


GOVENDER–GOVENDER WEDDING

The marriage of Ramsamy (Leganathan), youngest son of Mrs. and the late Mr. T. Moonsamy Govender, and brother of Messrs. T. M. Govender Bros., of Willie Klip Farm, Cavendish, to Ahurubie (Bemmie), Eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theriee Govender (K.T.), of Wiseman's Farm, Pietermaritzburg, will take place on Sunday, February 7, at the bridegroom's residence, Willie Klip Farm, Cavendish (near Umlaas Water Works). Nuptial ceremony from 10.30 to 11.30 a.m. Brides party will leave their residence on Sunday at 2 a.m. Friends and relatives are requested to accept this as a personal invitation.



WOMAYATHIE

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Y. Moodley, of Moodley's Trading Stores, 171 Cordmore Road, Bellair, and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Moodley of 442 Berg Street, Maritzburg, who will celebrate her first birthday on Sunday, January 31.

WEDDING INVITATION

The marriage will take place of Kistensamy (Kista Govender), youngest son of Mrs. and the late Mr. Madhav Govender, of 167 Warwick Avenue, Durban, to Miss Thanabakiamma (Girlie), eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rambiah (Grover) and granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Narsami Govender of 29 Leathern Road, Durban, at the Avalon Theatre, Durban, on Sunday, 31st January, at 11 a.m. Friends and relatives are cordially invited to attend.

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MR. SEWPERSAD PANDAY

Mr. Sewpersad Panday of Durban, who is at present a medical student at Dublin, has been invited to address the Dublin International Club on Sociology and Social Pathology.

Mr. Panday took his B.A. degree at the University of Natal, writing 12 subjects, including three majors, English, psychology and sociology.

He is the only Indian student so far to have taken B.A. (Hons.) degree in Sociology.



Son of Mr. and the late Mrs. T. P. Naidoo, of 49 Lorne Street, Durban, bids farewell to all friends and relatives as he will leave for the United Kingdom by the Capetown Castle on February 4.

WEDDING POSTPONED

The marriage of S. Shunmugam (Bobby), youngest son of Mrs. and the late Mr. S. Govender, of Verulam, to Miss Dhanalutchmi (Dolly), youngest daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. Appalsamy Naidoo of 318 Park Station Road, Greenwood Park, which was to have taken place at the bridegroom's residence, 136 Firwood Road, Red Hill, has been postponed to a further date.

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JAYSHREE and SAVITHRI

Daughters of Mr. and Mrs. R. Ramsumer (Rabbie) of 281 Buttery Road, Durban North and grand-daughters of Mr. and Mrs. M. Rampersad of the Durban Printing Co., and Mr. and Mrs. B. Ramnarain of 48 Rajoosamar Road, Durban North. Savithri celebrated her sixth birthday on Sunday, January 24, 1954.



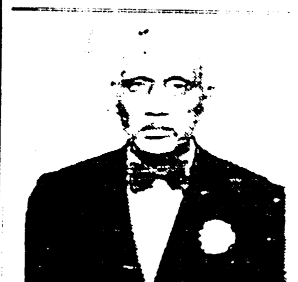
VICTOR-MUMMY WEDDING

The marriage will take place of Vadamallay (Victor), second son of Mr. and Mrs. Murugan Moonsamy and brother of Messrs. Chookalingam Bros. of Maidstone, to Miss Munia-mah (Mummy), second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Moonsamy of Perumal (Parry) Bros., Morelands, and the Siva Temple Hall, Maidstone, on 7, between 2.30 and ... and relatives are cordially invited to attend.



VINESH and VINOD

Twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. H. Jugoo, of 79 Wakeleigh Road, celebrated their fifth birthday on January 24.

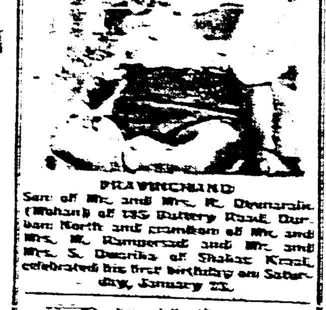


MR. POKEN K. LOUIS

Mr. Poken K. Louis, who celebrated his 63rd birthday on January 1, can look back on a number of things he has done for the welfare of the community. Foremost among them is the part he played in the production of Tamil plays, and as a singer, actor, violinist, composer of Tamil songs, and a teacher of Margolo dances. He has also been interested in the sporting and religious activities of the community.



Annirudh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gangasagar and grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Rughbar Aheer, who celebrated his 21st birthday on January 18, 1954 at their residence, "Annand Bhawan," Victoria Street, Richmond, Natal.



PRAVINCHAND

Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Dwarsala (Mohan) of 135 Buttery Road, Durban North and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. M. Rampersad and Mr. and Mrs. S. Dwarika of Shakas Kraal, celebrated his first birthday on Saturday, January 23.

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OUTCRY AT COUNCIL'S RESTRICTION

It has to be a 5-year temple

DURBAN: Mr. P. R. Pather, who appeared for the Stree Sanathan Vishnu Mandir at the meeting of the Land Tenure Advisory Board in Maritzburg, said that he was amazed at the conditions laid down by the Durban City Council—that it would allow a religious temple to be built, provided it was removed or demolished by the end of 1958.

"To me it is extremely painful to learn that the Durban City Council has imposed such a drastic condition upon the erection of a place of worship by the Stree Sanathan Vishnu Mandir," said Mr. Pather.

The Mandir proposed to erect a temple and hall in Prince Avenue, off Candella Road, Durban. The plans were approved by the Building Inspector but the City and Water Engineer, conveying the decision of the Council on the application of the Mandir under the Town Planning Scheme, said that authority had been granted to proceed with the building conditionally upon "the projected buildings being demolished or removed on or before December 31, 1958."

The City and Water Engineer went on to say that "the site has been set aside for European occupation in terms of the Council's race zoning proposals and the proposed buildings would be out of harmony with the ultimate European development of the area."

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New Maritzburg N.I.C. Officers

MARITZBURG: Dr. M. M. Motala, together with Dr. Omar Hassim and Mr. S. B. Mungal, members of the 1951 "cabinet" who were ousted two years ago, were swept back into the leadership of the Maritzburg Indian Congress at a belated annual meeting held in the Regent Cinema on Sunday afternoon. Mr. M. G. Naidoo, who staged a come-back into politics after a lapse of eight years, was the other candidate for the chairmanship.

The result was a clean-cut victory for Dr. Motala. Vice-presidents: Messrs. D. M. Vather, R. K. (Boyd) Naidoo, S. O. Pandey, A. M. Govender, L. Bhikha; joint secretaries: Dr. Omar Hassim and Mr. S. B. Mungal; Treasurer: Mr. Narain Ghela; Working Committee: Messrs. G. P. B. Pillai, A. S. Chetty, Nanlov Maharaj, Hasan Shaikh, R. Chand, R. C. Moodley, Sunny Singh, V. S. Naidoo, P. Singh, R. Jada and A. Mota. Delegates to N.I.C. Provincial Conference this weekend: All office-bearers together with the Working Committee.

A resolution was passed which "strongly condemned the ruling of the Natal Education Department to exclude all Indian children of ten years of age from admission to the infant classes at all Government and Government-Aided schools in Natal." The meeting called upon the Natal Education Department to provide free and compulsory education without discrimination for all non-European children, and noted with great disappointment the failure of the Department to provide schools for thousands of Indian children of school-going age despite repeated representations and protests by the Indian people over past years. The meeting called upon the Department to take immediate steps to provide schools and to make education free and compulsory for all Indian children in Natal.

Another resolution was passed "viewing with suspicion" the presence of the S.A.I.O. president, Mr. A. M. Moolla, in Capetown.

Challenge to S.A.I.O.

JOHANNESBURG. — "This meeting of Indian youth challenges the South African Indian Organisation to appear at a public meeting in the Transvaal and allow the Indian people to give their verdict on this important issue," declared a resolution at a well-attended general membership meeting of the Transvaal Indian Youth Congress held in Johannesburg during last week.

The meeting "strongly condemned these actions as a betrayal of the struggle of the non-White people of South Africa for freedom."

Concern over new lease

DURBAN.—Replying to the Durban City Council in connection with the release of a portion of the site required for the proposed new buildings of the M.L. Sultan Technical College, the Durban Indian Sports Ground Association has confirmed its previous undertaking that it has no objection to the occupation of the portion of the site on which the buildings are to be erected.

"The draft agreement as submitted by your Council was dealt with, and all outstanding matters agreed upon, but in spite of this agreement, no further development has taken place yet.

"In view of the grounds at Springfield going developed, my Association feels that the signing of the leases relative to Currie's Fountain and Springfield should immediately take place.

"There seems to be no point in delaying the question of allotment to my Association of the share of the grounds. This will then enable my Council to proceed with the re-orientation of the site."

Big Taj Show Tomorrow

DURBAN. — The stage is set for the Taj Theatrical Company's "Fashion-ki-Rani", described as the most lavish production ever undertaken by Indian producers in this country. It has a big cast, a number of whom are well-known stage and radio personalities.

Mr. A. Rehman, producer-director of the show, told "The Leader" that although it had taken a long time to produce, the show will be well worth it. "It's bigger, better and brighter than our previous efforts, which I may add, have always been well received when they were staged in various parts of the country," he said.

After three shows in Durban's Goldsw Hall on February 6, 13 and 20, Mr. Rehman plans to tour the Union with his company.

PAK. PREMIER'S STAND

KARACHI.—The Prime Minister of Pakistan, Mr. Mohammed Ali, said that his Government would not be deterred in their determination to go ahead making Pakistan strong politically, militarily, economically and ideologically.

He was referring, in his monthly broadcast to the nation, to what he described as the mobilising of public opinion in India against proposed Pakistan military aid for Pakistan.

"In spite of categorical assurances of the Pakistan Government that we have no aggressive designs on any country and that we are determined to pursue a policy of live and let live in peace, there is considerable agitation in India over a matter which is primarily a concern of ours and another country that is friendly to us.

"Attempts are being made to hide from the world the demands of the ruling party in India."

Mr. Mohammed Ali said that Pakistan had not protested or "raised a hue and cry" when India received foreign aid which enabled her to build up her country and her armed strength.

"We wish India well. We believe a strong India and a strong Pakistan will add to political stability in Asia, just as we believe that a strong Pakistan is essential to political stability in this region.

"It is our aim to promote and preserve peace in this region.

"If we want to make ourselves strong in military terms, it is only in order that we may prevent aggression from any quarter."

He advised the people to remain calm and united, adding, "I assure you that we shall not be intimidated by India or any other country."



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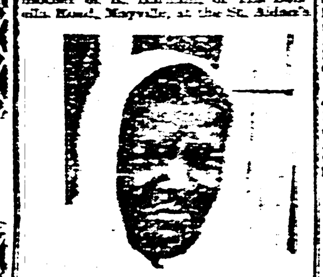
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OBITUARY

The untimely death occurred after a major operation on January 15 of Latchmama (Nunnie), beloved mother of K. Hariram, of 115 Bencila Road, Mayville, at the St. Aidan's



Mrs. Latchmama (Nunnie)

Hospital, Durban. She was the widow of the late Ramsamoo (Hariram).

Her remains were cremated at the Cato Manor Crematorium the next day, a large gathering attending.

She leaves one son, four daughters, two sons-in-law and many friends and relatives to mourn their irreparable loss.

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The death occurred on January 27, 1954, of Mr. Narainsamy Naidoo, of 52 Stratford Road, Durban, at the age of 69 years. The deceased was a well-known betel leaf merchant and was formerly a farmer of ... sands.

His remains were interred at the



Mr. NARAINSAMY NAIDOO

Queen Street cemetery amidst a large gathering of friends and relatives.

He leaves behind his wife, Marimuthoo, and five sons, Messrs. N. M. and N. K. Naidoo.

The sixteenth day memorial ceremony of the deceased will be held at 52 Stratford Road, Durban, on the 10th and 11th February.

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MEMORIAL SERVICE

The ... memorial service of my beloved mother, the late Gayamah Naidoo, who passed away peacefully on Saturday, January 23, 1954, at the Grey Hospital at the age of 68 years, will take place at my resi-



dence, Riverfield Estate, Nels Rust on Saturday evening, February 6, 1954, and will be continued on Sunday morning at the banks of the Umlaas River. Friends and relatives are requested to accept this as a personal invitation. Yours sincerely, V. Samy Naidoo.

The death occurred of Mr. K. P. Govender (Kisten), at the age of 25, under tragic circumstances at Hillary on Friday, January 29, 1954. The late Mr. K. P. Govender was the third son of Mrs. and the late Mr. P. Govender and brother of Messrs. P. G. Govender Bros., of "The Crescent," Hillary.

It was with the kind assistance of Mr. V. Naidu, the ex-Principal, Malvern Indian School, Mr. Rampersad of Gale Street and the late Mr. Appasamy Rantry that he was able to proceed to Sastri College, where he matriculated. Through his per-



Mr. K. P. GOVENDER

severance, he successfully passed both the Junior Certificate and the Matriculation examinations. At all times he was very grateful to those who assisted him to further his studies.

Mr. K. P. Govender, after completing his Teachers Certificate examination, became an assistant teacher at the Fountain Head Indian School. At the time of his death he was on the staff of the South Coast Madressa. At Sastri College he distinguished himself as a potential athlete. He was keenly interested in athletics. He always endeavoured to foster sports.

He was President of the Hillary United Football Club. He also took a prominent part in the sport, social and educational activities of many organisations and was the Treasurer of the Hillary Educational Society, which was responsible for the erection of the Hillary Indian School.

As a student, he was very keenly interested in his studies, and was an undergraduate of the University of South Africa. The presence of the large gathering was a fitting tribute to a person of sterling qualities. He was a friend to all and was ever willing to help those who required his assistance. His remains were interred at the Hillary Cemetery on Saturday last.

FIVE-YEAR TEMPLE

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Mr. Pather said that he was amazed at the conditions laid down by the Durban City Council, for no civilised authority should have suggested that any racial group should build a House of God and demolish it at the end of five years.

Evidently the Council was quite content to have an irreligious racial group rather than a religious one, he said.

Mr. Pather referred to the fact that the area was predominantly Indian in character and the fact that the area has been earmarked for ultimate European development made no difference to the point at issue.

The Hindus in the area had no place of worship and they were entitled to have one erected. It was the duty of the Durban City Council to encourage the Hindus living there to carry on with the erection of the temple. The Council's action in placing impediments against the erection of a place of worship was "the worst form of sacrilege," he added.

Mr. Pather pointed out to the Board that Indians had settled in the area more than 70 years ago. There were two Indian schools and the Temple was to be built next to the school.

Mr. Pather appealed to the Board to treat the objection of the Council as frivolous, for even the Group Areas Act itself recognised the sanctity of the place of worship.

"Aid for the blind" plea

DURBAN.—Once a year the Natal Indian Blind Society ... public of Durban for support of those who, through no fault of their own, have to live their lives in darkness.

The Society was founded in 1939, but is only in the last few years that it has been able to get down in earnest to its work. This is in two main parts, the prevention of blindness and the care of those already affected.

It is intended, within the next month or so, to take in 12 blind children. They are waiting. The place has to be equipped and the Society is hopeful that the public will help them to do this. The Society has found excellent support from the community. The cause is one that no individual can ignore, for one only has to stand still, close one's eyes and think.

Miss R. Evans, secretary of the Society said: "There is enormous scope for the work of prevention, and the Society is at present conducting a survey in Indian schools. With funds the Society can reduce dramatically the number of new cases coming forward. Without funds, the number will grow leaving the next generation a heavier burden and the knowledge that we, in our time, did not do our job."

Over 800 cases had been helped in the last few years, mostly in the form of grants to indigent blind persons to supplement the very small pension given by the Government ...

Parties to entertain the blind are held fortnightly. The project ... which the Society is collecting ... is a small school in Durban ... present cases have to be sent to Athlone in the Cape to learn ... and handcrafts.

A building in Lorne Street has been bought and renovated ... teacher has been learning ... in the Cape and is now ... Natal. This was possible ... the financial assistance of ... National Council for the Blind ... nations may be sent to Miss Evans, P.O. Box ..., Durban.

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Talk of the Bazaar

...NATION at every turn he ... the country led an ... young student to turn his ... and encouragement in the ... of India bursary scheme. ... Somers, son of Mr. H. ... formerly a teacher at Sastri ... who left for India last July ... over the past six ... could easily fill a book ... taxidermist at Sastri College ... one year at Wits University ... finding conditions ... he transferred to Cape ... to do surveying. As ... he found difficulty in doing ... and after a year returned ...

... to teaching and ... with distinction in ... at the Springfield Training ... After teaching for a year ... he was awarded a Government of India bursary to study ... He was not ... in this country here, as the ... of Natal has no provision ... in this faculty.



Somers with President Rajendra Prasad in his drawing-room at Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.

A TAXIDERMIST

... leaving for India he ... a keen interest in the ... stuffing and handling ... He was quite proficient in ... and the embroidery he did ... created an impression on ... examples of his work ... a self-taught taxidermist ... leaving the Training College ... presented a Cape hawk to ... As a student, of ... he showed keen interest in ...

... at the Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan, West Bengal ... to me from Delhi Moti ... he was privileged to attend ... all-African Students' ... at which there were about ... students from different ... of Africa. The conference ... Ministry ... and Indian Council for ... Relations, was a huge success. The conference dealt with important matters concerning the ...

WORLD FIGURES

... "Just think of it ... these days have been in ... I, an ordinary individual ... Natal, in the company of world figures! I had never ... that I would ever get near ... like Mr. ... Mr. Krishna Menon (chairman of the Indian Council for ...) ... and vice-chancellor of ... University, Mrs. Vijayalaxmi ... and President Rajendra Prasad ... from many other leading ...

... also pleased to hear a ... Pandit Hriday Nath Kunzru, who was in South Africa as leader of the Indian delegation in connection with the ... talks. The last time I had ... was when he delivered his ... speech lasting over an hour ... Red Square", Durban.

... had lunch with the Prime ... who inaugurated the conference ... in his garden under big ... umbrellas amidst beautiful ... and shrubs. Mr. Nehru is ... very simple and peace-loving ... although he is getting on in ... Mr. Nehru is very energetic ... student was introduced to him ... spent quite some time chatting to everyone of us.

"Mr. Nehru, who joined us later, spoke to us, and for a moment we did not realise that we were speaking so freely with one of the greatest statesmen of the world. Other leading personalities present at the function included Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, Indira Gandhi and a number of M.P.'s."

Another surprise was in store for Moti. He met Rashtrapati (President) Rajendra Prasad at Rashtrapati Bhawan, the former house of the Viceroys of India. "The President is quite old and appears to be like any other man in the street in his dhoti and long black coat. A thorough Bihari and a simple man at heart, he takes a keen interest in the welfare of students from abroad.

"The gardens at Rashtrapati Bhawan are reputed to be amongst the finest in the world. We also visited the Secretariat and Parliament Buildings.

PRETORIA'S BUILDINGS

COMMENTING on them, he says: "I have yet to see finer government buildings than these. The Union Buildings in Pretoria hardly offers comparison, but as a point of interest the architect who designed the buildings here also designed the Union Buildings in Pretoria. The 'India Gate', which is not far from here, is another fine piece of modern architecture. The whole secretariat area is well kept with gardens, fountains and lawns. The fountains are beautifully lit up with coloured lights at night and present a fascinating spectacle."

On the last day of the conference the students met Dr. Cheddi Jagan, the deposed Prime Minister of British Guiana, and his comrade Mr. Burnham.

Describing the journey from Calcutta to New Delhi, Moti says that the distance of 1,000 miles took exactly 25 hours and 5 minutes by the "Delhi Mail."

Moti adds that the Government of India paid all expenses—meals, transport, board and lodging and issued concession tickets for various purposes to every student attending the conference. In addition, each student was given Rs. 50 as "pocket expenses" when they left.

RAJENDRA PRASAD

... Mr. Krishna Menon was ... pleasant experience ... at our table, while ... Minister and other ... at different tables ... Mr. Menon with questions ... dinner and he had ... for them. He is a ... and yet so simple.

ALL THE SAME

NOBODY seemed to take much notice of Haridas at the office dinner, and he was beginning to feel somewhat bored when he was called upon to make a speech.

Haridas stood up and glanced around the walls of the dining hall, noting with keen relish the works of art that adorned them. Then he began his speech by paying a compliment to the women members of the staff.

Pointing with outstretched arm to the wonderful paintings he remarked, "Gentlemen, what need is there of all these painted beauties when we have so many with us at the table?"

EXPECTING

[DROPPED in at my dentist's surgery yesterday—to have a cup of tea, not to extract a tooth, I must hasten to add. Well, he usually tells me some funny stories, a few, I am afraid, I cannot print here. He told me this one which was just as funny. The young woman from the country visited the dentist for the first time. She eyed the equipment with wide, apprehensive eyes. It was with considerable reluctance that she seated herself in the chair and leaned her ... the dentist, opened her mouth to reveal the tooth which, she said, had been misbehaving.

Her nervousness perceptibly increased as he jabbed with a sharp little steel instrument at the bad molar.

"I guess we can do something for it," he said, in a tone meant to be soothing. But the young woman was not to be soothed by mere words. Her rigid fingers gripped the armrests of the chair until the knuckles showed white through the skin.

He filled an atomiser with an antiseptic fluid and treated the gum. As he withdrew the spray she clamped her mouth tight.

"You may expectorate now," said the dentist.

"Expect what?" she asked.

M.D.I.F.A. Meets Tomorrow

MARITZBURG. — More than ordinary interest is attached to the fifty-fourth annual general meeting of the Maritzburg District Indian Football Association which is to be held at the Nizamia College hall tomorrow afternoon. The report of the Commission on the re-orientation of Natal Indian soccer will figure largely on the agenda, while the secretary's observations on the local inter-league games should excite considerable discussion.

Speculation is rife on the composition of the "cabinet" for the Natal Indian Football Association whose headquarters rotate to Maritzburg this season. Mr. M. R. Pillay is tipped as likely ... for the chairmanship as Mr. A. K. Meeran, chairman of the M.D.I.F.A., has stated that he will not be available for office, even in the local association.

Maritzburg may have Sultan Tech. soon

MARITZBURG. — The possibility of the Maritzburg branch of the M.L. Sultan Technical College being established in the near future, with full autonomy in five years, was envisaged in the secretarial report of the Maritzburg Indian Technical Institute, tabled at its annual meeting on Wednesday night.

The report records that negotiations in this direction have resulted in the Maritzburg City Council promising to make available land for the erection of the College providing it received full autonomy in five years. The City ... to the Minister of Education.

It will be recalled that the M.L. Sultan Trust has set aside £10,000 for the Maritzburg branch with the proviso that the Maritzburg Indian Technical Institute raise a further £5,000.

This sum, together with the Union Government grant, will make available a total of £30,000 for the college.

R-ORGANISATION

Dealing with the administrative side of the Maritzburg Indian Technical Institute, the report added that the executive sphere was reorganised and enrolments and tuition more rigidly controlled.

It is now thought advisable to effect further reorganisation: the student to be entered for public examinations is to confirm to certain standards of attainment; tuition fees are to be increased; and from Standard VII to N.S.C., only three subjects are to be offered.

There is to be a special class for those wishing to write the supplementary examinations in June; and in future there is to be an entrance test in the first week of August for candidates who are desirous of writing public examinations.

NEW CLASSES

Continuing, the secretary reported that a millinery class was started last year with a roll of seven pupils. The class has made good progress and there is every likelihood of it growing in numbers this term.

Other classes envisaged are: decorative drawing; draughtsmanship; bricklaying; workshop cutting; photography; electrical repairs; and window dressing. These classes will be started as occasion demands.

A note of regret crept into the report, however. Mr. A. K. Meeran said that the Principal, Mr. A. G. Loingang, made every effort to organise a Caterer's Course, but in spite of the offer of the management of the Imperial Hotel to conduct the class at their premises, no-one took advantage of this.

The offer is still open, and as soon as students enrol, the class will be commenced.

FINANCE

In certain of the present classes the numbers warranted a splitting up into two sections. But unfortunately, this was not possible because it entailed the employment of more teachers. The Institute could not stand the strain of further expense, which will be more than the credit balance reflected in the audited financial statement.

However, if numbers persist in being large this year, more tutors will have to be employed.

The attendance is more consistent now and this is probably due to the students having to pay their fees in advance.

The Institute is indebted to the Department of Education, Arts and Science for its grant of £1,400 in 1953. This was a big improvement over the last five years and the authorities have asked for more. Generous donations were also received from Kibble (S.A.) Ltd., Sandals (Pty.) Ltd., Natal Tanning Extract Company and the Aluminium Company of South Africa.

Tuition fees set up a new record of £685 10s.

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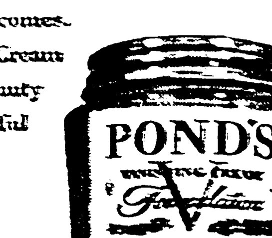


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Points from Readers' Letters

"N.I.C. and N.I.O. should join forces"

YOUSUF BHAIJEE, of Durban, writes: As there seems to be hardly any difference these days between the N.I.C. and the N.I.O. the sensible thing for these two bodies would be to amalgamate.

The N.I.O. advises the Indian public to save what they can and accept what is given in regard to the Group Areas Act. The N.I.C. follows the same principles in re...

The N.I.O. meets behind closed doors and never holds public meetings. It is now learnt that with the exception of the opening, all sessions of the N.I.C. conference to be held on February 5, 6 and 7 will be closed to the public. Even Congress members will not be allowed to be present unless specially invited. There was a time when the present leadership of Congress fought vigorously for the right of the public to be present at Congress conferences.

School admission

A Principal, of Stanger, writes: Please allow me a little space to reply to comment in a recent "Diary of the Week."

The writer is under a grave misapprehension and totally ignorant of the regulations governing the conduct of Government-Aided Indian schools in general, and of the admission of pupils in particular, and yet makes bold to publicise derogatory and absolutely incorrect statements.

[illegible]

DISAPPOINTED PARENT (Maritzburg), writes: [illegible]

Religious teaching in Natal schools?

DURBAN: At a special session of conference convened by the South African Hindu Maha Sabha on Sunday it was resolved to make representations to the Natal Education Department to introduce Hindu religious teachings in all Indian schools.

The resolution was passed after a four-hour discussion on the motion of Mr. S. Pandy, who read a paper on the subject at the conference of Maha Sabha held during October last year. Mr. Pandy was supported by Messrs S. L. Singh, B. A. Maharaj and S. R. Naidoo.

[illegible]

DISABUSE

[illegible]

Freedom banquet filmed

DURBAN.—The Springfield Hindu Sabha celebrated the attainment of Republican status by the Dominion of India in the Jubilee Hall of the Springfield Hindu Government-Aided Indian School. A banquet, which was filmed, was held to mark this auspicious occasion and it was pleasing to note that the function was well attended both by members and well-wishers, among whom were European guests.

The gaily decorated tables presented a very pleasant atmosphere for such a happy and festive occasion.

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Mr. G. Beharee, a vice-president of the Sabha, moved a vote of thanks.

GLIDER PILOT AT NINE

POONA.—Rashid Irani, a Poona student, is believed to have become the world's youngest pilot by qualifying for the international A and B gliding certificates—at the age of nine.

Rashid's glider, launched by a winch, reached heights of 400 and 500 feet in successive flights and completed one right-hand and one left-hand circuit. The duration of the flights were one minute fifteen seconds and one minute and forty-five seconds respectively.

BIG DROP IN BOX OFFICE TAKINGS

BOMBAY. — India produced about 250 feature films in 1953 against 233 the year before, said Mr. Jaimini Dewan, President of the Indian Motion Picture Producers' Association.

Of the year's output, 119 were produced in Western India, mostly around Bombay, ... of the national industry.

Mr. Dewan said the increase in production was no index of prosperity. Box office takings had dropped generally by ... 25 per cent, while the ... for many pictures was ... between 60 and 40 per cent.

Hindi vacation course

LADYSMITH.—[illegible]

Gandhi Films

NEW DELHI. — [illegible]



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[illegible]

HER FIRST RECORD

[illegible]

HOW DO THEY DO IT?

[illegible]

THE NEXT WEEK,
—SEELA.

COLOUR BAR IN LONDON

"I Can Do Nothing"

LONDON. — Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, the British Home Secretary, told the House of Commons that there was no action he could take in regard to complaints about the operation of the colour bar in certain licensed premises in London.

Sir David had been asked by Mr. Stephen Swingler (Labour) if he was aware that in certain licensed premises in London coloured persons were being denied service, and if he would take steps to prohibit such colour discrimination.

"I greatly deplore these incidents," replied the Home Secretary, but there is no action that I can take. I have no power to make regulations on the subject."

Mrs. Elizabeth Braddock (Labour) asked whether, in view of the fact that there is no discrimination in the recruitment of applications to the police force in Britain, the Home Secretary would circularise police authorities with advice that they should include in police establishments anyone who complied with all the qualifications necessary.

Sir David said, "The basic qualifications for appointment to the police are prescribed in the police regulations, which do not discriminate on grounds on race, creed or colour.

"I have no reason to think that appointing authorities do not consider all applications on their merits, and I am satisfied no action is called for on my part."

Soviet Cultural Delegation

NEW DELHI.—A Soviet cultural delegation will visit India this month for a six-weeks' tour at the Indian Government's expense, Government officials have disclosed.

It will consist of 17 men and 12 women, including ballerinas, folk dancers, musicians, painters and circus artistes.

ILLITERATE ROSE TO BE MINISTER

COIMBATORE. — Mr. M. V. Krishnappa, India's Deputy Minister for Food, was an illiterate farm-worker at the age of 15, he said in Coimbatore.

Mr. Krishnappa told a social service seminar that later he joined a private school and eventually entered a college in 1930.

Mr. Krishnappa said that his culture was based on agriculture.

NEW MEDICAL BLOCK FOR MARITZBURG

MARITZBURG.—Medical and dental services, housed in one block of buildings for the exclusive use of members, is planned by the Maritzburg branch of the National Union of Leatherworkers.

Mr. R. N. Paddy, chairman of the branch, told "The Leader" that the building, to cost an estimated £32,000, will be erected on a site opposite St. Paul's Indian Church in the lower end of Longmarket Street. It will be on the lines of the Bolton Hall, in Durban.

The ground floor will be occupied by a hall, complete with a modern stage. Facilities for indoor games will also be provided. The upper floors will consist of offices, a library and other consultants, besides medical and dental surgeries. Building operations are expected to start in the near future.



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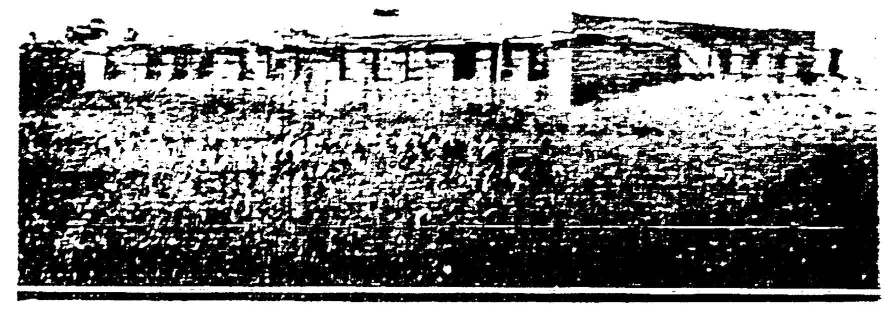
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India's Voice Respected

NEW DELHI. — Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon, leader of the Indian Delegation to the United Nations General Assembly, told pressmen in Trivandrum (Travancore-Cochin) that India's voice was now being respected in all countries of the world because the [illegible] voice of India was now expressing itself.

Regarding the American arms aid proposal to Pakistan, Mr. Krishna Menon said that talks were still in the exploratory stage. It had been denied that there was any question of bases being granted by Pakistan, and the Prime Minister of Pakistan had also reiterated that his country was not granting any bases to the U.S.A.

But, said Mr. Menon, when aid came in the form of a gift there would certainly be an obligation and the whole country would then become a base.

He added that the proposed conference of Prime Ministers of East Asian countries, suggested by the Ceylonese Prime Minister, showed awakening of political opinion in South-East Asian countries.

Speaking at Ernakulam, Mr. Krishna Menon said that the political significance of the proposed American aid to Pakistan was not in the quantity of armaments to be given, but in its effect on the future of what he described as "the area of peace."

He told another meeting that: "Whether it be China, Russia, the United States or the British we follow with them a policy of friendship."

Dealing with the reported American military aid to Pakistan, he said: "The prosperity of Pakistan is our prosperity. Peace in Pakistan is our peace. But their mistakes are not our mistakes."

Mr. Menon added that India's relations with Commonwealth nations had been a very great asset to her. In this state of affairs, Mr. Menon said, the fact remained that if peace is our first interest, it is everybody's interest. Our foreign policy is not foreign. It is our national policy."

India today, he said, dealt with relations with the East or West in the background of her national awakening and history.

FESTIVAL SOCIETY TO ENLIST SCHOOL SUPPORT

DURBAN: "I have no objection to your approaching the principals of our non-European schools for the purpose of enlisting their support," states a letter addressed to the Natal Festival Society for Peace and Friendship, by Mr. E. Halm, Director of Education, Natal.

In a statement to "The Leader," the Society says that it is rather unfortunate that the permission does not include European schools.

In this regard the Director states, "On several occasions in the past, representations have been made by teachers and others connected with the education of our youth, to the effect that as far as European school children are concerned, there appears to be too great a demand for their participation in extramural activities, placing an undue burden upon not only the staff, but also the scholars, and thereby not leaving the necessary time for concentration on the essential scholastic requirements. In view of these circumstances it is felt that our European school children should not be taxed with any further extramural activities."

Dealing with the lack of these facilities for non-European children, the Director continues: "The children attending our non-European schools have, however, not had the same opportunities as far as such activities are concerned and your association may be able to render a useful service among them."

Festival Society, in a statement welcoming the decision of the Education Department in granting permission to approach non-European children, states, "We expect all school children to take full advantage of this opportunity of expressing their desire for peace and friendship among all nationalities on the playing fields and through their cultural and other activities which will be organised by the Society.

"Unfortunately we regret very much that European children could not be contacted through their schools. However, we sincerely hope that European parents will seriously consider allowing their children to take part in the Festival even though they may not do so officially through their school.

"In the meantime the Festival Society is endeavouring to obtain permission from the Education Department to enlist similar permission to approach European schools.

"The Festival, which will take place during the Easter weekend, will be the first of its kind ever attempted in Natal and we feel confident that we will be able to rally the support of all sections of the South African population."

SPECIAL BUS FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN WANTED

MARITZBURG. — A [illegible] plea was made to a "Leader" reporter by members of the teaching profession and [illegible] that the Maritzburg Corporation should provide a [illegible] bus service for Indian children living in the outskirts of the City.

One woman teacher [illegible] in Plessislaer said that [illegible] the schools re-opened [illegible] she has had to "straphang" [illegible] the City-bound bus. [illegible] children living out [illegible] was were finding it [illegible] cult to obtain a [illegible] town in the mornings [illegible].

A similar position [illegible] at Raisethorpe. The [illegible] of a City Indian school [illegible] "If European and [illegible] children could be provided [illegible] a special bus service [illegible] the Indians?" That [illegible] was echoed by the [illegible] parents interviewed.

Maritzburg wins

MARITZBURG. — [illegible]

GAVE TALK ON "ISRAEL"

MARITZBURG. — [illegible]

Tamil Group M[illegible]

DURBAN.—The [illegible]

"Only the best" is motto of huge Gemini Studios

From "The Leader's" Special Representative, P. K. Singh, now touring India.

MADRAS: Gemini Studios! How fascinating this name sounds when you think of films and film producers in India. I had seen a few studios [illegible]re, but the name Gemini always cropped up during my visit to Madras. [Thro]ugh the kind courtesy of Mr. Parthasarathy, the Director of Publicity [of t]he Madras Government, I was invited to visit the Gemini Studios, where [th]e affable Mr. Nambiar, the Public Relations Officer, conducted me on [a to]ur of the studios.

[The] studios are spread over 11 [acres of] lovely land. Gemini Movie[land] I would prefer to call it, [replete] with history, for in the building once lived Lord [illegible] builder of an Empire.

[illegible] is a cluster of small buildings amidst well-kept lawns, and gardens. Within woods [illegible] with the beauty of a [illegible] deers and peacocks, partridges and pigeons. They have a [illegible] par excellent here! His [illegible] with trees and shrubs [illegible].

[illegible] of coconut and palm [illegible] finding their resting [illegible] huge boxes of soil placed [illegible]. Other varieties of [illegible] plants are to be found [illegible] containers. Huge clay [illegible] spread all over each containing some flower or shrubs.

[WOR]LD OF MAKE BELIEVE

[illegible] thousands of such pots, [illegible] of all description are [illegible] in the same way. Why? [illegible]. The reason is obvious, dear Watson! The film [illegible] a world of make-believe [illegible] Gemini Movieland each [illegible] flower, shrub and tree has [illegible] arranged in containers [illegible] could be moved at any [illegible] to any place to create the [illegible] effect of lawns, parks, [illegible], etc., that we see [illegible] screen. Simple, isn't it? [The fir]st time I see a coconut or [illegible] in a lounge, I will know [illegible].

[illegible] property department and [illegible] rooms are immense. Here [illegible] find anything under the [illegible]. All the beauty and [illegible] of films find their birth [illegible] departments. Jewels of [illegible] of glass, shining [illegible] and diamonds, garments [illegible] most alluring designs and [illegible] mighty clubs and other [illegible] made of cork, thrones [illegible] all the trappings, [illegible] in crazy design and [illegible] in a variety of [illegible] robes and [illegible], bows and arrows, [illegible] ancient lamps, house furniture all the knick-knacks to be found in this [illegible] museum!

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[illegible] highly centralised organisation is composed of the best—the very best only. Its team of cameramen, sound recordists, art directors and others are selected—demonstrating that film making is the effort of team work—carried out under the most favourable conditions.

Actors, directors, musicians—all have to co-ordinate their work with the technical unit to be successful. During the last twelve years Gemini has produced 24 pictures, including five in Hindi. During the same period independent producers have had 14 pictures made there.

The greatest picture ever produced at these magnificent studios is "Chandralekha" in Tamil and Hindi. This picture cost Rupees 36 lakhs (about £280,000) and took three and a half years in the making.

About five million people have already seen the film since it was released in 1948. It was shown in 60 cinemas simultaneously and, with the Hindi version released later, at 139 cinemas throughout India. The Hindi and Tamil films are still showing at 17 and seven cinemas respectively.

Even the world renowned dancer Uday Shankar chose Gemini to picturise his film "Kalpana" in 1948.

The studios have been visited by many distinguished and eminent men from Dr. Rajendra Prasad, President of India, downwards and several delegations and conference members meeting at Madras have honoured the Studios with a "look around."

And who is the man behind all this splendid effort in building up Gemini — making it the super movieland, and the envy of many a producer? Meet Mr. S. S. Vasan, sole proprietor of Gemini Studios, Gemini Pictures Circuit, Ltd., and "Anand Vikatan" famous Tamil weekly paper. His life story sounds like a fairy tale!

Of middle age, stockily built, with greying hair, penetrating eyes, handsome, dressed simply in dhoti with long shirt and with chappals on his feet, he met me on one of the sets of his new picture in Hindi—but of that more anon!

SHRI VASAN'S STORY

Shri Vasan stopped his college education at an early age—his father died when he was a child—and he wanted to be of help to his mother. He had a flair for writing so he took up journalism with "Ananda Vikatan" and "Narada." He later became the owner of the journals which [illegible] published monthly and sold for one anna per copy (about 1d.).

But even at that age young Vasan had ideas and a determination to succeed.

He collected a few popular writers around him, stepped up the circulation of the paper by offering inducements, and after much hard work made the paper pay.

Later he tried his hand as a [illegible] owner and was fairly successful.

In 1936 Shri Vasan became interested in films and formed the Gemini Pictures Distributors Ltd. He realised the potentialities of the film industry and was determined to become a producer.

The Gemini Studios owned by a company who could not make a success of it—came up for sale and Shri Vasan snapped the opportunity and purchased it in 1941. It was an uphill task from the start, but the new owner was not only a man of determination but of vision and patience. He had definite ideas on film production and "only the best" became his motto.

SUCCESS IN FILMS

His newspapers gained in popularity but he did not want to flood the market with cheap, tawdry films. His first film, "Mangamma," in Tamil was produced within a year and was an immediate success — securing international recognition as a brilliant screenplay in the exhibition held in Venice.

The fact that in ten years Gemini produced only 17 pictures is proof of Shri Vasan's outlook in production. His last picture, "Avvaiyar," a devotional classic in Tamil has created a sensation and is in its fifteenth week in Madras. It took seven years to produce. Supervised by Vasan himself, "Avvaiyar" has been proclaimed as one of the greatest [illegible] in India.

The Governor, Cabinet Ministers, eminent and distinguished men and women, religionists and people from all walks of life have waxed enthusiastically about the picture. I too, have seen it—I wish our people could see this in South Africa. The singing is superb and the production in every respect is of a very high standard.

PUBLIC RECEPTION

To honour Shri Vasan for having produced "Avvaiyar," a public reception was arranged by the Mayor of Madras and a powerful committee of local citizens at the Anna[malai] Mandiram recently. The great South Indian, Sir C. P. Ramaswami Iyer, presided, and the magnificent hall was packed to overflowing. Eulogistic speeches—there were several—paying tribute to Shri Vasan were made by distinguished men and he was profusely garlanded. I [illegible] seen such huge garlands before, almost like the trunk of an elephant.

Modestly Shri Vasan replied. He paid a tribute to all the workers at Gemini for the success the film had achieved. The fact that Rajaji was present at the function was "sufficient for me," as he put it. He dwelt on his early struggles and mentioned two names of men who had helped him considerably—one even had lent him money.

Shri Vasan is a very wealthy man and charitable. In 1949, he donated one lakh rupees (about £8,000) to the National Memorial Fund and Dr. Rajendra Prasad personally visited the studios to receive the money.

FILM INDUSTRY

Over a cup of tea—how they drink coffee in this ancient city of Madras!—Shri Vasan spoke of the future of films. Taxation was very heavy, he said, and little was being done by the Government by the way of relief.

To my question about the low standard of films being produced in other parts of the country, Shri Vasan said, "Some producers who should not be in the business wanted to get rich quick and had no original ideas—but copied bits from other films in the hope of being successful. They failed and the industry got a bad name, but there was no encouragement from the Government."

During my tour of the studios, Mr. Nambiar, the Public Relations Officer, allowed me sets prepared for scenes to be filmed. I was amazed at the colossal work put in to make the scenes correct in every detail. There were the walls in a fort within which a girl was imprisoned; another set depicted the entire room of a number of rooms; on the third set a staircase was being erected. I was fortunate when we came to the fourth actual village scene, complete with thatched huts, brass pots and vessels, farm implements, cattle, trees, grass growing, and a well at which a girl was drawing water.

WONDER OF WONDERS

It was true to life in every respect and, wonder of wonders, cameramen and other technicians were ready to shoot under the supervision of Shri Vasan. I watched the scene. "Lights," shouted somebody, and huge arcs of lights were focussed on the well. A tape measure was brought and the distance between the girl and the camera was checked. Final instructions were given, her hair and dress were arranged, the rope set in the pulley to draw water, [illegible] words to speak—"Repeat," Mr. Vasan said, "the intonation is not correct." This done, everything was in readiness.

"Ready," said Mr. Vasan. The fans were switched off and complete silence prevailed.

The sound of the camera is heard, the girl speaks and in two minutes the scene is filmed, but not to the satisfaction of Mr. Vasan! Thrice it is re-enacted and only at the fourth shooting was he satisfied.

Producing a film is arduous work and certainly not thrilling. Hours and hours of work by dozens of men to prepare the village scene—for just two minutes filming. No wonder pictures cost lakhs of rupees. And why has Shri Vasan become a very successful film magnate? Patience, my readers, Patience! You need it in this business!



Left to right: Saraswati (child star), Shri S. S. Vasan (proprietor, Gemini Studios) and Mr. P. K. Singh.


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With the one we loved with all our heart,
His love so true, his heart so kind,
Another like him is hard to find,
Things have change in many ways,
But one thing changes never,
The memory of the happy days
When we were all together.
A silent thought true and tender,
Just to show that we remember.

Ever remembered by his loving wife Rangamaal, and daughter, Rubey, 224 Albert Road, Woodstock.

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In loving memory of my beloved husband and our dear dad, Thomas Moonsamy, who passed away peacefully on January 19, 1944, at Nelspruit.

Deep in my heart
A memory is kept
Of one I loved dearly
And will never forget.

Always remembered by your loving wife Grace, son, daughters, daughter-in-law, son-in-law and grandchildren, Nelspruit, E. Transvaal.



PILLAY: In loving memory of our son, brother, husband and father, M. Mannie Vasi Pillay, who was called away to rest for ever in the Kingdom of God on January 23, 1953:

A year has passed the sad day
Since you were called away
The parting was painful and severe
Because we loved you so dear.

Ever remembered by Dad, Mum, brothers, sisters, wife and three children, — 26 Lockspur Road, Springfield and 21 Short Street, East London.

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MOODLEY.—In loving memory of our dear mother who passed away on January 31, 1947:

We will never forget your sufferings,
No, nor how you died,
Day and night we watched you,
It caused us bitter grief,
To see you slowly pine away
And could not give relief,
We lived in hope and prayer in vain,
That you would soon get well again,
But God decided we must part,
And left us with broken hearts.

Affectionately remembered by her children.

BIRTH

To Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Chetty, of Richmond, Natal, a bonny son on January 7 at Mayoor Walk. Thanks to Sister and Nurses.



SEEPATH: In loving memory of my dear son and our brother and nephew, R. Lallman, who died tragically on February 6, 1948.

Six sad years today.
Every day in some small way
Memories of you pass our way.
Some may think we have forgotten
When they see us smile,
But little they know the heartache
We cover with a smile.
Loved and respected wherever he went.
Few in the world an equal to find.

Dearly loved and sadly missed by his loving mother, sister, Leela, brother, Debipersadh; and Mrs. Debipersadh; and K. Jugoo Bros., 79 Wakerleigh Road, Bellair.



DAYA KHOOSAL: In loving memory of my dear son, D. Kanreen, who died tragically on February 4, 1948.

Six sad years have passed.
Our hearts are still sore.
Time wears away the edge of grief,
But memories turn back every leaf,
Always true, unselfish and kind
Loved and respected wherever he went;
Few in the world an equal to find
Dearly loved and sadly missed by his loving parents, brothers and sisters, 125 Victoria Street, Durban.

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SARTHAMBAL

Pillay: In loving memory of my dear wife, Sarthambal, who was called to rest two years ago today.

When links of love are broken
And loved ones have to part,
Death leaves a wound that never heals,
An ever aching heart.

Ever remembered by her loving husband, Peter Pillay, and her loving children, Lucky, Saroginie, Moorsy, Maliga.—23 E E Block, Magazine Barracks, Durban.

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Kangalee: Treasured remembrance of my beloved husband and our dear dad, Kreeondah Kangalee, who passed away on February 3, 1949.

Rest in peace, dear dad,
Whatever we fail to do,
We will never forget to remember you.
We were not there in the hour of death,
To hear your last faint sigh,
Or even say goodbye.
God watched your weary eyes,
And took you in his care.

Always remembered by Mrs. Kangalee and family.

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"The Leader" Editorial

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THE ACID TEST

THE new session of Parliament begins with the threat of more racialistic and repressive legislation, and with the forces of the Opposition disunited and half-hearted in their resistance.

The situation is indeed a strange one; the Opposition parties represent the majority of the privileged who have votes, and if they could pluck up the courage to oppose with any vigour, they would have behind them the approval of the great majority of the people of South Africa and of a great body of civilised opinion throughout the world.

Yet the United Party, far from taking advantage of its apparently overwhelmingly strong position, shows itself divided, hesitant, and confused.

It would be a rash prophet indeed who would care to predict that the party's opposition to the placing of the Coloured voters on a separate roll or otherwise having their rights reduced will last out the session. At present the signs are that the party will seek an agreement, so soon as the ignominy of a retreat upon what has become a clear question of principle can be suitably disguised.

The suggestion made by Mr. Oppenheimer that the qualifications of Coloured voters should be raised has been received with an eloquent silence both within the United Party and in the columns of its Press; this is a striking contrast with the treatment which was accorded to other members of the party who have been guilty of similar indiscretions in the past, and it suggests very strongly that the financial backers of the United Party have decided to throw the Coloured voters to the Nationalist wolves.

The explanation of this weakness of the Opposition is not far to seek. White South Africans in general may disagree and do disagree violently on many questions, but their early training and the whole pattern of their lives makes it almost impossible for the majority of them to take any firm stand on a question into which colour prejudice has been introduced. This is the key to all White South African politics, and it is a key which the Nationalists can use to open all political doors.

It would be a mistake therefore to pin too much faith to the possibility of a vigorous resistance to Nationalist plans. The Opposition are not only outmanoeuvred and outgeneralled at every turn; they are helpless against the Nationalist onslaught because they are morally crippled by the racial prejudices which every detail of their upbringing has imposed upon them.

The future of South Africa in the hands of Whites who are so much at the mercy of blind prejudice and fear is hard to see, but it cannot be a happy one. There is much talk of the "non-European problem"; what really should give concern is the problem of re-educating the White rulers of South Africa, and of awakening them to the common humanity of man. At present even among them who pay lip service to this ideal — with honourable exception of a few liberals — remain confused in the conflict between their ideals and their deep-seated racial prejudices.

The situation in Parliament, in short, will not be radically improved by new groupings or new leadership. It arises from causes which go much deeper, and which will not be so easily removed.

But it remains true that for those non-Europeans who have not yet completely lost hope for the future, the safeguarding of the rights of the Coloured voters is the acid test of the "honour" which is so frequently talked of in Parliament.

IN MEMORIAM



SOWBAIGUM SOOBRAN:

In treasured memory of our darling mother and wife, Sowbaigum, who was called to rest on January 22, 1944.

This day brings to memory,
Our dear one gone to rest;
We think of you in silence,
And not with outward show,
For hearts that mourn sincerely
Mourn very deep and low.
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Your absence a silent grief.

Ever remembered by her children, Cornelia, Dennis and Christie, and her husband, D. C. Soobran, 67 Rosenhoe Road, Overport, Durban.

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Pillay: In loving memory of my dear husband and our loving daddy, Ram Pillay, who was taken tragically from us on February 5, 1949.

You left us suddenly five years ago,
Pleasant memories in our minds still flow.

Always remembered by his loving wife and children.—c/o 41 Bedale Road, Malvern, Natal. (Inserted by Steven Govender, 42 Gillatt Road, Mayville.)

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Chetty: In loving memory of our dear brother and uncle S. G. Chetty, late clerk of Senator D. G. Shepstone, who passed away 13 years today on the 5th February, 1941.

Every day in some way
Memories of you pass our way.
Deep in our hearts a memory is kept
Of one we loved and will never forget.

Ever remembered by sisters, brothers, Thumby, sister-in-law, nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews.—Inserted by S. K. Chetty, 2 St. Theresa Road, Mayville, Durban.

Appreciation

SPRINIVASEN, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Reddy, principal of Spitzkop Indian School, who completed the N.S.C. (Matric Exemption) at the Tongaat Indian High School, wishes to thank Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Naidoo, of Emoba, who were his guardians during his secondary education. (Inserted by K. R. Govender, Spitzkop.)

Thanks Notices

Mrs. N. Venkettrathnam and family, of 4 Peddar Road, Rossburgh, wish to thank all friends and relatives for their kind expressions of sympathy and beautiful floral tributes received during their recent sad bereavement.

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Mr. R. Jeawon, of Nonoti, Darnall, and Mr. N. Jeawon, of 21 Mykill Road, Sea Cow Lake, wish to thank all relatives and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy and beautiful floral tributes sent in their recent sad bereavement.

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Mrs. Chunderbee Singh and family wish to thank all relatives and friends for their messages of sympathy and floral tributes received in their recent sad bereavement. Special thanks to Mr. K. P. Bugwandeen.

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"History is on your side and Dr. Malan can no more natural laws than could King Canute," says the British Parliament, Mr. Fenner Brockway, in a message to the annual conference of the Natal Indian Congress, which will be opened by Mr. Walter Sisulu, Secretary-General of the African National Congress tonight (Friday) at the Gandhi Hall, Lorne Street.

The session of Conference, attended by delegates from all parts of Natal and discussions are likely to take place on the Government's policy to the non-European.

Mr. Brockway in his message adds: "The movement of non-violent resistance to colour laws which the African National Congress and your Congress initiated during the past year has been an inspiration to all who believe in racial unity throughout the world. Despite your present suppression, your example have confidence in the future."

ROBESON'S MESSAGE

The singer, Paul Robeson, said in a message: "I salute you. The firm and unbending unity and discipline manifested by you and the South African Indian Congress in alliance with the African National Congress have been a tremendous inspiration to black Americans who likewise struggle against the humiliation and degradation of racial oppression.

"I know that your Congress at its 7th Annual Conference will rededicate itself to carrying forward the great task of combating and defeating the forces of Fascism and racial tyranny in South Africa and of achieving full freedom and equality for all the peoples of that land.

"No matter how dark the present hour may be, I have absolute confidence that the future will belong to us and our children and our children's children—a future of peace and social progress, of human freedom and brotherhood. I am sure that this same spirit of confidence will illuminate and guide the deliberations of your Conference. I wish you all success."

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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1. Minutes; 2. Correspondence; 3. Secretarial Report; 4. Statement; 5. Election; 6. General.

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In a leading article, it praised the decision by the U.S. Secretary of Defence, Mr. Charles Wilson, to end segregation in all schools on military posts in the United States as "a salutary example to the rest of the country."

"The armed forces have learnt from experience that integration is as sound in practice as in principle," it said.

"They learnt in Korea that White men and coloured men could fight loyally side by side —and each having done so, could gain a new respect for each other.

"The ... the Department of Defence has done lies in its anticipation of a change which will soon become general," the "Post" added.

Leaguers' City Hall Show

DURBAN. — Mr. M. S. Chetty, principal of the Sir Kassim Hosein Pfalzer School, will present "Frippery" in aid of the League's Physical Culture and Boxing School at the City Hall on the evening of Thursday, February 11.

This organisation, which has been in existence for more than 27 years, was previously known as the Durban Indian Amateur Weight-Lifting and Physical Culture Club. It is doing splendid work among all sections of the non-European community, and hundreds of men have passed through it as accomplished physical culturists, weight-lifters, wrestlers and boxers.

This is a grand all-star variety entertainment, featuring many well-known local and Johannesburg artists. The Woody Woodpeckers, the famous song and dance team from Johannesburg, will appear. Eastern dances will be performed by the pupils of the school of Bharat Natyam, conducted by Miss Sharda Naidoo, who learnt this very difficult dance from some of the great masters in India.

A scene from "Haridas" will be performed by the M. N. Pather Theatrical Group. A comical sketch "Vignalam" will be presented by the pupils of Bobby Padayachee and H. K. Pillay and Party will be featured in a dialogue, "Fisherman's Luck."

The inimitable "Ray, The Black Boy" will give another of his side-splitting performances, as will others who will provide refreshing entertainment.

Musical accompaniment will be rendered by the City Youth Orchestra. All, in all, a good night's entertainment is assured.

SULTAN TECH. IN CITY

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kept the wolf from the door of the Institute, continued the report. The credit balance falls far too short of carrying the added expenditure of employing more teachers. The secretary added that, in response to request for an increase in salary by the teachers towards the close of 1952, a Commission appointed for the purpose recommended that the non-European staff be paid 10s. an hour.

This recommendation was however, frowned upon by the Department of Education, Arts and Science; but further representations on the advice of an Inspector of the Department were made. A reply is awaited.

Mr. Meeran concluded with an appeal for a Sinking Fund to be launched.

OFFICIALS

The following office-bearers were appointed for 1954: Chairman: Mr. S. R. Naidoo; vice-chairman: Rev. I. Anthony; secretary: Mr. A. K. Meeran; treasurer: Mr. A. S. George; auditor: Mr. M. H. Rodwell; Council: Messrs. S. D. Chetty, K. Mayet, R. G. Naidoo, A. C. Lebogang, P. Sahgopal, A. H. Rawat, G. Rajagopaul, Deokran, K. S. Moodley, S. N. Naidoo, G. P. R. Pillai and Rev. A. J. Choonoo.



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The Natal Indian Congress is meeting...

IT'S A TIME FOR STATESMANSHIP

THE seventh annual Provincial Conference of the Natal Indian Congress starts today and delegates from every corner of the Province will congregate in Durban.

Conference meets at a time of serious stocktaking. Conferences are noted for their resolutions—but it is hoped that resolutions alone will not occupy the delegates' time and attention.

There are serious matters to be discussed, matters of internal organisation and matters of policy.

It is a pity that this year's conference should start off on an unauspicious note. A strong group of members are already challenging the decision of the Executive to hold the conference behind closed doors, and they argue that, apart from the principle of the matter, this action of the Executive of the N.I.C. is quite unconstitutional.

The decision to debar the public and members of Congress, except those with special invitations, is an unfortunate one. This is not the time to sit and talk behind closed doors. The public wants a lead, and the slightest suspicion that the N.I.C. is working secretly is going to drive away public support and sympathy.

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It is said that the decision to sit in secret session is merely to enable the President of Congress to attend conference without any fear of being prosecuted for defying the Minister's ban against him. But whatever the reason, there can be no justification for calling a "closed-door conference."

There is a danger that the issue of the Congress properties is going to split the N.I.C. from top to bottom. The rank and file is anxious over the Executive's decision to transfer the properties to an independent trust. And the attitude of the N.I.C. Executive has been somewhat inexplicable.

Why this sphynx-like silence and a seeming unwillingness to take the public into its confidence? It is about time the Congress leaders said something on this question. What is happening behind the scenes is difficult to guess, and the greater the secrecy surrounding this matter, the greater the harm they bring upon themselves.

The strongly-worded resolution passed by the annual general meeting of the Central Branch of the N.I.C. reflects the attitude of the rank and file over the properties' question, and the sooner this dispute is resolved, the better for the N.I.C. and the better for the community.

The leaders should know that this is not the time for internecine squabbles and disputes. Above all, the community needs a united Congress, and the more so at a time such as the present. The sensible thing for the N.I.C. is to drop this matter of the properties and consolidate its forces.

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But we have the sad spectacle of colleague lined up against colleague, and erstwhile comrades-in-arms are opposing one another tooth and nail. There is need for statesmanship here. It is too much to suppose that the N.I.C. leaders are incapable of this?

Larger and vital issues are lost in the properties' maze, and we await a lead from the N.I.C. on the reported move of the Natal Indian Organisation to request India and Pakistan to withdraw the Indian question from the United Nations.

Though individual members of the N.I.C. have expressed themselves on this most urgent question of the hour, we have not had even a press statement from the Congress. Is it because the leadership is in two minds over this question, or is there a split over this issue as well?

The Indian people are waiting for a lead, and the way in which the South African Indian organisation and the N.I.C. have been going about it is bewildering to the average layman. The S.A.I.O. is, to say the least, very vague and evasive on this question.

The Natal Indian Congress decides to talk behind closed doors. And yet both the organisations claim to speak for the Indian people. Surely the Indian people are entitled to know what is being decided in their name, or have the people no say in this matter at all?

Our politicians of the S.A.I.O. and the N.I.C. must ponder over this seriously, because the people will refuse to be led blindly.

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Supposing the S.A.I.O. felt that the best thing to do now was to withdraw our question from the United Nations, it should say so openly and convince the people about it. Supposing the N.I.C. felt differently about it (and we do not know how they feel at all), what is there to prevent them from telling the public about it and even convincing them?

The most crucial question of the hour is how to counter ... pling bans imposed by the ... ment on our leadership ... fact that the N.I.C. le... floundering under Mr. S... blows. And the time h... to wake up.

They need to wake ... reality which is mainly ... organisational. An orga... the N.I.C. which ... ought to work, in the ... hide the fact that ... branches are defunct ... more absolutely inactive.

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Once a year, it is the ... are called and delegate ... conference by those branch... are functioning in some ... other, and these delega... passing long resolution... the next conference com...

The leadership, too, ... have lost some of its ol...

We can but hope that th... conference of the N.I.C. w... open to the public and pr... duty to the people, is sh... it will pass resolutions.

The people are wait... precise and clear lead.

—JOE P...

"At Peril of Ultimate Disaster"

LONDON: In an editorial reviewing the reassembly of the South A... Parliament, "The Times" said that any section of White rule ... ignored world opinion did so at the peril of ultimate disaster to i...

"The Times" made this comment in discussing a recent statement by the South African Governor-General, Dr. E. Jansen.

Dr. Jansen was reported to have said that Western critics of Dr. Malan's Government were only concerned with remaining in favour with the Eastern and non-White world, and in that they would not succeed.

"The Times" said that as long as such sentiments were held the outlook would remain black for the future.

"The illusion of being the only just man left in Israel is fatal to sober policy making," the newspaper said.

DISASTER

"British criticism of apartheid is based on genuine and warm goodwill towards South Africa. So far from being unjust to the Nationalists for selfish motives prompted by international or colonial considerations, British critics believe that any section of White rule ignores world opinion only at peril of ultimate disaster to itself.

"All colonial powers, including Britain, have made mistakes in lands suitable and unsuitable for White settlement.

"But the party in powe... Africa today is also ... simplifying the problem.

"Racial relations ... those lines cannot fail to ... the point of catastrophe ... Times" said.

AGREEMENT EXPECTED

NEW DELHI. — The Constituent Assembly of Jammu and Kashmir State is expected to ratify the State's accession to India when it meets, according to Indian political circles in New Delhi.

The Constituent Assembly is also expected to implement all parts of the agreement signed on July 24, 1952, in Delhi between India and Kashmir on their constitutional relationships.

Talks were held in Delhi between representatives of the Kashmir Government, led by Mr. Bakshi Ghulam Mohammed, the Kashmir Prime Minister, and representatives of the Indian Government, to work out details for the full implementation of the agreement.

Certain of the provisions were implemented immediately after signature, while other parts of the agreement, relating to the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of India, fundamental citizenship rights, and the national flag, were not implemented.

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...Pannanny, of Pretoria, ...returned from India, ...he was very pleased to ...Tamil community in ...was still adhering to ...religious and cultural ...was impressed with the ...with which the ...were re-dedicating ...to the cause of religion. ...the Western set-up in ...the community was ...interest in all that ...that culture, but he ...that if the community ...it would be able to ...and social values.

Bobby Naidoo's London Column

THE Rev. Michael Scott, who returned to London from New York after a few months there meeting and addressing United Nations delegates and missions on the African questions, together with Mr. Tom Wardle, has, I reliably learn, been asked to record a series of three talks on "The Conflict of Races" for All-India Radio.

Mr. Scott and Mr. Wardle addressed the United Nations meeting at Geneva before going on to New York in pursuance of their task. Mr. Scott, as is generally known, is still trying to gain entry into South Africa to continue his work, but has not been allowed to do so.

This tall, spare, sharp-featured and shock-haired gentleman of grace is a true fighter for the cause of the non-European peoples of Africa. His steel blue eyes are his most outstanding characteristic—they blaze with an intense ... he has conducted his fight, as he has told me on many occasions, as any Christian gentleman would, and continues to do so.

In London, the Rev. Scott, who munches barley sugar sweets from a packet which is continually replenished, has his headquarters at the African Bureau in a street around the corner from the Houses of Parliament.

The scripts for the three talks will be sent to India for approval and will be recorded for A.I.R. at a studio of the B.B.C. in London within the next few weeks.

NEW YEAR BALL

There were many South Africans at the New Year ball of the Asian Film Society, which was held at the Chelsea Town Hall last week. The Asian Film Society is one of the few in London which specialises in the screening of Indian films—their last successful effort, which had to be re-screened several times was "Do Bigha Zameen," which was hailed by critics on the Continent when the film was shown there as the best Indian film yet.

Gaily coloured saris predominated on the dance floor of the town hall as Indian, Pakistan, South African, West Indian, African and European (in its true context) students and friends danced throughout the evening. There was a bar and a snack counter which catered for Indian tastes—there were loomias, bhajias, mysore pak and a host of other delicacies available. The cabaret turns had an international slant—there was an Israeli dance by an Israeli woman student, there was a dance of the candles by an Indonesian student—there were several singers and a highlight of the programme was the village dances of South India, presented by troupe of Indian girls.

While all the girls made gallant efforts on stage many of them seemed more at home dancing to the rythms of a samba and quickstep, and all this in exquisite Banaras saries. The dances, I was told were what is known in South Africa as 'Kolatum' and an Indian version of a maypole dance where the saris-ends are tied to brightly coloured ribbons suspended from a point above the stage.

This A.F.S. occasion was one of those very rare functions where Indians, Pakistanis and colonials seemed to mix freely despite the fact that they come from various parts of the world and belong to any of London's several Indian and Pakistani societies.

I have just returned to London from a few days down at Clacton-on-Sea, on the east coast. It is a leading summer resort but when I was down there with a foreign service man from India House, it was positively a good town, shops didn't open till quite late in the day, if at all. The large Woolworths stores had assistants standing around waiting for the summer season to make an appearance; the fun fair, with a gigantic scenic railway structure poking out into the sky, and the famous Clacton pier were all deserted. For six months in a year this resort is nothing with humanity elbowing in and out of restaurants and the numerous ... and snack bars that are characteristic of any resort. In ... six months, I was told by a ... hotelier, enough money ... hands to keep the town ... for the rest of the year.

I went down to Clacton to the printing works of the local newspaper, who were producing the volume "India 1953," and what a sterling job they have made of it. The idea for the book was suggested by K. N. S. Saran, one of the public relations officers of India House, who edited it. It was my pleasure to design this work, which will be distributed throughout the world. I know that copies of it will be available from Roopanands in Victoria Street. ...cover is unique in design and the book contains several full colour pages and dozens of art reproductions. It contains articles on all aspects of Indian life—economics, politics, art and culture. It is remarkable that such a mine of information and artistic effort should be priced at 2/-.



President of India, Dr. ...dra Prasad, talks with Mde. M. D. Kovrigina, Deputy Health Minister of Russia, when she called on him in New Delhi. Mr. M. A. Menshikov, Russian Ambassador in India, is on the right.

World Sport

By BOBBY NAIDOO

...professional soccer in ...is not all plain ...the actual player. ...trade of the fantastic ...for the transfer of ...one club to another, ...receive no part of the ...and fabulous prices are ...that new records ...beyond the £35,000 ...transfers involving ...regular occurrences, ...sections of the ...country, players have ...that it is about time ...transfer system as it ...be abolished because ...standard of the player ...and he should get ...benefit from the trans...

...sports writer suggests ...that the system was a ...one and should stay. ...authority exists that can ...the situation and that is ...Association, with its ...at Lancaster Gate, ...that players' futures ...to the extent that they ...superannuation scheme ...contributed to by ...The sum the player ...retirement is decided ...number of years he has ...playing. Still want ...professional footballer in ...

...that the fact that ...weekly season wage of ...with about £12 in the ...will make a South ...it's better than playing ...of the game.

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CRICKET FORECAST

In my syndicated sports column that goes to India and points east, I forecast that the West Indies would win the first Test on the simple knowledge that the M.C.C. are not used to conditions out there. The West Indians are great tacticians as well. Now, as the second Test comes into line, I repeat that they will win again. This is based on the knowledge that the two Franks will be in the team to tack the field at Bridgetown, Barbados. They are master batsman, Frank Worrell and pace bowler, Frank King. Worrell was flown out from India in time for the first Test, but an injured finger prevented him from taking part. He is quite alright now and it will be a treat to keep track of his achievements. He was with the Commonwealth team in India and gave an exceptionally good account of himself. He returned to the West Indies with the little spin bowling wizard, Sonny Ramadhin.

Worrell will be playing his first major game on his home ground and the scores should rocket. The famous "W" formation of the islanders' cricket will go into action—Weekes, Worrel and Walcott. They are three different types, but with one common facility and objectives. Everton Weekes is short, tough and hard hitting; Worrell is the debonaire gentleman of the trio, always immaculate and a stylish batsman who is also hard hitting; Walcott is a big six footer with stacks of power and rip-roaring wit, and he too is hard-hitting.

One of the greatest experiences in sport was to watch these men in action against the M.C.C. at Lords in 1950, when they piled up the score and entertained a stand British cricket following up to sparkling play. It was then that I first saw the packed leg theory practised. The M.C.C. batsmen had stuck their ground and worrell was sent in to bowl with a packed leg field. The English batsmen couldn't help but get themselves out.

FOUR MINUTE MILE

Big talk in the athletic world is about the Australian sprinter John Landy and whether he will be the first to do the mile in the record time of four minutes. He wants to come to England to do just that. It would certainly be a great sight to watch the Australian against the top men of Britain, Roger Bannister, Bill Nankeville and Chris Chataway. Perhaps, too, one can include athlete-mountaineer Gordon Pirie, who has always said he was keen on getting into the act.

Landy is also awaiting a reply from Scandinavia and the United States. But the crux of the matter lies in the decision regarding expenses. All this flying about the world involves money and as an amateur only expenses can be paid. The A.A.A. in England do not seem to be interested, so we might never see Landy in action here.

Dr. R. M. Jackson, of the South African Amateur Athletic and Cycling Board of Control, who went with me to the A.A.A. meeting at White City when he was here a few months ago, said that in his opinion, and talking from actual sprinting experience, he believed Landy would be the man for the mile. I would agree but for one point. In Australia, Landy has not the opposition of the high order that he might get in England, Europe or America. To give of his best, a runner must be pushed, and that can only be done with a runner of equal status of one capable of better times.



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MY DEAR CHILDREN,

What a relief it is to sit back and pause to breathe! The tons of entries to our drawing competition have swept me completely off my feet, called for every ounce of my judgment, and added a few more grey hairs to my already growing collection. No sooner had I decided that one drawing was good, than another artistic effort claimed my admiration. And so it went on.

Until I finally made up my mind. Somebody had to win; everyone couldn't. And so the lucky entrant is M. Kumarasan, P.O. Box 20, Verulam, who sent in a fascinating river scene done in water colours and placed in a lovely black frame. It was all ready for hanging, too! A lovely book prize will be posted to Kumarasan shortly.

And now for a word to the unlucky ones. If it were possible for me to give a [illegible] I would definitely do it; the quality of the efforts amazed me. Charlie [illegible]'s pockets have, however, been recently riddled with those mysterious holes, and you know what that means!

But don't be disappointed. You have done well, and have proved that art in Indian schools is of a very high and original standard. I am afraid it will not be possible to print the names of all the entrants in these columns—some 200 of them—due to the limited space we have.

I say "well done" to all of you. Perhaps you will be lucky in our next competition, the particulars of which will soon be given. Don't miss it. It's something different.

And now for a laugh . . .

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GOOD HELP

Two boys in a [illegible] [illegible] stood talking. The boss came out and said to one:

"What are you doing?"

The boy replied, "Nothing."

The boss then said to the other, "And what are you doing?"

"I'm helping him," he said.

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HANDY THINGS, WHISKERS!

Without its whiskers the cat would be lost. They are very sensitive and act as feelers, helping the cat to find its way about. They are especially useful in the dark to guide the animal past obstacles. Their length equals the width of the cat's body.

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BELIEVE IT OR NOT . .

Many people think that the reason why a fire goes out when water is poured on it is that the water cools the fire. This, however, is only partly correct, for boiling water also will put out a fire. The real reason is that the water is turned into steam by the fire and prevents enough air getting in to set the coals aflame. Nothing can burn without a plentiful supply of air.

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PEN FRIENDS' CORNER

The following is a list of names in our Pen Pals' Corner for this week:

Suresh Anand (13), 41 Meadow Road, Mayville, Durban, would like to have pen pals from any part of the world. Interests: reading, songs and cinema.

R. Maharajh (13), P.O. Box 12, Amatikulu, Natal, is interested in studies, soccer and music. Desires pen friends from any part of the world.

Sunny Naidu (14), P.O. Box 20, Mandini, Natal, would like to correspond with pen pals from any part of the Union. Interests: Afrikaans songs and reading.

Sally Amram (13), P.O. Box 47, Newcastle, Natal, whose interests are in music and reading, would like to have pen pals from any part of the world.

E. Coolam (13), P.O. Box 88, Port Shepstone, Natal, is interested in cricket and collecting pictures of cricket stars and test matches. Desires pen pals from the Union.

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SAFETY VERSUS TIME

It takes one minute to write a road safety rule—it takes one hour to hold a road safety meeting—it takes one week to plan a safety programme—it takes one month to put it in operation. It takes one year to win a road safety award—it takes one lifetime to make a safe driver—it takes one second to destroy it all with an accident. ("Your Safety," [illegible])

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LAUGHTER APLENTY

Jane: Mummy, my tummy is aching.

Mother: Well, you haven't had your lunch. It's because it's empty. You'd feel better if there was something in it.

Neighbour (when visiting later in the day): Oh, how my head aches!

Jane: That's because there's nothing in it. You'd feel better if there was something in it.

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An American, newly arrived, went to a London teashop, took his seat and waited. Presently a bright-eyed waitress approached him and asked:

"May I take your order?"

"Yes," he replied. "Two boiled eggs and a kind word."

The waitress brought the eggs, and was moving on when the American said, "Say! What about the kind word?"

The waitress leaned over and whispered, "Don't eat the eggs."

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Bill: I hear your henhouse was blown over last night?

Jack: Yes! And it's going to be a [illegible] from the next village have just moved into it!

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Patient: Can you help me, doctor? What's the matter with me? Sometimes I feel like killing myself.

Doctor: Don't worry, just leave it to me.

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An exterminating company received a call from a woman with a strange request. She asked if they would sell her 10,000 cockroaches, 5,000 bed bugs and 1,000 ants.

Clerk: "But what in the world do you want them for?"

Woman: "Well, I'm moving tomorrow, and the landlord insists that I leave the place just as I found it." (Sent by Gavin Pillay, 23 Sanctuary Road, Maritzburg).

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A beggar in an exceedingly unhappy state approached a potential donor and asked for a penny.

Beggar: "I haven't eaten in three days," he moaned.

Donor: "If that's the case," said the donor, "why do you ask for only a penny?"

Beggar: "Look, mister," retorted the beggar impatiently, "I just want to weigh myself and see how many pounds I've lost." (Also sent by above member).

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A gentleman interested in botany was walking through a park when he noticed a small plant of which he did not know the name. Approaching a park-keeper he said:

"Excuse me, but do you happen to know what family that plant belongs to?"

"I happen to know that it doesn't belong to any family," replied the park-keeper. "That plant belongs to the Estates Committee."

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"[illegible] from me. Is he good for that amount?"

"Yes, with proper securities."

"What would you suggest?"

"A chain and padlock, a pair of handcuffs and a watchdog."

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Judge: "How did you manage to open that safe when it was guaranteed burglarproof?"

Prisoner: "Sorry, my lud, but my fee is two guineas for the full course of eight lessons."

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The master builder spotted a man standing smoking and went up to him in a rage, saying: "You are no good to me. Here's your wages, and clear out!"

The man looked at him and held out his hand. Then he took the money and walked quickly away.

The builder called the foreman and, pointing to the man, said, "I've just paid that chap off. He's not to be engaged here again."

"He never was working here. He called to look for a job," said the foreman.

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"Aha!" exclaimed Jack, "see a pin and pick it up and all the day you'll have good luck." As he bent down to pick it up his hat fell in the mud, his glasses fell and smashed on the pavement, he broke his braces, three of his waistcoat buttons came off, and he tore the buttonhole out of his collar.

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Three men were fishing in a small rowing boat when a heavy squall overturned the boat. Two of the men began to swim, but the third floundered helplessly.

"Say," asked one of the swimmers, "can you float alone?"

"Look," said the sinking one, "I'm drowning and he talks business!"

(Sent by Munsami Perumal, Box 19, Umzinto)

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IN PUBLIC

A NOTED comedian who had a homely face was travelling up town in the early hours of the morning when a drunk got on the bus and swung on to a strap in front of him.

The drunk spluttered: "Shay, Mishter, you're the ugliest man on thish bus."

The comedian smiled benignly, hoping that the souse having expressed himself would waddle on.

But, squinting again, the drunk said: "You're the ugliest man in N'York."

The comedian had no desire to refute what was said and continued his forced smile.

The drunk apparently felt that his characterisation was inadequate. "Mishter," he hiccoughed, "y'r th' ugliest man in the world."

The comedian now thought it was time to put in a defence. "Listen," he said, "I know I'm ugly but can I help that?"

The drunk appeared to be a bit mollified with this admission. "No," he agreed, "Y' can't help it but y' don' have t' be seen in public, do yeh?"

Till Next Week

Chachajan

"DO NOT RELY ON FOREIGN ADVICE"

HYDERABAD. — Dr. C. V. Raman, the Indian scientist and Nobel Prize winner, deprecated the use of foreign experts in "almost every walk of our life."

"Except for Ministers, who must necessarily be Indians, we look forward to foreign experts to advise us on all sorts of problems instead of developing our own inherent strength," he said.

Dr. Raman said that India's problem was not of constructing giant buildings, importing expensive apparatus, and more experts to erect them and still more experts to correct them when the apparatus went wrong.

What India needed was men with devotion, capacity and self-confidence to handle activities in the field of science, he said.

Teenagers' column

HELLO TEENAGERS,

All over the world today the scourge of blindness is insidiously creeping into the lives of people of all races. Here in our own country it has assumed grave proportions, and many blind societies are trying their best to help these people adjust themselves to life.

Now comes interesting news from the British Empire Society for the Blind.

WAR ON BLINDNESS

The third annual report of the British Empire Society for the Blind, published in London this week, gives news of a systematic attack now being conducted with good hope of success on the dreaded "river blindness", one of the most menacing scourges of tropical Africa.

At least 100,000 people in the Northern Gold Coast are victims of this disease, which has depopulated villages, and blinded whole communities.

With the migration of northern labour to the plantations and mines, and possibly as a result of the changes in the system necessitated by the Volta River Scheme, this disease, conveyed by a river fly, could, if uncontrolled, spread to some of the most productive areas in West Africa, says the report.

The first task of the Society's West African survey, which is being conducted by two teams of ophthalmologists and entomologists, is to investigate this menace. Progress made in combating this disease in East Africa, where conditions are somewhat more favourable and where rivers have already been successfully treated with insecticide, gives hope that the West African research will point the way to complete [illegible] tion.

EAST AFRICAN [illegible]

A survey financed by [illegible] in Aden revealed that [illegible] lagers everyone had [illegible] form. The travelling [illegible] 1,000 treatments and [illegible] them and saved many [illegible] early blindness.

In East Africa, where [illegible] viously estimated that [illegible] 100,000 people in Kenya, Tanganyika and Zanzibar [illegible] a second survey has been [illegible] the Society's Kenya [illegible] travelling dispensary is [illegible] territory, performing [illegible] demonstrating new [illegible] ment.

At present all but a [illegible] of the million blind [illegible] colonies live as beggars [illegible] millions of pounds a [illegible] communities. Many of them [illegible] people who, given [illegible] play a productive part in [illegible] life.

SPREADING ACTI[illegible]

The report states that [illegible] British colonies now [illegible] blind welfare organisation [illegible] educational provision [illegible] have been established [illegible] are in course of [illegible].

A regional office of the [illegible] been established in [illegible] addition to that [illegible] in West Africa. [illegible] post has been [illegible] Africa. With the [illegible] National Institute for the [illegible] regional office [illegible] West Indies.

Uniform Braille [illegible] principal languages of the [illegible] have been devised and [illegible] experimental use.

"OUR VIEWS DO NOT NE[ED] TO COINCID[E]"

LONDON. — Speaking [illegible] Oxford University [illegible] Nations Club in London [illegible] M. A. H. Ispahani, the [illegible] stani High Commissioner in London, said that his [illegible] had always made it [illegible] Mr. Nehru, the Prime [illegible] of India, that all their [illegible] on world affairs do [illegible] need not coincide.

"This is unquestionab[ly] [illegible] in the matter of [illegible] military aid, which is [illegible] domestic affair of Pakistan [illegible] is futile to talk in [illegible] cold war being brought [illegible] when India has so far [illegible] to settle amicably and [illegible] the long-standing Kashmir [illegible] pute, to name only one [illegible] carries within it the [illegible] disruption and danger [illegible] in this region," he said.

Indian [illegible] Air Force chief

NEW DELHI. — The [illegible] ment of India has [illegible] appoint Air Vice-Marshal [illegible] Mukerjee as Chief of Air [illegible] Commander-in-Chief, Indian [illegible] Force, in the rank of Air [illegible] from April 1.

He will succeed Air Ma[rshal] [illegible] R. Gibbs, whose tenure of [illegible] ment, which expired [illegible] been extended until [illegible].

Air Vice-Marshal Mukerjee will be the first I.A.F. [illegible] take over command of the [illegible] Air Force in the rank of [illegible] shal on April 1, [illegible] of "firsts" in the I.A.F. [illegible] the first few Indians to [illegible] an service pilots at the [illegible] Force College, Cranwell [illegible] he is today the senior [illegible] in the I.A.F.

Born in Calcutta 42 [illegible] he had his early education [illegible] home town and later [illegible] bridge. In England he [illegible] cessful in competitive [illegible] and began his aviation [illegible] July 1930.

First commissioned [illegible] 1932, his career with [illegible] began on April 1, 1933 [illegible] the Indian Air Force [illegible] tuted. He had a distinguished [illegible] cord of service in the I.A.F. [illegible] the war. After [illegible] when the I.A.F. became [illegible] service, Air Vice-Marshal [illegible] jee became Deputy Air [illegible] and thus assumed [illegible] principal staff officer at [illegible] quarters.

In 1952-53 he attended [illegible] at the Imperial Defence [illegible] [illegible] rank on October 1, 19[illegible]

[W]olf boy [no]w eats [hi]s meat [co]oked

[LUCKN]OW (India). [Hun]DREDS of people went [to] Balrampur hospital [illegible] India's nine-year-[old wo]lf boy," who was [illegible] and snarling like [an anim]al near Lucknow [illegible]

[illegible] at the hospital said [illegible] boy now ate his [illegible] instead of raw [illegible] milk, but he was [illegible] of people. [illegible] to watch that [illegible] run away," said [illegible] Sharma, medical [illegible] at the hos[pital]. [illegible]

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Diary of the Week

WHEN the Durban City Council, during the week, accepted a recommendation from the Finance Committee that setting aside certain portions of the Beach for non-Europeans should be decided before plans for the building of a £250,000 luxury beach on the Snell Parade are considered, ex-Councillor William Nagle is reported in a local daily to have said, "It confirms the fears that have already been expressed that the Snell Parade, instead of becoming a splendid boulevard, will merely degenerate into a second Booth Road."

"Who", might we ask Mr. Nagle, "is responsible for the shameful conditions under which the African people live in the Booth Road area?"

DON COCKELL

An English sports writer, moved only by sentiment, it would seem, says: "Cockell should be given the chance to show the British flag in battle for world honours, the chance to don the purple and wear the crown of world champion, the chance to complete his finest mission."

Now, isn't this man talking through his hat? Does he not know that British boxing, in the heavier divisions, and world boxing also, has never seen such a dearth of real championship material? Does he not know, or does he refuse to know, that Cockell is a poor champion? Does he not remember that only last year Randy Turpin, of Leamington Spa, lifted the British Empire lightweight championship belt from the bulging midriff of the much-vaunted Don? And to put Cockell in much poorer light, mediocre Johnny Arthur of South Africa went the full 15 rounds with the British Empire heavyweight champion in Johannesburg last Saturday. Rocky Marciano will "murder" him. It wouldn't be a fight; it would be a massacre.

SEX APPEAL

Do women lose their sex appeal at 32? I refuse to believe it. What about that young grandmother, with still one of the most beautiful pair of legs in the world, Marlene Dietrich, Robert Taylor's ex-wife, Barbara Stanwyck, almond-eyed Joan Crawford, ex-wife of Douglas Fairbanks, Jnr., and glamorous Merle Oberon?

But British Overseas Airways Corporation seem not to want hostesses over 32. They say they do not have sufficient sex-appeal. Do you agree?

And talking of sex appeal reminds me of a young Indian girl I saw at the market last Thursday with tons and tons of it. The magnetic "It," I have not yet come across anyone who oozes sex like this girl does.

And what do you think she was buying? Guess. Betel-leaves and nuts. It maybe that betel-leaves [illegible] if they do, this girl sure has the recipe. Like to try it. Do.

TWO MORE COELACANTHS

Following on Professor J. L. B. Smith's successful expedition last year, two more coelacanth have been caught. The first coelacanth made worldwide news and the capture of the two last week seems to have been taken calmly. So many of us Indians seem to find difficulty in pronouncing correctly the name coelacanth. It is pronounced "seelacanth."



DURBAN'S CHAMPA

The wonderful dancing of Durban's dancing belle, Champa Chamell, is so intoxicating that even Durban's Europeans are dizzy about her.

She danced last Saturday night before a select group of about 40 guests at the Westville residence of Mrs. Molly Reinhart, drama critic of the "Sunday Tribune," and the applause she received was deafening. She danced a tango and an Indian number and was encored several times.

GOOD LUCK MOKONE

Jilijah Mokone, outstanding featherweight and lightweight champion of South Africa, sailed for England last week in quest of the British Empire featherweight title held by the redoubtable Roy Ankarah, whom we were fortunate to see in action against the local Speedy Bandes. It is not without reason that they gave him the sobriquet, "The Black Flash." But whatever his fighting prowess he will have a mighty hard struggle to hold his title against the classical South African.

Mokone is good—very good. And [illegible] speed and good luck. Someone asked me, "Is Mokone as clever as Tulli?" Mokone is clever with a capital C. Only a fox stands a chance to outsmart him.

"CAT'S EYES" AND "COBBER"

The arrival of the Comet last Monday with Group Captain "Cat's Eyes" Cunningham in command brings to mind the arrival of Comet I in May, 1952. I was a patient at the King George V Hospital, at Springfield, then and was lucky enough to see the famous aircraft that met disaster off the coast of Italy last month.

Talking of "Cat's Eyes" Cunningham as an air ace during the last war, reminds me of the first Allied air ace, the daring "Cobber" Cain. He was the greatest air ace in his time and had he not been killed would have been a greater name than any man alive today.

He burnt up the skies in and around Britain in 1940 and was the man most feared by the Germans in their attacks on the old country.

MARILYN MONROE

So Marilyn Monroe was described by a local paper this week as a pretty good actress. I know she is pretty, but as for being good, I think I'd better leave that out. So, quite suddenly, this crashing (or is the word, crushing) figure, with the sleepy-time name and over-emphatic silhouette becomes an actress. Not just a passable one, but almost brilliant.

The shock is rather like discovering that your neighbour's infuriating French poodle speaks English.

[illegible] WIVES

A Maritzburg reader, who, if my suspicions are correct, is not enjoying the domestic bliss he is entitled to, asks me to categorise married woman. But, why me? I do not like sticking my neck out, but I'll try.

Punitive Polly: The selfish housewife who henpecks her husband.

Suffering Susan: Her domineering characteristic is a desire to punish herself, so she picks a marriage partner so troublesome that her need to be miserable is always gratified.

Controlling Catherine: She really hates men and dominates every aspect of her husband's life.

Wavering Winifred: She chooses a husband who, to her, is weak, needs her, and therefore is unlikely to leave her.

Sweet-tempered Sheila: The housewife who looks forward to her husband's homecoming. Who loves him for better or for worse. Who bears with him in all his troubles and stands by him "until death do us part."

GOVT. CONTROL OF LICENCES ADVOCATED

PRETORIA. — The Industrial Council for the Native Trade (Witwatersrand and Heidelberg), suggested to the Local Government Commission of Inquiry that licensing should be controlled by the Government somewhat on the lines of the Transportation Board.

An improvement in the present system would result, it was stated. It was also stated that the Council was composed of employers who did business mainly with non-Europeans. Approximately 1,200 such businesses were registered with the Council.

The Council felt that the present system, under which local authorities controlled licences, had many defects, particularly as in some instances where local prejudices or even personal influences might prevail.

By a system similar to the Government's transportation boards, local pressure would, with other defects, be eliminated. An appeal board similar to the Central Transportation Board would, it was stated, be an advantage.

WELCOME TO SINGER

DURBAN. — In spite of the inclement weather, the M.K. Gandhi Hall was crowded at a welcome reception accorded to Mr. Soona Quwal, the famous Calcutta singer.

Rajee K. R. Ismail, who presided at the function, spoke of the achievements in the musical world of Mr. Soona during the last quarter of a century.

In the initial stage of his career he was a pupil of the famous Peron Quwal of Calcutta.

Mr. Soona was presented with a bouquet, after which he rendered two songs, ably assisted by the local tabla player, Mohamed Ismail—the compositions "Must", and "Rusk", both of which were highly appreciated by the large Indian audience.

Others who spoke were the veteran, Master Sultan Khan, and Mr. Yusuf M. Meer.

NEW SCHOOL PROJECT

MARITZBURG. — The Veda Dharma Sabha has written to the Maritzburg City Council asking for a site on which to build a new school. On receipt of a favourable reply, further developments will be made.

The Satya Vardhak Veda Dharma Crematorium Committee, a subsidiary body of the Veda Dharma, is contemplating putting up a new crematorium as the old one is in disrepair.

The Vedic Temple Committee is proposing to build a Vedic temple in Maritzburg to propagate the Vedic religion. The Veda Dharma Sabha Prachar Samithi has been appointed by the Sabha to do Prachar work throughout Natal and is inviting secretaries of all Hindu bodies to get into touch with the secretaries, V. D. Sabha, P.O. Box 283, Maritzburg, for particulars.

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SPORT PARADE

By BOBBY HARRYPERSADH

THE recently concluded third annual tournament for high school cricketers under the auspices of the Natal Indian Schools' Cricket Union has much to commend itself. When the tournament was inaugurated by the Durban Indian Cricket Union those at the helm of affairs hardly visualised that its organisation would assume such proportions and that such a large measure of success would be achieved.

That the "Week" has been firmly established as an annual event there is no doubt, and we look forward to it growing as a potential nursery to serve our cricket on a wider basis with the passage of time. I am particularly happy in the thought that, like the European Nuffield schools week, it will develop as an important factor in our sporting activities.

Eleven high schools participated in the tournament, and cricket apart, it served to promote goodwill and fellowship among students from various parts of the province. It is to be hoped that Greytown will affiliate next season and so make the tourney representative of all Natal high schools. Greytown's entry in this series would make for keener interest and enthusiasm, and they should therefore make all endeavours to make their appearance in competitive cricket.

BUDDING CRICKETERS

AFTER seeing these budding young cricketers in action I came to the conclusion that the standard of fielding has improved considerably. Credit must also go to the captains, who took great care in arranging their field as required by the various types of bowling. There are some promising captains, who, by their knowledge of the game and tactics employed, showed that they would compare favourably with league cricketers. In so far as batting was concerned, I observed that the standard maintained in the previous tournament had shown an appreciable drop.

Discussing this aspect of the game, Mr. C. R. Naidoo, President of the Natal Indian Schools' Cricket Union, said that failure in this department of the game was attributable to lack of practice. "I think it was due to the excellent spin attack, and it must be also taken into consideration that a few fast bowlers were also responsible for the low scores registered," he said.

During schools week the Union was favoured with the presence of the Dalton brothers, Kne of international repute, and Howard, the Natal cricketer, who saw the boys in action.

STANDARD SATISFACTORY

THEY remarked that the standard could be considered as satisfactory since the cricketers were not coached as in European schools. They were impressed with the performance of a number of cricketers, and felt that with coaching they should be able to do very well indeed. The Dalton brothers went a step further and promised to coach boys with talent next season.

Mr. Naidoo said that he would always welcome cooperation and guidance from senior cricket officials. "I must particularly mention the names of two cricket administrators who have given us valuable assistance during the tournament — Messrs. H. A. Kharwa (President, Natal Indian Cricket Union) and K. I. Haffejee (President, Durban District Indian Cricket Union)."

Keenness displayed by the participating centres throughout the tournament gave one the impression that they have immensely enjoyed the summer game. In the A division, Sastri, Verulam and Stanger proved to be the outstanding teams. Verulam, the promoted team, did exceptionally well to finish second on the log.

THE BEST ATTACK

SASTRI COLLEGE comfortably won the Butler trophy by heading the A division log for the second time, having won it in 1951. Stanger came pretty close to winning nearly all their matches, but their batting failed lamentably. They, however, had the best bowlers in the tournament. In the B Division, Congress High, making their debut this season, annexed the N.I.T.S. trophy.

The match between the Natal Schools XI and the Durban and District Indian Cricket Union proved interesting. Although the students were dismissed for a comparatively low score of 65, they nevertheless bowled and fielded well to return the compliment by getting the Durban batsmen out for 97.

Schools week culminated in a match against the formidable Western Province Federation team, comprising the cream of Coloured, Malay, Indian and Bantu players. More than anything else, lack of big match temperament caused the boys' defeat by an innings. Most of them were playing in their first big match and nervousness was apparent in the face of such overwhelming odds.

PROMISING LAD

THE following players were outstanding during the tournament and it is confidently expected that they will make the grade for intertown and provincial honours in the future: O. Rambaran (best allrounder), Sastri; D. Akoojee (outstanding fielder and hard hitting batsman), Congress; R. Thomas (sound attacking batsman), Sastri; E. Kajee (best slow bowler), Stanger; Asmal (best wicketkeeper), Stanger; A. I. Dawdat (sound batsman and useful bowler), Woodlands; Nadarajan Naidoo (sound batsman), Verulam; Ganasen Govender (good allrounder), Congress; H. Hardal (sound batsman).



O. RAMBARAN

The seventeen-year-old Sastri student, O. Rambaran, was presented with the Antey shield by the Natal Indian Cricket Union for being the most promising young cricketer in Natal. He represented his college, which won the tournament.

Rambaran was the recipient of a bat for taking the most number of wickets (32) and was selected for the Natal High School XI. He has also played for Durban against Northern Districts and the Western Province Federation team.

WRESTLING TOURNEY

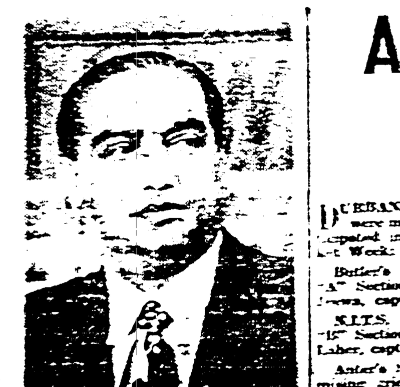
MATMEN will be pleased to learn that a professional tournament in this branch of sport is in the offing. Promoter Shaik Mahomed is in charge of the matchmaking, and early next month he hopes to stage a big tournament in the Durban City Hall. He has approached wrestlers from the Cape and they should be able to get together a formidable contingent against the Natal matmen, who have been inactive for some time.

Due to the fact that interest has been on the wane in professional wrestling among non-Europeans, it is not known what the response will be like. But in view of the enthusiasm shown in the past, there is no doubt that sportsmen in general will come forward once again. Due to the Natal Amateur Weight Lifting and Physical Culture Association, interest among non-European amateurs continues steadily.

From the Cape such wrestlers as Jack Roman, Young Hussain Kaus and Willie Dickson will probably be signed on for the forthcoming tournament.

Locally it is expected that Purmasir Maharaj (heavyweight), Hera Barry (lightweight), Dalla Desai, Shaik Mahomed (welterweight), Dennis Govender (featherweight), and Ismail Bohat (lightweight) will figure on the programme.

Should this promotion be successful the general public can look forward to many more and regular tournaments in the future.



Mr. E. H. ISMAIL

Mr. E. H. Ismail who has been elected as president of the Natal Amateur Weight Lifting and Physical Culture Association for the fifth successive year. He has identified himself with several branches of sport and is also the donor of a number of trophies and shields.

REG PARK IN DURBAN

ON hearing of Reg Park's visit to this country from January 21 to February 22, the Natal Amateur Weight Lifting Association took the opportunity of inviting him to appear in a weight-lifting and body-building gala at the Y Club tonight (Friday). As the accommodation for non-Europeans at the Y Club is very restricted, it has been decided to stage a show on the following day at the Bantu Social Centre, and this will take place at 3 p.m. tomorrow (Saturday).

Reg Park won the "Mr. Britain" honour in 1950 and the following year annexed the "Mr. Universe" title. Reg is considered by many authorities as the most muscular specimen of manhood ever seen in the world.

To give you an idea, his approximate measurements are: height, 6ft. [in.; weight varies between 220 and 240 lbs.; arms 19 inches (biceps), chest 52 ins.; waist 30 ins.; neck 18 ins.; calves [illegible] ins.

SUPERMAN

REG is not only big but is also a superman amongst strongmen, having bench-pressed 470 lbs., squatted with over 500 lbs., and military pressed close to 300 lbs., though he does not specialise in this lift. He will give a posing exhibition as never witnessed before, and also give a demonstration of strength by performing bench presses, curls, dead lifts and squats with some terrific poundages.

The other items on the programme, according to Mr. Chris de Broglio, secretary of the Natal Amateur Weight Lifting Association, will be weight lifting exhibitions by leading European lifters such as Ronnie Ramlla (capable of 250 lbs. press), Jack Kestall, the Natal wrestler who has now turned to lifting, C. Wagner, the up-and-coming middleweight, and Harry Weichardt, the most promising lifter of the present time, capable of 200 lbs. press, 210 lbs. snatch, and 280 lbs. clean and jerk after only a few months training.

Chris said: "I will also lift and attempt the South African clean and jerk record in the featherweight division. The record now stands at 262½ lbs. and I am hoping to manage around 270." Good luck Chris, I hope you make it!

NON-EUROPEAN LIFTERS

HARRY DU BOIS, South African middle-heavyweight champion, might be induced to give a pressing exhibition, and it is expected that he will reach the terrific poundage of 270. The European, "Mr. Natal Junior," W. Lombard, who is tipped to win the "Mr. Durban" 1954 title tonight, will give posing exhibitions together with R. Boyd, Natal's most muscular man, E. Johnson, "Mr. Y Club 1953" and others.

Non-European lifters such as Kenneth Maharaj, Cecil Russell and Alfie Shadrack will also give exhibitions, and Reuben Govender, "Mr. South Africa 1953," and Bill Wilkinson "Mr. Durban 1953" will also appear on the programme.

So, all in all, tomorrow afternoon's show at the Bantu Social Centre should be a first-class one and deserves support by the general public.

BOXING TRIAL

THE Natal non-European Amateur Boxing Association will be holding their trials once again to select their Natal team to take part in the South African championships, which are to be held in Durban on April 2 and 3.

It will be recalled that the championships were not held last year due to unforeseen circumstances. The trials will be held tomorrow (Saturday) night at the Premier Hall, Prince Edward Street. Some promising young boxers will be seen in action, including those who were chosen to represent this province last year.

MARATHON PLANNED

I UNDERSTAND that the Natal Amateur Athletic and Cycling Association has obtained permission to stage a marathon road race from Tongaat to Durban on Sunday, February 21. According to reports received from club secretaries there should be a large number of entries.

It is some time now since runners have competed over this course, and there should be a great deal of interest shown by sports fans when competitors run in this event.



Mr. DADDY NAIDOO

MACKENZIE'S PLANS

THE popular young sportsman, Mr. Daddy Naidoo, who has, in the main, interested himself in soccer, will now direct his attention chiefly to non-European professional boxing as manager of Leslie Mackenzie, the undefeated South African non-European welterweight champion.

Mr. Naidoo tells me that he has big plans in store for Mackenzie. After his title fight against Fandy Mavuso next Friday he intends appearing in two or three more contests in this country before leaving our shores. If all goes well, Mackenzie, ranked sixth in the Empire, hopes to get a crack at Barry Brown for his Empire crown.

Young Player Wins: R. Krishnan, the 17-year-old South Indian player, won the National Tennis Singles title in Calcutta when he beat R. Arkinstall (U.S.A.) in the final.

Awards to school cricketers

DURBAN.—The following awards were made to cricketers who participated in the Natal Schools Cricket Week:

Butler's Trophy, for winners in "A" Section: to Sastri College (R. Jewa, captain).

N.I.T.S. Trophy, for winners in "B" Section: to Congress High (Y. Laher, captain).

Antey's Shield, for the most promising cricketer: to O. Rambaran (Sastri College).

Mr. S. P. Bobby Naidoo Bat, for the highest score in "A" division: to A. I. Dawdat (Woodlands).

Mr. D. E. Moolla Bat, for best batting average in "A" Division: to R. Thomas (Sastri College).

Mr. K. Samuel's Bat, for most wickets taken in "A" division: to O. Rambaran (Sastri College).

Mr. Gen. Singh's Bat, for best bowling average in "A" division: to R. Dayal (Sastri College).

Mr. S. Bridgemohan Bat, for highest score in "B" division: to H. Hargovan (Congress High).

Mr. M. Moosial's Bat, for best batting average in "B" Division: to S. M. Meer (Dundee).

Mr. A. Shaikh's Bat, for most wickets taken in "B" Division: to G. Govender (Congress High).

Mr. S. A. Murchie's Bat, for best bowling average in "B" Division: to S. I. Omarjee (Ladysmith).

Pair of gloves (Mr. D. E. Moolla), for taking eight wickets in an innings: I. G. Govender (Congress); S. I. Omarjee (Ladysmith).

LEAGUE LOG

"A" Division

The following were the league logs:

	Played	Won	100m.	Dr.	L.	Tl.
Sastri College	5	2	1	2	—	19
Verulam	5	1	2	1	1	11
Stanger	5	2	—	—	2	11
Woodlands	5	1	—	2	—	11
Spring Trg. Col.	5	—	1	2	—	7
Tongaat	5	—	—	—	2	1

"B" Division

	Played	Won	100m.	Dr.	L.	Tl.
Congress	4	2	—	1	1	12
Dundee	4	1	1	1	—	12
Ladysmith	4	—	2	1	—	9
Newcastle	4	—	—	1	1	4
Umzinto	4	—	—	—	2	2

BATTING AVERAGES

	Ins.	N.O.	H.S.	Tot.	Av.
R. Thomas	5	3	47*	123	61.5
H. Hargovan	5	2	56*	160	53.3
R. Jewa	5	1	34*	137	34.2
N. Naidoo	5	1	67*	211	30.1
M. Warawa	5	1	34*	103	25.3
M. H. Master	5	2	50*	150	25.5
O. Rambaran	5	—	39	118	23.6
E. Kajee	7	1	42	137	22.8

* Denotes not out.

BOWLING AVERAGES

	Ovs.	M.	Rns.	Wk.	Av.
R. Dayal	28	8	63	18	3.5
Y. S. Parak	23	1	58	15	3.8
O. Rambaran	66	14	139	32	4.3
A. I. Dawdat	25	2	87	19	4.6
G. Govender	52	12	131	27	4.8
S. I. Omarjee	54	15	107	21	5.0
Y. Motala	62	19	88	12	6.3
H. Hargovan	53	11	119	19	6.2
E. M. Kajee	26	2	146	22	6.6
E. Kajee	60	12	181	24	6.7
J. M. Thomas	51	14	146	15	9.3

Qualification: 10 wickets.

BOXING

DURBAN.—The Natal non-European Amateur Boxing Association presents a grand amateur boxing tournament (Natal Trials) to be held at the Premier Boxing Hall, 71 Prince Edward Street, Durban, tomorrow night commencing at 7.30 p.m.

The following programme has been arranged: Flyweight: Louis Nair (D.I.B.C.) vs. Mangal (Premier); Bantamweight: John McEwan (Loco) vs. David Jack (C.G.C.); Allan Mhlongo (L.B.S.) vs. Louis Joshua (Prem), Bobby Perumal (D.I.B.C.) vs. T. J. Mngoni (S.M.B.).

Featherweight: R. Fisher (Loco) vs. C. Nxumalo (S.M.B.); Hulett Jaffe (L.B.S.) vs. Petros Duma (Prem); Joey (Prem) vs. R. Manilall (Hanstile); Victor Pretzy (Loco) vs. Clyde Campbell (Prem).

Lightweight: David Smiles (C.G.C.) vs. Isaac Ngcobo (Prem); Welterweight: Fanyan Papela (L.B.S.) vs. Cecil Blaine (N.B.C.); F. Ephraim (Loco) vs. John Caine (S.M.B.A.); Caleb (N.B.S.) vs. S. Abrahams.

TO CAPTA[IN] PAKISTAN

KARACHI. — Abdul Hafeez Kardar, 29-year-old [illegible] University Blue, will [illegible] Pakistan cricket team [illegible] first official tour of Eng[land] [illegible] year.

Kardar, chosen by the [illegible] Board of Control, [illegible] Pakistan against the M.C.C. [illegible] the English team's tour [illegible] He also led Pakistan [illegible] India in 1952.

DURBAN GO[LF]

DURBAN.—The Natal [illegible] championship bogey [illegible] over 36 holes on Sunday [illegible] 14, commencing at 6 a.m. [illegible] are kindly asked to [illegible] for the draw. There will [illegible] Open Medal round at [illegible] those who are not in the [illegible] ship. For this event [illegible] prizes will be awarded.

Members of the Durban Golf Club please note [illegible] no golf this Sunday at [illegible] tain.

CATO CRO[SS] LECTURE

DURBAN.—At the [illegible] gathering of the Cato [illegible] Society's Literary [illegible] Group held on Sunday [illegible] view Indian School, [illegible] Ananda delivered a lecture [illegible] ligion in Practice" [illegible] more than 200 people.

Mr. K. C. Naidoo, [illegible] Social Group, welcomed [illegible] and guests and explained [illegible] object of the Group [illegible] youths together so that [illegible] take part in such [illegible] speechmaking, book [illegible] and indoor recreation.

The Swamiji's lecture [illegible] interesting and inspiring [illegible] from the audience [illegible] wered.

PASSENGER[S] COMPLAI[N]

DURBAN. — The Natal Railway Passengers' [illegible] tion, Durban, has [illegible] to the System Manager [illegible] against having the [illegible] partments of all [illegible] along suburban [illegible]

Mr. J. Bopwandeen [illegible] secretary of the association [illegible] Leader," that his association [illegible] opposed this measure [illegible] complaints had been [illegible] Non-European passengers [illegible] complained that [illegible] third compartment was [illegible] and requested that [illegible] compartments should [illegible]

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[H. A.] KHARWA

[Mr. H. A. Kharwa], president of the [Natal Indian Cricket] Union, rendered [valuable assistance] in the organi[sation of the] Cricket Week, which [was] recently concluded [with] huge success.

[...]N AUTO [R]ALLY

[illegible] The automobile [illegible] Asia are to orga[nise] [illegible]'s longest tourist [illegible] Geneva to Bombay [illegible] the next year, if [illegible] in Bombay.

[illegible] will be to en[courage] interest in long-[distance travel] by car.

[illegible] are expected to [illegible] route to Geneva [illegible] through Italy, Yu[goslavia, Gre]ece, Turkey, the [illegible] Pakistan.

[S]ERVICE

[illegible] The Italian air[line] "Air Italia", has [illegible] Government's per[mission] [illegible] a service to and [illegible]

[illegible] luxury [illegible] four engine [illegible]

"Obnoxious"

[illegible] South African and [illegible] to a "most obnoxious [illegible] generation," says [illegible] of the Church of [illegible] South Africa. [illegible]

Durban and City in intertown final

DURBAN: When intertown matches were continued last weekend, Durban A beat Inter-District by 47 runs on the first innings at Currie's Fountain, while Durban's second string lost by 11 runs on the first innings to Maritzburg at the latter's ground. The winners will now meet in the final of this series.

Mainly due to the efforts of A. I. Timol (55), A. S. Randeree (31) and I. A. Timol (23 not out), Durban totalled 156 in their first knock against Inter-District.

In reply, Inter-District scored 109. Their batsmen could not cope with the bowling of S. Pather (six for 18) and O. Rambaran (three for 18). Nathalal (27) and D. Asmal (29) were the top scorers for the visiting team.

Dr. Bhorat (four for 25) and H. Samuel (two for 20) struck back with a vengeance and Durban were dismissed for 106 in their second innings.

However, the gallant bid by the visitors failed to materialise and by close of play they had scored 91 for the loss of eight wickets.

The scores were:

Durban "A": 1st innings, 156 — A. I. Timol 55, A. Coovadia 4, S. Pather 10, A. S. Randeree 31, R. Jeewa 7, I. Timol 23 not out, M. I. Yusuf 2, S. Osman 10, W. Stephens 2, D. Akojee 2, O. Rambaran 2. Bowling: H. Samuels four for 50, T. Parmanund two for 17, A. G. Soolish two for 29.

Inter-District "A": 1st innings, 109 — H. Samuels 12, N. Nathalall 27, G. Ramsamy 1, Dr. E. I. Bhorat 26, D. Asmal 29, C. M. Baig 4, V. Naidoo, A. G. Soolish 0, M. C. Moolal 1, V. Vadival 0, T. Parmanund 0. Bowling: O. Rambaran three for 18, S. Pather six for 18.

Durban "A": 2nd innings, 106 — A. I. Timol 1, A. Coovadia 0, S. Pather 10, A. S. Randeree 19, I. Timol 1, R. I. Jeewa 17, M. I. Yusuf 10, I. Osman 21, O. Rambaran 4, W. Stephens 13 not out, D. Akojee 1. Bowling: Dr. Bhorat four for 25, H. Samuel two for 20.

Inter-District "A": 2nd innings, 91 for eight wickets — E. Moolall 1, H. Samuels 47, M. C. Moolal 12, D. Asmal 13, T. Parmanund 10, V. Naidoo 0, N. Nathalall 2. Bowling: I. Timol two for 24.

Durban "A" won 47 runs on the 1st innings.

AT MARITZBURG

At Maritzburg, Durban's second string were eliminated in the intertown series when they lost by 11 runs on the 1st innings.

Durban "B": 1st innings, 154 — H. Harilall 8, A. S. Kajee 2, Ganasen Govender 0, T. Khoosal 7, J. J. Chellan 3, R. Thomas 63, V. D. Makan 27, M. O. Hoosen 0, M. C. Reddy 6, M. Thajoon 1, A. M. Omar 2. Bowling: Van Naidoo three for 40, R. Major two for 36, Van Naidoo two for 43, A. K. Kajee two for 22.

Maritzburg "B": 1st innings, 165 for eight wickets — K. M. Camissa 27, P. R. Naidoo 8, R. Major 22, L. R. Maharaj 42, A. K. Kajee 2, A. R. Rasool 3, R. Harinarain 28, Van Naidoo 26. Bowling: V. D. Makan four for 43, Reckon two for 26.

Maritzburg "A" won by 11 runs on the 1st innings.

The following were the results of the cricket matches played over the weekend at Currie's Fountain, Durban.

Ismet v. Stars: Stars, 1st innings, 61 (in 70 minutes) — I. M. Randeree 25. A. K. Docrat five for 21, M. A. Docrat two for 25.

Ismet, 1st innings, 21 for six wickets — Y. Coovadia 13. Y. Moosa two for 20, I. Motala two for 12.

Young Kismet v. Schools: Young Kismet, 1st innings, 32 — M. D. Bobat 13. H. Thumbiran four for 10, H. Thumbiran two for 12.

Schools, 1st innings, 68 for two wickets — N. Varalda 24.

[illegible] 148 — G. M. Kazeck 32, H. K. Varsama 23, M. A. Docrat 22. Y. Moosa two for 21, H. M. Shaikh two for 42.

Stars, 1st innings, 82 — Vanda 28. M. Docrat two for 17, Mall three for 12.

Schools v. Crescent: Schools, 1st innings, 68 for seven wickets — H. K. Thumbiran 20, N. Naidu 22. J. Vinden two for 24.

Crescent, 1st innings, 72 for four wickets — G. H. Asmal 24, S. A. Paruk four for 10, A. Paruk two for 7.

Young Kismet v. Young Bharat: Young Kismet, 1st innings, 73 — A. K. Kazeck 24, S. K. Patel four for 16, N. Hoosen four for 26.

Young Bharat, 1st innings, 77 for six wickets — N. Hoosen 22. M. C. Hajee three for 21.

Crescent v. Young Kismet: Young Kismet, 1st innings, 40 — A. K. Mahomedy 24, S. A. Paruk six for 6, A. A. Paruk two for 16.

Crescent, 1st innings, 40 for two wickets — M. S. Mahomedy 22 not out, G. Varden 17 not out.

Schools v. Young Bharat: Schools, 1st innings, 84 for nine wickets — J. Vinden 23.

Young Bharat, 1st innings, 65 for four wickets.

CRICKET FIXTURES

The following matches will be played on the 6th and 13th February, 1954, at Currie's Fountain, Durban:

League Cup: Main, Kismet v. Central. Ground 1, Muslim v. Ottomans.

The following matches have been set for Saturday, the 6th February, 1954: Ground 2, Greyville v. Ismet (100 minutes). Ground 3, Star v. United (100 minutes).

Saturday, the 13th February, 1954: Ground 2, United v. Ismet (100 minutes). Ground 3, Greyville v. Star (100 minutes).

The above League Cup Matches will start at 2.30 p.m. and terminate at 6.30 p.m. or failing light. (100 minutes).

Main 2, United v. Ismet (100 minutes). Main 3, Greyville v. Star (100 minutes).

Matches for Sunday, the 7th February, 1954, in the Natal Cup competition are as follows:

9.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.: Main, Muslim v Crimson. Ground 1, Ottomans v. Central. Ground 2, Greyville v. United.

9.30 a.m. to 1.15 p.m.: Ground 2, Stars v. Young Bharat.

2.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.: Ground 2, Ismet v. Crescent.

(Concluded in next column)

[...]AT MOODLEY PROMOTION
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India all out for 416 in Test

After two days of bad weather, the fifth cricket Test between the touring Commonwealth team and India began in mild sunshine at Lucknow on Monday. The start was delayed for 40 minutes while the groundsmen fixed the jute matting on the pitch.

The match was to have started on Sunday but the captains agreed to abandon the first day's play after inspecting the pitch.

India had won two Tests in the series, the Commonwealth one, and one was drawn.

Prakash Bhandari, the young New Delhi University allrounder, replaced Ghulam Ahmed, who was absent because of the illness of his wife.

The teams were:

India—D. G. Phadkar (captain), S. Mushtaq Ali, P. R. Umrigar, P. Bhandari, G. S. Ramchand, P. Roy, S. P. Gupta, R. R. Kenny, P. G. Joshi, P. Punjabi, M. Suryanarayan. Twelfth man—L. Lookhart.

Commonwealth—R. Barnett (captain), C. J. Barnett, R. E. Marshall, G. A. Edrich, D. Barrick, A. Watkins, S. J. Loxton, K. Meuleman, F. E. Leadbeater, R. Berry, J. Freeman. Twelfth man—P. A. Gibb.

India won the toss and batted first, but lost their opening batsman, P. Roy, with only three runs on the board. He was caught behind the wicket by Ben Barnett, the Commonwealth captain, off Sam Loxton.

Mushtaq Ali joined Punjabi and they slowly took the score to 43 when lunch was taken after 90 minutes' play. It was announced at lunch that the match would be restricted to four days.

Mushtaq Ali hit all round the wicket after lunch and reached his 50, including seven fours, in 50 minutes. Five runs later he was dropped at mid-on by Charlie Barnett, but was run out soon after for 58 when trying a quick single.

The spinners, Berry and Freeman, checked the rate of scoring for a little, but a four off Berry brought Punjabi his 50 and Kenny twice drove Freeman to the sightscreen.

India lost their third wicket in the first over after tea when Kenny was bowled by Leadbeater with the new ball. Kenny and Punjabi put on 58 runs for the third wicket.

Punjabi continued to bat steadily and with Polly Umrigar soon settling down, the total was taken to 214 without further loss before the close. Punjabi was undefeated with 87, which included eight fours.

Punjabi, the young Gujerati opening batsman, scored 102 on the second day.

India added 91 runs for the loss of one more wicket to their overnight score of 214 for three wickets and at lunch had 305 for four wickets.

Punjabi hit 10 fours in his patient, faultless innings.

P. Umrigar, with strokes all round the wicket, added 67 runs to his overnight 22 not out, hitting Berry for a big six just before lunch.

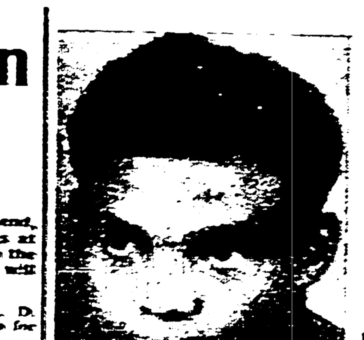
At tea India had 416 all out.

The Commonwealth had scored 63 for two wickets in reply by the close.

Scores were:

India (first innings)—Roy, c B. Barnett, b Loxton 2; Punjabi, b Freeman 102; Mushtaq Ali, run out 58; Kenny, b Leadbeater 33; Umrigar, c Watkins, b Loxton 87; Ramchand, lbw, b Leadbeater 13; Phadkar, b Freeman 63; Bhandari, b Marshall 12; Suryanarayan, c R. Barnett, b Freeman 12; Joshi, not out 14; Gupta, b Freeman 0; Extras 15. Total 416.

Fall of wickets—1 for 3, 2 for 100, 3 for 158, 4 for 270, 5 for 312, 6 for 318, 7 for 355, 8 for 374, 9 for 416.



Denver Darts Club Meeting

MARITZBURG. — Reporting last week to the annual meeting of the Denver Darts Club, Maritzburg, the secretary expressed satisfaction over the club's membership. The game was continuing to gain popularity [illegible] assured of a bright future.

The following were elected to office for 1954: Chairman, Mr. H. G. Paul; secretary, Mr. K. G. Naidoo; treasurer, Mr. M. Somasundram; captain, Mr. G. N. Naidoo; vice-captain, Mr. A. S. Chetty.

SHOW TIME

Week-end Attraction

Avalon Theatre: TITANIC.

Albert Cinema: MANGAYARKARASI.

Rani Theatre: THIEF OF BAGDAD.

Athlone Theatre: DOPATTA and BATMAN AND ROBIN.

Regent Cinema: SECRET OF TREASURE ISLAND

Mayville Theatre: VENGEANCE VALLEY.

Royal Picture Palace: SMOKY CANYON and PRINCE LAST CANE and 8.15 p.m., MAGIC CARPET.

McKenzie to defend title

BOXING'S king is back in action after a lay-off of nearly six months, and fight fans will be in for a rare treat when South Africa's outstanding 147-pound champion, Leslie McKenzie, fifth ranking fighter in his division in the British Empire, stakes his title against the challenge of Fondi Mavuso, recent conqueror of Black Hawk, in the Durban City Hall on February 12, writes Joe Francis.

This will be McKenzie's second appearance after his return from a successful campaign in Britain last year. He is without doubt one of the outstanding welterweights in the British Empire, as his ranking clearly indicates, but he is more than that. He is a colourful fistic personality, the almost perfect combination of boxer-fighter, a merciless tiger inside the roped arena and, in sharp contrast, as gentle as a lamb outside it.

He has always been a box-office attraction and the promoters' "dream." At his last appearance in the Durban City Hall in September, [illegible] jammed inside to see the master craftsman annihilate Black Hawk. The K.O. king from the Transvaal was reduced to a crumpled heap in less than a round.

Black Hawk was not allowed to land even one blow and the mesmerising one-two, devastating punch that sent Rocky Hassan, Speedy Sandon and Percy Wilkinson to the "land of dreams" never showed itself.

Who outside Black Hawk is a worthy enough challenger for the much-coveted title now held by the great Leslie McKenzie? None other than that other conqueror of Black Hawk, "The Bull from the Transvaal", the rugged Fondi Mavuso.

Mavuso's July victory over Black Hawk was his second, the first being in Johannesburg a few months before. There was no fluke about that victory. It was as decisive as it was merited. Mavuso is rough and tough. His stamina is limitless and he can absorb terrific punishment.

His unorthodox boxing style might not be everybody's cup of tea, but there is no doubt that he is a willing scrapper, possessed of inexhaustible stamina, unlimited faith in himself and a mighty lot of courage. He is a non-stop, two-fisted fighter and carries a tremendous punch, the punch that Hawk was running away from in their Durban encounter.

Not many people, except those in the know, knew the story behind the Mavuso-Hawk fight in Durban last July, and how close it came to be called off the day before. I am telling you this to illustrate the raw quality of Mavuso's fighting ability. There was some hitch about his coming and at 8.30 p.m. the day before the fight word was received that Mavuso was unable to come down because of lower difficulties. The promoter was in a quandary and something had to be done to save [illegible] progressive would have met him hundreds of people and he had to answer the public.

He contacted me to ask if I would leave by car to Johannesburg that same evening to speak to Mavuso's employer and bring him to Durban whatever happened. I agreed without hesitation. I was in Johannesburg on the morning of the fight and left for Durban just before noon.

With only a short break at Newcastle we arrived at the City Hall a little after 8 o'clock, and Mavuso was in the ring with Hawk a little over an hour afterwards. It was blisteringly hot all the way down; Mavuso was fatigued, but what a fight he put up.

It was a wonderful performance in most trying circumstances. His tremendous strength and fighting heart carried him through and if I am certain of anything Mavuso will not be awe-struck by McKenzie's brilliant fighting record. The champion will have to fight to beat this.

A win over McKenzie would send his stock high and he would have reached one to the Empire boxing stage with a commanding leap. At this stage McKenzie looks like the prospective certainty, but in boxing anything can happen.

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COVENDER—CHETTIAR WEDDING

The wedding will take place of Narainsamy Govender (Tommy), third son of Mr. and Mrs. K. Perumal Govender, of 35 E1 Block, Magazine Barracks, Somtseu Road, Durban to Govindamal (Janikee), eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Annamalai Chettiar, of Cledhow Sugar ... at the Drama Hall, Magazine Barracks, Durban, at 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. Friends and relatives are cordially invited to attend.



MR. H. RAMPERSAD

son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Rampersad, of 6 Mitchell Road, Durban, left last Wednesday by the S.S. Kampala, on a visit to India.



HARIDUTH VINOO

Son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Hamlall (Bobby), of 102 Villa Road, Mayville, and grandson of Mrs. and the late Mr. Seekdhew (Tommy), celebrated his first birthday on Friday, January 29 1954.



KAMALA

Kamala, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Haidee (Pea), grand daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ramsamy Haidee, of New Glasgow, and the late Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Pillay, of Sarnia, who celebrated her twenty first birthday on January 30, 1954, at 78 Amouth Road, Cato Manor.

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Dr. YOUSUFF MOTALA

Who graduated from the University of Witwatersrand recently with the degrees of M.B., B.Ch. He is the eldest son of Mr. A. I. Motala, of 341 Pine Street, Durban, and a great grandson of late D. M. Motala, who established business in Natal in 1878.



NURSE DEVI RAMSAROOP SINGH, formerly of King George V Hospital, Durban, celebrated her 21st birthday recently amongst friends and fellow nurses at the Hospital.



THILAK SINGH

Thilak Singh (Summrajith), son of Mr. and Mrs. Ganesh Singh, of 21 Gill Place, Clare Estate, who celebrated his 11th birthday on February 4, 1954, at his brother-in-law's (Mr. Harry Maharaj) residence in Westville in the presence of a large gathering of friends and relatives.



KISHORE

Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Ramchand, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. M. Ramphal, of Dejonge, and Mr. and Mrs. M. Ralgobin, of Clare Estate, who celebrated his first birthday on Saturday, January 30, 1954.

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Mr. R. RAJKUMAR, chairman of the Overport Branch of the Natal Indian Congress, delivering his address at the Branch's annual meeting held at the S.R.S. School Hall, on Sunday last. Left to right: Messrs. Kessavalmoonsamy (secretary), R. Rajkuman, Advocate H. Mall, and Dr. G. M. Naicker.

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WEDDING INVITATION

Mrs. Ramsamy Nair (Kutty), of Ismail Court, Flat 11, Mace Street, Durban, and Mr. and Mrs. Manickam Coopsamy Pillay, of 86 villa Road, Overport, Durban, request the pleasure of all friends and relatives on the occasion of the marriage of Govindhamal, son of Mrs. and the late Mr. Ramsamy Nair, to Amsavallie (Ammal), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Manickam Coopsamy Pillay, on Sunday, February 7, 1954, at the Gandhi Hall, Lorne Street, Durban.

WEDDING POSTPONED

The marriage of S. Shunmugam (Bobby), youngest son of Mrs. and the late Mr. S. Govender, of Verulam, to Miss Dhanalutchmi (Dolly), youngest daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. Appalsamy Naidoo, of 319 Park Station Road, Greenwood Park, which was to have taken place at the bridegroom's residence, 198 Fernwood Road, Red Hill, has been postponed to a further date owing to the death of the bridegroom's mother.

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NAIDOO—NAIDOO WEDDING

The marriage will take place of Ramoorthee Naidoo (c/o V. A. Sanders, Amatikulu), youngest son of Mr. and the late Mrs. Yerkiah Naidoo, of Darnall, to Miss Govindamah (Bagium), ... Mr. and Mrs. L. ... View, Stanger, on ... 14, in Darnall at ... Friends and relatives invited to attend.

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...graphed at the Natal Indian ... conference in Durban (left to right): Mr. I. C. ..., M. P. Naicker, Advocate ... Mall, Mr. G. Hurbans ..., Mr. J. N. Singh, Mr. ... Mayet, Mr. Debi Singh and ... Patel (Johannesburg).

N.I.C. leadership upheld

DURBAN: Amid scenes of enthusiasm, Dr. G. M. Naicker was re-elected President of the Natal Indian Congress last weekend — reaffirming Natal's faith in the leadership of its main Indian organisation.



Walter Sisulu, Secretary-General ... African National Congress, ... the seventh provincial conference of the Natal Indian Congress ... Gandhi Hall, Durban, last Friday evening.

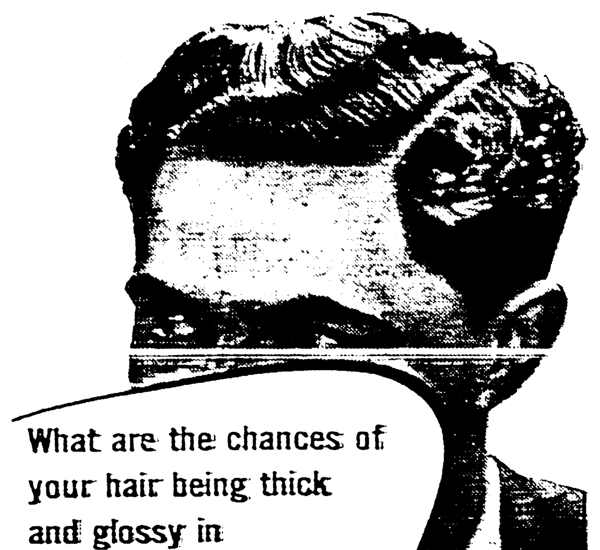
Picture by ... Naidoo.)

Briton to Study Frontier Tribes

14 out of 200 supported "No confidence" move

DURBAN: Only 14 out of more than 200 delegates attending the Natal Indian Congress conference voted in favour of the motion of "no confidence" in the outgoing officials and Executive Committee members.

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OBITUARY


PREMLATTA

Beloved eldest daughter of Mrs. [illegible], and sister of [illegible], of Umgeni Road, passed away peacefully on January 2, 1954. Her remains were cremated at the [illegible] Crematorium. A large gathering of friends and relatives attending. She leaves her only son and a host of friends and relatives to mourn their loss.

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The yearly ceremony of the late Mrs. Lutchmee Subbah will take place at 142 [illegible] Road, Mayville, on Wednesday, 17th February, 1954.


MRS. LUTCHMEE SUBBAH

Friends and relatives are cordially invited to attend. (Inserted by Mr. Harry Perumal.)

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The untimely death of Mr. Govindasamy (Sunny) occurred under tragic circumstances on Sunday, January 31, 1954. He was the [illegible] of Mr. and Mrs. D. Perumal, of 30 Rathbin Road, Mayville, and brother-in-law of Mr. D. [illegible], of Newlands.

He was a familiar figure in the catering trade, known both by Indians and Europeans.

At the time of his death he was employed as a wine steward at the Durban S.A.R. Recreation Club.


MR. GOVINDASAMY (SUNNY)

He leaves a number of relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

The memorial ceremony of the late Mr. Govindasamy will be held at 30 Rathbin Road, Mayville, on Sunday night, February 14, and will be continued on Monday morning at the river bank near their residence.

The death occurred of Mr. Bala Naidoo of Pyramid Jewellers, at the age of 22, under tragic circumstances at Clairwood on Monday, 18th January, 1954.

The late Mr. Bala Naidoo was the fourth son of Mr. N. Naidoo (George).


Mr. BALA NAIDOO

and brother-in-law of [illegible], proprietor of Pyramid Jewellers.

His remains were interred at the Clairwood Cemetery on 19th January, 1954.

He leaves behind brothers, sisters and a host of friends and relatives to mourn their loss.—[illegible] Road, Clairwood.

OWING to the loss of a news package, several items which should have appeared in this week's "Leader" cannot be published.

GRAHAMSTOWN MEETING

GRAHAMSTOWN. — The Indian community of Grahamstown observed the anniversary of the declaration of the Republic of India on the 26th January, 1954.

At a well-attended meeting which opened with prayers conducted by the organiser, Mr. D. N. [illegible], speeches were made by Messrs. V. N. Pillay, G. Kallan, J. N. Naidoo, G. Narna, Mrs. N. S. Pillay, Miss [illegible], G. Narna and other prominent citizens of the Indian community.

JAP BOATS FREED

KARACHI. — The Pakistan Government released four Japanese trawlers brought in for questioning following complaints of unlicensed shrimp fishing in Pakistan territorial waters.

Official sources in Karachi said that no action is being taken against the boats, but they would not give further information.

It was learned that the Pakistan Government was not able to levy any particular charge against the boats, which had been brought in by a destroyer on January 27 off the Mekran coast. The trawlers have sailed from Karachi.

£1,000,000 INVESTMENT

KARACHI. — The Commonwealth Finance Corporation is to invest £1,000,000 in developing vast natural gas resources at Sui, Baluchistan.

It is intended to bring gas from Sui to Karachi by the middle of 1955 through a 35-mile pipeline.

A gas expert has reported that the field will provide heating power equivalent to [illegible] tons of coal a year.

Unanimous: The United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East began its tenth plenary session at Kandy, Ceylon, this week by unanimously electing Mr. C. C. Desai of India to be its chairman for next year. Mr. Desai is India's High Commissioner in Ceylon.

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"S.A.'S BASIC DENIAL OF EVERYTHNG"

NEW DELHI. — Mr. L. C. Green, British delegate to the International Legal Conference in New Delhi, declared that the policy of apartheid in South Africa is a basic denial of everything let alone human rights.

He was addressing the session of the conference which discussed proposals for more effective observance by nations of fundamental human rights.

Mr. Justice Thein Maung, Chief Justice of Burma, who was in the chair, said that enforcement of these rights ceased to be matters of domestic concern. They had now become matters of concern to all members of the United Nations.

"NO CONFIDENCE" OUTVOTED

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Singh had been elected as President [illegible] both these officials of the N.I.C. made strong appeals for the fullest co-operation on the part of all Congressmen for the cause of freedom.

Mr. Debi Singh, in a moving speech, recalled the contributions made in the past by Mr. A. I. Meer and others who had associated with him in criticising Congress leadership, and assured them and all Congressmen that he would be at the disposal of all members in the interest of the cause of the Congress.

[illegible] and was declared lost by an overwhelming majority.

After Dr. Naicker and Mr. Debi [illegible]

Stampede victims

NEW DELHI.—Women were chief victims in the [illegible] by Hindu pilgrims on the [illegible] of the Holy Ganges Riv[er] [illegible] figures showed. Of the [illegible] ted, 258 were women, [illegible] children.

These figures were issued by police. They did not [illegible] least 100 bodies removed by [illegible]

Another official source [illegible] the total did not exceed [illegible] injured numbered about [illegible]

There were tense and [illegible] scenes when crowds of [illegible] relatives lined up at the [illegible] where the dead were laid [illegible] identification.

CULTURAL MISSION

BOMBAY.—Soviet Russ[ian] [illegible] ing plays and shows in [illegible] languages in 500 [illegible] theatres, said Mr. Nikolai [illegible] lov, Soviet Deputy Minister [of] Culture, in a Bombay speech.

There were also nearly [illegible] amateur musical and [illegible] groups in the union with a [mem]bership of about 5,000,000, he added.

Mr. Bespalov led a Russian cultural delegation and visit [illegible] Its 28 members included [illegible] group, singers and musicians.

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[illegible] T. N. Dalon, former [illegible] the South African [illegible] sent a telegram to [illegible] Justice Mr. C. R. [illegible] against his decision [illegible] a commission to [illegible] of ill-treatment [illegible] in gaols and [illegible]

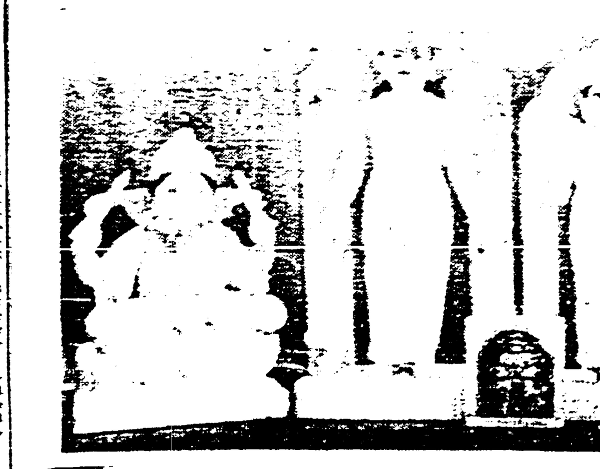
[illegible] the telegram that [illegible] brutal assaults by [illegible] while serving [illegible] hard labour [illegible] in Natal and the [illegible]

[illegible] that a public comm[ission] [illegible], representing all [illegible] people, should be [illegible] said he was prepared [illegible] before such a comm[ission].

[Ques]tions on [illegible]B. Pant

A Labour M.P., Mr. [illegible], asked in the [illegible] what representation [illegible] had made [illegible] Pant, until recently [illegible] Commissioner in Kenya, [illegible] what communications [illegible] place between the [illegible] Indian Governments [illegible]

[illegible] Secretary for the [illegible] John Foster, replied [illegible] Government had [illegible] representations. Nor [illegible] had yet been [illegible] Indian Government [illegible] Pant's successor, he said, [illegible] said that Mr. Pant [illegible] most useful services [illegible] during his [illegible] Kenya. The House, [illegible] his successor was [illegible]



Pretoria Professor's Lecture Course

DURBAN.—Dr. A. van Selms, Professor of Semitic Languages at the University of Pretoria, will shortly be in Durban to give a series of public lectures on Arabic subjects. A week's meetings are to be held at the Kajee Memorial Hall, Leopold Street, Durban, under the auspices of the Arabic Study Circle. He is the discoverer of Arabic Afrikaans—which he claims as the missing link between High Dutch and modern Afrikaans. The first book ever written in Afrikaans, according to him, was a handbook on Islam entitled "Al Qawl Al-Matin" (The True Word).

Rabbi Harris Swift commences his series of lectures on the Jewish Faith on Wednesday, 17th February, at 8 p.m. Thereafter he will lecture once a month covering most aspects of his religion. His subject for the first lecture, to be delivered at the Kajee Memorial Hall, will be "The Fundamentals of Judaism." Students of religion should find this course extremely profitable.

What promises to be an exciting event on Sunday, February 14, at 2 p.m., is the public-speaking contest on the Life of the Prophet of Islam. Numerous entries have been received and the two adjudicators, Miss Khanum Mahomed, M.A., and Mr. Wahajur Rasul, B.A., B.T., should have quite a problem in awarding marks to the best speakers. Books, and cups as floating trophies, will be given to the three best contestants.

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Debate in Hindi

DURBAN: On Sunday afternoon the Avalon Theatre will once again present a gay atmosphere when the Hindi Shiksha Sangh (Natal) holds its fourth annual debate for the Swami Bhawani Dayal Sannyasi Memorial Trophy, conducted entirely in Hindi.

The organising of such a debate has become an annual affair of the sponsors, the Natal Hindi Shiksha Sangh, and many of the affiliated bodies take part. Sunday's affair will be the fourth one conducted by the Sangh.

The system of debating adopted by the Sangh is unique in South Africa. The participants do not work in teams as is found in the popular western system. One team has two participants but they speak against each other. At the end of the debate their marks are totalled together and the teams that has the highest number of marks wins. By this method seven or eight teams can take part at the same time without much difficulty.

During the previous occasions the venue has been always crowded, reflecting how popular this Indian system has become. The sponsors are hoping to get the same response.

To add interest to the annual debate, Mr. and Mrs. Nagamoff presented a beautiful trophy and case valued at £60. Last year, The Durban Centre Hindi Prachar Samiti won it.

At the end of the day the sponsors have also arranged for the presentation of the Kovid certificates. Mr. A. D. Lazarus, principal of Sastri College, has consented to make the presentation. The Kovid award is the coveted Hindi matriculation certificate which was unknown in South Africa till four or five years ago.

By last year there were only seven or eight Kovids in the country. Four more have passed and they will receive their certificates from Mr. A. D. Lazarus.

One of the students, Mr. S. N. Mehta, obtained a second class pass, which redounds to his credit. Mr. A. [illegible] [illegible] tion.

"CUT SALARIES," NEHRU TELLS THE PRINCES

NEW DELHI: A letter which began "Dear Friend" and was addressed by the Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, to 102 Indian Princes, is causing Royal headaches in dozens of palaces throughout India.

The letter went out by hand four months ago, was marked "Personal and Strictly Confidential," and asked the recipients voluntarily to cut the incomes which they are allowed by the Government.

The result has been a "No" from the Princes and long personal explanations to the Prime Minister about how difficult it is for an Indian Prince to live on an income of £7,500 or more a year.

Constitutionally, the princes are on sound ground. Each prince whose State was taken over when India became a republic has in writing the solemn word of the Government that his privy purse will "neither be increased nor reduced for any reason whatsoever."

But despite this pledge there is not a single prince in the country who is prepared to be emphatic in his refusal to accede to the Prime Minister's request.

"We feel that legally and morally we have every right to say 'No' to Mr. Nehru," one prince said. "But we are realistic enough to know that should he so desire the Prime Minister, through the Government, could make life very difficult for us. All we can do is to tell him about our financial difficulties in the hope that he will see the justness of our case."

All the 102 Princes who received the "letter of persuasion" from the Prime Minister are receiving privy purses of Rs. 100,000 (£7,500 sterling) or more a year. About 24 of them receive £37,500 a year, 31 get between £15,000 and £37,500 and 47 between £7,500 and £15,000.

FAIRY-TALE LIVES

The government Bill for privy purses totals £4,256,000 a year, a sum which Mr. Nehru described in his letter as a heavy strain on the national income, diverting funds which could otherwise be used for India's development.

There seems little doubt that a number of India's princes could suffer a cut in their income without in any way affecting their fairy-tale existences.

Some of them in recent years have had to dip into the family treasure house and sell the occasional diamond to finance a trip abroad. But in many cases the loss of a jewel or two would scarcely be noticed. The Jodhpur jewel house, for instance, is reputed to contain gems estimated at £3,000,000 sterling.

Another princely record is the contents of the Tiger Fort of Jaipur. This small fortress, on a hill overlooking Jaipur City, is said to be stuffed with fabulous loot collected during the time of the Moghul kings. Even the ruling Maharaja does not know the contents of the Fort, although, in accordance with a tradition, he is led blindfolded into the treasure house once during his lifetime and allowed to choose one object to take away with him.

The jewel fortune of the Nizam of Hyderabad is said to be worth about £[illegible] sterling, while the Maharaja of Baroda has in his collection the world's most famous pearl necklace, the value of which has never been assessed.

Many of India's other princes, however, were not left in such happy circumstances by their ancestors, and with the treasure cupboard bare, they now have to live on what they receive from the Government.

One Maharaja who now receives £7,500 a year explained his problem. He said that before the accession of his state to India his income from royal properties alone was £150,000 sterling a year. While his income has been drastically cut, he says, his expenses have remained much the same.

This Maharaja has to keep up a palace which contains 27 full suites, with a staff of 120, and this has recently been cut from 300, a house in the Simla Hills, and provide for all the children of his father's nine wives and their dependents. He also has three wives of his own.

Resentment at the mode of living of these Princes and the amounts which are paid to them in their privy purses is centred as a result more in political circles than in the minds of their former subjects.

The Princes, in support of their case, have also argued that they have no guarantee that any amounts which they voluntarily cut from their income will be used to improve the condition of these people.

Any cuts in their income, they add, would result in the dismissal of hundreds of their personal servants, who would have little chance of finding other employment as long as India's lists of unemployed run into millions.

HAS WRITTEN TO NEHRU

CALCUTTA.—Mr. Mohammed Ali, Prime Minister of Pakistan, said he [illegible] written to Mr. Nehru, Prime Minister of India, suggesting a meeting to discuss the question of American aid to Pakistan.

He said, "I shall strive to convince Mr. Nehru that Pakistan's acceptance of military aid does not mean she has aggressive designs against India.

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Talk of the Bazaar

Beards—and Baldness

THERE appears to be a growing tendency among some young men to cultivate a beard. I do not know whether it is in keeping with the current dictates of fashion, but there you are!

It will be interesting to interview the wives of some of these men and get their reactions to it.

My office boy, who, by the way, has not got to the stage of shaving yet, suggests that if there is not a shortage of blades at the moment, some of the manufacturers of the many varieties of blades will be going out of business at this rate. Of course this does not include the many barbers who will now have to give these people only haircuts. Indeed it will constitute a large loss of revenue.

Yet another possibility is the people now growing beards may have some particular reasons of their own—and not necessarily the craze for having a beard or not having the money for blades. Some of them may be just merely exhibitionists.

For instance, one man believes that people have more respect for him with his beard while ordinarily they wouldn't care two hoots about him.

But the wife of another confided in me and said that she in fact had encouraged her husband to have a beard because "he wouldn't get into mischief." Your guess is as good as mine as to what that meant!

HAIR RAISING STORY

WHILE on the subject of beards, I understand that some men still go in for innumerable kinds of "hair restorers." But what amused me the other day was when I was told that a lady is now specialising in some form of treatment to induce the growth of hair on balding men!

This involves massage of the dry scalp and some concoctions are applied in the process. So far I haven't heard of any men having been cured of his baldness from this and many other kinds of treatment and "restorers" now in use.

A little bird told me that in desperation, some well-known professional men have been known to frequent this particular place. So far I have not interviewed any of them (although I know at least half a dozen of them). It would be interesting to hear what they think about this new experience.

When I spoke rather sympathetically to a friend (also bald) the other day, he said that there could be no cure for this unfortunate disease which baffles our medical men.

"It is a sign of being rich," he pointed out, "but all the money the individual has will not help to restore the lovely hair which means so much to his appearance."

WIGS NEEDED

SO rather than waste time (and money), bald men should accept the position as such and if they really want to do something they should get a wig. I know a doctor friend of mine who has a wig which many think is his hair. It is so realistic that few could tell the difference.

Perhaps these bald men do, after all, have some advantages. For instance, no hair cut, combs, etc., are required by them and besides, they no longer have the worry of men who usually catch cold through getting their hair wet, either when having a bath or when caught in the rain. The water will roll down gently and one wipe with a handkerchief would take care of the wet surface.

One advertisement, however, says that hair can be made to grow on completely bald heads. It claims that doctors and scientists have tested this new "restorer" and it does grow new hair as proof it includes Royalty, Lords and Ladies as well as medical men among "grateful patrons." It invites people who are bald or who have hair thinning or falling out to write for particulars.

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YET another aspect concerning the heads that have a shining sink for flies (my apologies to those who have them), is that good furniture or floor polish are known to give a good shine. Like a man with a beard, people are generally known to respect those who have bald heads. Perhaps to them it is a sign of greatness.

While I was having my hair cut, Bob, my barber told me that he charges the same price irrespective of whether a person is bald or not. Hair on the side of the head needs care and attention and looks pretty bad if left uncut. So these people cannot escape their regular visit to the barber or else it would become all too obvious that they were trying to evade something. Unlike attending to people who have plenty of hair, mistakes on bald heads cannot be easily covered up. One fellow told me that using a hair restorer had brought some results—more hair had grown on the back of his hand!

Age is no respecter of peoples' hair—side by side they must inevitably show that they have seen better days through the passage of time. But another feature I have observed is that some men and others more middle-aged appear to be turning grey before their time.

ALTHOUGH one commands a certain amount of respect with grey hair, the younger set feel it terribly embarrassing to have grey hair. It has been explained that one gets grey quicker due to worry and mental agony.

For this there were two cases in point the other day, and both of them were professional men—one was a lawyer. Both of them are in the same boat, and the last time I saw them together they were not discussing current trends, but hair dyes! It is understood that a good hair dye lasts for three weeks. The half sections of both men co-operate with their hubbies in getting the hair dyed. Perhaps in public they do not feel comfortable at being in the company of men who appear to be awfully old!

One man whom I had suspected of dying his hair had neglected the job and vestiges of grey hair were beginning to make their appearance again. He told me in confidence that he had been dyeing his hair for the past ten years. [illegible]

BORN 43 YEARS AGO

IF you must know something about him, I will tell you only two things—but I won't disclose his name. The news is given by my own observations and one day perhaps when I happen to write his obituary I shall include it in the article.

Well, he was born 43 years ago, out in the country. He was brought up in a congenial environment and received the benefits of education until he was fed up with being a bookworm. Long before he started in his professional work, his mother, in her own opinion, felt that he would never be a gentleman. There is not space enough to complete this short biography but enough has already been said.

But here's something which he told me and we both had a hearty laugh. Little Winnie was being naughty and in chiding her, her mother warned that if she continued to be naughty all her beautiful hair would turn grey. Now little Winnie loved her hair and the very thought struck her rather forcebly.

Then turning around she asked, "Grannie must have been awfully naughty, mother?"

Her mother made no comment—she preferred to remain silent on this point.

DIDN'T LIKE IT

THE marriage ceremony was moving along with quiet dignity—a refreshing contrast to the usual bustle and hustle of speechmaking and song-and-dance affairs—and for once the attention of the guests was riveted on the main actors in the function, writes my Maritzburg colleague.

The sacred knot had been tied and the happy couple were being showered with blessings and blessed by their families. Suddenly a pair of male voices burst into song. Their voices blended so delightfully in rendering the "mangalam" that the guests forgot the oppressive heat for the moment and then broke into spontaneous applause.

That appeared to unsettle the Master of Ceremonies, for he broke out angrily with a "Who gave you permission to sing before the microphone? You take orders from me and no one else. I'm in charge here."

Then he himself broke out into singing the mangalam. Tch, tch.

"Balidaan" for Ladysmith

LADYSMITH. — The Nishaan Theatrical Entertainers will be staging "Balidaan" at the "Athlone Theatre", Ladysmith on March 21. It is an interesting play written by Mr. F. Satyapal and the producer is Mr. K. H. Singh, Principal of the Arya Naaw Yuvak Sabha Hindi School, Kwasithorpe.

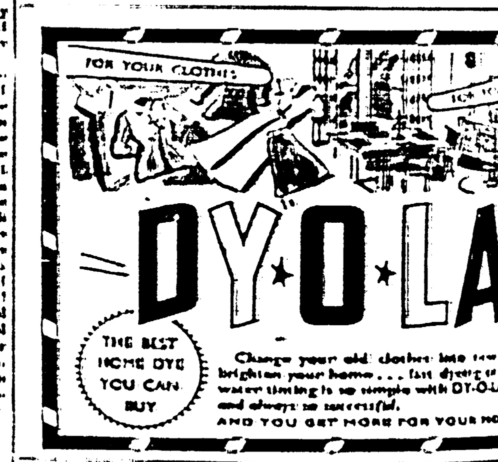
The cast includes some of the competitors who secured the Senior Trophy for two successive years in the Hindi School Eisteddfods organised by the Hindi Shiksha Sangh, Natal.

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[illegible] from Mr. Jawaharlal [Nehru, Prime M]inister of India, was [read.]

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New Awakening

A new awakening is coming. This [illegible]

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Great Tasks

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today more than ever as the forces for destruction at his disposal are incalculable. It has to grow a new outlook to overcome fear and hatred, he said.

If we go back, we find that the human society originally developed on lines of tribal life. It gradually developed into large chieftainships, into small kingdoms, into bigger kingdoms and then to large countries [illegible]

We have today a wonderful association of countries in the form of Commonwealth of Nations. All these developments have taken place out of conflicts and dangers of conflicts. As more and more groups of men realised the identity of their interests, they felt the necessity of cooperation on the basis of equal privileges and equal responsibility.

Co-operation

Now too, the nations of the world should recognise their identity of interests and think in terms of cooperation rather than conflict. This means an adjustment of their outlook. The whole problem in a nutshell is a problem of human relationship. [illegible]

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"Baseless"

"I wish to state that this report is incorrect and baseless. It must have arisen through ulterior motives," he said.

"India's stand is very clear. She is convinced that change in human relationships must take place if we are to avoid disaster. But such a change cannot be imposed by force from outside. It has to come about in the minds of people directly concerned.

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"In future also we shall continue to advocate against any type such as military aid to Pakistan which create new tensions and also against existing conditions which continue to harbour causes of conflict for humanity," he concluded.

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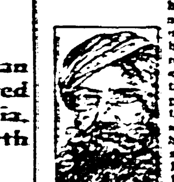
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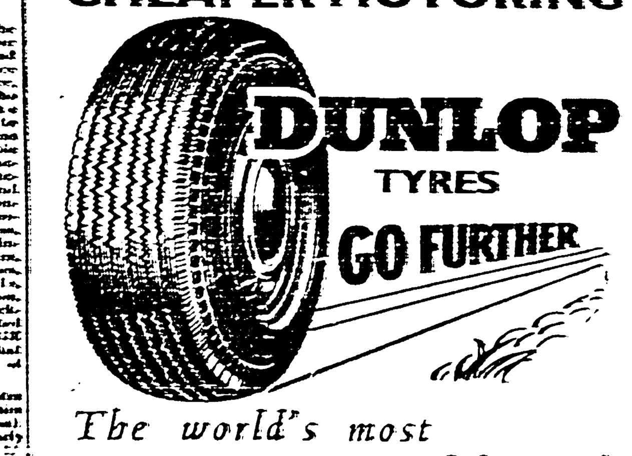
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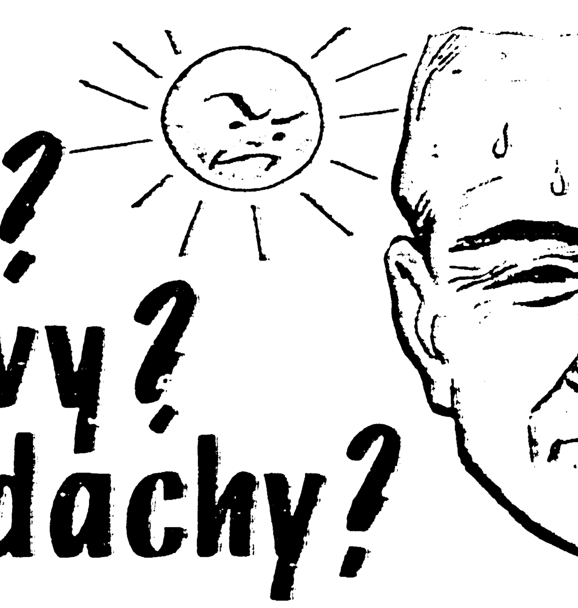
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PIETERMARITZBURG, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1954

UNJUST LAWS

ONE of the most disturbing features of the present tendency in legislation is the rapidity with which laws are being placed upon the statute-book which have neither the moral approval of those to whom they are applied nor the sanction of any serious moral code.

The "immorality" laws, for example, inflict no penalty on those guilty of sexual immorality in itself. It is only when the transgression offends against the colour bar that the law plays its savage part. Similarly, the Act to suppress Communism is not directed against subversive activities in general—those who plot to establish a Fascist State, for example, are immune from its operations.

These laws, like so many others, are based not on general ideas of justice, but upon narrow prejudice and fear.

It is no doubt very tempting to the Nationalists to increase the number of such laws, since by doing so they may hope to fasten their domination permanently on the peoples of South Africa. It seems simple enough to make one's own tribal and prejudiced ideas prevail once the machinery of law-making is in one's power. But although the operation appears to be deceptively simple, it is one that can bring its own nemesis.

What the Nationalists forget, it seems, is that there is a limit to the process of imposing one's will by law-making. There comes a time when laws which offend against the conscience and the interests of the majority of the people be come unenforceable.

Three developments are possible: such laws may fall into disuse and be forgotten; or they may be applied with such flexibility that they lose almost all meaning; or thirdly—and this is the great danger that faces South Africa—their strict application may lead to general resistance to the law and to a collapse of ordered government.

The danger is well exemplified in the comments made recently by a Natal Bantu newspaper, which denies that it is worth while to attempt to secure the good administration of bad laws. "Just as a bad tree cannot produce good fruit, you cannot build on wrong, injustice, discrimination and a denial of the sacredness of the individual soul and personality".

This may appear to some to be an unreasonable frame of mind, but it is one that is spreading, and must inevitably spread, among those who are the victims of laws in whose framing they have no share and whose injustice they bitterly resent.

The Government are ready enough with their insistence, in any time of trouble, that the law shall be observed, and certainly the rule of law is the basis of all civilised life. But the question that cannot be too oft asked is whether the Government itself is creating conditions which make for respect for the law.

Its own attitude to the Courts is notorious; more than once Dr Malan has talked of "breaking the Courts" in certain eventualities. That is bad enough, but more serious still in the long run is the essentially anarchical frame of mind which drives Cabinet Ministers to frame laws which deny every established criterion of justice.

That men may be silenced without trial, and removed from their employment, and that racial discrimination is expressly permitted by the ... are two of the most ... examples, but there are ... others.

The general effect of ... laws and of their harsh administration is to undermine in ... sections of the community ... respect for the law which should be the first aim of ... government to foster. ... sults may not be immediately apparent, but in the long ... they are certain to appear. ... no government can in the long run be maintained without ... least the passive acceptance of its laws by the people ... affected. At present that passive consent is still being given, but the rising tide of resentment cannot for ever be kept ... by merely repressive laws. ... much at least a recognition ... the more honest exponents of "apartheid", who insist that the present policy of "keeping down" the majority of the population is indefensible, and ... gest "separate development" ... the reserves.

It is in the interests of ... that law should be maintained, but this is a responsibility of the government no less than ... the governed. Unfortunately ... glimmering of light upon ... question appears to have penetrated the minds of the present Cabinet.

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DURBAN: The annual conference of the Natal Indian Congress made reference to the rumoured moves of the South African Indian Organisation to bring about a change in the stand of India and Pakistan at U.N. and condemned any such approach by any individual or organisation.

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"Without hesitation let me reiterate that any such move will be severely condemned by all sections of the Indian people, who have unanimously resolved that the treatment meted out to them should become a subject of discussion in the world forum.

"The Indian people will not tolerate any individual, who seeks to pursue a course of action which can result in incalculable harm to the entire community. Anyone who tries to injure our just cause must be mercilessly exposed."



CONFERENCE IN SESSION: Some of the 200 delegates who attended the Seventh Annual Conference of the Natal Indian Congress last weekend.—(Picture by G. R. Naidoo)

SUPPORT OF EUROPEAN DEMOCRATS WELCOMED

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After stating that it was most encouraging that, in spite of these factors, European democrats had given support to the cause of democracy, Mr. Singh added: "During the year under review the South African Congress of Democrats came into being, as an organised body essentially representing Europeans who believe in the extension of full democratic rights to all sections of the South African people.

"Their support for the policy and programme of the African and Indian Congresses is welcomed."

Mr. Singh said that every thinking South African must realise that today South Africa was at the crossroads. Either the country was driven further on the path of Fascism or the people themselves boldly struck out on the only road which led ultimately to the freedom of all sections of the population.

"The time has arrived," continued Mr. Singh, "for the people of South Africa to make a vital decision and once that decision is made then to pursue relentlessly the road they choose, in order to get the maximum results ..."

"The Queenstown Conference of the African National Congress has laid the basis for the expression of the people's will. The call for a Convention of the People is vital and necessary to give the largest number of people the opportunity to plan for freedom. ..."

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MY DEAR CHILDREN, — Last year I wrote in these columns about thrift and the schools which won the Vathalingum Thrift Trophy. You may remember that the Greenwood Park India School won the Trophy in the senior division (the bigger schools in Natal having competed for it) and the little known Charlestown School, a few miles within the Transvaal border, was victorious in the B division.

I remarked that it was time the cup came to town, that the country bumpkins be made to realise that town people can also save.

But the bumpkins have scored again. At the time of writing this, I was informed that Charlestown Indian School had done it again. This is an achievement, and I think it is time other schools made an effort.

The money you save belongs to you. When you complete your primary school education, you may find it difficult to get to College due to financial difficulties. In such a case, the money which you have saved would come to your rescue. If you so desire, the money could be left where it is, thus collecting interest every year. You never know when you may need the money.

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A "cinema test" has been opened, the first of its kind at Versailles, near Paris.

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After the shows the children will be invited to write essays on what they have seen.

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PEN PALS' CORNER

M. Rafi (13), c/o A. L. Kajee, P.O. Deepdale Rail, Natal, desires pen pals from any part of the world. Interests: cinema, dancing and reading.

Miss S. Singh (16), P.O. Box 24, Ladysmith, whose interests are in collecting pictures, reading and songs, would like to have pen pals from any part of the world, especially from the Transvaal.

[illegible] Brook Street, Durban, whose interests are in tailoring, reading (Hindi also) and correspondence, would welcome as many letters as possible from any part of the Union. He had written to many, but none had replied, he says.

Victor Naidoo (15), c/o P.O. Box 14, Verulam, would like pen pals from the Union and overseas. Interests: sports and correspondence.

RIDDLES

Shandu, of Central Board, Sugar Mill, Amatikulu, sends the following riddles:

(1) What tune is made from banknotes?

(2) When is a clock like lightning?

(3) When is coffee like earth?

(4) Why is a peacock like the figure nine?

(5) What is always behind time?

(6) What is broken before it is used?

ANSWERS

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WHITE ELEPHANTS

We often refer to a thing which is of no use as a white elephant. This originated from the white elephants that were kept as sacred animals to be of service only to the priests. Anyone found in possession of these sacred animals was tortured and sometimes even put to death.

Because of this, anything that is more bother than it is worth is called a white elephant.

MORE RIDDLES

Roopchand, of 1 Ludgate Grove, Jacobs, Natal, asks:

(1) What is the difference between a schoolmaster and an engine driver?

(2) When is water not water?

(3) What vegetable reminds you of sportsday?

(4) What is the difference between a man short of money and a chess champion?

ANSWERS

[illegible]

LAUGHTER—THE BEST MEDICINE

"I say, Jim, you work at a cinema, what about getting me two tickets?"

"Certainly, Joe, and you work at a bank, what about getting me two notes?"

* * *

1st Driver: When you borrowed my car—you parked it in a good place, I hope?

2nd Driver: Too right I did. There was a notice. It said, "Fine for Parking."

* * *

Freddy looked anxiously at Grandma over the tea table.

"Grandma, do your glasses make things look much bigger?"

Grandma: "Yes, dearie, why?"

Freddy: "Oh, I only thought if they did I'd like you to take them off when you are cutting me a piece of cake."

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"Are you laughing at me?" demanded the irate professor of his class.

"No," came the answer in chorus.

"Well," insisted the professor, "What else is there in the room to laugh at?"

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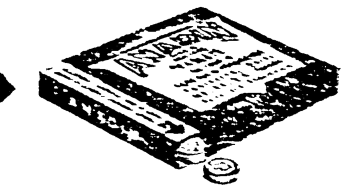
Guest: Waiter! Waiter!! There's a fly in my tea.

Waiter: Poor thing. Let's pull it out.

Till Next Week
Chachajan

Women are not "patient about pain"

A changing world has altered women's attitude to pain. In earlier times women accepted pain with resignation, usually with fortitude. Today, whether she is career-woman or housewife or both, the intelligent woman regards nagging headaches and other minor pains as an unnecessary interruption to her full, exacting life. She knows that, just as severe pain shocks the system, so nagging pain causes mental and physical exhaustion. Recurrent pain saps the vitality, making her less efficient at her job, less companionable in human relationships. So —wisely—modern woman has asked medical science for an easily obtained analgesic that will give her freedom from pain, safely, effectively and without upsetting even the most delicate system. Medical science has not failed her. For many years doctors and dentists have prescribed an "Aspirin-plus" formula, which combines standard ingredients with other prescribed analgesics so that maximum benefit is derived from each. This formula is used in hospitals throughout the world, and it is now available, *without prescription*, from your chemist, under the name ANADIN. Two ANADIN TABLETS are all you require to give relief from pain, safely and speedily. Keep a packet of ANADIN in your hand-bag, in your desk-drawer, in the medicine cupboard. ANADIN is the proven remedy for pain.



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WON STALIN PEACE PRIZE

NEW DELHI. — Major-General Sahib Singh Sokhey, winner of this year's Stalin Peace Prize, said in New Delhi that the people of India should stand shoulder to shoulder, regardless of political affiliations, behind the Government of India in the stand it had taken to preserve peace.

Referring to the honour conferred on him by the International Stalin Peace Prize Committee, General Sokhey said: "I take it that I bask in the reflected glory of the great work our countrymen and countrywomen and our Government, led by our great Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, are doing in the cause of peace."

RESEARCH ON INDISCIPLINE

ALLAHABAD. — Research on discipline among students of Indian Universities has been undertaken by Mr. C. R. Krishna Rao, a research scholar of the Tata Institute of Social Science.

Mr. Rao is now touring the different universities in the country to collect data on the subject. He has prepared a 10-point questionnaire covering different aspects of student life to ascertain the views of educationists, principals and students themselves.

Mr. Rao said that in the vital social-educational problem no attempt has so far been made for a scientific study. Student unrest and lack of discipline has been a feature of several of the country's universities, notably Lucknow University.

FASTING FOR FREEDOM

MYSORE. — A [illegible] cobra has not eaten anything noticeable since he was kept a captive to the Chamarajendra Zoo Gardens, Mysore, in October, it was reported in Mysore.

The cobra, which has a [illegible] of ten inches, has so far shown no sign of emaciation.

German zoologist [illegible] Meema, who has been [illegible] the centre with rare [illegible] from other parts of the [illegible] said that reptiles may [illegible] thirty more than any [illegible] creature and sometimes [illegible] fast to death.

ARYAN HOME DONATIONS

DURBAN. — The Aryan [illegible] Home, acknowledges with [illegible] the receipt of the following [illegible]

[illegible]

The Committee also [illegible] sincere thanks to Doctor [illegible] and K. M. Moodley [illegible] medical service.

Kashmir Vote

LONDON. — All India Radio reported that the Kashmir Constituent Assembly has voted [illegible] cession to India.

Teenagers' column

HELLO TEENAGERS,
The India-Pakistan dispute on Kashmir has recently become more strained, and Prime ministers Shri Nehru and Mohammed Ali don't seem to see eye to eye on the matter.

To Shri Nehru, Kashmir has a special significance. It is his birthplace, so can one blame Nehru for being dogmatic.

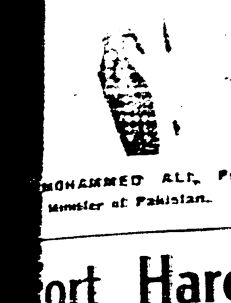
Perhaps it would be interesting to find out the reasons for all this wrangle about Kashmir. There must be something there.

KASHMIR

The oft-repeated analogy of Kashmir with the garden of Eden implies, in reality, the futility of human attempts to find language for describing the incomparable beauty of this valley.

If Kashmir is to be regarded, as poets would wish it to be, as a paradise, its match cannot exist on this planet, but which, without having an objective existence, nevertheless continues to be the priceless heritage of mankind.

[illegible]



MOHAMMED ALI, Prime Minister of Pakistan.

Fort Hare Results

[illegible]



The World of Entertainment

CINEMASCOPE is the greatest development in films since "talkies." Quite literally. In London the first CinemaScope film, "The Robe," made by Twentieth Century-Fox at a cost of between £1,500,000 and £1,700,000, shows that the French inventor, Professor Henri Chretien, has produced something that will be an answer to the prayers of shareholders to save them from the mighty and ubiquitous television.

CinemaScope had already achieved unprecedented success with the American public before its debut in London.

The weekly takings of this picture have been £60,000 and the producer is said to have already made a profit before the film has been generally released.

The film is panoramic rather than three-dimensional, drawing the audience into the film instead of [illegible]

In selecting Lloyd C. Douglas's best-selling novel, "The Robe," as this first vehicle for this new medium, Twentieth Century-Fox have again attempted with every success to prove to cinema patrons, whose loyalty has been or is being seduced by the electronics industry, that the cinema can still offer them the best value for their money. Television may be realistic, but CinemaScope is super-realism, and in colour as well.

THE STORY

"The Robe tells a story of what happened to the robe worn by Christ on the cross of Calvary. Richard Burton plays the part of a Roman officer who wins the robe in a game of dice within the shadow of the cross, and quickly falls under its influence. Fearing the consequences, he attempts to destroy it, only to find it indestructible. Burton's acting is distinguished.

Eventually he becomes a Christian convert and helps his fellow-Christians in their bid to escape Roman persecution. Finally, charged with treason, he faces death together with his sweetheart, Jean Simmons, rather than renounce his faith.

A remarkable feature of the film is that the figure of Christ is shown first entering Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and later staggering under the Cross up the road to Calvary. For years the British censorship would not allow Christ to be depicted in films.

RAJ KUMAR PLAYS WRESTLER

RAJ KUMAR plays a wrestler, David an "ustad," Smriti Biswas a city girl and Asha Mathur the only daughter of a half mad rich Bombay in M. and T. Films' "Lakhon Mein Ek."

The rich man is always absorbed in money matters and announces that his daughter will be given in marriage only to a man who is able to earn money on his own mettle. A wrestler, who is able to make money out of his own strength, gets preference as a suitor over a gambler or a business man.

The wrestler, who is trying hard to win the girl, eventually loses his life in a contest. His spirit then [illegible] story from here is shifted to heaven, says Producer J. P. Tiwari, who has written the story.

Hira Singh, who directs the picture, plays the role of the millionaire while Jairaj is cast in another featured role.

NADIRA, TALAT STARRED

NADIRA and singing hero Talat Mahmud have been teamed for the first time in the romantic lead in Jubilee Pictures' "Dak Babu," which will shortly go on the sets in a Bombay studio.

Yashodhara Katju, Sunder and Johnny Walker are in the supporting cast. Five songs, sung by Talat Mahmud and Asha Bhonsle, have been recorded so far.

"Shooting" of the concern's "Aulad," starring Usha Kiran, Balraj Sahni and Nirupa Roy with Arora in support, is progressing at M. and T. Studios.

BINA RAI AS SALIM'S QUEEN

BINA RAI, who appears as the beloved of Prince Salim in the title role of "Anarkali," will be his queen in Sunrise Pictures' forthcoming "Noor Jahan." Meena Kumari, who was to have dropped due to differences between her and the producer, Sharad Bhushan, remains [illegible]

Producer, V. M. Vyas has also made other changes in the cast to make it more formidable. Premnath will feature as Sher Afghan. Another addition is Geeta Bali who is to appear as Nanhabar. Mubarak will portray Akbar, David the famous wit Birbal and Pran the villain Yashwir Singh. The role of Mulla Do Piyaza still remains to be filled.

CALCUTTA MOB RAIDS PANDAL

THE Calcutta police discharged several rounds of teargas to disperse a violent mob that had "invaded" and set fire to the pandal during a music festival organised by the Hindusthani Sammilani. A number of film artists of Bombay were taking part in the festival.

The mob hurled brickbats and crackers at the police and a dozen persons were injured. Thirty men from the mob were arrested.

Among the Bombay stars who participated in the function were Dev Anand, Talat Mahmud, Asha Bhonsle, Shashikala, Sheila Ramani, Prem Kumar and Yashodhara Katju.

"AAJ KI BAAT"

LEELA CHITNIS, who had suspended the "shooting" of her production, "Aaj ki Baat," due to illness, is recovering and is expected to restart work on it soon. She directs the picture but says that if her health does not allow it she might get somebody else to wield the megaphone.

Chitra, Leela Chitnis herself, Bipin Gupta, Sunder Manmohan Krishna, Rajan Kumar, Ajit Chitnis and Uday are in the cast. Roshan Bhatkar writes the musical score.

APPEARANCE BY PROXY

ALFRED HITCHCOCK is not the only Hollywood director who puts his "signature" in the movies he has directed by making a brief appearance in his own pictures, for William Wellman does it and he uses a novel means to do it by proxy.

Wellman's "trade mark" is actor George Chandler, who has appeared in every one of the seventy-three films he has directed.

In Wellman's latest, "Island in the Sky," the John Wayne starrer, Chandler plays a comic innkeeper.

ONE OF "MEDIEVAL" UNION

AVA GARDNER has received word that she has been made an honorary lady of the Round Table. The actress, who portrays Guinevere in "Knights of the Round Table," opposite Robert Taylor, thus becomes a member of the women's auxiliary group of the celebrated Knights of the Round Table organisation in London.

TROUBLE ALONG THE WAY

JOHN WAYNE, who owns six oil wells in Texas and Oklahoma, ran out of petrol while driving to the "Trouble Along the Way" location the other day. And while his make-up man, Webb Overlander, sat at the wheel and guided the car, Wayne got out and pushed it two blocks to a petrol pump.

After getting the tank filled up, Wayne discovered the car, which he bought the week before, was equipped [illegible] was flip a switch and he could have driven another 20 miles.

NUTAN TO STAR IN MUSLIM "SOCIAL"

NUTAN is expected to play the female lead in Bhaan Films' Muslim "social," "Tasleem." The male lead and the rest of the cast will be decided on later.

The company has shelved its plans to produce "Dard-e-Jigar." Producer-Director M. Sadiq told "Screen" that the same story, inspired by Hollywood's "Happy Go Lovely," is being filmed by some other concerns under different titles and, therefore, there is no point in tackling that subject.

"Shorty" pays visit to East London

EAST LONDON. — The shortest adult Indian in South Africa, and a claimant to the title of "Durban's champion newspaper seller," arrived in East London last week. He is "Shorty" Moodley, a 2ft. 11in. midget, who arrived here from Durban with a friend, Mr. G. P. Naidoo, a normal sized Durban hotel waiter.

Shorty said that he was able to sell dozens of papers in an hour. Because he is too small to carry large stocks of newspapers himself, a newspaper van visits him periodically to replenish his stocks.

During his two weeks stay in East London, he will visit patients in hospital.

Shorty's girl friend is about the same height as himself. Shorty would not disclose whether he was contemplating marriage. "We will wait and see next year," he said.

Mr. Naidoo came to know Shorty by way of his selling newspapers outside the hotel where Mr. Naidoo is employed. They are firm friends, Mr. Naidoo said that Shorty was a familiar sight on Durban streets and known to thousands of evening paper readers.

Shorty is one of a family of several children. His brothers and sisters are normal.

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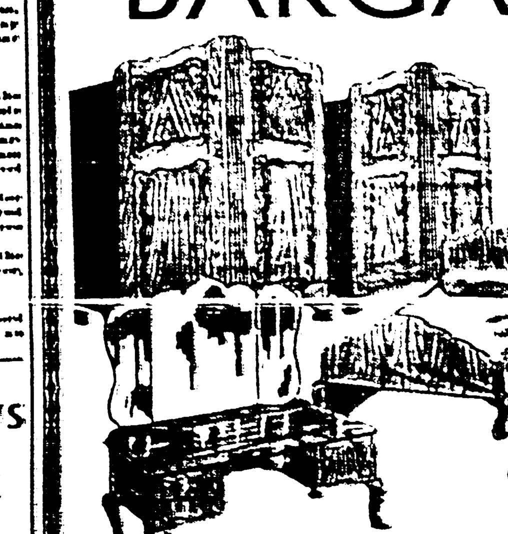
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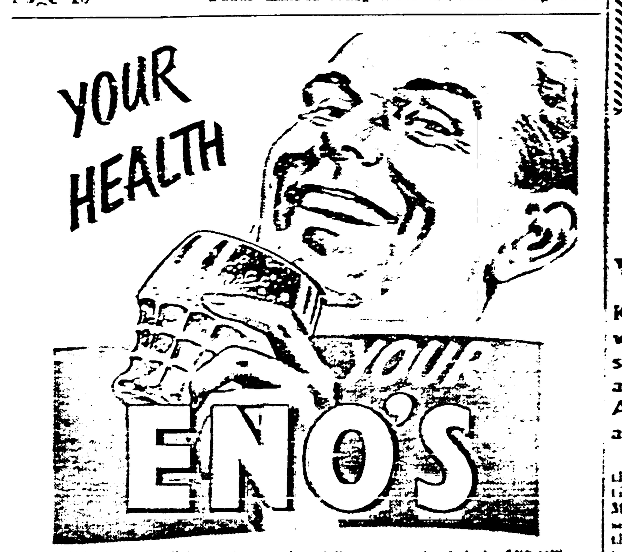
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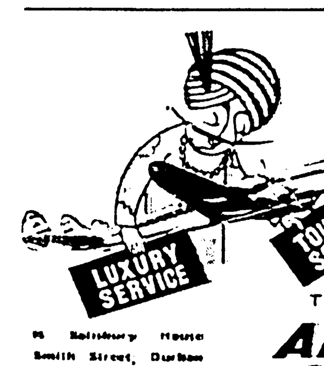


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SPORTS PARADE

By BOBBY HARRYPERSADH

Schools' Support Needed

WHEN the inaugural meeting of the South African Schools' Sports Board was held at Kimberley during September last year, the hope was expressed that every district or provincial schools' sports association should be encouraged to affiliate and assist in the task of building up South African school sports in accordance with the aims and objects of its constitution.

Mr. C. Rughubar, President of the Natal School's Sports Association, has received a letter from Mr. Eric Marthinus, general secretary of the Board, stating that preparations are being made to stage the first South African Schools' Athletic and Cycling Championships in Kimberley on April 6.

"The Board has invited us to affiliate and take part in these inaugural championships," said Mr. Rughubar. "They are pleased to learn that athletics has been encouraged in Natal on a properly organised basis among the schools, and have furnished us with their constitution."

Commenting on the letter, Mr. Rughubar said that although the matter has yet to come before his Association, he gives his blessing to the Board and strongly feels that a Natal schools' team should be represented at the championships.

"In view of the fact that at this stage there is little time to organise schools sports meeting, Natal schools would be well advised to give every support to the forthcoming bumper sports meeting to be held under the auspices of the Natal Amateur Athletic and Cycling Association on Sunday, February 21, at Curries Fountain.

REGARDED AS TRIALS

"If some really outstanding athletes are seen in action on Sunday next, every consideration will be given to them when a Natal team is selected. The forthcoming interschools competition should be in the nature of a trial from which we should be able to gauge our strength," he added.

The championships will be held at the De Beers Stadium on Van Riebeeck Day (April 6), and on going through the tentative programme, I find that there are five different sections according to the age system—under 12, 14, 16, 18, and over 18.

Cycling and field events such as the shot putt, discus, javelin and hurdles have been included for participants in the last two sections. [illegible] would be in operation and the centre scoring the highest number of points would be awarded a composite trophy.

Three competitors will be allowed to take part in each event. Except cycling, almost the same events have been provided for girls. Additional details in this respect may be obtained from Mr. Rughubar, c/o Sastri College, Durban.

SCHOOLS RESPOND

MR. R. LUTCHMAN, president of the Natal Amateur Athletic and Cycling Association, reports that he is very satisfied with the response he has had from schools in Durban and District for the interschools competition.

"Although the new term has just begun, school principals and sportsmaster are co-operating splendidly in sending their teams to take part next Sunday. There is every indication that the schools meet should be a huge success," he said.

My paragraph last week in connection with entries for the marathon road race from Tongaat to Durban brought forth a number of enquiries and there is no doubt that there would be keen competition in this event.

In the athletic and cycling events for seniors and juniors, clubs should field strong teams. In these events, the popular African competitors like [illegible], Patrick [illegible], [illegible] all of whom have South African honours to their credit—should turn in a creditable performance. The senior and junior cycling duels ought to provide the usual thrills and excitement with their wheel-to-wheel finishes.

EASTER SPORTS

CAPTAIN B. B. SINGH, of the Durban Indian Surf Life Saving Club, has started planning already [illegible] North Beach. One can appreciate the amount of organisational work involved when it is considered that several thousand people from various parts of Natal will wend their way to the beach on Easter Monday.

Mr. Singh tells me that, apart from the usual sports items for children, the women's tug-of-war and [illegible] novelty items are being considered by the Club. In keeping with tradition, the lifesavers have always provided "the goods" in grand style to the general public, and I feel confident that this year's gala will be no exception.

Those finding their way early to the beach will have the privilege of seeing the Shell Parade circuit. As in previous years, it is expected that there will be a large number of entries, which will no doubt include Natal's best non-European cyclists, particularly from Durban and Maritzburg.

SOCCER SEASON

IN another six weeks' time the 1954 soccer season will be with us. Several district associations and clubs in Natal have held their annual meetings and are already planning ahead of schedule.

Judging by the business shown, the season should be a successful one. Although there will not be a Sam China Cup tournament, the Indian soccer, there will be the usual All-India Cup series, Natal interrace soccer and the official biennial interrace national soccer tourney.

In view of the heavy programme that lies ahead, soccer administrators—local, provincial and national—will have plenty to worry about.

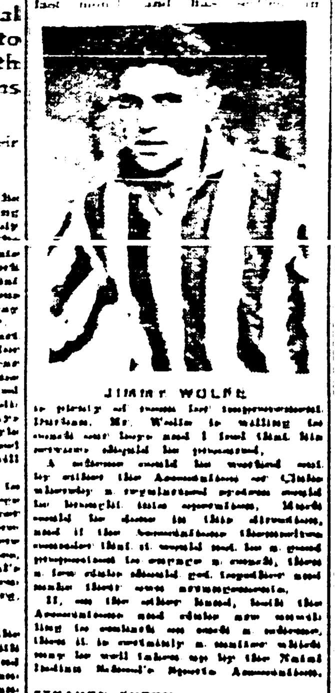
As far as local provincial soccer is concerned, the reorganisation commission's report should engage the attention of our officials, while on the national plane, apart from organising the usual interrace games, the possibility of sending an interrace team on tour should be explored.

The South African Indian Football Association should take up last year's question of passport refusal with the authorities with a view of sending a team to India.

COACH NEEDED

HOWEVER, a matter which merits [illegible] planning by all bodies in the service of a coach. Needless to state there in our standard of play, and by learning the correct approach to the game, our boys should be able to rise in fame and status.

Mr. Jimmy Wolfe, who has played professional soccer in England, came to see me the other day. He returned last month and has [illegible]



JIMMY WOLFE

is plenty of room for improvement. Durban. Mr. Wolfe is willing to coach our boys and I feel that his services should be procured.

A scheme could be worked out by either the Association of Clubs whereby a regularised system could be brought into operation. Much could be done in this direction, and if the associations themselves consider that it would not be a good proposition to engage a coach, then a few clubs should get together and make their own arrangements.

If, on the other hand, both the Associations and clubs are unwilling to embark on such a scheme, then it is certainly a matter which may be well taken up by the Natal Indian School's Sports Association.

STRANGE ENTRY

THERE have been many strange entries into big soccer, and the most romantic must surely be that of Jimmy Wolfe's, the South African forward who has played for Southampton and Guildford City.

Quite apart from his war experiences, his achievement in becoming a professional soccer player reads more like fiction than actual fact, for it was the realisation of a dream which originated while he was still a youngster in Johannesburg. His success story should serve to inspire the less fortunate sportsmen.

When Wolfe decided to try his luck in English soccer, his trouble was that he did not know anybody there. But this did not deter him and he saved enough money to pay for his passage from South Africa. He set out to the Balmoral Castle with no idea of what his luck was going to be at the end of the trip.

Fortunately for Jimmy there happened to be a steward on board who was an ardent soccer fan and a personal friend of Mr. Tom Parker, the Southampton manager.

The steward, seeing possibilities in Wolfe, cabled Tom Parker halfway over as follows: "Have Wolfe, South Leader," [illegible]

(Continued in column 6).

Exciting finish

CALCUTTA.—The Commonwealth touring cricket team were beaten by four wickets by the Prime Minister's XI in their three-day charity match which ended in Calcutta last week.

It was a thrilling finish. Only 12 minutes remained for play when the Prime Minister's XI, who had to score 369 in their second innings to win, scored the winning hit.

Mushtaq Ali (60) and [illegible] (58) laid the foundation of a winning total and Kenny (92) and Ramchand (72 not out) hit out vigorously to complete the task with a fifth wicket partnership of 159.

Iverson, the Australian Test bowler, was really punishing for the first time on the tour. His one wicket cost 119 runs.

The scores were:

Commonwealth, 361 and [illegible] for four declared; Prime Minister's XI, 150 and 372 for [illegible] by four wickets.

NATAL OPEN GOLF

DURBAN.—The following is the draw for the Natal Open Golf championship: [illegible]

(Continued from column 4)

African player, with me. Thank the goods."

SUCCESS STORY

WHEN the Balmoral reached Southampton, Wolfe was immediately signed. [illegible]

During World War II, he served for four years in India and Burma [illegible]

On his return to Durban [illegible]

A. K. Meeran to be chief of Natal football

MARITZBURG. — Mr. A. K. Meeran is President-elect, with Mr. L. S. Moodley as secretary and Mr. S. N. Reddy (treasurer), of the Natal Indian Football Association when its headquarters rotate to Maritzburg next weekend.

These men were replaced in the M.D.I.F.A. at its annual meeting on Saturday with Mr. S. G. Moodley (president) and Mr. S. Moorgas Reddy (secretary). Mr. S. N. Reddy retains the office of treasurer.

In his directive to the meeting the retiring chairman, Mr. A. K. Meeran, reminded delegates to take cognisance of the fact that the Maritzburg District Indian Football Association was now in its 55th year—a fine old institution than its neighbour, the County Indian Football Association—when the question of fusion and change of name to the "Midlands Indian Football Association", as recommended by the Commission on the reorganisation of soccer in Natal, came up for discussion in the Provincial body.

Mr. Meeran added that, briefly, the Commission had recommended the fusion of both the local associations so that fixtures could be placed under one banner on Saturdays and Sundays.

The question of demarcating areas will then arise. For this reason, he urged that the M.D.I.F.A. elects as its representatives to the Provincial body only those men who were fully conversant with local problems. Similarly, Mr. Meeran urged that when local subcommittees were being elected only those men who had a satisfactory record should be considered.

Dealing with the inter-race games, Mr. Meeran said that conditions as obtained at present were unsatisfactory. Mixed teams were what was wanted, not Indian versus African or Indian versus Coloured.

This system was bringing about friction among the races instead of goodwill, as was intended. In any case, the series, in particular the Provincial games, ate up far too many local dates. A complete overhaul was necessary, he concluded.

The financial statement disclosed a bank balance of £[illegible], quite a healthy one, in the opinion of the auditor, but [illegible] recommended an increase in club affiliation fees. Administrative costs were rising, he said, and Natal was also asking for more.

The following were elected to office for the current season: Patrons: The Mayor, Mr. [illegible]; Presidents: Mr. S. G. Moodley [illegible]; vice-presidents: Messrs. A. [illegible] Khan, R. G. Naidoo, [illegible], A. K. Meeran and [illegible]; secretary: Mr. S. Moorgas Reddy; treasurer: Mr. S. N. Reddy [illegible]; Mr. S. R. Moodley; Mr. G. D. Naidoo. Only one nomination was received for the post of honorary life vice-president, that of Mr. S. G. (Tweet) Naidoo, [illegible] Mr. C. P. Moodley.

Selection committee: [illegible] Messrs. S. Rathanom (convener), [illegible] Phillips and [illegible]; Juniors: Messrs. P. K. Pillay [illegible], S. R. Moodley and [illegible] Rampathy, [illegible] and R. Sahoor.

Board of Enquiry: Messrs. [illegible] Moodley (chairman), A. K. [illegible], G. Rajagopal, R. Panu [illegible] Moodley and the representative of the Referees' Association.

Executive: Messrs. [illegible] Moodley, M. Naidoo and C. [illegible], together with the president, secretary, record clerk and [illegible] as ex-officio members.

[Te]nsing saw some "big" footprints

[MADRA]S: Tensing Norkay, Everest hero, who [is o]n a three-day visit to Madras, told press[men th]at he had seen big footprints in the [Everest] region himself, but could not say [whether th]ey were of the "Abominable Snowman" [a]nimal.

[illegible]

said, was taking a special interest in the starting of the school.

Tensing added that he was likely to be appointed Chief Instructor. He said after this school was started and young men from different States had been trained in mountaineering, he would certainly be prepared to lead an Indian-sponsored expedition to any peak provided he was physically fit then. Tensing said he was not joining Hillary's proposed expedition after this year.

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[...er and District] Child Welfare Society

[ARTS COM]PETITION

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[S]ATURDAY [F]EBRUARY, 1954

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COMMON COLD CURE SOON?

NEW DELHI.—Sir Philip Manson-Bahr, leading British authority on tropical disease, forecast in New Delhi that medical science will soon find an effective inoculation against the common cold.

American scientists have successfully isolated the virus and similar research is progressing in Britain to defeat this immense source of human discomfort, he said.

Sir Philip Manson-Bahr, consulting physician to the British Admiralty, the Royal Air Force and the London School of Tropical Medicine, is on a lecture tour in India.

"Except perhaps for yellow fever, remedies have been found for all tropical diseases," he said.—Sapa-Reuter.

Cricket union at Verulam

VERULAM.—Mr. The Verulam and District Indian Cricket Union, formed recently, was officially inaugurated by Mr. H. N. Adams, chairman of the Verulam Town Board. A representative gathering of Europeans and Indians were present.

Mr. Simon David, President of the Union, outlined the events and outlined the formation of the Union. He stated that 17 clubs were affiliated to the Union in its first year of existence. Mr. David appealed to members of the cricket fraternity of Verulam for co-operation to ensure the smooth functioning of the Union.

Mr. H. N. Adams, Chairman of the Verulam Town Board, congratulated those responsible for the formation of the Union. He stated that his Board had confidence in the Union and promised to support it in its activities.

Mr. M. Perumal, Principal of the Tongaat Indian High School, exhorted all cricketers to respect the umpire's decision at all times.

Other speakers were: Mr. A. D. Pillay, President of the North Coast Indian Cricket Union, Mr. Moodley, Mr. G. V. Baldeo and Mr. S. Sham, Principal of the Umhloti Indian School.

After the ceremony, a representative team of the North Coast Union skippered by Ismail Kathrada, beat a representative team of the Verulam Union.

Mr. Adams bowled the first ball of the match.



MR. S. L. MOODLEY, elected president of the Maritzburg District Indian Football Association, following the naming of Mr. A. K. Meeran as President-elect of the Natal I.F.A.

GOOD WIN FOR MICHAELHOUSE

MICHAELHOUSE.—In a friendly fixture the Michaelhouse Indian Cricket Club defeated Pentrich Youth Cricket Club by an innings and 29 runs at Michaelhouse on Sunday last.

The local skipper won the toss and elected to bat. The side soon rattled up a quick 120 for nine wickets, of which D. Rabeecaran scored 55 and R. Ramphal 30.

The visitors were soon in trouble when R. Moses (5 for 17) and R. Ramphal (3 for 22) in a devastating spell of bowling skittled them for a paltry [illegible]. Then they were forced to follow on, and D. Rabeecaran (6 for 6) and R. Ramphal (3 for 2) had them back in the pavilion for a meagre 14 runs, giving the local team a deserved victory.

TENNIS CLUB OFFICIALS

DURBAN. — The Moonlighters Tennis Club elected the following officials at their annual meeting held recently.

H. L. Vice-Presidents: Messrs. H. Hegnaik, A. S. A. Gany, N. Gungan, M. K. Naidoo, S. [illegible]; Patrons: Messrs. Sonny Williams, Ramanathan Naidoo, M. Cassim, R. Hegnaik, A. K. Moodh, President: Mrs. R. Williams; Vice-Presidents: Messrs. D. Heeramanie, R. Sookdhan, T. Rughubar, M. Hoosain, S. Pokan, S. Seepaul, Shaik Abdul, J. S. Heeramanie, M. Moosdal, Charles M. Pillay; Hon. Secretary: Mr. K. Heeramane; Hon. Treasurer: Mr. S. Naidoo; Hon. Auditor: Mr. S. S. Maharaj.

Executive Members: Messrs. S. Williams, K. Heeramane, P. Hegnaik, H. Jugnath, P. Heeramane, D. Heeramanie, D. Heeramane, S. Naidoo and S. Harryparsad; Captain A Division: P. Heeramane; Vice-Captain A Division: D. Heeramanie; Captain B Division: S. Naicker; Vice-Captain B Division: H. Jugnath. Delegates to Natal Indian Lawn Tennis Association: Messrs. S. Naidoo, K. Heeramane and J. Rughubar; Court Captain: S. Naicker.

"RECALL ALL WHITES" IN KENYA

LONDON.—The first step towards securing harmony in Kenya should be the recall of all White settlers, Sir Richard Acland, Labour member of Parliament, said at a meeting in London.

"In saying this, I attribute no blame to the settlers. All of us were at fault in allowing and even encouraging them to go out there on the basis of suppositions which have turned out to be false."

PAK. PLANS EDUCATION

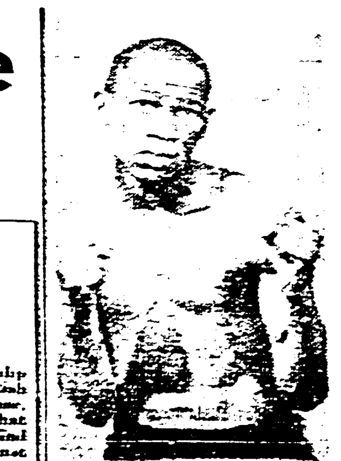
KARACHI. — The new six-year National Educational Development Plan drawn up by the Government of Pakistan will affect all levels of education from primary school to university. A sum of £115,000,000 will be spent in developing primary adult and physical education, while £15,000,000 will provide for the development of five universities.

The plan also proposes the establishment of a Central Institute of Islamic Research, a Council of Fine Arts, Library of Archives and an Institute of Psychology.

"END POLICE COLOUR BAR"

NAIROBI.—Serious deficiencies in the organisation and equipment of the Kenya Police were reported by a commission of inquiry. It recommended sweeping reforms and a complete end to the colour bar in the force.

It urged immediate pay increases for police and an end to all racial barriers with equal pay, promotion and pensions, irrespective of colour, race or religion.



FONDI MAVUSO, who fights Leslie McKenzie for the welterweight championship at the Durban City Hall tonight (Friday). Mavuso recently beat Black Hawk, and a great bout is likely tonight.

CALL FOR AID TO INDIA

NEW DELHI.—An International Monetary Fund mission has called for increased foreign aid to India in a report to the Indian Government published in New Delhi.

The mission, which studied the Indian economic and financial situation last year, said that additional foreign aid was necessary to ensure the success of India's five-year economic development plan.

Britain, the United States and Commonwealth countries have been helping India to achieve the goals she set in her five-year plan.

Birthday Wishes: Prime Minister Nehru sent a message of greetings in Hindi to M. Georgi Malenkov, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the U.S.S.R., on his birthday, which was celebrated on January 7. Translated into English, it read: "I send my greetings and good wishes on the auspicious occasion of your birthday."

India wins the test "rubber"

INDIA won the cricket Test "rubber" against the Commonwealth when the fifth and last match in the series ended in a draw at Lucknow.

India won two Tests to the Commonwealth's one, and two were drawn.

India, 416 in their first innings, declared at tea with the score at 163 for two in reply to the Commonwealth's first innings of 345.

At the close the Commonwealth had scored 64 for three wickets.

India, first innings, 416.

Commonwealth, first innings:

C. J. Barnett, c and b Bhandari	33
Marshall, b Gupte	11
Mortensen, c Joshi, b Bhandari	131
Watkins, ct sub b Mushtaq Ali	28
Kelrick, lbw b Punjabi	26
Lenton, lbw, b Bhandari	39
B. A. Barnett, c Bhandari, b Phadkar	10
Iverson, not out	0
Leader, c Mushtaq Ali, b Phadkar	17
Berry, b Ramchand	0
Extras	20
Total	345

Fall of wickets: 1 for 21, 2 for 41, 3 for 123, 4 for 121, 5 for 261, 6 for 303, 7 for 316, 8 for 319, 9 for 342.

Bowling: Ramchand, 30.5, 7, 78, 1; Umrigar, 21, 10, 46, 0; Gupte, 8, 3, 18, 1; Bhandari, 41, 14, 90, 3; Mushtaq Ali 19, 10, 26, 1; Roy, 2, 0 13, 0; Punjabi, 8, 1, 29, 1; Kenny, 2, 0, 7, 0; Phadkar, 8, 2, 8, 2.

India, second innings:

P. Roy, b Berry	53
P. Punjabi, lbw, b Iverson	24
S. Mushtaq Ali, not out	70
R. Kenny, not out	11
Extras	5
Total (for two wickets dec.)	163

Fall of wickets: 1 for 44, 2 for 142.

Bowling: Leader, 5, 2, 10, 0; Lenton, 4, 1, 6, 0; Watkins, 11, 3, 25, 0; Iverson, 13, 3, 29, 1; C. Barnett, 6, 1, 11, 0; Berry, 11, 0, 45, 1; Kelrick, 8, 0, 37, 0.

NEW BOOK ON GANDHI

NEW DELHI. — Louis Fischer, noted American journalist and author, arrived in Bombay on January 7 by air from Karachi. He will be in India for a few weeks to collect material for his new book, "World Social and International Problems."

Mr. Fischer said that his latest publication, "Gandhiji: His Life and Message," would be on the American market at the end of January. The book was intended to convey to the average American citizen the teachings and the life of Mahatma Gandhi.

U-ORE FIND

CUTTACK.—About 2,000,000 tons of [illegible] of the most valuable of the atomic energy minerals—have been located in the Orissa coastal area of East India, the Bureau of Mines announced in Cuttack.

The Geological Survey of India said that the deposits were rich in quality and quantity and prospecting is being carried out under the direct supervision of the Atomic Research Institute of Bombay.

In the same area are large deposits of ferrous manganese and iron ore.—Sapa-Reuter.

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Mainly About People



...who returned to the Durban last week after an extensive tour of India, Pakistan, Kashmir, Ceylon and East Africa. Mr. Joseph met his brother and sister in Andhra Desh for the first time after 18 years.



DR. S. H. THAKER who arrived by the S.S. Kampala from India on January 30. Dr. Thaker, after matriculating at Sastri College in 1946, left for India in 1949. He completed the requirements for the M.B.B.S. at the University of Madras. He is 30 years old and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Thaker, of 727 Grey Street, Durban, and grandson of Pandit Ambaram Maharaj.



Mr. P. R. Singh, of Durban, photographed at the home of Shrimati Subbulakshmi, the famed Indian singer. (Left to right): Shri Parasarathy, P. R. Singh, Shri T. Sadasivam (husband of Subbulakshmi), Shrimati Subbulakshmi, Radha Vija ya and a friend.



SAVATHREE daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Pillay, of Port Shepstone, and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Govender (Dolly), of Mount Edgecombe, who will celebrate her first birthday on February 16.

Wedding Invitation

Mr. and Mrs. H. Singh, of Davidson Road, Howick, extends a cordial invitation to all friends and relations on the occasion of the marriage of their eldest daughter Kamane Shanthie Devi (Dolly), to Kamane Ramlucah, sixth son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Nohal, 200 Main Street, Howick, on Sunday, February 14, 1954, commencing at 10 a.m. at the Bride's Residence. The wedding will be performed by Pandit Sewnathan according to Vedic Rites. Bridegroom party will leave at 9.30 a.m. by bus and cars. With compliments from Ramperzadh Bros., Merrivale.



RANJITHSINGH (DANNY) Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ramlochan Singh (Ranjith) and grandson of Mrs. Pahalwansingh, of ... Clare Estate, and Mr. Ramdeo ... of the Quarry Road, Clare Estate, ... who will celebrate his first birthday on Sunday, February 21, 1954.

Bursaries Awarded

MARITZBURG. — The Maritzburg Indian Technical Students' Society has awarded the following bursaries to needy children in Maritzburg: Natal Senior Certificate: ... Moodley (Maritzburg Indian Girls' High); ... Junior Certificate: ... Pillay (Woodlands), ... Naidoo and ... (Maritzburg Indian Girls' High).

In addition, 13 children in the various Government-aided Indian schools were provided with books. Of this number, seven were recommended by the Maritzburg Indian Child Welfare Society.

The bursaries were made possible through the nett proceeds (£150 14s. 10d.) of the variety concert held in the Maritzburg City Hall in December last.

CITY PARENTS ORGANISE

MARITZBURG. — The first step towards the formation of an Indian parent-teacher organisation in Maritzburg was taken on Sunday afternoon at a well-attended meeting in the Regent Cinema. A committee of eleven was appointed to set up the necessary machinery within the next fortnight.

The committee's personnel is: Messrs. P. Satyapal (chairman), G. G. Moodley, S. R. Pillay, R. N. Padayachee, K. P. Naidoo, Bily Moodley, Dr. M. M. Motala, Mrs. D. Bundhoo, Miss S. N. Savitri Naidoo and Mr. C. Rajagopaul (acting secretary).

AFTERNOON SCHOOL

DURBAN. — A regular afternoon school will be opened by the Orient Muslim Brotherhood in the central area of Durban for those children who cannot gain admission elsewhere. Children over 10 years will also be admitted and accommodation will be limited to about 200 only.

Parents who desire their children to be admitted should enrol at THE MUSLIM INSTITUTE, 138 Queen Street, Durban, between the hours of 10 and 12 a.m. and 2 to 7 p.m. before Saturday, February 13, 1954.

APPEAL FOR CLOTHING

MARITZBURG.—An urgent appeal for second-hand clothing for needy families was made this week by the Maritzburg Indian Child Welfare Society.

AIYER–PAUL WEDDING

MARITZBURG. — The wedding took place at the Obelisk Church, Longmarket Street, Maritzburg, on Saturday afternoon of David Aiyer, son of Mr. and the late Mrs. C. A. Aiyer, of Raisethorpe, to Angeline (Queenie), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Paul, also of Raisethorpe. The reception was held at the home of the bridegroom.

B.A. Degree

MARITZBURG. — Mr. Moses K. Moonsamy has been notified of his success in the Bachelor of Arts degree of the University of South Africa. He is on the staff of ... School and is the eldest son of Mr. A. K. Moonsamy, principal of the ... Government-aided School, Maritzburg, and Mrs. Moonsamy.

Mr. Moses K. Moonsamy, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Moonsamy, of 432 Berg Street, Maritzburg, has successfully completed the requirements of the Bachelor of Arts examination of the University of South Africa. Mr. Moonsamy is on the teaching staff of Woodlands Indian High School.

Engagement

MAHARAJ SINGH ENGAGEMENT

B.A. Graduate

Mr. S. S. Singh, B.A., son of Mr. S. P. Singh, Principal S.K.S. Indian School, ... has been informed by the University of South Africa that he has completed the requirements of the B.A. (Hons.) in History. Mr. S. S. Singh ... is the first Indian to have completed B.A. (Hons.) in History.

Hope to learn by India's example

DURBAN.—"We hope to learn lessons from this great land, derive inspiration and guidance from the men and women who have been the architects and designers of the India that is," said Mr. J. N. Singh, General Secretary of the N.I.C., at the Arya Samaj Hall on January 26—India's Republic Day celebrations in Durban.

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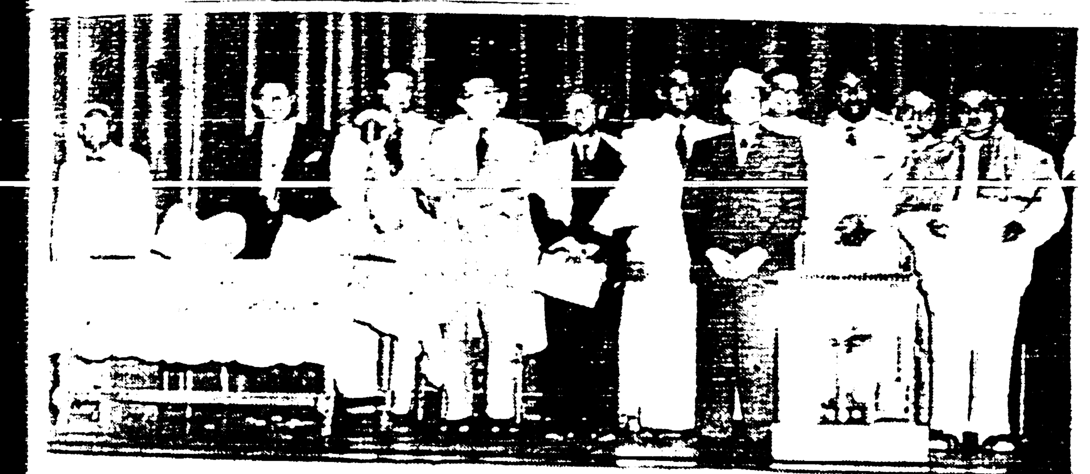
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THIS picture was taken at the annual debate conducted by the Hindi Shiksha Sangh at the Avalon Theatre on Sunday. Those wearing shawls over their shoulders are the four successful students who passed the Kovid (Matriculation) Examination set by the Rashtriya Basha Prachar Samiti, Warda, India.

Left to right: Messrs. B. Parmasir, S. Chetal, Ashwin Chaudree, H. V. Mehta, R. Mathai, A. D. Lazarus, Pt. Hardev Vedalankar, J. Maganlall, Bal Ganesh, S. L. Singh, Gavan Mani.

Hospital ward's future

MARITZBURG: A deputation of four prominent Natal Indians saw the Administrator, Mr. D. G. Shepstone, and the Provincial Secretary, Mr. J. Gooding, last week in connection with the future of Lakhi Ward at Grey's Hospital.

"Please, no racial trade segregation"

PRETORIA: The application of a policy of racial segregation and racial grouping in particular areas would mean economic strangulation and social ostracism of small non-European groups in South Africa, said the Indian Hawkers' Association when it gave evidence before the Local Government Commission of Inquiry in Pretoria.

"The cities and towns in the Transvaal Province are rapidly growing, and with the people desiring to live in comfortable homes in distant townships away from the excitement and hubbub of central areas, the usefulness of Indian hawkers not only remains, but grows.

"They have become an indispensable link in the supply of the daily needs of the European people, and their services could not be dispensed with without detriment to the health of the people."

"The Leader"

The subscription rates for "The Leader" have been slightly raised. They are:

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Subscriptions can be placed with the Central News Agency, 383 Smith Street, Durban. Postal orders should accompany subscriptions.

"Wolf boy" recovery?

NEW DELHI.—An Indian boy, aged about nine, believed to have lived for years among animals, is reacting satisfactorily to treatment, doctors at the Balrampore Hospital in Lucknow said today.

THE SWAMI CONTROVERSY

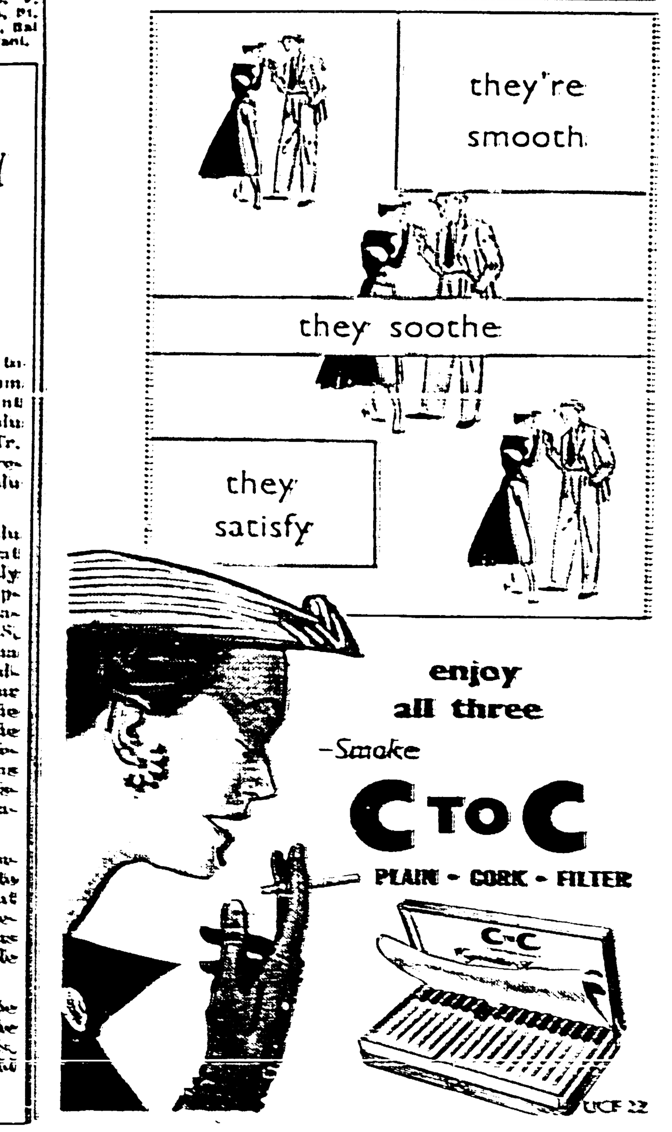
Erroneous Designation

DURBAN: A letter to "The Leader" from Dr. N. P. Desai, president of the Kathiawad Hindu Seva Samaj, and Mr. Govanbhai Manibhai, president of the Surat Hindu Association, states:

"The Kathiawad Hindu Seva Samaj and Surat Hindu Association jointly accorded a welcome reception to Swami Nischalananda on November 18, 1953, at the Mahatma Gandhi Hall. In the advertisement sent to your paper by us and also the invitation cards sent to the public, Swamiji was described inadvertently as "of Sri Ramakrishna Mission", instead of "Ramakrishna Centre".

"We take the opportunity through your paper to notify the public that Swamiji is not at all responsible for this erroneous designation. We take sole responsibility for it.

"As there seems to be misapprehension in the minds of some individuals, we feel that it is better to clear the air."



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WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24 & 25
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Mon., Tues., Wed.: Serial, Ch. 7, Pirates of the High Seas
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MAYVILLE THEATRE

MONDAY & TUESDAY, FEB. 22 & 23 (Double Programme)
"HOTEL SAHARA"
With Yvonne de Carlo
Plus "CISCO KID RETURNS" with Duncan Renaldo
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 24: NO SHOWS ON THIS DAY
FRIDAY & SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25 & 26, 1954
DOUBLE PROGRAMME
"FURY OF THE CONGO"
With Johnny Weissmuller
Plus Super Western — "BLAZING WESTERN TRAIL"

OBITUARY

The death occurred of Patchappa Naicker, of Wentworth, at the age of 92 on February 6, 1954. He leaves behind surviving widow and sons and friends and relatives to mourn their loss. Numerous messages of sympathy and floral tributes were received, among which the following were a few: Messrs. John Naicker, [illegible]



PATCHAPPA NAICKER

P. M. Naicker, R. Naidoo and family, P. M. Govender and family, C. Govender (S.A.R. Police, C.I.D.), T. M. Naicker and sons, V. K. Moodley, [illegible]

Mr. T. Moonsamy, of Allbertsville Temple, Port Shepstone, passed away on February 10, 1954, at the age of 76. He leaves his beloved wife, seven



Mr. T. MOONSAMY

sons, seven daughters, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and a host of relatives to mourn their loss.

[illegible] place at the above address on February 28. Relatives and friends are cordially invited to attend.

[illegible]



MR. G. N. E. MUGLA (MOTA)

the respect and esteem of all who were in contact with him.

At the time of his death he was Vice-President of both the Young Ortmann Football and Cricket Clubs for whose increment he worked unselfishly, giving his staunch and unstinting support. His passing is deeply mourned by the officials and members of the above Clubs.

—Inserted by the Officials and members of the Young Ortmann Football and Cricket Clubs.

The Indian community of Searview and District suffered a grievous blow by the sudden death of Mr. Gabriel Andrews Moodley, a prominent and highly respected member of the Hindu community, and beloved husband of Vellemma Moodley, brother of Andrews of Maritzburg and Robert Andrews of Capetown, and father-in-law of Ragavenry Moodley (Jimmy) of West End Bar, Durban, at his residence, 34 Hillside Road, Searview, Durban, on Tuesday, February 16, 1954, at the age of 55 years.

His remains were interred at the Stellawood cemetery, Durban, in the presence of a large representative gathering of friends and relatives.

During his life time he actively associated himself with a number of public institutions.

The very large and representative gathering at the funeral and the numerous floral tributes and messages of sympathy [illegible]

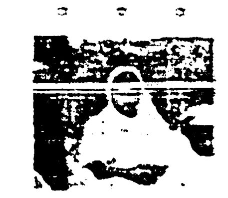


Mr. C. A. MOODLEY

the popularity of Mr. Gabriel Moodley, also known as "Venis".

He leaves his wife, mother, sisters, sons, daughters and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

The following and floral tributes and messages of sympathy from the family: Mrs. Gabriel Andrews and Sons, Andrews and Family, [illegible]



RUSWANTHEE

Beloved wife of Mr. Cherry Bagbomsalan, of 29 Buckingham Road, Camlella Estate, passed away peacefully on February 6, 1954. She leaves 11 children and four grandchildren to mourn their loss.

LAMBS AS PETS

LAHORE (Pakistan). — Lahore's young ladies have suddenly shown a desire to emulate Mary and substitute lambs for pet dogs.

Latest fashion is to parade the lambs, aged between two weeks and two months, on a smart lead with a colourful silk collar.

The girls say that the lambs are more fun than dogs, are just as obedient, frisk and frolic round their mistresses and really don't need lals because everywhere the mistress goes "the lamb is sure to go."

BOAR-KILLING CO-OPERATION

NEW DELHI.—Pakistan police will collaborate with Indian police in shooting down wild boars menacing crops along the border between the two countries, it was reported at New Delhi from Amritsar.

This decision was taken at a conference of police officers of both countries [illegible]

Wild boars, after being periodically hunted on the Indian side of the border, have taken refuge in Pakistan territory where Moslems, because of their religion, do not kill them.

"Operation Boar" is expected to start on February 22.

Mine Strike

Calcutta.—Indian miners will strike on March 1 in support of demands for better pay and amenities, the Indian National Mining Workers' Federation announced in Calcutta.

Strike notices have already been posted in most of the 1,000 collieries covered by the federation.

200 STUDENTS AT CONGRESS

DURBAN. — The Congress High School, which is catering for the secondary students who were unable to gain admission at Sastri College, has commenced its Standard VII and VIII classes.

This year it is expected that there will be four Standard VII classes catering for about 150 students, and two Standard VIII classes consisting of about 50 students.

Last year, at one stage, there were more than 200 students at Congress High and 38 students wrote the Junior Certificate examination, of whom 17 passed—representing a 44 per cent. pass.

Mr. M. B. Naidoo, vice-principal of Sastri College, is the honorary Principal of Congress High and is ably assisted by Mr. S. K. Pillay, also of the Sastri staff, and a band of some 20 teachers from Sastri and other schools in Durban.

LEAVING IT TO QUEEN

COLOMBO.—The Sinhalese [illegible] Ceylon, Sir Oliver Goonetilleke [illegible] it would be left to the Queen [illegible] whether she would [illegible] Sigiriya Rock during her visit to Ceylon in April.

He and the Governor-General [illegible] Sembury, climbed the rock [illegible] would be too strenuous for the Queen.

The Rock rises 600 feet [illegible] jungle country 60 miles north of Kandy. It was converted in the 5th century into a fortress with [illegible] temples, art galleries, swimming pools and pleasure gardens.

SHOP RELIES ON HONESTY

GWALIOR.—A village near Gwalior has a shop without attendants. Customers just take what they want and drop the money in a box according to the price list in the shop. The goods are replaced by the manager.

The shop, which relies on the customers' honesty, is being run by Khari village in [illegible] about 200 miles south of [illegible]

Darts Season

MARITZBURG.—Darts [illegible] in preparation for the [illegible] league games which commence next month. More clubs are expected to join the Maritzburg [illegible] Union, according to the [illegible] Mr. S. S. (Baby) Naidoo [illegible] and other information may be obtained by contacting him at [illegible] Church Street, Maritzburg.

B.A. Degrees

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The Committee extends its sincere thanks to Doctors K. M. Mistry and M. G. Naidoo for rendering free medical service. —Advt.

New course in speech training

DURBAN. — Dr. Mabel Palmer, Organiser, non-European Section of the University of Natal, in an interview told "The Leader" that since the completion of the programme entitled "Courses for non-European Students, University of Natal, 1954," it has been found possible to arrange for a first-year course in Speech and Drama to be offered by the Department of Speech and Drama under Miss Sheridan. This course will probably be given at the City Hall at times to be arranged.

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ANTI-AMERICAN FEELING

MADRAS.—The Indian Chief Minister, Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, said that he hoped there was still a chance that the United States would rectify its position over the plan for military aid to Pakistan.

Mr. Rajagopalachari said in an interview that Indo-American relations could improve if, as soon as possible, the United States held discussions with India in which the facts of the situation were clearly and unambiguously put before the Indian Government.

He said that had the United States consulted India before military aid proposals were made to Pakistan, the present anti-American feeling in India would not have arisen.

More Fascists: Mr. Sam Rayburn, House of Representatives Democratic leader, said in Washington that he thought there were more Fascists than Communists in the United States.

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SANGH BECOMES NATIONAL BODY

DURBAN: The Hindi Shiksha Sangh adopted a resolution expanding its field to include the whole of South Africa, as well as Portuguese East Africa, at its fifth annual meeting held on Sunday last. Amendments to this effect submitted by the rules revision committee were unanimously adopted.

Although 36 institutions were affiliated last year only 18 members sent in their enrolment forms at the meeting. It is expected that the others will become fully-fledged members within the next two or three weeks.

The main feature of the meeting was the comprehensive annotated report both in Hindi and English. Messrs. D. G. Satyadeva, F. Satyapal and Pundit Nardev Vedalankar complimented the secretaries on [illegible]

The report stated that the Sangh was now conducting public examinations for Standard III and Standard IV students, and received a monthly grant of £9 15s. 2d. from the Hindi Prachar Samiti, Wardha, which recognised the Sangh as its representative in South Africa.

A rules revision sub-committee presented amendments to the constitution. The Sangh adopted a resolution expanding its field to include the whole of South Africa as well as Portuguese East Africa. Another important reform is that one delegate from each affiliated society will now have a voice at all working committee meetings. The privilege was denied them previously.

OFFICIALS

The following were the office bearers: Honorary Members: Pt. Nardev Vedalankar; Pt. Jagmohan [illegible] Burradankar Ayurvedalankar; Pt. Vasindasaylos; Dr. Desai; Messrs. S. Chetsi; Bal Ganesh; S. Parmeshwar; S. L. Singh, D. G. Satyadeo and Pt. Sumat Bai, Presidents; Pundit Nardev Vedalankar; Secretaries, Messrs. Bal Ganesh and S. Chotai.

Vice Presidents: Pt. R. R. Maharaj, Pt. Harradankar Ayurvedalankar, Dr. S. P. Desai, Messrs. K. R. Singh, S. L. Singh, M. Ramawater and F. Satyapal, treasurer, Mr. S. Parmeshwar; auditor, Mr. R. Gopaul Singh.

Working Committee: Pt. Vasdacharyaloo, Messrs. K. Devnarayan, K. Mathas, K. M. Singh, Gowan Bhai, Mani Bhai, and one member from each affiliated unit.

ANNUAL DEBATE

In the afternoon the Sangh held its annual debate in Hindi. Seven institutions took part electing one speaker to speak for and another against. The subject was: "The Gandhian philosophy of life is beneficial to Hindustan and the World." Mr. Ashwin Choudree presided over the whole function and Messrs. R. A. Maharaj, B.A., S. L. Singh and Pundit Ayurvedalankar, M.A., were adjudicators.

Mr. Ashwin Choudree said that he was happy to be associated at least on this day with the paramount Hindi educational body. It was [illegible]

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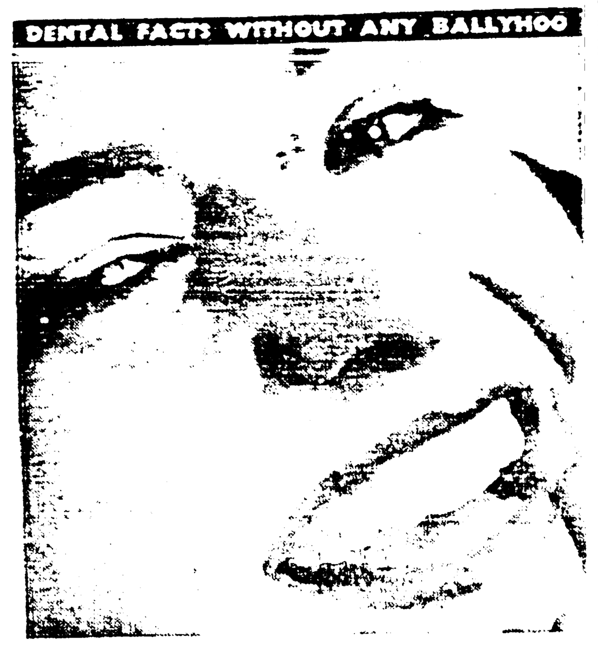
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Talk of the Bazaar

More Decorum Needed

THE Congress conference held in Durban certainly showed a great deal of enthusiasm and an increasing political awareness by the Indian people. But if some of the threats heard were carried out, the Faquir shudders to visualise what would have happened!

Such strong words were used that I was wondering how some of the delegates, whose behaviour left much to be desired, were allowed to remain. I must, however, compliment Mr. G. Harbans, who was able to steer the meeting to a successful conclusion in view of the difficult task with which he was confronted.

More often than not a decorous atmosphere did not prevail; there were several "cat-and-dog" fights, so much so that we could not have printed a verbatim report, including all the catcalls and interjections. I am sure a number of these politicians would have descended upon this office like a ton of bricks repudiating the statements.

ROWDY ELEMENT

CONSTRUCTIVE suggestions and good, healthy argument in decorous language is what we need, and not the irresponsible utterings of a rowdy element which is creeping into Congress. They should resign or be moved in the public interest.

And this reminds me of the story of the politician who roared at the editor: "What do you mean [illegible] that [illegible] of yours?"

"Now wait a minute," cautioned the editor. "Didn't we print that [illegible] exactly as you gave it to us, to the effect that you'd resigned from your position?"

"You printed it correctly [illegible]," conceded the politician, then bellowed, "but look where you put it — in the column headed 'Public Improvements!'"

INDIAN M.Sc. STUDENT

IT is indeed rare for a non-European student to get the opportunity of [illegible] at an exclusively European University.

[illegible], of Maritzburg, who passed his B.Sc. with distinction in Chemistry at Fort Hare in 1949, is perhaps the first full-time non-European post-graduate student at Rhodes University. He is at present taking the Master of Science degree.

The way in which Mr. [illegible] got into Rhodes University is interesting. He applied to Fort Hare University to take up M.Sc. in Chemistry. Now Fort Hare University is affiliated to Rhodes University in terms of Rhodes University Act (Private) of 1949, and since there are no facilities at Fort Hare for post-graduate studies in Chemistry, Mr. [illegible] was recommended by the latter University to Rhodes, and was accepted.

SUSPENSE

PROBABLY when you were in love it was not so difficult. But I know of at least one Romeo whose desperate love made him pursue the girl of his choice "to the ends of the earth."

Now there's a snag — the parents of the girl do not appear to be cooperating, although the girl herself has made her intentions clear on this all important question.

Romeo, who has had sleepless nights, cannot concentrate on anything; he cannot eat and he [illegible] the basics of things one does not know what he is going to do in his desperation. Words of comfort and consolation seem to have little effect.

People whom Romeo asked to intervene on his behalf are making more fun out of it than anything else, little do they appreciate how much she means to him. If they were a little more serious, and realised how genuinely in love he was, they would not take such an attitude.

In the interests of peace, I am only hoping that the parents will see sense and let their daughter have the happiness she desires instead of torturing her. Perhaps it may turn out to be like the businessman who, on interviewing an [illegible], said: "I regret I cannot see my way clear to allow you to marry my daughter at present, but give me your name and address and if nothing better turns up in the near future, you may hear from me again."

SPINSTER'S LAMENT

THE following letter addressed to the General Manager, The Central Railway, recently appeared in a weekly in India.

"Dear Sir, It is indeed a pity that since Independence there has been a general deterioration in the Railway system. With the [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

"I was travelling by the [illegible] Mail in the company of friends. We were returning to Bombay from Lonavla. We had been there for a full week. As you are aware, on such occasions and in such surroundings, romance flourishes.

"Out of the seven young men of our party there were three boys whom I liked. I thought, too, that they were paying court to me. A girl is, naturally, flattered when three young men pay homage to her beauty. However, she has got to think seriously and make a choice. When one is at such a place as Lonavla, a little bit of flirting is excusable.

BUT marriages are not built on the [illegible] rock of flirtation alone. A girl must be certain that a young man really loves her and has honourable intentions and wishes to marry her.

"The opportunity came to me—and was lost.

"I am on the horns of dilemma. I do not know which one of the three young men loves me.

"We were passing through Tunnel No. 25 when, suddenly, a warm, full-blooded, he-man kiss was planted on my lips. I gave a startled cry. It was a cry of joy. But then a doubt assailed me. Which one of them had kissed me?

"If ever I remain a spinster as a result of this doubt, I shall blame you and your railway.

"I do not know which one of the three young men kissed me because someone had not replaced the electric light bulbs which had been removed! Yours truly, (Miss) Premyyari Pyaralal."

CHINESE MOONSHINE

THIS month, when the Chinese New Year arrives, all good Chinamen will watch the moon pretty closely.

On the twenty-third night of the twelfth moon, the picture of the family's protecting god is taken down from above the cooking stove and burnt; for the god is off to heaven to make his annual report on the family's conduct.

Meanwhile, bereft of its guardian, the Chinese [illegible] red paper everywhere [illegible] against evil spirits and [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] devil which does [illegible] see his own reflection [illegible] himself still.

Officially Chinese New Year is celebrated from the [illegible] twelfth moon to the [illegible] first. The period of [illegible] by the last night of the [illegible] when the family god [illegible] his picture [illegible] again pasted up [illegible].

Disregarding [illegible] of severity in the [illegible] Chinese [illegible] good report, and [illegible] gets his [illegible] New Year [illegible].

"A BASIC DEFECT"

NEW DELHI. — Dr. [illegible] Keskar, Minister of Information and Broadcasting in New Delhi [illegible] defect of India's [illegible] system was the [illegible] struction — the English [illegible] age.

"It has crippled the [illegible] of India languages and [illegible] force of Indian thought [illegible] ture," he added. "[illegible] English will always be [illegible] by the English people [illegible] writers will always [illegible] up to the British [illegible].

"This cultural [illegible] most damaging [illegible] of our personality [illegible] ment of our [illegible]."

Colour bar protest succeeds

LONDON.— Protests against the operation of a colour bar which excluded, among others, members of the staff of the Indian High Commission in London, were lodged when application was made for the renewal of a licence for a public house in the West of London.

After hearing these complaints and receiving an undertaking from the licencee there would be no further racial discrimination, the licence was renewed.

The application came before the annual licensing meeting at Paddington, and concerned a public house in Harrow Road, West London.

The objectors said that for the past nine months up to February 1, service had been refused to Africans and to persons from the West Indies, Ceylon and India, "most of whom were citizens of the British Commonwealth." These included employees of the Indian Commission.

The bench renewed the application after receiving an assurance that the ban would be withdrawn.

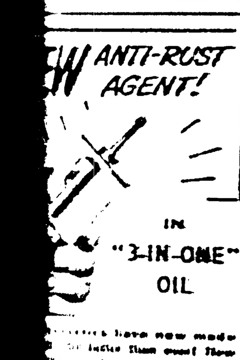
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INDIA AND AFRICA

By G. W. M. GELL

THE recall of Mr. Apa Pant, Indian High Commissioner in East Africa, released a torrent of anti-Indian and anti-Nehru abuse. Exactly what Mr. Pant has been doing is not clear.

But if it is true, as alleged, that he was disseminating "hundreds of thousands of leaflets giving Africans uninhibited encouragement to liberate themselves from British oppression," he was obviously abusing his diplomatic privileges. However just or sincere his cause, no diplomat is entitled to participate actively in the politics controversies of the country to which he is accredited.

But it is another matter to make this instance of diplomatic irregularity the object of a homily on "the Commonwealth-wide Indian conspiracy"; to talk of India's "take-over ambitions in the Colonial Empire," of "racialist propaganda inspired by Mr. Nehru and his preachers of anti-White hate" and of India's [illegible] versives who should be the subject of unrelenting suspicion."

Readers might be excused for imagining that these were extracts from the Nationalist press, which lately referred to "the new Blood River against the hordes from the uncivilised East." But actually we are quoting Lord Beaverbrook's "Daily Express."

Nor was the "Financial Times" far behind in calling Mr. Nehru "an enemy within the gates of the Commonwealth more dangerous than any enemy without"; and its blustering editorial, which was echoed by a Johannesburg daily, demanded: "How can India's continued membership of the Commonwealth be reconciled with perpetual attacks on British colonial rule?"

Here, there is a fundamental confusion between Commonwealth and Empire. When Mr. Nehru kept India within the Commonwealth, he subscribed to the conception of a voluntary association of self-governing peoples, bound together by common interests and a common political tradition of liberal democracy.

India—so far as she has proceeded since independence—is the one great experiment in British liberal methods outside the countries peopled by British-descended citizens.

In this respect there is every justification for the London "Observer" remarking that South Africa under Dr. Malan, not India under Mr. Nehru, is the odd man out, "the misfit in the Commonwealth." This may become even clearer when the question of Commonwealth status for the Gold Coast, Nigeria or the West Indies arises.

For nothing in his acceptance of the Commonwealth principle obliged Mr. Nehru to modify his dislike of imperialism or colonialism. To Indians with their ancient civilisation and culture British rule, for all its achievements in the spheres of material progress and social order, was morally and spiritually stunting.

This attitude colours their whole approach to colonial problems elsewhere, even though the absence of an indigenous civilisation sometimes poses difficulties not encountered in India and consistency might require an equal awareness of the evils of Chinese imperialism in, say, Tibet.

Yet since Britain, too, has abandoned her brief attachment to the master-servant relationship between the races and is willing to lay down the White man's [illegible] burden whenever colonial peoples are ready to rule themselves, the differences between her and India as between Britain and African—are not those of principle, as in South Africa today, but of time and pace method.

The colonies of East and Southern Africa, however, have considerable settled European and Indian minorities living among large African majorities. To a greater or less extent each of these territories is now torn between the conflicting claims of the ruling minority and the subject majority—a conflict in which the bossskap and the Mau Mau are two horns of the dilemma.

In these circumstances what is the permanent Indian resident to do? Europeans say that, if he expects any political rights, he must show his loyalty to the country of his adoption, by which we usually mean to the ruling minority.

Most Indians will reply that nothing in recent history encourages them to hope that this course will lead to equality of status and treatment, irrespective of race.

On the other hand, the inspiration of their motherland's struggle for independence and their calculation of their own best self-interest incline them to stand with Africans in their demand for equal human status for all human beings. They are confirmed in this choice by Mr. Nehru's steadfast refusal to countenance any form of Indian sectionalism or separatism in Africa and his uncompromising championship of the fundamental rights of all humanity.

Whether we agree with this decision or not, we should be honest enough to recognise that it is gross distortion to represent it as devotion to Indian national interests or to denounce India as "the neo-imperialist" and/or "the tool of Communism."

Indians settled in Africa (totalling some 560,000) having made their choice, still hope that European intransigence will not be carried so far as finally to prevent Europeans also placing humanity as a whole above the interests of any one section of the population and thus joining Africans and Indians in a truly multi-racial society.

Perhaps, also, India's technique of non-violence will provide the ultimate reconciliation between strongly competing racial ambitions and a civilised social ethic.

"Nearer Fascism than ever before"

DURBAN.—"It is most encouraging that despite the privileges enjoyed by the White minority there are men and women among them who have given the democratic cause their unstinted support. During the year under review the S.A. Congress of Democrats came into being, as an organised body essentially representing Europeans who believe in the extension of full democratic rights to all sections of the South African people. And their support for the policy and programmes of the African and Indian Congresses is welcomed," said Mr. J. N. Singh, General Secretary of the Natal Indian Congress at its seventh annual conference.

Mr. Singh said: "Since our last Conference the country once again experienced another general election in which, in keeping with the caste structure of the country, only the privileged White minority participated.

"The results only confirmed what the democrats had expected—the return of the Nationalists with even a bigger majority. Our country today stands nearer the abyss of fascism than ever before in its history of white domination. There has been a systematic attack on the democratic rights of all sections of the people and civil liberties face extinction.

"We have repeatedly declared from our platform that fascism is making headway in this country because the people who have the greatest interest in the promotion of the democratic ideals are denied the franchise.

"The privileged White caste regards the extension of the democratic rights to the non-White people as a threat to their three hundred-year-old domination and in their efforts to retain their privileges they are either directly or indirectly destroying all [illegible] of democracy.

UNSTINTED SUPPORT

"It is most encouraging, however, that despite the privileges enjoyed by the White minority there are men and women among them who have given the democratic cause their unstinted support. During the year under review the South African Congress of Democrats came into being, as an organised body essentially representing Europeans who believe in the extension of full democratic rights to all sections of the South African people. And their support for the policy and programmes of the African and Indian Congresses is welcomed.

"The most positive contribution that we can make towards the peace of the world is to aim towards the removal of basic causes of war amongst which are imperial oppression, colonial exploitation and racial discrimination. Thus we unhesitatingly give support to all legitimate struggles of the oppressed peoples everywhere to free themselves from imperialist bondage," he said.

Mr. Singh said that as far as racial discrimination was concerned, humanity had learnt from bitter experience that it bore the seeds of international conflict. The International Declaration of Human Rights today stood as a freedom charter of millions of people who were subject to humiliation and degradation on grounds of that mythical inferiority. The noble ideals embodied in this Declaration, unfortunately, still remained something to be attained by millions of people particularly on the continents of Africa and Asia.

TREMENDOUS ADVANCEMENT

Since the end of the last world [illegible] tremendous advancement in their march towards the achievement of freedom and human rights. On that continent had emerged independent governments who were playing a vital role in international affairs for the cause of world peace and human freedom.

But what was even more important, was the awakening of Africa. From North to South and East to West on this continent the people are growing liberation movements of the people, demanding national independence to mould the future destiny of their countries. These movements were destined to play a dynamic role in African and world affairs.

The Queenstown Conference of the African National Congress has laid the basis for the expression of the People's will. The call for a Convention of the People was vital and necessary to give the largest number of people the opportunity to plan for Freedom. In the very near future the South African Indian Congress would be meeting to give this matter its serious consideration and Mr. Singh felt sure that the people of Natal would rally in support for the suggested Convention.

A PROUD RECORD

"At this Conference we must meet to review our work and to take decisions affecting the lives of our people in this Province in particular. Delegates assembled here have a duty to South Africa. As far as the Indian people are concerned we have a proud record.

"In 1960 we will be celebrating the centenary of the arrival of our forefathers in this country, and on the [illegible] we have every reason to be proud of the pioneering spirit displayed by our people, despite the serious obstacles placed in their path by the White Governments of the country. We have no hesitation in saying that when the history of the freedom struggle is written in this

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NAIR: In loving memory of our darling daughter and sister, Mercy Magdalene, who passed away on February 21, 1953. [illegible]



Moonsamy: In treasured memory of our darling son, Sivalingum Natal Moonsamy, who was called away to rest on February 12, 1947. [illegible]

Vethamah Thygan: In affectionate memory of our loving grandmother [illegible]

Vedlamah Thygan: In treasured memory [illegible]



Freddy Moodley: In memory of my beloved husband and darling father, who passed away on February [illegible] 1947. [illegible]

Memorial Service

The memorial service of the beloved husband of Mrs. P. Naicker, the late Mr. Palchappa Naicker, who passed away peacefully on Saturday, [illegible] will be held on Saturday, February 20, 1954, and will be continued the following morning, Sunday, February 21, at [illegible]. All friends and relatives are kindly requested to attend. [illegible]

Appreciation

Mr. and Mrs. V. R. (Ram) [illegible], of Maritzburg and Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Govender, of Clairwood, thank all friends and relatives for their congratulatory messages, gifts and for their presence and kindly assistance at the marriage of Vagi Kain and Miss [illegible] Govender at Maritzburg on February 7.

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Births

MAHARAJ.—On Saturday, February [illegible], 1954, to Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] Maharaj, of [illegible] Road, [illegible], a bonny son, grandson for Mr. and Mrs. M. Moorey Maharaj and Mr. and Mrs. [illegible], and great grandson for Mr. and Mrs. Sarjoo Singh.

"The Leader" Editorial

PIETERMARITZBURG, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1954

PROTECT US FROM OUR FRIENDS

THE Natal Education Department, by agreeing to the enlisting of support among school principals for the Natal Festival for Peace and Friendship, has shown that it is in favour of the Festival's aims. It is all the more regrettable, therefore, that the principals of European schools may not, according to the Department's ruling, be approached.

We cannot take very seriously the reason that has been given by the Department. It is possible that many school children are over-burdened with out-of-school activities; but this varies widely from school to school, and from child to child. The Headmaster and the parents can judge, as the Department cannot, of the degree to which any particular school or any individual child is over-burdened. The reasonable course would be to leave it to them to decide.

It would be unfair to accuse an anonymous official of hypocrisy, and indeed we can only sympathise with those who have to find official formulas to present in as favourable a light as possible the policies that are forced on the Department by popular prejudices. Yet there can be very few who fail to see that the exclusion of European principals from the ruling is dictated, all other considerations apart, by the rigorous colour bar that is imposed on all fields of education in Natal.

Understanding may indeed be fostered by the social mingling of Africans and Indians, or so the Department appears to think; but they fear that the skies would fall if they encouraged European children to join in with young Africans and Indians in a festival of this kind.

The picture is now complete. To the exclusion of the great majority of the children of Natal from the Youth Festival on the grounds of their colour we must now add the official discountenancing of any European participation in a new Festival designed to provide for all. If the matter were not at bottom a very serious one, one might be provoked to smile, so absurd is it that a European community, which talks so much of understanding and co-operation, should refuse to its own children the unequalled educational opportunity of meeting [illegible] other children who are [illegible] near neighbours, and [illegible] kept apart from them by [illegible] iron curtain of the colour [illegible].

All this of course is taken [illegible] granted by European [illegible] and is looked upon as the [illegible] natural thing in the world [illegible] will not appear to the [illegible] peans of Natal odd that [illegible] should, through [illegible] U.N.E.S.C.O., and even the [illegible] exhibitions of the dolls [illegible] nations, seek to achieve [illegible] understanding amongst [illegible] races of the world; and [illegible] the same time keep their [illegible] children strictly segregated [illegible] perhaps the strangest thing [illegible] all is that most of those [illegible] are intent on keeping the [illegible] ren apart profess a [illegible] love.

But habit and narrow [illegible] terest have combined to [illegible] the rulers of South Africa [illegible] to their own inconsistency [illegible] incapable of seeing the [illegible] that is being done to the [illegible] of our country.

Thanks Notices

Varatharajoo and family, of Pendlebury, Johannesburg, wish to thank all friends and relatives for messages of condolence and floral tributes received during their recent sad bereavement. [illegible]

Mr. Cheery Raghoonandan and family, of 39 Buckingham Road, Candella Estate, sincerely thank all friends and relatives for their kind messages of condolence and floral tributes sent at the time of the death of his wife. [illegible]

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Mahoney, of [illegible], thanks all relatives and friends who helped and attended the wedding of their eldest daughter on January 7, 1954.

The Muthusamy family, of [illegible], wish to thank relatives and friends for the kind messages of sympathy and beautiful floral tributes received in their recent bereavement.

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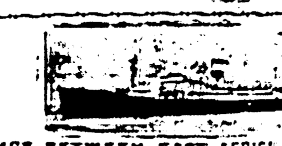


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[illegible] Valjee presenting the Valjee Marathon Rowing trophy, in [illegible] late father, Mr. Manilal Valjee, to Mr. E. R. Haffejee, [illegible] Sports, at a tea party held under the auspices of the Natal [illegible] and Cycling Union on Monday. Mr. R. Bijou, of the [illegible] Board, looks on.

[Le]cture by Swami Nischalananda

[illegible]: More than 1,000 men, women and children braved rain [illegible] Sunday at Durban North to listen to Swami Nischalananda on "The Essentials of Hinduism". [illegible]

Fascinating Show

DURBAN.—The Tal Theatrical Company's "Fashion-Ki-Rani", which was shown at the Bolton Hall during the last two Saturdays was well received by an enthusiastic audience. There is no doubting the fact that tomorrow (Saturday) night—the last performance in Durban—will see another packed audience. [illegible]

NON-EUROPEAN DANCING

DURBAN.—For the first time in the history of ballroom dancing in Natal a non-European championship was organised under the auspices of the Bantu Y.M.C.A. at the Bantu Social Centre. [illegible]

[E]RRATUM

[illegible] in last week's [illegible] inserted by Mr. [illegible] Inspector, [illegible] New Business [illegible] Southern Life [illegible] Grey Street, Durban, [illegible] should have read— R. LUTCHMAN [illegible] Grey Street Durban

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Diary of the Week

THE extreme Right wing of the United Party, which is now on its own as another splinter group within Parliament, is even more racial than the Government Party in its outlook and approach to the problems facing this country. [illegible]

"FAIRY GODFATHER"

TOMORROW evening at the Durban City Hall "Pumpy" presents another of those Pumpus "Fairy Godfather" endeavours [illegible]

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AT the non-European dance championship at the Bantu Social Centre [illegible]

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THIS WEEK'S LAUGH

Definitions of words in popular use.

RECESSION: The period when you have to tighten your belt.

DEPRESSION: The period when you have no belt to tighten.

PANIC: The period when you have no pants to hold up.

DEBATE ON THE LIFE OF MUHAMMED

DURBAN.—The Arabic Study Circle held its first annual public speaking contest on the life of Muhammed on Sunday last. [illegible]

ONE OF THE ATHLETES IN THE WORLD

NEW DELHI.—K. Digvijay Singh ("Babu"), who led the Indian hockey team in the Helsinki Olympic Games, was presented with Helms World Trophy awarded to the best athletes of the world, by Dr. Rajendra Prasad at Rashtrapati Bhavan on January 20.

This is the first time India has received international award in recognition of her supremacy in games for over a quarter of a century now.

Helms Trophy was instituted in 1896 by Paul H. Helms, of the Ford Foundation to honour the foremost athlete of each continent annually.

TWO DAUGHTERS MARRIED

DURBAN. — The home of Mr. Ismail Hajee [illegible], a well known business man, residing at 45 Stanley Copley Drive, Durban, was the scene of two colourful weddings recently. [illegible]

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Here's one for that mixed-up feeling:

STERN PARENT

A small boy was playing at being a poet and he was trying to find a word that would rhyme with his surname. "Mummy," he called to his mother, "what do you think would rhyme with Hollandsmoer?" "Don't be silly, dear," replied his mother from the next room, "you haven't been naughty enough to mean that."

Then you the man who saved up to buy a wife and the old scarecrow who wanted to be human.

Have you the man who saved up to buy a wife and the old scarecrow who wanted to be human.

STRONGMAN FLOWER

Flowers are not as fragile and delicate as some people imagine them to be. There is an orchid, found in Java, which grows on a tree that its leaves will bear the weight of a man. There is a cactus (type of waterlily found along the Amazon valley whose leaf and under-growth will support the weight of a child. This is called Victoria Regia and is a native of the Amazon valley.

The cactus, which we brought crown on the upper surface and round crimson underneath, sometimes grows four feet in diameter. Their edges are turned up, forming vertical rims of about six inches high. The flowers are in colour from white to rose-pink and measure about a foot across.

PEN FRIENDS' CORNER

Sharon Ramperssath (12), P.O. Box 11, Pinewasser, Natal would like pen friends between nine and ten years of age, and not worried about what they look like. She will be glad to hear from girls in any part of the world. All letters will be answered.

Miss Cheryanth Naidoo (10), 56 North Street, Dundee, Natal is fond of music, knitting, swimming and dancing, would like to have pen pals from any part of the world.

Allan Govender (10), 56 North Street, Dundee, Natal, desires pen friends from the Union and overseas. Interests: cycling, art, correspondence.

C. H. Adams (17), c/o Ottawa Station, P.O. Ottawa Natal, desires pen friends from any part of the world. Interests reading and correspondence.

Pat Gleanster (12), Hacra Road, Hamilton, Durban, who says that he has visited India and East Africa, is keen on stamps, Zulu and wildlife. Would like to hear from boys and girls of the world.

FOUR LETTER: ANSWERED

Dhevanand Singh, 15 Horsefield Road, Durban, would like to hear from girls and boys all over the world. He would like to answer the question about which the classic line occurs: "Four letter word and sullies the purest lives." Answer: Lust.

Mandy Reddy, 5 Broom Road, Overport, A good effort, Mandy, but you allow the printing of your comment to spoil the spirit of your letter.

WHEN WAS TEA DISCOVERED?

A writer in 1745 stated that the tea-table owes more to universities and to the urban destruction of a community."

Another writer says, "My only article of luxury is tea, but I seldom allow it last in the land of company, more than a pound with me twelve months."

Tea came into the British Isles in the middle of the seventeenth century at 60/- per pound. In 1660 introduced it the Restoration period and by 1715 merchants appointed China Drink called by the Chinese Tcha, but other nations Tea also. Tea was sold at the Sultaness Head coffee-house in Sweetings Rents by the Royal Exchange, London. The price of such tea was from 16/- to £6 and £10 per pound. The Chinese are that the 1737 among discovered tea about 2,700 B.C., but the first mention of it in China is in the sixth century A.D. The Dutch first taxed tea in 1610, when it was sold in Holland at 6/- per lb., to be paid by the makers. The first tea was had by the servants of the coffee houses for the tea they brewed. In the reign of William and Mary, the tea-duel was taxed. The duty payable being five shillings per lb. in addition to five per cent. on the value of the consignment.

LAUGHTER CORNER

A railway agent in India had been busted over the coals for doing things without orders from headquarters. One day his boss received a startling telegram, "Tiger on platform eating guard. Wire instructions."

"I am lucky. I have won the first prize in the lottery."

"Congratulations! Now you can buy me the car you owe me."

"Wait a minute, man, while I finish telling you my dream."

An old man in the cinema was disturbed when the floor and furniture close around him.

Finally the usher came up the aisle and asked him what he was looking for.

"A cigarette" he said.

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Teenagers' column

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I sometimes used to practise the shots in the corner of the room, the corner where I was in my bedroom. They were not very good shots, but I managed to get a few runs. I was a bit disappointed when I found that I was not selected for the Natal team, but I was very glad when I was selected for the Junior team. I was very glad when I was selected for the Junior team. I was very glad when I was selected for the Junior team.

Sandy has now put a full stop to her cricketing career. I wonder if she will make a full stop to her correspondence with us?

Well, the referee Dudley Norman has given me a whistle, so I must go. Cheerio Chachajan to everyone.

TODAY'S CRICKET

Another of the personal day stars, the cricket season is over and the cricketers have put away their bats and balls. I have my doubts about the future of cricket in this country.

The most noteworthy matches played between Natal Schools and Natal Schools Western Province Schools were played at Durban. There was a lack of knowledge of the game on the part of the players.

Natal Schools were taken among those selected to represent Natal Schools in the Inter-Provincial Schools match. Natal won by an innings and 10 runs. Natal batted first and scored 200 runs. Western Province were all out for 190 runs. Natal Schools were then asked to bat again and scored 200 runs for the loss of one wicket. Natal Schools won by an innings and 10 runs. Natal batted first and scored 200 runs. Western Province were all out for 190 runs. Natal Schools were then asked to bat again and scored 200 runs for the loss of one wicket. Natal Schools won by an innings and 10 runs.

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A story of the script was reported to have been handed over to Mr Rex Carr, International Promotion Manager of Twentieth Century Fox, and it is understood that Mr Rodney Amateau is to write the screenplay.

FIVE "TAKES" IN 90 MINUTES

UNIVERSAL-INTERNATIONAL has lost efficiency in filming at their Hollywood studios recently. With five films "shooting", simultaneously, they had an "all-out" take in the sun on every one of the productions within 90 minutes, a record for the studio's filming activity.

FEATURED ROLE FOR A MEN

A MEN is to figure in a prominent role in a romantic to be made in Technicolor by Columbia. Richard Egan, Dorothy Malone and Jeff Morrow are to be featured in the picture, which is to be directed by Nathan Juran.

MGM is reported to be negotiating with Twentieth Century-Fox for producer "Mother India" in CINEMASCOPE.

"Nearer Fascism than . . ."

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...ecessary and Essential. The Public Relations Committee has also issued a statement in which it says that it is not necessary to have a Bill to control the Press. It says that the Press is already controlled by the Press Council and by the Press Code. The Committee also says that the Press is already controlled by the Press Council and by the Press Code.

HOUSING AND AMENITIES

The town planning and housing authorities against the rights, privileges and amenities of the Indian people in the Durban area. The Indian people have been living in the area for many years and have built up a community life there. They have their own schools, shops, and places of worship. They have their own way of life and their own customs. They have been living in the area for many years and have built up a community life there. They have their own schools, shops, and places of worship. They have their own way of life and their own customs.

HE GOT HIS WIFE IN INDIA

THE DAILY MAIL has a story about a Durban man who went to India and married a girl he had never met before. He got his wife in India. The Daily Mail has a story about a Durban man who went to India and married a girl he had never met before. He got his wife in India.

AVA AND LANA ARE NEWSCASTERS

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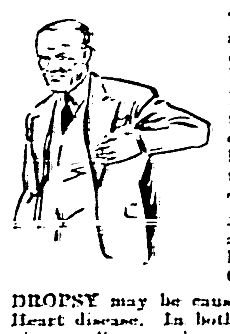
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SPORTS PARADE

By BOBBY HARRYPERSADH

TENNIS ORGANISES

AT long last tennis administrators are getting the idea of forming a Federation. We have similar bodies in soccer, cricket, table tennis, athletics and cycling, and it is a happy augury to find that another popular branch of sport will soon be following the same trend.

MR. A. E. SHAIKH, President of the Natal Indian Lawn Tennis Association, tells me that already moves are being made to form a Natal Tennis Federation. Meetings have been held at which officials of the Indian, Coloured and African Associations have been present to make plans for the new body.

Judging from the discussions held, officials are confident that in the near future the new body will be inaugurated.

However, before that time comes, I understand that some difficulties will have to be ironed out. [illegible]

On the national plane, Transvaal is the only province which can boast of a Federation, and with the third big centre, Cape, also following the same line, we can expect a national federation to be formed, at least by the end of the year.

FEDERATION

SO the year ahead should be an eventful one in tennis in view of the contemplated move to form the national federation. When the federation is inaugurated, there is little doubt that there will be an all round improvement in the standard of play of non-Whites in this country.

Indeed, the need for such a body has been long felt and should serve to give a big fillip to the game.

We have seen the beneficial results accruing from similar inter-racial national bodies in athletics and cycling, table tennis, soccer and cricket. We can therefore appreciate the potentialities of a non-European tennis team.

According to reports from various quarters, the standard of tennis has deteriorated considerably. Apart from other setbacks, players lack stamina and it appears that they do not practise hard enough to improve. [illegible]



Mr. G. H. PATHER, who was elected a patron of the Natal Amateur Weight Lifting and Physical Culture Association recently was one of the founders of the Durban Indian Physical Culture Club in the year 1929, and has since taken an active interest in other sporting bodies.

SAMAAI

[illegible]

LOCAL SCENE

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INDIA'S TENNIS IDOL

WHILE on the subject of tennis, I have some news about India's tennis prodigy—Krishnan, the idol of tennis crowds—who created a sensation at Wimbledon last year. He is the son of Mr. T. K. Ramanathan, a Madras tennis player of note. [illegible]

[illegible] at Wimbledon twice at the early age of 17. He also gave a creditable account of himself recently when he was chosen to represent India against Belgium in the Davis Cup Inter-Zonal finals.

CREATED SENSATION

KRISHNAN created a sensation last year when, at Wimbledon's Centre Court, he extended the redoubtable Mervyn Rose, Australia's No. 1 and seeded No. 3. He took one set from Rose, the scores being 8-6, 6-4, 4-6, 6-1.

After official matches, many friendly encounters were arranged and Krishnan beat 34-year-old Howard Walton, Britain's former Davis Cup player. [illegible]

Krishnan's ambition is to become one of the world's 10 best players. He emphasises that the most valuable lessons in tennis or for that matter in any other game are learnt by youngsters only when they play with experienced players. [illegible]

Krishnan is a student at a Madras University.

COACHING CONSCIOUS

AN important development in the field of sport in India is the fact that she is becoming "coaching conscious." In Bombay recently cricket and athletics were two branches of sport which received a considerable fillip. [illegible]

PROVED BENEFICIAL

[illegible]

CRICKET FINALS

MR. C. M. HANSA, secretary of the Natal Indian Cricket Union, informs me that the inter-town final between Durban A and Maritzburg [illegible]

(Continued in column 6).

Secretary suggests Action against officials

DURBAN. — [illegible]

OFFICIALS

The following officials were elected for the ensuing year: [illegible]

(Continued from column [illegible])

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[...]lichurran retains Natal golf title

When the final 36 holes of the Natal Open Golf Championship was played on Sunday at Currie's Fountain, R. Kalichurran, who played consistently, won the title for the [illegible] in succession. His score of 72—68—66—66—272 was [illegible] course par.

[illegible]

[C]entrals force a draw

[...] Centrals, facing a formidable Kismet total (242 for eight [...]), forced a draw when the match was continued at Currie's [Fountain on] Saturday. In the remaining matches Ottomans, United [...] scored first innings points against Muslims, Ismet and [...]

[illegible]

Ottoman v Central

[illegible]

Ismet v Crescent

[illegible]

Star v Young Bharat

[illegible]

Racing Selections

By Rustyn

First Race [illegible]
1. BROWN CHERRY.
2. SYNDICATE.
3. ON TRIAL.
4. CHARM.

Second Race, Maiden Juvenile Plate (F) Five Furlongs.
1. TREE O' GOLD.
2. PINO PRESTO.
3. FAIR GLEAM.
4. CIRCUS LADY.

Third Race, Benevolent Handicap (B), Seven Furlongs.
1. RAMBLING ROSE.
2. KERRIL ABBEY.
3. SUNKIST.
4. FORESIGHT.

Fourth Race, Benevolent Handicap (C), Seven Furlongs.
1. VIGOROUS.
2. KEREN.
3. BRAZEN LIGHT.
4. DEMANDING.

Fifth Race, Maiden Juvenile Plate (C & G), Five Furlongs.
1. SAM.
2. KRISHAN.
3. AFRICAN BOY.
4. TARRIE.

Sixth Race, Benevolent Handicap (A), Seven Furlongs.
1. KNOWSLEY.
2. RED DONNET.
3. EVITA.

Seventh Race, Benevolent Handicap (C), Seven Furlongs.
1. PASS ON.
2. DRANG.
3. PARK.
4. IDYLLIC.

Eighth Race, Union Handicap (Mdn), Nine Furlongs.
1. MOON FISH.
2. FUDGE.
3. CROWN PRINCE.
4. PLUS FOURS.

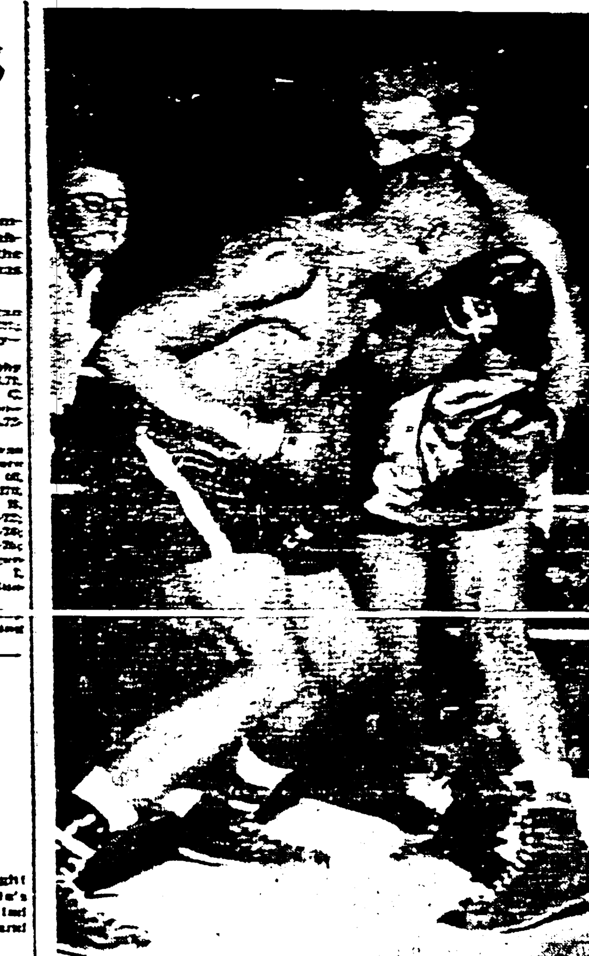
Ninth Race, Union Handicap (Del. Mdn) and a Quarter Miles.
1. CORKSCREW.
2. PUMPKIN.
3. GOLD MINE.
4. COVERY.

Nap Selections: TREE O' GOLD, KNOWSLEY

[...] TENNIS [OF]FICIALS

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[...]NG NATALIANS F.C.
[...] ANNUAL [GEN]ERAL MEETING
[...] Jubilee Season)
[...] held at the [...]ent Cinema [...]ritzburg on [...] February 21 at [...] p.m.
[...] and supporters invited.



Leslie Mackenzie and the new welterweight champion of South Africa, Fendi Mavuso (crouching), in one of the fierce exchanges that punctuated their championship bout at the Durban City Hall last Friday night. Picture by D. John Lowry.

Mavuso springs big surprise

IN the biggest upset in any championship contest in this country in post-war boxing, rugged Fendi Mavuso, of the Transvaal, deprived Leslie Mackenzie, fifth ranking fighter in his division in the British Empire and contender for the Empire Championship, of his South African welterweight title in the Durban City Hall last Friday night, writes Joe Francis.

[illegible]

Natal athletes for Kimberley?

DURBAN: "Judging from the keenness and enthusiasm shown by the schools, I confidently expect a high standard to be set up on Sunday when the Natal Amateur Athletic and Cycling Union hold the Inter-Schools competition at Currie's Fountain. We are endeavouring to send over a strong contingent to the Kimberley Championships," said Mr. E. I. Haffejee, Director of Sports.

Mr. Haffejee was speaking at a party held under the auspices of the Natal Amateur Athletic and Cycling Union at the Durban International Club on Monday in the presence of a large gathering of officials, members and well-wishers.

[illegible]

Mr. R. M. Valjee, who has mainly interested himself in table tennis, has now donated a trophy in memory of his father, Mr. Manilal Valjee, for the marathon road race which is to be held on Sunday from Tongaat to Durban. [illegible]

[illegible]

The following officials have been elected for the sports meeting: Director of Sports, Mr. E. I. Haffejee; [illegible] Dr. R. R. Singh.

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Swami Nischalananda being led to the platform by Mr. T. M. Naicker at the welcome reception accorded him at Durban North last Sunday. A hundred uniformed schoolgirls formed an impressive guard of honour.

Picture by Vishnu Naidoo.



RUMILLA

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ramsingh and grand-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Manna Singh, of Burnside, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kanaye, of Maritzburg, will celebrate her first birthday on Sunday, February 21, 1954.



PREMWATHIE, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. Lallee, of 140 Beach Road, Merebank, who celebrated her 13th year birthday on Monday among a large gathering of friends and relatives. She is a keen student and has already made ambitious plans for her future education.



S. SANGARAM GOVENDER

Of Fountain Head, Umkomaas, who was away on a tour of India, will be returning shortly to South Africa in the Karanja. Mr. Govender is a well-known personality in Umkomaas District.

Disclaimer

A wedding invitation, purporting to be extended by Mr. B. Singh, of Davidson Road, Howick, was printed in good faith in last week's "Leader."

The authenticity of the notice has been denied, and both parties to the invitation have disclaimed responsibility for the invitation and it publication.

"The Leader" takes this opportunity of publishing this disclaimer and expresses regret for any discomfort the publication of the wedding invitation may have caused.

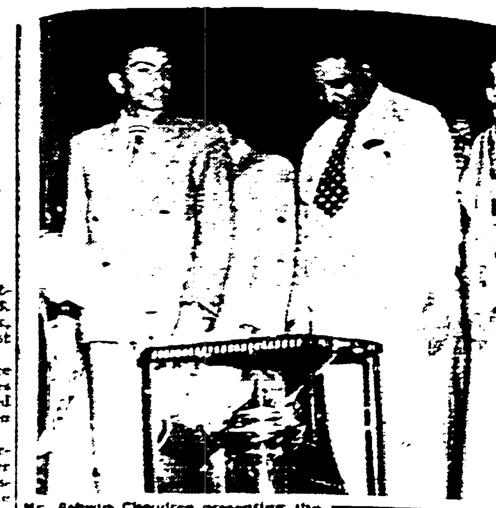
Both Mr. B. Singh and Mr. and Mrs. Nehal, of 300 Main Street, Howick, associate themselves with this disclaimer.

Kain-Govender Wedding

MARITZBURG.—Guests from all parts of the Union were among those who attended the marriage last Sunday between Yagi Kain and Miss Neelavathie Govender at the Maritzburg H.Y.M.A. Hall.

The bridegroom comes of a well-known Maritzburg family, being the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. V. H. (Ram) Padayachee, while the bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Govender, of Clairwood. The nuptials were performed by Mr. S. O. Panday and Mr. R. N. Pillay was master of ceremonies. The musical score was in the hands of the Odeon Orchestra.

The happy couple were the recipients of numerous congratulatory messages and gifts.



Mr. Ashwin Choudree presenting the Swami Bhawani Dayal Memorial Trophy to the Durban Central Prachar Samith who won the Hindi Debate in the Avalon Theatre last Sunday. The Samiti was represented by Prabhakant Patel and Urmila Bahen Patel standing on either side of Mr. Choudree.

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POPULAR WEDDING

DURBAN.— In spite of rainy weather, a record crowd of relatives and friends, including a large number of prominent Europeans attended the wedding of the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Maharaj (of Maharaj Bros., of Kranskop), and the grand daughter of the late Mr. Harkin Maharaj and Mrs. Maharaj of Kranskop), to Mr. Brownmellow, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Narsindut Maharaj, of Wiggins Road, Mayville on Saturday, January 2.

The nuptial ceremony was performed by Pandits Mewa Misra and Ramcharan Maharaj, under a beautifully decorated canopy. The bride and bridegroom were the recipients of many gifts. The bride received these: from the parents, 30 sets of clothing valued at £225; 2 sets of jewellery, £185; 1 Walnut bedroom suite, £135; 1 electric Bernina sewing machine, £120 and cash cheque from Estate Maharaj Bros. £100; and 2 cows.

From relatives and friends: cash £25; 32 sets of clothing; jewellery, crockery, rugs, bedding, dishes (dinner, etc.). The bridegroom received for the engagement total cash of £75 as well as other gifts.

ENGAGEMENT

TOORIE—BOOREE

The engagement took place recently of Ramsohai (R. Toorie Ram), youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Toorie George, of 57 Delhi Avenue, Mayville, to Miss Gulliree Devi (Govindeel), youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Booree Udit, of Candella Road, Sherwood, Durban.

J.C. AWARD

Dayawathie Pillay, a student at the Maritzburg Indian Girls' High School and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. R. Pillay, of 285 Berg Street, has been awarded a J.C. Bursary by the Natal Education Department.

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SWAMI NISCHALANANDA seen in the centre of the packed hall at the Sri Ramakrishna birthday celebrations at the Gandhi Hall, Durban, last Sunday. (Another picture on Page 14; report on Page 3.)

—Picture by Vishnu Naidoo.

Pakistan asks for U.S. arms aid

NEW DELHI: The announcement by the Pakistan Premier, Mr. Mohammed Ali, that he has asked the United States for military aid is expected to ... relations between India and Pakistan.

...Ali's announcement ... statement last Friday ... was negotiating a ... closer collaboration ... to strengthen their ... The Prime Minister said ... Pakistan had made its ... the United States ... of achieving increased ... strength and a higher ... degree of economic ...

...States is expected ... early next week ... to grant the aid to Pakistan.

ELIGIBLE

...sources said that ... next week President Eisenhower would announce that Pakistan was eligible for United States military aid.

The next step would be a military agreement between the two countries, forging a new link in the chain of collective security arrangements along the southern flank of the Soviet Union.

To allay Indian fears, the United States-Pakistan agreement is expected to make clear that the arms and equipment provided will not be used by Pakistan against India should the dispute over Kashmir end in war between the two countries.

Washington experts say that in deciding to give military aid to Pakistan, the United States is taking the calculated risk that any loss of sympathy she may suffer from India is of less importance than the collective security of the free world.

—And here is Mr. Nehru's "It's bad" pronouncement

NEW DELHI: The Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Nehru, addressing a public meeting at Alleppey (Travancore-Cochin), said he was "most concerned about the return of Western Powers to the Asian front."

Mr. Nehru, who was referring to the proposed U.S. military aid to Pakistan, said: "It may not be in the same old way. But I think it is bad for Asia, bad for Pakistan, and bad for India."

"The world situation is very serious and precarious. The United States is giving military aid to Pakistan. It is serious enough for India, but I am not afraid of it; I am not alarmed at it. It creates certain obvious consequences and that is what I am worried about."

UNITY AND DISCIPLINE

Mr. Nehru said there was another aspect to the return of Western Powers to the Asian front which brought "a little measure of comfort." This is perhaps good in that it is a challenge to us that can at least wake us up from our complacency and complacency because we require shaking up . . .

In the final analysis, armed might against my country provides my country unity and discipline and fearlessness. We can face anything, and we can face the whole world at arms if we are disciplined and united.

The Prime Minister added that it was "a question of strength and we ought to strengthen our country." Real strength did not come from more arms. It came apart from unity which was very important — probably from improvement of the economic situation in a country, from increased production and more industry. It

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...DI SCHOOL RE-OPENING

The officials and ... children attending ... Hindi Patshala met at ... annual general meeting ... on Tuesday evening ... the future of the ...

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"Nothing new in integration"

— says P. R. PATHER

DURBAN: "There is nothing new in integration. It has been taking place in South Africa since the beginning of this century and it will inevitably be accentuated," said Mr. P. R. Pather, President of the Natal Indian Organisation, commenting on the statement in Parliament by the United Pary leader, Mr. J. G. N. Strauss.

In Britain, Europe and the Americas, integration was called "The Industrial Revolution," said Mr. Pather. "Integration it was, but the problem of colour was absent.

"There, too, was a clear-cut division between the rich and the working classes, but the barrier had to break down.

"When Prof. Fourie postulated that political integration must follow economic integration, he stated a political truth. You cannot keep on advancing a person's education and earning capacity and deny that person a say in the Government. Nor can you keep him as a perpetual hewer of wood and drawer of water.

"Apartheid might appear excellent in paper, but in practice it is doomed to failure. The Natal Indian Organisation has all along maintained that any policy which aims at disturbing the economies of the country would be digging its own grave.

"What South Africa needs at the present moment is a policy which would guarantee the Africans, Coloureds and Indians equal opportunities and a say for all in the Government of the country. Such a policy would bring about happier relationships among all the four racial groups," said Mr. Pather.

Boos for Tuli

LONDON.—Jake Tuli, of South Africa, British Empire flyweight champion, beat Henk van der Zee, the Dutch flyweight and bantamweight champion, in a 10-round international bout at the Royal Albert Hall in London.

The referee's action was loudly booed by part of the crowd, who also booed Tuli as he left the ring.

Both boxers were cut over the eyes in the third round when their heads collided. Up to then van der Zee had been having the better of the fight. He often beat Tuli to the punch, used his superior reach to full advantage and had the little Zulu very worried.

From the third round onwards, however, Tuli got on top. His terrific body-punching began to sap the Hollander's strength, and though Van der Zee fought back with great courage, he took severe punishment before the referee stopped the fight.

Van der Zee was bleeding from the nose and mouth and from cuts over both eyes.

Some of Tuli's body punches went a little way round his opponent's back to the annoyance of the crowd, but Van der Zee seemed to contribute to this by turning sideways as Tuli attacked his body.

Van der Zee was beginning to wilt under the force of the punches, and it was obvious that he could not have withstood much more of the battering he was getting.

Van der Zee, who got all the cheers, said after the fight that he would like to meet Tuli again.

THREE CAIRO SCHOLARSHIPS

DURBAN.—Al Azhar University of Cairo "will welcome three of your students and will be prepared to pay a subsidy for each student . . ." Mr. Farid, the Egyptian Consul at Pretoria, has informed the local Arabic Study Circle. Applicants for the Arabic scholarships are invited to get in touch with the Circle's secretary at the earliest, stating when they will be in the position to leave for Cairo.

"Arab Contribution to Civilisation" by Mr. Peter Bullen, M.Sc. (S.A.), B.Sc. (Rand.), Lecturer University of Natal, will be the next public lecture of the Circle to be held on Wednesday, March 3, at the Kajee Hall, Durban, at 8 p.m.



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OBITUARY



MR. A. E. LOCKHAT

NEWCASTLE. — The tragic and untimely death of the late Mr. Ahmed Essop Lockhat ("Lockie" to his closest friends) has removed from the Indian community an sportsman with outstanding qualities.

He was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Lockhat and nephew of Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Vanda, of Newcastle. He was on the staff of the St. Oswald's Indian High School, Newcastle, and took an active part in all the sporting and social activities of the Oxonian Football Club and the Oxonian Cricket Club. The deceased was a foundation member of both these clubs, and his colleagues held him in high esteem as a thorough sportsman.

On the administrative side he held the positions of Honorary Record Clerk and selector of the Northern Districts Indian Football Association, and also served as a member of the Recreation, Protest, and Inquiry Board of the Northern Districts Indian Cricket Union, whose headquarters are at Ladysmith.

Mr. Lockhat maintained these positions with dignity and was respected by all those who had occasion to meet him in the course of his duties.

He held the responsible position of sportsmaster and producer of plays at the St. Oswald's High School, and was popular with the Principal, Staff and children.

Mr. Lockhat also associated himself with Child Welfare work and always interested himself in the welfare of the poorer section of the Indian community. The quiet and unassuming manner in which he moved among the members of the Indian community won him a warm place in the hearts of both old and young. The large and representative gathering at his grave side was a tribute to the life this young man lived among us. He has gone and his memory will be our consolation. (Inserted by the Oxonian Football and Cricket Clubs).

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MR. SODALAY

Mr. Sodalay, of Westville, passed away on February 13, 1954, at the age of 88. He leaves sorrowing sons, daughters, sons-in-law, brothers-in-law, grandchildren, great grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

The following sent floral tributes and messages of sympathy:

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Friends and relatives are invited to attend the 16th Day Memorial Service which will be held on Sunday, February 28, at Westville.

MR. G. A. MOODLEY

The following list of wreaths were omitted in the obituary notice of the late Mr. G. A. Moodley in our last week's issue.

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MR. A. ARUNACHELLAM PILLAY

The sudden death of Mr. A. Arunachellam Pillay occurred early Friday morning, February 19, 1954, at his home, 101 Pietermaritz Street, Maritzburg, and brought sorrow to his wife, children, relatives and a host of friends.

He is the eldest son of Mr. A. Ayachanum Pillay of 4 George Street, and father of Sangonthe Kalaunani, Mayavanam, A. Govindasamy Pillay, A. G. Pillay of Natalians Cricket Club, and A. Soobiah Pillay Bros.

The deceased, an old sportsman, musician and educationalist, was of a lovable disposition and was liked by all who met him throughout South Africa.

He leaves his wife, sons, daughters, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law and a large circle of family and friends to mourn their loss.

His remains were cremated at the Mountain Rise Crematorium in the presence of a large gathering of relatives and friends.

MR. NEHRU'S "IT'S BAD"

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in our productive capacity that has to go up and with it the economic level of our people. More work means more production and more production leads to bigger income and higher employment."

India, Mr. Nehru declared, had taken outside help for constructive undertakings. But, ultimately, she had to depend on her own resources.

"Too much help from outside weakens our independence," he added.

The Home Minister, Dr. K. N. Katju, said on February 9 that the Government of India were fully aware of the situation created by "the much-discussed Pakistan-American military pact." . . . If the part came into being, Dr. Katju told a public meeting, it would certainly destroy the peace of the whole world. He said he hoped people would not get alarmed but give their unstinted co-operation and active help to their Government in this hour of need.

CITY FOSA OFFICIALS

MARITZBURG.—Officials of the Maritzburg area care committee of the S.A.A. Association, elected recently are: Chairman: Rev. I. Anthony; Vice-Chairman: Mr. V. Aldra; Hon. Secretary: Mr. Norman Naidoo; Hon. Treasurer: Miss N. A. Naicker; Hon. Record Clerk: Mrs. E. Juan.

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AWAKENING OF ASIA

NEW DELHI.—The Prime Minister, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru addressing a public meeting at Ernakulam, said India did not crave for leadership of Asia. He said: "We want to be comrades and friends of other nations but leaders of none."

Mr. Nehru added that countries in Europe and America had not yet fully realised the vast changes that had come over Asia, its emergence and renaissance. These changes marked one of the biggest events in world history, and Asia today was fully awakened and was largely free. The meaning of these changes that had come and were coming over Asia was that the fate of Asian nations must not be decided by other people, but by the Asian peoples themselves.

But, continued Mr. Nehru, they still found countries of Europe and America holding conferences trying to decide the fate of Asia, not realising that the nineteenth century — century of colonialism — had passed, the the first half of the twentieth century was also over and that they were now in the second half of the twentieth century.

Mr. Nehru said they were living in a world which was always thinking of war and ways of war and of a world which was growing more and more "dangerous, violent and brutal." Against such a picture it was an amazing thing that India produced a prophet of non-violence and justified its creed by freeing the country through the method of non-violence. They had achieved their freedom on the threshold of the atomic age. Atomic power was a great power which could be used for good or for evil, he said.

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CENSORSHI[P] WITHDRAW[N]

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CONSIDERATE SON

DORIS DAY'S ten-year-old son, Terry, confessed to his mother that he would like to have a brother. "But he must be at least nine years old," he told her. "I remember how much trouble I was to you before I was nine and I don't want to go through that again," he explained to his mother.

RAY OF SUNSHINE

INDIA is passing through a crisis in the film industry which has spread an atmosphere of gloom in studios. Stars, directors, technicians and supporting artists are as busy as ever, but [illegible] sing. Even the ever active lightsmen and carpenters are found working with a strange lack of interest. They work from a sense of habit and because they must.

But in the middle of all this gloom there is always one corner in some studio or other where the workmen wear a happy expression on their faces. And Geeta Bali is the source of this joy.

Recently in a Bombay studio, Sulochana, Leela Misra and a junior artiste were sitting morosely in a corner and the studio men went quietly at their work. The whole atmosphere seemed dull and listless.

After the lunch break, Geeta Bali entered the sets and there came a startling change in the atmosphere. Sulochana and Leela Misra ran with open arms and embraced her and the workmen shouted to each other, "Geeta has come." The junior artistes, the small technicians and the workmen surrounded the trio with beaming faces. After a minute they resumed their work with a zest that was completely absent until then.

Before they arrived the workmen had spoken of their worries and privations. Many had complained that they had not been paid their salaries for months. One said that for the last four months he had to find money to pay not only his own rent but that of his colleague, too. Another revealed the presence of the proverbial wolf at his door for there was no money to buy the week's ration. A third had been turned out of his home for non-payment of rent.

But the arrival of Geeta Bali brought a magical change in the workmen. Many of them were dirty, tattered clothes and were barefooted but their haggard, woebegone faces now radiated a new sparkle, for Geeta Bali carries with her an infectious cheerfulness.

She had brought "slaichs" in her handbag and went round the studio offering it to everybody, ignoring not even the humblest of the workers and exchanging pleasantries with each.

Speaking on the economic plight of studio workers she said, "I know and feel for the misery of these people. But what is the use of worrying. It is not going to solve any of our problems. I am blessed with profound optimism and I will try to cheer all around me though I cannot help them in any other way."

COMPETITION FOR JULIUS CAESAR

M.G.M. is going to have a "competition" for its "Julius Caesar." Charles H. Tarbox, veteran distributor and owner of the Film Classic Exchange, Hollywood, is planning to re-issue, with narration and music tracks added, an Italian-made film, "Julius Caesar," starring Antonio Novelli, produced in 1914. He will put it out in television, schools and colleges.

The picture was originally part of the "Cycle of Classics" which oldtime film man George Kleine brought over from Italy during the birth of the business.

"GIRL IN ROOM 17"

THE crime film has undergone vast changes since the era of "Little Caesar" and "Scarface" when sending a quick right to [illegible] a guy full of lead in front of a police station were considered salient characteristics of the ruthless, primitive, tightlipped gangster.

The modern underworld study is more complex. The characters are shrewd individuals who operate their illegal enterprises as smoothly as a business and as well equipped.

The story of "The Girl in Room 17," which deals with modern gangsters, is inspired by exposes by American newspapers, magazines and government agencies. Starring Edward G. Robinson and Paulette Goddard, the film was "shot" around Los Angeles.

Others in the cast of "The Girl in Room 17" presented by Sol Lesser, include K. T. Stevens, Porter Hall, Adam Williams and Edward Binns.

WHERE BIG THREE STAYED

DURING their stay in Cairo for the filming of "Valley of the Kings," Robert Taylor, Eleanor Parker and Carlos Thompson occupied three hotel suites that played an important part in a history-making conference of world leaders in World War II. Taylor was occupying the suite used by President Roosevelt, Miss Parker the suite occupied by Mr. Winston Churchill, while Thompson had the rooms used by Chiang Kai-Shek during the famous Cairo conference in 1943.

CHAPLIN'S "NATURAL SUCCESSOR"

CHAPLIN called him "my natural successor" when he appeared on television in America. Now, in his first British film, Norman Wisdom has been hailed by critics as the first great comedian of the British screen.

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He achieves his effects largely through mimicry. He has the gift of all born comedians, that he can make people laugh even when he is standing still and, apparently, doing nothing. He has no cane or bowler hat or large horn-rimmed spectacles: just a crumpled old suit two or three sizes too small for him, which amazingly never bursts at the seams despite the strains to which it is constantly subjected.

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Whites "no longer the dominant factor"

CAPETOWN.—The Native in the South African cities was held back and frustrated and it was upon this frustration that national movements grew and which in the end produced triumphant nationalism, said Dr. J. Simon, lecturer in Native Law and Administration at the University of Capetown.

He was addressing the University of Capetown Summer School on Colonial policies in Africa and by implication, the situation between Europeans and Non-Europeans in South Africa.

The European in South Africa, he said, had caused a cultural revolution among the Natives, uprooted their traditional way of life and compelled them to enter a new world. The Natives entered this world with zest, but were baffled and held back by European authority.

Dr. Simon, in a survey of African Colonial policy, said that the Europeans [illegible] [illegible] ter. There was change in the balance. There was a growth of national sentiment among the Colonial Non-Europeans and a desire to emancipate themselves and their countries from a status of subordination and subjection.

"We in South Africa are inclined to brush aside world opinion and to become impatient of the outside critics for what we consider is their ignorance, but we do not take into account the trend which influences the critics' opinions," he said.

Dr. Simon said that the Native Authorities Act, which sought to reinstate African chiefs in authority, was reversing a long line of precedent.

The Act was designed to draw the chiefs, as representatives of the old order into the bureaucratic set-up to offset the influence of the educated middle class who sought its fulfilment in democracy and opportunity.

SABRA CHIEF FOR LAHORE?

JOHANNESBURG.—The South African Institute of International Affairs will send six delegates to the fifth unofficial Commonwealth Relations Conference at Lahore, Pakistan, from March 17 to 23.

The delegation will be led by Mr. A. A. Roberts, Q.C., former South African High Commissioner to Canada. Other delegates include Dr. G. B. A. Gerdener, President of the South African Bureau of Race Relations, and Mr. Maurice Webb, a former President of the South African Institute of Race Relations.

The last conference was held in Canada in 1949.

Speakers howled down

DUNDEE (Natal).—At a meeting of non-Europeans in Dundee on Sunday, called by the "Let the People Speak" group, a group of non-Europeans demonstrated and refused to allow the speakers —Dr. J. B. Marks, a former President of the African Mineworkers' Union, and Dr. Y. M. Dadoo, a former President of the South African Indian Congress to address the gathering.

The speakers and some of the gathering then went to a private house and the "opposition" formed a procession carrying banners, one of which read, "Let people be ready to telegraph Dr. Malan."

"Exemplary fairness"

PALM SPRINGS (California). —President Eisenhower, who was on holiday at Palm Springs, has praised the role of Indian troops in the exchange of Korean war prisoners.

In a letter to the Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Nehru, President Eisenhower said that he wished to express his appreciation and that of his countrymen for the performance of the Indian Custodian Forces.

Because of months of uncertainty, the majority of the prisoners in the Forces' charge had become highly nervous and volatile.

"The confidence inspired by the exemplary tact, fairness and firmness shown by the Indian officers and men did much to alleviate the fears and doubts of these prisoners. These officers and their troops deserve the highest commendation," he said.

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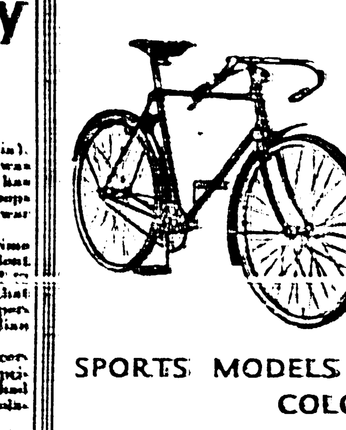
NAGPUR.—An institute for the study of Gandhist philosophy has been opened near Nagpur, in the Central Provinces of India. The institute, which includes an international home for students from all countries, will be known as the Gandhi Gyan Mandir.

The three buildings just inaugurated were constructed by teams of the Service Civil International, an organisation of voluntary work camps for youth founded in Europe in 1920 to promote friendship between countries. Volunteers from several European countries and from the United States worked with others from many parts of India to build the centre.

At the opening ceremony, the Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Nehru, declared: "I am more than ever convinced that it is only observing the principles laid down by the Mahatma that we can progress and serve our country and the world."

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U.S. WEDGE IN NEHRU'S ASIA BLOC?

MR. NEHRU has declared that the American-Pakistan negotiations on military aid are a step towards war. This is a highly emotional, sensational and irresponsible way for the Prime Minister of India to talk; it betrays, moreover, a surprising blindness to India's real strategic needs, writes Anthony Dorset in "The Economist".

What exactly will the contemplated American military aid to Pakistan add up to? Nothing definite has yet been announced, but there will certainly not be any American bases in Pakistan—not, at any rate, for a good many years to come. There is no reason to doubt the Pakistani Prime Minister's denial on this [illegible] will probably provide for American military equipment for Pakistan's army and an American military mission to train the Pakistanis in the use of modern weapons. In short, if the Americans help Pakistan's defence effort, it will be on the lines of their help to Persia, not to, say, France and Spain.

But to many Indians it is just as bad—if not worse—for the Americans to rearm and modernise the Pakistani army as it is for them to establish bases on Pakistani soil and thereby bring the cold war apparently so much closer to India's N.W. Frontier. To many Indians it is Pakistan, not Soviet Russia, that is the real menace. It is with Pakistan that they are engaged in an undeclared war in Kashmir; and if the war is now static, it is by no means settled. [illegible] Pakistanis get some American jet bombers, many Indians will not feel relieved at this additional deterrent to a Soviet thrust across the Kyber Pass; they will count up how many minutes it would take for those bombers to get to Delhi or Bombay.

However unwilling he may be to discourage them, Mr. Nehru can hardly seriously share his fellow-countrymen's fears of a Pakistani attack. India, after all, has five times the population and much greater resources than its neighbour; if Pakistan contemplated attack it would need outside support, and it would never get it from either America or Britain. What really irks Mr. Nehru about American military aid for Pakistan is that it would threaten his cherished policy of neutrality. It would thrust a wedge into the neutral South Asian bloc. (No doubt this is exactly what the Americans hope it would do.) He sincerely—although mistakenly—believes that acceptance of foreign military aid is incompatible with complete independence, and that if the Asian countries do not want to get involved in a hot war, they must stay right outside the cold war.

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In fact, of course, when Mr. Mohammed Ali, the Pakistani Prime Minister, argues that the rearming of Pakistan [illegible] the whole of the Indian subcontinent, he is quite right. He might add that it would greatly benefit the whole of the Middle East. For the Russians would be far less tempted to make a grab at the oilfields round the Persian Gulf if they knew it would provoke sharp counter-attacks on both flanks—from Turkey and Pakistan. It is indeed the yawning gap in the free world's defences in the Middle East that is primarily responsible for Mr. Dulles's interest in rearming Pakistan.

The prospects of a Middle East defence organisation (MEDO) are clearly very dim; the project has foundered not only on Anglo-Egyptian differences over the Canal but also—and probably more lastingly—on the hostility between Israel and the Arab States. The Americans, therefore, are increasingly interested in what Mr. Dulles calls "the northern tier": Turkey, Persia and Pakistan. A glance at [illegible] shows that these [illegible] could form a strong [illegible] Soviet thrust towards the [illegible] sian Gulf and the [illegible] and the fall of [illegible] couraged those who [illegible] Persia might always [illegible] weak link in the chain.

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Britain's role in this cornered [illegible] between Pakistan and the United [illegible] is not an easy one. [illegible] does not want to [illegible] any member of the Commonwealth —nor drive it into a [illegible] flirtation with the Russians. On the other hand Britain is as interested as America [illegible] ing the gap in the Middle East defences; and if Mr Dulles [illegible] for a Turkish-Persian-Pakistani defensive bloc comes off [illegible] not want to play the part of a disinterested spectator. If Britain has to make a [illegible] Dulles, there is no doubt [illegible] it should fall—not on the [illegible] cate of neutrality at all, but on the man who [illegible] tain is carrying on the [illegible] Bevin policies which have made so notable a [illegible] towards preserving peace. [illegible] to be hoped that the choice [illegible] not be made.

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Pak. accord with Turkey

KARACHI: The Pakistan Government has announced that Pakistan and Turkey had agreed to study ways of strengthening the bonds of peace and security in the common interest.

A communique published simultaneously in Karachi and Ankara said "in the spirit of the treaty of friendship between Pakistan and Turkey, the two governments have agreed to study methods of achieving closer friendly collaboration in political, economic and cultural spheres as well as of strengthening peace and security in their own interest as of [illegible] all peace-loving nations."

The Pakistan Prime Minister, Mr. Mohammed Ali, said, "It is our conviction that effective methods to ensure this can be devised. A close study of proposals to achieve this objective has already begun."

Mr. Ali said that the decisions announced in the communique were in furtherance of a treaty of friendship between the two countries signed on January 26, 1951.

"That these two countries should have agreed on the necessity of establishing closer friendly collaboration in political and cultural spheres is in itself a step forward in the interest of all countries of this region," the Pakistan Prime Minister said.

"The cardinal feature of Pakistan's policy throughout has been to help advance the cause of world peace and promote human welfare everywhere.

"Consistent with that broad objective, Pakistan has been actively engaged in helping to strengthen peace, stability and to further the prosperity of the Moslem world.

"In pursuance of this same policy, the President's decision aimed at closer collaboration between Turkey and Pakistan.

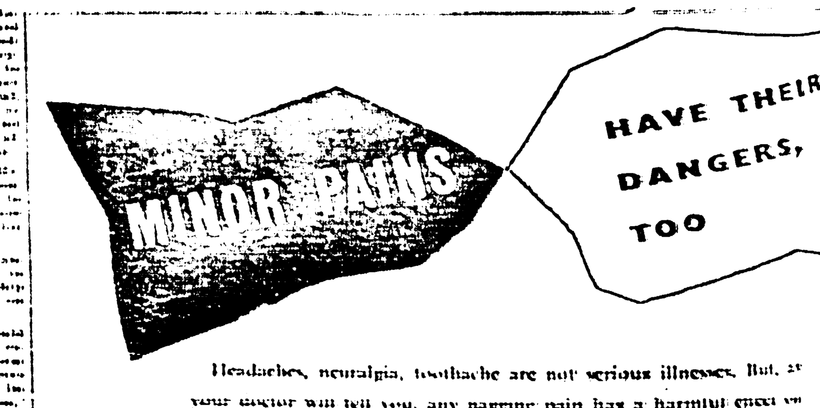
"This decision was not conceived in any aggressive spirit or purpose. This collaboration is not aimed against any country.

"Its aim is solely to contribute as far as we may to the promotion of peace and security generally in the common interest of all nations," Mr. Ali said.

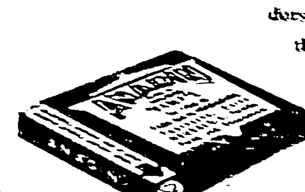
WRONG POLICY, SAYS NEHRU

NEW DELHI.—The Prime Minister, Mr. Nehru, said last week that India had no intention of increasing her armed forces because of the proposed United States military aid pact with Pakistan.

Mr. Nehru, addressing the Council of States (Upper House) said, "Various members of this House are urging that India should increase her armed forces and that the country should generally be put on a war basis. I believe this to be an exceedingly wrong policy leading only in the wrong direction."



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The lower picture shows a sadhu lying on a bed of thorns, his lips pierced by a steel needle, waiting for alms from the passing throng.

BACK FROM KOREA

MADRAS. More than 1,500 Indian soldiers who served with the Indian Custodian Forces in Korea arrived in Madras on Sunday in the troopship Asturias.

They brought with them 85 former prisoners-of-war who asked to be settled in neutral countries when the Korean war ended. An officer said that 29 of them wished to make their homes in India.

Group Areas Act opposed

MARITZBURG: Total opposition to the Group Areas Act was voiced by Indian residents of the Local Health Area of Edendale, at a meeting held in the Plessislaer Samaj Hall on Sunday morning. The Association will itself appear before the Land Tenure Board besides co-operating with other organisations with similar views.

The meeting, which included a number of women, rejected whatever plans that have already been submitted to the Land Tenure Board, and would oppose any attempt aimed at uprooting settled communities.

Urging the need for a united front against such attempts, Mr. S. [illegible] said that the Maritzburg branches of both political parties had been invited to the meeting, but the Natal Indian Organisation had refused to share the platform with the Congress.

That was a matter for regret for "our policy is one of unity and harmonious living. We strongly object to the uprooting of any settled community."

Mr. L. Bhika, who presided, told the gathering that officials of the N.I.O. had informed him that they were willing to discuss the subject with committee members of the [illegible] Residents' Association, but would not go to the masses for, they claimed, the masses were uninitiated in the subtleties of political warfare.

"It seems," added Mr. Bhika, "that the N.I.O. are themselves insufficiently educated to educate us." (Laughter.)

After tracing the history of the Passive Resistance and Defiance campaigns and asking "who are we to agree to the removal of another community. Haven't they just as much right to live where they will as we have?" Mr. J. N. Singh concluded with a stirring declaration that the Natal Indian Congress will be in the forefront of this "Battle for Survival."

The declaration was echoed by Mr. I. C. Meer and Mr. [illegible], both members of the Congress Executive.

The Association decided to brief counsel to appear on their behalf before the Land Tenure Board when it sits in Maritzburg on March 15.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

The Provincial Government-Aided Indian School Standard VI results, which were withheld pending an inquiry, are now released. They are:

[illegible] naidu; Yandiera Latchman; Ramasamy Narainsamy; Ramasamy Narainsamy; Ramsodine Pinaram; Ramnath Ragbadee; [illegible] Ramoy; Ramdharee Ramraj; Ramdular Ramrap; Chundergopal Ramroop.

Leaving: Manoosamy Chinnasamy.

ORPHANAGE DISCUSSION

MARITZBURG. The Aryan Benevolent Society's project for an orphanage will again be discussed at a meeting of the Society to be held in Maritzburg tomorrow afternoon.

It will be recalled that some time ago the Maritzburg City Council had donated a five-acre plot of land at Mountain Rise for the erection of the orphanage but the Group Areas Act upset plans.

The Council has, however, offered an alternative site in the event of Mountain Rise being demarcated for a non-Indian group. Tomorrow the Aryan Benevolent Society will decide whether to make direct representations to the Land Tenure Board when it sits in the City on March 15, or to leave some other body to state its case.

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THE success stories behind a number of students who will be passing out of Colleges and Universities this year, next year and in a few years' time will not only be the story of hard work and sacrifice under difficult circumstances on the part of the students themselves, but the story of moral and financial support received from benefactors who have preferred to remain anonymous.

I know a number of such benefactors whose financial assistance from behind the scenes have helped to keep students in schools, colleges and universities, and one can imagine how many more stories of such benefactors will never be told!

So far, I have not heard of any of these students not making good later in life or showing their gratitude. In fact, I think all of them have come through with flying colours and distinguished themselves in the educational field.

BURSARIES

I AM certain that a number of our professional men who have risen high in the careers they have chosen and distinguished themselves in public life will not be ashamed to admit that they owe their position primarily to the generosity of either wealthy men or people who, although confronted with a financial struggle, have still been able to spare a few coins in order to see that these keen and enthusiastic students were given the benefits of education.

This, of course, is quite apart from the many students who have won well-merited bursaries. I do know of students who have received bursaries and who, still unable to make ends meet, are obtaining further financial assistance from private individuals. Some of these benefactors have lent money with or without interest while others have simply given the money not only without any strings attached but not to be repaid!

HIS IDENTITY

EVEN in these cases donors have preferred to remain anonymous. Personally, I know of some cases where benefactors have taken advantage of a brilliant student in poor circumstances by offering to assist only if the student consents to marry his daughter on return after completion of his studies! And I know of a case where a student refused assistance on that score.

I know of another case which is quite interesting and sounds more like fiction than fact. A poor Muslim student needed assistance but he could not find anybody who could give him the money. A Hindu benefactor of moderate means, on hearing of this sad plight came to his rescue immediately.

Every month through another man, he sends the student the necessary cash anonymously. He will disclose his identity only when the student completes his [illegible] course.

Apart from [illegible] to [illegible] I hope that many more people of different sections of the community will offer [illegible] assistance to students of sections other than their own. This will [illegible]

SARTORIAL CHANGES

WHILE [illegible] are urging their employees to cast aside formal trousers and sports jackets for office wear and appear in the dark suits and white collars which they wore before the war, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, India's Prime Minister, is recommending sartorial changes for Government officials in India.

To secure "uniformity in office dress," he has recommended, in a circular to Government departments, the adoption of a buttoned-up short coat, without collar and tie, and trousers.

This dress, Mr. Nehru explains, "experience has shown to be suited to modern activities and yet not just a copy of the European dress."

While the dress is described as "useful, relatively simple and smart," Mr. Nehru attaches special importance to the fact that uniformity among all grades would "lessen all the caste systems, remove social disparities and serve to stimulate a sense of discipline."

OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS

FOR morning and evening official functions, Mr. Nehru has suggested that a black buttoned-up coat and white trousers should be worn—though both could be white in summer.

European evening dress, "which is slightly a sign of snobbery among the well-to-do classes in India, should be discarded," he adds.

For formal occasions and diplomatic functions, black "sherwani" (long coat) on white "churidar" pyjamas (ankle-hugging pyjamas) have already been chosen as the suitable dress. It is now proposed to "add a bit of braid for the cuff and collar for special occasions and also a turban.

The normal office dress at present is the western coat and trousers, with tie and collar.

So far as women are concerned, Mr. Nehru feels that the graceful sari should continue to be worn for office work and elsewhere.

VARIETY OF DRESS

"IN India, there is a great variety of dress, which is natural considering the variety of climate. The one more or less static feature both from the the point of time and extent, has been the woman's sari with some variations in different parts of India. The sari is not only a graceful dress but on the whole is well-suited to the functions required of it. Otherwise it would not have lasted so long."

"Sports and athletics require special clothes. Some sports or games require a special dress, which is the most appropriate and suitable for it."

Mr. Nehru's suggestion for dress reform for men is no startling innovation. In the former Indian states, the ruling princes and their staff, politicians as well as businessmen adopted the buttoned-up short coat and trousers as the normal dress.

CLIMATIC CONDITIONS

MR. NEHRU has also stated, "Dress is obviously important from many points of view. Propably climate has led more than anything else to the development of various styles and modes of dress. Occupations have also influenced it. I am not referring to fancy fashions, but rather to the basic dress of the people. It represents to some extent the cultural traits of a people.

"As changes take place in the lives and occupations of the people, dress also undergoes a gradual change. Where no basic changes have taken place, the style of dress has remained much the same.

"In Europe, where great changes have been brought about in the course of the last thousand years or so, dress has changed frequently and radically. The dress of the Elizabethan Age was completely different from that of the 12th century. The 20th century has again brought about fundamental changes.

MODERN LIFE

"IN Asia, where conditions of life have been more or less static for a long period, dress has also remained rather static.

"It is obvious that the speed and intricacy of modern life, concerned as it is with all kinds of machines, necessitates a different kind of dress from that required for agricultural work, [illegible] machines are concerned.

"A cold climate obviously requires a different sort of dress. In a very cold climate, like that of Ladak (in North Kashmir) everyone, rich or poor, has to wear felt-lined boots. No one can go about bare-foot, however poor he may be, because that would mean frostbite and the loss of the feet.

"In the warmer climates of the greater part of India, chappals and slippers are good enough.

"In the south of India, even these are not necessary and people can easily go about barefoot.

"A people given to horse-riding, like the Mongols of old, necessarily require bifurcated garments like trousers."

MARCH OF TIME

SO the Natal capital's Indian Child Welfare Society has decided to move abreast of the times. Seated among its members at the meeting on Saturday afternoon, I could not help but notice a new spirit in the discussions—an increasing awareness of the plight of their less fortunate fellows, writes my Maritzburg colleague.

Time was when the Society, for some reason or other, held all its meetings on weekday afternoons—a time unsuited for members of the working class to be represented on the committee, with the result that attendances were not more than half-a-dozen.

Now all that is changed. The new secretary decided to give Saturday afternoon a trial, and its success may be guaged from the fact that important ventures were put into effect.

Happiest person was Mr. R. M. Naryan, secretary of the Arcan Benevolent Society. "What a load is being lifted from the aged people's homes!" he beamed.

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THE WOMEN'S TOUCH

MADURA.—Mrs. [illegible] member of the India Planning Commission, said in [illegible] that all municipal councils in the country should have women councillors.

The function of municipalities were identical with those of women at home. "If a woman knows how to keep her little house beautiful, [illegible] artistic, knows how to keep [illegible] educate her children and maintain sanitation, she will certainly be able to function as such with same capacity in a more expanded home and call town," she said.

"Women of our country [illegible] immense capabilities [illegible] should be mobilised [illegible] services utilised for [illegible] the country."

Midlands tour by Swami

MARITZBURG.—Swami [illegible] ananda embarks on a [illegible] lecture tour of the Natal [illegible] at Howick on Sunday afternoon [illegible] a talk on Hinduism. That [illegible] ing he will speak at the [illegible] H.Y.M.A. Hall and will end [illegible] Sunday at the City Hall [illegible] dia's Contribution to the [illegible] his subject.

The lectures are under the [illegible] a committee drawn from [illegible] organisations in Maritzburg and environs.

During his sojourn in [illegible] the Swami will be staying [illegible] Mr. C. Govindasamy, [illegible] the committee.

The following is the [illegible]

February 28 at 7.30 p.m. [illegible] "Hinduism." (Chairman: Mr. [illegible] Maharaj.)

February [illegible] at [illegible] H.Y.M.A., Maritzburg: "[illegible] of Vedanta." (Chairman: [illegible] Mutheray Pillay.)

March 1, at [illegible] Hall, Pentrich: "[illegible] of Man." (Chairman: Mr. [illegible] Govender.)

March 2, at [illegible] Hall: "The [illegible] pects of God." (Chairman: [illegible] Naidoo.)

March 3, at [illegible] School Hall: "The [illegible] Hinduism." (Chairman: [illegible] Naidoo.)

March 4, at [illegible] Hall, Plessislaer: "[illegible] Kharma." (Chairman: [illegible])

March 5, at [illegible] God." (Chairman: Mr. [illegible] ley.)

March 5, at [illegible] "The Scientific [illegible]" (Chairman: Mr. D. S. [illegible])

March 6, at [illegible] tent: "Divine [illegible]" (Chairman: Mr. C. [illegible])

March 6, at 7.30 p.m. [illegible] "The Practice and [illegible] ligion." (Chairman: Mr. [illegible])

March 7, at 3 p.m. [illegible] dia's Contribution to the [illegible] (Chairman: Mr. S. [illegible])

CITY BLOOD CALL

MARITZBURG.—A call [illegible] was made [illegible] G. Lerwick, secretary of the [illegible] burg Blood Transfusion [illegible] The unit will operate at [illegible] House in Pietermaritzburg [illegible] evening of Wednesday [illegible] Two European doctors [illegible] to be on duty and [illegible] sisted by members of the [illegible] tachment of the V.A.D.

Mrs. Lerwick told [illegible] that Maritzburg [illegible] responded magnificently [illegible] the past and the [illegible] on the panel was the [illegible] Union.

Any person over the age of [illegible] in reasonably good health [illegible] to contact Mrs. Lerwick at [illegible] House, or Mr. [illegible] trict Commissioner [illegible] Detachment.

Translation Academy: The [illegible] Madhya Pradesh [illegible] vided to set up a [illegible] emy which will translate [illegible] books in other languages [illegible] and Marathi.

GROUP INTOLERANCE

[illegible] mission to inquire into [illegible] government in the [illegible] been receiving some [illegible] evidence from [illegible] sources.

[illegible] primary purpose [illegible] ascertain whether [illegible] burgomasters [illegible] more efficient [illegible] than democratic [illegible] town councils. On [illegible] would be premature [illegible] definitive opinion, [illegible] efficiency is [illegible] good govern- [illegible] reserva- [illegible] extent to which a [illegible] Nationalist Head [illegible] be likely to com- [illegible] when they con- [illegible] sociology.

Although this central [illegible] yet come up for [illegible] the Commission [illegible] recommenda- [illegible] of shop licen- [illegible]

[illegible] Councils of [illegible] and Benoni—sup- [illegible] surprisingly, by the [illegible] Handelsinstituut—have [illegible] that municipali- [illegible] to refuse or [illegible] licences on the ground [illegible] or his [illegible] belong to a racial [illegible] from that pre- [illegible] in the area.

[illegible] to explain that [illegible] in this present [illegible] the four main [illegible] the Group Areas [illegible] have not yet reached [illegible] where discrimination [illegible] against British or [illegible] in predominantly [illegible] areas or vice-versa. [illegible] extension of group [illegible] cannot be excluded as [illegible]

Extension

[illegible] doctrine of so-called [illegible] between the [illegible] of government, [illegible] of infinite extension. [illegible] of such doctrines [illegible] shown how a com- [illegible] beginning at the [illegible] the most unpopular [illegible] e.g. the Jews in [illegible] quickly lead to a [illegible] of the moral [illegible] an apparently rival. [illegible] Once that occurs, [illegible] person is safe, no [illegible] is honoured, [illegible] community plunges [illegible] to fully [illegible] with ever [illegible]

[illegible] of the initia- [illegible] proposals [illegible] commercial com- [illegible] The num- [illegible] and African [illegible] areas must [illegible] and it is unlikely [illegible] were greatly [illegible] European traders [illegible]

[illegible] unfortunately true [illegible] Europeans, Indians [illegible] unpopular and mis- [illegible] of our racial minori- [illegible] far transcends [illegible]

[illegible] made quite clear by U.P. support for the Bill to ban the tiny influx of Indian wives and children, by Natal M.P.'s either abstaining from voting against the Group Areas Act or actively supporting it, and by the continued adherence of both the main parties to the parrot-cry of repatriation.

Nor, on this point, is there any difference between the allegedly patriachal Afrikaner racial ethic and the supposedly liberal British one. It was the British-descended citizens of Natal who, within three years of self-government, disfranchised their Indians in 1896, when there were 9,309 Europeans and only 251 Indians on the common roll, who first introduced trade licensing with a view to curtailing Indian commercial op- [illegible] way in the various phases of pegging legislation.

Indians hold no more shop licences than the ratio between their numbers and the Europeans would entitle them to. Only 15 per cent. of them are merchants and most of the rest are as impoverished, homeless, diseased, underfed and underemployed as the poorest urban Africans.

Ridiculous

Both these little realised facts, while making European attitudes look ridiculous, are not the source of the matter. This is that Indians came to this country at the invitation of Europeans on terms which encouraged them to settle as free citizens when their indentures expired. Their treatment today as "an alien element in the population" is, therefore, a repudiation of our historical obligations.

Many of the plans prepared under the Group Areas Act—alike by Nationalist-controlled Town Councils in Natal and Transvaal rural areas and by the U.P.-dominated City Councils of Durban and Johannesburg—look like attempts to ruin the commercial minority among the Indians and so compel them in desperation to take themselves off.

The licensing proposals by Johannesburg, Benoni and the Handelsinstituut certainly seem part of the same campaign.

It will be recalled that Lydenburg's infamous Group Areas scheme envisaged reducing Indian licences from seven to one and the Lichtenburg Town Council has just circularised its municipal employees, requesting them not to buy from Indian shops. The "Transvaler" has regularly preached this sort of group boycott.

The Nationalists appear to have no scruples in regard to "preserving White civilisation," which they interpret as maintaining exclusive White political and economic power for all time at any cost.

But it is a very unwelcome revelation that the U.P. is still often prepared to go all the way with the Nats, and even occasionally, as in this licensing business, to give them a lead. It cannot be sufficiently emphasised that one [illegible] in failing to oppose Nat. designs against our least popular race group—even sometimes outbidding them, in pursuit of supposed electoral expediency—the U.P. is unconsciously conditioning itself for succeeding and increasing surrenders of principle.

Little as we may now realise it, the case of the Indians is the case of us all. We might call it the Rhineland of our civilisation. Hitler could have been stopped in 1934 comparatively easily. Failure to stand up to him then led inevitably to the humiliation of Munich.

Let the anti-Nationalist forces remember this lesson. The time for resolute voices of humanity and justice to make themselves heard is at the beginning of the process towards group intolerance.

—C. W. M. GELL

PORT LOUIS, MAURITIUS: Although the British Colony of Mauritius has been under British rule since the island was taken from the French in 1810, it still has a most cosmopolitan flavour. The British gave back to this small island in the Indian Ocean the name by which it was first named when the Dutch visited it in the 16th century—Mauritius after Prince Maurice of Nassau, the Stadtholder.

Like the British West Indies, Mauritius is a big producer of sugar, and most of the sugar estate labour came from India. One result of this is that a large proportion of Mauritians, though all British nationality, are of Indian descent. Another consequence is that Hinduism is a prominent faith in the island.

Picture shows Tamil (Hindu) Temple of Siva, Port Louis.



Rights of parents upheld

BOMBAY.—A parent rather than the State had the right to decide what education a child should have and to what institution the child should go, two High Court judges have ruled in Bombay.

Chief Justice Mr. M. C. Chagla and Mr. Justice Dixit issued a writ preventing the Bombay Government from enforcing an order prohibiting the admission of pupils whose mother tongue was not English to schools where the medium of instruction was English.

The two Judges decided that the order, issued by the Government on January 6, was beyond the legal powers of the State.

[illegible] P. Amin, said that the Government would appeal to the Supreme Court. An "important constitutional point is involved."

The judgment was delivered on a petition filed by the Bombay Education Society, which looks after the welfare of poor European and Anglo-India children in the city.

Of the 1,403 grant-aided primary and secondary schools in the State, 113 were affected by the order.

THE AGA KHAN ALTERS HIS PLANS

MOMBASA.—The Aga Khan has altered the dates of his visit to East Africa in September, where he is to take part in further ceremonies in which he will be weighed against platinum.

He will now be weighed in Dar-es-Salaam on September 15, in Mombasa on September 18 and in Kampala on September 21.

Reports from Karachi said that the Aga Khan is suffering from a bad cold and has been ordered to bed by his doctors.

B.A. BARBERS

RAWALPINDI (Pakistan).—Patrons of two barbers in Rawalpindi got a lecture on the folly of receiving education in Pakistan when they go for a haircut or shave.

The barbers recently took their [illegible] and could not find suitable jobs. Their consolation is that they earn more barbering [illegible]



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The heart that used to be a smiling
Are now all torn by emptiness.
For ever remembered by his loving wife, children and grandchildren, inserted by Mr. and Mrs. B. Gadhan and family, Wesseis Nek.

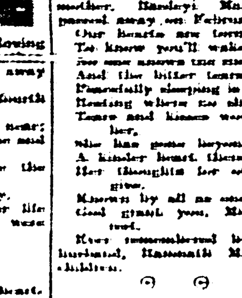
The Prime Minister said that the existing arrangements for foreign powers to maintain bases in Ceylon would remain unchanged.



MAHABEER: In loving memory of my beloved wife and our dear mother, Bandayi Mahabeer, who passed away on February 17, 1949.
Our hearts are torn and broken
To know you'll wake no more;
...
And the bitter tears that flow.
Peacefully sleeping in our dear one,
Resting where no shadows fall;
Tears and kisses would not wake her,
She has gone beyond our call.
A kinder heart there never lived,
Her thoughts for others was to give.
Known by all as one of the best,
God grant you, Mother, perfect rest.
Ever remembered by her loving husband, Hamnath Mahabeer, and children.



CASSIM: In treasured memory of dear pal, Cassim Hyder, whom we lost two years ago, February 27, 1952.
Death is a heartache no one can heal,
Memory a keepsake no one can steal.
Deep in our hearts he is living yet,
We who loved him too dearly will never forget.
Ever remembered by Nelson, Hafiz, Larchie, Sunny, Stanley and staff Albert Cinema.



GENGAN, GOVINDRAJH HARRY: In affectionate memory of my dear son and our loving brother, Govindrajh Harry, who passed away on February 24, 1950.
This is a day of remembrance, a day of sad regrets,
No one knows the silent heartache,
Only those who have lost can tell of the grief,
That is borne in silence for the one we loved so well.
God knew that he was suffering and the hills were hard to climb,
So he closed his weary eyes and whispered,
Peace be thine, you toiled so hard for those you loved,
And left us to remember.
Ever remembered by his loving mother, brothers, sisters-in-law and family, 28 Ulster Road, Rossburgh. (Inserted by officials and members of City Youth Orchestra.)

PILLAY: A tribute of love and remembrance to our darling daughter, granddaughter and sister, Kanagamby, who passed away three years ago on February 22, 1951.
Sadly missed and always remembered by Amma, Appa, Partie, Sister and brothers.—P.O. Box 22, Dannhauser.

Reddy: In cherished memory of our dearest mother, Lutchmee, who departed this life eight years ago this day, February 26, 1946.
Death is a heartache no one can heal,
Memory a keepsake no one can steal,
Deep in our hearts she is living yet,
We loved her too dearly to forget.
Always remembered by her loving children.—(Inserted by G. S. Reddy, 22 Vernon Street, Maritzburg.)

Thanks Notices

Messrs. Soobramoney Bros., of Westville, wish to thank all relatives and friends for their messages of condolence and floral tributes received during their recent sad bereavement. Special thanks to Mr. M. R. Yusuf and R. Mahabeer Bros., of Westville.

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KARDANI WILL CUT RANI IN HALF

"The Leader" Editorial

PIETERMARITZBURG, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1954

THE LANGUAGE OF POLITICS

ONE of the many signs of the political immaturity of our law-makers in Capetown is the readiness with which they talk of "solutions" to problems of human relationships. For the Government, Dr. Verwoerd informs us that the "solution" of the colour problem lies in "apartheid", while Mr. Strauss, modestly offering no "solution" of his own, suggests that an answer could be found if everybody concerned could be got together in a conference.

We need hardly point out, since the language of our politicians is taken seriously by no intelligent observer, that both "solutions" are fantastically utopian.

It is well understood by the whole country that territorial "apartheid" as envisaged by Dr. Verwoerd is impossible, and that the Government has not even advanced to the stage of declaring the Native areas in which the Bantu is to enjoy political rights. The fact of the matter, as the United Party has rightly pointed out, is that the country moves further away every day from territorial "apartheid", and that the movement of Natives into the towns and into industry continues apace.

As for Mr. Strauss's more modest "solution", it seems plain enough that even if agreement could be reached on the composition of any inter-racial conference, the likelihood of any further agreement is remote indeed. Nor would any "solution" arrived at in such a conference be at all practicable unless the representatives attending it learned to talk good sense on these difficult questions—a contingency that seems quite remote.

It is interesting to speculate on the causes of this almost infantile utopianism in South African politics. In no mature Western democracy today can politicians succeed ... the electors with the ... slogans, as they apparently ... in South Africa. It is ... understood that human relationships, whether among individuals, classes, or nations, ... not be "solved"; that they ... be provided for more ... adequately by wise administration, and that they ... their healthy development ... basis of secure justice and ... law-making. Sweeping ... for final settlements ... advanced by the two ... political parties in this country ... are elsewhere generally ... nised as belonging to the ... of fantasy.

The reason for South Africa's immaturity in this respect ... well be a deep-seated ... realistic thinking. The ... man has inherited a ... situation in this country ... will be able to maintain ... situation only, as most ... terested observers agree, ... exercise of great political ... and moral courage.

To place his unique ... ity on some kind of ... and political basis ... mand a moral revolution ... none but a handful ... have as yet found the ... to point this out.

In the meantime the ... political parties continue ... with empty and ... phrases. The inanities ... liament are a striking ... of the political vacuum ... Africa. It remains to ... whether the European ... Africa will find the ... look facts in the face ... frame their policies ... So far as we can judge ... debates in Parliament ... few signs of this, although ... speech by Professor ... indeed be the cloud ... than a man's hand that ... relief in the intellectual ...

THE ROSEBANK SPORTING CLUB

THE 25th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held on SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1954 at EARL HAIG ROAD commencing at 2.30 p.m.

Important discussions will be held in connection with the Club's Silver Jubilee Sports Meeting, which is provisionally fixed for May 30, 1954, at Currie's Fountain. All persons attached to the Club in the past are kindly requested to attend this meeting.

WEDDING POSTPONED

The proposed weddings of the youngest daughter and fourth son of Mr. and the late Mrs. R. Lutchman, of Candoora, Bellair, on February 28, 1954, and March 7, 1954, respectively, are postponed owing to the sudden death of their mother.

Diary of the Week

ONE of the most sensible letters to appear in our local dailies was one the other day on the question of the removal of Coloured voters from the common roll by Lieutenant J. Mitchell Baker (retired). It is worth recording.

He say, "The Minister of Justice stated in support of his decision to introduce legislation to reduce ... Africans convicted of treason during the last war that there was 'another side to the case.' There certainly is —a very important side, but not the one Mr. Swart had in mind.

"On the one hand a few Europeans whose names were deleted from the common roll on their being convicted of a crime which, in other countries, has usually meant the death sentence, are to have their citizen rights restored, on the other hand, all sorts of steps have been taken, so far without success, to remove from the common roll the names of thousands of non-Europeans who have served their country in war. Some of these men were members of the Cape Corps in World War I.

"In the Union's official history it is recorded of the Corps that 'it rendered most valuable service in the East African campaign. In Palestine it saw heavy fighting and bore itself with the utmost gallantry and achieved a high reputation for good conduct and military efficiency.'"

General Mitchell-Baker goes on, "Is that justice? And what of the effect on the Coloured community? It is time Mr. Erasmus gave that a thought. His advisers can tell him that over 45,000 Coloured men attested for service in the late war (not to mention 78,000 Natives).

"Our Divisions could not have functioned without them. They may not only have to in future, if the present folly and injustice goes unchecked, but it may be that no Government will dare let any of its European man-power leave the Union with the non-Europeans sullen and resentful.

"I consider this matter so important to our country that I would once more urge all ex-service organisations to combine in making the strongest possible representation to the Government."

It is paradoxical that ex-servicemen should be so treated but traitors in South Africa and German Nazis ... to South-West Africa have been granted citizenship rights and a voice in the politics of South Africa.

MET AFTER 43 YEARS

A FATHER and son met last week after 43 years. Mr. Poopanathan left his three-year-old son with his father and went out into the world to seek his fortune. This was in 1912. The son who is now 45 years old, met his father last week in Stanger. The old man is now working as a sirdar on a sugar farm. I am being forced to listen to the story of the reunion day after day. You see, the old sirdar in Stanger is my other boy's grandfather.

SWAMI'S HELPERS

TWO young men who are doing a good piece of work in Swami Nischalananda's revival campaign are Karunagaran Pillay, a budding artist and a sabert of no mean ability, and Vishnu Naidoo, official photographer of the Ramakrishna Centre. Vishnu specialises in Ektachrome Colour Films. There is only one other person who does this kind of photography in Durban, a European professional photographer, who also processes the materials required.

Vishnu is an ambitious young man and one of his plans is to proceed overseas for further study. He matriculated from Sastri College in 1950.

INDIAN GIRLS IN JEANS

JEANS are the ugliest garments ever designed for women to wear. I saw two Indian girls in them last Sunday. In reply to my question one of them said that it "flattened her tummy and flattened her appearance." It was a case of self-deception. If she had seen a back view of herself she wouldn't have felt so flattered.

POPULAR PASTIME—SNIDING THE SWAMI

A MAN stopped me in the street the other day and asked me if I could give any one reason why one or two individuals in the town do nothing in support of the Swami and why a fair number of people seem so interested these attacks.

I was unable to answer the first part of the question, but for the second part I said, "People are displaying the same sort of interest they do when a dog scratches itself."

THIS WEEK'S LAUGH

A PERSON goes to a hotel for a change and rest. The waiters take the change and the hotel takes the rest.

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RAMAKRISHNA CELEBRATIONS

...: Amid scenes of great enthusiasm, more than 1,000 people Saturday and over 2,000 on Sunday took part in the Sri ... birthday celebrations held by the Ramakrishna Centre at ... Hall in Durban last weekend.

... us, Sri Ramakrishna was the embodiment of love," he concluded.

CELEBRATIONS ON SUNDAY

On Sunday at the Gandhi Hall in his address, "The Task Ahead of Us," Swami Nischalananda said, "Sri Ramakrishna stood like a beacon pointing the way. And with him inspiring us, we are on the threshold of a spiritual revival. We are going to conduct a series of lectures throughout the country. Another method of stimulating this spiritual revival is by the distribution of literature. The slides which will be shown here this afternoon are also a means of education."

The Swami went on, "We conduct Yoga classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We must through Yoga endeavour to attain a higher form of spiritual life. We have a tremendous amount of work to do. We have a social service organisation for the distribution of old clothes and other essentials for the poor, and I appeal to all of you, particularly to the young men and women, to come forward to help us in this work."

He continued, "We have plans for a Yoga Ashram for the physical, moral and spiritual regeneration of our people. There is work to be done. The path is hard and the trials are many. But with courage we will triumph in the end."

In the course of his address Dr. Somasundrum Cooppan said, "Sri Ramakrishna lit up the soul and mind of India. He is one of the illustrious saints in the galaxy of saints that India has produced. Sri Ramakrishna stood for a way of life. This way of life is both a difficult and easy way of life."

Dr. Cooppan continued, "Sri Ramakrishna showed that by practising intense love it is possible to seek attunement with the Creator. He practised and followed every religion. He made no difference on the grounds of colour, creed and race. He advocated the equality of the sexes. His greatest lesson is that we should practise tolerance. Sri Ramakrishna stood for the unity of all mankind and the harmony of all religions," he concluded.

Lantern slides on the life and experiences of Swami Nischalananda in the Himalayas were shown with the Swami giving a commentary.

FOSA BRANCH MEETING

CHATSWORTH.—At the third annual meeting of the Friends of the Sick Association, Chatsworth Area Care Committee, Swami Nischalananda addressed the meeting on the "Karma Yoga." Swami said that Karma Yoga was a practice which could be called as an aspiration in social work.

The following were elected for the ensuing year: Chairman: Mr. George Thaver, Vice Chairman: Mr. V. M. Naidoo, Secretary: Mr. Kannathby Moodley, Record Clerk: Mr. Sivilingum Thambiran, Treasurer: Mr. V. V. Govender.

Working Committee Representative: Mr. Jimmy Naidoo, Asst. Working Committee Representative: Mr. Poomal T. Moodley, FOSA Link Representative: Mr. N. K. Naidoo, Hospital Visitor: Mr. K. T. Moodley.

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DURBAN CRICKET

DURBAN.—After having compiled a total of 125 on Saturday afternoon at Currie's Fountain, Ottomans failed to field a team against Central on the next day. This means ... had met this season, the previous four matches having been drawn.

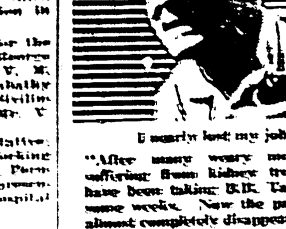
It was most unfortunate that Ottomans were unable to field a team after having been well placed. It was due to injury and illness that the players are unable to turn up. According to A. I. Timol, the captain, this is the first time that they were unable to field in a team.

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DURBAN. — A grand musical event featuring Durban's leading stage stars will be held at the Durban City Hall on Monday, March 1, at 7.30 p.m.

The programme is varied in that it depicts "Old-time" and "Modern" entertainment. Stage personalities from the entertainment world will appear. Among the artistes will be Doreen Mzabe, the exceptionally talented soprano, who has thrilled packed houses in Durban and elsewhere. The Blue Jewels Orchestra, the most popular in dancing circles, will provide instrumental music. "Sunny & Mansoor", the fascinating Coloured duet, will take part in the programme. The Rhyme Kings will provide fun and jokes to make your sides split.

Only a limited number of tickets is being sold at Peter's Lounge and Greenacres. Early bookings for this great entertainment event is absolutely essential.

HUNT FOLLOWS SHARE-OUT OF COIN FIND

PESHAWAR (Pakistan).—Seven thousands of gold and silver coins from the reigns of the great Moghul emperors were found in a family graveyard at a village near Peshawar.

But the authorities, who wish to claim them as treasure trove, are finding difficulty in rounding them up, for they were shared out among the villagers. Some were being sold in the bazaars of Peshawar for about one rupee (2s.) each.

Coins recovered so far include some from the reigns of Aurangzeb and Shah Jehan, builder of the Taj Mahal.

FIRED INTO CROWDS

CALCUTTA. — Two suspected smugglers attempting to escape from the police, fired into crowds at the busy Howrah Station in Calcutta on Sunday, killing two old women and injuring several other people.

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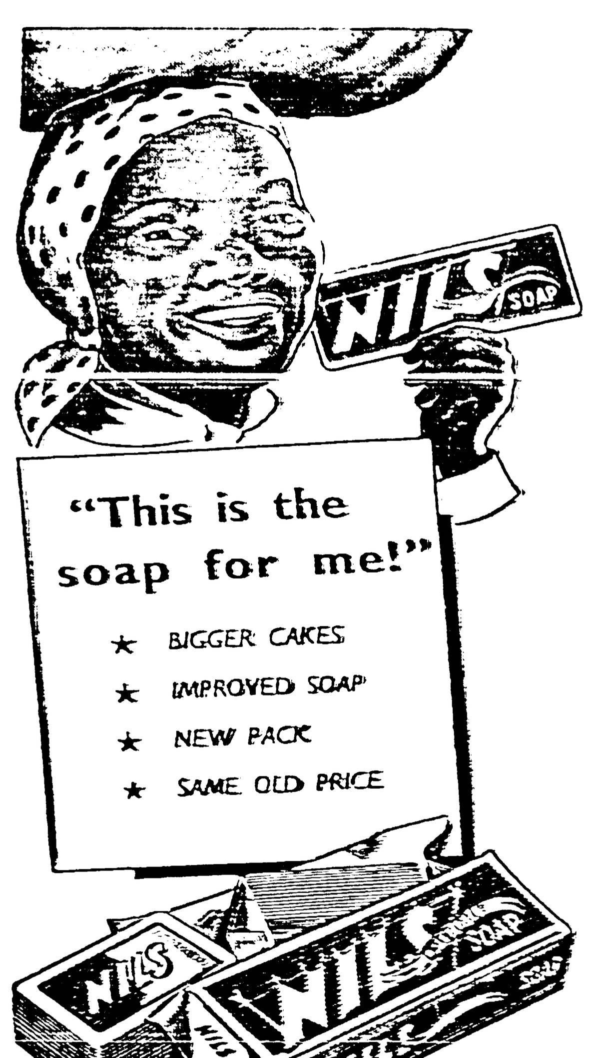
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New move by City Child Welfare

MARITZBURG.—New ground was broken in the Maritzburg Indian Child Welfare Society at its meeting with the appointment of new committees in the City and its environs. [illegible]

CEYLON'S "NO"

COLOMBO.—Ceylon [illegible]

"BLACK BALLOT" CONDEMNED

LONDON: Birmingham's busmen believe in democracy, yet they also appear to believe in the colour bar, says a comment in the editorial columns of the London "Evening Standard", under the heading "Black Ballot".

This was an editorial on the forthcoming secret ballot among Birmingham's 5,000 employees of the transport services to see whether or not coloured men and women should work alongside them.

No coloured men or women have been employed on Birmingham's buses, not because the city's authorities vetoed it, but because the workers themselves had banned coloured people on a variety of pretexts.

The "Evening Standard" says that the Birmingham authorities were right to seek an end to the odious discrimination. "But they are wrong to do so by means of a ballot.

"Even if every one of the 5,000 workers voted against the employment of coloured people, the authorities should still insist on the removal of the ban.

"Whatever the views of Birmingham's busmen, racial discrimination cannot be tolerated."

The paper adds that the existence of the British Empire is in peril unless all men within its boundaries—whatever their race or colour—can expect equal treatment and equal rights.

"The Birmingham authorities should set an example of tolerance, not by holding a ballot but by scrapping the colour bar without any further delay," says the paper.

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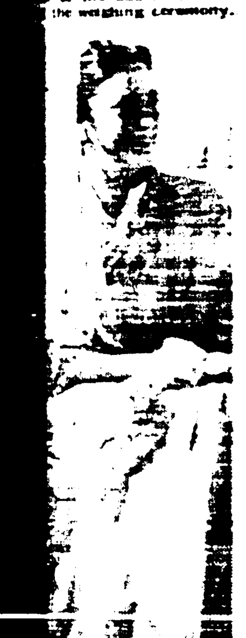
...) The beautiful bejewelled ... Aga Khan, who was in the ... of the audience which ... the weighing ceremony.

Censure motion voted down

NEW DELHI. — Mr. J. Nehru's Indian Government last week survived its first censure motion since India became independent in 1947, by a vote of 259 to 66.

The Opposition accused the Government of agreeing to hold discussions in the Upper House on the recent Calcutta riots without informing the Lower House of its decision and of denying the Lower House the right to discuss the question.

The Minister of Home Affairs, Dr. Kailas Katju, told the Opposition spokesmen, "My heart bleeds for Calcutta as much as yours does."



Churchill non-committal on U.K. colour bars

LONDON: The British Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, has turned down a suggestion in the House of Commons that he should instruct his Ministers to take action against the operation of a colour bar in Britain.

"The laws and customs of this country upon this subject are well known and I am advised that there is no need for new instructions," Sir Winston said.

Mr. Arthur Lewis (Labour) had asked if the Prime Minister would state the Government's policy on the Colour bar.

Mr. Lewis said that he and his colleagues were rather disappointed as they had expected him to be more "forthcoming."

"We expected him to say something at least as strong as the statements of some of his Ministerial colleagues in condemning this question," Mr. Lewis added.

WHITE INTERESTS

Mr. George Beresford Craddock (Conservative) said: "If the Prime Minister does make a further statement we hope he will bear in mind the interests of the White man occasionally."

This remark drew cries of "Shocking" and "Disgusting" from the Labour benches.

Mr. George Thomas (Labour) said that it was not a party issue.

He asked if the Prime Minister knew that the Minister of Education, Miss Florence Horsbrugh, had declined to withdraw recognition from a private school where the Colour bar was practised.

COMMENT REFUSED

The Prime Minister refused to comment on this, saying he had already answered the original question.

Mr. Philip Noel-Baker, a former Labour Secretary for Commonwealth Relations, said that the question of the Colour bar was becoming a great factor in world affairs.

The speeches and deeds of the British Government might have a tremendous effect on the future of the British Commonwealth.

Sir Winston Churchill replied that he would certainly bear that and other factors in mind.

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Non-white press views

COMMENTING on the Prime Minister's "rather vicious outbursts" about a republic and of breaking the courts, "The Sun" said: "This is the type of thing that the platteland Nationalist likes to hear. It gives him a false feeling of superiority! He says to himself: 'Oom is baas.' We cannot believe that the Prime Minister meant his remarks for anyone else but the rank and file of the Nationalist Party.

"Why the Prime Minister should want to threaten the courts, we don't know. It should be quite clear to everybody that the courts will not interfere if the decisions taken by Parliament are in accordance with the Constitution.

"It is true that the minority should abide by the decisions of the majority. But this is supposed to be a democratic country. If the majority forces its will on the minority, then there is no democracy. This is what happened in Germany and Italy, where it was called Fascism, and this is what is happening in Russia—only there they call it Communism."

MEDICAL TREATMENT

In another column the marked difference in treatment of European and Coloured school children—as regards medical examination—was discussed.

"In the third quarter of 1953, the average enrolment of Coloured children totalled [illegible] as compared with [illegible] European children (in the Cape). A total of [illegible] European pupils were examined as compared with only [illegible] Coloureds.

"Bearing in mind that the total number of Coloured children enrolled exceeds the European total by [illegible], and considering the indisputable fact that the Coloured child on the whole has a harder fight to keep in sound health—owing to a discriminate policy which favours the European in wages and living conditions—it does seem uncharitable and unjust that only [illegible] Coloured children were medically examined ..." the newspaper said.

CAGE TREATMENT

"Ilanga lase Natal" printed a statement by Mr. Gert Botha, formerly a warder in the Prison Department for three years, regarding non-Europeans.

"When a non-European enters prison and does not understand what is happening, they hit and kick him to make him understand ... Before they enter a jail the signal is passed round to warders, and the prisoners are told that if there make a complaint they will be suitably dealt with afterwards. The prisoners are so terrified that they are almost at the point of collapse through nervous tension ..."

Various instances of ill-treatment were given, and a hint of how to avoid discovery. "When you assault an African, white spots appear at the places where you hit him. All that you then need to do is to throw a bucket of water over him, the white spots disappear and he is once again black all over. Get a district surgeon five minutes later and he is honestly unable to say that the African has been assaulted," said Mr. Botha.

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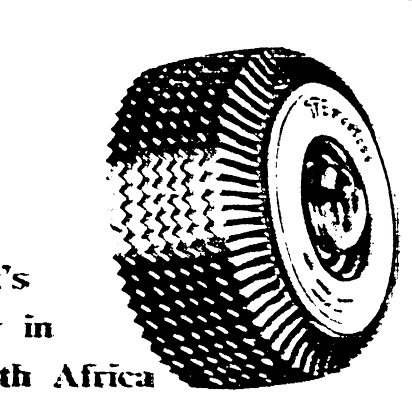


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MY DEAR CHILDREN. — My sagging mail bag received a terrific shock this week. For some weeks, I have been hearing its empty, hollow sound, which did not at all make Chachajan happy.

This week, apparently, all the members decided to write. My office was literally flooded out, with my mail bag almost bursting under the unexpected strain.

How happy would I be if this happened every week. I hope to see you beat this week's record next week.

RIDDLES GALORE

I had to swim in a spate of riddles this week! Your shifty Chachajan collected a few more grey hairs trying to answer some of the riddles. Perhaps you may be more successful. . . .

1. A man walked over a bridge. Suddenly his watch fell into the river. What time do you think it was?

2. What has four fingers and a thumb but no bones?

(Sent by Raul Naidoo, 1 Deane Street, Maritzburg.)

3. For whom does a king take off his crown?

4. What smells most in the chemist's laboratory?

5. What fruit is on a coin?

6. What has head and tail but has no life?

(Sent by R. M. Dhanesliwar, 107 Gum Tree Road, Sea Cow Lake.)

7. Who is the oldest settler in the west?

8. Who is a dead man buried on a red hill?

9. What pet is stamped upon and kicked about and is yet useful?

(Sent by Palaniwalan Moodley, P.O. Box 15, Umzinto.)

10. A motorist went over a pedestrian crossing while there were lots of pedestrians on it, went the wrong way up a one-way street, and then went along on the pavement. Although several policemen saw him he was not stopped. Why?

11. What tree can a car run into without doing any harm?

(Sent by A. H. Gora, c/o Lenz Trading Co., P.O. Box 101, Newcastle.)

12. How many sides has a ball?

(Sent by S. Jayaram Moodley, P.O. Box 20, Umkomaas.)

ANSWERS TO RIDDLES

[illegible]

GOOD DRAWING

I received a lovely artistic album "daffodils" and a few beautiful landscapes from Cecilia Ramperssad, of 30 Millar Street, Sophiatown, Johannesburg. Keep it up, Cecilia!

Shanti Rampersadh of the same address also sent in a good number of questions. When space permits they will be used.

YOUR EFFORTS

Those members who have sent in jokes, puzzles and riddles which have not yet appeared in these columns should not be disappointed. They will be used soon.

PAKISTAN PEN PALS

K. M. Bherwani, c/o Rama Pan Book Depot, Hiralal Hyderabad (Sind) W. Pakistan, has written to me asking for South African pen pals. Age 16½ years. Hobbies: stamps, view cards, photography, music, travelling, magazines. Languages: Hindi, English, Persian, Urdu, Sindhi.

Ali Ahmed Khan (16 years), 6/3 Behind Fathun Colony, Karachi, 13, W. Pakistan, whose interests are stamp collecting, correspondence, photography and literature, would like to have pen pals from South Africa. Ahmed wishes to say that he will try to answer all letters.

EAST AFRICAN PEN PAL

R. Sirsing, c/o Khalsa Boys' H. House, P.O. Box 1967, Dar es Salaam, T.T. B.E. Africa, desires pen pals from the Union. Interests: stamp collecting, athletics, view cards.

PEN FRIENDS' CORNER

The following is a list of names of pen friends for this week:—

B. Gita (13), c/o H. Duchesstore, P.O. Wesselsnek, Natal, would like to have pen pals from any part of the world. Interests: correspondence, reading and stamp collecting.

Mamcum Govender (13), c/o E. Surey, 3 Gordon Road, Pietermaritzburg, Natal, whose interests are in taxidermy and photography, would like to have pen pals from the Union and overseas.

Ram Singh (16), c/o Dawn View Hotel, Beach Terminus, Port Shepstone, desires pen friends from any part of the Union. Interests: cycling, reading and music.

F. A. Bayat (15), 554 Church Street, [illegible] whose interests are in stamp collecting and correspondence, would like to have pen pals from any part of the world.

Daddy Naidoo (16), P.O. Box 57 Tongaat, Natal, is interested in soccer, cycling and cinema, would like to have pen friends from the Union and overseas.

Suresh Anand (14), 41 Mendon Road, Mayville, Durban, whose interests are in correspondence, reading and films, would like to have pen friends from any part of the world.

Ismail Onia (19), P.O. Box 17, Charlestown, Natal, would like to have pen pals from the Union and overseas. Interests: cricket, soccer and the cinema.

P. Suleman (13), P.O. Box 23, Charlestown, Natal, is interested in cricket, soccer and tennis. He desires pen friends from any part of the world.

HUMOUR COLUMN

Ram: What is Uncle Nandkumar's address?

Dad: I don't know.

Ram: Then how can I get in touch with him?

Dad: Write to him and find out!

(Sent by S. Jayaram Moodley, P.O. Box 20, Umkomaas, Natal.)

Once a lady wanted to buy a car. When she came to the garage she forgot the name. The lady said to the man: "The car I want to buy starts with 'T'." The man said: "Madam! Cars do not start with 'T'. They start with petrol."

(Sent by Raul Naidoo, 1 Deane Road, Maritzburg.)

Jones: So you have been cured of your insomnia? It must have been an awesome relief.

Peter: You have said it. Why, I lie awake half the night thinking how I used to suffer from it.

The following warning was addressed by a priest to a man who was pouring forth a volley of bad language: "Have a care, friend, [illegible]

HOWLERS

MADRAS. — [illegible] of the howlers [illegible] in last year's [illegible] examinations.

They included:

"Was done in a [illegible] war."

"Lord Louis Mountbatten, the daughter of [illegible]"

"Adult franchise [illegible] King of Egypt."

"M.C.C. is the [illegible] tan College."

[illegible] thou mayest run [illegible] my fist."

(Sent by M. S. Govender, Sugar Mill, P.O. [illegible] land.)

Johnny: Papa, if I were [illegible] would you buy [illegible] banana?

Papa: Certainly [illegible]

Johnny: Well, papa [illegible] isn't going to [illegible] another banana [illegible] all in one [illegible]

(Sent by H. Moodley, [illegible] Road, Clairwood.)

Patient: Yes, doctor, my worries me a lot.

Doctor: Don't worry. [illegible] stop that.

(Sent by S. Rajpal, 2 [illegible] della Road, Sherwood, Durban.)

Dick: My son [illegible]

James: Swallowed a [illegible] That surely is [illegible]

Dick: No, it's [illegible]

(Sent by R. Heeralal, c/o [illegible] lands Indian School [illegible] Road, Sydenham.)

Stranger to youth: Is [illegible] municipal market [illegible] slums?

Absentminded youth: [illegible] it is the borough [illegible] Shepstone.

Stranger: Well, what [illegible] ference?

Youth: The difference [illegible] spelling, sir.

(Sent by P. Karunan, P.O. [illegible] 62, Port Shepstone.)

FROM MATCHSTICKS

Using nearly half a million matchsticks in [illegible] years, Percy Tarner, a [illegible] foreman plumber of [illegible] Kent, has made a [illegible] cabinet, standard [illegible] clock.

He collected [illegible] sticks from [illegible] trimmed them with a [illegible] a small plane. Then [illegible] on a sheet of a [illegible] spread the matchsticks [illegible]

Each piece of furniture [illegible] be french polished [illegible] finished, has taken [illegible] year to make.

—The Young [illegible]

Till Next Week
Chachajan

Teenagers' column

HELLO TEENAGERS

A friend once told me: "Youths today lack gumption and an adventurous spirit." I was inclined to agree with him.

Lots and lots of teenagers today are pampered and leave all the thinking to the older people. They have been used to a loose life with no bumps to prick their complacency. They have not yet faced the hard facts of life.

The success story of George Eastman sounds almost like "Rags-to-riches" adventure. This story appeared in the "Young Springbok" and I print it below to serve as an inspiration to teenagers.

FIRST BOX CAMERA

It will be 100 years on July 2, 1954, since the birth of George Eastman, the man who gave the world the first simple box camera with a roll of film in it for taking snapshots.

At 14, poverty forced George to leave school. He became a messenger boy earning three dollars a week. He studied bookkeeping and at 20 he was a junior clerk at the Rochester Savings Bank.

George Eastman was always thrifty and saved, even on his meagre wages of three dollars. His salary as junior clerk was 800 dollars a year.

This enabled him in the next seven years to save 3,000 dollars which he used for his start in the photographic business. His earnings and savings and expenses were carefully accounted for in his notebook.

After four years of hard work he planned to take a holiday, and was advised to make a photographic record of his journey.

That suggestion changed his life. He bought the bulky outfit that picture-taking made necessary in those days.

The camera was as big as a soap box and needed a heavy tripod to stand it on. Then the camera went a "dark tent" which had to be big enough for the photographer to get into while spreading emulsion on glass plates before exposure, and later for developing the plates.

There were chemicals, glass tanks and a heavy plate holder, a jug for water and altogether the complete outfit "was a packhorse load," as Eastman described it.

He experimented to make photography easier and eventually, after some years of effort in his spare time, he succeeded in making dry plates for use in place of wet ones. Then he introduced a new sensitive film that fitted in roll holders.

By June, 1888, he invented a box type camera, light and small, loaded with a roll of film long enough for 100 exposures. A new era in photography began. Anyone who could "press the button" could take pictures.

His factory grew enormously, and Eastman began to reap a reward for his genius. His business grew, and he made millions of dollars. He gave away as freely as he earned.

In 1924, he gave 75 million dollars to several universities. After signing the cheques, he laid down the pen: "Now I feel better."

In all he gave away 100 million dollars for education, medicine and music.



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EAST AFRICAN AIRWAYS

Points from Readers' Letters

Hooliganism at Durban Dance Halls

[illegible] (Durban) writes: I [illegible] ballroom dancing, [illegible] favourite pastime. [illegible] of people like myself who love dancing [illegible] go to balls because [illegible] too many hooligans [illegible] frequent the places."

[illegible] a dance held at the [illegible] recently. Three-quarters [illegible] men were hooligans. [illegible] These men crowded [illegible] and outside the hall [illegible] language.

[illegible] a real disgrace to the [illegible] A few dance [illegible] already been closed to [illegible] of these hooligans. [illegible] that soon the [illegible] will not be available if [illegible] not stopped. When this happens we Indians must not blame others, but ourselves.

It is not safe to take a lady to a dance. If a lady refuses to dance with these indecent men, she must be prepared to be called by abusive names. If we young men intervene, we are called on to fight.

When are we to enjoy going to a dance hall? When are we going to move about more freely among our people? When are we going to stop hooliganism and drunkenness?

I make an appeal to all who hold dances to have more police protection and by all means avoid admitting these disgraceful men.

There are others who think the same as I do. If I go to a dance and somehow there happens to be fighting, drunkenness and filthy abusive language all over the hall, then I do not patronise the same party again.

I hope that in the future we will not witness these incidents.

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Casim D. Vorajee (Umzinto) writes: I was one of the P.S.C. candidates of 1953. According to the P.S.C. results published, I noticed that I had obtained a "Leaving Certificate."

Being confident of a Continuation Certificate I decided to write to the Education Department at Maritzburg. The reply from the Department showed that I had obtained a continuation, and it also stated that the examiner had made a mistake while checking my papers.

Therefore I beg you to publish an article stating that I obtained a clear Continuation and not a Leaving Certificate.

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Sundhra Pather (Clairwood) writes: Allow me to ask Swami Nischalananda a few questions:

1. May I know by whom were you given the title of "Swami"?

2. When were you given this title?

3. And where were you given this title?

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BOBBY PILLAY (Maritzburg) writes: Allow me to make a few observations on Natal Indian Congress elections held in Maritzburg recently, a report of which appeared in "The Leader."

The swing into office of the Motala group would seem to the impartial observer a healthy sign of progress in Maritzburg. [illegible]

"The infiltration into Congress by the "Unity" movement has resulted in the realignment of the forces of [illegible] group. The Lindsale-Motala-Pather triumvirate have strengthened their hand in Indian politics in Natal. And it would not be surprising if the Maritzburg branch of Congress becomes an appendage of the so-called Anti-Segregation Council of the Natal Indian Congress, set up in opposition to Congress leadership.

The coming months will see the resurrection of the discredited policy of non-collaboration and the so-called ten-point programme of the so-called Unity Movement, which were repeatedly defeated by representative organisations of the people in the past.

It is significant that these Non-collaborators have managed to gain a foothold in Congress only after our national leaders had been prevented from fighting oppression within Congress because of the bans imposed by Mr. C. R. Swart under the Suppression of Communism Act. The Suppression of Communism Act is no doubt a blessing to our so-called Unity Movement.

Their insistence that the Natal Indian Congress Conference in Durban should be an open one, even after Headquarters had pointed out that it was decided to have a closed session only as to enable the Congress President, Dr. Naicker, to beat the ban imposed by Mr. Swart, clearly indicated their opposition to Dr. Naicker's presence at Conference, and was tantamount, in my opinion, to the endorsing Mr. Swart's actions against our leaders.

Incidently I think your reporter made a blunder when he dubbed these politically conscious people who saw the incorrectness of the policy of the "Unity" Movement and opposed the Motala Group, as the "Right wing of Congress." It would have been more precise to have called us the active supporters of Congress policy as arrived at democratic Provincial and National Conference.

The Motalas are no more than the inactive adherents to a negative policy of condemnation, boycott and armchair criticism. The difference is great—greater in fact, than the difference between the S.I.O. and the S.I.C.

The so-called Unity Movement should be held responsible for the disunity within the democratic front of all races in opposition to Fascism.

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Peter M. Brown (Natal Provincial Secretary of the Liberal Party, Maritzburg) writes: I should like to comment on the report of the proceedings of the Annual Conference of the Natal Indian Congress.

Under the heading "Liberals Criticised" Mr. Singh, the retiring General Secretary, is reported to have said that "the Liberal Party advocated the qualified franchise on the Common Roll." Mr. Singh is then reported to have added that the effect of this policy "is that while Europeans will automatically qualify for the vote, Non-Europeans will have to strive for and succeed in obtaining qualifications before they can exercise the vote."

The first of these statements is quite true: the Liberal Party does advocate the qualified franchise on the common role. The second, however, is not. Europeans will not qualify automatically for the vote. Exactly the same qualifications will be required of any new voter of whatever racial group.

Finally, I think it should be made clear that while the educational qualification for the franchise is set at Standard VI, the Liberal Party's educational policy provides for free compulsory education at least to Standard VI, as soon as possible. This educational programme will apply to all South Africans, regardless of their race and will eventually enable everyone to qualify for the vote.



BABY'S OWN TABLETS

How thick and glossy will your hair look in 20 years time?



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"Raid" protest to Swart

JOHANNESBURG: An "open letter" to the Minister of Justice, Mr. C. R. Swart, from the South African Society for Peace and Friendship with the Soviet Union, complains about the action of the police in "raiding" a meeting held under the auspices of the Society. The letter says:

"On Tuesday, February 9, a public meeting held under the auspices of our Society was raided by police, who barred the exits and prevented anybody from leaving until they had furnished their names and addresses. The police officer in charge stated that this action was being taken in terms of the Suppression of Communism Act.

"We wish to protest most emphatically against this conduct.

"The relaxation of international tensions and the promotion of a better understanding between "East" and "West" are widely acknowledged today as being of vital importance in preserving world peace; a question upon which, in this atomic age, human survival itself may well depend.

"This truth was recognised by the Dominion Prime Ministers at their meeting last June in London, when, according to the official communique, they "reviewed the state of relations with the Soviet Union and agreed that no opportunity should be lost of composing, or at least easing, the differences which at present divide the world."

This view was confirmed by the Prime Minister, Dr. Malan, in Parliament on August 12, 1953.

"The objects of our Society, as is well known, are to promote peaceful and friendly relationships not only upon the diplomatic level, but also upon the cultural and commercial levels, between our country and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. We believe that such relationships can best be cultivated on the basis of mutual understanding and objective information.

"The activities of our Society are directed solely towards the furtherance of these objectives, and are in no way linked with the promotion of Communism or any other political ideology. The Society has carried out these lawful activities openly and publicly for many years.

"In the light of all these circumstances the conduct of the police at our meeting must be characterised as completely unwarranted and an outrageous abuse of authority.

"To demand the names and addresses of private citizens attending a lawful public meeting is, we believe, an unprecedented action in this country. It is a precedent which, if it passes unchallenged and is followed in the future, can only lead to the most serious inroads upon the traditional and universally acknowledged rights of freedom of speech and conscience, for it constitutes a form of intimidation which cannot but deter a section of the people from seeking independent views and information.

"We submit further, that the work of this Society at the present time is of vital public importance in furthering the cause of world peace and goodwill between nations, and in advocating the extension of trade and economic relations which can be of great benefit to all sections of our population in the difficult times which we fear lie ahead.

"We therefore respectfully request that you furnish us with an immediate explanation of the reasons for the conduct of the police at our meeting, and an undertaking that in future the proceedings of this Society will not be subjected to interference by the police, least of all such rude and unwarranted interference as we suffered."

The letter is signed by the Rev. R. C. Thompson, Chairman of the South African Society for Peace and Friendship with the Soviet Union.



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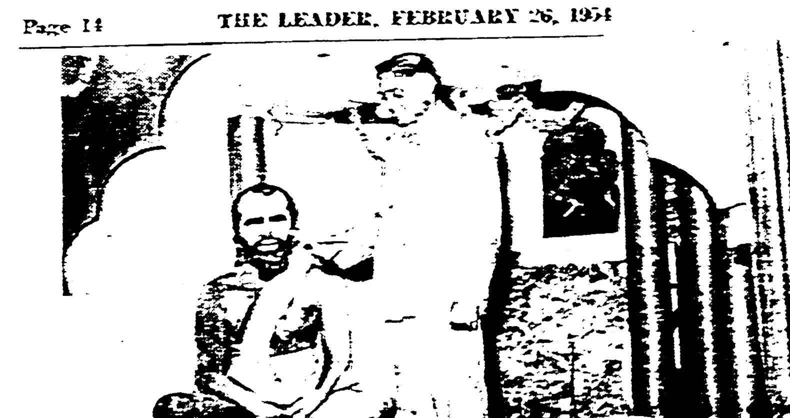
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Dr. K. P. Desai making a speech at the Sri Ramakrishna birthday celebrations last Saturday. To the right of Dr. Desai is a portrait of Sri Ramakrishna. (See also Pages 1 and 9.)
—Picture by Vishnu Naidoo.

WORLD SPORT By BOBBY NAIDOO

The Champion stays in bed

ELIJAH MOKONE, much vaunted lightweight champion of South Africa, created a problem from the day he arrived in England. He went to bed immediately and has not got up since. [illegible]

TRAVELLING TIMES!

[illegible]

CRICKET, LOVELY CRICKET!

[illegible]

WHEN OPPORTUNITY KNOCKED...!

[illegible]

Continued in next Column

TULI V. SHIRAI

[illegible]

SOCIAL CHIT CHAT

[illegible]

SPORTS PARADE

By BOBBY HARRYPERSADH

HAS it ever struck you that the physical training which fully-clothed children compulsorily undergo in the heat of the sun during summer months may be unhealthy? This is part of the school curriculum and one teacher told me that there could be nothing wrong with it as the school had been doing P.T. for the past 20 years—even in summer.

KNOWING as we do that our schools do not have the same amenities as European schools, such as gymnasiums and swimming baths, we can only imagine how the children are made to grin and bear it under these circumstances. [illegible]

SILVER JUBILEE

[illegible]

EVENTS FOR SCHOOLS

[illegible]

ROSEBANK'S RECORDS

[illegible]

YOUNG BLOOD NEEDED

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[illegible]

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BOBBY NAIDOO'S LONDON COLUMN

THIS week's London "Sunday Express," the weekend counterpart of the "Daily Express," founded by Lord Beaverbrook, started a forthright campaign of righteousness. Right across its leader page was the screaming headline "SAVE AFRICA!—There is no room for racial intolerance if the British Empire is to be sustained." [illegible]

FOOLISH

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NOT SOUTH AFRICA

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OFF TO THE STATES

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Dindayal wins marathon

DURBAN: S. Dindayal, of the Avondale Athletic and Cycling Club, who drew away gradually from a field of 17 runners, won the Tongaat-Durban marathon road race in three hours when the Natal Amateur Athletic and Cycling Association staged their first sports meeting of this season at Currie's Fountain on Sunday. At various points the course was lined with enthusiastic spectators who gave the runners support and encouragement.

Although the marathon event was being run after a long lapse, it was pleasing to note that there were as many as 17 competitors, including an African runner, Alfred Oliphant, for the first time. Ten runners completed the gruelling course. [illegible]

SENIORS

[illegible]

JUNIORS

[illegible]

SCHOOLS COMPETITION—BOYS

[illegible]

SCHOOLS COMPETITION—GIRLS

[illegible]

MARATHON

[illegible]



Mr. K. M. Valjee, donor of the Valjee Marathon Floating Trophy, presenting the Trophy to winner S. Dindayal. Mr. K. L. Maharaj looks on.



S. DINDAYAL, of the Avondale Athletic and Cycling Club, running strongly in the Marathon from Tongaat to Durban on Sunday. He completed the course in three hours to win from a field of 17 runners.



Kanasthar Kallicharan, of Maritzburg, three time winner of the Natal Indian open golf title, and also holder of the Non-European open championship.

Durban to see Kid Dynamite

DURBAN.—For the first time in his illustrious fighting career, Durban will see sensational Kid Dynamite, who set the boxing world aflame in Australia by his unexpected defeat of Taffy Hancock, tenth ranking flyweight in the British Empire and champion of Australia, writes Joe Francis. [illegible]

A CLASSIC

[illegible]

GOOD MATCH

[illegible]

TABLE TENNIS OFFICIALS

DURBAN.—The Natal Table Tennis Union held their annual meeting on Wednesday last at the Crown Studios. [illegible]

CHAMPIONS FOR 5TH TIME

LADYSMITH. — Pickhill are the district cricket champions for the fifth time in succession, after having decisively beaten Railways, Muslims and Ottomans. [illegible]

MARITZBURG CRICKET XI

MARITZBURG. — The following is the Maritzburg B cricket team, which meets Durban A at Currie's Fountain this weekend: [illegible]

Sub-Committees of M.D.I.F.A.

[illegible]

Thunee Event

[illegible]

PETROS FIGHTS AT STANGER

IN the first professional boxing tournament in Stanger, Chin Govender, who is making his debut as a promoter, has brought together Gilbert Petros, Natal champion, and Jerry Macdonald in a ten-round welterweight contest which should provide thrills aplenty, writes Joe Francis. [illegible]

Mainly About People





MEDIKAH PILLAY

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Freddy Pillay, of 2 Chamberlain Road, Mariannhill, celebrated his first birthday on February 16. Baby Morgan is a grandson of Mr. C. P. Ramroop and Mrs. Pillay, of 63 Cranwell Street, and Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Padayachee, of 522 Raven Street, Mayville.



AHMED KAFFEN

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Kaffen, of 2 Chamberlain Road, Mariannhill, are grandsons of Mrs. A. Ismail, of 1 Ismail Street, Tongaat, who celebrated her birthday on Friday, Feb. 26, 1954.



CHETTY—CHETTY WEDDING.

The wedding will take place at M. M. Chetty (Ragie), eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Chetty, of 81 Umbilo Road, Durban, and Chetty, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. K. K. Chetty, 315 Ell Place, Clare Estate, on Sunday, 7th March, 1954, at the Avalon Theatre, Victoria Street, Durban.

Hospital ceremony between 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. Friends and relatives are cordially invited to attend.

CORRECTION

This picture published last week of Mr. A. Mangaroo Govender, of Umhumasa district, who is returning to South Africa shortly on the Kenmore after a tour of India, was wrongly captioned Mr. K. Mangaroo Govender. This error is regretted.

Photograph taken at a reception held by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations in honour of the students from South East Africa, in New Delhi on January 21. The students were on a tour of India.

CORRECTION:

TOORIE—RUDREE ENGAGEMENT

Messrs H Toorie and Hodson, of Durban, would like to inform their many friends and relatives that they have been formal engagement of their son and daughter respectively, but would like to mention that they are postponed for such others



AMOD KARODIA

of Durban and Stanger, who has studied as an A.M.I.N.E. (Associate Member of the Institute of Nuclear Engineers) and M.I.P.E. (or the first South African Indian to do this. He is at present in the United States and expects to return with American qualifications in May. (See Bobby Naidoo's "London Column" on page 10.)



MANGHUBHOY

only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Naidoo, of 161 Head, Clare Estate, and granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. Naidoo, of Lion's Street, Stanger, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Naidoo, of 233 Dumbarton Road, Sydenham, celebrated her birthday on Sunday, February 14.

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U.S. Aid Rumpus

REPERCUSSIONS GROW IN INTERNATIONAL GRAVITY

NEW DELHI: The United States decision to give Pakistan military aid, in spite of objections by India, is stated here to be a "calculated gamble" designed to force India from its position of East-West neutrality into a more pro-Western attitude. The repercussions of the U.S. decision are meanwhile continuing to grow in international seriousness.

India is expected to demand the withdrawal of American members of the United Nations observation team in Kashmir, after the declaration by Mr. Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, that they could not be considered neutrals after United States aid to Pakistan.

"Their presence in Kashmir appears to us improper," said Mr. Nehru.

"Aid for Pakistan creates a grave situation for us, India, and for Asia," he told Parliament. "It adds to our tensions and makes it much more difficult to solve the problems which have confronted India and Pakistan."

Answering President Eisenhower's offer to consider sympathetically any Indian request for aid, Mr. Nehru said: "If we object to military aid being given to Pakistan, we would be hypocrites and unprincipled opportunists to accept such aid ourselves."

If conditions were created for aggression, it might take place in spite of the desire of the United States to prevent it, and later long arguments would be carried on as to whether it was aggression or not, he added.

India had no intention of surrendering or bartering her freedom for any purpose or under any compulsion whatever, Mr. Nehru said.

He was convinced that President Eisenhower bore no ill-will to India, nor would he take any steps to injure India.

"It is not a question of motives but rather of certain results which inevitably follow certain actions," he said. "It has seemed to us in regard to military aid to Pakistan that the results are bound to be unfortunate."

Eisenhower:

WASHINGTON. — President Eisenhower, announcing United States military aid to Pakistan, said

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Indian homes demolished

...MAN: IN RECENT WEEKS THE DURBAN CITY COUNCIL ...AS CARRIED OUT ITS "WITCH-HUNTING" EXPEDITION ...BERDEEN. THE VICTIMS BEING INDIAN FAMILIES. ...ES BOBBY HARRYPERSAUDH.

...ence of owners in the district ...were pulled down—some while ...ants were in and others after ...ants had left without a reason ...ven by officials of the ...Council.

...of the affected families are ...ve massive mortgages and ...e responsible to replace ...ses. Some had saved ...their homes, and now have ...ir savings, after having ...their life's savings on ...

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...pledge that a sum of ...to be invested after ...and this matter is ...in the hands of the ...

...Durban City Council, for the ...ment, has made empty over... to the members of Merebank, ...ence of economic and ...housing.

...ation in the Merebank ...has been refused on the ...that the area falls within ...Industrial Housing ...ence is remedied, the ...of the district thus prime ...for industrialists, for which ...Council must bear full ...

...responsibility," said Mr. I. Ramsunder, an Indian Congress official in the area.

Not long ago the Durban City Council elected a large group of Indians residing at Chatsworth and

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A bright "Leader"

THIS week's 16-page "Leader" is crammed with interest for readers. Inside will be found:

On Page 3: THREAT TO NATAL HAWKERS.

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On Page 7: INDIAN UNREST PROMINENT.

On Page 10: The Man Who Refuses to Grow Old.

On Page 12: THE SARDINE: ORIGIN AND POPULARITY.

Mr. Ali:

KARACHI. — Mr. Mohammed Ali, Prime Minister of Pakistan, announcing that the United States had agreed to give Pakistan military assistance under a new mutual security programme, said that Pakistan had "undertaken not to engage in any act of aggression against any nation."

She would abide by this, but had not been asked for any duties or other undertakings or concessions, and had not offered any.

"This alone should constitute adequate assurance that Pakistan has

S.A.R. ban on firm 'because it is Indian-owned'

DURBAN.—The Durban Road Transportation Board was told this week that after the South African Railways had granted the hire of a loading site to the Verulam Box Factory at Ponnadene Halt (Natal South Coast), it reversed the decision when it found that the firm was Indian-owned.

Mr. A. Goldberg, who appeared for the Indian firm, said that the firm hired the site for loading timber on to Railway trucks. The loading was done by natives under an Indian's supervision.

"Last week the station master at Kelso Junction telephoned my clients to say that he had been instructed to tell them that they would have to cease using the site because they were an Indian concern and Ponnadene Halt was in a predominantly European Area," he said.

Mr. Goldberg said that System Manager's arbitrary action had crippled the firm's business since they were no longer allowed access to the timber depended on by sole supplier of timber, he said.

Mr. N. van der Merwe, who appeared for the South African Railways Administration, told the Board that permission to hire the site was due to a clerk's mistake. When it was discovered that the firm was Indian-owned, they were instructed to close using the site and the matter was referred to the General Manager of Railways at Johannesburg.

He was waiting for the General Manager's decision, he said.

The chairman of the Board, Mr. P. H. Brevik, granted the firm a temporary permit to operate from a barrel load of timber each day for 30 days between Halt 19 and Kenyon and Sparrow. Mr. Brevik said that as soon as the General Manager's decision was available, the Board would hear the case.

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