddying at the Royal Durban Golf Club where I earned one shilling and sixpence a day.

"I later joined the Wool-brokers Federation where I was employed as a wool grader," recalled Mr Varma.

"I yearned to complete my education and to pursue a career in medicine but at the time could not afford the cost of attending Sastri College.

"After leaving the Wool-broker's Federation I drove taxis until my eldest brother, who was the principal at the R.C. Naidoo School, arranged for me to work as a locum

teacher - which I did for four years.

"I then left to work on my brother-in-law's sugar farm in the Insembe district. This for me was the turning point in my life because it allowed me for the first time to get to grips with my first love - namely gardening. In a short time I had mastered most of the farming techniques as well as the use of the farming equipment and vehicles," he said.

IN THE ARMY

At the outbreak of World War II Mr Varma went back to teaching and it was during this period that he was instrumental in banding together several of his colleagues, students and friends who were willing to enlist.

"An appeal went out in the local press asking for members of the Indian community to enlist. In fact I was the first Indian male to sign on for the Indian Services Corps with Maj. A.C. Stead as its head. I was later to become Major Stead's second in the recruiting campaign.

"While training at the Crown Mines, I was incarcerated for four days and court-martialled for leading a protest march of trainees who were disillusioned when they found that the camp conditions and facilities did not match up to their expectations. All turned out well, however, when I laid out our grievances before the Commanding Officer, Col. Morris.

"In 1940 the Corps set sail for East Africa where we took part in the campaign and



Mr Varma has recently returned from Great Britain, where he has gained distinction as a homeopath, horticulturist, acupuncture specialist and arthritis researcher. He is a member of many associations amongst which are the Arthritis and Rheumatism Research Council of Great Britain and the Royal British Legion.

where I was promoted to a Sergeant instructor. We were later moved to the Middle East.

"Then came a spell in North Africa where I served in the Eighth Allied Army under Field Marshall Montgomery. After El Alamein we were shipped to Italy where we took part in the Italian Campaign," said Mr Varma.

On his return to South Africa he was posted to Piet Retief where he controlled the discharge of Indian ex-servicemen.

BUSINESS

After his discharge Mr Varma became the secretary for the Indian Ex-Servicemen's League. He started a cartage contracting business - the Victory Cartage Company.

"I soon realised that there was a need for gardening services in Natal and this led to

my expanding the business to include the supply of soil, turfing and landscaping. As an Indian, however, I could not tender for contracts offered by the Provincial Administration and the Durban Municipality.

After many years of effort and a meeting with the Administrator of Natal Mr D.G. Shephstone, I eventually won through and contracted to provide turfing and top soil for many major projects.

"My interest in this aspect of gardening led to my selling the business and setting off to Great Britain where I enrolled at the St. Ives Turf Research Institute where I later obtained a diploma in horticulture, which was awarded under the auspices of the Royal Horticultural Society.

FELLOW

"After this I was made a fellow of the Linnean Society. I studied further and did research at the Kew Gardens Herbarium where I was also employed.

"I had to stop work at the Kew Gardens after a few years because the cold climate aggravated my rheumatism - an ailment which I had contracted during the war.

"By this time I had set up home in London and needed to find another source of income. There was at the time a dire lack of accommodation for non-White students in London and this led to my next business venture. I bought several properties in London and set them up as bed-sitters which I let out to students in need of accommodation. After several years in this business I was forced to sell up most of these properties since my rheumatism and arthritis had become worse," said Mr Varma.

Together with his family Mr Varma went on several trips to the East. While in India he developed a keen interest in Indian art and saw the potential of marketing art works in Europe and Great Britain. Since he did not have a deep knowledge of the art world he enrolled at the School of African and Oriental Studies in London. He converted the basement of his house into a warehouse and established the Indian and Oriental Art Centre. He was granted a licence to import art works and curios from India which he sold via duty-free shops on board ships operating from Southampton.

SOCIAL WORK

"With more time on my hands I was able now to devote much of my energy to welfare and social work. I joined the Royal British Legion and the Wandsworth Shooting Association. I also did jury service at the local Crown courts as well as at the Old Bailey. Out of my ill-health grew an interest in research into arthritis and rheumatism.

"On one of my trips to the Far East I spent time studying the ancient art of acupuncture. At home I worked on improving my knowledge of Indian and other herbal remedies," said Mr Varma.

Owing to his steadily failing health Mr Varma disposed of his business in 1973 and devoted several years to further travelling. He has made pilgrimages to all the holy shrines in the East and Middle East. During his tour of India he attended the 4th Reunion of the Gurkha Regiment and was made an honorary member.

"I have decided to return to South Africa to spend my retirement here. For me this will not be a period of inactivity but rather one in which I hope to continue my study of homeopathy and to become involved in welfare work. I also intend writing and am at present working on a book on the role of the Indian serviceman in South Africa," concluded Mr Varma.

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Mr Gurudutt Varma

CRISIS IN UK NOT THE END SAYS VISITOR

Daily News Reporter

A LONDON member of the Royal British Legion and ex-South African Indian serviceman, Mr Gurudutt Varma, said in Durban this week that Britain's current social crisis was not irretrievable.

The war hero said though former Tory MP Mr Enoch Powell predicted "rivers of blood" 13 years ago, Britain had not reached the apocalypse.

"Mrs Thatcher's Government must first recognise that the recent rioting revealed a genuine grievance of the people.

"It has further compelled her to take a relook at her economic policies particularly in respect of creating jobs, curbing police harassment of blacks and ameliorating their living conditions," Mr Varma said.

Here on a visit after an absence of 25 years the former horticulturist first went to Britain to further his interest in this field.

Mr Varma said the appearance of political stability in South Africa was in stark contrast to the deteriorating race relations in Britain.

Flattered

"I was flattered by the hospitality and the fellowship among the different race groups. If this signified what co-existence is all about, the Government should take a cue," he said.

Reminiscing over the early years of his career in "grass planting" which saw him later elected as a Fellow of the Royal Horticultural Society, Mr Varma recalled how "apartheid prohibited me from tendering for contracts with the Natal Administration".

The man who recalls first planting the hallowed turf of Kings Park rugby stadium, said the race restrictions forced him to nominate a white pensioner at a fee of £15 a week to gain contracts from the Province for its schools and roads.

"Yet a few years earlier I was defending this country in the trenches of Tripoli, El Alamein, East Africa and the Middle East as a member of the Indian Service, Malay and Cape Corps," he said.

Mr Varma, who sports a member's badge of the Fourth Gurkha Regiment and British Legion as well as MOths of England, spoke of his attendance at the funeral of Lord Montgomery and his invitation by the royal family to be at the service for Lord Mountbatten.

Business

Before he embarked on his career in horticulture, he taught for a short while and was a part-time scribe contributing to journals such as *Ilanga-Lase* and the former *Cape Standard* and *Sun*.

After retiring from horticulture Mr Varma went into business importing and selling goods from India.

He also sold his wares at Nato bases in Europe and was a member of the Commonwealth Institute promoting Indian art.

"During this time I became a 'broker', liaising between the Indian Government and South Africa in my personal capacity for improved relations between the two countries.

"I received the commendation of former Foreign Affairs Minister, Dr Hilgard Muller and former State President, Mr John Vorster, for my efforts in seeking closer ties between the countries."

Scarred by wounds suffered in World War 2 and not enjoying good health, Mr Varma intends resettling in South Africa.

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