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PAKISTAN'S WOMEN GUARD

("The Leader" Special Service).

Karachi: Begum Fazlur Rahman, wife of the Honourable Mr. Fazlur Rahman, has returned to Karachi from Lahore where she attended a conference of leading women convened by the Commandant of the Pakistan National Guard in order to organise a Pakistan Women's National Guard. The conference was held under the Chairmanship of Begum Liaquat Ali Khan, wife of the Premier.

NON-EUROPEAN STUDENT'S SUCCESS

A former student of the Non-European Section of the Natal University College, Thomas [illegible], also known as T. T. F. [illegible], has just distinguished himself as a university student in the United States.

In June, 1947, he was awarded a Master's Degree in the Political Science by the Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore. His thesis, which covered 200 pages, was on "Some Aspects of Recent Executive Agreements," and he had the opportunity of studying the United States Congress and the Supreme Court first hand, and came in contact with Senators, Representatives and State Department officials and experts.

He was present as a visitor at some of the sessions of the United Nations Security Council and General Assembly at Lake Success and met many of the delegation, including those from China, Indonesia, Egypt, India and the Netherlands.

He also gained a scholarship to the Harvard Law School. Only 40 of these scholarships are awarded each year, and candidates entered from over 700 university institutions throughout the United States.

CENTENARIAN'S 200 DESCENDANTS

From Our Own Correspondent

TRAVANCORE (South India): A man here claims to have reached the age of 114 years and to have 200 descendants.

His wife died last year at the reputed age of 103.

TALK OF THE BAZAAR

By the "Faqir"

ALTHOUGH the war finished sometime back, I am sure readers will find this story of war-time compromises with one's principles interesting. It was told me by Dr. B. T. Chetty, who was one of the few Indians who, having qualified, decided to take a chance against the German U-Boats plying the Atlantic. On board was a mixed crowd. There was one White woman who had the typical South African outlook towards the non-European. She couldn't stomach them, and actually made that quite plain. There was also on board an East African Native who was being repatriated from England via South Africa. He wore a pair of dungarees, had been probably wearing them for the last twenty years. He also had on a greatcoat which was a real "stinker." He tried to part with it on board, but nobody would have it. Dr. Chetty warned him to hang on to it, for that was about the only worldly possession this man from East Africa had. People kept as far as possible from him. Then one night a German torpedo caught up with the boat, and all on board went for the lifeboats. The African was among the lucky ones. He found a lifeboat quickly, and in the cold waters of the sea his greatcoat was a comfort. Then somebody pulled in a woman wearing a flimsy nightie soaked through and through. She was drenched and sprawled right across the African's lap without waiting to see who it was. The African was a gentleman. He gave the lady his coat, and she huddled gratefully under it. Despite their predicament, quite a few laughed that night when principles and prejudices collapsed before need. At Freetown, where the survivors stopped for sometime, they found that woman had changed amazingly for the better.

MATTER OF DIALECTICS

MY office boy has returned from his holidays with something he calls a "matter of dialectics." I told him I didn't understand. "Don't bother," he told me, "even those people who talk so freely about dialectical materialism don't understand it either." Over the last few months that he has engaged himself with the Indian problem he found that for a very long time there was an element in the community whose motto was "no compromise." They built themselves on it and day in and night out they shouted "no compromise." Yes, my office boy says, he has checked up and found that these fellows' main political platform was "no compromise." In fact, "no compromise" became a Lord's Prayer with them. They lived, dreamed and walked "no compromise." Now my office boy has discovered a breach in the forts of the "no compromisers." Recently he heard their Big Chief, During Darling Dadoo, talking of an "honourable compromise." He suspects that the days of "no compromise" are over and that "honourable compromise" has [illegible] taken over. If this isn't a compromise what is, my office boy asks. He has put the question to a few chaps who have got him entangled with such high falutin' statements as "dialectics, my man, dialectics; society is dynamic and changing, always in a state of perpetual motion; the law of society and of human life itself is change." I don't understand either.

MORE COMING

THIS story was passed on to me by a teacher fellow during the week. On the day that school opened a local parent turned up to school with a few of his offspring to set them on the high road to education. He was asked for their birth certificates. He produced an envelope, from which he extracted bits and pieces of paper which, assembled laboriously, made about two birth certificates. But why this disgraceful state of affairs? Oh! he had kept the certificates in a tin canister, but a little mouse had found its way in and chewed up some of them. The teacher couldn't help remarking on this. Oh that was nothing, there were still a few more at home, and what is more, the fond parent volunteered the following with pride: He had that morning sent for the doctor and soon hoped to apply for the fourth birth certificate!

Messrs. A. K. Moolla, F. A. Bux, Ismail I. D. [illegible] and Suleman Vahed, all of Stanger, spent last weekend at Greytown and Kranskop. At Kranskop they were entertained by Mr. Goolam Nabbie I. Moolla.

Racing Selections

By DIPLOMAT

The following are my selections for the Clairwood race meeting run on Saturday.

First race, [illegible], Maiden Juvenile Handicap, five furlongs.
1. THE FAVOURITE.

Second race, [illegible], Maiden Juvenile Plate, five furlongs.
1. INVERMARK.
2. Rydal Mount.
3. [illegible]

Third race, [illegible], Galloway and Pony Handicap, seven furlongs.
1. FALAISE.
2. Winking Girl.
3. [illegible]

Fourth race, [illegible], Umhlali Handicap ([illegible] Div.), one mile.
1. BLUE SCARF.
2. [illegible]
3. [illegible]

Fifth race, [illegible], Rosetta Handicap ("C" Div.), five furlongs.
1. RINGED.
2. [illegible]
3. [illegible]

Sixth race, [illegible], Umhlali Handicap (Top Div.), [illegible] miles.
1. MOLASSES.
2. [illegible]
3. Fifth Brigade.

Seventh race, [illegible], Rosetta Handicap ("B" Div.), five furlongs.
1. GUESS WORK.
2. [illegible]
3. [illegible]

Eighth race, [illegible], Rosetta Handicap ("C" Div.), five furlongs.
1. SIXI.
2. Springbok.
3. Controversy.

Ninth race, [illegible], Rosetta Handicap ("A" Div.), five furlongs.
1. HAYWIRE.
2. Floodlight.
3. Wedding.

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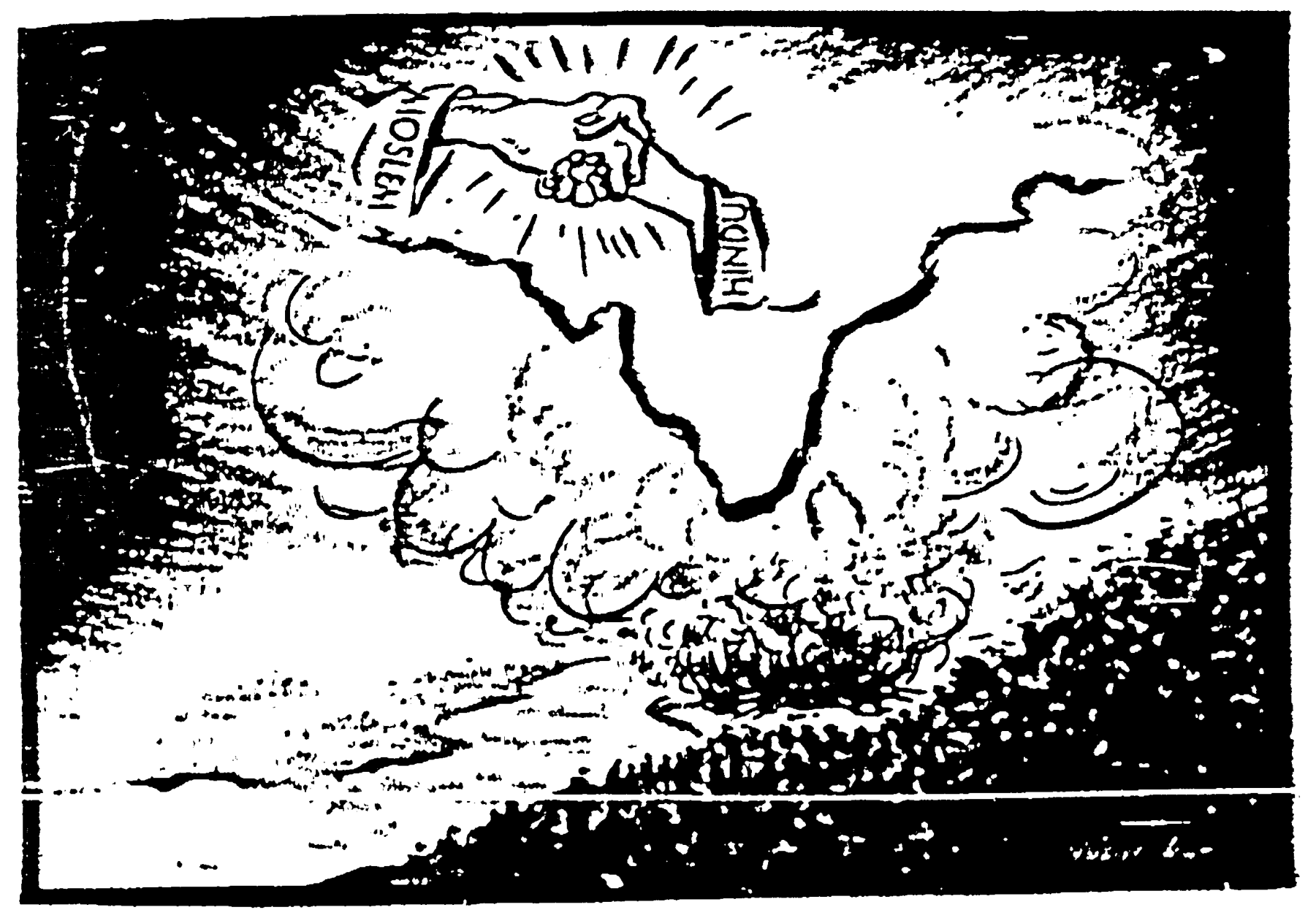

World Tributes

New Delhi, Saturday: Messages of condolence on a scale rarely known in history poured into New Delhi today on the death of Mahatma Gandhi. Some despatches said:

NEW YORK

Plans to set up a memorial in Washington to Mr. Gandhi were speeded up as New York newspapers used their largest type to announce the assassination and filled columns with tributes of his greatness.

CANBERRA

Mr. J. B. Chifley, the Australian Prime Minister in a message to Pandit Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, said "The Government and people of Australia learned with horror and deep regret of the tragic death of Mr. Gandhi who will be remembered in Australia as a man who worked for the good of humanity and the ways of peace."

BAGHDAD

Many Indians in Baghdad cried like children when they heard the news of Mahatma Gandhi's death. The Indian community closed shops and offices and went to prayers.

CAIRO

The Egyptian Wafdist leader, NAHAS PASHA expressed deep sorrow for Mr. Gandhi's death. "His death is a hard blow to great ideals," he said.

THE HAGUE

The Dutch Prime Minister, Dr. Louis Beel, profoundly shocked at the news of Mr. Gandhi's death, said "no personal sacrifice had been too great for the Mahatma's devotion to the welfare of his fellow men."

PARIS

The veteran socialist leader M. Leon Blum in his party organ "Le Populaire" voiced the general reaction in the heading of his editorial "The Earth is in mourning." He wrote: "I never saw Gandhi, I do not know his language, I never set foot in his country and yet I feel the same sorrow as if I had lost someone near and dear."

VATICAN CITY

The Pope expressed his deep grief for a man who was the spiritual leader of millions of Indians and who had always struggled for peace.

NEW ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE TO INDIANS

"My Constant Endeavour"

"THE Indian community have played, and will continue to play, an important part in the progress and prosperity of this Province, and it will be my constant endeavour to promote their interests, as with other sections of the population, towards their social and material advancement," said the new Administrator of Natal, Mr. D. G. Shepstone, in the course of a special message to the Indian people through "The Leader."

Mr. Shepstone said: "On my assumption of the office of Administrator I send my greetings to the Indian community of Natal. I have received many messages of congratulation, both from individuals and organisations, and I am very grateful for this evidence of goodwill towards me.

Editorial...

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1948

IT was not the death of Gandhiji which staggered the Indian people—and for that matter all people all over the world who knew of this near-saint, philosopher, mystic and politician, but the circumstances of the death of the dearly beloved Bapuji of the Indian nation. It is possible that even now, a week after his death, the Indian people have not yet gauged or compressed the magnitude of the circumstances. It seems even so many days later a phantasmagoria, an unreal dream that the renowned apostle of non-violence and of the sublimation of Truth should die violently. If it had not happened the deed would not have been capable of belief. It has happened and reveals clearly that this life is something just in transit. It is impermanent, insecure and unsafe.

The world has paid its tributes unstintingly to a man who was aeons ahead of his time and one who had done immeasurable good in the cause of humanity. It is true that he fought for the liberty of the Indian but he made it clear that he bore no malice against any individual but that he was championing the cause of a people against a system which exploited and oppressed these people. He used soul-force and it was the oppressed and the exploited who suffered and died rather than the exploiter and the oppressor. The very nature of his fight made it impossible for the oppressor to suffer or to die. Now he has passed on and it remains for the Indian people—and the people of the world to take stock of this man's life, his work, his struggle and his achievements and out of this to try and fashion a just world, a world in which every thing is decent, in which there is honest dealing between man and man, a world in which everyone becomes his brother's keeper, a world in which the strong take care of the weak—a world, in short, based on Truth and Justice and Charity, the cardinal points on which Gandhi's life pivoted.

The immediate task is before India. The manner of Gandhi's death is a challenge to the great religions of Hinduism and Islam and to India itself. It is a challenge that these people should attempt to fashion out of the ashes of the man they mourn today a united sub-continent in which all Indians, Hindus, Moslems, Christians and Parsees will live together in harmony and peace; each respecting and recognising the others' rights. The divisions are great between Hindu and Moslem but in his lifetime Gandhi has shown—he showed it in Calcutta only a few months ago—that there can be concord between Hindu and Mussulman and that they can live together in harmony.

It is now for all Indians then to search their souls, to cast aside their own petty feelings and to rise to the greatness which, in spite of the philosophy of the cynics, is inherent in man. We would be bad judges of human nature were we to believe that this transformation can take place overnight but this much we are confident of: that it is possible that there is no one so bad that he can never be trained to walk the straight and narrow path.

There is only one memorial that can be raised to the memory of one of the greatest men the world has known. That memorial cannot be carved out of granite or marble. It can only be fashioned out of the unity of Hindu and Mussulman in India. Any other memorial to Gandhiji will be false and will not survive the ravages of time and the elements. He gave his life for a cause and it is for those who are left behind and who mourn his passing to further his work—to see whether they cannot continue and realise that which he strove for. That can be the only true memorial to Gandhiji.

These things will not be as easy to realise in the hard and matter-of-fact world as they are to state on paper. They are, however, possible and let us hope that when the first fit of pain is over that the people of India will re-state their faith, collect their bearings and set out to hammer a country whose internal peace will be tribute enough to the memory of a great Indian and, as General Smuts has said, "a prince among men."

GEN. SMUTS'S TRIBUTE

"Prince Among Men"

WHEN he received news of the death of Mr. Gandhi, the Prime Minister of South Africa, General Smuts, said: "I have heard of the assassination of Mr. Gandhi with the deepest grief, which I am sure, will be shared all over the world. Mr. Gandhi was one of the great men of my time, and my acquaintance with him over a period of 30 years has only deepened my high respect for him, however much we differed in our views and methods. A prince among men has passed away, and we grieve with India in her irreparable loss."—Sapa.

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S. [illegible], [illegible] passed away at his residence, [illegible] Avenue, Mayville, Durban, on Tuesday, February 3. Cremated at the [illegible] Crematorium.

MRS. A. [illegible], of [illegible], Natal, passed away on January [illegible], after a short illness, at the age of fifty-three years. Remains interred at the Dannhauser Indian Cemetery. She leaves behind six sons, six daughters and fourteen grandchildren to mourn their loss.

KATHERVAL NAICKER (M. V.), nephew of Mr. T. M. Naicker, passed away at his home, [illegible] Street, Durban, on January 28, at the age of thirteen years. Cremated at the Umgeni Crematorium.

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R. SUNDERPERSADH (TINY)

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His educational career had ended abruptly with the death of his father, the manager of his business. He left Sastri College in the middle of his Junior Certificate course to take the place of his deceased parent. He soon proved himself a successful business man.

From a very early age he had actively associated himself with the various social, religious, educational and sporting bodies in the district. He was a member of the Hindi [illegible] Committee, president of the [illegible] Tennis Club, member of the [illegible] Committee, secretary of the [illegible] Committee, [illegible] and the [illegible] Association.

He had not only played a leading role in the organisation and administration of these bodies but had very generously donated whenever money was required.

He loved travelling and had toured South Africa several times, after accompanying the Natal soccer team to the [illegible] Cup Tournament. He had recently visited India, where he travelled widely and met personally such notables as Pandit Nehru and the late Mahatma Gandhi.

MRS. PREMVATHY RUCHUBAR

The death occurred of Premvathy, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Singh, of [illegible] Road, Durban, and wife of Mr. M. Rughubar, at the age of twenty-one years. Her remains were cremated at the Umgeni Crematorium on Sunday, January 25, in the presence of a very large gathering of relatives and friends of both families.

The deceased possessed a very charming disposition and was a popular figure at all social functions she attended. [illegible] She was a member of the [illegible] Club and the Durban Indian High School Old Girls' Guild.

Floral tributes, parcels of sandal wood, camphor, etc., were sent by the following:

[illegible]

MRS. NAGAMA PACHIAPPEN

The death occurred of Nagama, wife of Mr. Pachiappen [illegible], of [illegible] Road, Red Hill, Durban, on Monday, February 2, 1948.

Her remains were interred at [illegible]. She leaves behind her husband and five children to mourn their loss.

Wreaths were received from the following: [illegible]

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[illegible]

MRS. S. T. NAIDOO

The death occurred on February 1, at the age of [illegible], of Vallammal Naidoo, beloved wife of Mr. S. T. Naidoo, of Tongaat. The funeral took place the next day at the Tongaat Indian Cemetery. Hundreds of friends and relatives were present to pay their last tribute. She leaves six sons and four daughters to mourn their loss.

Telegrams and messages of sympathy were received from the following: Directors, Manager and Staff, National Mutual Life Association of Australasia, Ltd.; [illegible]

Wreaths were received from the following: [illegible]

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MR. JOOSUB HABIB

Mr. Joosub Habib, a director of the firm of Messrs. Joosub Habib & Son, of Pretoria, died after a short illness, at the age of [illegible], on Wednesday afternoon, January 28, 1948. He leaves a widow, five sons, one daughter and a large family circle and many friends to mourn his passing.

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No. 355 Offices, partitioned into 3 rooms.
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The Land is described as Remainder of Subdivision B of lot 35, Church Street, Pietermaritzburg, in extent 27 perches [illegible] sq. ft.

LOT 3.—Nos. 144 and 144a BOSHOFF STREET: [illegible] house divided into 2 flats, each with 3 rooms, k.p.b., outside lavatory. No. 142 BOSHOFF STREET: Brick-built, containing three rooms, kitchen, bathroom and outside lavatory. The whole producing a rental of £15 per month, R.R.D.

The Land is described as Subdivision A of Subdivision [illegible] of Subdivision B of Lot 35, Church Street, No. 201, Pietermaritzburg, in extent 1 rood 9 perches 258.75 sq. ft., AND Subdivision X of Subdivision B of Lot 35 Church Street No. 201, Pietermaritzburg, in extent 34.5 sq. ft.

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The Nineteenth Annual General Meeting of the above Club will be held at the Residence of Mr. R. K. Naidoo (Kitty Boyd), 207 Retief Street, Maritzburg, on Sunday, 8th February, 1948, commencing at 6 p.m. sharp.

All interested are requested to attend.

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Officials and members of the Sutherlands Football Club are requested to attend the Fifth Annual General Meeting to be held at [illegible] Rd., Cato Manor, on Sunday, the 8th February, 1948, at 2 p.m.

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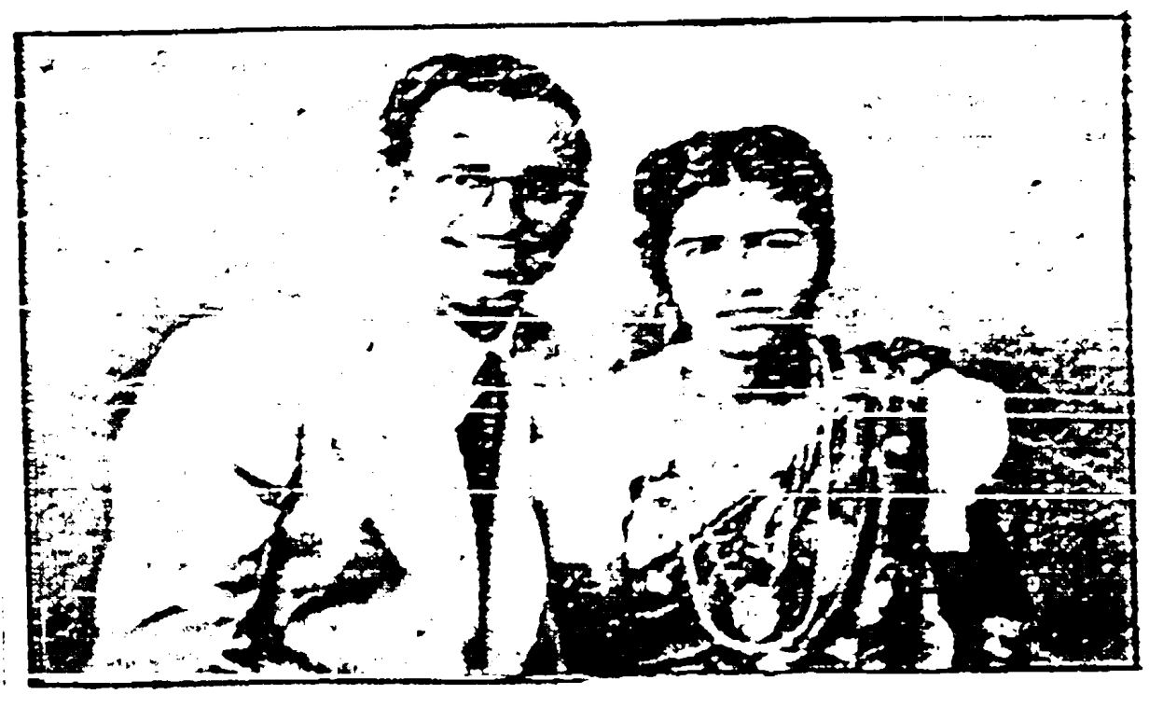
MR. AND MRS. C. M. PILLAY, of 8 Manchester Court, Durban, who were married on Sunday, the 18th January, at the Umgeni Road Temple. Mr. C. M. Pillay is the only son of the late Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Pillay, of Durban, and Mrs. Pillay, formerly Miss Krishnammal Reddy, is the fifth daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. M. N. Reddyar, of 1 Lulman Avenue, Durban.



MR. AND MRS. V. M. SOOBRAMONEY THAVER, who were married on Sunday, the 18th January, at the Temple Hall, Mount Edgecombe, Durban. Mr. V. M. Soobramoney Thaver is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Munyandi Thaver, of Mount Edgecombe, and Mrs. Soobramoney Thaver, formerly Miss Poonathie, is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rajagopal Moopanar, of Anthony Road, Durban North.

Mr. D. Kalideen, president of the Durban Indian Golf Club, will be away on the Rand for the weekend.

A farewell reception was accorded to Mr. Dhanagopal C. Naidoo, who left for India during the week to become a monk, by the S.S. [illegible], at the [illegible] Hall, Alice Street, Durban. The reception was given by the Ramakrishna Mission and was presided over by Mr. T. M. Naicker.

Among the speakers were Messrs. S. L. Singh, R. D. Lalla, C. C. Pillay, T. M. Naicker, A. D. Pillay, D. V. Naidoo and others.

[illegible] infant, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] Moodley (Tommy), of 22 Retief Street, Pietermaritzburg, and the grand-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Moodley, of Greytown, and Mrs. [illegible] Naidoo, of Pietermaritzburg, celebrated her first birthday on Sunday last. There was a large gathering of friends and relatives and she received many presents and messages of congratulation.

A JOHANNESBURG BRIDE

The Hindu Tamil Hall, Vrededorp, Johannesburg, was the venue of a large and representative gathering to witness the marriage of Mr. H. Bhagwandeen, the fifth son of Mr. and Mrs. Rawat Bhagwandeen, of Glencoe, to Miss M. R. [illegible], of Vrededorp, Johannesburg, on January 25.

Mr. H. [illegible], of Springs, acted as master of ceremonies. The nuptial ceremony was solemnised by Pandit [illegible] Dubay, of Durban.

[illegible] Mr. Hajee E. M. Hassen paid tribute to both the bridegroom and his family for the splendid work done for the community for many, many years. He concluded with an appeal for Hindu-Muslim unity in the country and referred, as an example, to his and other prominent Muslims' presence at the wedding function.

Mr. A. C. [illegible], also a prominent official of the N.I.O. and an old friend of the family, spoke highly of the Bhagwandeen family.

Mr. R. [illegible], of Dannhauser, also spoke highly of the "moderate" political part played by both the contracting parties and wished the bridal couple long life and prosperity.

Mr. Mahomed Manak took with him the blessing and good wishes of the [illegible] Mosque and Madressa Trust.

Other speakers were Messrs. Pandit [illegible] Dubay, of Durban and now of Johannesburg, R. Godhan, of [illegible], and Alfred [illegible], of Benoni.

Mr. S. Bhagwandeen replied on behalf of the bride and bridegroom.

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[illegible] Naidoo, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Naidoo, of East London, has successfully completed the degree of Bachelor of Science [illegible] at Fort Hare with distinction in zoology. He now intends proceeding to the University of Capetown for further studies.

Mr. L. M. Naidoo, a member of the Rovers Sporting Club, Sea View, and a teacher of the [illegible] Hill Government-Aided Indian School, has been advised that he has completed the requirements for the B.A. degree.

ARYA SUNGEETH

At the 12th annual general meeting of the Arya Sungeeth Mundal, Durban, held on Sunday last, the following were elected as office-bearers for the ensuing year:

[illegible]

In reviewing the activities of the past year the chairman, Mr. D. [illegible], outlined briefly the progress the Mundal had made. He pointed out especially the big strides it had made in respect of the art of Sungeeth.

The Treasurer, in his report, reflected the successful financial standing of the Mundal.

The Mundal, at the beginning of last year, made a successful trip to the Transvaal, where it staged numerous shows.

Mr. P. R. Parekh, of Durban, is confined to bed with a spinal injury received when [illegible] he was travelling [illegible] in the Cape recently.

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BORN, a bonny son to Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Reddy, of Dalton, on Tuesday, January 27. Both well. Thanks to staff, Grey's Hospital.

Mrs. R. Bhagwandeen, of Glencoe, who has been a patient in the Dundee Hospital for some weeks, has returned home and is still confined to bed under medical care.

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Mr. C. M. Naidoo, of the Depot Road Indian School, spent last weekend in Maritzburg as the guest of Mr. R. A. Moodley, of [illegible].

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Mr. A. M. [illegible], of the staff of the St. Oswald's Indian School, is on long leave. He is spending part of it in Durban.

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Mr. S. V. Pillay, of the Dannhauser Indian School, has been transferred to [illegible] and is replaced by Mr. K. G. Singh, of the Holy Trinity School, Newcastle.

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Miss Agnes Naidoo, of Temple Road Girls' School, Durban, has now joined the staff of the Dannhauser Indian School.

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Mr. S. Kalideen, of the Kismet Clothing Factory, returned home during the week after a holiday at the Cape.

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Mr. Moonsamy Maistry and daughter, Miss T. M. Maistry, of Royal Laundry, Pietermaritzburg, returned by plane after a short visit to Port Elizabeth.

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Mr. J. R. [illegible], of Capetown and vice-president of the South African Amateur Athletic and Cycling Board of Control, arrived in Durban during the week.

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Mr. R. Amarsingh, of the staff of the Dannhauser Indian School, has returned home after spending his summer vacation with Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] R. Singh and other relatives in Durban.

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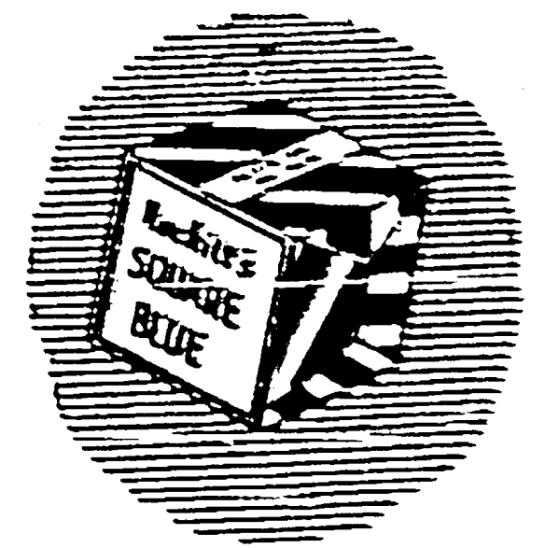

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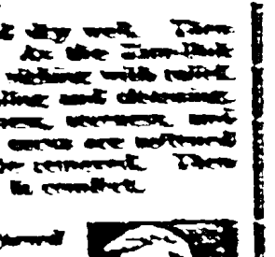

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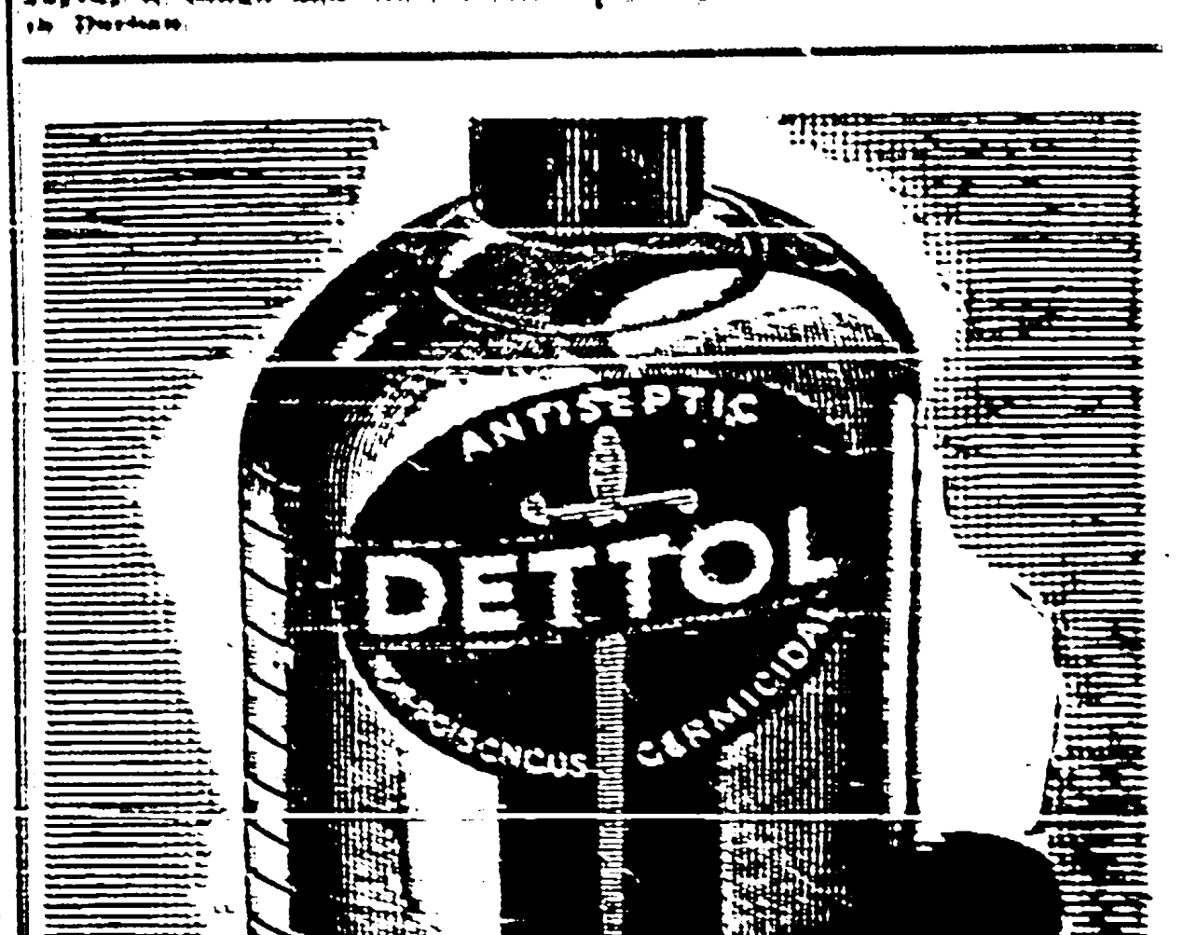

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The marriage took place of Inder Devi ([illegible]), granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. [illegible] and daughter of the late Mrs. [illegible] Maharaj, of [illegible], to Ganga Persad, of [illegible], at the Arya Pratinidhi Sabha Hall, Durban, on Sunday, the 25th January, in the presence of a large and representative gathering.

Among the guests present was Pundit Nardew (Vedyalankar), who delivered a speech significant of the occasion. Mangalam songs were rendered by Anjana Devi and her pupil.

The nuptials were performed by Pundit Tulsi Ram, of Clare Estate, and Mr. D. G. [illegible] acted as M.C. The bride and bridegroom were the recipients of many presents and congratulatory messages.

The marriage took place on Sunday last of R. Rampersad, the third son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Ramharan, of 121 [illegible] Road, Mayville, Durban, to Rama, the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] Durga, of Umgeni Road.

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Our Readers Speak

Where Are Dr. Singh and Mr. Choudree?

By Ayakanoo Bandhu

WHERE are Mr. Choudree and Dr. Anneyn Singh these days? What happened to the man who went to fight for the Indian people at the United Nations Assembly? Presumably he stayed at the Waldorf-Astoria, returned to Durban and courted imprisonment on the Gale Street plot when it became evident that he had not the faintest chance of going to gaol? I, for one, believed that immediately the second phase of the Resistance Campaign opened he would be the first one in. It seems, however, that I have been mistaken and that my faith has been misplaced.

What has happened to Mr. Choudree, Dr. Anneyn Singh and the long line of people who were prepared to sit and idle on the Gale Street plot now that the time has come for them to act? It would be interesting to conjecture whether it is not just possible that these brave men and women are at the moment trying to play safe. Is it possible that they will once again march to the [illegible] to a blare of trumpets and a sounds of bullets (with their [illegible], of course) when they find that it is quite safe to get across the Transvaal border; when they are sure that they will not be arrested? Somehow, I am beginning to think that there is another [illegible] to the problem/question/issue, call it whatever you like. When these men and women sat down under the tent at Gale Street they told all and sundry that they would carry on their business "as usual." Of course, if they crossed the borders and went to the Transvaal they would not be able to carry on with their "business as usual." It is impossible for both Dr. Singh and Mr. Choudree to do this. I suppose these two people will join the march in the fight for liberty, justice and freedom immediately they are able to check up on the fact whether resisters crossing the borders will not be arrested under any circumstances whatsoever. If they care for it, I have a suggestion for them. They can get over the border after the usual preliminaries of Press statements, flashlight photographs, heroic statements and heartrending speeches on the Red Square or at Resistance Plot; tell the Immigration Authorities about their proposed [illegible] into Durban and continue with their business "as usual." They would then have served the community gloriously and courageously and we can hold a meeting of tribute on the Red Square or at Gale Street for them.

I have never been credited with any intelligence, but I think this is a stupendous effort on my part; it will probably be my greatest contribution to political science.

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MARITZBURG, Friday.

WHEN confirmation of the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi was received in Maritzburg on Friday a profound gloom was cast over the City. People discussed the tragedy in hushed tones wherever they met. Saturday was observed as a day of mourning. Indian shops and business houses were closed for the day and all sport cancelled. Prayer meetings were held at which large crowds gathered. At midday the Hindu institutions held a combined prayer at the Shree Vishnu Temple and in the afternoon leading European citizens were on the platform at a meeting held by the N.I.C.

A huge crowd packed the H.Y.M.A. Hall on Saturday afternoon at a prayer meeting held by the Natal Indian Congress. Those who could not get into the hall heard the speeches through loudspeakers. Leading European citizens were on the platform.

In opening the meeting, Mr. R. K. Naidoo, chairman of the Congress, said, "We have gathered here in exceptional and solemn circumstances, irrespective of whatever our political faith may be, to pay homage to Mahatma [illegible] by this great man, whose word has been respected by the highest in many lands. The Mahatma ruled by moral force and not by violence. That voice has been stilled by an assassin, but posterity will show the greatness of this mystic, the like of whom the world will not see for many years."

The Mayor of Maritzburg, Mr. A. K. Hirst, assured the gathering that the Europeans were one with the Indians in mourning Gandhi. The Mahatma's truth and sincerity had set an excellent example to the world and his death at the hands of an assassin had made him a greater martyr.

"A prophet is not honoured in his own land but that was not the case with Mahatma Gandhi. His greatness was recognised during his lifetime by his own people," said Mr. Reginald A. Banks, Director of Education. The Mahatma had always striven for the upliftment of his people and had proved to be one of Nature's own gentlemen.

Bishop Ferguson-Davie, who had known Mahatma Gandhi intimately, said that Gandhi's one aim in life was the welfare of others. For over two decades he had pursued a policy of non-cooperation but that policy was reversed in the latter years of his life.

The Bishop recounted how, on one occasion, when Gandhi was ill he had asked his friend, Rev. C. F. Andrews, to recite the hymn, "When I Survey the Wond'rous Cross." That was his ideal in life. "The Mahatma is dead but a spirit lives on," declared the Bishop. He concluded his speech by reciting one of the Mahatma's favourite hymns in [illegible].

Councillor G. A. von Gerard said that if ever a man deserved well of the world that was Gandhi. He was an ardent prophet of Christ's teaching of humility and in that respect he was a saint.

Mr. M. G. Naidoo quoted George Bernard Shaw's words on hearing of Gandhi's death: "It is dangerous to be good." That illustrated Christ's crucifixion on the Cross and Abraham Lincoln's assassination with Mahatma Gandhi's death at the hands of a member of his own race. But that should not deter the people from practising non-violence.

Mr. S. B. Mungal, joint secretary of the Congress, recalled that almost the last words of Gandhi to the Union Government was that they were behaving like gentlemen in their treatment of the Indians. He hoped that although the architect of freedom was no more the Union Government would play the game and grant the Indian his freedom in South Africa.

"He was ready to admit his faults. That was the secret of the success of the frail and insignificant figure of Mahatma Gandhi. It was thanks to him that India had obtained her freedom and his soul could rest assured that we are united once more," said Dr. M. R. Peters.

Other speakers were: Pandit S. Jugmohan; Mr. Tod, the Chief Magistrate; Mr. R. B. Maharaj; Mr. B. A. Maharaj; Mr. P. Satyapal; Rev. B. Choonoo and Hafez Moosa.

A good crowd was present at the Nizamia Muslim Hall, East Street, on Sunday morning when a prayer meeting was held under the aegis of the Natal Indian Organisation.

Mr. A. G. Pillay, who presided, said, "The hand of a villain has removed from this earth one of its greatest sons but the soul of the Mahatma remains to guide us through darkness. It is a tragedy that he was taken away [illegible] when he had given us a glimmer of hope of peace but God willed it so and we pray that his soul may rest in peace."

Mr. P. Lallee said that the fanatic act of a communalist had taken the life of a man who had preached and practised non-[illegible]

AT GLENCOE

At a mass meeting held at the Madressa Hall, Glencoe, presided over by his Worship the Mayor, Mr. K. D. Doepking, it was noticed that the Hindustan and Pakistan flags were flown together at half-mast.

The following paid tribute: Mr. K. D. Doepking, the Mayor, and Messrs. S. Manickum Pillay, Hajee E. M. Hansa, B. Bhagwandeen, S. Bhagwandeen, A. Manack, Suliman Ameen, J. J. Singh, Ebrahim Cangat, M. I. Kajee and Hera Narandas.

The meeting further resolved that the following message of sympathy be cabled to the Prime Minister of the Dominion of India, Pandit Nehru, and to Mr. Manilal M. Gandhi:—

"This mass meeting of Hindus and Moslems resent with one voice their profound grief on the untimely demise under tragic circumstances of Mahatma Gandhi. India's deep sense of irreparable loss is shared by the world in general. At this critical stage of India's history her revered leader has left her, and we pray for guidance of the Almighty in the future destiny of that great country and pray for Hindu-Moslem unity."

AT DURBAN NORTH

A large gathering of Hindus was present at a prayer meeting on Sunday, at the Sree Subramoney Temple, High Ridge Road, Durban North. Speakers were M. Achary and K. Moonsamy, [illegible] all his life, Gandhi had contributed largely towards finding a solution to world unrest and it was unfortunate that his mission was cut short just after India had achieved freedom.

Others who spoke were Bishop Ferguson-Davie, Miss C. Fanny, of the Society of Friends; Mr. A. J. Moonan, Rev. A. J. Choonoo, P. Satyapal, Mr. [illegible], Mr. K. S. Moodley and Mr. P. Lallee.

The Rand Pays Tribute

Johannesburg: Thousands of Indians, together with hundreds of European, African and Coloured citizens, were present at the great and moving memorial meeting held at the Johannesburg City Hall on Sunday afternoon under the auspices of the Transvaal Indian Congress in memory of Mahatma Gandhi. The meeting was one of the biggest meetings ever held in the Johannesburg City Hall. Many were unable to get admission into the body of the Hall long before the meeting commenced.

The meeting commenced in a solemn atmosphere with the organ playing a funeral march followed by renderings of the famous hymns, "Lead, Kindly Light" and "Abide With Me"—hymns which India's millions have heard sung regularly at the great prayer meetings held by Gandhiji. Indian women dressed in simple white saris also sang Gandhiji's favourite Bhajans, as the entire audience stood in reverence to Gandhiji's memory.

Presided over by Dr. Y. M. Dadoo, Congress President and Passive Resistance Leader, the platform was representative of a wide variety of South African communities, religions and shades of democratic opinion, united to pay reverence to the passing of a great human being.

"Gandhiji is dead. But his spirit lives in the hearts and minds of all freedom-loving people," said Dr. Dadoo.

After prayers, which were led successively by Mr. V. R. Patel, a Hindu; Molvi I. M. Saloojee, a Moslem, and Rev. Michael Scott, of the Anglican Church, and a reading by Mr. K. Singh of Pandit Nehru's moving tribute to Gandhi, "The Spirit of India," the various speakers delivered a series of heartfelt tributes to India's late great leader.

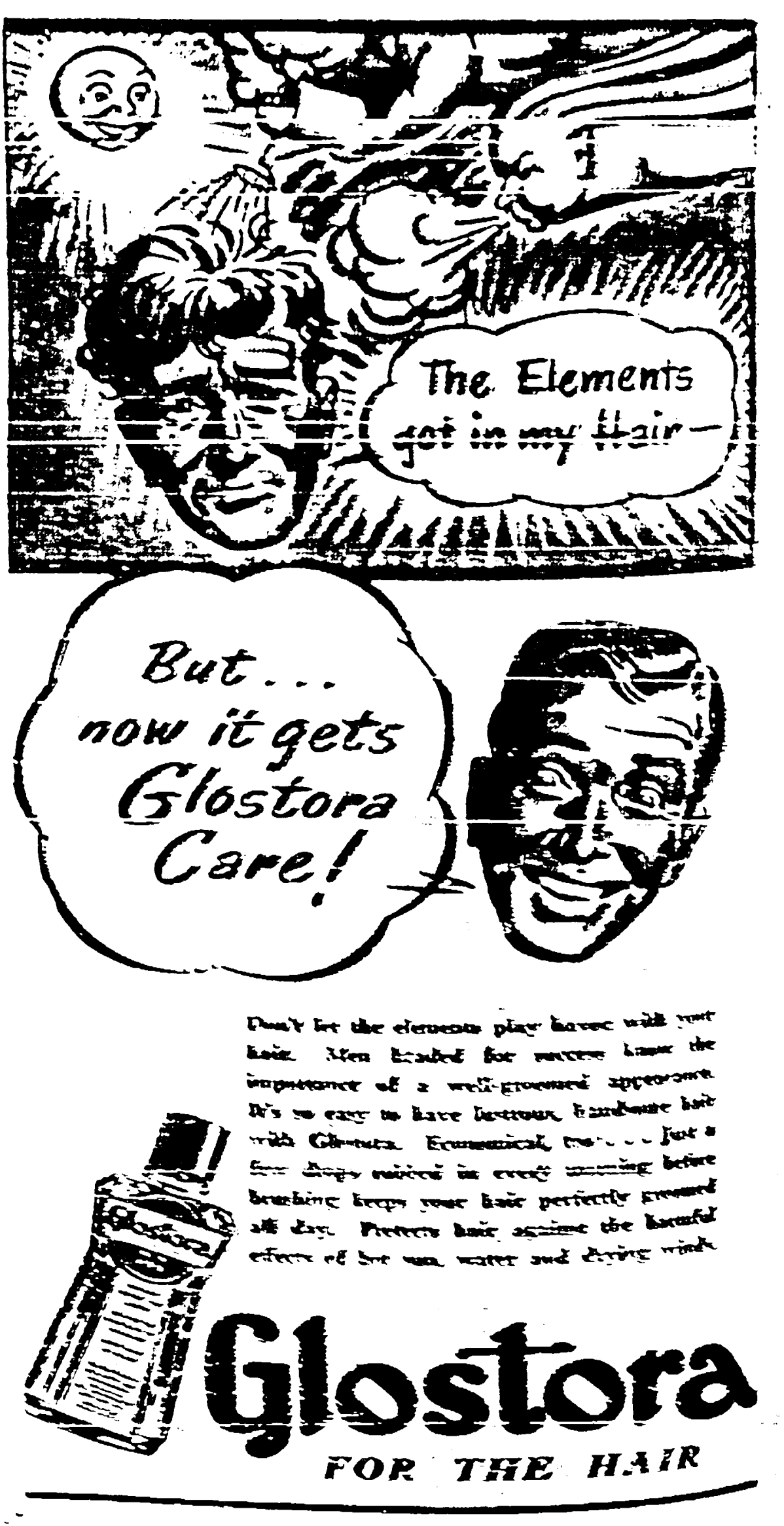
"I stand here as representing the Jewish community to join in a deep act of mourning," declared Professor the Very Rev. Dr. L. Rabinowitz. "Not only is this irreparable loss felt by his own people, but one of the lights of humanity has been extinguished."

Dr. A. B. Xuma, President-General of the African National Congress, declared that the whole African community joined in mourning the death of Gandhiji, "a man whom the whole world has accepted as an inspiration to those who fight for freedom." A similar point was made by the Rev. J. B. Webb, who spoke of Gandhi's "lifelong and instinctive opposition to discrimination based on the accident of birth."

"A soldier of freedom, who died on the battlefield; who died not only for India but the whole world—thus should we regard the death of Gandhiji," declared Mr. E. Wolfson, well-known trade union leader.

Mr. L. W. Ritch, who was closely associated with Mahatma Gandhi during his stay in South Africa a quarter of a century ago, said, "Gandhi was a world master, but he was the servant of every man. He lived for us and he died for us." He urged his hearers to profit by the life of Gandhi by learning the lessons he had taught.

"Many Indians were seen crying in the streets of Johannesburg last Friday afternoon when they heard the tragic news," declared Mr. Y. Cachalia, secretary of the Transvaal Indian Congress. The Transvaal Passive Council held a prayer meeting at the Resistance [illegible]. Speakers were Dr. Y. M. Dadoo, Rev. Michael Scott, Molvi Saloojee, Mr. V. R. Patel and Mr. R. A. Pillay.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Ashes to be Immersed In Ten Holy Rivers

NEW DELHI, Wednesday.

PORTIONS of Gandhi's ashes will be immersed in about ten holy rivers and three sacred places at sea, in addition to the main ceremony at Allahabad, where the Jumna and Ganges Rivers meet, on Thursday, February 12. The provincial governors, now in New Delhi, will carry the ashes back with them and arrange the details of the ceremonies with the provincial premiers.

All the ceremonies will be held simultaneously. A special train will carry the ashes, priests and passengers from Delhi to Allahabad, where the immersion rites will be performed by Ram Das, Gandhi's third son.

THOUSANDS of people, mostly women, are daily flocking to Raj Ghat, in Delhi, where Gandhi was cremated.

The brick base of the pyre has been covered with cement, on which wreaths and flowers have been placed.

Armed police and troops remain on guard inside and outside a barbed wire enclosure.

There will be daily recitations and scriptures at 5 p.m. at Raj Ghat until February 11.

In accordance with customary Vedic rites, the ashes of Mr. Gandhi were placed in a clay bowl and immersed for a few days in the holy waters of the rivers Ganges and Jumna, where they meet at Allahabad.

It is believed that a national memorial will be erected at Raj Ghat, where Mr. Gandhi was cremated.

Pandit Nehru, the Prime Minister, attended a prayer meeting, at which thousands of Indians of all castes were present. He was escorted by armed policemen. He took off his sandals and laid a bouquet of roses at the foot of a pyre and afterwards bowed in homage.

New Delhi, Monday: With elaborate Hindu ritual the remains of Mr. Gandhi's bones were dipped in the holy Ganges yesterday and placed in a plain copper pitcher lined with rose petals and other [illegible].

Four armoured cars were lined up 200 yards from where the ceremony took place, while troops and mounted police controlled the crowd of a few thousand, which included several provincial governors and premiers.

The crowd chanted verses from Hindu scriptures as the ashes were placed in the pitcher.

The words "Ram, Ram" (Lord, Lord) were inscribed in saffron-coloured paint on the outside of the pitcher, with three small wreaths of red and white flowers round its neck.

Gandhi was shot four times through the chest and collapsed in a pool of blood. He did not recover consciousness and died within 30 minutes. He was shot at 5 p.m. when he was on his way to prayers.

His assassin was arrested and identified as Nathuram Vinayak Gode, a Marathi Hindu, who was a member of the Rastriya Sevak Sangh, an extremist Hindu organisation.

Secret service agents have uncovered evidence of a nation-wide plot by Hindu extremists to assassinate the Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, and other leading members of the Congress Party, including Cabinet Ministers.

The police and secret service agents searched in New Delhi and other great cities for extremist leaders during the week-end. It is believed that the assassination of Mr. Gandhi was only the first move in a plot to liquidate all opponents of the extremist demand for Hindu rule of the entire sub-continent.

SAVARKAR STRUCK

BOMBAY: Mr. N. D. Savarkar, brother of Mr. V. D. Savarkar, former president of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha, was struck by a stone in the Bombay incidents and was taken to hospital. [illegible] lorry-borne Gurkha troops hurried to Mr. V. D. Savarkar's home when a crowd of 1,000 tried to storm the building.

POSTPONEMENT PROBABLE

LAKE SUCCESS: The assassination of Mr Gandhi has threatened to postpone indefinitely the effort of the United Nations to smooth out the relations between India and Pakistan.

Indian officials said that the Indian delegation may be recalled to New Delhi because of the crisis which Mr. Gandhi's death has brought about.

This move would necessitate the postponement of the current Security Council debate on the Kashmir dispute.

FOUR NEWSPAPER OFFICES GUTTED

The premises of four newspaper offices taking the Hindu Mahasabha line were attacked and one was gutted. In central Bombay a large crowd tried to set on fire a house in which Hindu National volunteers were living, but they dispersed when the police arrived.

Damage estimated at thousands of pounds was caused in Kolhapur when houses and business premises of members of the Hindu Mahasabha and Hindu Volunteers were looted and burned.

Troops were on duty in the city after more than 30 shops, a school, a bank, and a printing press had been burned by crowds carrying sticks, pickaxes and cans of crude oil.

NATION-WIDE PLOT UNCOVERED

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VALLABHAI PATEL PROTESTS

NEW DELHI: The murder of Gandhi had grievously struck the very heart of Hinduism, and India would only survive if the people made such methods impossible, said the Minister of Industry and a former president of the Mahasabha, Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee.

The Deputy Prime Minister, Sardar Vallabhai Patel, appealed for order. He protested against the attacks on members of the Mahasabha. "We shall be unworthy of Mahatma Gandhi's teachings and trust if we yield to anger and revenge."

He added that those responsible for the assassination would be brought to book, but this task should be left to the Government.

SOCIALIST ON 21-DAY FAST

BOMBAY, Monday.—Mr. P. S. Sane, a Socialist leader here, has started a 21-day fast to atone for the assassination of Mr. Gandhi.

SMUTS to NEHRU

Johannesburg: General J. C. Smuts, the Union's Prime Minister, has sent the following cable to Mr. Nehru the Prime Minister of India:—

"We have just heard with deep grief of the irreparable loss all India has suffered in the passing of Mr. Gandhi. On behalf of the people of South Africa, I convey to you our deep sympathy and our sense of a great human loss, in which we all share. May this tragedy at last purge the soul of India of all communal passion and bring to her suffering peoples the peace for which he was prepared to give his life, as he has finally given it. His long connection with South Africa makes us feel this loss to India as our own and prompts me to send this message of condolence."—Sapa.

We Have To Behave

New Delhi: "We have to behave like a strong and determined people, determined to face all the perils that surround us, determined to carry out the mandate that our great teacher and great leader has given us, remembering always that if, as I believe, his spirit looks upon us and sees us, nothing would displease his soul so much as to see we have indulged in any small behaviour or violence," said Pandit Nehru in a broadcast.

RIOTERS BURN AND LOOT ASSASSIN'S BIRTHPLACE

NEW DELHI: Fifty buildings, including a big weaving mill, are reported to have been gutted, when more than 1,000 rioters burned and looted in the town of Sangli, the birthplace of Gode, who is alleged to have assassinated Mahatma Gandhi. Sangli is about 200 miles southeast of Bombay.

The crowd's anger was directed mainly against the property of members of the Mahasabha, and the damage is estimated at millions of rupees.

Curfew has been imposed, and police have been ordered to shoot looters and arsonists at sight.

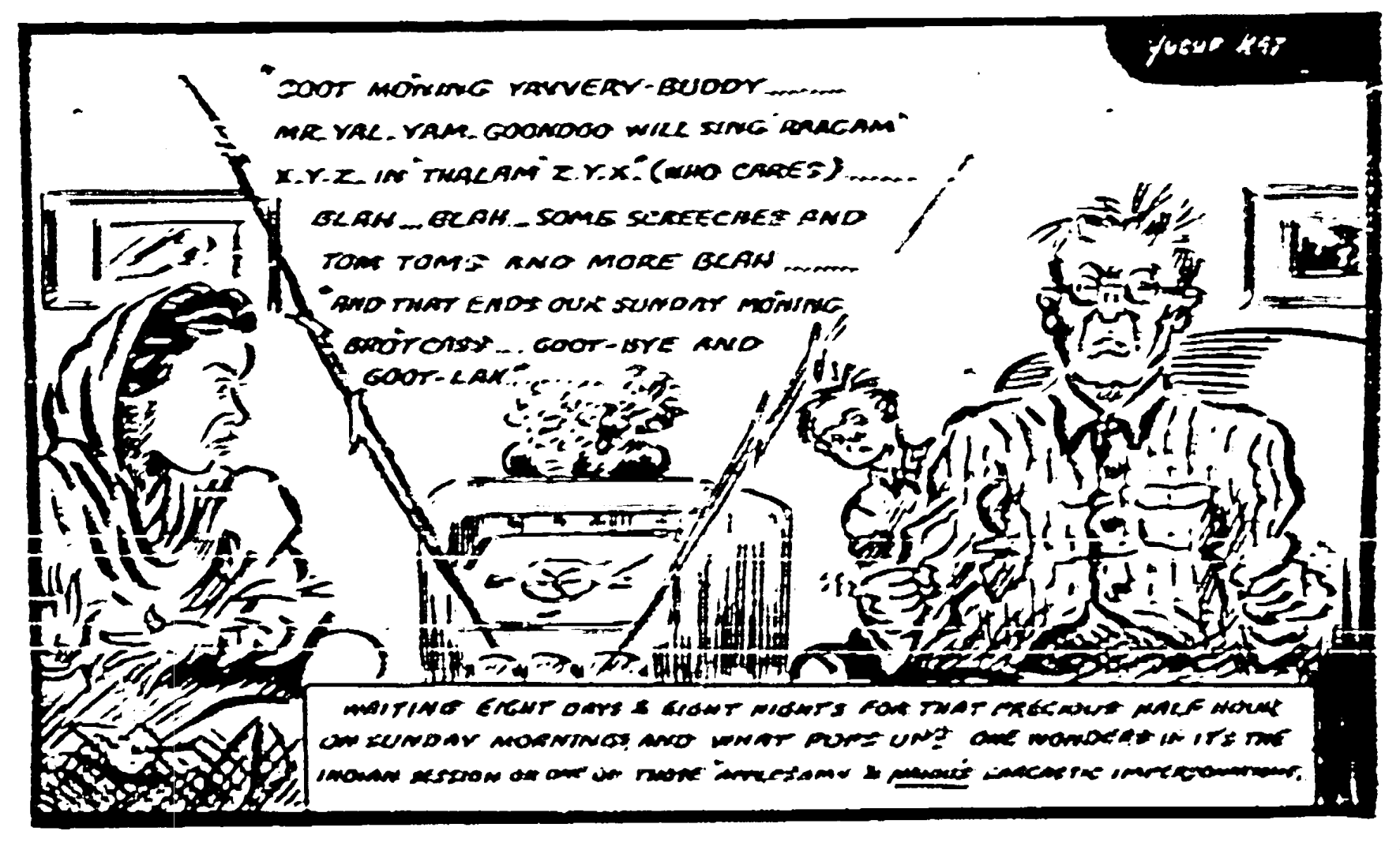
A curfew was imposed and troops were called out in Cawnpore city after clashes between crowds infuriated by Mr. Gandhi's assassination, and workers of the R.S.S. One hundred and fifty persons, mostly R.S.S. workers, were arrested this afternoon. A large crowd stoned the house of Narendarjeet Singh, the Provincial R.S.S. leader, who was arrested earlier with 30 members of his organisation.

R.S.S. branch offices in different parts of the city were searched by the police.

The homes of Hindu extremists were attacked at Narsinghwadi, about 30 miles from Kolhapur. Kolhapur itself is under curfew.

PROMINENT HINDU INVOLVED?

NEW DELHI: According to the evening paper, National Call, here, Nathuram Vinayak Gode, who is charged with the murder of Mr. Gandhi, is alleged to have involved a prominent leader of the Hindu Mahasabha—an extremist Hindu organisation—in the conspiracy to murder Mr. Gandhi. Gode was interrogated at length by senior officers of the Criminal Investigation Department.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GOOT-LAK"......
WAITING EIGHT DAYS & EIGHT NIGHTS FOR THAT PRECIOUS HALF HOUR ON SUNDAY MORNINGS AND WHAT POPS UP? ONE WONDERS IF IT'S THE INDIAN SESSION OR ONE OF THOSE APPLESAMY & MANIKS SARCASTIC IMPERSONATIONS.

"ROOT OUT THE EVIL"—NEHRU

NEW DELHI: When the Constituent Assembly met here, the Prime Minister, Mr. Nehru, moved that the session be devoted to tributes to Mr. Gandhi.

Mr. Nehru said: "If we, in our weakness, do not take effective measures to stop this violence and hatred then indeed we are not worthy of being in this Government.

"This tragedy is not merely an isolated act. We have got to combat this violence and hatred and root out the evil."

Speakers from all sides of the House deplored the double calamity of Mr. Gandhi's death and the appearance of his greatest enemy—political violence.

BULLET FOUND IN ASHES

NEW DELHI: Mr. Nehru was among several thousand people who saw Mr. Gandhi's ashes collected and placed in a copper urn with rose petals and camphor, ready to be immersed in the waters of the sacred Jumna and Ganges rivers where they meet at Allahabad. When Mr. Gandhi's ashes were gathered from the funeral pyre one of the assassin's bullets was found among the ashes.

Mr. Nehru returned from the ceremony to tell the Indian National Assembly of his "utter shame that we should have failed to protect the greatest treasure we possessed—as it has been our failure in past months to protect many innocent men, women, and children."

MAHASABHA SECRETARY ARRESTED

NEW DELHI: The general secretary of the Mahasabha, V. G. Deshpande, will be detained for one month for alleged violation of the Punjab Safety Act. He was taken into custody and the Mahasabha offices here were sealed and put under an armed guard after a search.

ALL-NIGHT VIGIL

NEW DELHI: Throngs kept an all-night vigil round the Raj Ghat—the open space near the banks of the river Jumna where the remains of Mr. Gandhi were cremated. Pilgrims from every caste and class in India came to the scene and women chanted devotional songs.

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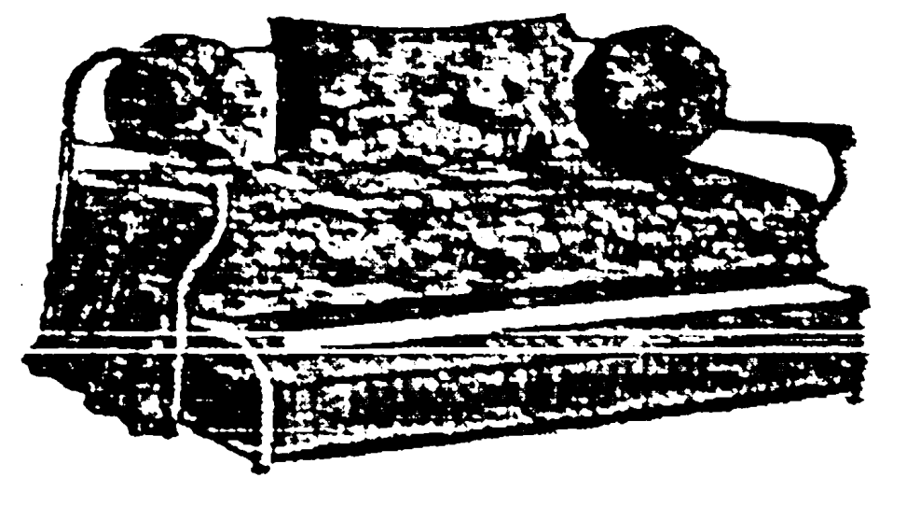

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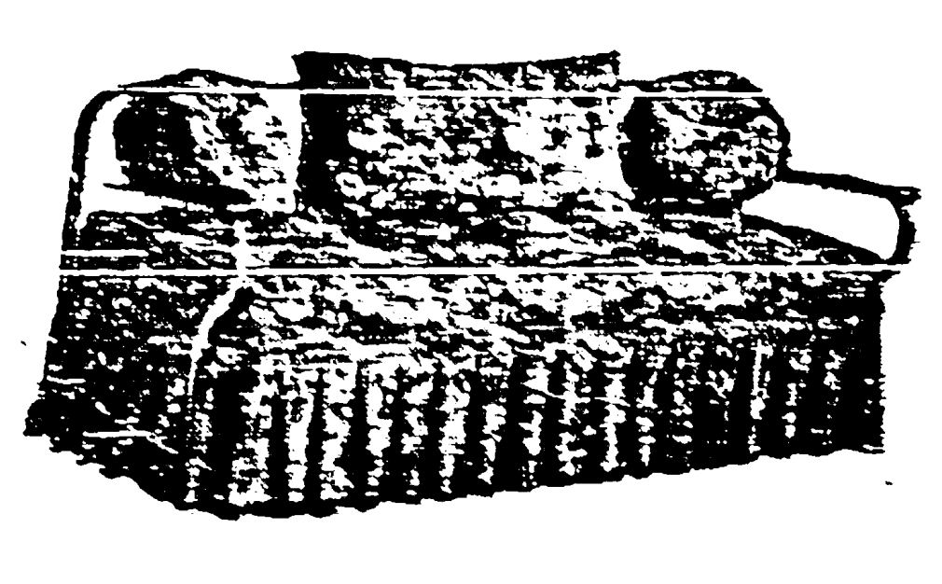

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The GLENCOE BRANCH

Therefore, members of the above branch are hereby notified that the Annual meeting of their BRANCH will be held at the Glencoe Indian School Hall

on

Sunday, February 8, 1948,

commencing at 10.30 a.m.

Guest Speakers
DRS. A. H. SADICK,
K. GOONAM,
Y. M. DADOO
and M. P. NAICKER

All members are earnestly requested to attend.

DR. G. M. NAICKER,
President.
A. I. MEER,
General Secretary
A. E. SHAIK and
DR. H. T. CHETTY,
Joint Hon. Treasurers

(Inserted by Natal Indian Congress, P.O. Box [illegible], Durban)

THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] Singh, of 87 [illegible] Road, Durban, and Mr. and Mrs. T. [illegible], of [illegible] Alpine Road, Springfield, sincerely thank all friends, relatives, [illegible] and Sporting Institutions for their consoling floral tributes, [illegible], telegrams and messages of condolence sent in the tragic loss of their dearly beloved daughter and daughter-in-law, [illegible].

Mr. and Mrs. [illegible], of Avoca, wish to thank all friends and relatives for their kind messages of sympathy and the beautiful floral tributes sent in their recent sad bereavement.

Mr. [illegible], proprietor of the Firwood Sweet Manufacturing Works, [illegible] Firwood Road, Red Hill, Durban, wishes to thank all friends and relatives for their kind messages of sympathy and the beautiful floral tributes sent in his recent sad bereavement, the death of his beloved wife.

Mr. Ismail Joosub Habib, Brothers and family, of Pinetown, sincerely thank all the relatives and friends who attended the funeral of the late Joosub Habib and particularly the people from the country who came a long distance to do so. The telegrams and messages of sympathy were a great consolation.

APPRECIATION

Mr. and Mrs. [illegible], of "[illegible]" [illegible], thank all friends and relatives for kindly attending the wedding of their grandniece, Daisy Devi [illegible], and also for the many gifts, cash and congratulatory messages sent to the bride and bridegroom.

Say Not They Die

Say not they die, these martyr souls
Whose life is wind'd with purpose fine;
Who leave us, pointing to the goals;
Who learn to conquer and resign.

They cannot die whose lives are part
Of that great life that is to be,
Whose hearts beat with the world's great heart
And throb with the high destiny.

Such cannot die; they vanquish time
And fill the world with growing light,
Making the human life sublime
With [illegible]

(Malcolm Quin)

(Inserted by P.W. in memory of Abdullah Ismail Kajee)

In Memoriam

D. RAJMAN SINGH: In treasured memory of our loved D. Rajman Singh, who passed away suddenly after a fatal accident at Avoca on the 5th February.
Ever remembered by his friends.
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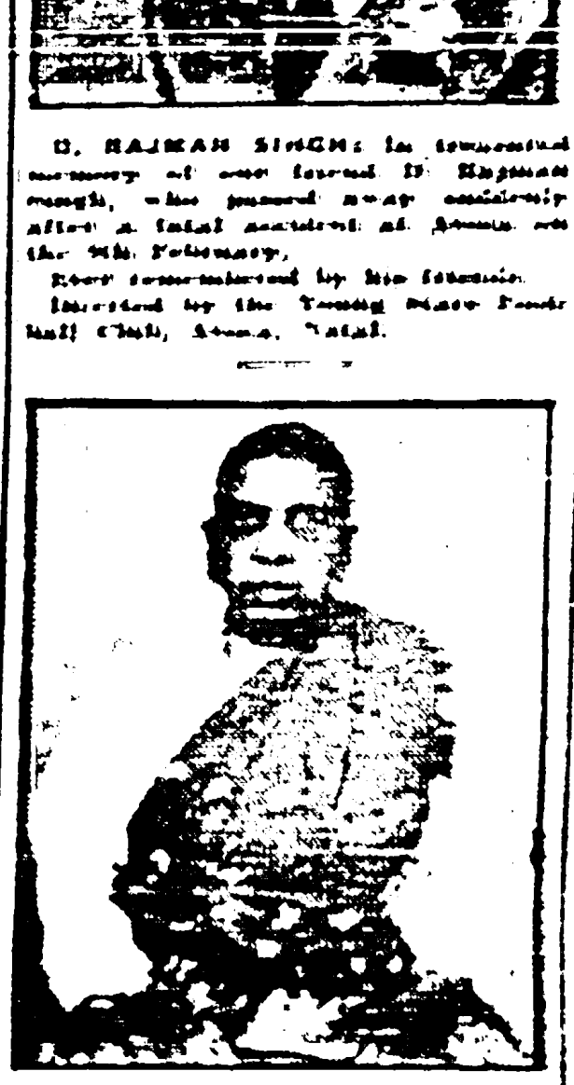

NAIDOO: In loving memory of my beloved mother and our dear [illegible] [illegible] Ammapoonal, who passed away peacefully on February 6, 1946.
Loving thoughts never die.
As years roll on and days go by,
Deep in our hearts your memory is kept.
We who loved you will never forget.
Ever remembered by her loving daughter, Kamammal, son-in-law, [illegible], grandchildren and relatives, [illegible] Road, [illegible].

PILLAY: In loving memory of my dear brother [illegible], who passed away on the [illegible] January, 1948, at Maritzburg.
It's three weeks today and our hearts are still sore.
Till memory fades and life departs,
You'll live for ever in our hearts.
Ever remembered by his loving brother [illegible], [illegible] and children, [illegible] Mother [illegible], Durban.

NAIDOO: In loving memory of our dear father, who was called away on February [illegible], 1946.
One we loved with all our hearts,
Dear is the grave where our beloved Father is laid.
For one we missed so dear,
As we tended you with loving care,
Cherish memory that will never fade.
The happy days when we were all together.
Dear, you never failed to do your best.
But God has given you eternal rest.
Always remembered by his loving children and family, [illegible].

BALAKRISHNAN: In loving memory of Balakrishnan, late of [illegible], who was called to rest a year ago.
In everlasting and loving memory of our dear brother.
Upright and noble in all his ways,
To those dear happy days,
His loving smile and kind [illegible],
Dearer to us than words can tell.
Will be with us always.
Loving and kind till the end of his days.
Sweet memories are all that is left.
Lovingly remembered and sadly missed by all at home.

The Leader
Pine Street, Box [illegible], Durban.
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SATURDAY, FEB. 7, 1948.

THE JACK BOOT

THE Jackboot, as [illegible] of the late unlamented Hitler, has swung into action with a vengeance in Durban, and the first to fall victim to it has been an Indian. Months of studied anti-Indian propaganda by the Sunday papers have at last borne evil fruit, and the "Indian men-White women liaison" slogan has resulted in European men taking the law into their own hands and treating an Indian the way we have been accustomed to hearing was being done to the Jews under the Nazi regime. We are not concerned with the morals or the immorality of Indian men consorting with European women. To consort with a man or a woman is the private affair of the individual, so long as it does not transgress the rights and liberties of others. Now, however, playing on the doctrine of the purity of the European race in this country, in much the same way as Adolph Hitler did on the purity of the Aryan race against contamination by Jews, the Sunday papers have succeeded in inciting Europeans against Indians. We, for ourselves, hold no brief for any Indian who consorts with European women under suspicious circumstances, but we do certainly object when mob-rule takes the place of organised law and order.

The most disturbing feature of the report of the assault on an Indian by eight Europeans was the relish with which one of Durban's Sunday papers reported the sordid details of the assault and the manhandling of one Indian by eight brave, courageous Europeans. The details contained in the report are nauseating, and remind us clearly of the pictures we were shown day in and day out at every cinema in the country when the war was in progress. We were shown there the degrading brutality of the master race; we were shown how defenceless Jews were battered, assaulted and manhandled, and how the Jackboot was applied to harmless men and women. We were led to believe that these things could only happen in the Nazi Reich, but today, well over two years after the war ended, we have first class examples of these very things against which the entire propaganda machinery of the State had been turned for five years.

Should it, then, cause any surprise that we raise our objections to the way eight Europeans—the master race—have handled an [illegible]—the Jews in Durban itself [illegible] a very core of British liberalism and justice? If the European objects to his women consorting with Indian men, then he has all the remedies at his disposal. At least we take it that all his women have been born and bred in the Christian tradition and should, therefore, follow the teachings of Christ. If then they become licentious, then it is certainly not the fault of the Indian that he takes these women out. If the European men cannot look after their women, then they certainly should not cry out when their women go out with Indians. They must re-instil into these women those Christian doctrines under which they are supposed to have been brought up.

Further, the argument is raised that the European women should be protected by legislative action against the rapacity of the Indian in the same way as the Native women was protected against the rapacity of the European man. Unfortunately for the European, there are today almost a million strong as examples of the rapacity of the European men of this country. Fortunately for the Indian, there is no such stigma against his men. It is obvious [illegible] necessary to frame protective legislation for the Native women. The facts do not warrant similar protection for European women.

TRAGIC DEATH FORETOLD

By SWAMI

WE heard with great shock the the unexpected death of Mahatma Gandhi. His world-wide and international reputation as a man of high culture and great intellectual attainment in the domain of politics was the object of great pride to the world in general and India in particular.

While commenting on the visibility and the influence of the comet in The Leader of December 20, 1947, we mentioned that the comet signifies the death of great men. This has now been fully borne out. Mahatma Gandhi's horoscope signified tragic death through a secret enemy, which has been recorded by astrologers long ago.

He was born on October 2, 1869 at 7.40 a.m. Accordingly, the Vikram Samvat, 1926, Ashwin Krishna Paksha 12, Saturday, Magha Nakshatra Sadhya Yoga and the Tula Lagna was rising in the eastern horizon. In the horoscope the Lord of the rising sign Libra, Venus (Shukra) is in the first house, with Mercury and Mars therein, Saturn (Sani) in the second, Ketu in the fourth, Neptune in the sixth, Jupiter in the eighth, Uranus in the ninth, Rahu or Dragon's Head in the tenth, Moon in the eleventh and Sun in the twelfth.

The position of Mars in the ascendant Lagna, Ketu in the fourth, Rahu in the tenth and the evil aspects to the Sun and Moon from Uranus and Mars are the causes of tragic death and the troubles he faced in his life.

The ruler of his moon sign (Simha) is Sun, who is in an adverse aspect to Uranus, and Ketu (Dragon's Tail). The text book of astrology says: "Sun afflicted by Uranus causes death in some extraordinary or uncommon manner, what are generally called in the newspapers "strange deaths," and these are sudden and unexpected.

The Moon's evil aspect from Mars in the Lagna in ascendant Libra, which is a cardinal sign is said: "Mars in cardinal sign in evil aspect to the luminary signify a violent death by murder, gunshot, lightning or fire."

On the day of his death, Friday, January 30, 5.15 p.m., the Moon was in the sign Virgo, which falls in the 12th house of the horoscope, a department which rules over secret enemies, etc. Here is the Moon is situated with Neptune between two evil planets, Mars and Dragon's Tail, with adverse aspect to the Sun in the 8th house. Saturn assumes the ruler of the Rashi Sun, and his ruling planet, Venus (Shukra) being in opposition to Mars from his birth Moon sign, which was Leo (Singh). Hence the position of the Moon in the 12th house with the other evil aspects are the cause of Gandhi's sudden tragic death by the hand of his secret enemy.

The truth of astrology in general and particularly of the rules contained in text books is here admirably illustrated.

Looking ahead at the future of 1948, we find the major planets in evil mutual aspects. Along with the evil influences of the comets and sun spots, it is doubted that there will be serious developments, mostly sudden and unexpected in nature. The energies and activities of people may be greatly perverted and they may so act as to lament bitterly in calmer moments. Disputes, quarrels and contentions will multiply, and people will very easily come from words to blows over very slight matters.

Saturn's movement in Cancer in opposition to the sign Capricorn ruling over India is the cause of the troubles and disturbance prevailing, and under this position the future seems to be gloomy.

This is a period when utmost restraint over feelings should be exercised and tongue and temper should be carefully controlled. Serious accidents on rail, road, air and water will be frequently heard of. Hence, inclination to haste and impulse should be avoided, for it is probable that number of accidents and injuries will increase amazingly.

The health of the country will be far from being satisfactory, and we will hear much of epidemics and many feverish, contagious and infectious diseases, accompanied with notable deaths.

Expenditure will be high, discontent may arise over national extravagance, loss or robbery, capital speculation and disputes over financial questions will occur. Public excitement, high feeling, angry discussion, much crime, fire, explosion, earthquake, flood and tempest will be high, and in most countries will be involved in political conflagrations and commercial and financial difficulties.

The Man Gandhi

MAHATMA GANDHI, who within a few days almost entirely threatened to kill himself by fasting or to live to be 120 years old, was the most powerful figure and human influence in India, writes a Reuter correspondent who has reported his activities for the past year.

Mr. Gandhi's fasts have stopped riots, turned hymns of hate into songs of love and averted cruel and disasters. He has shamed the intransigent, kept the Government united in purpose and moved countless lives.

Mr. Gandhi kept peace in Calcutta when thousands of armed soldiers failed. It was then that Earl Mountbatten, the Governor-General, wrote to Mr. Gandhi thanking him and referring to him as a "one-man boundary force."

Mr. Gandhi did not encourage others to imitate him. Just before breaking his last 121-hour fast, he told the country:—

"In this age of senseless imitation, my warning is that it would be foolish for anybody to embark on such a fast, expecting similar results in an electrically short time.

"If anyone does, he will face severe disappointment and will discredit what is a hoary and infallible institution.

"The two severe qualifications are—living faith in God and a peremptory call from him. I am tempted to add a third qualification, but it is superfluous.

"A peremptory call from God presupposes the rightness, timeliness and propriety of the cause for which a fast is taken. It follows that long previous preparation is required. Let us not therefore embark on such a fast lightly."

Several years earlier, Mr. Gandhi said that fasting was an institution, as old as Adam. "It has been resorted to for self-purification or for some ends, noble or ignorant. Buddha, Jesus and Mohammed fasted to see God face to face."

General Smuts once said that by the instrument of fasting Mr. Gandhi tried to cause the community to face the situation by the thought and spectacle of his own suffering.

UNIVERSAL HUMANITY

"However we may differ from him, we are conscious all the time of his sincerity, of his unselfishness and, above all, of his fundamental and universal humanity. He always acts with a deep feeling for men of all creeds and classes, especially for the underdog."

Twenty-four years ago, Mr. Gandhi fasted for 21 days for unity between Moslems and Hindus. He fasted for the same purpose last year and his fast produced scenes of feverish fraternisation. The fast was undertaken to avert communal clashes in Calcutta following the transfer of power from Britain.

His last fast transformed Calcutta from the scene of sporadic and intermittent rioting to a safe city and was referred to by [illegible] as the "Calcutta Miracle".

WILL NOT INSIST ON

1 Return of H. Commissioner
2 Withdrawal of E. Sanctions

THE Prime Minister has indicated his willingness not to insist upon the reposting of the High Commissioner to the Union and the withdrawal of the economic sanctions as a pre-requisite to any Round Table Conference between the Union and the Governments of India and Pakistan.

This is the information brought back by the combined N.I.O., T.I.O. and Cape Indian Congress Deputation which saw him in Cape Town last week. Referring to the question of a Round Table Conference, in the course of a memorandum to the Premier, the members of the Deputation state: "This is not an impossible task, well knowing that the three Governments are not permitting the question of prestige or pride to stand in the way of an amicable settlement, and what is more, we are heartened by your assurance that the Union Government will not insist upon the reposting of the High Commissioner to South Africa and the withdrawal of the economic sanctions as a pre-requisite to the holding of the Round Table Conference."

IT is understood that the conference, "without prejudice" to either of the participating Governments, means that the conference will be held without prejudicing in any way the rights of the Governments to any other action if the results are not satisfactory. No specific mention will be made of the 1946 UN Resolution or the Asiatic Act.

The deputation has urged upon the Premier the need of a round table conference, "**entrusted with the task of examining every aspect of the Indian question in South Africa . . .**"

It is further understood that "every aspect of the Indian question" means more or less the same points in the terms of reference of the Natal Indian Judicial Commission, and will or should include the question of the 1946 Act.

It can be expected that should the suggested conference materialise its work will be very comprehensive, for it will attempt to solve for all time the Indian problem in the Union, and may be the last one of the kind between the Union and India.

It is possible that the previous "every aspect of the Indian question" will make for the inclusion of the Asiatic Act, the recall/return of the High Commissioner, the economic sanctions and the franchise among other matters of importance to the Indian community.

The Natal Indian Organisation will place the proposals before its Provincial Conference, most probably on March 13, at which a delegation to go to India will be elected. This delegation will be entrusted with the task of paving the way in India and Pakistan for the suggested conference. The points within which the delegation will work will be laid down by the conference.

The memorandum, submitted by the deputation, comprising the Natal Indian Organisation, the Transvaal Indian Organisation and the Cape Indian Congress, to the Prime Minister, states:

"A delegation from the Natal Indian Organisation met you at Pretoria on May 21, 1947, when, inter alia, it urged that the deadlock existing between the Union and Indian Governments should be resolved, and suggested that the best means of achieving that object was by way of holding a round table conference between the two Governments. The Union Government, through you, sir, [illegible] agreeing with the suggestions put forward by the Natal Indian Organisation, felt that the High Commissioner for India, who was recalled for discussions by the Government of India, should [illegible] in order to initiate discussions. This point, however, was [illegible] to by the Prime Minister of India, Pandit Nehru. Since that interview much has taken place which has necessitated the present interview with a larger and more representative deputation. The Natal Indian Organisation has justified its formation, as is evidenced by the support that it has received by all sections of the Indian community. A similar organisation has also been formed in the Transvaal, called the Transvaal Indian Organisation, and in the Cape Province the Cape Indian Congress sees eye to eye with the Natal Indian Organisation and the Transvaal Indian Organisation.

"We, therefore, meet you today as a deputation representing Natal, the Transvaal and Cape Province.

"We have read the case submitted by the Government of India to the United Nations in 1947 and the reply thereto of the Union Government. We, as South African nationals, feel very much perturbed over the fact that hitherto it has not been possible for the Union, the Hindustan and the Pakistan Governments to resolve the deadlock and to reach an amicable settlement of the South African Indian dispute. This, in our opinion, is extremely unfortunate, both in regard to the three Governments concerned and in regard to the South African population as a whole.

Deadlock Detrimental

"The deadlock still continues, and we submit that with the daily changing conditions in world politics, its continuity is highly detrimental to the general interests of the three Dominions, who are all members of the British Commonwealth of Nations. No Dominion can afford to be unfriendly, to use a mild term, with a sister Dominion in the Commonwealth, for unfriendliness will be the cause of disturbing the foundations on which the Commonwealth has been built.

"The Hindustan Government, with the support of the Pakistan Government, adheres to the United Nations Resolution passed on 8th December, 1946, and maintains that any round table conference between the three Governments should be on the basis of the 1946 resolution. On the other hand, the Union Government is not prepared to accept that resolution as the basis of discussions, but the Hon. H. G. Lawrence in his statement to the United Nations submitted that the Union Government would be prepared to agree to a round table conference to re-examine the policies which were announced in 1927 and 1932.

New Suggestions

"While the South African Indian dispute was under consideration in the United Nations Assembly in 1947 the Hon. H. G. Lawrence, on the Union Government's behalf, made new suggestions of a round table conference between the three Governments without prejudice to the stand which each Government had hitherto taken. Neither of these two offers was accepted by the Hindustan and Pakistan Governments, and consequently the deadlock continues.

"The South African Indian community is deeply concerned to note that the deadlock has not been resolved, and it is firmly of the conviction that if there is a will and earnestness on the part of the three Governments to seek an honourable settlement, this could be found.

"**This is not an impossible task, well knowing that the three Governments are not permitting the question of prestige or pride to stand in the way of an amicable settlement, and what is more we are heartened by your assurance that the Union Government will not insist upon the reposting of the High Commissioner to South Africa and the withdrawal of the economic sanctions as a prerequisite to the holding of the round table conference.**

"We have always maintained, and we shall continue to maintain, that the only method by which a dispute can be settled is by way of mutual and friendly discussion. The 1927 and 1932 round table conferences are cases in point.

"We agree that it is only by way of a round table conference between the Union Government, Hindustan and Pakistan Governments, entrusted with the task of examining every aspect of the Indian question in South Africa, that the deadlock could be resolved. Such a conference should be held without prejudice to the standpoint of the three Governments.

"Your Willingness"

"We respectfully ask that you indicate to us your willingness to hold a conference in accordance with our suggestions, so as to enable us to urge the Governments of Hindustan and Pakistan to favourably consider the same.

"It is our intention, on receiving your assurance in this regard, to go into conference and thereafter send a deputation to Hindustan and Pakistan.

"**In making these suggestions, we would, as our duty, reiterate our unalterable opposition to the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Act, the repeal of which we shall always seek by all constitutional and legitimate means.**

"We have in this memorandum endeavoured to put forward practical suggestions which we feel confident will be acceptable to you, and we hope, on a reconsideration of the matter, to the Hindustan and Pakistan Governments.

"We have the honour to remain, sir, yours obediently,

"Natal: A. S. Kajee, P. R. Pather, S. R. Naidoo, A. M. Moolla, A. B. Moosa, [illegible], [illegible], M. R. Parekh.

"Transvaal: [illegible], E. C. Vawda, F. D. Coovadia, S. A. Bhabha, [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible].

"Cape Province: Ahmed Ismail, J. Lalkhan, C. R. Naidoo, H. K. Gajjar, [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], A. M. Ahmed, [illegible], G. N. Naidoo."

In a statement to The Leader, Mr. P. R. Pather, Joint Secretary of the Natal Indian Organisation, gave some details of the interview with the Prime Minister.

Apart from the question of the round table conference between the Governments of Hindustan, Pakistan and the Union to solve all matters affecting the Indian community in South Africa, certain matters of vital concern to the Indians were discussed. These involved the question of unemployment, the ban against Indians joining the Defence Force and the lack of adequate educational facilities, particularly in Natal and more so in Durban. The question of higher education for Indians was also discussed.

On the question of unemployment it was pointed out to General Smuts that the Natal Indian Organisation was perturbed at the alarming rise in the unemployment rate among the Indians in Natal. The deputation strongly urged the Prime Minister to use his powers to afford some relief by arranging for Indians to be employed on the railways and in the public services.

General Smuts's attention was drawn to the decision of Mr. Sturrock made in 1940 when he was the Minister of Transport to employ a large number of Indians on the railways. Nothing fruitful had emerged from this decision because the salary scale offered was so low that very few Indians had been able to avail themselves of the opportunity thus offered. He was urged upon to see that this offer was renewed at a more enhanced salary.

The Prime Minister promised to draw the attention of the Minister concerned to the desires and the need of the Indian community.

Mr. Pather said that there was no truth in the statement that Mr. and Mrs. Ballinger would accompany the delegation to India.

GANDHI PLANNED A NEW CONGRESS

New Delhi, Saturday: One of Mr. Gandhi's final acts before his assassination was to state his views on the form of Indian Congress organisation he would like to see established. A [illegible] draft he completed a few hours before he was shot was said today to be radical and revolutionary in his approach to the subject.

The document, which Mr. Gandhi may have intended to be [illegible] to general [illegible] rather than confining it to the hands of Congress leaders. He suggested that Congress should be a body consisting of servants of the people. He indicated that he was not opposed to the disbandment of the existing Congress organisation, but that a new organisation, composed of the servants of the people, should take its place.

It would faithfully serve almost 750,000 Indian villages and help the masses to attain moral and economic independence.

Mr. Gandhi conceived Congress as consisting of workers who would [illegible] chosen by themselves. The leaders might, in turn, choose an All-India leader. He insisted that the faithful worker or faithful servant of the people should be a habitual khadi wearer, teetotaller and one to whom all religions were sacred and equal, and who made no distinction of caste, creed or sex. He must work for the uplift of the villagers to spread literacy in the villages and improve their sanitation.—Sapa-Reuter.

MORE POST OFFICES FOR BOMBAY

BOMBAY.—The Minister for Communications, Mr. Rafi Ahmed Kidwai, who has concluded a two-day visit to Bombay, said the Press before his departure by air for Delhi that the city would soon have 25 new post offices.

"Then you will find letters addressed to Bombay being delivered at Calcutta," he said. Housing shortage in the city stood in the way of opening more than 25 post offices, Mr. Kidwai said.

N. I. C. Conveys Goodwill To Administrator

THE Natal Indian Congress interviewed Mr. D. G. Shepstone in Pietermaritzburg on Tuesday morning and congratulated him on his assumption of office as Administrator of Natal. The delegation, consisting of Dr. G. M. Naicker (President), Mr. A. E. Shaik (Joint Treasurer) and Messrs. S. M. Mayet, A. Choudree, S. M. Singh, D. S. Kevshi, M. D. Naidoo and J. N. Singh, conveyed to the Administrator the good wishes and goodwill of the Indian community.

THE delegation also raised the question of Indian education and, in particular, the shortage of school accommodation and the non-admission of 200 students to Sastri College at the beginning of this year.

He was informed that temporary provision for the education of these students was being made by the Congress, which sought his approval for graduate teachers to instruct these students after school hours. It was also suggested to him that abandoned army huts be acquired by the Administration from the Minister of Defence and that these huts be erected alongside existing primary schools to ease the school accommodation shortage temporarily.

The Administrator pointed out that he and the secretary had only assumed office the day before and that he had not yet had the opportunity of consulting with his Executive on the subject. He assured the delegation that on his return from Capetown he would, after consulting his Executive, have further and fuller discussions with the Congress on the question of Indian education in Natal.

SUBHAS BOSE TO EMERGE

LONDON: Subhas Chandra Bose, the Indian National Army leader, will emerge to replace Gandhi, members of the Subhas Society said here.

Bose was reported killed in a plane crash on Formosa in 1945, but his followers believe that he is in the Soviet Union.

"He alone can fill the vacuum left by Gandhi's death," members said. "He is a man of violence, but he also believes in Hindu-Moslem unity."

NEHRU DECLARES: "COME TO OUR SENSES OR PERISH"

NEW DELHI: "The choice before us is either to come to our senses or perish," said Pandit Nehru, the Prime Minister, addressing a public meeting here on Tuesday.

"A decision has to be taken immediately, and there can be no confusing of the issues. If you are in favour of communalism then say so, and do not deceive me or your own selves, or, above all, that great soul, Mahatma Gandhi."

Mr. Nehru said that the communalism of the Moslem League and of the Hindu Mahasabha extremists had done much mischief and had created much distress in India.

He added, "We cannot tolerate any longer the anti-national activities of any group."

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COUNCIL HAS NO CASE FOR RENT INCREASES

REFERRING to the proposal of the City Council to increase the rental for stands and stalls in the Indian market Mr. E. I. Moola, secretary of the Durban Indian Market Stallholders' Association, told the Rent Board that the Council did not have a legitimate case for the increase. Subsequently Mr. Moola told "The Leader" that the Council had proposed as much as 50 per cent. increase. This represented nearly £6,000 a year. An examination of the estimates of the Council reveal that the Indian market has been unfairly debited with expenses which should have been charged elsewhere.

"THE Durban City Council, in its case for the increased rental pointed out that in the year 1947 there was a deficit of £4,933. The estimates of the City Council have revealed that the major expenses incurred were: Staff, £3,621; miscellaneous, £348 4s. 2d.; departmental charges, £4,320 11s. 2d.; maintenance on building expenditure, £1,268; rental for the site, nearly £2,907.

"The expenses shown in the statement of the City Council, particularly that of staff, maintenance of building and departmental charges, are exaggerated.

"The cost of employees engaged by the Durban Municipality in a Department which has nothing to do with the Indian Market has been charged to them, while at the same time the income derived from this source has not been revealed as an income of the Indian Market.

"Another instance is that of a Durban Borough policeman who has been stationed at the Indian Market; his cost has been allocated to the Indian Market.

"The charges made against the Indian Market by the Police Department are not paid in full by the employees.

"Similarly," Mr. Moola said, "other instances can be quoted where discrepancies existed.

"The manner in which the City Council has gone about dealing with the Indian Market tenants and expenses shown against the Indian Market have been due to the fact that the Indians are voteless, and that they have nobody in the City Council who can see to their rights and also examine in detail the various expenses incurred."

The market hall was a concrete paved land covered by a large protecting structure, which was really a roofed over street market, the Association declares in the course of its memorandum.

The Association contends that the Indian Market has proved a valuable asset to the people of Durban and that the City Council should not attempt to make a profit out of the concern. In fact, when it was run as a trading concern it showed a handsome profit, with resulting relief to the general body of ratepayers.

At their own expense tenants have erected partitions, shelves and other improvements on the limited space allotted to them. They have little or no protection against theft, as at night there are only one or two policemen to guard the premises. Besides this the tenants have suffered extensive damage through a leaking roof. No compensation is made by the Council for this.

Mr. Moola pointed out that although the stallholders are expected to pay rents and licences on the same scale as outside traders, they are bound by various restrictions which do not apply to the latter.

In regard to the tenancy, Mr. Moola stated that the stallholders were compelled to agree to a lease of tenancy which was unfair, as everything is worked out in favour of the landlord and left little redress for the tenant.

Tenancy Insecure

"The tenancy of a stallholder is insecure and subject to extreme remedies available to the landlord. It can be terminated with one month's notice by the City Council without any reason being assigned and without compensation for structures, fixtures and fittings or goodwill paid.

The Council was also in the position of being both landlord and prosecuting authority if any breach of the bye-law was alleged.

It was idle for the Council to argue that the powers would not be used arbitrarily or unreasonably, as the following example will show: A stall holder who had no descendants in this country died. The City Council refused to allow his estate to benefit from the stall, and the Council itself disposed of the stall. No compensation whatsoever was paid to the deceased's estate, although the stallholder was one of the oldest tenants in the Indian market, and arrangements had been made to sell his business. The City Council refused to recognise the sale.

An outside estate would have benefited from the sale of the goodwill of the business.

Number of Difficulties

Although the trading hours of the butchers and offal dealers and [illegible] are the same, the fact that the market opened and closed at 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. presented a great number of difficulties.

Apart from other handicaps, there were no cold storage facilities, no provision was made for killing fowls in the Indian Market itself and no provision was made for abattoirs.

A point that must be stressed is that a stallholder's licence was not transferable from the Indian Market to any other premises.

Stallholders also had the disadvantage of being placed close to one another. Competition was thus very keen and prices had to be kept at a low level.

Originally the rent paid by stallholders was 1s. per stall per day. In 1934 increases of rentals were made to include licence fees. In 1940 licences had to be obtained by all stallholders except those who traded exclusively with Non-Europeans. But the Council made no reduction in rents when the extra licences had to be paid.

Fishermen Affected

Indian fishermen have also been affected by this proposal to increase rents. Mr. D. K. Chetty, [illegible] of the Indian Fishermen's Association, states, in a memorandum to the Rent Board, that they are not allowed to sell any other than that caught in the sea.

The memo states: Our Association works under grave difficulties. The City Council provided us with space for 15 tables as well as the tables, but we have had to provide our own ice boxes. Today there are only ten tables in use.

Mr. Chetty also submitted a table showing the number of days in each month last year in which they used the tables.

"We continue with these arrangements, as we must have a place in the centre of town where we can sell our fish.

No Renewal Rights

"As tenants we have no right of renewal, in terms of the lease. At a month's notice we can be compelled to vacate the place allotted to us, and as we have no right of renewal, we have no security of tenure."

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NEW THEATRE OPENED IN MARITZBURG

From Our Own Correspondent
MARITZBURG, Friday.

THE Regent Theatre, formerly the Saraswathi Cinema, will be officially opened on Monday evening, when a full programme of English films will be shown.

The theatre has been thoroughly overhauled by its new owners, the stage has been renovated and a new screen installed. Nothing has been left undone for the comfort of the patrons. The latest equipment will ensure perfect sound and projection and an airconditioning plant has also been installed.

The managing director, Mr. C. Doorsamy, has been successful in securing the contract from Twentieth Century-Fox Corporation and films from this famous company will be shown regularly, together with Indian pictures at the Regent Theatre [illegible].

Monday's picture will be "The Song of Bernadette," which has been acclaimed wherever shown. Chapter one of the serial "King of the Royal Mounted" will also be shown from Monday to Wednesday, followed by another serial, "Captain Marvel," from Thursday to Saturday.

Plans are open for booking at the cinema.

COLLECTORS REQUIRED

The Durban Indian Benevolent Society has been granted permission by the City Council to hold a street collection today (Saturday). Collectors are urgently required. Volunteers should contact Mr. E. [illegible], secretary at Phone No. [illegible].

Message of the Stars

By "SWAMI"

THE Wheel of Fortune from February 7 to 13 for people born under the twelve signs of the Zodiac are as follows.

ARIES (March 21 to April 20): Good, 9; bad, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13.
TAURUS (April 21 to May 20): Good, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13; bad, 9, 12.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 21): Good, 8, 11, 13; bad, 7.
CANCER (June 22 to July 22): Good, 7, 12; bad, 10.
LEO (July 23 to August 22): Good, 7, 12; bad, 10, 11.
VIRGO (August 23 to September 22): Good, 8, 9, 11, 13; bad, 7.
LIBRA (September 23 to October 22): Good, 7, 8, 11, 13; bad, 9.
SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21): Good, 7; bad, 10.
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21): Good, 7, 10; bad, 9, 12.
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 20): Good, 11, 12; bad, 9, 10, 12, 13.
AQUARIUS (January 21 to February 19): Good, 10, 11; bad, 9, 12.
PISCES (February 20 to March 20): Good, 7, 10; bad, 9, 12.

The good day for selling, investments and new business ventures is February 11; for love and pleasure, February 8, 13; for travel and correspondence, February 11, 13; for remedial treatment, February 10; for property deals, science, research and planning the future, February 7. Guard against quarrels and disputes on February 9, 10.

Changeable weather with thunderstorms and rainfall about February 8 to 12.

The lucky numbers and colours to apply on the Turf on February 7 are 1, 2, 8, 10, 17, 17.

Colours: Dark green, brown.

The Government of Pakistan has decided to set up a Scientific Manpower Committee to take stock of the technical and scientific talent available and Pakistan's requirements of personnel. The committee is expected to finish its work within a month. Dr. Nasir Ahmed is likely to be its chairman.

SURAT HALL GATHERING

A LARGE crowd was present at the Kathiawad Hindu Seva Samaj Hall on Friday last, when the Surat Hindu Association convened a prayer meeting in memory of Mahatma Gandhi.

Prayers were offered in Hindi, Tamil and Gujarati.

Mr. S. L. Singh, President of the South African Hindu Maha Sabha said: "We meet this evening to express our sorrow in the passing away of one of Mother India's noblest sons."

Mr. Singh recalled Gandhiji's visit to South Africa and briefly recounted his activities up to his death.

"Bapuji was the only soul with such moral and spiritual power to command respect among his peoples not only in India but throughout the world.

"Whatever his ideologies may have been in the eyes of the world—they all alike will pay tribute as it is an international loss."

Mr. T. M. Naicker paid his tribute both in Tamil and English.

"Mahatma Gandhi," said Mr. Naicker, "studied the problems of the world in all its widest aspects. His tragic loss has staggered not only India, but the world. He has left behind the doctrines of non-violence and his ideals were non-sectarian and non-racial.

"Mahatma Gandhi left the world when the services of men of his calibre are most required."

Other speakers were Koshwaram Sharma, of India, Pundit S. J. Maharaj (in Hindi), Mr. A. J. Naidoo, President of the Andra Maha Sabha, and Mr. M. Naidoo (Vidyalankar), of India.

The meeting terminated with the Shanti Path.

Indications that China intends to enter for the Olympic Soccer Tournament in London are contained in an announcement made at Shanghai by the Football Committee of the Shanghai Athletic Federation. The announcement stated that "in view of conducting tryouts for the Olympic Games, it has been decided to reduce the first division league schedule to a single-round competition."

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JUNIOR LEADER

MY Dear Children,—

I spent considerable amount of time during the week going through your essays on "The Holidays," and I must say I was placed in a very difficult position trying to decide the winner of this competition.

It was indeed gratifying to note the nature of response received in this competition from my Junior Readers. I would like to make it quite clear that there are no charges to become a member.

If forms are not available, then you may give me the particulars in your letters, which will be accepted.

Coming back to the question of essays submitted, I must say that some of the essays were of a high order, and the writers are to be highly commended on their efforts, while others were rather disappointing. Nevertheless, there were not very many which fell in this category.

I made quite a few observations on going through the essays. Some were lengthy, some short and "sweet."

I wonder how many of you took it into your heads while writing, that the essays were to be particularly lengthy? I received quite a number of these lengthy ones, but I preferred some of those well written short ones.

Space does not permit me to publish some of the essays submitted, even the winning one as you all would no doubt realise that there is a heavy demand on space on our pages.

I could most easily fill our column discussing some of the other observations that I have made in this competition, but as space does not allow I would suggest you put the question to your teachers: how to write essays?

I almost forgot to announce the name of the winner, he is fifteen year old ROY SINGH, of 8 Archer Avenue, Manor Gardens, Mayville, Durban. Good luck to you, Roy.

PEN FRIENDS' CORNER

We now come to our Pen Friends' Corner.

S. Ganas, of the New Settlement, 11 Indian African Clinic, Beatrice Street, Durban, who is a convalescent at the Settlement, has written to me making an appeal to members of the Junior Leader to help by sending comics, books, magazines and other reading material; to him and his fellow patients at the Settlement. I sincerely hope that this appeal will meet with a ready response and I shall be pleased if Junior Leader members will forward them to me or to the Settlement direct.

M. C. Pillay (17), c/o Mr. H. C. Hoosen, P.O. Maidstone, Natal, would like a pen friend of either sex of any nationality to correspond with him from any part of South Africa. His interests are in gardening and motor mechanics. Kindly send your completed form.

S. Pram (15), 38 Clare Road, Sydenham, Durban, who is interested in classic comics and books, especially detective novels, would like a pen pal with similar interests from any part of South Africa. Kindly send me your completed form.

Nelson Reddy (16), P.O. Box 2502, Durban, is interested in sports, particularly soccer, cricket and golf, and would like pen friends with similar interests from any part of the world.

Coonaseelan Naidoo (12), of 13 Indian African Clinic, Beatrice Street, Durban, would like a pen friend from any part of the Union who is interested in photography, history and story books.

K. K. Naidoo (17), of 1260 Umgeni Road, Durban, would like pen pals of either sex from any part of the world, particularly Indian and South Africa.

His interests are in Eastern art and English songs.

R. Choonoo (16), of 12 Luxmi Avenue, Mayville, Durban, whose interests are in stamp-collecting, songs, poems and photography, would like friends of either sex from Rhodesia, Cape Town and India.

B. Harriraj (14), of 113 Cope Road, Springfield, Durban, would like a pen friend of either sex from South Africa and America who are interested in stamp collecting, athletics and classic comics.

Roy Singh (15), of 8 Archer Avenue, Manor Gardens, Mayville, Durban, who is interested in story books, particularly detective novels and sports, would like pen friends from any part of the world with similar interests.

D. R. Reddy (18), 20 Hoosens Buildings, 114 Queen Street, Durban, who would like pen friends especially for educational purposes, is also interested in classical and thrilling novels. He wants pen pals from any part of the globe, particularly India, America or Canada. He concludes his letter by saying: "No colour bar in pen friends!"

That is all for this week. I hope to pass on more notes next week.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Chachajan wishes many happy returns of the day to the undermentioned Juniors on their birthdays—may they see many more: B. Harriraj, of 113 Cope Road, Springfield, Durban, on your fourteenth birthday. [illegible], of 3 Myhill Road, Red Hill, Durban, on your eighteenth birthday. S. [illegible], 133 [illegible] Street, Glencoe, Natal, on your sixteenth birthday.

LAUGHTER CORNER

I am sure all of you enjoyed last week's jokes. This week I am passing on some more, which I received from readers during the week. I do hope you enjoy them—they were quite amusing to me in any case.

Bookseller: "This book will do half your work for you."

Scholar: "Good; I'll take a couple."

Teacher: "Why should we endeavour to rise by our own efforts?"

Boy: "Because there's no knowing when the alarm clock may go wrong, sir."

Till next week,
CHACHJAN.

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TOURISTS BEAT VICTORIA COUNTY

MILDURA (Victoria), Monday.

Declaring at lunch when they had brought their overnight first innings score of 21 for one to 291 for six in reply to the Victoria County XI's first innings total of 125, the Indian tourists dismissed the home side for 114 in their second innings, to win the two-day match by an innings and 52 runs.

Amarnath's early declaration gave the County side all afternoon in which to bat, but they succumbed to the Indian spin bowlers, Nayudu, Amir Elahi and Sarwate, who took eight wickets between them.

Sarwate dismissed three men for 17, Nayudu three for 24 and Amir Elahi two for 48.

W. Hughes, with 36, was top scorer for the County XI.

Of the 166 runs which the Indians added to their overnight total, 61 came from the unfinished seventh wicket partnership of Rangnekar (42) and Nayudu (27). This provided some bright cricket, 61 runs being run up in half an hour.

The scores were: Victoria County XI, first innings, 125. India, first innings, 291 for six declared. Victoria County XI, second innings, 114.

CRIMSON LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB

The Crimson League Football Club (affiliated to the Durban Indian Sunday League) held their annual meeting in the presence of a large gathering at the Surat Hall on Sunday last. Mr. M. R. Naidoo presided.

The meeting passed a resolution of condolence on the tragic death of Mahatma Gandhi.

The following officials were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. M. R. Naidoo; hon. secretary, Mr. D. Naidoo (both re-elected); assistant secretary, Mr. H. Khan; hon. treasurer, Mr. M. H. Khan; manager (seniors), Mr. A. P. Padayachee; captain, [illegible]; committee, [illegible]; Mr. A. Moosa, captain, [illegible] Naidoo.

It was agreed to affiliate [illegible] team.

ROVERS CELEBRATE

On Thursday last a celebration was held by the Rovers Sporting Club at Peters Lounge, Durban.

The club had met to celebrate the victory of the Junior Football club, which had won the Pillay Cup at County, Sea View, for the 1947 season.

The secretary, Mr. Ganesan Naidoo, in paying a glowing tribute to the team [illegible], said that it was mainly through [illegible] that the club had been successful.

The captain of the team, Mr. R. Rodiya, was congratulated on having led his team to victory.

A farewell was also accorded to Mr. Dhanagopaul Naidoo, a vice-president of the club. He is leaving for India to join the Ramakrishna Mission to become a monk. The president pointed out that it was a great honour to the club because Mr. Dhanagopaul Naidoo was the first South African Indian to volunteer on such a career.

Mr. Naidoo, in replying, said that he would have the spirit of the Sporting Club wherever he would go in India and he hoped to return to find the club still doing well.

Mr. L. M. Naidoo, who had just completed the requirements of the B.A. degree, was congratulated by all the members of the club. The president said that he hoped that many more Rovers would follow in the footsteps of Mr. L. M. Naidoo. It was a great honour to the club to have such men in its fold. He was urged by all to continue studying as there was no end to education.

Others who spoke at this reception were Messrs. S. [illegible], A. Maharaj, S. Maharaj, P. M. [illegible], S. N. Singh and [illegible].

Last week members of the [illegible] Indian Study Group paid tribute to the late Mahatma Gandhi with short speeches and prayers at the Group's weekly meeting. The "Round Table" will be held next week.

T3 "B" EXAM RESULTS

THE following candidates have passed in the Natal Teachers' Third Class "B" Certificate Examination, 1947:—

Bissath, Harilal.
Chetty, Malayandi Shunmugum.
David, Balchand.
Gooljar, Roopen.
Govender, Perumal.
Harris, Christina Louis.
Jagesar, Roy Srisdath.
Krishna, Ranganathan.
Naicker, Devraj Charles.
Naicker, Nadesan Fakiri.
Naidoo, Dhayanunthen Valayuthum.
Naidoo, Ranganathan.
Parbhoosingh, Roopsingh.
Pillay, Muthuswami.
Ramraj, Rampersad.
Samuel, Paul Ebenezer.
Singh, Harrydhan Bhoola.
Subben, Ganasen Yellow.
Suryanarayana, Kistan.
Udit, Rambally Sudree.
Venketramiah, Krishna.
Vinden, John David Noel.

The following candidates have obtained provisional passes, the subject to be repeated being indicated in brackets:—

Abdool, Shaik Habibh (Elementary Arithmetic).
Chinsamy, Kistnasamy (English Written).
Isaach, Samuel Theophilus (Organisation and Management).
Jugganath, Hareharan (History).
Naram, Ramsaroj (Physiology and Hygiene).
Ramharan, Harrdowan (Practical Teaching).
Reddy, Thandrun Subba (Organisation and Management).
[illegible] (Physiology and Hygiene).
Singh, Rampershad Maharaj (Practical Teaching).

The following candidates have to pass in the subjects indicated in order to complete the examinations:—

Gayanda, Rampersadh (English Written; Physiology & Hygiene).
Gopal, Rampershad (Geography; Organisation & Management).
Govender, Muthoo Nyrappen (English Written; History; Principles of Education).
[illegible] parts of Part 1).
Naidoo, [illegible] (History; Organisation and Management).
Naidoo, [illegible] Appanah (Practical Teaching; Art).
Raghubir, Gobindath (History, Practical Teaching).
Ramkaran, Ramsaroop (all subjects of Part 1 and Principles of Education and Organisation and Management).
Rampersadh, Mahesa (Physiology and Hygiene; History; Practical Teaching).
Ramsaroop, Hansraj (English Written; Principles of Education Teaching Methods).
Singh, Dhurmraj Roopnarain (all subjects of Part 1).
Soobramoney, Mary Margaret (Elementary Arithmetic; Organisation and Management).
Sookoo, Rammath Sakkha (all subjects of Part 1).

FIXTURES—CURRIE'S FOUNTAIN LEAGUE CUP COMPETITION

"A" Division (Saturday, 7th and [illegible]): [illegible], main; Sastri College v. [illegible], No. 1; Greyville v. Young Muslim, No. 2.

"B" Division (Sunday, February 8th and 15th, 1948): Young Bharat v. Young [illegible], main; Young [illegible] v. Bharat, No. 1; Oriental v. [illegible], No. 2; Sparks v. United, No. 3.

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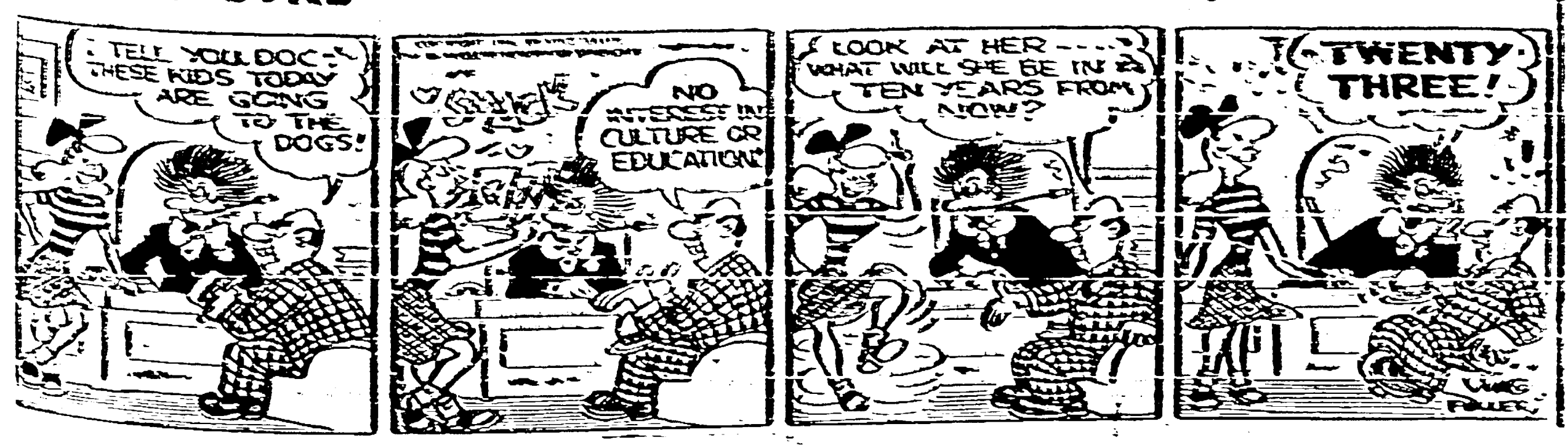
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No Schooling in Durban Leads to Death

A STORY of educational frustration in their home town lies behind a tragic accident in which one youth was killed and four others seriously injured—which occurred at the Verulam railway crossing on Wednesday morning.

These youths, who could find no accommodation at Sastri College, were admitted to the Tongaat Indian Secondary School, and it was during this journeying to school in the car they collided with an oncoming train.

The dead boy was [illegible] Daya, son of Mr. Daya Khoosal, a well-known Indian merchant of Durban. His injured companions were Dhanjee Bhana, Gobin Bhana and Babhu Singh. The driver of the car, Lalman, was seriously injured.

MAYOR CONVENES MEETING

IN response to a requisition signed by voters of Durban, and headed by Dr. Mabel Palmer, the Mayor of Durban has convened a public meeting to be held at the Kathiawad Hall, Lorne Street, on Monday, February 9, at 5.15 p.m.

The meeting will discuss resolutions deploring the acute shortage of accommodation for primary and secondary education in Durban for Indians.

Among the speakers will be Dr. Palmer, Mr. S. Cooppan, M.A., and officials of the N.I.C. and the Indian Teachers' Society. In the absence of Mr. L. L. Boyd, who is in Cape Town, the Deputy Mayor, Councillor R. M. Thomas, will preside.

Mr. R. A. Banks, the Director of Education, and Mr. P. K. [illegible], Chief Inspector of Indian Schools, have been invited to attend and speak.

Inaugurating the 16th annual convention of the Sugar Technologists' Association of India in Cawnpore, Mr. [illegible], U.P. Minister for Education and Labour, stressed the need for an increase in sugar production in India, and drew attention to the Government experiment to carry out necessary researches by qualified men, at whatever laboratory they considered best equipped for the purpose.

SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATED

Mr. Ahmed Ismail, president of the South African Indian Congress, celebrated the silver jubilee of his marriage at [illegible] last week. The gathering assumed an all-Union character because of the presence of his Natal and Transvaal colleagues. Generous tributes were paid to Mr. Ismail's public work and references were also made to the part played by Mrs. Ismail, who helped her husband in this connection.

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Kahn, Yusuf.
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Motala, Ilyas.
Naidoo, Sathasivum.

Third Class
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Jogath, Thulsi.
Maharaj, Soorujmoney.
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MARITZBURG, Friday.

ON Saturday, the day of mourning for Mahatma Gandhi, all sport was cancelled. In the only cricket match played on Sunday, Natalians overwhelmed Schools in the Natal Cup. S. Danabalan hit up a chanceless, undefeated century for Natalians, his second this season.

[illegible]

V. S. HAZARE, the Indian cricketer, who scored a century in each innings of the fourth Test against Australia.

SOCIAL ENGAGEMENTS CANCELLED

Melbourne: The Indian cricket team touring Australia have cancelled all social engagements for a week as a result of the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi.

They will wear black armbands for the rest of the tour and will observe one minute's silence for prayers on the field before the start of each match.

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SOCCER SEASON REVIEWED

Mr. A. Vengan, secretary of the South Coast District Indian Football Association, had this to say, "The administrative work of the Association during the season under review was carried out in a most efficient and satisfactory manner.

[illegible]

Won Coveted Trophy

[illegible]

Mr. Vengan stated that towards the early part of the soccer season a friendly inter-race match was staged between the South Coast and the Durban Coloureds on the S.C.D.I.F.A. sports ground. [illegible]

Keen enthusiasm was shown by clubs in all the competitions. It is hoped that during the incoming season the standards of soccer will show a great improvement.

"The Association is greatly indebted to Mr. S. M. Singh (president of the S.C.D.I.F.A.) for the able and impartial manner in which he carried out his duties during the season under review. He was responsible to a great extent for improving the conditions that existed at the S.C.D.I.F.A. sports ground, and it is hoped that another term of his office will bring forth brighter prospects in the welfare of the Association," added Mr. Vengan.

A. VENGAN, secretary of the South Coast and District Indian Football Association.

MR. CHARLES M. PILLAY, secretary of the Mayville District Indian Football Association.

Mr. M. Harrypersadh, secretary of the Durban Indian Sunday League, said that the 1947 season had been a successful one and the affairs of the League were well managed. This was due to the large measure of co-operation and assistance of the clubs and officials at all times, which was necessary in the successful administration of any organisation.

During the season four senior and seven junior clubs were affiliated to the League, and the number of players registered totalled about one hundred and eighty.

[illegible]

MR. V. P. BAKER, secretary of the North Coast Indian Football Association.

[illegible]

During the season under review the Durban Indian Sunday League were allowed three representatives on the Durban Indian Sports Ground Association, in an advisory capacity, and a change in the financial relationship was also effected.

Two members in Messrs. S. L. Singh and K. A. Chin were elected to the position of honorary life vice-president when a review in the constitution took place.

Apart from new trophies being required, some were in need of replacement and efforts were being made to approach old sportsmen to procure new trophies.

Mr. V. P. Baker, secretary of the North Coast Indian Football Association, said: "I am pleased to report a successful season, particularly towards the marked degree of improvement shown in the standard of play. [illegible]

"I admire the spirit of the younger men who from time to time have shown their ability in the administration of the Association," said Mr. Baker.

"I can say emphatically that if sufficient encouragement is given to these young people by the elders, we will have several men in our midst in whom the destiny of the Association can be invested without fear," he added.

During the year eight clubs were affiliated with a registration of about one hundred and twenty players.

[illegible]

Mr. Baker paid glowing tribute to the president, Mr. G. M. Nair, for his mature guidance in helping the Association ahead in the sporting world.

The 20th annual meeting of the Durban Indian Golf Club, set down for Sunday last, was postponed owing to the death of Mahatma Gandhi.

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South Africa Mourns

"EACH one of us has suffered a personal loss in the tragic news which reached us so dramatically in the few words 'Mahatma was shot and is dead.' We could not believe it. It was shocking news, and its profound effect was noticeable within the hour, as many shops closed immediately and men were grouped about all over the streets whispering the sad news," declared Mr. J. W. Godfrey, who presided at a memorial meeting held under the auspices of the Natal Indian Organisation at the Avalon Theatre on Saturday morning.

"One of the bravest, greatest and noblest of living men in our time had been shot down by an assassin's bullet. Of all men in this wide world he was the least deserving of this treatment. His whole life was one of peace and love towards all mankind. The whole of India, nay, the whole world, is staggered at this thoughtless and wanton act upon a defenceless and loving soul.

Personally Known

"Many of us who had the honour of knowing him personally and working with him while he was in South Africa can testify to his large-heartedness and loving nature. Judged by any standard of religion or philosophy he is outstanding. No one could be near him and escape being influenced by his pure and open life.

"He believed in peace with all men. It was here in Natal that he propounded and successfully practised the principles and philosophy of 'Satyagraha' and which he developed in our Mother Country with such spectacular and outstanding success.

"He was the apostle of non-violence as the sure and only means of obtaining relief and redress, and it is an irony of fate that his life was ended by violence.

"We deeply deplore the act of the assassin. We cannot believe that there was one Indian who would have deprived Mahatmaji of his life in this way.

"We are naturally incensed at this, but we must act as we believe the Mahatmaji would have done and say 'God forgive him for what he has done.'

Must Remember

"We must also [illegible] always remember this. We mourn his loss, but let us today resolve to shun all misunderstanding and hate and proceed to work hard hand in hand with one another to achieve our common goal."

Hearts Grieve

"Our hearts grieve at the sudden death of the Mahatma. To commemorate his works will take days. He was a symbol of humanity. We can only do service to that great soul if we emulate him," said Mr. S. R. Pather.

"The news of the Mahatma's death staggered and upset the world. Men like the Mahatma come rarely," said Mr. I. Amin.

The following resolution was passed:

"We, the Hindus, Muslims, Parsees and Christians—Indians—assembled on this sad occasion, desire unanimously to put on record our deep sense of thankfulness for the life, and our heartfelt sorrow at the loss, of Mahatma Gandhi, a servant of God, a lover of peace and concord, who throughout his whole life walked with his Maker, mixed with the lowly and the great, doing good for all mankind.

"We especially think at this time of his enduring services to his country and his countrymen, and commend his high example to all men that by their lives they will seek peace and pursue it.

"We pray for Mahatmaji's family, as well as for those leaders in India who are now called to shoulder increasing burdens, that Mahatmaji's light shall shine upon them and give to them and all India the peace the whole world seeks and for which he laboured so long and so worthily.

"We pray that his death will cement the unity which was the symbol and embodiment of his life. May his memory live and endure throughout the ages."

[illegible]

"We meet here to express our sorrow at the passing away of Mahatma Gandhi," said Mr. S. L. Singh, chairman of the South African Hindu Maha Sabha, at a memorial meeting held at Cartwright's Flats, Durban, on Sunday.

Mr. Singh said: "The Mahatma, who rendered yeoman service to humanity, dedicated his life for the liberation of India, which he saw before his death.

"India should bear in mind the services of Gandhi now more than ever before.

"There is not a single soul living to equal the strength of the Mahatma.

"If we believe in the laws of reincarnation, then if Gandhi is reborn, he will carry on the good work which he left incomplete," added Mr. Singh.

"We should take a leaf out of his book and use it to consolidate and better ourselves.

"We should carry out the laws which Gandhi laid down.

"It is impossible to speak of Gandhi. The Mahatma, who was one of us, made no distinctions between man and man. He won the highest position because he was the servant of the people," said Mr. A. Christopher.

Solemn Occasion

"The occasion is too solemn to give adequate expression of tribute to one who has been held in the highest esteem throughout the world," said Mr. T. M. Naicker.

The Mahatma, who lived simply and thought nobly, was a true Hindu who believed that all are kith and kin, added Mr. Naicker.

The following resolution was passed:—

"That this mass meeting of Indians under the aegis of the South African Hindu Maha Sabha hereby places on record its profound sorrow and irreparable loss at the tragic demise of Mahatma Gandhiji in India.

"His spiritual life and work in the advancement of humanity will be dearly remembered at all times and act as a guide in the destiny of our people."

AT MAYVILLE

A special prayer meeting was attended by a large number of men, women and children of all denominations at the Candella [illegible] School on Sunday last to mourn the loss of Mahatma Gandhi.

Prayers were offered in Hindi by Mr. R. Karpath, the President of the Sangatan, under whose auspices the meeting was convened. Mr. Sultan Ally offered prayers in Urdu, Mrs. Ram in English, and Mr. Nagmuthoo in Tamil. Others who paid tribute to Bapuji were Messrs. R. Ramburbeer, Gajadhar, Sewdheen, R. S. Singh, R. Ramjeawan, Pratab Singh, R. Govindh, and P. Chirond.

AT CATO MANOR

A prayer meeting was held under the auspices of the Cato Manor Indian Association at the First River Temple Hall on Monday to mourn the tragic death of Mahatma Gandhi.

Among the speakers were Mrs. K. Naidoo (chairman), Mrs. R. Naidoo (hon. secretary) and Mrs. I. Pather.

AT PARK RYNIE

A special prayer meeting was held in the Indian School Hall at Park Rynie on Saturday last. The meeting was called by the Park Rynie Indian Ratepayers' Association. Prayers were offered by Messrs. R. D. Chotthoo and K. K. Naidoo. Other speakers included Messrs. V. P. Naidoo, James Naidoo, Perumall Naidoo and N. N. Naidoo.

A special prayer meeting was held at Renishaw Estate on Saturday morning by the Renishaw Indian Employees.

AT PT. SHEPSTONE

A large gathering of Port Shepstone Hindus congregated on the banks of the Umzimkulu River on Saturday at 12.30 p.m. to mourn the loss of Mahatma Gandhi.

Prayers were conducted by Pandit Paramanand.

Among those who spoke were Messrs. C. M. Moodley, C. Bechoo, Parbhoo, Nattay, Kissoon and N. Chetty.

All Hindu business premises in the district closed for the day.

AT CLAIRWOOD

A large gathering was present at a prayer meeting held on Friday afternoon and on Saturday at the Shree Jagathesswar Temple.

Mr. N. S. Govender (Trustee and Stanigar) and Pundit B. R. Maharaj officiated.

Mrs. Thirunagavallie Dixon Pillay as leader, with a group of ladies, conducted the Tamil prayers, songs and hymns on the occasion.

A prayer meeting to pay homage and respect to Gandhi was held at the Shree Siva Subramoniar Temple, Sirdar Road, Clairwood, on Sunday under the aegis of the Weekly Prayer Service Group of Clairwood.

Hymns composed by South Indian saints were sung by the congregation. Mr. Govindsamy Padayachee, a recent resident of India, spoke at length on the works of the Mahatmaji and gave some vivid accounts of his personal contact with him.

Mr. R. Muthu Pillay, also a member of the Service Group, offered prayers. The Service was conducted by Mr. P. A. Pillay, the head of the Service Group.

AT KIMBERLEY

A MEMORIAL service to Mr. Gandhi was held in the Kimberley City Hall at which many Indians and other Non-Europeans were present. Europeans and church representatives also attended.

The meeting was organised by Mr. L. V. Sammy and was held under the auspices of the Indian Political and Welfare Associations. The service began with a prayer by Panditjee Pinnal Upadaya, which was followed by an address by Mr. T. V. R. Pillay, the chairman. He said that the last few days had been the most sorrowful in the annals of the human race. The assassination of Mahatma Gandhi had shocked not only India but the whole world.

The Mayor, Mr. J. W. Orr, said that Gandhi's death had been felt by Europeans and Non-Europeans in Kimberley as a great loss. The speakers included Mr. I. P. Joshua, representing the Coloured community, Rev. L. Goldman, Mr. J. G. F. Moodi, Mr. J. Samuels, for the African community, Rev. Abrahamson, Father Ryan, Rev. [illegible]

AT DANNHAUSER . . .

A mass meeting of the Dannhauser Indian community was held on Saturday at the Indian School Hall to pay tribute to Mahatma Gandhi.

Moulvie A. R. Ansaree, priest in charge of the Mohammedan Mosque, who was in India, paid glowing tribute to the work of Gandhiji.

Rev. Benton, Presbyterian Church Minister, read verses from the Bible and also spoke of Gandhiji.

Other speakers were Messrs. R. Patak, R. Goordeen, C. Gopaul, S. Bhawani, George Ellary, R. Loganathan, Dr. Lazarus, Dr. S. Maharaj, H. M. Vawda and R. R. Patak.

WOMEN BREAK DOWN

"WE have not only lost a great leader but a father who inspired us," said Dr. G. M. Naicker, president of the Natal Indian Congress at a memorial meeting held at the Red Square on Saturday last. The crowd which was estimated between three and four thousand was made up of all sections of the community. There was a large number of women, many of whom broke down during the course of prayers.

Mahatmaji, who had devoted himself to the fight against communalism was killed by "communalism," said Dr. Naicker.

We should pledge, he went on, to emulate him and to complete the work he has begun.

"The greatest Indian is dead. We should follow the path the Mahatma chalked out for us," said Mr. A. I. Meer, general secretary of the Natal Indian Congress.

The following offered prayers: Mr. B. J. Maharaj (Hindi), Moulana Molvi Mohamed Basheer Siddiqui (Urdu), Mr. Ramlerin (Parsee) and Rev. Choonoo (English).

Mrs. Janakie Naidoo spoke in Tamil.

"We solemnly declare that the sincerest tribute we can pay to Mahatmaji is to pledge, as we hereby do, to uphold his faith in the value of human dignity and to continue his work in this country in the spirit of Satyagraha until truth and justice has been vindicated and freedom won," was part of the resolution adopted.

AT NEWCASTLE . . .

About 400 Indians, Hindu and Moslem alike, gathered in the H.Y.M.A. Hall, where a prayer meeting was held, to pay their last homage to the late Mahatma Gandhi. The concourse stood in prayer.

Many speakers paid tribute to the great leader, pointing out his gigantic accomplishments. It was felt that no better tribute could be paid but to emulate his doctrines and to continue his work.

The following cable was sent to the Prime Minister of India: "Shocked at assassination of [illegible] humanity. Deeply mourned. Convey message of sympathy to bereaved family. From Newcastle Indian community, Natal."

COMMUNIST SYMPATHY

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of South Africa cabled on Saturday the following message of condolence to the Indian National Congress: "Profoundly shocked at tragic end of Mahatma Gandhi by an assassin's bullets. We join with the people of India and of the whole world in mourning the loss of a great champion of liberty, justice and peace."

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Showtime

TONIGHT

Avalon: Here Comes the Sun.
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NOTICE

In terms of Clauses 6 (d); 9 (c) and 25 (b) of the constitution the Provincial Executive of the Natal Indian Congress has decided to call the ANNUAL MEETING of

The DUNDEE BRANCH

Therefore, members of the above branch are hereby notified that the Annual meeting of their BRANCHES will be held at the

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TALK OF THE BAZAAR

By the "Faqir"

GANDHI'S death has removed from the orbit of mortal men an outstanding figure. That his greatness was universally recognised is revealed in the messages of sympathy which have poured into the Indian capital from every corner of the world. Even his greatest opponents—the British and General Smuts—have acknowledged his greatness. It was in South Africa that he first formulated his weapon of Satyagraha; in India he used it to its greatest advantage. Gandhi was an amazing man, and someone who worked under him when he practised in this country says that he had a phenomenal memory. He could discuss a matter with one client; listen to the woes of another, dictate a complicated agreement and make notes with his left hand simultaneously. He could write with equal facility with both hands. He was a very good lawyer and once handled successfully five appeals all at the same time. He was not interested in making money. He had a poor box in his office and encouraged clients to drop whatever they could into it. For himself he had took enough to live on.

MANY WEPT

HIS death was felt keenly by all Indians. Many who had never seen him in person wept openly when they heard of his tragic death. He had become part of the lives of many Indians. At the Red Square there were many Indian women who did not hide their tears. I am told that one Indian girl on the South Coast completely lost herself when she heard of the death of Gandhi. It took her quite a few hours to recover herself. It threw Hindus and Moslems together in a way which, let us hope, is a good omen for the future. The only tribute we can pay him is to carry on the work he had begun in his lifetime and for which he made the supreme sacrifice.

SPECIAL LADIES

I WONDER if you read the advertisements in a paper as carefully as I do. Well, it does sometimes happen that some gems get into the paper. The other week I saw something about a "special ladies'" matinee. I know there are ladies and ladies and, of course, the women, but I hadn't heard of the "special ladies," so I [illegible] myself [illegible] that sage of sagery my [illegible]. But he still has a grudge against womankind, and beyond saying that "woman is the ruination of man," he refused to discuss the subject further. He had other more important things to think about. The [illegible] of the [illegible] the [illegible] way was still [illegible] with the second [illegible] of his thoughts, and he had no time for "special ladies."

"HORSES"

HORSES are great things. They run like [illegible]; you put your money on them and they don't come first; you lose your money. That is the opinion of a young man who has turned his attention to the sport of kings, not that he has any regal connections. Everyone offers odds, and that unfathomable thing called the "tote" also offers something. The man sitting next to you has a certainty. It must win. It can't lose, and so the greenhorn puts his money on it. After that it can't win. It seems strange that while the others seem to get the winner the greenhorn can't even get the horse that gets a "place" or whatever coming in the first three is called. Horses are damnable funny things. They always seem to know when he has put his money on them, and so they can't win.

NOTICE

The Government-Aided Indian Schools Teachers' Social, arranged for this afternoon, Saturday, 7th February, at the Kathiawad Hall, Durban, has been postponed to Monday, 16th February, at the Kathiawad Hall at 7.30 p.m.

W. S. SEETHAL.

Racing Selections

By DIPLOMAT

Following are my selections for the [illegible] race meeting [illegible] Saturday.

First race, [illegible], Moderate Gallop [illegible] and Every Handicap, [illegible] furlongs.
1. STICKS.
2. Generic.
3. Grand Parade.

Second race, [illegible], Juvenile Handicap, [illegible] furlongs.
1. SILVER LADY.
2. [illegible]
3. Puppet.
4. Pottery.

Third race, [illegible], [illegible] Handicap, [illegible] furlongs.
1. SOLAVIA.
2. [illegible]
3. [illegible]
4. [illegible]

Fourth race, [illegible], Red Hill Handicap ("D" Div.), [illegible] furlongs.
1. DOOLA.
2. [illegible]
3. [illegible]

Fifth race, 2.40, Juvenile Plate, [illegible] furlongs.
1. [illegible]
2. [illegible]
3. [illegible]

Sixth race, 3.15, [illegible] Handicap (Top Div.), [illegible] furlongs.
1. VARDAR.
2. [illegible]
3. [illegible]

Seventh race, 3.50, Red Hill Handicap ("B" Div.), [illegible] furlongs.
1. MOLASSES.
2. [illegible]
3. [illegible]

Eighth race, 4.30, Red Hill Handicap ("C" Div.), [illegible] furlongs.
1. CHATTIS HILL.
2. [illegible]
3. [illegible]
4. [illegible]

Ninth race, 5.0, Red Hill Handicap ("A" Div.), [illegible] furlongs.
1. LADY BARRING.
2. [illegible]
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Bottom Knocked Out of the Premier's "Union Nationals" Claim: Indians Arrested For Border Crossing

MR. MOHAMMED ZAFRULLAH KHAN, the Pakistan Foreign Minister, who is representing Pakistan at the United Nations Security Council deliberations between India and Pakistan at Lake Success.

THE arrest and prosecution of the 25 Indians who recently entered the Transvaal without permits knocks the bottom out of assertions at the United Nations of both the Prime Minister, General Smuts, and his Minister of Justice that Indians were Union Nationals. That is the consensus of comment on the prosecution despite what Mr. Lawrence had to say in the Assembly about Indians not being "enthusiastic" over the second phase of the Resistance Campaign.

In an effort to decry the step Mr. Lawrence went out of his way to tell the House on Monday that the "vast majority of the Indian community both in Natal and the Transvaal have adopted much saner councils and certainly did not give their support to attempts such as this, provocatively to break the law." Mr. Lawrence added: "No particular enthusiasm was shown by members of the Indian community." Prominent Indians have dissociated themselves with Mr. Lawrence's claim for they feel that an important principle is at stake whatever one or two Indians might say.

THOSE twenty-five Indians had crossed into the Transvaal in an effort to draw attention to the fact that the Prime Minister's claim that all Indians were Union Nationals was far from the truth. Their arrest, prosecution and deportation have clearly revealed that they are regarded as aliens in the other Provinces of the country.

If they were not aliens and if they were really recognised as Union Nationals, then certainly they should be allowed to range freely over the whole country.

The action of the immigration authorities throws into sharp focus the irony of the situation. Italians and Germans, against whom this country was engaged in a bloody war only a few years ago, are allowed to enter the country freely and can move about the four Provinces without let or hindrance. They are foreigners; they have their own homeland; they are born and bred elsewhere, yet they are given preference in South Africa against the very people whom General Smuts has proclaimed before a world forum as being Union Nationals, and, at that same, declaring that the Indian problem was a domestic issue.

"Unemployed Class"

In an attempt to alleviate the fears of those who have got their backs up, Mr. Lawrence declared: "[illegible] the members of that Party (the first group) and those who subsequently crossed the border belonged to the unemployed class and must obviously be paid for the actions they are taking, and they must be maintained by those who are responsible for these actions."

Replying to another question, he said three batches had crossed the border so far. Since the first batch of 25 arrived it had been discovered that efforts were being made to provide for the gainful employment of certain of them, and that premises were being renovated to enable what would apparently look like permanent residence there."

In view of his several statements, Lawrence's sneering reference to unemployed people and the [illegible] that he has read into the situation is unwarranted and certainly does

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£¼ Million For Family Trust

THE Kajee Family Trust has been raised to £250,000 as a result of the will of the late Mr. A. E. Kajee, who died suddenly last month. The will was made prior to Mr. Kajee's departure for UK the year before.

The will reflects that he left £[illegible] 3s. 4d., made up of immovable property £9,510 [illegible] movable property £10,155 [illegible] claims in favour of the estate £20,555 5s. 9d. and cash £[illegible] 17s. 2d.

During his last illness Mr. Kajee gave instructions about the continuance of the bequests to the numerous charities with which he was connected, such as the Arabic Educational Scholarship bursaries for Indian, Native and Coloured children.

The Family Trust is empowered to carry on this work and extend it, and it is proposed to build two more schools. At the moment there are 11 schools which were built through Mr. Kajee's generosity.

One quarter of the estate is left to Essop Ismail Kajee, "whom I have regarded as my adopted son from the days of his childhood and to whom I give and bequeath

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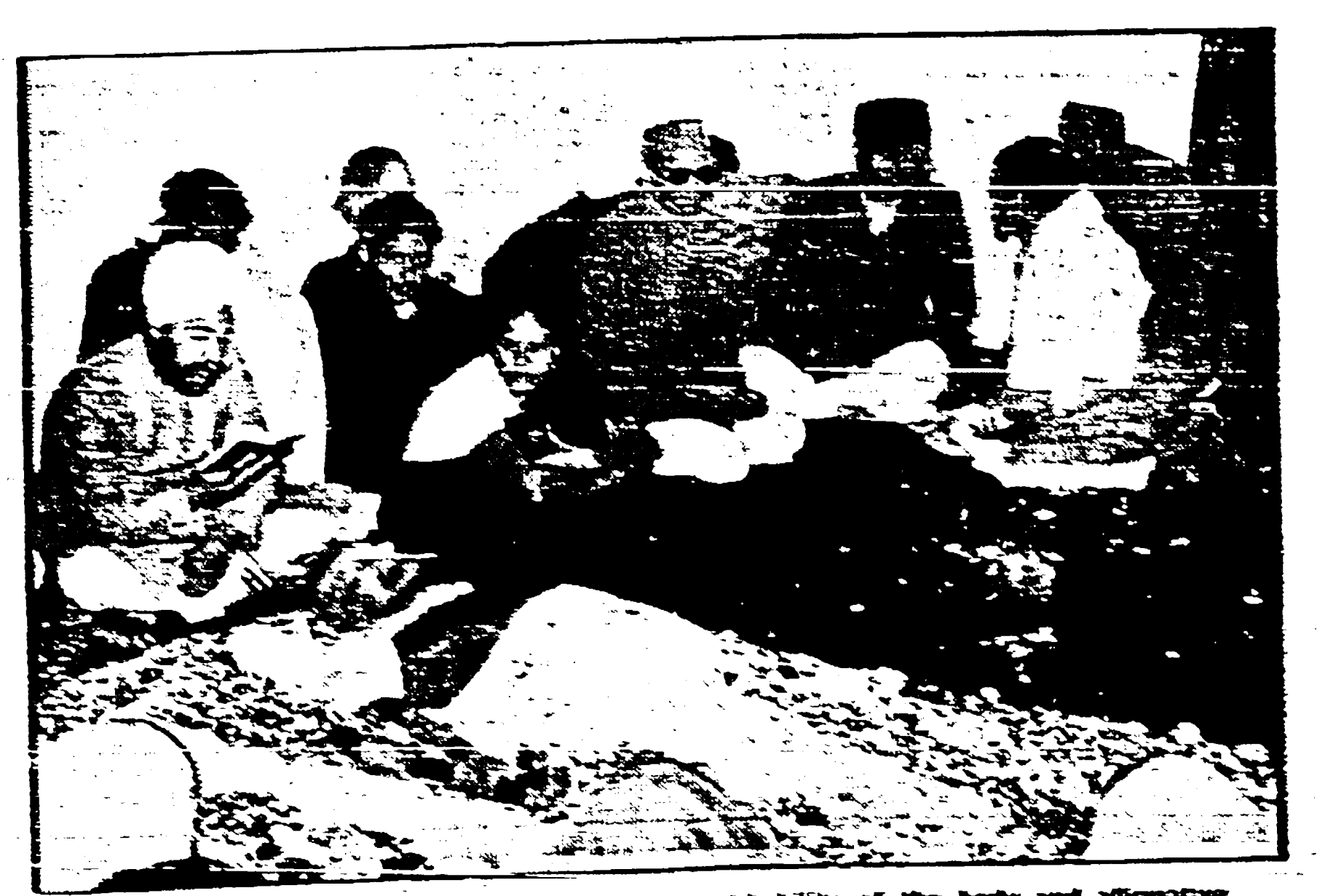
Mahatma Gandhi Lying in State



Flowers, symbolising in their transience the perishability of the body and alternative in their beauty of a realm of immaterial and imperishable values, covered the body which had been the vehicle of one of the greatest efflorescences of the human spirit. Gandhiji's face showed no trace of his violent death and looking at the serenity of his countenance, one could almost imagine that he was listening with closed eyes to the [illegible] which the Sikh priest is reading at left.

"Donations" Complaint

THE LEADER has received a number of complaints from parents that some schools require a donation towards the school buildings before their children are admitted. A number of parents, it is alleged, turned up at various schools on the day on which school opened and were told that if they could contribute something towards the extension of the school their children would receive first consideration.

SUBSEQUENT investigation by a "Leader" reporter revealed that a number of parents had gone to the Natal Indian Congress with similar complaints. "The Leader" understands that some schools need money to expand their buildings, and the school committees have asked parents to contribute whatever they can.

Of course, immediately a parent contributes a sum an obligation is created on the headmaster to admit the children of that parent to the exclusion of the children of parents who cannot afford the contribution. The result is that what is good in theory turns out bad in practice, and not only that, but opens up the possibility of abuse. It is logical to draw the conclusion that the highest bidders can get their children into school without any difficulty and that brilliant children who could

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INDIAN NURSING COUNCIL

The Leader Special Service.

NEW DELHI.—A Bill to provide for the constitution of an Indian Nursing Council has been passed by the Parliament.

The Health Minister, Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, who moved consideration of the Bill, emphasising the need for such an enactment, said that at present there was no central body to co-ordinate the activities of provincial nursing schools and to prescribe an uniform standard for the profession.

The proposed Indian Nursing Council, besides maintaining uniformity in the standards of education and training for nurses, midwives and health visitors, would also supervise examinations and maintain a schedule of qualifications recognised for registration throughout India.

The Council would also negotiate with foreign countries for recognition of these qualifications.

The Health Minister pointed out that the whole of India, including Pakistan, had hardly 7,000 nurses and 5,000 midwives. This was too inadequate a figure compared to the total population. Concerted efforts should be made to expand the nursing ranks.

OBITUARIES

KARSAN DAYA

The death occurred after a tragic accident at Verulam of Karsan Daya, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daya Khosal, of 156 Victoria Street, Durban, on February 4.

His remains were cremated at the [illegible] Crematorium in the presence of a large gathering of friends and relatives.

Karsan Daya, who was eighteen years of age, gained admission at the [illegible] High School after having been refused accommodation at the [illegible] College.

S. LALLMAN

The death occurred after a tragic [illegible] at [illegible] of S. Lallman, son of Mrs. and the late Mr. Roopnath, and grandson of Mr. P. Jaggan, of 29 Wakely Road, Bellair, on February 6.

His remains were cremated at the Cato Manor Crematorium in the presence of a large gathering of friends and relatives.

Mr. Lallman, who was nineteen years of age, was a popular figure among his relatives and friends. At the time of his death he was employed at the firm of Messrs. Daya Khosal [illegible] Ltd.

MAUD ANASTASIA OLIVER

The passing away of Maud Anastasia Oliver removes from the Christian Indian circles a very popular figure. She is survived by three school sons, Roy, Leslie and Derrick. Her husband, Gordon Maharaj, is a well-known sporting personality. Her sad passing away is mourned by all who came into contact with her, as she was of a very retiring disposition.

Her remains were interred at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Queen Street, Durban, amid a large gathering of friends and relatives.

The deceased was the youngest daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. Joseph Andrews, of 7 Market Buildings, Rose Lane, Durban.

PARENTS COMPLAIN

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pass entrance tests and fall out because these parents cannot make the contributions.

One school rule that parents have termed "a regular racket": Children who attend this school are compelled to buy all their book requirements from the school always at a higher price than that charged at any bookstore. The result is that many parents who can illafford the low prices are compelled to pay, otherwise their children will be penalised the next term. They may "fail" examinations and will not be readmitted. The school is thus the middleman, making profits from the children. The parents cannot buy the books and pencils from the cheapest bookstore.

There is another practice at the school which is causing considerable concern among parents. Once their children are admitted, the school authorities make it their duty to call regularly on the parents for donations and contributions to the school in the course of the year. If the parent refuses, then the child suffers next year.

In one case it is learnt that one parent had the choice of contributing £10 towards the school building or have his child without schooling for another year. Fortunately the parent could afford it. In one case a woman who paid a pound towards school building funds burst up in tears at the Congress office. The choice before her was the admission of her child to school or doing without the week's provisions. She chose to have her child at school and paid the penalty by pinching on her stomach for the rest of the week.

INDIA RELIEF FUND

The [illegible] of India Relief Committee, Pietermaritzburg and Districts, formed recently to collect funds to help poor relief to the thousands who are undergoing great distress and hardship in the famine areas of India, begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations:

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CASE No. [illegible]/1948.

Between PERUMAL, Indian Immigrant, No. 104126/104127, of Riverside, Durban (Plaintiff) and YENKAMMA, Indian Immigrant, No. 20113/26650/26646, whose present whereabouts are unknown (Defendant).

To YENKAMMA, Indian Immigrant No. 20113/26650/26646, the abovenamed Defendant, whose present whereabouts are unknown.

TAKE NOTICE that a Summons has been issued against you in this Court by PERUMAL, the abovenamed Plaintiff, for a decree of Divorce a vinculo matrimonii against you on the ground of wilful and malicious desertion, and that an Order has been made that the publication of notice of such summons shall be deemed to be good and sufficient service of the Summons on you. You are required to enter an appearance to the Summons on or before the 8th day of March, 1948, and if you do not do so Judgment may be given against you in your absence.

Dated at Durban this 6th day of February, 1948.

D. M. POVALL,
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LOT 1.—351, 351a and 351b CHURCH STREET: This consists of dwelling divided into 3 flats, built of brick with iron roof. FIRST has 2 rooms, kitchenette and 2 rooms partially built, behind which is a double-storeyed brick building used as Native quarters for No. 351. [illegible], 3 rooms, kitchen, bathroom, [illegible] and THIRD, 2 rooms, kitchen, washshed, lavatory. The whole producing a rental of £14 10s. per month, R.R.D.

The Land is described as Remainder of Subdivision 1 of B of Lot 35, Church Street, Pietermaritzburg, in extent 27 perches 20[illegible] sq. ft., with a frontage to Church Street of [illegible] and a depth of [illegible].

LOT 2.—353-355, 357 and 359 CHURCH STREET:
No. 353 is a dwelling of 4 rooms, office, k.p.b.
No. 355 Offices, partitioned into 3 rooms.
No. 357 Boot and shoe repair shop and office.
No. 359 [illegible]'s Butchery, front shop, small goods room, cold room and very large back room. Back premises cover open back shed and 4 lavatories.

The rentals for this block total £25 10s. per month, R.R.D.

The land is described as Remainder of Subdivision B of Lot 35, Church Street, Pietermaritzburg, in extent 27 perches 7[illegible] sq. ft.

LOT 3.—Nos. 144 and 144a BOSHOFF STREET: Brick-built house divided into 2 flats, each with 3 rooms, k.p.b., outside lavatory.

No. 142 BOSHOFF STREET: Brick-built, containing three rooms, kitchen, bathroom and outside lavatory. The whole producing a rental of £15 per month, R.R.D.

The Land is described as Subdivision A of Subdivision [illegible] of Subdivision B of Lot 35, Church Street, No. 201, Pietermaritzburg, in extent 1 rood 9 perches 259.25 sq. ft., AND Subdivision X of Subdivision B of Lot 35 Church Street No. 201, Pietermaritzburg, in extent 24.5 sq. ft.

No. 140 BOSHOFF STREET: Brick-built, containing four rooms, kitchen, bathroom and outside lavatory. Native quarters and iron washshed. Rental £5 12s. per month, R.D.R.

The Land is described as Remainder of Lot 35, Church Street No. 201, Pietermaritzburg, in extent 22 perches 50 sq. ft.

The whole corner block, i.e., Lots 1, 2 and 3, make a total area of over [illegible] acre, with a frontage to Church Street of 160ft. and 330ft. to Boshoff Street, providing an area that would be hard to equal in the business part of the City.

The property is Indian-owned. Terms may be arranged: 25% down and balance on easy terms.

On account Hassam Moosa

AN INVESTMENT PROPERTY

No. 132 BOSHOFF STREET

Brick built with iron roof, comprising 3 flats, (a) with 2 rooms, kitchen wired for stove; (b) 2 rooms, kitchen, bathroom and lavatory; and (c) 2 rooms, kitchen, wired, bath shower. The total rentals are £10 per month, R.R.D.

The Land is described as Subdivision F of A of Lot 35, Church Street, Pietermaritzburg, in extent 35 perches 277.30 sq. ft.

This property adjoins the main block described above and would make a further addition to area.

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SATURDAY, the 14th FEBRUARY,

1948, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Special Corporation Buses will run on 14th February, leaving Market Square for Ashburton between the hours of 6 p.m., 6.30 p.m. and 7 p.m., single fare 6d. Returning Sunday morning at 8 a.m., Ashburton to Market Square. Single fare 6d.

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ESPERANZA WEDDING

The marriage of Mr. Ram Annamalai, eldest son of Mr. and the late [illegible] Annamalay, of Esperanza, to [illegible] Ramsamlall, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. Moonsamy [illegible], of Cato Manor Road, Mayville, was solemnised on Sunday, January 18, 1948, at the Esperanza [illegible] Temple.

The bridegroom, Mr. Ram Annamalai, is the president of the Esperanza [illegible] and Social Club.

The bride and bridegroom received many presents and congratulatory messages. The wedding was performed by Mr. James Pandaram and [illegible] were about four hundred [illegible] present. Musicians were [illegible] Messrs. Alex Timothy, Arthur [illegible] and G. Rangan, of Durban. [illegible]

Mr. [illegible] Govender, of Ladysmith, has completed his apprenticeship as a [illegible] and [illegible] a [illegible].

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Mr. [illegible] Naicker, [illegible], has been transferred to the Ladysmith Secondary Indian School.

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Mr. [illegible] Reddy, [illegible] of the [illegible] Indian School, has been appointed the principal of the [illegible] Government Aided Indian School.

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Mr. [illegible] Chetty, of the staff of [illegible] Road School, [illegible], spent two weeks in Cape Town and has returned by air. He [illegible] leaving shortly for [illegible] [illegible] the guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Chetty, of [illegible] Street.

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Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Pillay (Michael) will celebrate their silver wedding on February 18 at their residence, [illegible] Street, Maritzburg. They are the parents of Messrs. A. [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] Pillay, of Maritzburg, and Mrs. [illegible], of Wentworth.

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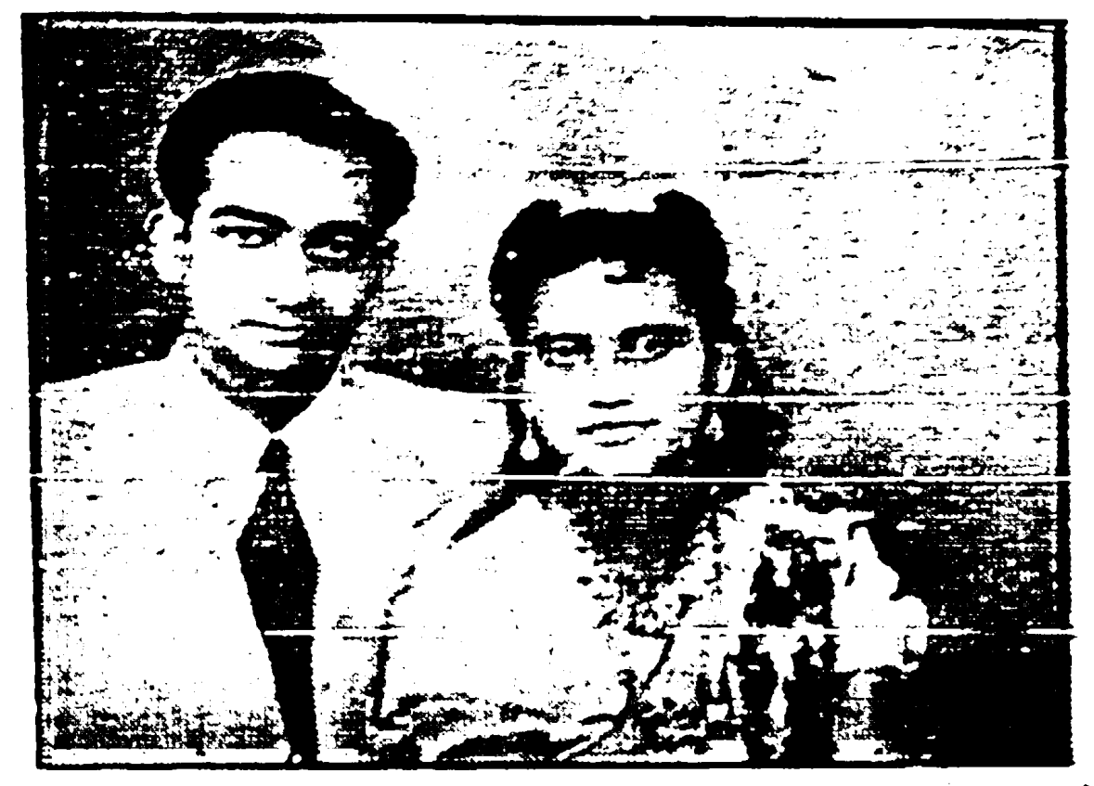
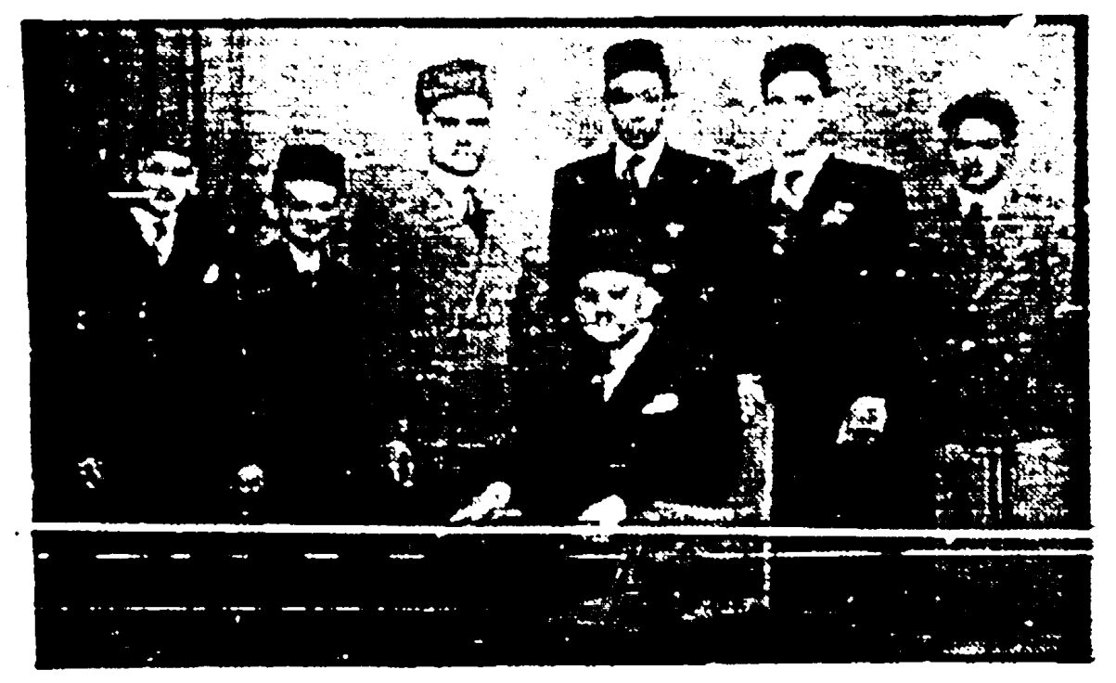


MR. AND MRS. HARIKISSON SEWPERSADH, who were married recently at the Shri Laxmi Narian Temple, Redhurgh. Mr. Harikisson is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Sewpersadh Roopnath, of [illegible]. He is the principal of Hindu [illegible] Indian School. Mrs. Harikisson was formerly Miss Brijdevi Nawalall Ramsun, of Clairwood.

MR. & MRS. R. T. SINGH, who were married on January 18, at 48 Randles Road, Sydenham, in the presence of a large gathering of friends and relatives. The bride and bridegroom received many gifts and presents and messages of good wishes from friends and relatives.

Mrs. R. T. Singh is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ramjit Singh of 48 Randles Road, and Mr. R. T. Singh is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Beckai Singh, of Springfield. He is the secretary of the Sydenham United Rover Scouts Crew, secretary and treasurer of the Kajee [illegible] Football Club, secretary and treasurer of the [illegible] Angling Club, auditor of the Springfield Arya Samaj, committee member of the [illegible] Thrift Club, and a member of other clubs in the district.



The picture shows students of Capetown who left on Saturday last by the S.S. Tuscana for Cairo, where they will take up Islamic studies in Jamee Alazaar (Friends) under the Egyptian Government's scheme. They are in the charge of Hafez Yusuf Omar. During their brief stay in Durban they were the guests of [illegible] Ikhwanus Safa (Moslem Brothers [illegible]).

They are (left to right): [illegible] (17), [illegible] Hamid Yusuf Hafez (11), [illegible] Mahomed Ahmed (13), Hassen Abrahams (11), Yusuf Gasiep (11) and [illegible] Johaardin (11). Seated: Hafez Yusuf Omar.

DAVENDRA, son of Mr. and Mrs. Surendath D. Persadh, and grandson of Mrs. and the late Mr. D. D. Persadh, of 173 Persadh Road, Clairwood, Durban, who celebrated his first birthday on January 21.

Miss Gladys Figuera and Mr. Arthur Figuera, of Fordsburg, Johannesburg, were in Durban for the weekend and were the guests of Mr. Leslie Pillay.

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Miss Naima Naraoza, of Capetown, is holidaying in Durban and is staying with her cousin, Mr. J. Chippon.

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Mr. J. M. Joshua, secretary of the South African Amateur Athletic and Cycling Board of Control, [illegible] in Durban [illegible] to attend the South African Board Executive meeting.

LADYSMITH WEDDING

The marriage of Mr. R. Packiri Govender, of Ladysmith, and Miss Thaileyrazi Naidoo, of Dundee, took place at Ladysmith recently.

The bridegroom is the third son of Mrs. and the late Mr. Elliyan Govender and the bride is the second daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. Munsamy Naidoo. A large number of relatives and friends attended the wedding, which was performed by Mr. Munsamy Maharaj, of Ladysmith, who was assisted by Mr. V. P. Chettiyar.

The couple received numerous presents in kind and cash. The couple will take up residence at Woodlands.

Mr. C. [illegible], secretary of the Maritzburg branch of the Leather Workers' Union, left on Monday for Port Elizabeth, where he will attend the annual conference of the National Industrial Council of the Leather Industry.

ANOTHER BRANCH FORMED

Johannesburg: The Transvaal Indian Organisation has been very much strengthened by the formation of a branch in Pretoria. Pretoria is an important centre for Indians and is next only to Johannesburg in importance.

The officials appointed are: Mr. Aboo Suliman, president; Messrs. Cassim Osman Alli and G. M. Kosbaryee, joint secretaries.

Since the formation of the Transvaal Indian Organisation in Johannesburg, many country towns of the Transvaal have indicated their willingness to join this body which is a rallying centre of moderate Indian opinion of the Transvaal.

The Transvaal Indian Organisation will soon meet the N.I.O. Organisation and the Cape Indian Congress at a Conference to be held sometime in February, 1948. [illegible] the officials of the Transvaal Indian Organisation are having important discussions and are getting in touch with the Government of India and Pakistan. They are working towards bringing about a better understanding with the Indian and the European communities. Their main concern is to bring about a Round Table Conference between the Union, Indian and the Pakistan Governments which will resolve the existent deadlock.

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BORN: A bonny son to Mr. and Mrs. N. P. David, of 5 Charley Road, off Brickfield Road, Mayville, on 4th February, 1948. Both well. Thanks to midwife.

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BORN: A son to Mr. and Mrs. E. Bramdaw, of Maritzburg, on January 28.

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Mr. Seelman Sandhree is recovering from an operation which he underwent recently.

RAJENDRAPRAKASH (above), son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Maharaj, Carolina, celebrated his first birthday on February 5. A party was held in the School Hall and he was the recipient of many presents and cash from friends, relatives and children attending the Carolina Indian School. Congratulatory messages were received from Capetown, Kimberley, Durban, Pietermaritzburg, Johannesburg, Vereeniging, Dundee, Pretoria and [illegible].

BIG DONATION MARKS WEDDING

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. L. Sookdaw, of Rattlesprout, was the [illegible] took place recently when his eldest and second daughters were married to the eldest and second sons of Mr. and Mrs. R. [illegible], of the Farm Oudkraal, Waschbank.

The marriage was performed according to Sanathan rites by Pandit R. J. Maharaj, of Durban. The married couples were the recipients of many congratulatory messages and presents.

After the ceremony Pandit R. J. Maharaj, of Durban, and Mr. K. G. David, of Maritzburg, gave their blessings to the bridal pairs and paid tribute to the respective parents.

Mr. L. Sookdaw, the brides' father, made donations to the Shree Ramayan Sabha, Overport, Durban (20 guineas) and 20 guineas to St. Aidan's Hospital, Durban.

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IT is expected that this year the Natal University College will provide three complete degrees in the faculties of arts, commerce and social science, for its non-European students.

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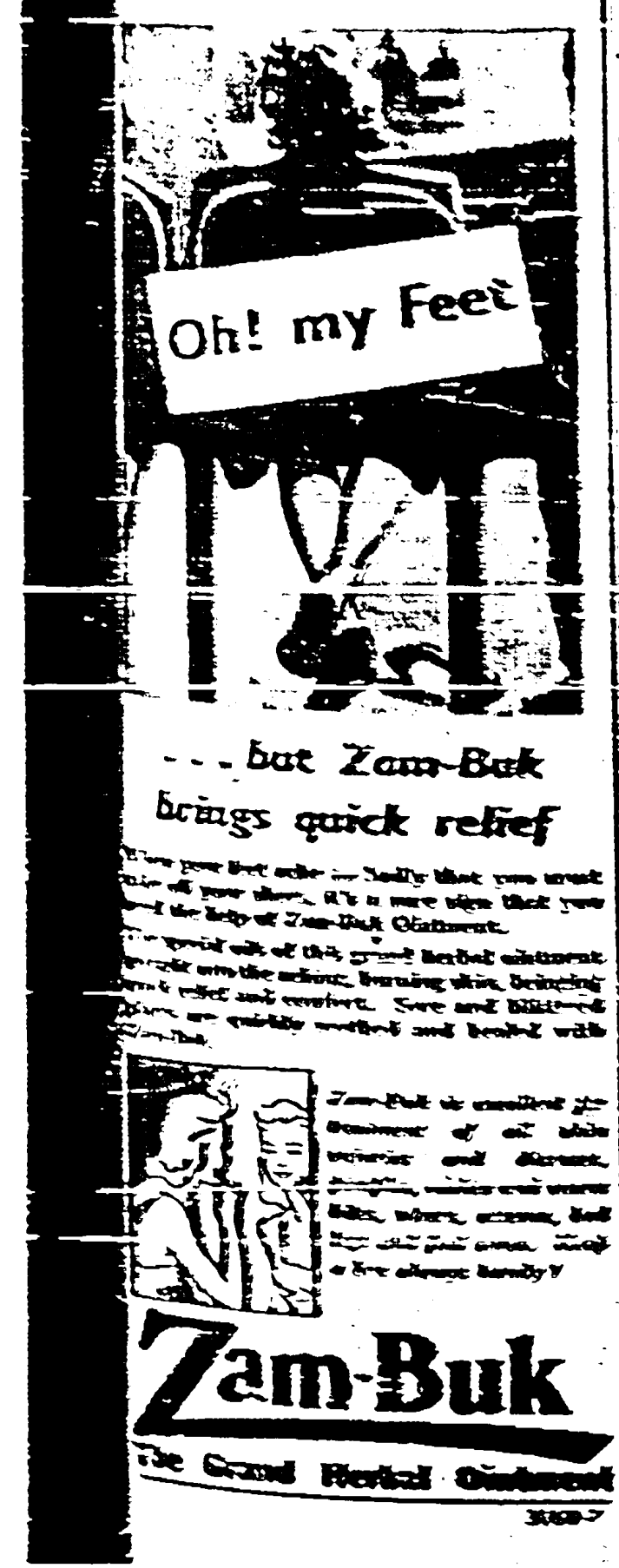
In the Faculty of Commerce: Accounting I, Auditing I, Economics and Economic History, Elementary Theory of Finance and Statistics, Economic Geography, English I, Commerce I, Accounting II, Mercantile Law I, Economics II and III, History I, Psychology I, Politics I, Zulu I.

In the Faculty of Social Science: Sociology I, II and III, Social Work I, II and III and Practical Work, Native Administration I and II, Politics I, History I, English I, Psychology I and II, Economics II and III, S.A. Criminal Law, Social Anthropology I and II, Economics and Economic History I.

It is possible, if conditions permit, that courses in Classical Culture, Mathematics and introduction to Philosophy may be offered either this year or next year.

Details may be obtained from the organiser or the secretary of the non-European courses, Natal University College, P.O. Box 1525, Durban.



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INDIAN NURSING COUNCIL

The Leader Special Service.

NEW DELHI.—A Bill to provide for the constitution of an Indian Nursing Council has been passed by the Parliament.

The Health Minister, Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, who moved consideration of the Bill, explaining the need for such an enactment, said that at present there was no central body to co-ordinate the activities of provincial nursing schools and to prescribe an uniform standard for the profession.

The proposed Indian Nursing Council, besides maintaining uniformity in the standards of education and training for nurses, midwives and health visitors, would also supervise examinations and maintain a schedule of qualifications recognised for registration throughout India.

The Council would also negotiate with foreign countries for recognition of those qualifications.

The Health Minister pointed out that the whole of India, including Pakistan, had hardly 7,000 nurses and 5,000 midwives. This was too inadequate a figure compared to the total population. Concerted efforts should be made to expand the nursing ranks.

OBITUARIES

KARSAN DAYA

The death occurred after a tragic accident at Verulam of Karsan Daya, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daya [illegible], of [illegible] Victoria Street, Durban, on February 4.

His remains were cremated at the [illegible] Crematorium in the presence of a large gathering of friends and relatives.

Karsan Daya, who was eighteen years of age, gained admission at the Tongaat High School after having been refused accommodation at the Sastri College.

R. LALLMAN

The death occurred after a tragic accident at Verulam, of R. Lallman, son of Mrs. and the late Mr. [illegible], and grandson of Mr. P. [illegible], of [illegible] Road, [illegible], on February 2.

His remains were cremated at the Cato Manor Crematorium in the presence of a large gathering of friends and relatives.

Mr. Lallman, who was nineteen years of age, was a popular figure among his relatives and friends. At the time of his death he was employed at the firm of Messrs. [illegible] Ltd.

MAUD ANASTASIA OLIVER

The passing away of Maud Anastasia Oliver removes from the Christian Indian circles a very popular figure, who is survived by three infant sons, Roy, Leslie and Derrick. Her husband, Gordon [illegible], is a well-known sporting personality. Her sad passing away is mourned by all who came into contact with her, as she was of a very [illegible] disposition.

Her remains were interred at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Queen Street, Durban, amid a large gathering of friends and relatives.

The deceased was the youngest daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. Joseph Andrews, of 2 Market Buildings, [illegible] Lane, Durban.

PARENTS COMPLAIN

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pass entrance tests are left out because their parents cannot make the contribution.

One school runs what parents have termed "a regular racket." Children who attend this school are compelled to buy all their book requirements from the school always at a higher price than that charged at any bookstore. The result is that many parents who can ill afford the low prices are compelled to pay, otherwise their children will be penalised the next term. They may "fail" examinations and will not be readmitted. The school is thus the middleman, making profits from the children. The parents cannot buy the books and pencils from the cheapest bookstore.

There is another practice at the school which is causing considerable concern among parents. Once their children are admitted, the school authorities make it their duty to call regularly on the parents for donations and contributions to the school in the course of the year. If the parent refuses, then the child suffers next year.

In one case it is learnt that one parent had the choice of contributing £[illegible] towards the school building or have his child without schooling for another year. Fortunately the parent could afford it. In one case a woman who paid a pound towards school building funds turned up in tears at the Congress office. The choice before her was the admission of her child to school or doing without the week's provisions. She chose to have her child at school and paid the penalty by pinching on her stomach for the rest of the week.

INDIA RELIEF FUND

The Committee of India Relief Committee, Pietermaritzburg and District, formed recently to collect funds to help give relief to the thousands who are undergoing acute distress and hardship in the Dominion of India, [illegible] with thanks the following donations: [illegible]

All donations to be sent to the Treasurer, [illegible] Church Street, Pietermaritzburg.

CREMATORIUM CONTRIBUTIONS

The officials and members of the Cato Manor Indian Cemetery Association thank the undermentioned donors for their contributions received towards the erection of the Crematorium. The Association further appeals to the Hindu community for support.

The contributions received up to February 7, 1948, include: Messrs. G. Parbhoo and Son, £26/5/-; Messrs. [illegible], £26/5/-; Messrs. [illegible] and Co., £26/5/-; Messrs. Bhagwandass and Co., £26/5/-; Mr. T. N. Bhoola, £26/5/-; Mr. K. Roopsingh, £26/5/-; Messrs. Hollywood Tailors and Costumers, £26/5/-; [illegible]

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Between: PERUMAL, Indian Immigrant, No. [illegible], of [illegible], Durban (Plaintiff) and VENKAMMA, Indian Immigrant, No. 28112/26650/26646, whose present whereabouts are unknown (Defendant).

To VENKAMMA, Indian Immigrant: No. 28112/26650/26646, the abovenamed Defendant, whose present whereabouts are unknown.

TAKE NOTICE that a Summons has been issued against you in this Court by PERUMAL, the abovenamed Plaintiff, for a decree of Divorce a vinculo matrimonii against you on the ground of unlawful and malicious desertion, and that an Order has been made that the publication of notice of such summons shall be deemed to be good and sufficient service of the Summons on you. You are required to enter an appearance to the Summons on or before the 5th day of March, 1948, and if you do not do so Judgment may be given against you in your absence.

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No. 357 Boot and shoe repair shop and office.
No. 359 [illegible] Butchery, front shop, small goods room, cold room and very large back room. Back premises cover open lock shed and 4 lavatories.
The rentals for this block total £[illegible] per month, R.D.D.
The Land is described as Remainder of Subdivision [illegible] Church Street, Pietermaritzburg, in extent 27 perches [illegible] sq. ft.

LOT 3.—Nos. 144 and 144a BOSHOFF STREET: [illegible] house divided into 2 flats, each with 3 rooms, k.p.b., outside lavatory.
No. 142 BOSHOFF STREET: Brickbuilt, containing three rooms, kitchen, bathroom and outside lavatory. The whole producing a rental of £[illegible] per month, R.D.D.
The Land is described as Subdivision A of Subdivision [illegible] of Lot 35, Church Street, No. 202, Pietermaritzburg, in extent [illegible] AND Subdivision [illegible] of Lot 35 Church Street No. 201, Pietermaritzburg, in extent 24.5 sq. ft.
No. 140 BOSHOFF STREET: Brickbuilt, containing four rooms, kitchen, bathroom and outside lavatory. Native quarters and [illegible]. Rental £5 [illegible] per month, R.D.D.
The Land is described as Remainder of Lot 35, Church Street No. 201, Pietermaritzburg, in extent 29 perches 50 sq. ft.
The whole corner block, i.e., Lots 1, 2 and 3, make a total area of over [illegible], with a frontage to Church Street of [illegible] and [illegible] Street, providing an area that would be hard to equal in the business part of the City.
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MR. & MRS. T. MOHANLAL, of Ashburton, Natal, [illegible] a cordial invitation to all [illegible] and relatives on the occasion [illegible] the marriage of their third [illegible] to the eldest son of the [illegible] MR. K. RAMLAGUN, of Cliffdale [illegible] of Centre Street, Overport), [illegible] will take place at their residence on

SATURDAY, the 14th FEBRUARY, [illegible] commencing at 7.30 p.m.

[illegible] Special Corporation Buses will run on 14th February, leaving Market Square to Ashburton between the hours of 6 p.m., 6.30 p.m. and [illegible] p.m. Single fare 6d. Return: Sunday morning at [illegible], Ashburton to Market Square. Single fare 6d.

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ESPERANZA WEDDING

The marriage of Mr. Ram Annamalay, eldest son of Mr. and the late [illegible] Annamalay, of Esperanza, to [illegible], eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. [illegible], of Cato Manor Road, Mayville, was solemnised on Sunday, [illegible] 18, 1948, at the Esperanza [illegible] Temple.

The bridegroom, Mr. Ram Annamalay, is the president of the Esperanza [illegible] and Social Club.

The bride and bridegroom received many presents and congratulatory messages. The wedding was performed by Mr. [illegible] [illegible] were about four hundred people present. [illegible]

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[illegible] Govender, of Ladysmith, [illegible]

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[illegible] Naidoo, of Clairwood [illegible] Ladysmith Secondary Indian [illegible]

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[illegible] Reddy, [illegible] Indian School, has been appointed the principal of the [illegible] Government Aided Indian [illegible]

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[illegible] Chetty, of the staff of [illegible] spent two weeks in Capetown and has returned [illegible] and will be the guest of [illegible] Mr. M. S. Chetty, of [illegible]

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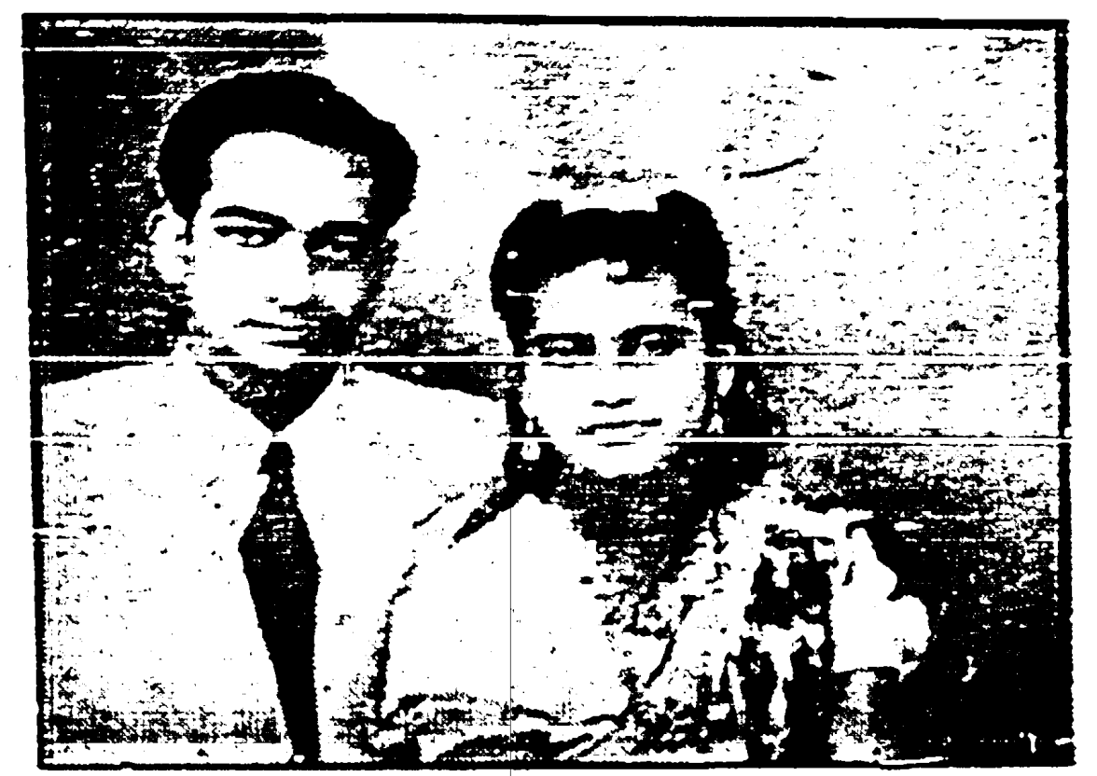
Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Pillay (Michael) [illegible] their silver wedding [illegible] February 18 at their residence, [illegible] Street, Maritzburg. [illegible] are the parents of Messrs. A. [illegible], and Mrs. M. [illegible], of Wentworth.

MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE



MR. AND MRS. HARIKISSON SEWPERSADH, who were married recently at the Shri Laxmi Narain Temple, [illegible]. Mr. Harikisson is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Sewpersadh [illegible], of Isipingo. He is the principal of [illegible] Indian School. Mrs. Harikisson was formerly Miss Brijdevi [illegible], of Clairwood.

MR. & MRS. R. T. SINGH, who were married on January 18, at 166 Randles Road, Sydenham, in the presence of a large gathering of friends and relatives. The bride and bridegroom received many gifts and presents and messages of good wishes from friends and relatives.

Mrs. R. T. Singh is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ramjit Singh, of 166 Randles Road, and Mr. R. T. Singh is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. P. [illegible] Singh of Springfield. He is the secretary of the Sydenham United Rover Scouts Crew, secretary and treasurer of the [illegible] Football Club, secretary and treasurer of the [illegible] Angling Club, auditor of the Springfield Arya Samaj, committee member of the Economic Thrift Club, and a member of other clubs in the district.

The picture shows students of Capetown who left on Saturday last by the S.S. [illegible] for Cairo, where they will take up Islamic studies to become [illegible] (Priests) under the Egyptian Government's scheme. They are in the charge of Hafez Yusuf Omar. During their brief stay in Durban they were the guests of [illegible] (Moslem Brotherhood Union).

They are (left to right): Omar Yusuf [illegible], Abdul Hamed Yusuf Hafez (11), Shaikh Mahomed Ahmed (17), Hassen [illegible], Yusuf [illegible] (17) and Ebrahim Johaardin (16). Seated: Hafez Yusuf Omar.

DAVENURA, son of Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] D. Persadh, and grandson of Mrs. and the late Mr. R. D. Persadh, of 171 Persadh Road, Clairwood, Durban, who celebrated his first birthday on January 28.

Miss Gladys [illegible] and Mr. Arthur [illegible], of [illegible], Johannesburg, were in Durban for the weekend and were the guests of Mr. Leslie Pillay.

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Miss [illegible], of Capetown, is holidaying in Durban and is staying with her cousin, Mr. J. [illegible].

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Mr. J. M. Joshua, secretary of the South African Amateur Athletic and Cycling Board of Control, arrived in Durban on Sunday last to attend the South African Board Executive meeting.

Mr. C. [illegible], secretary of the Maritzburg branch of the Leather Workers' Union, left on Monday for Port Elizabeth, where he will attend the annual conference of the National Industrial Council of the Leather Industry.

ANOTHER BRANCH FORMED

Johannesburg: The Transvaal Indian Organisation has been very much strengthened by the formation of a branch in Pretoria. Pretoria is an important centre for Indians and is next only to Johannesburg in importance.

The officials appointed are: Mr. Aboo Suliman, president; Messrs. Cassim Osman Alli and G. M. Keshavjee, joint secretaries.

Since the formation of the Transvaal Indian Organisation in Johannesburg, many country towns of the Transvaal have indicated their willingness to join this body which is a rallying centre of moderate Indian opinion of the Transvaal.

The Transvaal Indian Organisation will soon meet the N.I. Organisation and the Cape Indian Congress at a Conference to be held sometime in February, 1948.

Meanwhile the officials of the Transvaal Indian Organisation are having important discussions and are getting in touch with the Government of India and Pakistan. They are working towards bringing about a better understanding with the Indian and the European communities. Their main concern is to bring about a Round Table Conference between the Union, Indian and the Pakistan Governments which will resolve the existent deadlock.

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BORN: A bonny son to Mr. and Mrs. N. P. David, of 5 Charley Road, off Bristow Road, Mayville, on [illegible] February, 1948. Both well. Thanks to midwife.

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BORN: A son to Mr. and Mrs. K. [illegible], of Maritzburg, on January 28.

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Mr. [illegible] is recovering from an operation which he underwent recently.

RAJENDRAPRAKASH (above), son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Maharaj, Carolina, celebrated his first birthday on February 5. A party was held in the School Hall and he was the recipient of many presents and cash from friends, relatives and children attending the Carolina Indian School. Congratulatory messages were received from Capetown, Kimberley, Durban, Pietermaritzburg, Johannesburg, Newcastle, Dundee, Pretoria and Ermelo.

BIG DONATION MARKS WEDDING

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. L. [illegible], of [illegible], was the [illegible] took place recently when his eldest and second daughters were married to the eldest and second sons of Mr. and Mrs. R. [illegible], of the Farm [illegible], Waschbank.

The marriage was performed according to Sanathan rites by Pandit [illegible] Maharaj of Durban. The married couples were the recipients of many congratulatory messages and presents.

After the ceremony Pandit R. R. Maharaj, of Durban, and Mr. K. G. David, of Maritzburg, gave their blessing to the bridal pairs and paid tribute to the respective parents.

Mr. R. [illegible], the bridegrooms' father, made donations to the Shree Ramayan Sabha, Overport, Durban ([illegible] guineas) and [illegible] guineas to St. Aidan's Hospital, Durban.

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It is possible, if conditions permit, that courses in Classical Culture, Mathematics and Introduction to Philosophy may be offered either this year or next year.

Details may be obtained from the organiser or the secretary of the non-European courses, Natal University College, P.O. Box 1525, Durban.

LADYSMITH WEDDING

The marriage of Mr. K. [illegible] Govender, of Ladysmith, and Miss [illegible] Naidoo, of Dundee, took place at Ladysmith recently.

The bridegroom is the third son of Mrs. and the late Mr. [illegible] Govender and the bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. [illegible] Naidoo. A large number of relatives and friends attended the wedding, which was performed by Mr. [illegible] Maharaj, of Ladysmith, who was assisted by Mr. V. P. Chettyiar.

The couple received numerous presents in kind and cash. The couple will take up residence at Waschbank.

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By W. S. Seethal
(Manager St. Aidan's Mission Schools)

THE problem of school accommodation for our Indian children in Natal has reached almost uncontrollable proportions and to meet this emergency many have been the suggestions put forward by school authorities and those organisations representing our interests to local authorities, city councils and the Provincial Administration. The problem in the outlying areas of Durban is as acute as anywhere else and in Sydenham is so serious as to defy description. The plight of parents and children endeavouring to accomplish the impossible is indeed pitiable. Alive to the situation, the St. Aidan's Boys' and Girls Schools are proceeding with plans to meet this emergency.

For some months the schools have been negotiating with the Defence Department and the Public Works Department for the purchase of army hutments and on account of their not being immediately available there has been delay. We had hoped to be able to purchase a few in December but our tender of £[illegible] was unsuccessful as a result of a higher offer by speculators. Had we sufficient funds we would have had no difficulty in procuring them. Subsequently we contacted the Secretary of the War Disposals Board in Pretoria and as a result of his reply we are now hopeful of success.

The purchase and erection of huts to enable us to accommodate at least [illegible] of the 700 children on our waiting list is our immediate aim. This is an immense financial undertaking and unless we are assured of the unreserved assistance and cooperation of parents and sympathisers our efforts will not succeed. Many parents and others have made contributions towards the renovations and repairs of the main buildings, which have served the community for over 30 years. The total amount collected is £[illegible] against expenditure of over £[illegible]. The response to the scheme devised whereby every parent of every child, except in exceptional circumstances, made just that little extra effort by way of a voluntary monetary contribution was satisfactory and the donations received by this means was £[illegible]. This amount has been earmarked for the purchase of hutments but unfortunately falls very far short of the estimated cost for purchase and erection of £400. Conscious of the urgent need for accommodation and informed of our tremendous difficulties, we are certain parents will not fall short of their share towards this undertaking.

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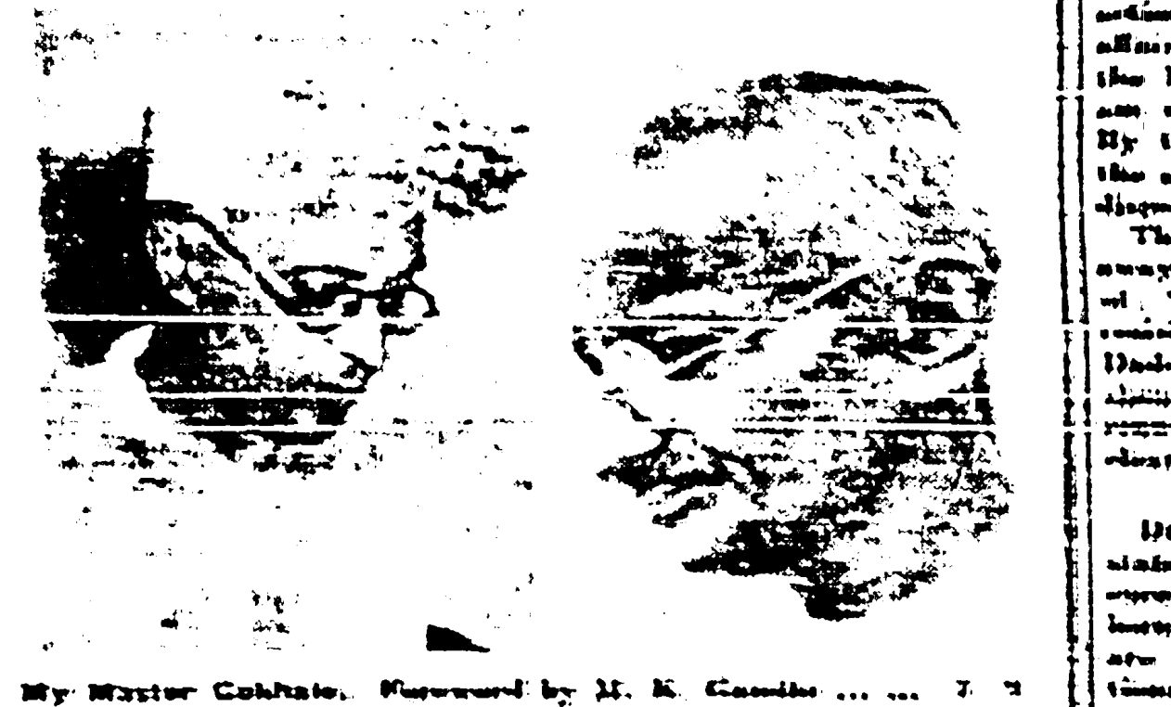

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indicate logical thinking. The very fact that they were unemployed justified their entering the Transvaal, and, as Lawrence himself has admitted, looking for gainful employment. That certainly is the birth right of a Union National.

Twenty-five passive resisters were arrested on Monday and charged under the Immigrants Regulation Act 1913 for being in the Transvaal without permits and appeared in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court on Tuesday morning. They were all sentenced to one month's imprisonment suspended for one year. They will be taken back across the Natal border under police escort.

Court Packed

The Court was packed to capacity long before the proceedings started and many could not gain admission at 11.15 a.m. When the resisters came for their hearing there was a spontaneous burst of applause from the large audience, which was stopped only after the intervention of the Court Orderly. Crown witnesses were then called to give evidence. They included Detective Sergt. Roy and Kruger who were in charge of the arrest. The two other witnesses were Messrs. Reid and Tickner from the Immigration Office.

Mr. R. A. Pillay, leader of the batch, read a statement before the Court. The Magistrate in passing sentence said that the passive resisters had wilfully broken the Act as disclosed in the statement to the Court. There was no provision for a fine for the breaking of this law.

He further said:

"The Court must regard this action as a very serious state of affairs. You are directly flouting the law passed in Parliament. I am sure that this is not correct. By this action you will alienate the support of those who are well disposed towards you."

The passive resisters were led away to their cells amidst shouts of, "We shall resist," "Long live resistance," "Long live Doctors Dadoo and Naicker." These shouts were echoed by the large crowd till after the Court was clear.

Not "Union Nationals"

Dr. Dadoo made the following statement: "This is clear evidence of the fact that Indians born and bred in South Africa are not considered Union Nationals. It refutes the statement made by Smuts and Lawrence at the world Assembly that Indians were Union Nationals. Although the sentence is a suspended one, the brave resisters will be sent back to Natal, I am confident that many of them will return to defy that unjust law."

The Magistrate's remarks that we are alienating the sympathy of well disposed people are too belated. For almost 35 years after the departure of Mahatma Gandhi the Indian people sought the redress of their grievances by sending deputations and supplications, but without avail. The only course left to us is to fight with dignity and in a disciplined way to obtain those elementary [illegible] of the Indian community would be undone."

"Field Marshal Smuts and the new Minister of the Interior, Mr. Harry Lawrence, tried to make the members of United Nations believe with so much sound and fury that the Indians were Union Nationals in spite of the Nationality Act and the Immigration Act of 1913 which are still in the Statute Books," declared Dr. G. M. Naicker commenting upon the arrest of the Indians who had entered the Transvaal without permits.

"By these Acts Indians were denied the privilege of being Union Nationals and proclaimed prohibited immigrants, to test the validity of these pronouncements the Joint Council decided to defy the Provincial barriers.

"The arrest of the resisters by the Government of South Africa has again showed the hollowness of these pronouncements.

"Another such hollow pronouncement without any significance or substance is a recent plea by Mr. Lawrence for friendly relations between the Governments of India, Pakistan and South Africa and of a honourable settlement through a Round Table Conference.

"Used to the Ways"

"Thirty-one nations of the United Nations are used to the ways of the South African Government, more so the Governments of India and Pakistan. They have been dealing with the Government of South Africa for the last 30 years, and are more than convinced that all these pious sentiments of responsible Ministers are just so much talk.

"If Mr. Harry Lawrence is sincere in his desire to bring about better relations between India and South Africa then I challenge him to translate his thoughts into actions. I assure him and his Government that the urge to end oppression, discrimination and exploitation is as powerful as it was at the time the struggle was launched. There are hundreds waiting to test the sincerity of the pronouncements of Mr. Lawrence."

Dr. Y. M. Dadoo said: "The first victory in the second phase of our struggle against the discriminatory laws of this country has been scored. We have forced the Smuts Government to take action against the passive resisters. With joy in our hearts we hand them over to the authorities with the promise that these 25 are the first of a huge army of [illegible] who will cross the border in defiance of the Immigrants Regulation Act of 1913. By arresting them the Government has exposed its hypocritical policy.

Mr. Lawrence's Contention

"On the one hand Mr. Lawrence in discussions has stated at UN contended that the Indian people were Union Nationals and on the other hand hardly two months after these statements were made before the world the same Mr. Lawrence and his Government arrest these 25 passive resisters; their only crime being that they made use of their right as Union Nationals.

"The Government cannot kill the movement by arresting our resisters. For every passive resister that is arrested and sentenced there are hundreds who are ready to follow in their footsteps. We have prepared and steeled ourselves for a long and hard struggle. We consider no sacrifice too great for the achievement of that standard of life."

HUGE LAND RECLAMATION SCHEME STARTED

From Reuter's Correspondent

NEW DELHI.—Work started last month on one of the largest land reclamation schemes in the East outside Soviet Russia, under which some 250,000 acres in the Ganga Khadar and Tarai regions of the United Provinces will be brought under the plough. The first sods of a 58,000 acres stretch of wasteland in the Ganga Khadar district which for two centuries has been reserved for the sport of pig sticking and which today is overgrown with jungle and tall grasses, were turned on December 16.

THIS marked the first step in a five-year-plan under which 100,000 acres of the total area to be reclaimed will be put under the plough.

The United Provinces scheme is part of a campaign being carried out by the Indian Government to put more waste land under cultivation and so endeavour to bridge the gap between food needs and available supplies.

Their efforts so far during the past four years have been greatly handicapped by the fact that the exact location and acreage of such areas were not known to the Provincial Governments with any degree of accuracy.

Reclamation Plans

Now, with financial help from the Central Government, the Provinces of West Bengal, Bihar, Orissa, and the United Provinces have [illegible] surveys and plans are being drawn up to reclaim them.

Many of these tracts, however, have long been breeding grounds for the malaria parasite, and the first task is, therefore, to undertake malarial control measures. The work of treating the 250,000 acres in the Ganga Khadar and Tarai regions of the United Provinces has already been begun.

Another obstacle in the reclamation of these areas hitherto has been the cost of providing the necessary heavy tractors, heavy ploughs and other machinery as well as staff to carry out the work.

The Government of India has now agreed to assist the Provinces in the provision of the machinery and staff on the basis that these lands are reclaimed on the principle of "no profit, no loss."

Under its five-year plan the United Provinces hopes to have a large part of this land ready for working in five years. But as it will take at least a year to settle new colonists on the reclaimed land, the Provincial Government has asked the Government of India to undertake the mechanised cultivation until such time as the colonists are installed. The [illegible] of these is estimated at [illegible] lakhs of rupees [illegible] one year.

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ESPERANZA SOCIAL CLUB

At the annual meeting of the Esperanza Sports Club, held at the School Hall, the following officials were elected for the ensuing year: Patrons, Messrs. [illegible]; president, Mr. [illegible]; vice-presidents, Messrs. [illegible]; secretary and treasurer, Mr. [illegible]; manager, Mr. [illegible]; captain, Mr. M. K. Pillay; vice-captain, Mr. [illegible].

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Ceylon Celebrates her Independence

From Reuter's Correspondent

COLOMBO (Ceylon).—Peals of bells from all the temples at 6 a.m. on February 4 brought to a close centuries of foreign rule, became a self-governing Dominion within the British Commonwealth. All Ceylon was decorated for the occasion and special illuminations were arranged throughout the island. Celebrations, which began with the ringing of bells in all temples, churches and mosques and the beating of drums in all cities, villages and hamlets and a message from the King announcing the grant of Dominion status will last a fortnight. On February 10 Ceylon's first Dominion Parliament was opened by the Duke of Gloucester.

INDEPENDENCE DAY itself was declared a day of national prayer and rejoicing. Churches of all religions and denominations held special services, while at public meetings throughout the island speakers explained to the people the significance of the occasion.

Dinners for the poor and alms-giving will be important features of the celebrations. Sports meetings and concerts are being arranged for the school children.

Sir Henry Monck-Mason Moore, Governor of Ceylon, who on Wednesday became the island's first Governor-General, was among those present at the Katunayake Aerodrome to receive the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester on their arrival there on Sunday. [illegible] will be the guests of the Governor-General at his official residence, "Queen's House."

On Tuesday they drove in a 100-mile procession along the two-mile route from Queen's House to the Independence Assembly Hall, where the Duke of Gloucester inaugurated the first Dominion Parliament with a speech from the Throne.

Union Jack Down

After the speech and addresses of thanks from the leaders of the House of Representatives and the Senate the Union Jack over the Assembly Hall was ceremonially hauled down and the Duke of Gloucester hoisted the "Lion Flag" of Ceylon.

This "Lion Flag" is a replica of the royal standard of Sri Wickram Raja Singha, last King of Kandy, which was removed to England by the British in 1815. The flag depicts on a crimson background a yellow lion passant holding in its raised right paw a sword.

Huge crowds attended the opening of Parliament, and seating accommodation was arranged for 15,000 people. The whole route of the procession was decorated and was lined with troops.

In the evening there was a reception at "The Temple Trees," official residence of the Prime Minister, Dr. D. S. Senanayake.

The day's celebrations ended with a torchlight procession, which will include numerous lantern bearers and the well-known Kandy dancers performing their native dances to the music of pipes and drums. These were followed by a procession of fully caparisoned elephants, with the tallest tusker in Ceylon bringing up the rear.

Visit Ancient Cities

After spending the next few days visiting the ancient cities of Polonnaruwa and Anuradhapura, the frescoes of Sigiriya and the Government's irrigation schemes in the tropical jungles, the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester will return to Colombo on February 13.

Their visit and the independence celebrations will end with the "pageant of Lanka" performed in the Assembly Hall. This pageant, specially prepared for the occasion by 400 local actors and actresses, depicts in 12 episodes the story of Ceylon from prehistoric times to the present day.

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester will leave on their return journey to Britain the next day, February 17.

Invitations to attend the celebrations were sent to the heads of the Governments of many other countries, including Britain, India and Burma. Lord Listowel, accompanied by Mr. Gordon-Walker, Parliamentary Under Secretary for Commonwealth Relations represented Great Britain, and the British High Commissioner designate, Mr. Hankinson, is also expected to be present.

The Indian Army has at present 17 major-generals and 46 brigadiers. Of these nine major-generals and 17 brigadiers are Indian. The total number of British officers in the Indian Army at the moment is [illegible]

Gandhi: A Great Human

—SMUTS

Capetown: Opening a Moslem Bazaar in Capetown on Saturday last, the Prime Minister, General Smuts, paid tribute to Mr. Gandhi as a great human and an outstanding leader of men, whose foul murder was a grievous loss to his country. To Indians in South Africa the Prime Minister extended his deep sympathy.

General Smuts said that he and Gandhi had been good friends, acquainted with each other over a long period of years. They first met more than 40 years ago, when there were Indian troubles in the Transvaal before the days of Union.

"I found him always ready to discuss a matter in a reasonable and fair-minded manner and always searching for a solution along peaceful lines. He was a great human.

"Then he returned to India to become the leader of that great country, with its vast population. And now that this foul murder has taken place he has left behind him a name almost unequalled in the world today. He was an outstanding leader of men who made a great contribution to the development of his own country, a man of great courage and example.

"We express our sympathy to the people of India, and in doing so to our fellow Indian citizens in South Africa."

General Smuts paid tribute to the good work of his old Moslem friends in this country, with whom good feelings had always existed.

"There is no more law-abiding people anywhere in South Africa," he went on, "maintaining their self-respect and identity. They have made a real contribution to our society."—Sapa.

SHRI VINOTHA ORCHESTRA

At the annual meeting of the Shri Rani Vinotha Orchestra, held recently, the following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing term: Patrons, [illegible]; Charles M. Pillay, Nadasen Phillip, Dayo Naidoo, L. R. Naidoo, Krishnamoorthi Naidoo and H. Bhana; president, P. Willie Thomas; secretary, C. Kistan Pillay; treasurer, K. Kannah; manager, R. Gopal Pillay; assistant manager, T. Dorsie; bandmaster, P. Arunajalam Harry; assistant bandmaster, I. Kistral.

SCHEDULED CASTES UPLIFT

The Leader Special Service

New Delhi: Speaking in the Indian Assembly here the Health Minister, Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, pointed out that it was the clear and definite policy of Government that living conditions for all those who today lived in hovels should be ameliorated.

She said development grants were made by the Government of India to provinces every year and every province kept the needs of the backward and poor classes in the forefront of its programme.

In Delhi, the Improvement Trust had decided to clear all slum areas. All the poor, including the scheduled castes thus displaced, would be given new sites.

There was also a poor class housing scheme, which would also benefit the scheduled castes. It was the earnest desire of the Government not only to banish untouchability, root and branch, but also to give to the backward and poor classes all the help that they needed for improvement of their living conditions and for their general uplift.

As regards the water supply all public resources of water were legally open to the scheduled castes. Recently the provisions of the Bombay Removal of Social Disabilities Act of 1946 were extended to the Delhi Province and they were going to be extended to the other centrally administered areas also.

Any schemes for the amelioration of the condition of the scheduled castes would certainly have the full sympathy of the Central Government.

She gave an assurance that the spirit of the scheduled castes was in the forefront and would remain in the forefront of this Government until such time as there was no such class as scheduled castes in our society.

GANDHI IN S. AFRICA

From Our Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG, Friday.

"Mahatma Gandhi had an amazing capacity for hard work. He dedicated his life solely to the welfare of his people," said Mr. S. R. Naidoo when he addressed the Maritzburg Indian Students' Society at a memorial meeting held on Sunday evening at the H.Y.M.A. Library.

South Africa was the training ground of his spiritual weapon, Satyagraha. He used it successfully in 1913, when he fought the iniquitous poll tax levied against the indentured Indians.

Mr. Naidoo went on to relate incidents in the life of Gandhi during his stay in Natal. He told of how the Mahatma founded a settlement at Phoenix and the paper "Indian Opinion." He also told of how when the South African Indian delegation to India in 1946, of which he was a member, made it its bounden duty to call first on the Mahatma.

Mr. Naidoo suggested in conclusion that the highest tribute one could pay to the memory of Gandhi was to propagate his creed of non-violence and prayer and, secondly, to strive for the social, educational and spiritual upliftment of the people. Thirdly, they should set up collection boxes in various places, the proceeds of which should be sent to the Central Committee in India to assist the poor.

The Kalavani Orchestra played sacred music during the evening and hymns were sung by Messrs. A. Govindasamy Pillay, Natarajan Moodley and Miss Latchmee Pillay.

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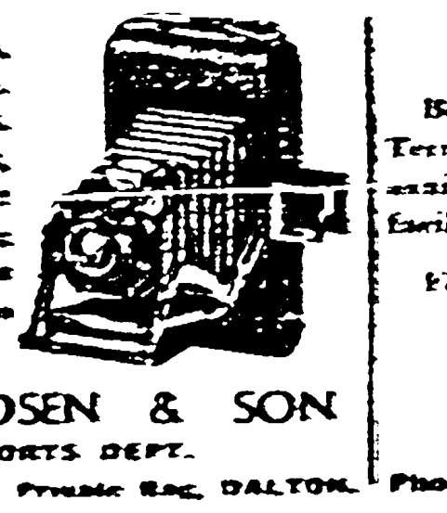

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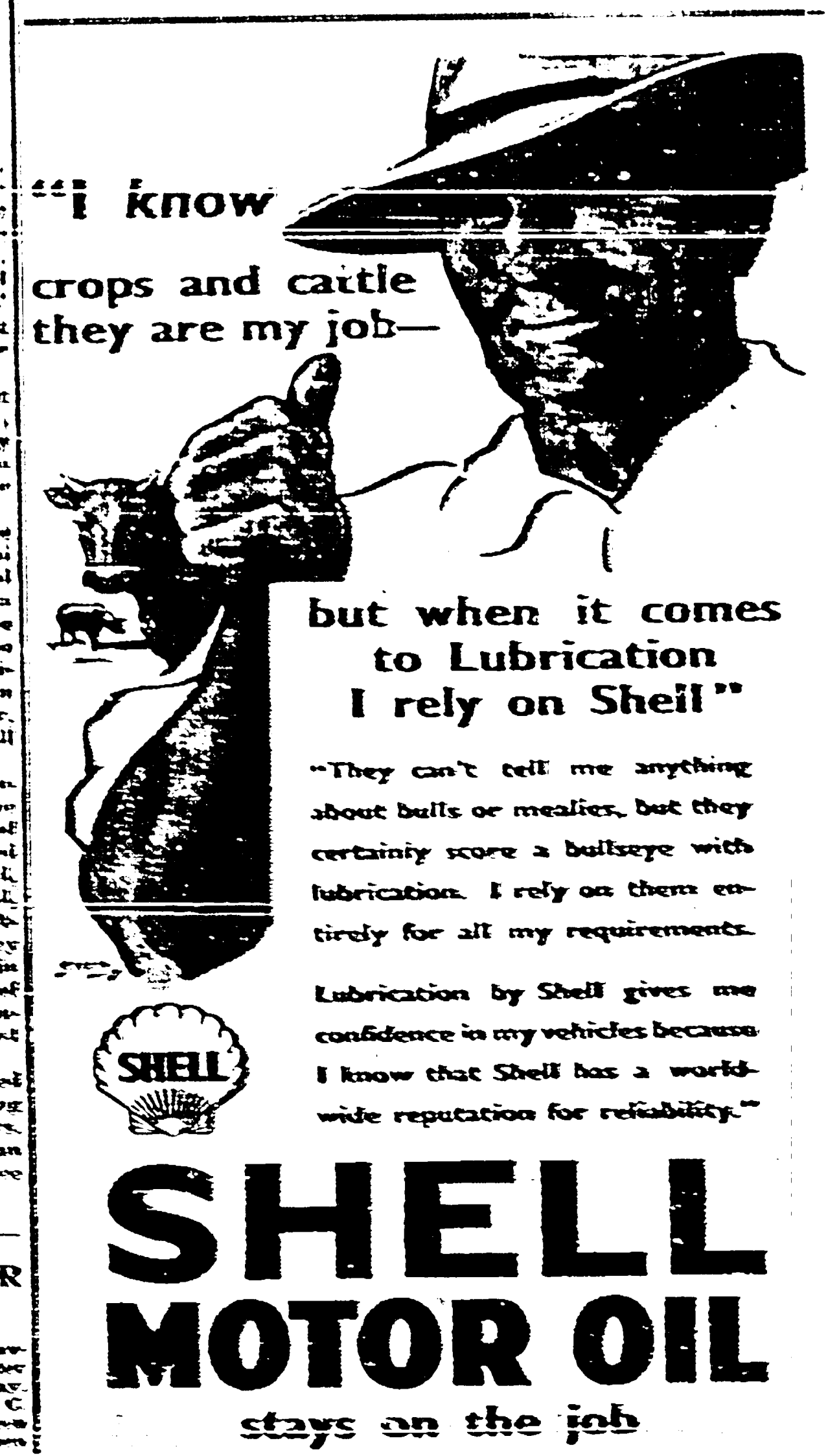
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Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] wish to thank friends and relatives for the many kind messages of sympathy [illegible] in their recent sad bereavement.

APPRECIATION

Mr. and Mrs. V. [illegible], of [illegible] Street, Durban, sincerely thank all friends and relatives for their presence at the marriages of their daughters, [illegible], to Mr. [illegible], and Mr. [illegible], respectively. They also thank all those who sent messages and tokens of good wishes and gifts to each and kind to both the married couples, and to all those who kindly assisted at both the marriage functions.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Maharaj, of [illegible] Street, Cavalina, wish to thank all friends, relatives and scholars of the Cavalina Indian School for their congratulatory messages and presents to [illegible]. Special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] for the beautiful birthday cake.

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"UNION NATIONALS"

ONCE again the actions of the Government have belied the assertions of the Prime Minister of the country that the Indians are Union Nationals. It will be recalled that when the United Nations first discussed the Indian problem in this country the Prime Minister, General Smuts, who was personally present at the United Nations session, declared before the world that the Indians in South Africa were Union Nationals and on that score India could not interfere in the domestic affairs of the country. Last year Mr. Lawrence, holding the portfolio of Justice, went over to Lake Success and Flushing Meadows and again reiterated the assertion that Indians were Union Nationals.

Within three months of making these claims Mr. Lawrence, as Minister of the Interior, has certainly found himself in an unenviable position. Under his administration, a number of Indians who crossed into the Transvaal without permits and, as he admitted in the House during the week, sought gainful employment, have been arrested, prosecuted and deported to Natal. The Union Government, the Prime Minister and the Minister of the Interior are now certainly in a ridiculous position. If their claims were honest and true, there there could have been no prosecution. The Prime Minister made it abundantly clear that Indians were Union Nationals. That was his claim, while the Indians, on the other hand, said that until he received all the rights and privileges which went with nationality he would look to India to champion and guide his cause. Now the Prime Minister's Government has made it quite clear that the claims made before the United Nations were not true. What else can anyone read in the present situation?

If Union means anything to the Indian, then there can be no differential legislation against him. He must be allowed to move and settle freely in all the Provinces which constitute the Union. If the immigration laws applied equally against all people, irrespective of their race, the Indian could not justifiably claim exemption. The immigration prohibition applies against the Indian as such. And it is manifestly false for anyone to claim that the Indian is a Union National under the circumstances. In his reply in the House Mr. Lawrence went to great pains to belittle the action of the Indians who crossed the border without permits. It would interest him to know that there is not one Indian who can disagree with the principle of the step, for it is one of the basic rights of any citizen to move about freely in the country of his birth. The Indian was born and bred in this country. He has lost contact with India, and over 80 per cent. have no connection at all with India. They would be foreigners there.

Under the circumstances the allegations that the Indians were undesirable in the Transvaal are hollow. We have today hundreds and hundreds of Italians arriving weekly in this country. They were neither born nor bred here. In fact, only a few years ago they were championing the cause of Fascism and Nazism and, [illegible] many a gallant Springbok soldier who crusaded in the battle for democracy, lies buried on Italian soil, killed by Italian and German hands. Yet Minister Lawrence lets them range freely over the whole country. They do not have to obtain permits for moving from one Province to another. They are not treated as aliens or as undesirables. On the other hand, the kith and kin of Indian soldiers who fought so gallantly in North Africa and in Italy are treated as aliens. The courage and gallantry of the Fourth Indian Division in Italy and the Fourth in North Africa have become legends. They held the fort against the march of Nazism and yet their very kith and kin fall foul of laws which smack of Nazism.

Mosques of New Delhi

DOWN seven centuries they have seen the rise and fall of five Muslim dynasties—the Mosques of New Delhi. Hoary arches or stately domes . . . some stand in all their splendour, some are mere ruins of past glory and of the skill of master-builders immortalised in stone and mortar. . . .

TO the long and imposing array of Delhi's historic mosques has been added another—the New Delhi Mosque; its domes and minarets soaring serenely some ten miles away from the ruins of the city's oldest mosque built during the reign of Qutb-ud-Din Aibak.

The seven centuries that separate these two mosques saw the rise and fall of several Muslim dynasties who had their capital at Delhi. Most of the Muslim Kings were magnificent builders and their building programme invariably included mosques. Many of these can still be seen, though of the oldest ones just the framework remains to remind us of the architectural skill of the craftsmen of old.

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THE construction of Qutb-ud-Din's mosque—known as the Quwwat-ul-Islam Mosque—began in 1191 A.D., and for several generations it was the cathedral mosque of Delhi. Here, in the ruins of this great mosque, which stands close to the world-famous tower of victory, Qutab Minar, one sees not only the beginnings of the Muslim rule in India but also evidence of the fusion of cultures which had already set in.

Qutb-ud-Din, who wrested the town of power from Rajput kings, employed Hindu craftsmen for the edification of his mosque. The hoary arches are rich in inscriptions from the Quran, but they are set in designs typical of the Indian style.

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QUTB-UD-DIN'S successor, the mighty Altamash, added six more arches to the Quwwat-ul-Islam Mosque, thus tripling the size of this historic cathedral. By now the craftsmen of Persia and Iraq had reached India—and [illegible] in the evidence in stone when one compares the arches of Altamash's time with the original ones.

Years rolled by and the dynasty which had given to Delhi its first mosque passed into history. The great mosque attracted the attention of the House of Khiljis and Alauddin, their greatest King, set out to add another six arches.

Had Alauddin lived longer and seen the fulfilment of his dreams, Delhi would have been the richer by way of magnificent edifices. Untimely death cut short his ambitious programme, which included the beautification and further enlargement of the Quwwat-ul-Islam Mosque.

Some two centuries after Qutb-ud-Din built his famous mosque there was added to the buildings of Delhi a second cathedral mosque. It was built during the reign of Feroz Shah, and its ruins can still be seen inside the walled enclosure of Feroz Shah's city.

The Khirki Mosque, called so after the name of the village where it stands, and the Kalan Masjid (the Great Mosque) which owed its origin to Feroz Shah's vizier, Khan Jehan, are the other important mosques which were constructed in the fourteenth century.

High sloping walls, strong and austere, is a feature common in the buildings of Feroz Shah's city and can be seen clearly in the mosques of the time. Though masonry and massive columns of quartzite lend to them the appearance of a fortress, the general scheme of architecture is impressive.

The Kalan Masjid is located in one of the poorest quarters of present-day Delhi, with a maze of buildings around it.

The next century, which marked the end of the Sultanate period and prepared the ground for the beginning of Mughal rule in India, witnessed the perfection of a style which has come to be known as Indo-Muslim architecture. Delhi possesses some of the most beautiful buildings in this style, and among them are two mosques.

One of these, the Kala Kona Mosque, believed to have been built by the Afghan adventurer, Sher Shah Suri, is better known and is one of the two buildings which have survived within Humayun's fort.

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THE next period of Delhi's history was an age of splendour and lavish abundance. It was the age of the Great Mughals. Delhi rose to the pinnacle of its fame and became the home of scholars, ministers and architects.

The mosques of Mughal days took a new form; minarets appeared for the first time; the domes became bulbous, and black and white marble and red sandstone took the place of ordinary stone and quartzite.

The most famous of Mughal mosques is Shahjehan's mosque, the Jama Masjid, one of the biggest in India, and even to this day the cathedral mosque of the imperial city.

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THREE gateways on the north, [illegible] of the mosque, which was built at a cost of ten lakhs of rupees. The one on the eastern side [illegible] the main entrance, a three-storeyed structure of red sandstone [illegible] with black and white marble.

It was through this gateway that Shahjehan, accompanied by his ministers and courtiers, used to enter the mosque every Friday for the congregational prayers.

Beyond the spacious courtyard, 325ft. long and 200ft. wide, [illegible] the mosque [illegible]. Within [illegible] sanctum sanctorum, a recessed arch most beautifully decorated and profusely inscribed with verses from the Quran. Nearby stands the pulpit, a piece of intricate workmanship carved out of a single block of white marble.

Throughout its long existence—the mosque is 300 years old—the pulpit has been used by the Imams of the Jama Masjid. Incidentally, the present Imam is a descendant of Syed Abdul Ghafoor Shah of Bukhara, who was appointed by Shahjehan to this high order.

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IN strange contrast to the Jama Masjid is the mosque of [illegible], situated close to Shahjehan's palace inside the Red Fort. Used as a private chapel by the Emperor and the ladies of the royal household, the Moti Masjid, or Pearl Mosque as it is called, is a small building and is built of pure marble.

The Zinat-ul-Masajid (Ornament of Mosques) in Daryaganj, the Sunehri Masjid (Golden Mosque) just outside the Red Fort and the Fatehpuri Masjid lying at the western end of Chandni Chowk, Delhi's famous "Silver Street"—all are striking examples of Mughal architecture, but, unlike the other mosques of the time, owe their origin to women.

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THE Fatehpuri Mosque was built by one of Shahjehan's wives, Fatehpuri Begum.

It was constructed in 1650, the year in which work began on Shahjehan's cathedral mosque, and follows the general design of the [illegible]. In material and workmanship this mosque rivals the Jama Masjid, but in proportions it is lacking.

While the Zinat-ul-Masajid is the work of Aurangzeb's daughter, Zinat-un-Nisa, the Golden Mosque owes its construction to Qudsiya Begum, the wife of Mohammed Shah, one of the later Mughal monarchs.

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Condition of Indian Education: Pathetic, Tragic

Dadoo, Naicker Charged

DR. G. M. NAICKER, president of the Natal Indian Congress, Dr. Y. M. Dadoo, president of the Transvaal Indian Congress, Mr. Sundra Pillay, chairman of the Cape Passive Resistance Council, and Mr. Manilal Gandhi have been charged under the Immigrants Regulation Act, 1913, for aiding and abetting Indians to enter the Transvaal without permits.

Alternatively they are charged with inciting to racial hatred under the Riotous Assemblies Act of 1914. They will appear in the Durban Magistrate's Court on Thursday, February 26, at 9 a.m.

Dr. A. [illegible] has been interrogated by members of the C.I.D. and it is expected that a similar charge will be preferred against him.

The [illegible] Resisters who where deported to Natal returned on Thursday and were arrested at Volksrust.

£100 CHEQUE GIVEN BY WOMEN

At a meeting of the [illegible] Seva Samaj held recently a cheque for £100 was handed to the [illegible] Seva Samaj as a contribution on behalf of the women of the village towards the erection of the [illegible] school building.

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Others who spoke were Mesdames [illegible], and Messrs. [illegible]. Mrs. [illegible] proposed a vote of thanks on behalf of the Mitra(?) Mandal.

INDO-JAP TRADE

The Leader Special Service.

NEW DELHI.—The Indian Trade delegation to Japan has arranged for shipment of 120,000 bales of raw cotton but this is not to the exclusion or reduction of the original offer of 330,000 bales. That offer is still under negotiations at Washington and Tokyo through the Indian Embassy and the Indian Liaison Mission. There is no contract but there is some barter arrangement to get Japanese cloth against cotton exported from India.

SCATHING comment was levelled against the Provincial Administration for its neglect of Indian education at a meeting convened by the Mayor of Durban, Mr. L. L. Boyd, and presided over by Councillor R. M. Thomas, the Deputy Mayor. The present position of Indian education was described as "unfortunate, pathetic and tragic" by Dr. Mabel Palmer.

She declared that if European children found themselves without school accommodation there would have been a terrific upheaval against the situation. Something would have been done. It seemed, she added, that the Indian was denied the ordinary decencies by the European in this country. That did not make for racial harmony. If the European wanted to realise peace and harmony between the races in this country he would have to deal fairly with the Indian. The meeting elected a deputation of eleven, including the Mayor or his deputy, to interview the Administrator on the subject.

"INDIAN education is in an unfortunate pathetic and tragic condition. The Indian people who pay the same rates as the Europeans are denied the facilities offered to the Europeans by the Provincial Administration," said Dr. Mabel Palmer, of the Natal University College, at a public meeting convened by the Mayor of Durban, Councillor L. L. Boyd, at the request of voters led by Dr. Palmer.

The meeting, which was held at the Kathiawad Seva Samaj Hall, was presided over by Councillor R. [illegible], the Deputy Mayor, in the absence of the Mayor, Mr. L. L. Boyd.

Dr. Palmer said: "If such a state of affairs confronted the European community, there would have been a tremendous upheaval."

Most of the Indian schools, including Sastri College, were provided by the Indians themselves, whereas the European schools were readily provided by the State.

The Indian people were following a normal constitutional method in order to draw the attention of the Government [illegible] wants.

If the Europeans wanted to live in peace with the Indians, then it was their duty to provide adequate education for the Indian people, proceeded Dr. Palmer.

"If it is true that 75 per cent. of the Indian children are out of school, then Natal should be ashamed of its efforts," added Dr. Palmer.

The Natal Indian Congress has been accused of neglecting the question of Indian education. This meeting, however, is sufficient to prove that the Natal Indian Congress has taken up the cudgels with the authorities, said Mr. J. N. Singh, chairman of the [illegible] Committee of the Natal Indian Congress.

The question of Indian education, he went on, is a grave problem. It was also the duty of the parents to see that the proper authorities are approached in order to ease the present situation.

We do not wholly blame the Provincial Administration for the present state of affairs. The trouble also lies with the Union Government, he said.

Mr. Singh, who quoted facts and figures comparing European and Indian education, said that the grant per child by the Union Government was twice as much for the European as for the Indian.

Charges Refuted

Refuting the charges levelled against the Indian people that they were not doing their bit for Indian education, Mr. Singh said that out of the 137 Indian schools only 26 were Government schools, while the remainder were built by Indians.

"We want a clear statement and plans from the Provincial Administration regarding Indian education for the next five years," he said.

Acting on the willingness of the teachers who have agreed to co-operate in any scheme, the Natal Indian Congress, stated Mr. Singh, has improvised a temporary secondary school to be started at the Kathiawad Seva Samaj Hall in the afternoons for those students who were refused admission at Sastri College.

Unpleasant scenes were witnessed on the opening day of schools. Parents waited from early hours of the morning to find accommodation for their children, said Mr. R. D. Lalla, president of the Natal Indian Teachers' Society.

Teachers are prepared to play their part and even tolerate the position for the purpose of Indian education, assured the speaker.

"I accepted the post at the M. L. Sultan Technical College with full powers from the Minister of Education to establish commercial and technical education for Indians in Natal," said Mr. H. Natrass, principal of the M.L. Sultan Technical College.

"We hope to accommodate 200 to 300 students when the College commences in earnest. Besides supplying the wants of the boys, we hope in the near future to cater for the wants of the girls.

"This is the sign of changing times," said Mr. S. Cooppan, referring to the fact that the public meeting had been convened by the Mayor.

"Our educational system has only been able to cater for the normal increase in the population. It does nothing at all about liquidating this backlog of illiteracy."

Not only was the educational system inadequate in providing sufficient accommodation, but [illegible] in not keeping children in school long enough.

"The Indian has done all he could for the education of his children. We must not only consider the economic but also the moral dangers of the youngsters who are not at school," said Mr. V. S. Naidoo.

South Africa is rapidly becoming an industrialised country. Therefore, there is now a greater need for skilled artisans.

The immediate problem is to provide education for those who need it and those who should be at school.

Chaotic State

This chaotic state of affairs has lasted for too long. Although the final decision rests with the authorities, yet we ourselves must make an effort to ease the position, said Mr. A. I. Meer, general secretary of the Natal Indian Congress.

This is the result of segregation and a policy which denies the Indian people a say in the legislature of the country.

The immediate problem is to find accommodation for the 233 students who were refused admission at Sastri College. The City Council should approach the Union Defence Force for the use of the buildings along the beach, said Mr. A. M. Ephraim, of Newcastle.

The following resolution was passed:—

"This public meeting of the citizens of Durban, held at the Kathiawad Hindu Seva Samaj Hall, on 9th February, 1948, convened by His Worship the Mayor of Durban, Mr. L. L. Boyd, having reviewed the position in regard to Indian education in Natal and having given careful consideration to the critical problem of the acute shortage of primary and secondary school accommodation for Indian children, resolves:—

"(1) That the Provincial Administration, whose sole responsibility it is to provide for Indian education in Natal, be requested to adopt a definite, clearly stated practical plan for the building of primary and high schools in Natal for the accommodation of Indian children, of whom nearly thirty thousand are presently without school accommodation.

"(2) That in order to meet the immediate crisis facing the school-going population of Durban and district, the Provincial Council (a) procures a High School site within the city or at a reasonable distance of the city, and commences building immediately to house the 233 students refused admission at Sastri College at the beginning of this year and those who will be eligible for secondary education next year;

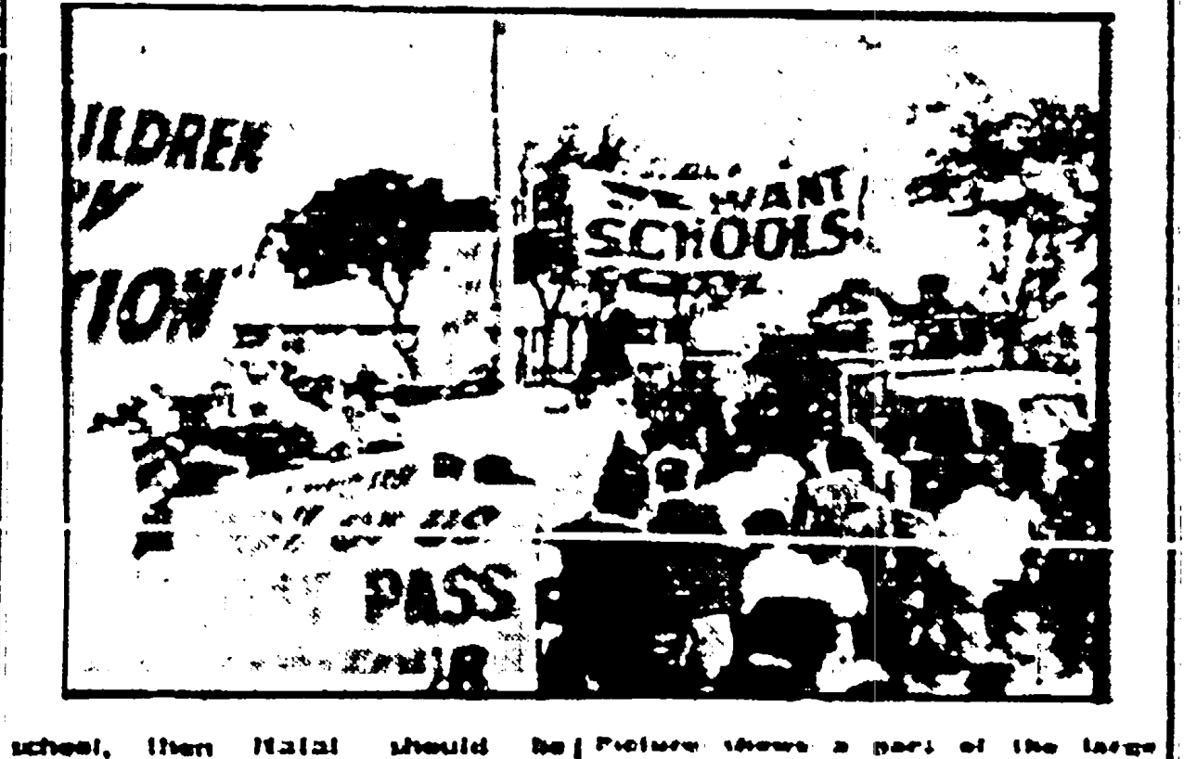
"(b) Negotiates with the Minister of Defence and the defence authorities for the procurement of military huts to be erected alongside existing schools for the purpose of immediately accommodating infant classes,

"(c) Grants its permission for a few of the bigger primary schools in Durban to conduct Junior Certificate classes until such time as alternative accommodation is made available for this purpose;

"(d) Initiates the platoon system for infant classes in all primary schools where the pressure of new pupils is great;

"(e) Considers the advisability of adopting either of the following suggestions: (i) The staggering of school days so that two schools may run where one is being run now, or (ii) the adoption of a platoon system for other than infant classes to achieve the same object.

"(3) That the following be elected as a deputation to interview His Honour the Administrator and to make representations in accordance herewith: His Worship the Mayor or his Deputy, Dr. Mabel Palmer, Mr. S. Cooppan, Mr. R. D. Lalla, Mr. A. I. Meer, Mr. J. N. Singh, Mr. N. S. [illegible], Mr. A. K. [illegible], Mr. M. [illegible] Naidoo, Mr. V. S. Naidoo, Mrs. M. [illegible]."



Picture shows a part of the large crowd which demonstrated recently against the lack of school accommodation in Durban.

Women of India

A comely Mohammedan girl with lovely features cut as [illegible]. To-day Purdah is rapidly throwing aside the veil in the cities, though there is still a wealth of veiled beauty throughout India, seen only by their households and husbands.

TO CONSOLIDATE MUSLIM FORCES

WELCOMING Dr. M. Talaat Taha, General President of the Universal Islamic Union, Mr. A. S. Kajee, who presided at a reception given by the Natal Muslim Council at the M. K. Gandhi Library during the week, expressed the good wishes of the Muslim community to Dr. Taha.

Introducing Dr. Taha, Mr. Kajee said that he was a missionary in the Muslim cause, and gave an account of his work in this direction. Mr. Kajee explained briefly the principles for which the Universal Islamic Union stood.

Dr. Taha, in responding, told the gathering that he was very pleased that he had come to Durban, and he had high hopes of founding further branches of his organisation in this country. He outlined the aims and objects of his organisation.

"World Political Party"

"The Universal Islamic Union is a 'World Political Party,' aiming to establish strong relations, firstly between all Muslim countries and groups, and, secondly, between nations of the world for the preservation of peace and welfare of the human race," went on Dr. Taha, "and to raise the standard of all unprogressive countries and nations in all branches of life.

"On this principle," continued Dr. Taha, "a 'Pan World Party' can be established which will give succour and perfect co-operation free from any intentional propaganda. Broadcasting can be carried out on the same lines.

"By following a Socialistic system wherever and whenever possible, it is hoped to achieve social and personal justice and freedom by abolishing the system of [illegible] into classes," he said.

Discussing the political implications of this organisation, Dr. Taha said, "It is the aim of my Union to bring about a redistribution of populations by organising emigration to suitable places and abolish all restrictions against [illegible]. World peace could be maintained by teaching the real democracy in Islam all over the world and by reinforcing the United Nations and Security Council. The Union is free from prejudice, and is friendly to all religions and races," declared Dr. Taha.

Mr. K. I. [illegible] moved a vote of thanks.

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WOMEN OF INDIA MEET IN CONFERENCE

"The Leader" Special Correspondent

WOMEN representing various organisations and committees of India, as well as Britain, America, China, France, Sweden, Indonesia, Burma, Ceylon and Malaya attended the 20th session of the All-India Women's Conference in Madras. This Conference, which came into existence towards the end of 1926, meets every year to consider social and cultural problems. Year by year its activities have been expanding. The Conference now has about 39 branches and 164 constituent branches with a membership of over 25,000.

THE conference received messages from the Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, Lady Mountbatten, Lady Pethick-Lawrence, Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, Governor of the United Provinces, Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, Governor of West Bengal, and other prominent people.

The Prime Minister in his message said: "Women can and must play an important role in our national life. Otherwise we function in a lopsided way and our nation does not find fulfilment."

Mrs. [illegible] Rao, the outgoing President, addressing the conference, said that within 20 years of the inauguration of the conference they found ratification of its work [illegible] not only throughout the whole of India but also in countries abroad.

Mrs. Rama Rao referred to the recognition the conference had received from UNO and added: "This is the first time that a national organisation like ours has been so honoured."

Alarming Increase

Mrs. Anasuyabai Kale, in her presidential address, referred to the alarming increase of population in India, which she characterised as a "real menace to our progress." She pleaded for a sustained effort to help the balance between population and production of food grains and emphasised that unless we regulated this abnormal increase of population by artificial means the economy of the whole country would collapse.

Mrs. Kale suggested the establishment of a Ministry of Social Affairs both at the Centre and in the Provinces, which should not only tackle the vital question of regulating the population of India according to the needs of the country, but also take measures to remove the injustices and inequality that existed between man and man.

Mrs. Kale was glad to note that the important portfolio of Health had been entrusted to their ex-President, Rajkumari Amrit Kaur.

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, addressing the gathering, said: "If India is to be an inspiration to other nations and if she is to bring peace to the world, which has now been ruined by war, it can only be through that spirit of suffering and sacrifice which has been shown to us in practice by Mahatma Gandhi."

In a resolution passed by the conference, it was urged that the headquarters of the World Health Organisation should be located in India.

The resolution, while demanding the [illegible] of the headquarters of the organisation to India in view of the urgent need for health programmes to be carried out in the country, strongly supported the appeal of the Health Department of the Government of India in this regard.

Spirit of New Asia

The conference welcomed the spirit of new Asia that had risen free from the bondage of alien domination and offered its "warmest admiration to the women of Indonesia for participating in their heroic struggle for complete independence."

By another resolution the conference urged the Central and Provincial Governments for drawing up an employed women's charter, since it was absolutely necessary that all existing impediments which obstructed the progress of employed women in different professions, services, agriculture and industries be removed. It also urged the Central Government to establish a women's bureau as an independent department for investigation and comprehensive study of the various problems of women workers in India.

The conference declared its determination to make its fullest contribution to the fulfilment of the "firm and solemn resolve embodied in India's Charter of Freedom to proclaim India as an independent sovereign Republic."

The conference also acclaimed the attainment of freedom by the people of India under the inspiration and leadership of Mahatma Gandhi.

Educational Films

The conference emphasised the need for implementing on a nation-wide scale schemes for the immediate introduction of a compulsory and free basic education. The conference also suggested to the Government that films be adopted as a valuable medium of instruction and also that the study of ethics, civics and physical training be made compulsory in all schools.

The conference also congratulated the Government of Bombay on their enactment of the Anti-Polygamy and Divorce Laws and called upon other Provincial Governments and States to enact corresponding legislation immediately.

IMMIGRATION COMPLAINTS

The Executive Committee of the Transvaal Indian Congress, in a letter to the Chief Commissioner, Immigration and Asiatic Affairs, Pretoria, states that complaints have been lodged with the Congress by Indians that the immigration officers are not paying proper attention to the many Indians who visit the offices daily.

Among the many who call during the day quite a few are women and children, who are made to wait for hours before being attended to, continues the letter.

The letter alleges that the Indians are even abused.

The office is small, inadequate and there are no waiting or rest rooms, the letter points out.

Many difficulties are placed on the Indians desiring to obtain permits.

Message of the Stars

By "SWAMI"

THE Wheel of Fortune from February 14 to 20 for people born under the twelve signs of the Zodiac are as follows:—

ARIES (March 21—April 20): Good, 15, 20; bad, 14, 17, 18.

TAURUS (April 21—May 22): Good, 14, 16, 18, 19; bad, 17, 20.

GEMINI (May 23—June 21): Good, 16, 20; bad, 15, 18.

CANCER (June 22—July 22): Good, 15, 20; bad, 14, 18.

LEO (July 23—Aug. 22): Good, 15, 20; bad, 16, 18.

VIRGO (Aug. 23—Sept. 22): Good, 14, 16, 19, 20; bad, 15, 18.

LIBRA (Sept. 23—Oct. 22): Good, 14, 15, 19; bad, 17, 20.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23—Nov. 21): Good, 15, 20; bad, 14, 18.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22—Dec. 22): Good, 15; bad, 16, 19.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23—Jan. 20): Good, 14, 19; bad, 17, 20.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20—Feb. 19): Good, 14, 15, 17; bad, 16, 19.

PISCES (Feb. 20—March 20): Good, 15; bad, 16, 19.

The good days for selling investments, new business ventures are February 16, 20; for love and pleasure, 14, 18; for travel and correspondence, 15, 20; for sports, 15, 20; for [illegible] treatments, 15, 19; for property deals, research and planning the future, 15, 19.

Changeable weather is indicated about the 14 to 17.

The lucky numbers and colours to apply on the turf on February 14 are 3, 7, 9, 14, 16, 18. Colours, crimson, scarlet.

WENTWORTH STUDY GROUP

At the last weekly meeting of the Wentworth Indian Study Group a "Round Table" was held. Some of the questions discussed were [illegible] intelligence, faith healing and reincarnation.

This week there will be a play reading.

Fatima Jinnah's Tribute To Pakistan Parsis

KARACHI.—"The Parsi community, small as it is, has always been in the forefront educationally, socially, economically and industrially. They have achieved this position by sheer dint of hard work and labour," said Miss Fatima Jinnah, in her presidential address at the annual prize distribution of the Mama Parsi Girls' High School here.

Khan Bahadur S. D. Contractor, past secretary of the school, speaking on behalf of the managing committee, the staff and the pupils, extended to Miss Jinnah "a most respectful welcome to our school today; a welcome which is the more cordial because of our feeling of gratitude that, in spite of the incessant burdens of your exalted position, and the stress of the difficult times, you have been graciously pleased to spare time for this function.

"We feel assured, madam, that this is symbolic of your genuine goodwill to the minorities of Pakistan, and we reciprocate this gracious gesture by steadfast loyalty to the State of Pakistan."

Miss Jinnah replied: "I thank you and the managing committee for inviting me today to preside at this first annual prize distribution of your school since the birth of Pakistan, which I consider a great honour indeed. I also thank you for your cordial address of welcome, and for all the kind thoughts and good wishes you have expressed for myself and the Quaid-i-Azam. I am glad that I have had this opportunity of meeting you all.

"The Parsi community, small as it is, has always been in the forefront educationally, socially, economically and industrially. They have achieved this position by sheer dint of hard work and labour. They have built up numerous institutions, have always given liberally to charities, and are well known for their philanthropic spirit. The Mama Girls' High School is one of the examples of their liberality, and does eternal credit to the donors —K. B. Mama, Mr. Pochaji and Edulji Dinshaw. I would like to say that the Parsi community has always taken keen interest in social work. We have before us the example of Mrs. K. Dinshaw, who devotes her time to giving relief to the sick and comfort to the distressed.

"It has given me great pleasure to hear the various activities and achievements of this institution, the most notable of which is the 'Domestic Accomplishment Classes.' I understand that these classes are becoming very popular and the number of girls in this particular line of training is increasing.

Physical Culture

"In this connection, I would like to point out that in my educational programme it is necessary that an important place should be given to physical culture amongst girls, as it is very necessary for the healthy growth of the future generations. I hope you will give your special attention to it."

£50 TO CHARITY

On the occasion of the first anniversary of the death of his wife Kamala, [illegible], Mr. [illegible] Maharaj, of [illegible] Road, [illegible], generously donated £10 to each of the following institutions: [illegible] the Sick Association, Aryan [illegible], Durban Hindu [illegible], Sandton Road [illegible], and the South African Hindu [illegible] Charitable Institute.

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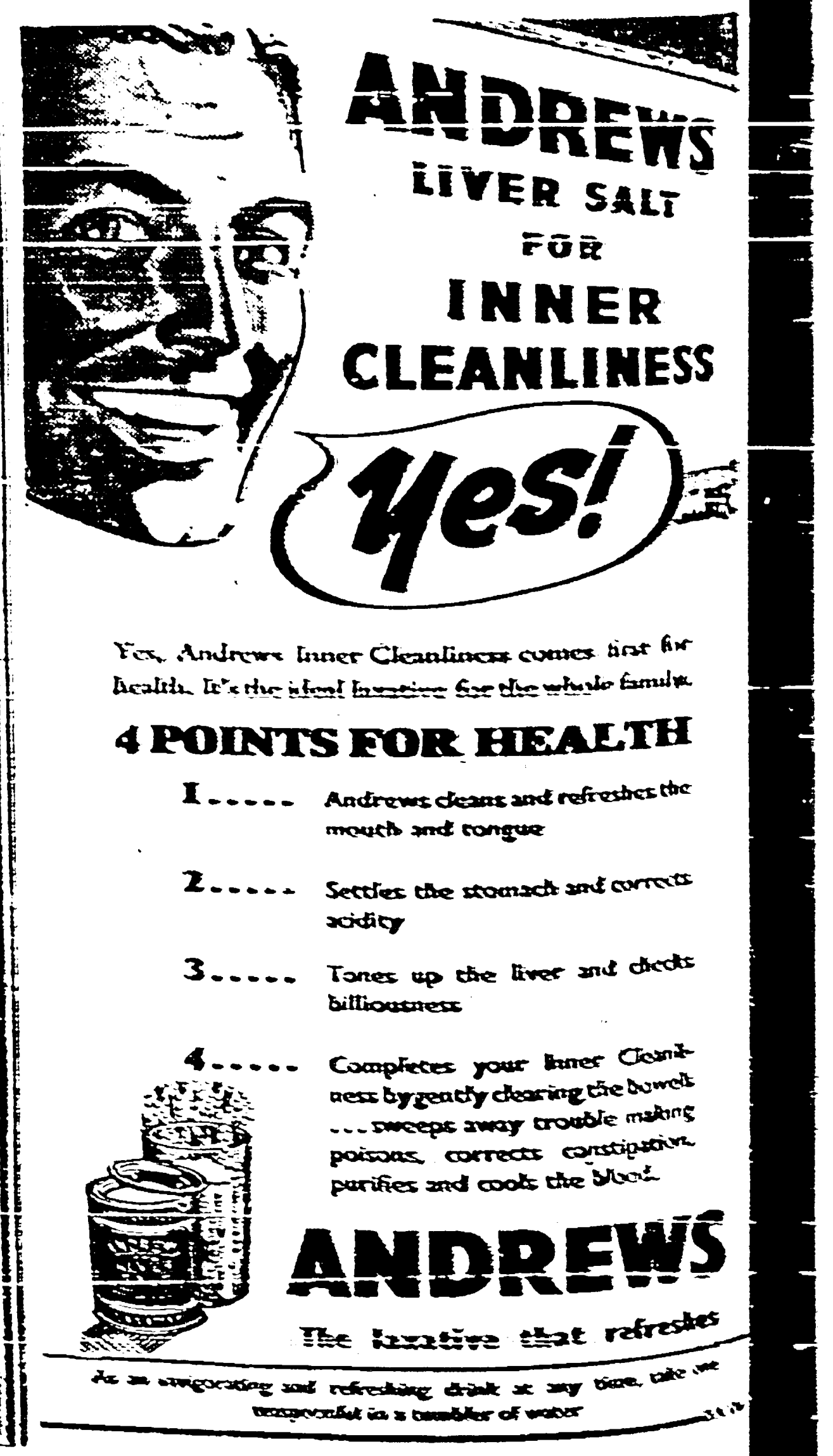

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MY dear Children,—

Chain letters! Since our Corner started, I have received many chain letters of all types, including those from the "Stamp Club" and the "Hanky Club." Each time they have taken up valuable space in my waste-paper basket. What an unreasonable manner in which precious time, money and paper can be wasted? I do hope that Junior Readers will stop sending me these chain letters.

It was not my intention to make this a subject of discussion, but I have received a letter from a Junior Reader seeking advice in this connection! Apparently, this is the first in the series she has received. She was alarmed at the fact that circumstances had prevented her from carrying out the wishes of the letter, but there was still time to "fulfil" what the letter demanded, or else . . . "What a consolation!" I said to myself when I noticed the date mentioned in the letter, " . . . the sixteenth day of February, in the Year of Our Lord." Our paper will be out on Saturday the fourteenth, and the Junior Reader concerned will soon know through this column what a fool she would have been if she complied with the wishes of her chain letter.

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BOOKS

My appeal to members of the Junior Leader to help by sending comics, books, magazines and other reading material to patients at the Indian African Clinic does not seem to have met with a ready response as far as I know, as I have received only a few of these. I am just wondering [illegible] them to the Clinic themselves directly.

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NEW COMPETITION

I have received some letters asking me what the next competition will be. Well, I hope to announce this next week, and I am sure you all will find it interesting to watch out.

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PEN FRIENDS' CORNER

I have more names to pass on this week.

S. Moonsamy Pilly (17), c/o Mr. W. F. Collins, [illegible], Maidstone, Natal, is interested in photography, classical music and [illegible], and would like pen pals from any part of the world, particularly from India and America. Thank you for your good wishes. You may ask your friends to write to me.

K. M. Hurbans (18), of P.O. Box 28, Tongaat, Natal, who is interested in reading novels and in sports, would like a pen pal with similar interests to write to him from Johannesburg, Capetown or India.

B. Rammy (16), of 113 Cape Road, Overport, Durban, is interested in boxing, physical culture, swimming, jiujitsu and athletics, would like someone with similar interests from Cape Town, Johannesburg, India and New York to write to him.

A. Dawjee, of P.O. Box 90, Port Shepstone, Natal, who is interested in stamp collecting, cycling and photography, would like pen pals of either sex of any nationality to correspond with him. They may be from any part of the Union. Thank you for your jokes, Dawjee, I hope to use them some time. You may ask friends in your area to write to me. You forgot to send in your completed form.

Lutchman Singh, of 315 Booth Road, Mayville, Durban, is interested in detective novels and sports, and would like pen pals with similar interests to write to him. Kindly send in your completed form.

Sholapersadh Jungbahadoor (14), of St. Xavier's School, Oakford, Verulam, Natal, is in the sixth standard this year, and would like pen pals who are interested in various hobbies, including stamp collecting, photography, history, comics, cricket and football, to write to him.

Billy Naidoo (19), of 252 Mallinson Road, Sydenham, Durban, whose interests are in comics, movies, screen books, politics and sports, would like a pen pal of either sex with similar interests in the Transvaal, Cape or the Rhodesias. Thank you, Billy, for your good wishes; your co-operation is all we require in building up our column.

D. M. Shah (21), of P.O. Box 17, Umzinto, Natal, writes as follows: "I happen to be a policeman, and a very lonely one at that. I say that because having lived practically most of my time in a big city and then being transferred to the country there is a vast difference, as one can imagine, and, therefore, I think by joining your Pen Friends' Corner I will be kept occupied during my leisure hours. I am interested in all forms of sports, and among my hobbies are photography, and would like pen pals from any part of the world, of either sex and any nationality." I think that letter speaks for itself, and I hope readers will write to him.

Cassa James (13), c/o Waverley Hotel, West Street, Durban, is interested in weight lifting and physical culture. He would like pen pals from anywhere, particularly overseas, who share his interests to write to him.

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LAUGHTER CORNER

"Look here, I'm tired of calling every day for my money."

"Would Friday suit you?"

"Yes, it would."

"All right, then, call every Friday."

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Two ladies sitting in the same compartment of a train had a dispute about the window. One wanted it up and the other wanted it down. In the end the guard was called to settle the dispute. Said one:

"If the window is up, I shall be suffocated—absolutely suffocated."

Said the other:

"If the window is down, I shall catch my death of cold."

The guard was perplexed.

"I say, guv'nor," said the mild man sitting between the excited women, "first have the window up and suffocate No. 1, then have it down and kill No. 2. After that we shall get some peace."

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Shah, Vidhya.
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Singh, Rajwanthie.
Somiah, Chellamah.
Stack, Carey Baldwin.
Subaroyan, Vellamah.
Subroyen, Rose Sathianavathie.
Theophilus, Joy Rebekah.
Vinden, Mary Magdalene.

The following candidates have obtained provisional passes. The subjects to be repeated are indicated in brackets.

Chetty, Anathaloo (Physiology and Hygiene).
Jacobs, Theresa (Art).
Pillay, Manormonie (Art).
Singh, Leelawanthie (Practical Teaching).

The following first year students have been promoted to the second year course; subjects to be repeated (if any) are indicated in brackets.

Chetty, Dhanum (Physiology and Hygiene).
Dathiedeen, Parvathie (Arithmetic).
Ebenezer, Thelma Elizabeth.
Govender, Rookmonee (Physiology and Hygiene).
Laulan, Ruby Paroomalan.
Lawrence, Mavis Thora (Geography).
Maistry, Kistamah (Oral English and Physiology and Hygiene).
Murugan, Kamachi.
Murugan, Narannima.
Muthubistan, Devagee.
Naidoo, Ambigay.
Naidoo, Govindamah.
Naidoo, Pushparathie (Physiology and Hygiene).
Nanoo, Savithree (English, oral and written).
Pather, Morgaanigee.
Raman, Dora (Physiology and Hygiene).
Ramrathan, Indrawanthree (English oral).
Rangapal, Amga (English oral and Physiology and Hygiene).
Reddy, Gengamah.
Roopram, Tharamathee.
Stephens, Theresa.
Zill, Doreen Mathilda (Physiology and Hygiene).

The following candidates have gained partial passes, but still require a pass in the subjects indicated in order to qualify for the certificate:—

Goodall, Amy Isabel (Whole of Part II).

Stapleton, Catherine Gwendoline (Geography and whole of Part II).

Miss K. R. Guy, Principal of the Indian Girls' High School, told "The Leader" that pupils of her school who wrote the above examination have all passed with the exception of one, who has to repeat one subject.

Role of English in Free India

"The Leader's" Special Service

NEW DELHI.—The place which the English language should occupy in India in the future has been outlined by the Education Minister, Government of India, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad.

Delivering the Convocation Address at the Patna University, Maulana Azad, who delivered the address in Hindustani, said that he was not in favour of the sudden abolition of the English language either in Government offices or as a medium of instruction.

MAULANA AZAD

"HOWEVER wrongly the English language made its way in our life, the fact remains that it has influenced our mental and educational outlook in the past 150 years. This state of affairs, though harmful in some ways, has also benefited us in many ways," he said. The [illegible] language was responsible for creating a feeling of unification throughout the whole country. Through the English language India cultivated direct intellectual relationship with Europe and America. Her voice reached the outer world without any intermediary.

While the position that English occupied in our educational and official life today could not be maintained in future, said the Education Minister, he had come to the conclusion that the country should "proceed gradually, measuring our way. Any hurried step instead of helping us, may prove harmful."

The problem of language had two aspects—one concerning Government offices and the other concerning education.

For Government offices the Education Minister suggested that the Central Government and the Provincial Governments should decide that in all Government offices in future an Indian language would be used side by side with the English language. So far as English as the official language was concerned, the status quo should be preserved for five years. During the same year the Indian language should completely replace English, which would naturally lose its place except in some special departments.

So far as education is concerned, the medium of instruction in the Provinces should be the regional language, so far as elementary and secondary education is concerned. In higher education there should be a time limit of five years, at the end of which all branches of higher education should be handled through our own regional languages.

Important Second Language

"It should not be understood," said the Education Minister, "that there should be no room left in our education system for the English. In order to keep ourselves in direct touch with Europe and America, a large section of our people will have to depend on English. But it goes without saying that with the adoption of an Indian language it can be given a place of an important second language. English will be one of the special subjects for postgraduate studies."

Maulana Azad said that the Educational Conference which was being held shortly would consider this problem.

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this legacy in consideration of the loyal and devoted service he has rendered me."

The remainder is to be handed over intact to the trustees of the Abdula Kajee Family Trust. His trustees in both cases are Messrs. S. M. Paruk, G. H. A. Mayat, M. A. Moola, A. H. Moosa, I. A. Kajee, E. I. Kajee and G. H. A. Jadwat.

The estate will be administered as part of the Kajee Family Trust—the value of which is now raised to £250,000—established a few years ago for the benefit of Mr. Kajee's wife and family, arrangements being made for the final distribution at the discretion of the trustees.

Mr. Kajee also left certain directions for the support of minor children, who are to be placed under the guardianship of Messrs. M. A. Moola, I. A. Kajee and E. I. Kajee, as well as for the appointment of directors to the companies in which he was interested.

Mr. Kajee made this will before he left for the United Nations last year, and it is understood that just before he died he was preparing a codicil. The codicil was not signed, but it is expected that the trustees will carry out his last wishes.

Indirectly and directly Mr. Kajee's donations to charity amounted to several thousand pounds a year. One donation alone of £2,000 was given to the Orient Islamic Trust last year.

MADRAS TO HAVE POET-LAUREATES

New Delhi: The Madras Government have decided to institute poet laureateship in Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Kanarese and Sanskrit. The laureateship will continue for five years and each laureate will be paid an honorarium of Rs.1,000 every year.

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Low Scores In Durban Cricket: Bowlers On Top

"A" Division cricket matches were washed out on Saturday, but the weather improved sufficiently the next day to allow "B" Division matches to be played. Low scores were once again registered in the matches played.

The best bowling averages were by I. E. Docrat (Orientals), seven for 10; C. Jeenabhai (Young Bharat), six for 18; L. C. Vallabh (Bharat), five for 7; B. Vinden (Young Ottoman), five for 11; and E. Shaikh (Young Ottoman), four for 5.

ORIENTALS collected full points at the expense of [illegible]; Young Ottomans have a first innings lead over Young Bharat; while United stand in a good position against Sparks, and Bharat with a lead of [illegible] runs over Young Bharat have first innings points.

B. Vinden Takes 5 for 11

[illegible]

R. Ramga Scores 49

[illegible]

L. C. Vallabh Takes 5 for 7

[illegible]

E. Docrat Takes 7 for 10

[illegible]

COACHING OFFER

[illegible]

GANAS WINS JUNIOR GOLF COMPETITION

The Junior Golf Competition for the Ram Elliah Floating Trophy, organised by the Durban Indian Golf Club, aroused a great deal of interest and attracted about twenty entrants.

T. P. Ganas, of Windsor Park, playing off a [illegible] handicap, won by the narrow margin of one stroke from C. Nagan, brother of Frank Nagan, the ex-champion, and P. M. Govender, both of whom tied for second place.

[illegible]

NATAL TENNIS MEETING

The Natal Indian Lawn Tennis Association held their annual general meeting at [illegible] on Sunday last. [illegible]

[illegible]

The Government of India have sanctioned a five-year development plan for the Assam Tribal areas. The total capital expenditure involved in the plan is estimated at about Rs. [illegible] million.

Replay in Natal Cup Match

From Our Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG, Friday.

A HEAVY storm washed out the Stars-United cricket match on Saturday, while the start in Sunday's Natal Cup fixture was delayed until midday. No decision was reached in this game, M.I.C.C. scored 79 without loss in replying to Natalians first innings total of 146 for six wickets, when poor light ended play.

HEAVY overnight rain delayed the start of the Natalians-M.I.C.C. game until midday, [illegible]

Realised [illegible] Runs

[illegible]

The match will have to be replayed this weekend. Scores: Natalians, first innings, 146 for six wickets declared (Ted Chetty 51, [illegible]). M.I.C.C., first innings, 79 for none ([illegible] 50 not out, [illegible] 20).

Standard of Tennis

New Delhi: Lennart Bergelin and Torsten Johansson, the two Swedish tennis players now touring India, in a recent interview, said that they found the standard of tennis in India quite good, though there was still room for improvement.

The two players have already visited Bangalore, Trivandrum, Lucknow, Allahabad, Indore, Delhi and Bombay. They are likely to leave for Cairo by the first week of March.

The Swedish players also advocated the visit of foreign players to India. In their opinion, Calcutta tennis court was as good as any they had seen in the world. They expressed the view that in the field of tennis the United States, which had plenty of good tennis players, stood first in the world, Australia second and Czechoslovakia third.

India's Olympic Team

New Delhi: About 200 athletes and officials would form India's contingent to the forthcoming London Olympiad. [illegible]

India has to date entered for athletics, cycling, football, hockey, swimming, weightlifting and wrestling.

[illegible]

India's Entry

[illegible]

Success at Los Angeles

[illegible]

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[illegible] wrestling, weightlifting and hockey teams went to Berlin for the Olympic Games. [illegible]

Sports Stadium for New Delhi

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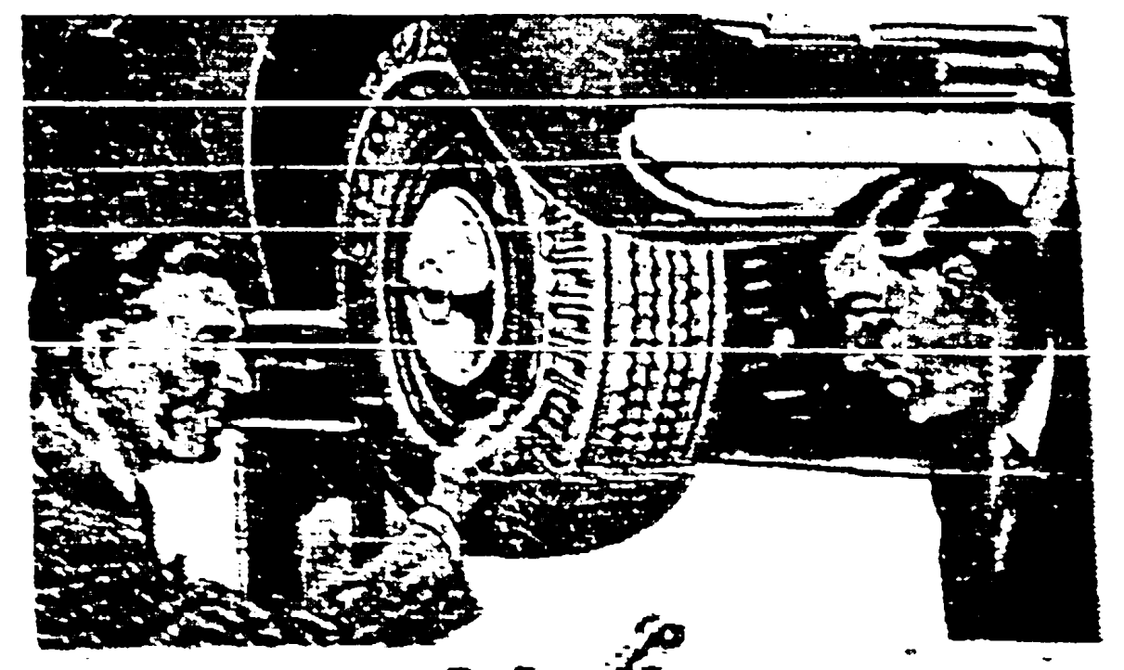

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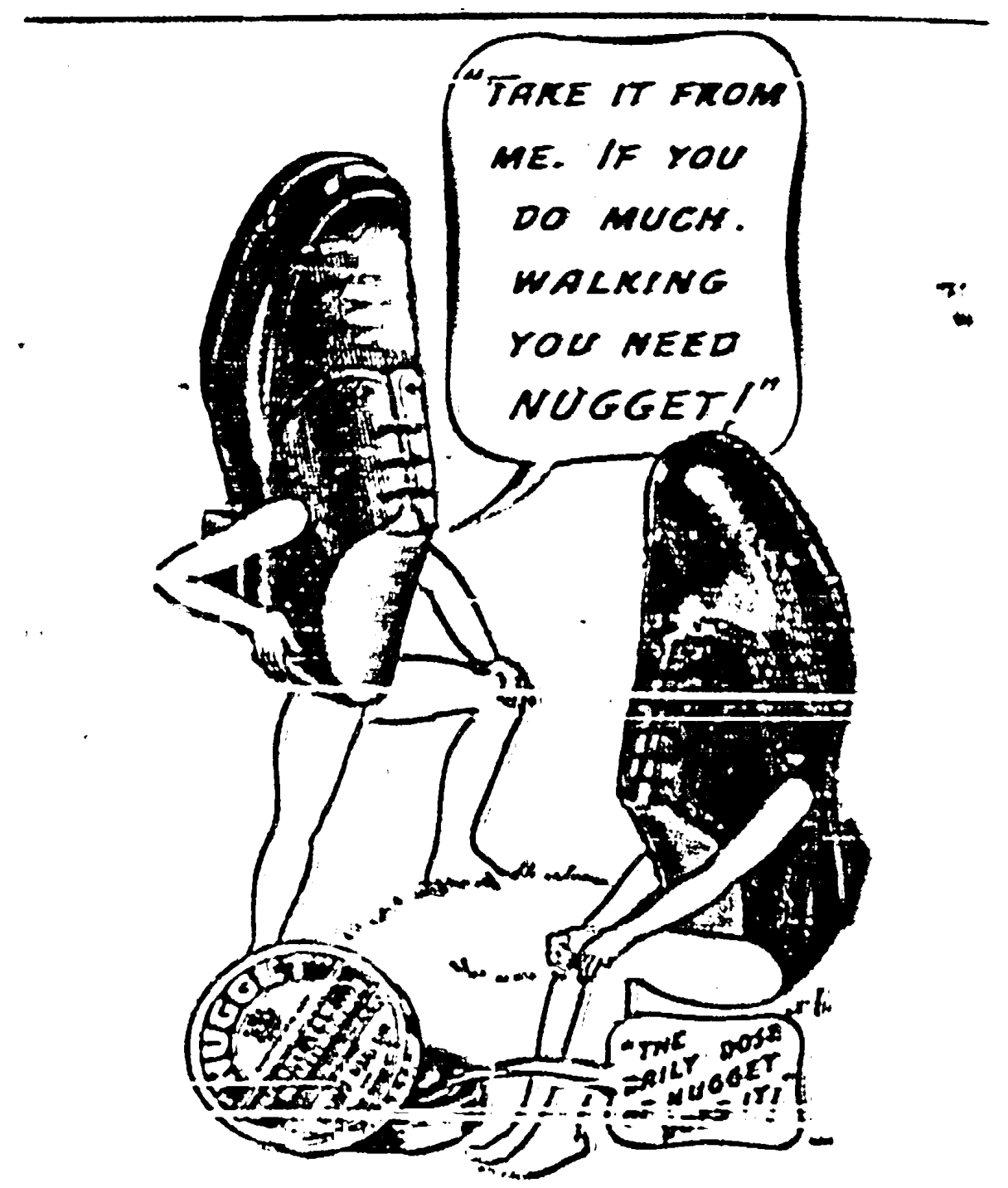
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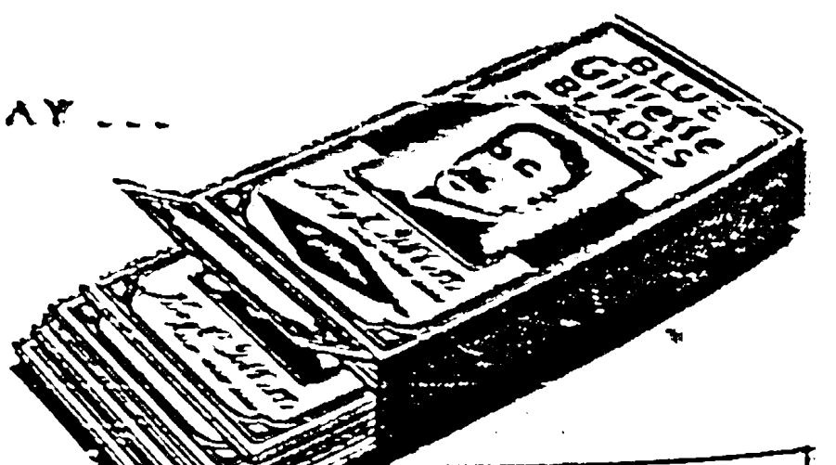

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India Lose Test Series

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.—India were skittled twice today in the fifth Test match, giving Australia a victory by an innings and 177 runs on the fourth day of play. Australia thus win the series by four wins to nil with one match drawn.

[illegible]

VINOO MANKAD, who scored a century in the first innings and his second of the series.

AUSTRALIA, first innings, [illegible] for eight declared.

INDIA—First Innings

[illegible]

INDIA—Second Innings

[illegible]

Football Associations Elect Officials

THE various football associations have held their annual meetings and elected their officials.

D.I.F.A.

The annual meeting of the Durban Indian Football Association was well attended by both delegates and officials. [illegible]

South Coast D.I.F.A.

[illegible]

County I.F.A.

[illegible]

Mayville D.I.F.A.

[illegible]

TIE IN YACOOB BROS. TROPHY

Twenty players took part in the competition for the Yacoob Bros. Trophy on Sunday last.

Bobby James and K. Rammasamy tied for the first place with net scores of 65 each. [illegible]

TEXTILE MACHINERY MANUFACTURE

New Delhi: The Government of India sponsored in 1946 a delegation to the U.K. under the chairmanship of Mr. Krishnaraj Thackersey with a view to establishing a textile machinery manufacturing concern in the country. An agreement was reached between this delegation and the U.K. firm of textile machinery manufacturers and a company has been formed under the name of National Machinery Manufacturers, Ltd. This company will shortly set up its plant near Bombay.

Bids have been made for securing suitable plant and equipment from Germany for extending the manufacture of machines in India. Four officers of Industry and Supply Ministry are helping in selecting equipment and machinery from Germany. Some of these plants have already arrived and are being allocated to various industries. Along with these plants, a certain number of foreign technicians are also being brought in on a contract basis.

Trade With Russia

New Delhi: The development of India's economic relations with the Soviet Union will soon be taken up for active consideration. At present raw jute, jute goods and groundnut oil were India's principal items of export to Russia. Imports from the Soviet Union were negligible.

ART COLLECTION FOR MUSEUM

New Delhi: The Government of India has recently purchased for the proposed National Museum of India the rich art collection of the late Mr. Treasurywalla, of Bombay, comprising more than 2,000 paintings and 200 bronzes from South India, Gujerate and Nepal.

An exceptionally rich collection of Ragas and Raganis of the Shahjahan and Jahangir period offers a visual commentary on the writings of contemporary poets and composers and constitutes an invaluable record of glorious past.

The Victory Angling Club will hold a competition for the club's Floating Trophy at the Freshwater North Pier, tomorrow, between [illegible] a.m. and 6 p.m.

TRUST UNABLE TO BUILD

REFERRING to the plans of the Durban and District Indian Football Association Trust to build a block of flats on their property in Mansfield Road, Mr. M. John, the Trust's secretary, said that nothing could be done because of the difficulty in raising a loan.

[illegible]

"As I stressed in my report to the trustees last year, I must reiterate my desire to resign the position of secretary and treasurer of the Trust, as it is now ten years since I assumed office. The burden of office has been a great strain on my health."

CRICKET AT COUNTY

On Sunday last the Stella C.C. of Mayville, met the Centrals C.C. of County, in the semi-final for the Shell Inter-District Floating Trophy, and defeated them by an innings and [illegible] runs.

K. M. Reddy, captain of Stella, was in brilliant batting form, scoring a chanceless [illegible]. His score included four sixes and eight fours.

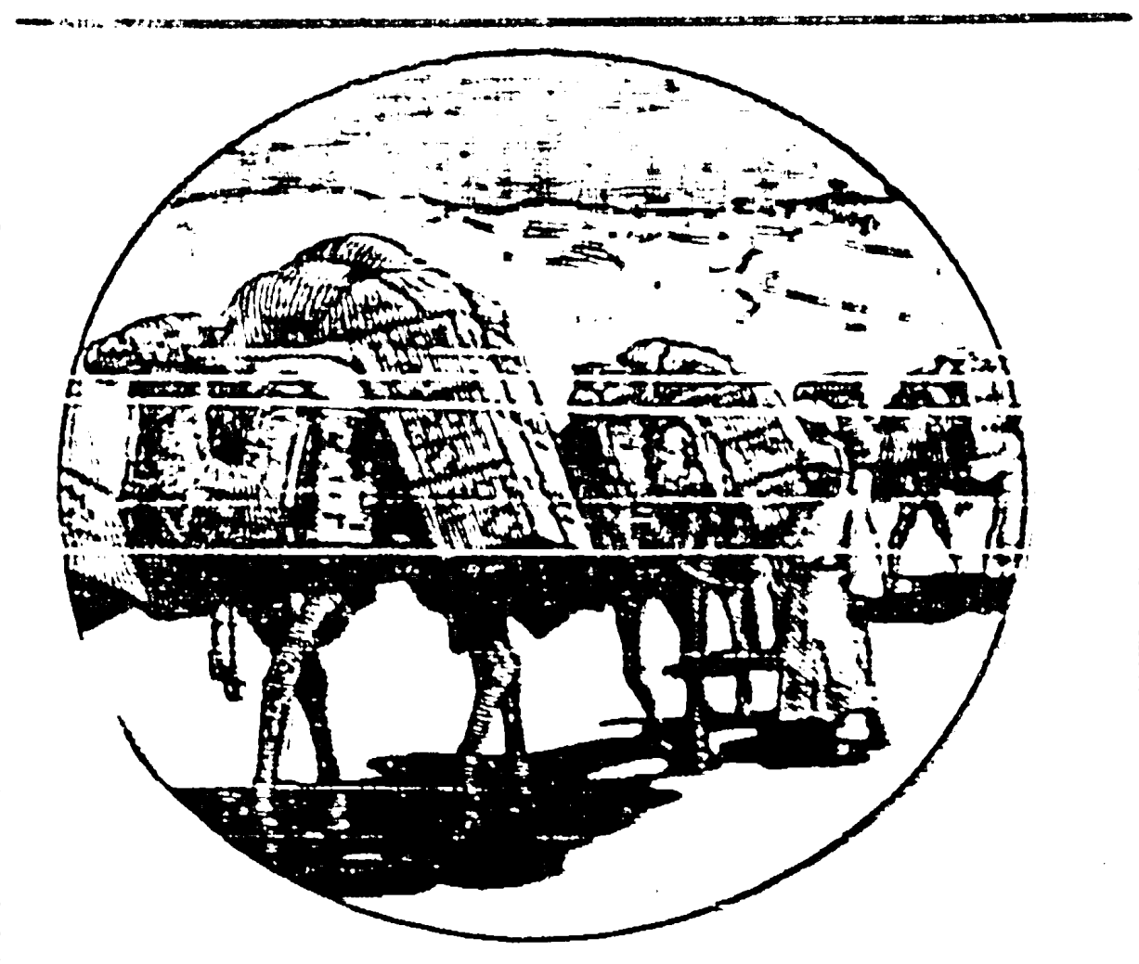
The detailed scores are as follows: [illegible]

CLAIRWOOD RED CROSS

Mr. J. C. van der Westhuizen, the Assistant Branch Commissioner for Natal, presided at the second annual meeting of the 7th Detachment of the South African Red Cross Society, Clairwood, Natal.

Mr. A. Ephraim, the District Commissioner, was also present.

Before the meeting was declared open, the chairman asked all members to stand in silence for a few minutes as a mark of respect to the late Mahatma Gandhi. The following were elected to office: [illegible]



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Around The Cinemas

AVALON: The week opens with a double programme, "Drifting Westward," a Western cowboy thriller, and "They Came to Blow Up America," a spy story. "Meet Me At Dawn" will be the weekend attraction.

ALBERT: "Omar Khayyam," starring Saigal, Suriya, Lila and Wasti, in a grand picture with a grand cast, assembled that brings to you the most [illegible] story of the year.

Showtime

TONIGHT

Avalon: The Shocking [illegible]

Albert: [illegible]

Athlone: [illegible]

Regent: [illegible]

APPEALS TO PRIVY COUNCIL ABOLISHED

The Leader Special Service

New Delhi. A Bill, which will have the effect of abolishing direct appeals from Indian High Courts to the Privy Council in civil cases, has been passed by the Indian Parliament. It provides that appeals in such cases will lie to the Federal Court of India. [illegible]

The Minister for Law, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, [illegible]

Dr. Ambedkar said that the object of the Bill was to make it compulsory that all civil appeals which arose from the judgment or decree of a high court should in the first instance go to the Federal Court.

At its last Executive meeting the Indo-European Council of Durban adopted a minute recording the loss which the world suffered through the death of Mahatma Gandhi.

TALK OF THE BAZAAR

By the "Faqir"

"IT'S a dangerous awful place this to be in," I heard someone declare over my shoulders during the week. Surprised, I looked up, for I do not care very much for English as she is spoke by the Americans. I was still further surprised when I saw that it was none other than that sage of sages, my office boy, who had been responsible for that. He did not apologise, but instead to explain that he had taken to reading some of the American horror strips and his language had been affected. [illegible]

[illegible]

GARLANDS

ANOTHER source of mental agitation for my sage of sages was the pictures which appeared in one of the dailies the other day showing the good old "Nkosana" with a garland round his neck. [illegible]

"Nkosana done them to get garlanded? [illegible]

NOT EVEN GOD

DURING the course of my meanderings during the week I picked up the following comment of President Kruger on the British Empire. [illegible]

"Yes, I can certainly believe the bad part about the sun never setting on the British Empire, for even Almighty God will not trust the Britisher in the dark."

WORLD'S HIGHEST DAM

The Leader Special Service

NEW DELHI.—Preliminary work on the Kosi Dam project is [illegible] The proposed dam will be the world's highest.

Racing Selections

By DIPLOMAT

The following are my selections for the [illegible] meeting run on Saturday:

First race, 1.5, Galloway and Pony Handicap 3rd Div., five furlongs.
1. BRIDLE MONT.
2. [illegible]
3. [illegible]

Second race, 1.40, Juvenile Handicap, five furlongs.
1. GASCON.
2. [illegible]
3. Chase.

Third race, 2.15, Galloway and Pony Handicap 2nd Div., five furlongs.
1. MOOI CROFT.
2. [illegible]
3. [illegible]

Fourth race, 2.50, [illegible] Handicap "B" Div., six furlongs.
1. CZECHO.
2. Gallant Knight.
3. [illegible]

Fifth race, 3.25, [illegible] Handicap [illegible] five furlongs.
1. LAND'S END.
2. [illegible]
3. [illegible]

Sixth race, 4.0, [illegible] Handicap, [illegible] furlongs.
1. FAST MISS.
2. [illegible]
3. [illegible]

Seventh race, 4.35, Maiden Handicap, [illegible] furlongs.
1. CORK.
2. [illegible]
3. [illegible]

Eighth race, 5.10, Galloway and Pony Handicap (1st Div.), five furlongs.
1. BOSTON STEP.
2. [illegible]
3. [illegible]

NEW NAME FOR INDIAN LEGISLATURE

The Leader Special Service

NEW DELHI.—Under the new constitution of India a new name will be given to the Indian Legislature. That name will presumably be in Hindustani.

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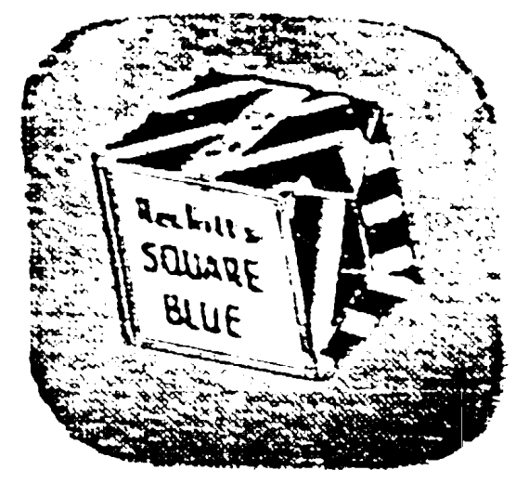

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Police Search for Evidence: Not in "Right Place"

PRECISELY at 11 o'clock on Saturday last members of the C.I.D. raided the offices of the Passive Resistance Council, both in Durban and in Johannesburg. They also searched the surgeries and the residences of Dr. G. M. Naicker and Dr. Y. M. Dadoo. The raids, it is said, were carried out in connection with the alternative charge of incitement which has been framed against Dr. Dadoo, Dr. Naicker and Mr. Gandhi. In view of the studied campaign of vituperation against the Indian both by the Durban newspapers and by members of Parliament in the House of Assembly the officials of the Congress and the P.R.C. feel that the police searched the wrong place.

In Durban the last thing the officials of both the Natal Indian Congress and the Passive Resistance Council were expecting was a raid by the police. All the activities of Passive Resistance had been carried out openly. There has been no secrecy of any kind. Many officials feel that the police revealed an utter lack of appreciation of the situation by this raid. There was no need at all for them to come armed with search warrants and [illegible]

[illegible] to subvert the authority of the State.

The Passive Resistance Council has been conducting a struggle for the realisation of the rights of the Indian people, and the decision to cross the inter-provincial borders without permits was taken with the fullest knowledge of the Prime Minister, his Minister of Justice and the entire country.

Looking for Evidence

It is understood that the police were looking for evidence to bear out the alternative charge of incitement against the three members of the Passive Resistance Council. They took possession of a number of documents belonging to the Natal Indian Congress and the Passive Resistance Council.

Officials of the Congress and the P.R.C. feel that the police are welcome to whatever they wanted. Theirs is not an underground organisation. If, however, the police really want evidence of incitement to racial hatred, then all they need to occupy them from now to doomsday are the Hansard records and the speeches of any number of highly placed Europeans in this country.

Recent Example

A very recent example also has been the conduct of the two Durban newspapers, which have engaged in slinging mud at the African and the Indian. First it was the Indian who was tackled on the question of bootlegging liquor to the African people, and then he was accused of organising [illegible] This was denied by the District Commandant when the Natal Indian Congress approached him.

Then the newspapers turned to violations of the Asiatic Land Tenure Act by Indians. The morning paper demanded immediate Government action against those Indians who had occupied property in contravention of the Ghetto Act. The statement of the Minister of the Interior in Parliament during the week would have staggered even the most steady.

As against 34 Indians, 2,000 Europeans had violated the Asiatic Act—and the Minister had decided to condone them. What would have happened if the position had been reversed and there were 2,000 Indians instead of Europeans?

Finding its line of [illegible] and bootlegging unprofitable, the evening paper turned to the "dole," and by an adroit and deliberate misinterpretation roused the anger of the Europeans against the Africans. The Minister of Labour, Dr. Colin Steyn, replied that the accusation of the paper had been grossly exaggerated, and produced facts and figures to show that the accusations were not true.

In fact, this paper was so eager in driving home to the European people the iniquity of the "dole" that it even used the word "dole" in reporting a speech in which the speaker had never used the word "dole." The speaker drew the attention of the Editor to the fact that the word he had used throughout his speech was "benefits" and not "dole." The Editor apologised, but the whole campaign had fired the European farmers against the Africans.

Why, then, under these circumstances raid the offices of the Passive Resistance Council in search of evidence to support a charge under the Riotous Assemblies Act?

A "Leader" reporter, who arrived at the Congress offices a few minutes after the raid had [illegible] the police and the officials.

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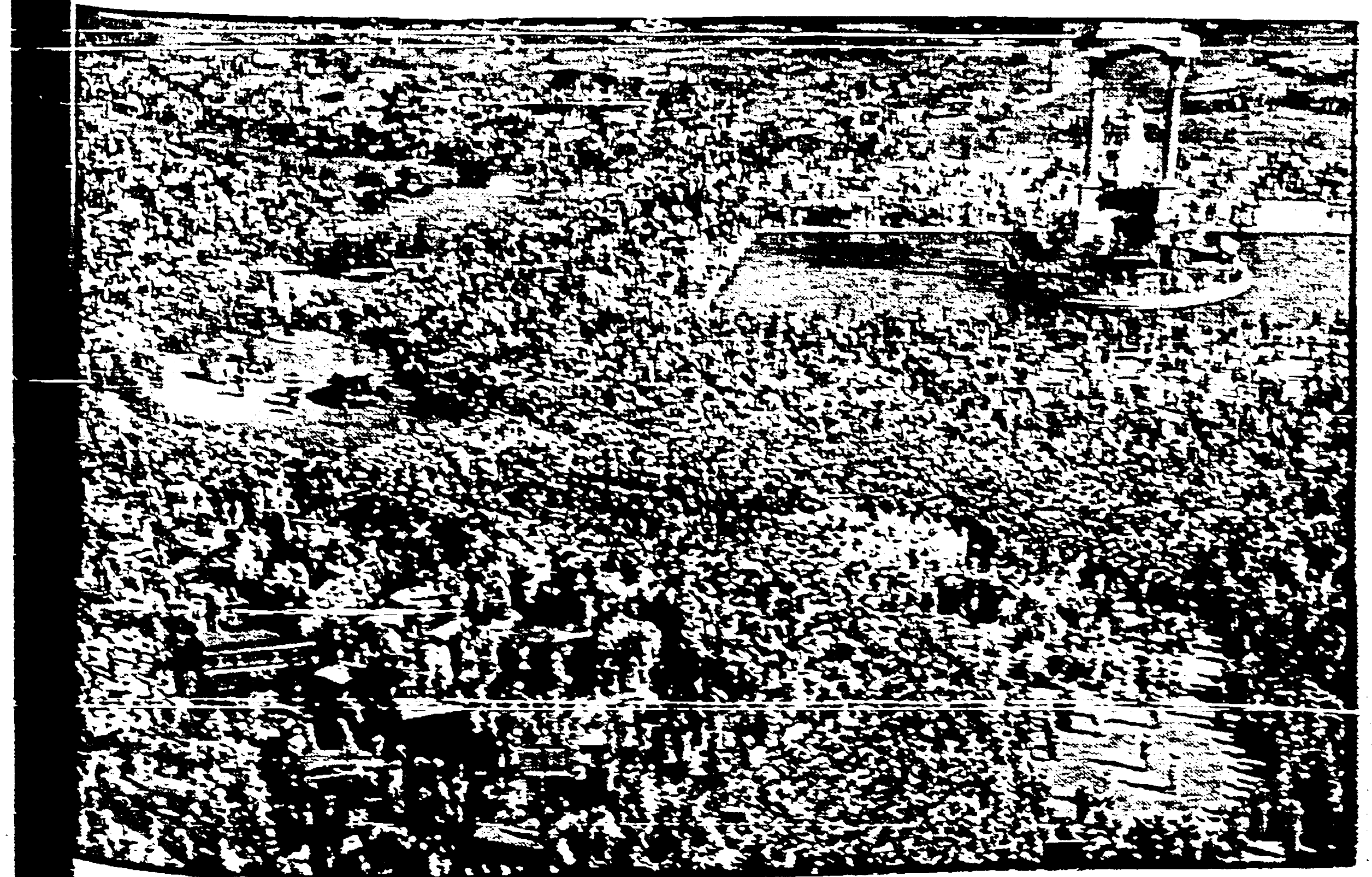
Gandhi's Funeral Procession



THE FUNERAL PROCESSION: The long five-mile route from Birla House to the Jumna banks was lined on either side with people of every creed and every age. Gandhiji lay exposed to view on an army trailer bedecked with flowers. The National Tricolour, to which his life of dedication had [illegible] covered his body. Sardar Baldev Singh, Pandit Nehru, Sardar Patel and Mr. Devdas Gandhi were on the trailer beside him. The procession was headed by four armoured cars, followed by representatives of the armed forces and volunteers. Then came the Governor-General's Bodyguard on horses, flying their red and white flags. Behind them were Gurkha troops, prominent Congress leaders and civil and military officials. The cortege, which followed, was drawn by men of the three armed services.

4 Months "Hard" For "Union Nationals"

Fifteen Indians have been sentenced to four months' imprisonment with hard labour for exercising the rights which formerly belonged to them as "Union Nationals."

They were the first group to cross the Transvaal border without permits. They were prosecuted and sentenced to a month's "hard" suspended for a year.

They crossed the border again, and on Wednesday the magistrate at Volksrust sentenced them to three months' imprisonment with hard labour.

The suspended sentence was also brought into operation.

[illegible] the claim of the Prime Minister that Indians are Union Nationals. They are now, more correctly, "Natal Nationals."

NEHRU INVITED TO LONDON

The Leader Special Service

NEW DEHLI.—Prime Minister Pandit Nehru was asked in the Indian Parliament recently whether it was true that he had been invited by the British Government for some special consultation.

Replying, Pandit Nehru said that he had been invited to attend the Royal Wedding but he could not attend.

Since then he had been invited to proceed to London to discuss various matters, no particular issue being mentioned. He had replied that he would be happy to go there if opportunity offered itself. Nothing definite had so far happened about it.

The Prime Minister said, in reply to another question that no communication had been received from the British Government for negotiating any treaty with them. Asked whether the Government of India proposed to take up this question with Britain the Prime Minister said that the Government had no intention of doing so at present.

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New Delhi: The number of British officers and other ranks serving with the Indian Army on August 1, 1947, was: Officers, British Service attached to the Indian Army [illegible] and Indian Army [illegible]. Other ranks: British Service attached to the Indian Army [illegible], Indian Army nil. The number of British officers and British other ranks in the Indian Army on November 30 was: British officers [illegible], and British other ranks [illegible].

OBITUARIES

CHINNAMAH PILLAY

The death occurred of Chinnamah, beloved wife of Mr. Tommy [illegible] Pillay, of 12 Short Lane, Mayville, Durban, after a brief illness, at her residence on February 11, at the age of forty-eight years.

Her remains were interred at the [illegible] Cemetery amid a large gathering of friends and relatives.

[illegible]

S. OJAGEER

The late Mr. S. Ojageer, cartage contractor, of 12 Jameson Avenue, Mayville, passed away peacefully at his residence on Monday, February 2, 1948, after a short illness, at the age of forty-five years.

[illegible]

Telegrams, messages of sympathy, floral tributes, wreaths of sympathy, etc., were sent by the following:

[illegible]

MRS. SOOBATHRAMAN

The death occurred on Sunday, February 1, of Soobathramah Govender, beloved wife of Mr. C. Subramani Govender, of Fraser. The funeral took place the same day at the Fraser Indian Cemetery in the presence of a representative gathering of friends and relatives.

Wreaths were received from the following: [illegible]

Police Search

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who were present most friendly. When the police chief in charge of "Operation Passive Resistance" said that it was most likely that the raid would continue without a break for the whole day and that there would be no recess for lunch, the Congress provided tea for the members of the C.I.D.

This surprised the police so much that some of them couldn't believe that they were getting tea. They, however, appreciated the action, and one of them said: "It feels nice to know that you all realise that we are only servants."

Both Congress and P.R.C. officials gave the police all the assistance they wanted.

Indigenous manufacture of such telephone equipment as is at present being imported will be started within three years in India.

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The Government of India sustained a loss of Rs 26.9 million on account of subsidising imported food grains during the year ending March, 1947. This decision was taken so as not to increase the prices paid by consumers in April last year.

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Between: PERUMAL, Indian Immigrant, No. 104126/104127, of Briardene, Durban (Plaintiff), and VENKAMMA, Indian Immigrant, No. [illegible], whose present whereabouts are unknown (Defendant).

To VENKAMMA, Indian Immigrant, No. [illegible], the above-named Defendant, whose present whereabouts are unknown.

TAKE NOTICE that a Summons has been issued against you in this Court by PERUMAL, the abovenamed Plaintiff, for a decree of Divorce a vinculo matrimonii against you on the ground of unlawful and malicious desertion, and that an Order has been made that the publication of notice of such summons shall be deemed to be good and sufficient service of the Summons on you. You are required to enter an appearance to the Summons on or before the 5th day of March, 1948, and if you do not do so Judgment may be given against you in your absence.

Dated at Durban this 6th day of February, 1948.

D. M. POVALL,
Clerk of the Court.

(Sgd.) Godfrey & Amin, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 437 Smith St., Durban.

NOTICE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Natal Indian Congress
Ladysmith Branch

Members of the Natal Indian Congress (Ladysmith Branch) are hereby notified that the Annual General Meeting of the above Branch will be held at

The Athlone Theatre
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[illegible] (Sonny Boy), only son of Mr. and Mrs. Perumal Moodley, of [illegible] Place, off [illegible] Road, Durban, and grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Narainsamy Moodley, of Verulam, who celebrated his [illegible] birthday on February [illegible].

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Mr. S. V. GOVENDER, of 7 Crescent [illegible], Hillary, president of the [illegible] Indian Educational Society and [illegible] Hillary United Football Club, is [illegible] to Port Elizabeth. He is [illegible] with Mr. G. D. Naidoo, of [illegible] Street. Mr. Govender was a [illegible] of the first batch of [illegible] who occupied the Gale Street [illegible] on [illegible] Day, June 13, 1946.

MR. G. M. NAICKER, who has been appointed Senior Grade (2) Interpreter at the Magistrate's Court, Estcourt.

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John Shadrach, secretary of the Western Province Non-European Sporting Club, who was in Durban during last week, left for Capetown on Saturday.

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Mr. C. H. Hammond, Seventh Day Adventist Minister of Barberton, is visiting his parents on a short holiday in Durban.

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Mr. V. R. Naidoo, formerly of the staff of the Tongaat Government Indian Boys' Secondary School, has been notified by the University of South Africa that he has passed in the following courses for the B.A.: English II, Sociology II and Psychology I.

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Mr. C. D. Moodley, of Tanjore Villa, 27 [illegible] Avenue, has passed in the following B.A. degree examination courses (external), 1947: History I, Sociology I and Education.

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Mr. L. M. Ramasamy, of Newcastle, has returned home after spending a few days in Durban and districts.

ZORA BEE, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mohamed Essop, of 16 George Street, Maritzburg, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shaikh Ebrahim, of [illegible] Longmarket Street, Maritzburg, and of Mrs. and the late Mr. Shaikh Emam, of 2 Filey Grove, Sea View, Durban, who will celebrate her first birthday today, February 21.

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Miss Kamalin (Mansa) Moodley, of 129 Ninth Avenue, Durban, gained a pass in the Advanced Junior music examination of Trinity College, London, with honours.

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Mr. Rajoo Moodley, of the Hotel Oxford, Rosebank, Johannesburg, returned home after a business trip to Capetown and Kimberley. He will shortly accompany Mr. Peter S. Chetty, also of the Hotel Oxford, to Maritzburg.

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Mr. D. Jumna, B.A., and Mr. S. R. Pillay, B.A., both of the Depot Road Government Indian School, secured second class passes in the University Education Diploma.

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Three members of the Indian Women's Friendly Circle, Miss Theresa Frank, Miss Beryl Pillay and Miss [illegible] Naidoo, celebrated their coming-of-age recently.

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The residence of Mr. and Mrs. [illegible], of Wiggins Road, Mayville, was the scene of one of the largest weddings in the district in recent times when their daughter, [illegible], was married on Sunday last to [illegible], second son of Mr. and Mrs. Ramkissoon Maharaj, of [illegible], Newcastle, and nephew of Mrs. [illegible] Maharaj, of 179 Wiggins Road. Mr. S. [illegible], of the Shri Ramayan Sabha, spoke on the occasion.

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Mr. [illegible], of [illegible], was a recent visitor to Durban. He took the opportunity of visiting friends and relatives on the North and South Coasts.

Above: [illegible] SHASTIDEVI, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. [illegible], of 4 Bengal Alley, Thomas Street, Maritzburg, who fasted from January 30 to February 3, 1948, because of the death of Mahatma Gandhi. On February 3 she performed a Hawan ceremony for Gandhi and [illegible]. Shastidevi is still worried over Gandhi's death.

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Mr. Bobby Govender, of Messrs. Morgan and Co., Maritzburg, has left for Newcastle and Johannesburg on a business and pleasure trip. He will return in a fortnight's time.

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Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Govender and family, of Umzinto, have left for a holiday in the Cape and the Transvaal.

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A luncheon was given in honour of [illegible] Desai, of Port Shepstone, who returned recently after a [illegible] visit to [illegible], Karachi and Tadkeshwar, by Mr. I. E. [illegible], of Port Shepstone.

"CIRCLE-ITE" WEDS

Miss Freda Naidoo, one of the foundation members of the Indian Women's Friendly Circle, was married to Mr. Louis Francis on Saturday, February 7.

The bride, who is a good tennis player, is the head centre-forward of the Circle's hockey team. Members of the Circle's hockey team formed a guard of honour as the bridal retinue left the church.

A beautiful bouquet of roses, together with some kitchen fittings, were presented to the bride by members of the Circle.

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PAKISTAN ASSEMBLY TO MEET

KARACHI: The Constituent Assembly of Pakistan will meet as a Constitution-making body on Tuesday and Wednesday next in the Assembly Chamber at Karachi.

Madhavakrishnan (Kajen), son of Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Mudaliar, of Ladysmith, celebrated his sixth birthday on Sunday, February 15, at the Hindu Thirukootam and Shree Ganesar Temple.

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Mr. and Mrs. T. Augustine, of Estcourt, are spending a short holiday in Durban.

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Mr. A. K. Naidu, of the staff of the St. Oswald's [illegible] Indian School, Newcastle, has been successful in the B.A. examination in the following subjects: Education, Politics I, Sociology I and South African Criminal Law.

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CITY ACROBAT ON UNION TOUR

From Our Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG, Friday.

MASTER GANG, the well-known Maritzburg professional acrobat, has been drawing large crowds at Durban, Maritzburg and the Northern Districts during the past few weeks. Together with his child assistants, [illegible] and Krishna, he has introduced several new acts such as fire eating, balancing and feats of strength.

Young Yusuf, son of the famous magician Professor Ali, appears on the same programme. He has also added to his already wide repertoire of conjuring.

The company has just concluded a highly successful tour of Natal and left on Wednesday for the Transvaal. They will perform in the principal towns on the Rand, after which they will tour the Cape.

Master Gang had performed in Pagel's circus ring a couple of years ago and had, in fact, arranged to join them permanently, but his parents objected as he was too young at the time.

That Mr. Pagel was pleased with the boy's performance is sufficient indication of Gang's ability as an acrobat.

Mr. R. Ramesar, the manager-producer, told "The Leader" that after the Union tour Master Gang will proceed overseas, possibly to England, and then to America.

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ESTCOURT WEDDING

Estcourt: A large number of friends and relatives from all over Natal gathered at Estcourt when Miss M. Lalla was married to Mr. R. [illegible], of [illegible]. The pandal was beautifully decorated and the marriage ceremony was performed by Pundit G. D. Maharaj, of Durban.

Mr. [illegible] Goordeen, of Dannhauser, acted as M.C. The speakers were Mrs. [illegible], of Estcourt, and [illegible], Bhagwandeen, G. [illegible], M. K. Naidu, M. K. Lalla, R. [illegible], P. [illegible], R. Lukhand and several others.

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Our Readers Speak

AND NOW THERE IS ILL-WILL (?)

By Billy Peters

S[illegible] once more a band of people—this time with the label of the N.I.O. on their backs—want to go to India to bring about goodwill between India and Pakistan on the one hand and the Union on the other. This mission has the "approval" of the Prime Minister, General Smuts.

Only recently, if I remember correctly, Mr. S. R. Naidoo, through the medium of your journal, informed [illegible] to send a delegation to India to bring about goodwill between this country and India. He said at the time that there was no ill-will and, therefore, there was no justification for sending a delegation to India.

How can Mr. Naidoo now suddenly allow himself to be appointed a member of the delegation to proceed to India? Do he or his conference seriously believe that the politicians of India or Nehru's ability will [illegible] to bring about goodwill and better relations between the Union Government, the Union of India and the Pakistan Government?

It has been proved by any fellow [illegible] of the past that General Smuts is [illegible] when the door is made open when he interviews the Non-Europeans, and quite a different [illegible] when the discussion door is closed.

It is [illegible] to note that these people who are affected by the anti-Indian legislation, the Ghetto Act, are now parading on the political stage as if they themselves were guilty of a crime and are helping the Government to fight the wrongs. What will the N.I.O. delegation [illegible] of the leaders in India and [illegible] whether their mission is supported by the Indian community? Whether it is supported by the European community? Whether it is supported by Smuts himself, or by "those who have sacrificed," to use Pandit Nehru's words from his statement to the Constituent Assembly on the UNO debate?

In conclusion, if the South African Government were sincere it would have acted by now, but, on the contrary, it wishes to maintain and uphold its policy towards the Indians by sending "representatives" of the Indian community to India to vindicate its standpoint on the Indian question. It is noteworthy that not a single member of the huge delegation [illegible] General Smuts has [illegible] as a general [illegible] the Ghetto Act.

POINTS FROM A LETTER

M. Rajabopdee [illegible] Indians are considered as Union nationals, [illegible] statement made by Mr. H. G. Lawrence, notwithstanding the fact, that they are denied the elementary rights of democracy. If Indians are Union nationals, how does Mr. Lawrence reconcile his statement with the [illegible] of the Indians [illegible] the Natal border into the Transvaal. I think Mr. Lawrence has [illegible] this question.

REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS

Random Observer: Do you think that the publication of your letter will serve any useful purpose? We realise that these prejudices [illegible] but we do not think that they can be eliminated by letters to the Press. Editor, "The Leader."

HINDU FESTIVAL DATES QUERIED

By [illegible] Maharaj

Please allow me some space in your journal to clear the doubts of the general public in connection with the Hindu festival dates and eclipses of 1948.

The calendars [illegible] by Sanathan Dharma Sabha, [illegible] and the Shri Vishnu Temple, [illegible] show only one eclipse of the sun, on May 9, 1948, whereas there are another two, one of the moon on April 23 (visible in India) and one of the sun on November 1 (visible in South Africa).

[illegible] given as February 26, Holi, March 18; [illegible] August 18. These are not correct. The right dates are [illegible] March 9, Holi March 26, and [illegible] August 22, 1948.

"DONATIONS COMPLAINT" COMPLAINTS

By K. R. Govender

R[illegible] of our [illegible] in the administrative work of [illegible], I contend that the complaints are unjustified.

Let me emphasise that the task of the school proprietors does not end when a school has been built and completed. The grantee of the school, who acts as a go-between between the Education Department and the school proprietors, has many obstacles to overcome for the efficient working of the school. His task is not an easy one, especially where finance is concerned.

The Provincial Administration only contributes a building grant of one-third towards the erection of schools. The school site, furniture, equipment and two-thirds of the building costs have to be borne by the community. It does not end there. For instance, when additions are made such as caretakers' quarters, lavatories, kitchens, etc., the Provincial Administration does not finance these projects, so the school proprietors have to raise the necessary funds from the public.

I know from experience that several well-to-do parents are eager to educate their children and when a school is [illegible] for the erection of a school they promise handsome donations but when the time comes for payment they conveniently evade the issue. There are many schools which have been erected years ago which still have mortgage bonds on them and payment of instalments is a pressing problem. In that case the school proprietors have no alternative than to tax the parents of children attending schools to meet the necessary expenditure. Legal opinion has it that it is quite legitimate to compel parents to contribute towards raising funds to provide education for their children and, therefore, [illegible] are voluntary.

BURSARY AWARDS

THE following Indian pupils from Natal schools have been awarded Natal Provincial Administration bursaries. Notifications containing full particulars regarding these awards have been sent to the bursars, parents or guardians. The list is in alphabetical order.

Anthony, Ivan Aurelius.
Appanna, Ambiah.
Barbou, Thaine.
Chinnah, Narainsamy.
Company, Peggy.
David, Bennett.
Dama, Gulabbhai Paragjee.
Ebenezer, Thelma Elizabeth.
Frank, Evelyn.
Goundan, Mottayappa Gangappa.
Govender, Loganathan.
Govender, [illegible]
Govender, [illegible]
Govender, [illegible]
Jugmohan, [illegible]
[illegible]
Lutchmanensy, [illegible] Gopaul.
[illegible]
Naidoo, [illegible]
Naidoo, [illegible]
Naidoo, Hegarty.
Pather, [illegible]
Pillay, [illegible]
Pillay, [illegible]
Pillay, [illegible]
Ramlall, Jayram.
Reddy, [illegible]
Singh, [illegible]
Thomas, Thelma.
Vandeu, Grace Magdalene.
[illegible]

This list does include the "Post Hope" [illegible], which are still to be awarded.

COCKTAIL PARTY FOR A HAJEE

At a reception given to Hajee Moosa [illegible] by the Young Men's Muslim Association at the [illegible] Hall, Port Shepstone, Mr. K. A. Rawat, the chairman, welcomed Hajee Moosa [illegible], a pioneer member of the Indian community.

Hajee M. K. Desai has returned after a [illegible] visit to Mecca, Karachi and his home town, [illegible] in Hindustan.

Hajee M. K. Lockhat, the president, who [illegible] Hajee Desai, said that the Hajee had done a lot for Indian [illegible]. It was through his efforts that a girls' school had been built in Port Shepstone.

The other speakers were Messrs. [illegible] Gangat, M. K. Kara (Gujarati), I. K. Gangat, [illegible].

At a cocktail party given by Hajee M. K. Lockhat, president of the Young Men's Muslim Association, Hajee M. K. Desai, the guest, donated a [illegible] which realised £[illegible]. This amount, together with the £[illegible] collected from the sale of [illegible], presented by Messrs. [illegible], K. Desai, M. K. Lockhat and A. Dawjee, and a pocket book presented by Mr. I. K. Gangat, will be forwarded to the Pakistan Relief Fund.

Messrs. K. A. Rawat and A. K. Rawat made contributions of £5 and £2 respectively to the Pakistan Relief Fund.

NON-EUROPEAN UNITY CONFERENCE

THE sixth unity conference of the Non-European Unity Movement will be held in the [illegible] Town Hall, Capetown on March 27, 28 and 29. In their notice convening the conference the joint secretaries, Mr. [illegible] and Mr. [illegible], state:

"Since the formation of the Non-European Unity Movement there has been a marked change for the better in the attitude of the various sections of the Non-Europeans towards one another. There has been a new outlook and approach to our political problems. The N.E.U.M. has supplied us with a positive direction in our struggle. All the Non-Europeans have learnt to look on the N.R.C. (Native Representative Council), the C.A.C. (Coloured Advisory Council) and the [illegible] Advisory Board as one and the same thing—nothing more than dummy Councils designed to perpetuate our enslavement. Dummy Councils instead of our rightful place in Parliament.

"But we are only at the beginning. We should approach all our problems in the spirit of this new outlook. A grave responsibility rests upon the leaders of the various groups not to let themselves be influenced or stampeded by the rulers. Let the Non-Europeans come together and discuss all their problems in the light of the new outlook."

T.I.O. BRANCH AT NELSPRUIT

Nelspruit: A branch of the Transvaal Indian Organisation has been formed here. All the Indians in Nelspruit were present.

The following officials were elected: President, E. Vawda; vice-presidents, H. S. Patel, Mr. [illegible] and [illegible]; hon. secretary, [illegible]; hon. treasurers, [illegible] and [illegible].

ESTATE AGENTS OBJECT

THE Institute of Natal Indian Real Estate Agents has lodged objections to the Bill entitled "To regulate the [illegible] of the business of estate agents and auctioneers and to provide for matters incidental thereto" introduced into the Senate.

Writing to the Clerk of the Senate, Mr. R. M. Naidoo, the secretary, states:—

"I understand that the Bill is to be referred to a Select Committee, and my Institute is anxious to tender evidence before it. It is requested that my Institute will be given an opportunity to appear before the Select Committee and to place its views before it.

"It is trusted that ample time will be made available for representatives of my Institute to proceed from Durban to Capetown to give evidence before the Select Committee."

HAD MR. A. I. KAJEE BEEN A EUROPEAN, HE

Could Have Got Into the Cabinet

By G. H. CALPIN

THERE were certain characteristics about Abdulla Ismail Kajee which the many appreciations spoken and published have failed to record. In the assessment of a public figure the qualities of the private individual are too often ignored. It is not always true that a man's domestic qualities are the foundation of his public worth. Many of our most famous British statesmen, from Robert Walpole onwards, were men who in their private economy were spendthrifts and shiftless, but who in their public service were exemplars of honesty, thrift and virtue.

There is another worth mentioning which has a bearing on the subject of this article. In the records of men who have attained eminence you will find few who combine success in business and eminence with success in politics. Business men have become politicians, but when they did so they have given up business. They have made money first and gone into politics afterwards, where they have seldom been very successful. The statesmen of the world have risen from the professions, not from commerce.

No estimate of Abdulla Kajee can fail to neglect these two features of his career. I am not prepared, of course, even in my most generous mood, to put him in the same line as the Prime Ministers who have come and gone. But what I am prepared to do, even in my most critical moments, is to assert that had he been placed in the proper environment he could have risen to prominence as a statesman. Indeed, had he been a European in South Africa, his qualities might have taken him into the Cabinet.

What I want to bring out about him is the extraordinary way in which he combined business and politics from the very beginning of his career. He was a politician in a small way at 25. At the same time he was a business man in a small way at 25. And from 25 to 50 he was both business man and politician, was never far from either every day, as witness the number of people who dined and slept at Hyde Avenue and who passed through 37 Albert Street. I think it needs to be said in a country and in a community which delights in questioning the motives of men that Abdulla Ismail Kajee made no money in the black markets of the war. I hate to have to put this in an article, but it deserves to be recorded where malicious tongues are legion.

The real Kajee does not appear in public record. I doubt whether any man could listen to a story of distress or give to the fellow such a large sympathy as could he. Public charity is one thing, a virtue that appeals to all men, and one that all of us should cultivate who have the means. But private charity is another which enriches the world. Of this Kajee had abundance. Inside his office he was the business man making a deal with other business men and with his employees. But of it an open-hearted generosity accompanied all his movements. Quite apart from the donations to this, that and the other good cause, scores of people, young and old, have reason to be grateful for help in adversity and in career; an odd ten pounds or five pounds, handed out without request; the payment of a doctor's bill or hospital expenses; unobtrusive gifts from a mind and heart large enough to embrace the frailties of his fellow men. Time and again I have seen Abdulla put his hand into his pocket in this way for school fees, for clothes, for rent, for the [illegible] gifts on persons which the poor and needy look upon as major demands on their meagre earnings.

He left a lot of money, considering he had nothing 25 years ago. Before he died, a few days previous to his departure on his last journey to Capetown, he was dictating some changes in his will. He was not allowed to finish his dictation or sign what he had dictated, but his personal instructions are known to his successors. They, I am persuaded, will carry out his wishes and will raise to his memory the acts which he himself would have performed. It is a trust that devolves upon them, even as his example devolves upon all of us who were proud to be counted his friends.

EXPEDITION TO TIBET

The Leader Special Service.

New Delhi: A Danish expedition which during the next six years will explore [illegible], Afghanistan, Tibet and Central Asia for historical and scientific material, has arrived in India.

The party consists of four scholars of Denmark, and is led by Dr. Henning Haslund-Christensen, well known ethnologist and Director of the Asian section of the Royal National Museum, Copenhagen.

The other members are Dr. Knud Johan Paludan, zoologist, Dr. Johann Lorentz Lennart Edelberg, botanist, and Dr. Hans Sliger, historiographer of religion.

T.I.O. BRANCH AT BARBERTON

Barberton: A branch of the Transvaal Indian Organisation was formed at Barberton at a meeting of the Indian community held here. The following were elected officials: President, V. Sebastian; vice-presidents, James Peter; H. Bhula, M. H. Rana and A. Vawda; hon. secretaries, Robert Sebastian and Sony Moolar.

Two other branches were formed at Komatipoort and White River. At Komatipoort Mr. M. E. Kazi is the president, and Mr. Suliman Vawda secretary, while at White River Mr. A. H. Gardee is president, with Mr. Essop Gardee secretary.

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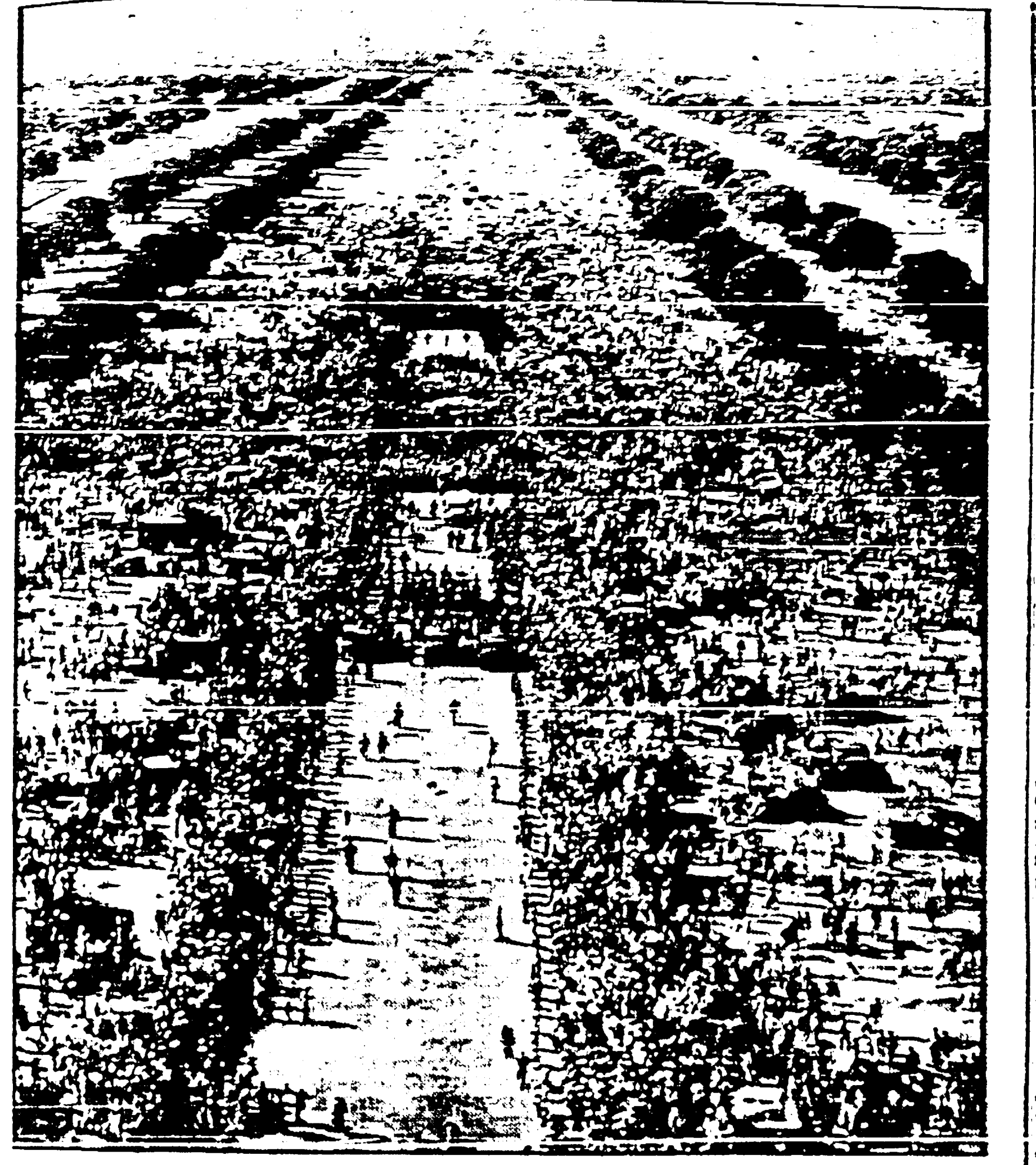

The picture shows another section (see page one) of the funeral procession of Gandhiji from Birla House to the banks of the Jumna.

The Most Precious Treasure India Possessed

THE following resolution of the Government of India refer- ng to the death of Mahatma andhi was published in a [illegible] a few days after the assassination.

"Sudden and overwhelming ragedy has befallen India and e world. On the 30th January, ently after 5 p.m., the foul hand an assassin ended a life of preme value to humanity, a life and which had revolved India's estiny for half a century. ahatma Gandhi, Father of the ation and beloved of his people, [illegible] of non-violence, saint and [illegible] of peace, great soldier for [illegible], and lover above all, of e lowly, the humble and the ppressed, perished while on his ay to prayer to which his fellow- ountrymen flocked every evening listen to his message. The ning sun set in mourning over nation's tragedy.

LAST GREAT ACT

"The last great act of Gandhiji [illegible] his decision to sacrifice his [illegible] to bring about peace and [illegible] among the people of dia. On Sunday, January 18, he minated his fast, on a solemn [illegible] taken on behalf of e people, and India heaved a [illegible] of relief.

"This life of intense and continu- ur service to India and human- y has ended now in death which also been a fulfilment of that of service, but it now remains the Government and the people India to fulfil that pledge in [illegible] and spirit.

"The greatest and noblest of [illegible] has passed away and world mourns him and pays [illegible] to his mighty achieve- nts and the splendour of his [illegible]. Overwhelmed by sorrow, Government of India still think pride and thankfulness of great leader, who has been inspiration to hundreds of [illegible] of people and has taught the path of high endeavour right action. In death as in he was smiling, serene, and of love for all, the very embodiment of his message of truth and ahimsa. His life was one long struggle for justice and tolerance between man and man.

REVERENT HOMAGE

"The Government of India, in paying reverent homage to the glorious memory of Mahatma Gandhi, declare their determination to strive to the utmost to fulfil his great message. To him the call of duty was paramount and duty demands of the Indian people today courage, vision and faith, and the pursuit of truth and the practice of tolerance. They urge upon their countrymen to remember, even in this hour of national bereavement, this duty and to face the future with stout hearts and steady gaze. They must assist the Government to fight the dark forces of evil and violence that are at work in our midst and that have succeeded in putting an end to the most precious treasure that India possessed. But even this act has only heightened the splendour of his spirit which shines today and will always shine upon the Indian people and on humanity. As in life, so now, that great spirit will guard and guide India which he loved so passionately and served so unceasingly and with such devotion. India and India's message were embodied in his own magnificent self. Let us therefore be true to Gandhiji and to India and strive our utmost to realise the India of his dreams."

DIFFICULT TO FILL VACUUM —Jinnah

The Leader Special Service.

KARACHI: Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah, Governor-General of Pakistan, issued the following statement on hearing the news of Mr. Gandhi's death:

"I was shocked to learn of the most dastardly attack on the life of Mr. Gandhi, resulting in his death. There can be no controversy before death. Whatever our political differences, he was one of the greatest men produced by the Hindu community, and a leader who commanded their universal confidence and respect.

"I wish to express my deep sorrow and sincerely sympathise with the great Hindu community and his family on this bereavement at this momentous, historical and critical juncture so soon after the birth of freedom for Hindustan and Pakistan.

"The loss to the Dominion of India is irreparable, and it will be very difficult to fill the vacuum created by the passing away of such a great man at this moment."

PAKISTAN'S RESPECTS

KARACHI: All offices under the Government of Pakistan were closed on Saturday, January 31, 1948, as a mark of respect to the memory of Mr. Gandhi.

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INDIAN BROADCAST SESSION RESIGNATION

Advisory Board: "Useless And Farcical"

BECAUSE not a single one of the numerous suggestions put forward by the Advisory Board and the Audition Committee during the past two years was accepted by the South African Broadcasting Corporation, Mr. A. C. Meer, a member of the original advisory committee on the Indian session has resigned from the Audition Committee of the Indian sessions. In a letter to the Regional Director of the South African Broadcasting Corporation, Mr. Meer states: "In such circumstances the appointment of an Advisory Board and the Audition Committee seem not only useless but absolutely farcical." It is expected that other resignations will follow.

"IT is with a deep sense of regret that I am formally tendering my resignation from the Audition Committee of the Indian Programmes," writes Mr. A. C. Meer, the Regional Director of the South African Broadcasting Corporation.

Explaining his resignation, Mr. Meer states:—

"In taking this step, I feel that an explanation is due to the S.A.B.C. as to why I am resigning from the Committee on which I had served voluntarily for the past two years.

"In the first place, I accepted to serve on the Committee on the understanding that useful changes were about to be made in the Indian sessions and that it was the sincere desire of the S.A.B.C. to find ways and means of providing good and extended programmes for the thousands of Indian listeners in South Africa, who were justifiably dissatisfied with the quality and the quantity of the programmes presented in the Indian sessions.

Main Object

"This was the main object of nominating an Advisory Board and the Audition Committee, but my experience in the past two years has proved to me without the slightest doubt that the Advisory Board and the Audition Committee were nothing more or less than the convenient instruments designed by the authorities to silence the criticisms of Indian listeners, by replying that the Advisory Board and the Audition Committee were responsible for everything connected with the Indian programmes. Such, as you know, is NOT the case.

"I persevered, however, and continued to serve on the Committee up till now, desperately hoping that things might change and that more consideration would be given to the needs of the Indian listeners, but I see no such change taking place and I can visualise no prospects of any improvement in the future by the manner in which matters are being conducted.

Disregarded

"The members of both the Advisory Board and the Audition Committee are rendering honorary service to the S.A.B.C., and as such they cannot be said to have a motive or gain or profit. They are sacrificing their time and pleasure [illegible] people, but when their service is hampered at every turn and the very advice which the Advisory Board and the Audition Committee are formed to give is disregarded as a matter of policy, the usefulness of these bodies are nullified and can serve no purpose other than providing a handy excuse for the authorities to carry on the same lines which have continued to merit condemnation from the long suffering public. In fact, in my opinion, the Indian session served just as well, if not better without the Advisory Board and Audition Committee when Mr. [illegible] Singh was in sole charge of the programmes.

"I, therefore, feel that rather than waste time and energy in serving on a hopelessly fettered and useless Committee, I should tender my resignation, and have at least the satisfaction of knowing that if I cannot render any useful service, I have not continued to allow myself to serve on a Committee which is serving no useful purpose, either to the S.A.B.C. or to the Indian community," points out Mr. Meer.

"HONOURABLE AND DISHONOURABLE": THE DIFFERENCE

At a meeting of the [illegible] Branch of the Natal Indian Congress, 150 people voted for Congress policy and 11 for the N.I.O. policy.

Dr. A. H. Sader, of Ladysmith, said that the only militant leadership like that of the Natal Indian Congress would bring freedom to the Indian people in South Africa.

Replying to the question as to what he meant by "honourable and dishonourable compromise," Dr. Sader said: "The Natal Indian Congress at the moment are demanding a Round Table Conference based on the U.N. resolution of 1946. Such a discussion would be considered honourable, whereas a Round Table Conference based on the discussions of [illegible] would be considered dishonourable."

The Natal Indian Organisation spokesmen, Messrs. M. K. Hanna, M. I. Kajee and S. Rughunandan, maintained that the policy pursued by the Natal Indian Organisation was correct.

The following officials were elected:

Chairman, Mr. K. [illegible]; vice-chairman, Mr. N. K. [illegible]; secretary, Mr. J. K. Naidoo; treasurer, Mr. Juggan Harry; committee, Messrs. S. K. Naidoo, Kilbarnath Singh, Ramgopaul Nair, K. [illegible], [illegible], Jusuf Bhula, B. Turrie.

Plans for the development of the salt industry are being completed by the Government of India. The main sources of production in the country are in Sambhar Lake, Bombay and Madras. At all these places steps have been taken to step up production. A committee of technical experts is being set up to formulate a long-term scheme.

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But one thing never changes;
The memories of the happy days,
When we were all together.

Ever remembered by his loving wife and children, Bonnie, Nancy, Neela and Rose, [illegible] Ally's Road, Isipingo.

THANKS

Mrs. S. Ojageer and family, of 32 Jameson Avenue, Mayville, thank all friends and relatives for their kind messages of sympathy and the beautiful floral tributes sent in their recent sad bereavement.

Mr. R. P. Sing and Brothers, of [illegible], sincerely thank all friends and relatives for their kind messages of sympathy and the beautiful floral tributes sent in their recent sad bereavement.

The officials of the Ramakrishna Centre, P.O. Box 2, Sea View, Durban, wish to thank all friends and sympathisers who kindly responded to their recent appeal.

Mr. Toomey Agambram Pillay and Mr. and Mrs. A. Vadival Pillay, of 22 Shortt Lane, Mayville, Durban, wish to thank relatives and friends for their kind messages of sympathy and beautiful floral tributes sent in their recent sad bereavement. Special thanks to Mrs. Rookmany Naidoo.

APPRECIATION

Mr. and Mrs. V. Goorah, of 5 Fitzsimmons Street, Pietermaritzburg, thank all friends and relatives who responded to their invitation on the occasion of the coming of age celebration of their only son, Parkree (Nessie). Special thanks to Mr. J. Ramlucan.

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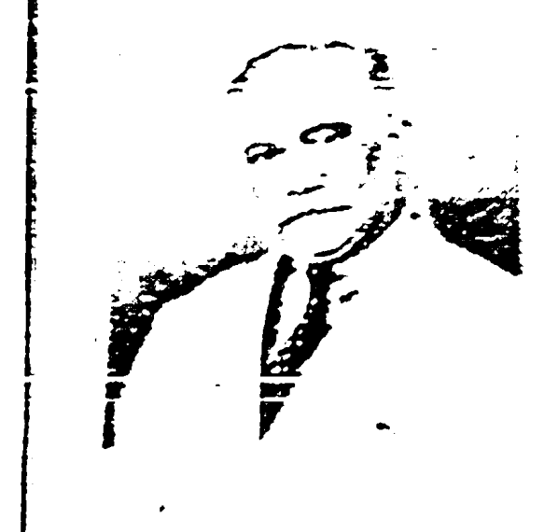

B. SINGH: In loving memory of our dear father, who was called away on the 15th February, 1947.

One we loved with our hearts,
Dear to the grave where our beloved father is laid,
Not one we missed so dear,
As we tended you with loving care,
Memories that will never fade,
The happy days when we were all together,
Dear you never failed to do your best,
But God has given you eternal rest.

Always remembered by his loving children and family, 240 Bellair Road, Mayville, Durban.

GOPAL REDDY: In loving memory of my beloved son, Gopal Reddy, who passed away suddenly on February 18th, 1946, at the age of thirty-four years.

Two years today we laid him to rest.
One whom we loved ever so [illegible],
Time has changed in many ways,
But one thing changes never,
Our memories of the happy days,
When we were all together.

Ever remembered by his sorrowing parents, Mr. and Mrs. Moonsamy Reddy, and family, 42 Derwent Road, Wentworth. Inserted by Mr. and Mrs. J. Naicker.

DEVAKI: In loving memory of our darling daughter, Devaki (Baby), who passed away so suddenly on 19th February, 1946.

Two years have passed, how long it seems,
But in our hearts her face still beams.
We who loved her only know,
How much we lost two years ago.

Sadly missed by her mother, father, sisters, brothers and family. Inserted by Toomey [illegible], 32 Thomas Street, Pietermaritzburg.

DEVAKI: In loving memory of our beloved one, who was called to rest on 19th February, 1946.

A beautiful memory dearer than gold,
A sister whose worth can never be told.

Longed for and loved always by sister Dularee, brother-in-law Michael Kallu, and nephews Vijay and [illegible], of [illegible].

The Leader

12 Pine Street, Box 1862, Durban.
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SATURDAY, FEB. 21, 1948.

Unnecessary Step

THE proposal of the Natal Indian Organisation to send a deputation to India has no popular support from the Indian people, for it is, in many ways, both an unnecessary and an unwise step. Despite the arguments raised and put forward by those who have sat upon the idea of going to India with a deputation to do some "convincing," there is no very good reason for any Indian deputation to go to India. The Natal Indian Organisation has been particularly pleased with the result of its interview with the Prime Minister, and is now going all out to send a deputation to India with the "approval" of the Prime Minister.

The deputation has come back with the information that the Prime Minister will not insist on the reopening of the High Commissioner and the withdrawal of the economic sanctions as pre-requisites to any conference. It appears that the Premier has changed his attitude after the failure of the United Nations to endorse its decision of the previous year.

If that is the case, then the course before General Smuts is a simple and straightforward one. All he has to do is to inform Pandit Nehru and the Indian Government of his attitude and the new terms on which he is prepared to meet the Indian Government. Immediately after the 1946 resolution of the United Nations, Pandit Nehru declared that he would not stand on prestige in order to solve the problem. He made that statement in the Indian Assembly, and despite the fact that General Smuts had repeated time and again that he would not hold a round table conference between India and the Union with the censure of the United Nations hanging over the Union, Pandit Nehru, who must have known that he would receive a rebuff and who, in any case was not the erring party, approached the South African Prime Minister. General Smuts replied that he would not discuss the matter in terms of the UN resolution.

Smuts was arrogant and adamant, despite the fact that a world tribunal had found the Union Government at fault. He rebuffed Nehru, who, following his statement that he would not stand on prestige, had approached the Prime Minister of South Africa when the duty devolved on the latter to make the approach. India had not been the cause of the trouble. At that time General Smuts was not prepared to hold a round table conference, as directed by the United Nations, and with the absence of the High Commissioner and the continuation of the economic sanctions.

If then the Prime Minister has changed his mind today, then it is only for him to inform Pandit Nehru that he is keen on solving the dispute and that he will not insist on the reopening of the High Commissioner or the withdrawal of the sanctions. The channels through which he can do this are still open. The Indian High Commissioner's office is by no means closed in this country. If General Smuts feels that it is too proper for him as head of the State to communicate with an official, then certainly his secretary or his Minister of the Interior, within whose purview the problem falls, can make the approach. Pandit Nehru said he did not stand on prestige and acted by his words. Certainly, if the head of one State is generous enough not to stand on dignity, then General Smuts, if he is sincere—and the N.I.O. is convinced that he is—can make the approach to Nehru.

There is, further, as far as we have been able to ascertain, no difference of opinion between the Congress and the Organisation on a round table conference without prejudice to the standpoint of any of the Governments concerned and covering every aspect of Indian life in this country. Under the circumstances then, we do not see why anybody should go to India to do some "convincing." It is the European opinion of this country that would be converted. As far as Pandit Nehru is concerned, the Natal Indian Congress can inform him that they are agreeable to the kind of conference proposed. The important thing is to reach unanimity on the subject right here among our

Indian Art Show in London

A RICH collection of rare, valuable relics and works of art from India are now on show at the Indian Art Exhibition, which opened at the Royal Academy, London, recently.

All the phases and facets of art from ancient times to the present day are on view. The stress, however, is on sculpture, in which India has excelled herself.

Described as the greatest art exhibition ever to leave India, the collection is valued at between £4,000,000 and £5,000,000.

The exhibits, which include many priceless art treasures, show some of the finest achievements of Indian sculpture, painting, textiles, illuminated manuscripts, terracotta, metalwork and jewellery. These have come not only from the museums and collections of India and Pakistan, but have also been gathered from the States and from Amsterdam, Paris, London, Oxford, Cambridge and New York.

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5,000-YEAR-OLD RELICS

Finds from the ancient city states of the Indus Valley, believed to have flourished during 3,000 B.C., include some remarkable terracottas, seals and statues never before seen in the West. There is a toy climbing monkey which must have delighted some child of about 4,000 years ago. Among the adornments for women is a girdle of long carnelian beads, also about 4,000 years old, according to the experts.

A Bronze bull capital of the Rampurva pillar, which is truly magnificent, represents the earliest Indian sculpture of historic times, and another example of art under the Mauryan dynasty is the large Yakshi statue from Patna.

The Buddhist sculptures are a study in themselves. This gallery includes several of the finest Buddhas in Indian sculpture.

Very impressive is the more than life size figure of Buddha in bronze from Bengal and belonging to the first half of the 5th century. This is on loan from Birmingham museum. From Karachi comes a most attractive Brahma [illegible] inlaid with copper.

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WALL PAINTINGS OF AJANTA

The Madras museum has sent two of the most famous "Dancing Siva" images, and these are displayed along with one from Amsterdam, just as well known.

The famous wall paintings in the Ajanta Caves of the Gupta period, 1,500 years ago, have been represented by enlarged photographs, but mediaeval planning is nicely summed up with illuminated manuscripts on palm leaves. There are also some of the earliest paintings on paper from Western India (Gujerat), dating from the 15th century.

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INDIA'S LOVELY EMBASSY"

Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, Chairman of the Indian Committee of the London exhibition in a cable to Mr. Leigh Ashton, Director of the Exhibition of Indian Art, Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, London said:

"As chairman of the Indian Committee of the great exhibition in London, I send my greetings and welcome to all those who, in their thousands, will look perhaps for the first time on the full range and splendour of India's art as interpreted in noble form and radiant colour through the centuries. Never, since Emperor Asoka in 235 B.C. sent his son and daughter on a pious mission to preach the beautiful doctrine of the Buddha, has an embassy more lovely or significant crossed our frontiers than this rich collection which we so lovingly and laboriously gathered from every province to carry India's ancient message to the modern world.

"May the world come to understand, accept and acclaim the eloquent and enduring testimony to the genius of India revealed by her painters and sculptors in works of imperishable art."

Mr. Noel-Baker, Secretary of State for the Commonwealth Relations, addressing a gathering in London, praised the Government of India and "that great lady," Mrs. Sarojini Naidu and her Exhibition Committee for their magnificent work.

Here are some of the opinions expressed by the visitors to the Show:—

A connoisseur of the fine arts: "We shall never see anything so wonderful again. It is a sheer joy to anyone who loves Indian art."

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"A WONDERFUL LESSON"

A woman school teacher: "The exhibition is powerfully emotional. Children ought to be brought here. It is a wonderful lesson in the endlessness of the universe. It lifts you right out of modern London and makes you think of 5,000 years ago."

A workman: "We are always talking about British civilisation and how old it is, but what a flea age of ours compared with the age of this."

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"VERY EXCELLENT WORK"

An art critic commenting on the work of modern artists exhibited, characterises the [illegible] pictures as "very excellent work." He calls the first four items "quiet, harmonious and [illegible] fully-drawn little watercolours [illegible] good book-illustration style. These are "Chitra" by K. N. Mazumdar, "Summer" and "Abhisarika" by A. N. Tagore and "Yudhisthir" by Nandalal Bose.

"In the same school is Rahman Chughtai's "Glimpse of Spring," showing a strong Moghul influence, and this type of painting seems to me truly Indian."

The critic goes on to examine K. M. Dhar's "Eternal Tree" and S. Gahu's "Milk-Maid." The latter, he describes as the "best designed pencil drawing" he has ever seen.

The critic adds: "Freedom of Childhood" by M. T. Pandya is interesting as being definitely Japanese in drawing and composition, though typically modern Indian in its deep, quiet colouring.

"Perhaps I should also mention the strange painting by Dr. Homi J. Bhabha (well known Indian scientist) based on a theme of Monnet. In execution, it is of Royal Academy standard.

"The last number in the exhibition is "Expectancy" by B. C. Gain. It is a very fine picture, full of sensitivity and appeal."

PROFILE

DR. SYED HOSSAIN

The Leader Special Service.

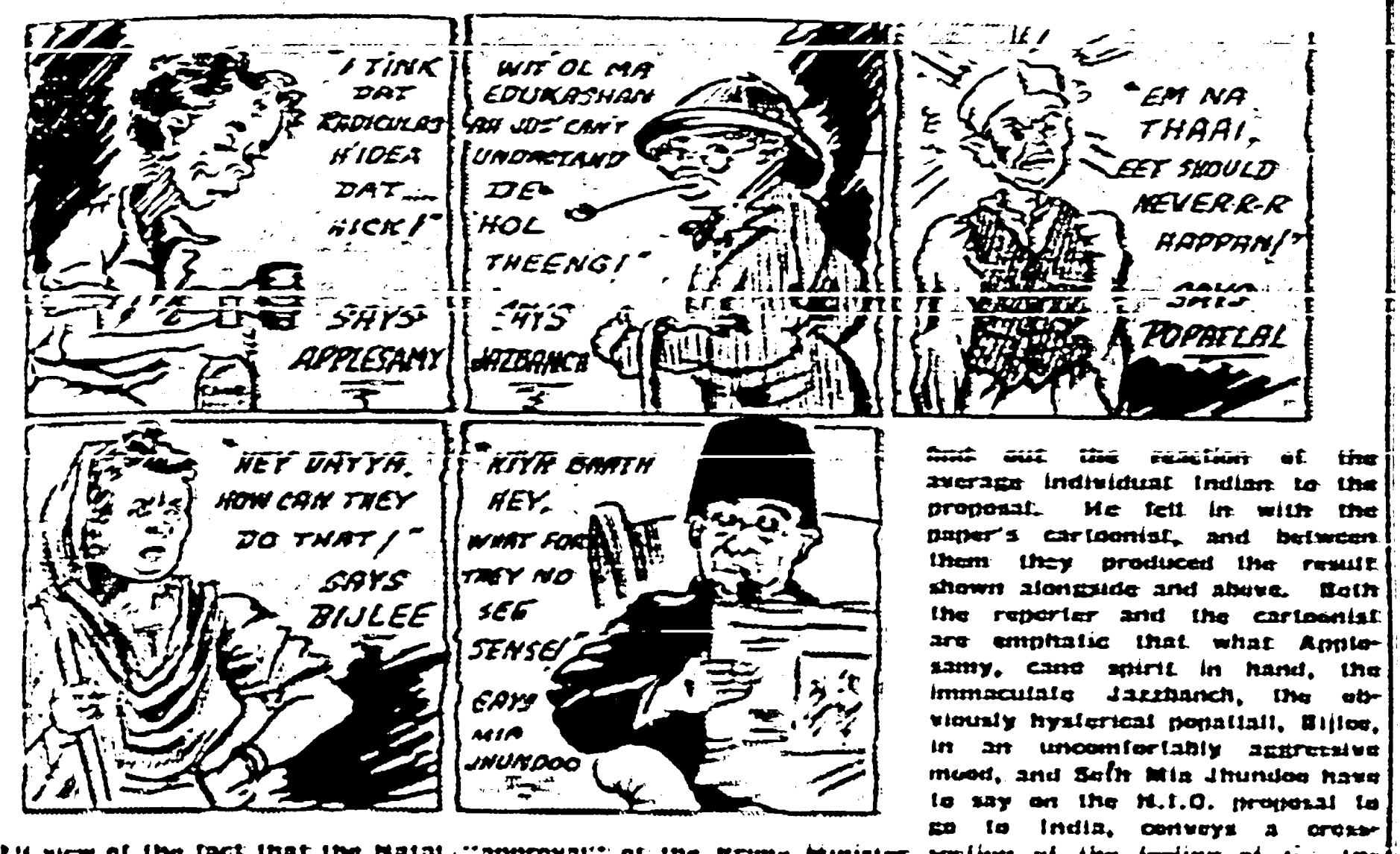
NEW DELHI.—Dr. Syed Hossain, who has been appointed His Majesty's Ambassador for India at Cairo is a well known publicist and journalist and at one time editor of the English Daily "Independent," founded by the late Pandit Motilal Nehru.

Dr. Hossain went to the U.S.A. about 20 years ago and remained there until recently when he returned to India.

In America, Dr. Hossain interested himself in the cause of Indian nationalism. He is one of the founder-members of "[illegible]," an organisation to promote international understanding.

Dr. Hossain is a fluent and forceful speaker. He has been a member of the [illegible] Brains Trust.

HOW THEY REACTED


"I TINK DAT RADICULAS H'IDEA DAT... HICK!" SAYS APPLESAMY
"WIT OL MA EDUKASHAN AH JUS' CAN'T UNDASTAND DE HOL THEENG!" SAYS JAZBANCH
"EM NA THAAI, EET SHOULD NEVERR-R HAPPAN!" SAYS POPATLAL
"HEY DAYYA, HOW CAN THEY DO THAT!" SAYS BIJLEE
"KIYA BAATH HEY, WHAT FOR THEY NO SEE SENSE!" SAYS MIA JHUNDOO

In view of the fact that the Natal Indian Organisation is very keen on sending a deputation to India and Pakistan with the "approval" of the Prime Minister to bring about "goodwill" between these countries and the Union, a "Leader" reporter was asked to find out the reaction of the average individual Indian to the proposal. He fell in with the paper's cartoonist, and between them they produced the result shown alongside and above. Both the reporter and the cartoonist are emphatic that what Applesamy, cane spirit in hand, the immaculate Jazzbanch, the obviously hysterical popatlall, Bijlee, in an uncomfortably aggressive mood, and Seth Mia Jhundoo have to say on the N.I.O. proposal to go to India, conveys a cross-section of the feeling of the Indian people on this subject. The Indian people do not want any deputations to India and Pakistan.

Leaders Agreed on R.T. Talks: Not on Visit to India

THERE is hardly any difference of opinion about the Round Table Conference "without prejudice to the standpoint" of either the Governments of India and Pakistan on the one hand and the Union on the other. All Indian political leaders feel that good can come out of any Round Table Conference which will examine all aspects of the Indian question in South Africa—the emphasis being on "all." There is, however, a great deal of difference on the proposal of the Natal Indian Organisation to send a delegation to "convince" the Governments of India and Pakistan. In fact, with the exception of the top-ranking N.I.O. officials directly involved in the proposal the delegation idea has no support.

A NUMBER of Indian people interviewed in Durban declared that they could not see the point in an Indian deputation going to India. If the Prime Minister was so keen on having India know that he had changed his view point, then he should contact Pandit Nehru through the usual diplomatic channels. The High Commissioner's office was open for this.

On the other hand, top-flight members of the Natal Indian Organisation were keen that a deputation should go to India. They are convinced that only by going to India can the Indian people of South Africa help break the deadlock between the two Governments.

Mr. A. S. Kajee, the president of the Natal Indian Organisation, said that he was satisfied that the Prime Minister was sincere about a round table conference, and it was now left to the Indian community to play its part.

Community Must Realise

"The Indian community must realise that the time now has arrived when the problem requires very careful and delicate handling. While there are extremists on the Indian side, there are equally extreme elements among the Europeans, but it now behoves all Indians not to allow such elements to injure the cause at this stage.

"Open breaches of the law and agitation of Communists and [illegible] ideologies are not conducive to the best interest of the Indian people and are calculated to do harm.

A conference is to take place on the 13th and 14th March, 1948. From the trend of events Mr. Kajee is satisfied that the results will be fruitful.

"The Union Government have at last been persuaded to take the only available path for the satisfactory solution of the Indian question," Mr. A. M. Moolla said in an interview.

"They have expressed their willingness to have a round table conference with the Governments of Hindustan and Pakistan without prejudice to the standpoint hitherto taken by these Governments, to initiate discussion on all aspects of Indian life in South Africa.

"All Indians are agreed that such a conference is the best way out of the deadlock. To this point then it is a good achievement.

"It now remains for the Indian people to do their part towards the early holding of the round table conference, and to this end it is expected of them to:—

"(a) Create the necessary conditions with the Governments of Hindustan and Pakistan for the acceptance of the offer when it is officially conveyed to them by the Union Government.

"(b) Internally abandon all activity which is likely to react against the endeavours for an attitude of goodwill and friendship between the two peoples prior to and during the session of the conference."

Mr. J. W. Godfrey said: Field Marshal Smuts has agreed to a round table conference with Hindustan and Pakistan and is prepared to discuss the South African Indian question in all its aspects.

This, in short, is the result of the discussion the representatives of the Natal Indian Organisation had with General Smuts.

"This round table conference is to be without prejudice to the views hitherto held by any of the parties. This being so, I feel that it is our clear duty to endeavour to do our utmost to meet and fully and frankly and dispassionately examine every avenue to improve our position in this country.

"We fear nothing, as I honestly believe we can fairly reply to all adverse criticism and can put up a first class case to justify the claims we make to be recognised as full Union Nationals, sharing in its benefits and responsibilities.

"Much good will flow from the round table conference if it comes about. As far as I am able to judge, all Indian leaders in South Africa are agreed on this point."

Mr. J. N. Singh, of the Natal Indian Congress, was frankly sceptical about the Prime Minister's assurances and his sincerity.

"If the Premier is as sincere as it is being made out by officials of the N.I.O., then why does he not approach Pandit Nehru? After all he has said that he will not stand on prestige. Under the circumstances, however, one wonders why does General Smuts not issue an official invitation to India."

The Government of India and the Indian people of South Africa had indicated their willingness for a round table conference long before the Ghetto Act had been placed on the Statute Book.

Referring to the N.I.O. proposal to send a delegation to India, Mr. Singh said:

"It is not for us or anybody else at this stage to convince the Indian Government to indicate their willingness to accept General Smuts's offer of a round table conference. Both the Governments of India and Pakistan will not turn down any honourable attempt to settle this long standing dispute."

A Grim Reminder Of Forces of Hate

The following resolution of the Government of India is published in a Gazette of India Extraordinary issued three days after Mahatma Gandhi's assassination:—

The manner of Mahatma Gandhi's death is a grim and urgent reminder of the forces of hate and violence that are at work in our country and which imperil the freedom of the nation and darken her fair name. These forces must be swiftly controlled and rooted out. Only thus can India proceed along her appointed path and fulfil her destiny. Success in this endeavour demands the willing help of her people. The Government have no doubt that the great majority of the Indian people demand that this action be taken and this duty performed. The Government will, therefore, act with determination and justice, and they trust that the people, while offering their cooperation, will not take the law in their own hands.

NO PLACE IN INDIA

There is no place today in India for any organisation preaching violence or communal hatred. No such organisation will, therefore, be tolerated. No private armies will be permitted.

The Government call upon all citizens, and particularly those serving Government in any capacity, to abide by these standards of behaviour and to act strictly in accordance with the declared policy of the Government in this respect.

Tenure Act Breaches Condoned

THE Union Government has condoned 2,000 Europeans and 34 Asiatics who have contravened the Ghetto Act. This statement was made by the Minister of the Interior in the House of Assembly during the week.

The Minister said:—

"My attention has been drawn to cases in which Europeans and Indians in Durban are alleged to have contravened the provisions of Proclamation 157 of 1946 in terms of Section 6 of Subsection 4 of the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Act of 1946," said the Minister.

"The numbers involved are approximately 2,000 Europeans and 34 Indians."

Explaining the Act, the Minister said that the fixed date affecting the land tenure provisions of the Act in Natal was January 21, 1946. Section 6 of the Land Tenure Act laid down the circumstances under which buildings completed or erected or extended or re-erected after the fixed date could be occupied.

"It is provided in the Act, subject to certain provisions, that a person other than a body corporate, whether he is an Asiatic or not, who owned his land on the fixed date, can build on that land and occupy the building without any permit. In other words, the racial ownership of the land at a fixed date generally determines the race of the occupant.

"But Section 6 goes further. At the time the measure was before the House it was declared that the provisions left a loophole. It was deemed that the status quo should be maintained and anyone who owned his land at that date should be allowed to build a house for himself and occupy it without further trouble."

Two thousand Europeans and 34 Indians had built on vacant land owned by them and occupied these properties without permits. They had contravened the Ghetto Act, but up to the date of his statement, Tuesday, February 17, the Minister would condone all such contraventions.

Delegation Reports

THE deputation of the Natal Indian Organisation which interviewed the Prime Minister recently, reported to a meeting of the Provincial Committee of the Organisation, on Sunday last.

The Provincial Committee, in giving its full support to the representations made by the delegation, welcomed the assurances given by General Smuts that he was anxious to settle the dispute between the Union Government and the Union of India and Pakistan Governments, and was agreeable to a Round Table Conference between the three Governments, without prejudice to the standpoints of each Government, and that such a Conference would be entrusted to enquire into all aspects of the Indian question in South Africa.

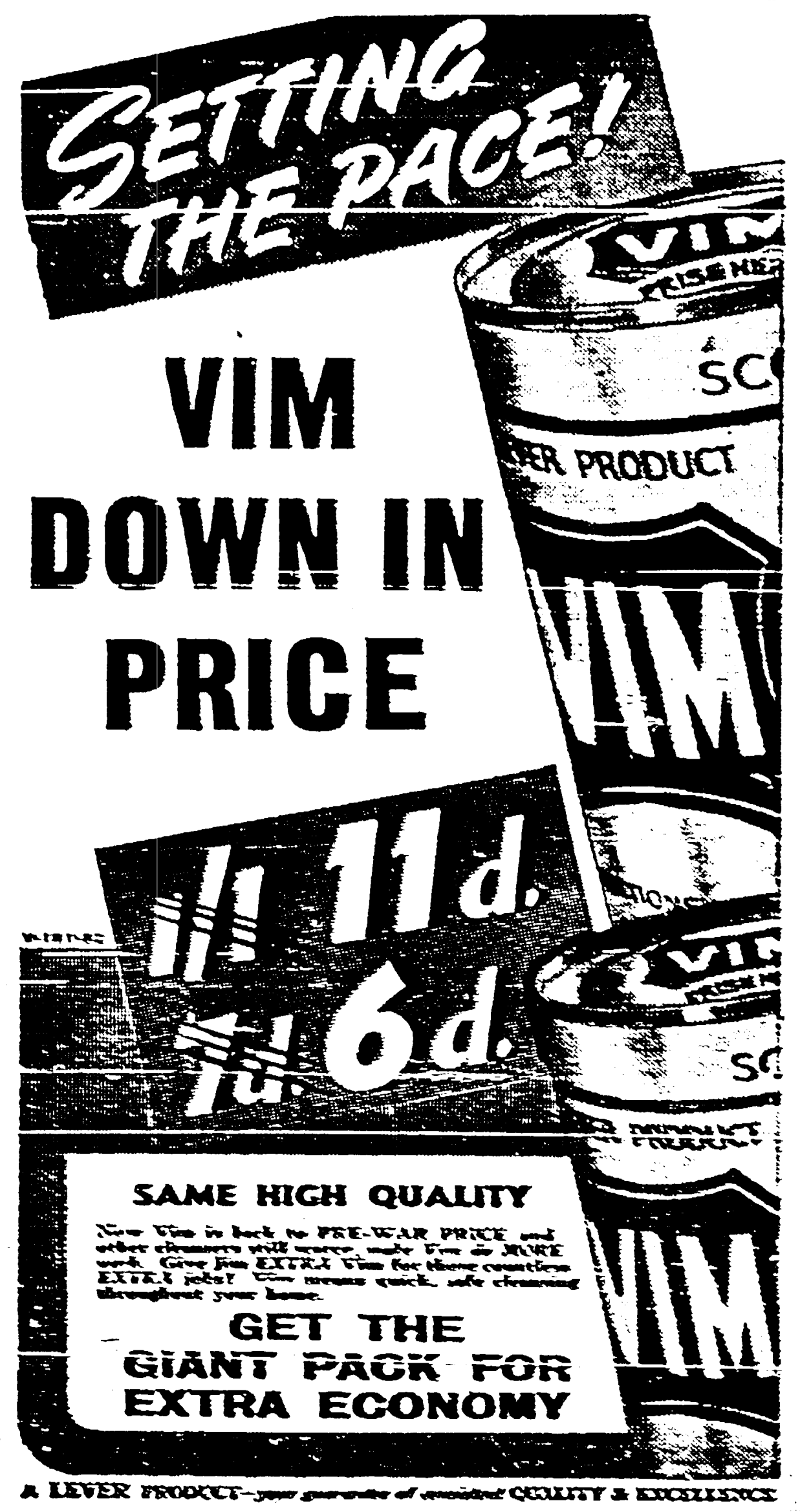
The Committee appreciated the attitude of the Prime Minister in not insisting upon the reopening of the Indian High Commissioner for India and the withdrawal of trade sanctions imposed on South Africa by India as a prerequisite to the holding of a Round Table Conference.

The Committee of the Natal Indian Organisation has decided to convene a South African Indian conference, composed of representatives of the Natal Indian Organisation, Transvaal Indian Organisation and the Cape Province.

The Cape delegation will be headed by Councillor Ahmed Ismail. The Conference will be held on March 13 and 14, 1948, at Durban.

Women of India

A [illegible] girl (Central India) with her jewels



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N.U.C. Principal Doubts Value of Race Contact

"Feeling Against It in S.A."

CAPE TOWN, Monday.

GIVING evidence before the Select Committee on the University of Natal (Private) Bill the Principal of the Natal University College, Dr. E. G. Malherbe, declared: "It is open to serious doubt whether the fact that European and Non-European students jostle one another in the corridors and on the stairs and sit next to one another in the same classes does, in the long run, work for better understanding between the two races."

Dr. Malherbe was giving evidence in support of his proposal to establish a three-point University of Natal. A Non-European University College will be one of the constituent bodies of this University. The Non-Europeans are opposed to this separation, but it is quite clear now the Non-European College will come into being.

THE policy of the Natal University College on the question of provision for Non-Europeans was "a plan which avoids most of the weaknesses of the 'mixed' university on the one hand, of the completely segregated 'separate' university on the other," said the Principal of the Natal University College, Dr. E. G. Malherbe, giving evidence before the Select Committee on the University of Natal (Private) Bill.

Dr. Malherbe said that in view of the fact that the Natal University College's experiment of handling the higher education of Non-Europeans was somewhat unique, it might be well to explain how the policy was operated in practice and how it differed from that obtainable in the so-called "mixed" universities of the Witwatersrand and Capetown.

The present number of about 200 Non-European students had grown from a bare dozen ten years ago, when the Natal University College agreed to provide higher education for Non-Europeans on condition that they were taught separately.

This condition was accepted by the Non-Europeans, then mostly all Indians. They were taught by the same staff as taught the European students, but in a different part of the city.

They sat for the same examinations and attained the same diplomas and degrees as were attained by the European students.

They had their common room, which was much better furnished than even some of the staff common rooms in the European section of the College.

They had their own well-appointed library, staffed by a qualified non-European librarian, enabling them to participate in the whole college library.

Instead of [illegible] only a few special lecturers to teach exclusively to Non-European students, the [illegible] departments were so strengthened that Non-Europeans could have the benefit of hearing all, also the professors and senior lecturers in a subject.

It was a condition of appointment of staff members in Durban that they were willing to teach both European and Non-Europeans.

Discussing the benefits which might emanate from contact between the races in a university, Dr. Malherbe said:—

"Theoretically, this may be true. In practice, however, it does not work out so sweetly. In the first place, the benefits of contact are problematical.

"Our experience shows that discussions in purely non-European classes are not on a lower intellectual level.

"Moreover, where the non-Europeans are by themselves there seems to be a greater spontaneity and less fear that they might appear inferior, than when they are in a small minority in the same class with Europeans.

"In the second place, there are very definite social bars in the 'mixed' universities such as Capetown and the Witwatersrand.

"The non-Europeans are debarred from the European students' dances and social functions. They do not have their sport and other recreational activities together."

"Not in South Africa"

"If there is anything in this living together and learning to understand one another's ideas, this is the sphere in which university life offers greater scope. But this cannot be [illegible] in South Africa.

"In South Africa the feeling of the people was against it.

"These universities, therefore, [illegible]. And we might as well recognise this as a fact and plan our organisation accordingly.

"Giving the non-European a few social privileges and denying them others on the campus would inevitably increase the [illegible] when the non-Europeans feel themselves discriminated against.

"Lastly, I am open to serious doubt whether the fact that European and non-European students jostle one another in the corridors and on the stairs and sit next to one another in the same classes, does in the long run, work for better understanding between the two races.

"In universities like Capetown and Witwatersrand with 3,000 or 4,000 students, there are students who barely tolerate the presence of non-Europeans there. Some definitely dislike it and on occasion do not hesitate to show that dislike.

"Despite official university policy, this feeling that one is regarded by a considerable proportion of the student body as 'something that the dog brought in' rankles in the mind of the non-European.

"After all, though his skin is of a different colour, he has the same susceptibilities as we Europeans have, when it comes to the approval or the disapproval of his fellow students.

"Now, why should they be exposed daily to such snubs, if not overt insult? It only breeds a feeling of resentment and inferiority complex.

"This, by way of comparison, leads to aggressiveness and those reactions which, though quite human and understandable, when manifest by the non-European are bound to land him into serious trouble in a country like South Africa with its hair-trigger race consciousness.

"It would seem that, as conditions are today, the game is not worth the candle. Rather reduce to a minimum the occasions when such friction may arise and give each group its own university campus.

"It is natural too, that the non-European when slighted will seek consolation with other minority groups, for example Communists who are aggrieved and 'agin' the existing order in South Africa.

"This is probably what Sir Godfrey Huggins, Prime Minister of Southern Rhodesia, had in mind when he said to me not very long ago, 'Malherbe, we in Rhodesia do not like to send our Natives to the Union for higher education, because your universities make agitators of them.'"

Dr. Malherbe said that to those blind worshippers of abstract principles, the Natal experiment might seem mere capitulation to the existing social order whatever its weakness might be, or pandering to the prejudices of a section of the European population. Actually it was not so.

"By all means provide enlightenment for our youth. This [illegible] the basis of understanding and tolerance in these matters. But one cannot change the sentiments of the people overnight.

"In the meantime, I have to approach this whole question as a practical administrator.

"I, as a college principal, am definitely not going to jeopardise the development of educational facilities for the Europeans as well as for the non-Europeans in Natal by refusing to face facts as they are.

"One must temper one's idealism with a certain amount of realism. One must take a people with one in moving forward. That is the only way lasting reforms are brought about.

Durban Position

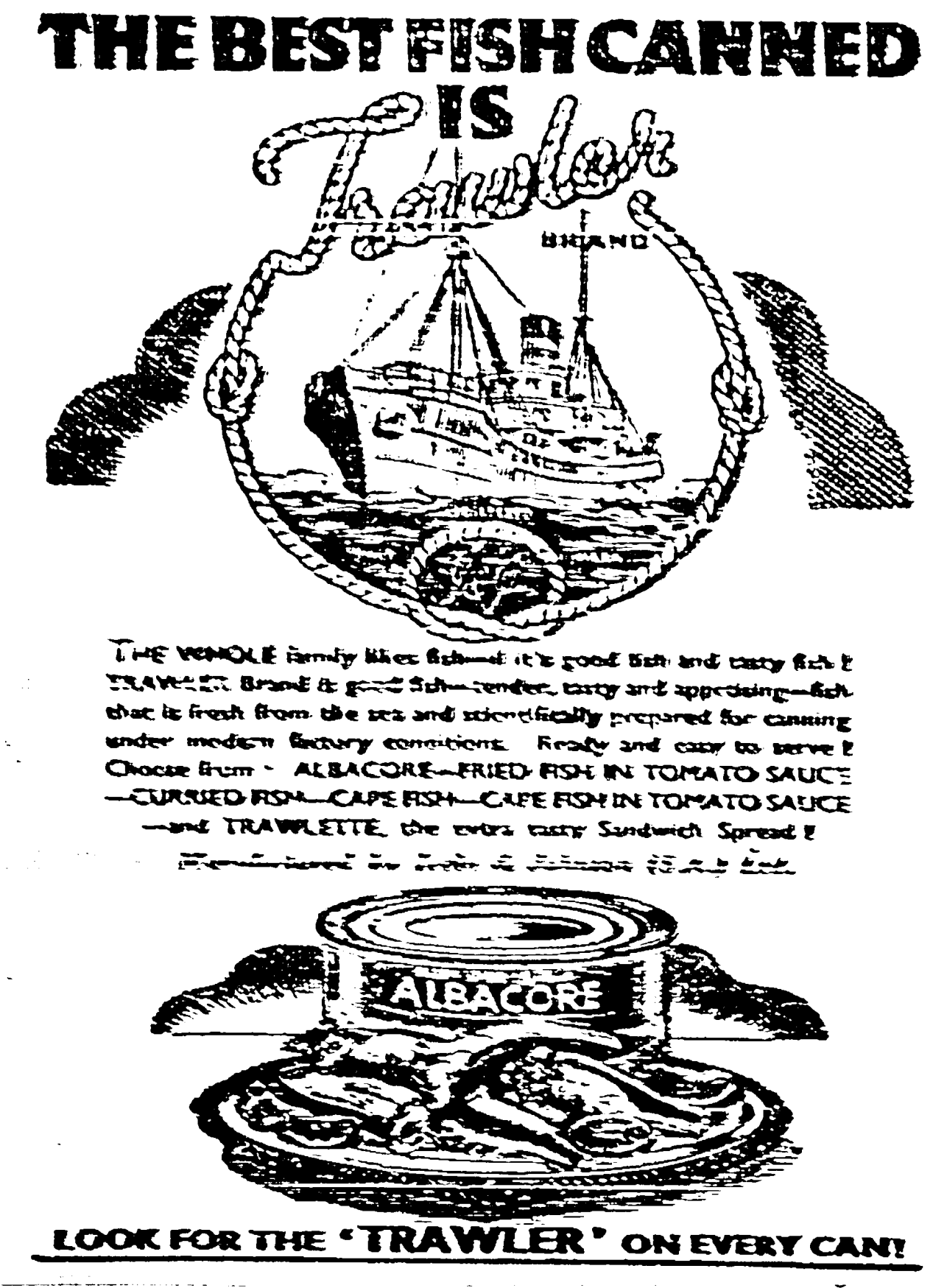
"In the presence of millions of non-Europeans in our immediate vicinity who need their own doctors, teachers, veterinary surgeons, agricultural experts and administrators, that has led the Government to set aside nearly 100 acres of land in Durban in order to enable the University of Natal to provide for the rapidly expanding educational needs of the people.

"Here the non-European students will have their own residences, sports fields and students' organisations in which they can learn to develop leadership among their own kind, instead of being relegated to a position of social inferiority in a European student body.

Medical School

"An important part in this scheme will be a medical school primarily for non-Europeans. Durban has unequalled clinical facilities for such training. I say 'primarily for non-Europeans' because, if there should be Europeans who would wish to prepare themselves more effectively for working among and with the non-Europeans, for example missionaries, they would not be refused admission."

The Natal Indian Congress has asked for permission to give evidence before the Select Committee.



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ALBACORE

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P. R. PATHER ACCUSES

Government of Breaking Promises

NOT sufficient monetary aid was being given by the Union Government towards the expansion of Indian education, despite promises made to the Indian community by the Prime Minister, General Smuts, declared Mr. P. R. Pather, when speaking at the farewell function arranged in honour of Mr. J. E. Devlin, who recently retired as Chief Inspector of Indian Education, by the Indian school managers and grantees in the Kathiawad Hall on Monday evening.

"THERE was no need flogging a dead horse," said Mr. Pather. "We know the Provincial Administration has its drawbacks in regard to the allocation of money. But the Union Government have not done their share, according to their promises.

"General Smuts had said in Parliament two years ago that towards Indian education, £2,000,000 was to be devoted. That has not been done yet. If the Provincial Administration have no funds, then I submit that the Union Government should provide a sum of money for Indian educational development over and above the ordinary subsidy. We should hammer at this over and over again until we get this money.

"If this is not done, then the [illegible] of school-going age out of school will remain out of school and illiterate. Promises to please the Indian community are not sufficient. The Government should give a tangible proof of their intentions to help Indian education."

Durban as Centre

Another point made by this speaker was that the office of the Chief Inspector of Indian Education should be in Durban, which was "the centre and hub of the Indian community. We should take this matter up with the Administration. You cannot expect the Indian community to run to Maritzburg every time."

Mr. W. S. Seethal, who presided, paid an eloquent tribute to the services of Mr. Devlin towards the cause of Indian education. He believed, Mr. Seethal said, in the principle of a good, sound education for everybody—black, brown or white. Mr. Devlin had done his duty nobly, fully and well. If other officials, charged with public responsibilities, did their duty as the former Chief Inspector, this country would be a happier place for all sections to live in.

There was not a single school manager who differed with him, and Mr. Devlin had won their affection and gratitude.

Mr. Seethal garlanded Mr. Devlin and presented a bouquet to Mrs. Devlin. He also gave Mr. Devlin a wallet containing £72.

"Thought and Interest"

Mr. Seethal read out a message from the Director of Education, Mr. H. A. [illegible], who, among other things, said:

"Perhaps I, better than anyone else, know how much thought and interest he has devoted to his work as Chief Inspector of Indian Education. The vast experience he gained over many years as teacher, headmaster and inspector was all brought to bear for the benefit of Indian education, and no one could have been more conscientious in the discharge of the many and varied duties which fell to his lot."

Speaking of Mr. Devlin, Mr. P. R. Pather said: I can tell you

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that during his tenure of office Mr. Devlin has rendered signal service to the Indian community.

Adding to the tribute, Mr. A. M. Moolla, another school manager, said that he added his share of thanks and gratitude to Mr. Devlin for the splendid services he had rendered, firstly, as Inspector of Schools and later as Chief Inspector of Indian Education under the Natal Education Department.

"If Mr. Kajee Were Alive"

"If Mr. A. I. Kajee were alive today, he would have been present on this occasion to place on record his own appreciation of Mr. Devlin's services," said Mr. J. W. Godfrey.

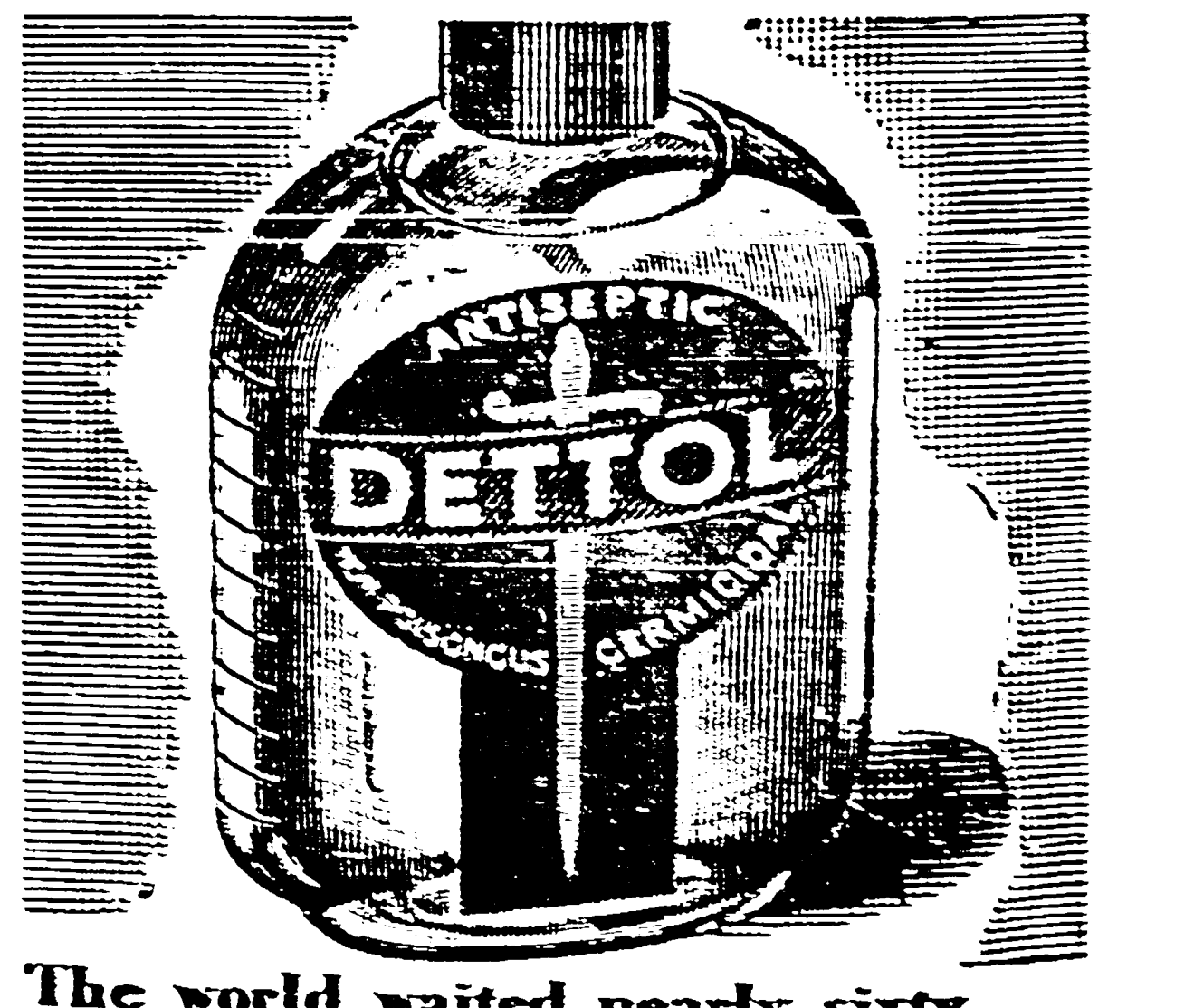
Other speakers following in a similar vein included Messrs. A. Christopher, Mehta and A. D. Lazarus.

Replying, Mr. Devlin referred to the cooperation he had received from the school managers and grantees—both Indian and European—who were doing magnificent work without any reward. The Indian community owed them a deep debt of gratitude. Among them were included the late Mr. Kajee, who succeeded in conducting schools when he himself would have failed. He knew Mr. Kajee as a great man, and he knew also what he had done for Indian education.

Concluding on a note of thanks to school managers, "who got nothing but terrific headaches and with the condition of building all most a nightmare," Mr. Devlin said that the least he could say was that if at any time he could be of service to them in a non-official way he would be glad to do so.

A well-rendered musical programme interspersed the speeches. The artists were: Miss Doreen [illegible], who was accompanied by Mr. Lionel Martin, Mr. D. [illegible], Mr. R. Ramchander and Mr. M. G. Persad. Miss T. A. [illegible] gave two exhibitions of [illegible] dancing. There was also a band in attendance.

Light refreshments were served to a fully representative gathering.



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Since germs first came to be understood any number of chemicals, mostly poisonous, have been found to kill them. But, strange to tell, the germs which cause disease are of a substance very like the life-giving cells of the human body.

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JUNIOR LEADER

MY dear Children,—

This week I have decided to run another competition. You must write an essay of about 200-250 words on "My Hobby." I have chosen this topic because I notice many of our members have some interesting hobbies.

The closing date for the competition will be announced later, but I shall appreciate it very much if you submit your essays as soon as possible. There will be no entrance fee and the winner will receive an interesting book prize. One other thing, kindly write on one side of the paper only. I hope to have the winning essay published.

PEN FRIENDS

Rita Lawrence (17), 25 Eden Road, Woodstock, Capetown, writes as follows: "It has always been my wish to be a member of a Youth Club, and the 'Junior Leader' just about fulfils it. There are quite a few Youth Clubs in the Peninsula, but none of them to my knowledge, even in this country, is built up on the lines such as yours, and I sincerely hope that 'Junior Leader' will pave the way in uniting the youth of this country. I shall endeavour to persuade my pals to join it," she concludes. She is interested in the cinema, sports and both classical and jazz music. She loves dancing and also plays the piano and would like pen friends who share her interests from America, any part of South Africa, and especially India. Rita has written quite a lengthy and interesting letter to me, and I hope members would write to her.

Chris R. J. Singh (16), 82 Pine Road, Rossburgh, Durban, who is interested in domestic science, education and music, would like pen friends with similar interests from any part of the globe.

Luxmi Ram Kalicharran, 27a [illegible], Johannesburg, Transvaal—kindly send me your completed form and particulars.

Chandmoney Badal, 60 [illegible] Avenue, Newclare, Johannesburg, Transvaal—kindly send me your completed form and particulars.

Zoobeda Ebrahim Bhabha (11), P.O. Box [illegible], Carolina, Transvaal, who is in her third standard, is interested in needlework, cinema and books, would like pen friends with similar interests from Natal and the Cape.

Rashid Moola (16), 7 Mungalam Flats, 31 Central Road, Fordsburg, Johannesburg, is in standard three this year, and is interested in school work, stamp collecting and sports. He would like pen friends through the medium of "Junior Leader" from Natal and the Cape.

C. Vengetass (16), c/o Mr. W. R. Collins, P.O. [illegible], Natal, would like pen friends who are interested in art, gardening and essay writing from any part of the world, especially India, to correspond with him.

V. Manickum, 241 Main Road, Mayville, Durban, is interested in all sports, comics and collecting foreign coins, and would like pen friends with similar interests from any part of the world. Kindly send us your completed form for recording purposes.

N. Naidoo (16), 125 Albert Street, Durban, who is interested in boxing, stamp collecting and reading novels, especially mysteries, would like pen friends from anyone who shares his interests.

L. Kumar Singh, c/o 581 Church Street, Pietermaritzburg, is interested in "jungle stories," physical culture, film songs and music, would like pen friends especially from India, America and England. Kindly send in your completed form.

Eddie Naidu (16), 53 Umhlatuzana Road, Sea View, Durban, is interested in sports, especially soccer and cricket, boxing, magazines and novels, would like pen friends, particularly in the U.S.A.

L. Benny (15), of 123 Spencer Road, P.O. Clare Estate, Durban, who is interested in Indian and European films and art, would like pen pals with similar interests from any part of the world.

A. M. Dawjee (17), P.O. Box 90, Port Shepstone, Natal, is interested in various hobbies, as well as music and sports, and would like pen pals from any part of the world with similar interests. Thank you for your jokes, Dawjee, I hope to use them some time. I must draw your attention that your neatly typewritten letter was not signed! All the same your form accompanied the letter and I have acknowledged them.

R. Rowsunker (15), P.O. [illegible], Clare Estate, Durban, whose only hobby is fretwork, would like Junior Leaders with a similar interest to write to him. Kindly send me your completed form.

Rasool H. Khan (18), of 130 [illegible] Avenue, Durban, who is interested in the cinema, books and sports, would like pen friends with similar interests of any nationality and colour, especially from the Cape Province.

Thanabal Pillay (14), of P.O. [illegible], Natal, would like to correspond with a Junior member who is interested in sports, especially soccer, cricket and basketball.

C. R. K. Johnny (18), [illegible] Road, Clare Estate, Durban, is interested in comics and collecting stamps, and would like pen friends with similar interests from any part of the Union.

S. S. Singh (12), P.O. [illegible], Durban, is interested in sports, especially cricket, soccer and tennis, and would like pen friends from any part of the Union, India and America of either sex.

M. M. Govender (16), 19 Mansfield Road, Durban, is interested in various hobbies and would like pen pals from the Cape Province, Transvaal, the Rhodesias, and, in fact, from anywhere to write to him. By the way, kindly send me your completed form.

M. C. Mistry, 61 Inanda Road, Clare Estate, Durban, kindly send us full particulars about yourself, as only members are eligible to write to pen friends whose names appear in our column.

C. C. Maharaj (13), P.O. Box 2576, Durban, is interested, among other things, in Hindi songs, the cinema and comics, and would like pen friends with similar interests from the Transvaal with similar interests. For your information, kindly note that our column is not devoted or intended to provide for the kind of things as suggested in the latter portion of your letter.

K. C. Moodliar (16), of 19 First Avenue, Durban, is interested in various hobbies, and would like a pen friend from any part of the world.

Vishnu Maharaj (16), of 62 [illegible] Lane, Durban, is interested in photography and the movies, would like pen friends from any part of South Africa, especially our own Province, Natal.

T. Ramlall (17), of 57 Delhi Avenue, Mayville, Durban, is interested in art and music, and would like members from the Cape and any other part of the country to correspond with him.

[illegible], c/o Mr. L. A. Swanson, P.O. Box 21, Umkomaas, Natal, would like girl friends from any part of South Africa or India who are interested in knitting, sewing, songs and the cinema to correspond with her. You may ask your friends to write to me.

Ramphal Sewshanker (13), P.O. Box 21, Umkomaas, Natal, is interested in cycling, stamp collecting, books and school work, would like pen friends from any part of the world.

Bobby Naidoo (15), "Tanjore Villa," 61-63 Furness Avenue, Mayville, Durban, whose interests are in boxing, films, photography and magazines, would like pen friends from any part of the world with interests similar or different.

M. Harry (18), 1 Alexandra Street, Ladysmith, Natal, is interested in a variety of hobbies, which may appeal to many members, and he would, therefore, like pen friends of either sex to correspond with him. Since you have been accepted as a member you may write to pen friends whose names appear in our column regularly.

Yadamalai [illegible] (15), c/o S.A.G. Mission School, Sezela, Natal, is interested in a variety of hobbies, and would like pen friends to write to him.

C. Karamsingh, c/o Government-aided Indian School, P.O. New Guelderland, Natal, kindly forward particulars about yourself.

LAUGHTER CORNER

"Great Scott! Do you know who wrote 'Ivanhoe'?"

"I will tell you if you will tell me who the dickens wrote 'The Tale of Two Cities.'"

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THERE, THAT'S THAT . . .

A School Board decided their [illegible] needed a new school. After much discussion, the Board passed this resolution:—

"Be it resolved that this school district shall have constructed a new school building, and be it further resolved that, in view of the increasing cost of materials, the new building shall be constructed of the materials now in the existing school building, and be it finally resolved that to avoid interruption of school functions the present school building shall be continued in use until the new school is ready for occupancy."

Till next week,

CHACHAJAN.

COTTON EXPORT PROHIBITED

("The Leader" Special Service)

NEW DELHI: The Government of India have decided to prohibit the export of raw cotton of long staple to all countries including Pakistan, until it is known whether supplies of long staple cotton from Pakistan will be normal in future. The bulk of the requirements of Indian Mills in this type of cotton were met before the partition of the country from areas which now lie within the Dominion of Pakistan and discussions are in progress with the Pakistan Government in the matter of their cotton export policy. Since Pakistan depends for the supply of cloth on India, it is hoped that a common policy will be arrived at in the matter of cotton and cloth.

Condemn, Pledge, Express, Call Upon, Deplore

REDS RESOLVE

The following resolutions were adopted at the annual meeting of the Communist Party, Durban district, held on Sunday last:—

This annual general meeting of the Communist Party, Durban District, condemns the growing attacks against the Soviet Union and the new democracies of Eastern Europe by reactionary forces in South Africa. This meeting warns the people of South Africa that these attacks are calculated to undermine UNO and peace, and to enlist the support of the population for the Anglo-American imperialist drive towards a new war against the Soviet Union and the peoples' democracies of Europe.

This annual general meeting of the Communist Party, Durban District, pledges the Communist Party's fullest support to the national organisations of the non-European people in their struggle for democratic rights. This meeting further calls upon African progressives to strengthen African unity and build up the African national movement into a powerful weapon in the struggle for democracy and the preservation of peace.

Protest Against Raid

This annual general meeting of the Communist Party, Durban District, expresses its strongest protest against the police raids on the offices of the Natal and Transvaal Indian Congresses and the homes and surgeries of Drs. Dadoo and Naicker, and calls upon all liberty-loving people to condemn this latest attack on civil liberties. Further, this meeting demands the immediate release of passive resisters charged under the immigration laws and the repeal of this iniquitous legislation in order to allow freedom of movement to the Indian people in terms of the declarations made by Union Government representatives at UNO that the Indian people were Union nationals.

This annual general meeting of the Communist Party, Durban District, expresses its strongest determination to fight the Government's proposal to introduce the Industrial Conciliation (Natives) Bill and calls upon the South African Trades and Labour Council to conduct a concerted campaign against this slave Bill, and for the amendment of the I.C. Act of 1937 to include all workers irrespective of race.

This annual general meeting of the Communist Party, Durban District, strongly condemns the campaign to wreck the Unemployment Insurance Act being carried out by employers and the capitalist Press, and demands that the Act be retained and extended to include all workers in the Union.

This annual general meeting of the Communist Party, Durban District, calls upon the authorities to prevent the further ejectment of African tenants from their shack dwellings and to make immediate provision for the proper housing of Africans. This meeting further resolves to give all assistance and guidance to the shack dwellers in their present difficulties.

This annual general meeting of the Communist Party, Durban District, greatly deplores the Provincial Council's criminal neglect of non-European education and the resultant acute shortage of school accommodation in this province, and demands that immediate steps be taken to meet this serious situation.

INDIANS VISIT GERMANY

The Leader Special Service

New Delhi: Some German patents in other countries are likely to be made available for exploitation by Indian nationals free of royalty. Forty-seven Indian industrial experts representing 18 industries visited Germany during the last two years under Government auspices. They formed part of teams of technicians sent out by the British Intelligence Objectives Sub-Committee, from time to time, to investigate and report to them on different Germany industrial organisations. The Government of India have received from the U.K. Government copies of about 3,000 reports submitted by these teams. They are being examined and those likely to be of interest to Indian industrialists are being made available to them.

NOTICE

INSTITUTE OF NATAL INDIAN REAL ESTATE AGENTS

A Meeting of Members of the Institute will be held at the Secretary's Office, 71 Albert St., Durban, on Saturday, the 21st instant, at 5 p.m., for the transaction of the following business:

AGENDA:

Minutes.

Correspondence.

New Estate Agents Bill and Report thereon.

General.

R. M. NAIDOO,
Secretary.

Message of the Stars

THE Wheel of Fortune from February 21 to 27 for people born under the twelve signs of the Zodiac are as follows:—

ARIES (March 21 to April 20): Good, 22, 26; bad, 21, 24, 27.

TAURUS (April 21 to May 22): Good, 23; bad, 21, 24, 25, 27.

GEMINI (May 23 to June 22): Good, 22, 27; bad, 21, 24, 26.

CANCER (June 22 to July 22): Good, 22; bad, 21, 24, 27.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22): Good, 23; bad, 21, 24, 26, 27.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22): Good, 27; bad, 21, 24, 26.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): Good, 23; bad, 21, 24, 25, 26.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): Good, 22, 26; bad, 21, 24, 27.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 22): Good, 24; bad, 23, 26, 27.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 to Jan. 20): Good, 21, 24, 25, 27; bad, 23, 26.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19): Good, 21, 23, 26, 27; bad, 22, 25.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to March 20): Good, 24; bad, 22, 26.

The good days for selling, investments and new business ventures are February 26; for travel and correspondence, 27; for love and pleasure, 23, 25; for sports, 27; for remedial treatments, 24; for property deals, science, research and planning the future, 23, 24, 27.

Guard against accidents, quarrels and disputes on the 25th.

Changeable weather is indicated about 19 to 22 and again about 25 to 28.

The lucky numbers and colours to apply on the turf on February 21 are 2, 3, 7, 12, 14, 16.

Colours: Violet, white.

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IN a low-scoring League game, Kismet beat Ottoman on the first innings. The "A" Division matches were played on one afternoon only because last week rain curtailed a day's play.

Time robbed Centrals collecting full points from Sastri College. They did well to collect single innings points considering the fact that the match was played on one afternoon only.

In the remaining three "B" Division League matches continued from last week, Young Ottoman, United and Bharat collected full points from Young Bharat, Sparks and Young Kismet respectively.

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First Innings Win

[illegible]

THE "B" DIVISION SCOREBOARD

Young Ottoman v. Young Bharat

[illegible]

Sparks v. United

[illegible]

Young Kismet v. Bharat

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MARITZBURG TENNIS CLUB

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S. Africa Invites

MR. R. LUTCHMAN, secretary of the Overseas Committee of the South African Indian Football Association, told "The Leader" that an official invitation had been extended to India during the coming season.

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CAMPAIGN AGAINST TB

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FOSA ON RAND TOUR

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CRICKET FIXTURES

SATURDAYS, FEBRUARY 21 and 28

LEAGUE CUP COMPETITION

[illegible]

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

[illegible]

The first meeting of the Social Service Society was held at [illegible] Road, Durban, on Sunday last. [illegible]

The picture [illegible] JACKIE G. PILLAY, who was last year's champion weightlifter. He broke all Natal press records in 1947. In 1945 he won the young championship organised by the Natal Amateur Weight-lifting and Physical Culture Association. In 1946 and 1947 he won the Natal weightlifting championships in the feather and lightweight divisions.

MR. A. H. FRANCIS, a leading County sportsman, who has served County sports admirably in an administrative capacity.

LADYSMITH CRICKET LOG

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Pathhill	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Colenso	7	[illegible]	[illegible]	6
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DUNDEE CONGRESS BRANCH

About 200 people, including a large number of women, were present at the annual meeting of the Dundee branch of the Natal Indian Congress.

The following officials were elected: Chairman, Mr. V. C. Naidoo; vice-chairman, Miss [illegible], Naidoo, A. Joseph, V. P. Pillay; secretary, Mr. R. R. Pillay; treasurer, Mr. Moosa Pathai; committee, Messrs. Pooath Singh, Ameer Khan, D. D. Govender, Hoosen Sarang, R. Pillay, R. Singh, Nagir Morar, M. G. Nakoodia, Soobia Naidoo, Narainsamy Naidoo, Miss Pillay.

Mr. M. P. Naicker, Provincial Organiser of the Natal Indian Congress, explained that the branches of the Natal Indian Congress had not been reorganised for the last three years, because leaders of the Moderate Group held positions in the Executive.

Officials of the Natal Indian Organisation were allowed to speak at meetings, because, constitutionally, they were still members of the Natal Indian Congress.

INDIA'S FIRST AVIATION COLLEGE

The Leader Special Service

New Delhi: India's first college to train young men in all branches of aviation was recently opened at Alwar, an Indian State in Rajputana.

The Maharaja of Alwar, who joined the college as the first pupil, declaring the college open, said: "There is a great need of training young men in aviation and an institution of this kind will be nothing short of a boon to the people of Alwar and to others outside, who wish to choose aviation as a career. In this venture we are counting on the co-operation of the Department of Civil Aviation of the Government of India."

The Government of India, it was recently announced, also proposes to start a similar training centre.

No Decision in Natal C. Matches

From Our Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG, Friday.

NO decision was reached in both the Natal Cup cricket games last weekend. The M.I.C.C.-Natalians match was washed out by rain on Sunday soon after the completion of the Natalians' first innings, while the Stars-United match, which was confined to a single afternoon, was cut short by bad light. Both these games will be replayed this weekend.

BRIGHT sunshine favoured the start of the district semi-final of the Natal Cup between Natalians and the M.I.C.C. last Sunday morning. [illegible]

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Stars and United Draw

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N.I.O. Sees Hofmeyer and Lawrence

AFTER the deputation of South African Indians had seen the Prime Minister recently representatives of the Natal Indian Organisation took the opportunity of calling on the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. J. H. Hofmeyr.

The point raised with Mr. Hofmeyr was the special grant over and above the educational subsidy to the Provincial Government. Mr. Hofmeyr said that the question of elementary and higher education did not fall within the purview of his administration as Minister of Education. That was a matter for the Provincial Administration.

The deputation pointed out, however, that since he had been handling the finances of the country for several years, it was expected that he would support the suggestion made to the Prime Minister that the subsidy should be increased by additional grant. The question might be brought before the Cabinet and the deputation hopes that Mr. Hofmeyr will support the request.

The next point raised with Mr. Hofmeyr was the question of adult education among Indians was urgent. The Union Government had advertised for European organisers but applications were not invited from Indian organisers. There were several graduates in the Indian community who were in a position to organise adult education, and Mr. Pather asked that Indians should also be invited to apply for work connected with adult education among Indians. Mr. Hofmeyr agreed with the suggestion and promised that he would consider the matter.

The deputation next met the Minister of the Interior and raised the following matters:

The entry of aged parents from India; the question of domicile of children born before the mothers had secured their domicile; employment of Natal-born Indians in the Transvaal and Cape Province; the deportation of children in the Cape born of Natal-born Indians on their attaining the age of 16 years; the case of domiciliary rights of boys who are on temporary permit as a result of their fathers having married in South Africa; the abolition of Immigration Laws; Indians who were unable to return to South Africa within the period of three years as a result of war conditions; Indians who desire to visit South Africa but who are refused permission to visit.

Mr. Pather elaborated on all these points raised, and the Minister of the Interior asked that a short memo should be put up in respect of each question so that the matter could be gone into.

On the question of employment of Natal-born [illegible] in Natal and Transvaal Provinces the Minister stated that he would deal with each case on its merits. The Minister agreed to the [illegible] Organisation recommending such applications.

At Estcourt

CRICKET HAS A POOR SEASON

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SOCCER HAD A GOOD SEASON

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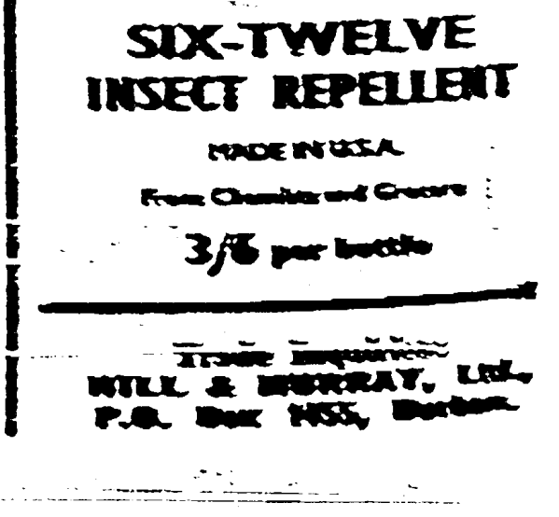
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REGENT F.C.

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COLOUR-BAR CAUSES SETBACK

SOUTH AFRICA'S colour-bar policy received a severe setback when the International Table Tennis Federation turned down her application for affiliation. The Federation's headquarters, which are in London, appointed a special commission to consider the application, it is understood.

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SHIELD & TROPHY FOR ATHLETICS

THE South African Amateur Athletic and Cycling Board of Control has been presented with a splendid shield by Hajee E. H. Ismail and with a handsome trophy by Mr. D. Kalideen, both well-known for their patronage of sports. The shield will be competed for by the women and the trophy by the juniors in inter-provincial competitions.

Mr. E. H. Ismail

Mr. D. Kalideen

[illegible]

ATHLETES HAVE A GOOD YEAR

THE period under review would go down in the history of the Union as the most successful season from every aspect, said Mr. S. Harrypersadh, when he presented the secretarial report of the Durban Indian Athletic and Cycling Union, at its annual general meeting held at Currie's Fountain.

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National Athletic Meeting

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SCHOOL MASTERS DO NOT BOTHER

IT would appear that Indian school principals are absolutely not interested in athletics, declared Mr. S. Harrypersadh, in the course of his report to the Durban Indian Athletic and Cycling Union.

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SUNDAY LEAGUE MEETS

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RAILWAY DISTRICT FINALISTS

[illegible]

Capital's Cricket Complaint

From Our Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG, Friday.

FOR the second Sunday in succession the Natal Cup games have been washed out by rain. That brings the total to four weekends already lost to cricket this season, writes our Maritzburg cricket correspondent.

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MARITZBURG MARATHON IN MAY

[illegible]

Golfers Scream, Shout at Meeting

AT one of the [illegible] sports meetings Mr. D. Kalideen was re-elected as president of the Durban Indian Golf Club.

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Around The Cinemas

AVALON: The week opens with a double programme, "I Am From Arkansas," featuring Slim Summerville with Bruce Bennet, and "Under Cover Man," featuring William Boyd as Hopalong Cassidy, both Western cowboy thrillers. "The Fabulous Dorseys," which will be the weekend attraction, is a musical comedy—Dorsey's famous triumph.

Showtime

TONIGHT

Avalon: [illegible].
Albert: Omar Khayyam.
Athlone: Zeenat.
Regent (Mbg): Under Two Flags.

ALBERT: "Shah Jehan," which will be screened throughout the coming week, tells a magnificent story. It is ably directed and excellently produced by A. R. Kardar. The story is in the period of the Moguls.

AVALON: Variety show on Saturday, March 6, at 5.15 p.m. Indian Cinema fans will be fortunate enough to see an Indian picture unfold itself on the Avalon stage after a lapse of three years.

The total proceeds of this show will be given for the relief of food victims in India.

The picture will be "Nek Parvin," with Ragini, Ullas and Yakub.

YOUNG ORTMANS F.C.

The annual general meeting of the Young Ortmans Football Club was held at the club's office, 1 Ortmans Road, Pietermaritzburg, on February 8, 1948. The following officials were elected for the coming year: [illegible]

TALK OF THE BAZAAR

By the "Faqir"

THIS is certainly a queer world. Yes, once more my office boy has put on his thinking cap, and once more Indian political leaders are worrying him. He has read some memos prepared by the Natal Indian Organisation and presented to the Prime Minister. He found in them references to the States of Pakistan and Hindustan. He has looked up his "book" and finds that a new State called "Pakistan" came into being some time last year, but he has failed to discover/invent/unearth/dig up what Hindustan is. For a moment he believed it might be a new State also, but his "book" makes no reference to "Hindustan." He looked up his biology book without result. He then turned to his Afrikaans dictionary, hoping to find an explanation there, but nothing doing. At last, in desperation, he called on one of the authors of those memos, and he was informed that by "Hindustan" the N.I.O. meant "India." Well, why not call a spade a spade, he demanded. "India" is the official name, so stick to it, he said. The explanation unsettled his balance. The name "Hindustan" was used to make the difference between the two States clear to one of the outstanding statesmen in the world—Jan Christiaan Smuts.

WILL THEY?

DURING the week Mr. Ayahswamy [illegible] called on me with regard to the position of Mr. Ashwin Choudree and Dr. A. Singh in the Indian political struggle. He is a humble old man, an old Ayahswamy, born of indentured immigrant stock, [illegible]. All his life he had been content to earn a living, but what with the Congress whipping up "mass consciousness" and all the other things [illegible], he has become politically conscious and is now taking a keen interest in Indian political affairs. The first political question that ever worried him in life was the attitude of the abovementioned politicians. He tried to draw me to a side bet that they would not take part in the "second phase of the campaign" because they would be "jugged," and he (old Ayahswamy) is positive that the two gents, Politicians Choudree and Singh, like to be in the middle of a good. They do not mind the praise and glory, but they mind very much when it comes to going to gaol. I refused to take the bet, and as he left my office I heard him mutter, "Opportunists, opportunists."

A NOVICE AND HORSES

A YOUNG fellow who has just turned his attention to horses finds them very unreliable, despite the fact that every tip given to him has been a certainty. After a trying day with the horses he returned home one week, having made up his mind that it was not worth the trouble trying to pick winners. That evening the paper carried a screaming headline: "Bad day for Punters." He closed the paper and put it away. He knew enough about punters having a bad day. He kept his resolve the next week and left the horses severely alone. That evening he opened his paper and saw the screaming line: "Good day for Punters." He groaned and made up his mind to go to the next meeting. He went, and that evening's paper carried the following headline: "Bad day for Punters." His opinion now about horses is not printable.

Racing Selections

By DIPLOMAT

The following are our selections for the Clairwood race meeting run on Saturday:

First race, 2.15, Maiden Juvenile Handicap, five furlongs:
1. POPPET.
2. [illegible] Bay.
3. Almery.

Second race, 2.50, Maiden Juvenile Handicap, five furlongs:
1. BEMERSYDE.
2. Rydal Mount.
3. Invermark.
4. [illegible].

Third race, [illegible], Galloway and Pony Handicap (3rd Div.), five furlongs:
1. SUPERSEDE.
2. [illegible].
3. [illegible].

Fourth race, [illegible], Consolation Handicap (Div. 1), 1½ miles:
1. TWO RIVERS.
2. [illegible].
3. Aviation.

Fifth race, 4.00, Benevolent Handicap "D" Div., six furlongs:
1. DOGUA.
2. [illegible].
3. [illegible].

Sixth race, [illegible], Consolation Handicap Top Div., one mile:
1. CADILLAC.
2. Punishment.
3. [illegible].

Seventh race, [illegible], Benevolent Handicap "B" Div., six furlongs:
1. HEMAWAY.
2. [illegible].
3. Warwick's [illegible].

Eighth race, [illegible], Benevolent Handicap "C" Div., six furlongs:
1. CHATTIS HILL.
2. [illegible].
3. Pat McGilligan.

Ninth race, [illegible], Benevolent Handicap "A" Div., six furlongs:
1. LADY BANNING.
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3. [illegible].

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Six Months 'Hard' For K.O.-ing Premier's Claim

NAICKER AND DADOO GAOLED

DR. Y. M. DADOO, president of the Transvaal Indian Congress, and Dr. G. M. Naicker, president of the Natal Indian Congress, were sentenced to six months' hard labour, without the option of a fine, in the Durban Magistrate's Court on Thursday morning for knocking the bottom out of the Premier's claim before the world that Indians were Union Nationals.

They had been charged with "aiding and abetting" Indians to cross the Transvaal border without permits. They pleaded guilty and told the Court, "We were only putting into pracical effect the assertion of the Union's Prime Minister before the 1946 session of the UN Assembly that we were Union Nationals."

DR. DADOO

THE charges against Mr. Manilal Gandhi and Mr. Sundra Pillay were postponed sine die.

Photographs, showing the meeting of Doctor Dadoo and Doctor Naicker on the Natal-Transvaal border, which were taken away by members of the Criminal Investigation Department, when they raided the offices of the Natal Passive Resistance Council and the Natal Indian Congress on February 12, were produced in Court as evidence.

DR. NAICKER

"Seriousness of Situation"

Mr. van Lingen, the Magistrate, in passing sentence, said: "You are aware of the seriousness of the situation. As a Magistrate, I cannot discuss your political activities. Everything was done in an orderly manner, but this does not make the crime less serious.

"I treat the case on its merits and sentence you to six months' hard labour without the option of a fine."

In the course of a statement to the Court Dr. Dadoo and Dr. Naicker said that the Minister of the Interior (in 1913, August 1, according to a Ministerial minute) in deeming "any person or class of persons on economic grounds or account of standard or habits of life to be unsuited" for the Transvaal to hardly have had in mind a whole community with varying economic groupings of differing habits of life."

Alternatively, both Dr. Dadoo and Dr. Naicker said that if any such grounds existed in 1913 no such ground existed in 1948.

"During the passage of 35 years, since the Deeming Order was issued by the Minister, the Indian community of South Africa, despite the very limited field of opportunity allowed it by scores of restrictive laws, has made an officially recognised contribution to the economic development of this country.

Rendered Obsolete

"In this regard, the Union Government in the agreement concluded with the Government of India in the year 1927, known as the Capetown Agreement, recognise that Indians domiciled in the Union who are prepared to conform to Western standards of life, should be enabled to do so. By virtue of these commitments, the Minister's minute of 1913 is rendered obsolete and outdated and can have no bearing today on the intention of the legislature in framing sub-section 4 (a) of the said Act.

Premier's Assertion

"Now returning to the charge of aiding and abetting, we submit, Your Worship, that our only offence is that of putting into practical effect the assertion of the Union Prime Minister, General Smuts, made so forcefully before the 1946 session of the United Nations Assembly, that South African Indians are Union Nationals. This assertion was reiterated by the Minister of the Interior, Mr. H. G. Lawrence at the 1947 session. If we are Union Nationals then it is but reasonable and in accordance with natural justice to exercise the most elementary right of citizenship, that of freedom of movement within the boundaries of one's country of birth. Any denial of such basic human rights would only make a mockery of democracy and democratic principles."

The picture shows the heads of two States. Left to right: Miss Fatima Jinnah (Mr. Jinnah's sister), Mr. M. A. Jinnah, the Governor-General of Pakistan, Earl Mountbatten, Governor-General of India, and Lady Mountbatten.

Bring Art Show To South Africa

—DR. MABEL PALMER

ATTEMPTS should be made to bring to South Africa at least a portion of the Indian Art Exhibition, presently in London. Suggesting this to a Leader reporter Dr. Mabel Palmer, organiser of the Non-European classes of the N.U.C., said that such an exhibition in the Union would help the European understand the great culture and tradition of which the South African Indian was the inheritor.

THE Indian Art Exhibition is creating a great deal of interest in London, Dr. Palmer said. There was a picture in one of the English papers recently of Princess Elizabeth entering the vestibule of the venue of the Exhibition.

"Some of it at least should be brought back to this country when the pieces are being taken back to India. Instead of going the direct way round, attempts should be made to get the run via the Cape and a portion of the Exhibition brought ashore in the Union and exhibited in various parts of the country."

There were three important reasons why the exhibition should be brought to this country, Dr. Palmer said.

The first reason was its general cultural interest to Europeans.

Secondly, it would be of especial interest to Indians in South Africa. The Indian people here, Dr. Palmer said, were not acquainted with the great cultural tradition of their Motherland and their own distinguished heritage of culture, and in view of the achievements of the Europeans, they tended to have an inferiority complex.

This should not be, for the Indian people held an eminent place in the cultural and scientific development of the world.

It was an Indian who had invented the decimal system of

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Gandhi's Ashes For S. Africa

BECAUSE of the enterprise and initiative of Mr. Sorabjee Rustomjee, who is in India at the moment, South Africans will receive some of the ashes of the late Mahatma Gandhi.

It is learnt that Mr. Rustomjee, who is expected to return soon, will bring some of the ashes of the late Mr. Gandhi to this country and these will be consigned to rest in some place with which Gandhi's name has been connected. It is more than likely that Phoenix, where he founded a settlement, will be the place where a portion of his ashes will find their last resting-place.

Commenting on this a number of prominent Indians declared that it was in keeping with the fact that Gandhiji had had his first taste of fight against oppression in this country that South African soil should receive into its bosom some of the mortal remains of the man.

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A HAPPY CONTENTED BABY

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BABY'S OWN Tablets

OBITUARIES

MRS. PARVATHY CHETTY

The death occurred of Parvathy, beloved wife of Mr. C. A. Chetty, [illegible] Durban, [illegible] on Thursday, February 19, 1948, at her residence, after a brief illness. She was [illegible] years of age.

[illegible]

MRS. CHINNAMAH MAISTRY

The death occurred [illegible] of Chinnamah, beloved wife of Mr. V. M. Maistry, of Central Steam Laundry, on February 17, at the age of fifty-six years, at her residence, [illegible] Road.

[illegible]

K. SADASIVAM (SON)

The death occurred, after a long illness, of Mr. K. Sadasivam (Son), [illegible] Govender, of Tongaat, [illegible]

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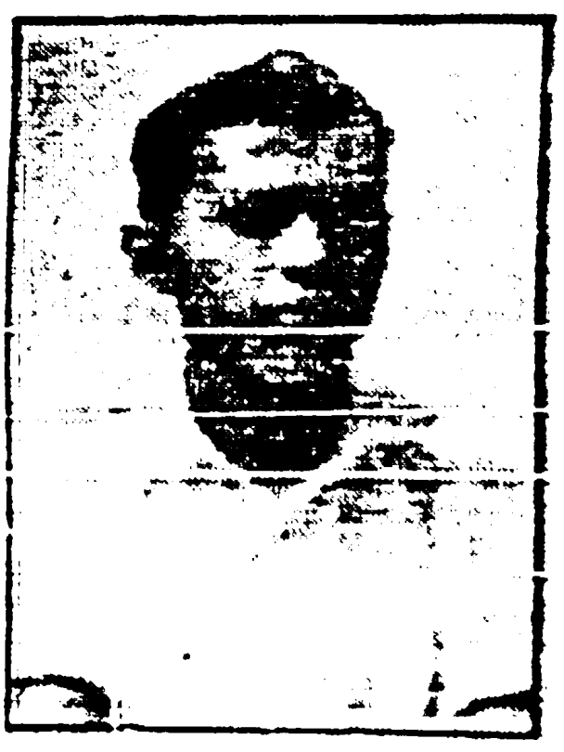

MANICKUM PILLAY

The death occurred after a brief illness of Manickum Pillay, of [illegible] Albert Street, Durban, at his residence on February [illegible], at the age of [illegible] years.

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The marriage took place of Mr. [illegible] at [illegible] View on Sunday last.

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Mr. M. N. Govender, of Hillary, has returned home after a visit to Port Elizabeth.

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A farewell was accorded Mr. V. M. Chetty on Thursday last at the Port [illegible] Government Indian School. Mr. Chetty, who has been awarded a bursary by the Natal Education Department, will proceed to Fort Hare, where he hopes to complete his final for the B.Sc. degree and the following year the Teachers' Diploma.

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The South African Hindu Conference scheduled to take place on March [illegible] at Johannesburg, has been postponed to a further date owing to the changed circumstances following the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi.

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Numerous telegrams and letters of sympathy and wreaths without cards were received.

ART SHOW

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[illegible] and made possible the modern methods of trading. The Indian had a fine artistic and cultural background. Their standard of handicraft was far above that which the Europeans had been able to achieve.

Speaking not so long ago in Maritzburg, Brigadier [illegible] had referred to the exceptional dexterity of the Indian workers who had been [illegible] in munitions factories. He had been in charge of some of these factories and had found that the Indian made far better guns than the European worker.

Lastly, the Indians in this country were generally regarded as "savages" and inferior to the Europeans. Such an art exhibition displayed in the principal cities of the Union would shatter that conception and prove to the European that the Indian was the inheritor of a highly developed culture and tradition. It was not enough telling the European people this. If they were shown examples of the culture and tradition it was bound to make some [illegible] impression.

NOTICE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Natal Indian Congress
Ladysmith Branch

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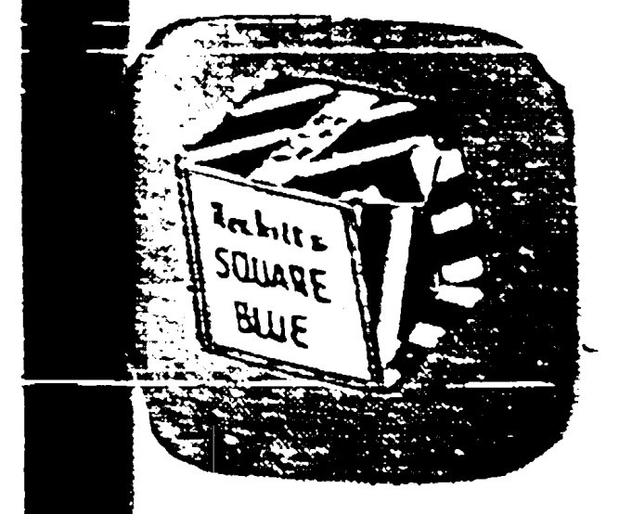

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MR. AND MRS. RAMCHUNDRA, of Raisethorpe, Maritzburg, who were recently married at [illegible] Oakleigh Drive, Durban. Mr. Ramchundra is the eldest son of Mrs. and the late Mr. Harilal, of Maritzburg. Mrs. Ramchundra was formerly Miss Shanti Devi Sumugh, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Sumugh (Tommy), of Toll Gate, Durban.

MR. AND MRS. N. RAMCHURRAN, of Westville, with their son, DHRUNACHARI, who celebrated his second birthday on January 18 last.

The marriage of Deepraj, second son of Mrs. and the late Mr. Narsoom, of [illegible] Road, [illegible] Estate, to [illegible], third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. [illegible], took place at the bride's residence, [illegible] Road, [illegible] on February [illegible]. [illegible]

Mr. Angath Ramgulam, [illegible] of the Natal Furniture Products, has been notified that he has completed the requirements of the B.A. degree.

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Mr. M. M. Thale, of Port Elizabeth, who is on an [illegible] holiday tour, visited Durban and Maritzburg during the week.

The marriage took place on February 1 of MR. GOPAL NAIDOO, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Naidoo, of 15 Beatrice Street, Durban, to MISS KAMACAVALLI, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Pillay, of 17 Ajax Lane, Durban.

ESSACK-KAJEE WEDDING

FRIENDS and relatives from all parts of the Province gathered at the residence of Messrs. A. B. Kajee Brothers, [illegible] Road, Durban North, on Sunday last at the marriage of [illegible], daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Kajee and niece of Mr. A. B. Kajee, president of the Natal Indian Organisation, [illegible]

[illegible]

MR. R. D. NAIDOO, who has resigned from the Natal Indian Congress. [illegible] He is still secretary of the National Baking Workers' Union and the Sweet-workers' Union. He is also an Executive member of the S.A. Trades and Labour Council, Durban Committee.

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There was a large number of guests present at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. T. [illegible], Ashburton, when his daughter, [illegible], was married to the eldest son of Mrs. and the late Mr. R. [illegible].

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BORN: A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. [illegible], on February 7. Both well.

PRAGILA, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ramcharan [illegible], of Flat No. 1, "Lavender Court," [illegible] Avenue, Durban, and grand-daughter of Mr. [illegible], of [illegible], who celebrated her first birthday on February 21.

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Our Readers Speak

PRINCIPALS DO BOTHER

By M. Sewpaul
President, Westville Social Club

MR. A. KARRIPERSADH, of the Durban Indian Athletic and Cycling Union, might be correct in stating that principals have not responded to his "circulars," but to conclude that principals are absolutely not interested in athletics is wrong and misleading.

If they really do not bother about athletics, then there must be something wrong somewhere, because my experience as president of the Westville Social Club is otherwise.

My club is the only body to hold an [illegible] inter-school athletic meeting in Natal, and although our activities are confined to the township of Westville, we enjoy the confidence of all the five schools in Westville, representing over 1,200 children.

Our club is an unbiased body and is in no way connected with schools, yet the response by principals to its circulars and other communications is immediate.

Our first circular was met by letters of congratulations from all principals, followed later by voluntary donations, [illegible] principals actually took an active part in making the day a success.

Thousands of children and people present can testify to the great enthusiasm displayed by those principals and teachers. The Hindu girls competed and won the Girls' Cup, yet the most gruelling of items were won by Indian girls—the 440 yards, tug-of-war and skipping. An Indian school won the Boys' Cup.

DEPUTATION UNNECESSARY

By M. Balakistan Naidoo

IF General Smuts is really sincere about the Round Table Conference then the obvious course open to him is to issue invitations to the respective Governments concerned, which I am sure will readily be accepted, since they themselves are anxious to settle the dispute in an amicable manner without loss of prestige on either side. The proposed deputation to India and Pakistan by the Natal Indian Organisation will not be necessary and the money collected for this purpose could be used for some good cause in South Africa.

TO CORRESPONDENTS

Ramjee Cara (Maritzburg): The Indian Ambassador in Washington is Mr. Asaf Ali.

STELLA HILL RED CROSS

The fourth annual meeting of the Stella Hill Detachment, A.D. 24, of the South African Red Cross Society, was held during the month, presided over by the District Commissioner, Mr. A. Ebrahim.

Also present were Mr. Van der Westhuizen, the Assistant Branch Commissioner, and friends and well-wishers.

The Commissioner's annual report indicated, among other [illegible], that membership has increased and the hours of duty on "First Aid Service" were 1,112 hours. Many cases were treated.

The officers elected were: Commissioner, M. Murugan (re-elected); Quartermaster, M. R. Naicker; committee, M. A. Naidoo, L. N. Naidoo, S. L. Naidoo, M. G. Govender, A. [illegible], Jagan A. Naidoo, Ramiral Naicker, the Commissioner and the Quartermaster.

Honorary members: Messrs. M. M. Naicker, L. K. Naidoo, L. G. Naidoo, L. Kota Naidoo, Harry P. Pillay, L. R. Naidoo, M. D. Frank, M. N. Naidoo and S. Lutchmanaah Naidoo.

NO COCKTAILS

The Young Men's Muslim Association, of Port Shepstone, writes:

Please keep the word "Cocktail" [illegible] Rajab M. K. Desai [illegible] as Muslims do not partake of such tail parties. It was a party given by Rajab M. K. [illegible] with minerals and sweetmeats with fruits.

[The headline "Cocktail Party for a Rajab" was drawn from a report supplied by the Association. The report contained the words "Cocktail Party."—Editor, "The Leader."]

Pakistani Breaks World Record

KARACHI: The Honourable Mr. Abdus Sattar Pirzada, Minister for Food, Agriculture and Health, Pakistan Government, gave away two silver cups, one on his own behalf, to Mr. Anwar Hussain, who has broken the world record of non-stop cycling by five hours.

In a short speech, the Minister commended the spirit of fair competition and also the endurance power of Mr. Anwar Hussain. Highly appreciating the honour which Mr. Anwar Hussain brought to Pakistan, he urged the audience to strive their utmost to be the topmost in all walks of life and thus bring greater and greater honour to Pakistan.

Earlier, he helped Mr. Anwar Hussain to get down from his bicycle.

The world record of non-stop cycling for 81 hours was held by an American, Mr. Anwar Hussain continuously cycled for 86 hours, thus breaking the world record by five hours.

INDIAN NURSES IN TB PLAY

"[illegible] of Humanity," a [illegible] play written and produced by Mr. T. M. Naidoo, will be staged at the Recreational Hall, Springfield T.B. Hospital, this afternoon.

The play deals with the life of a poor Indian family. The head of the family contracts T.B. while working in a factory. He is admitted to the [illegible] Settlement, where he convalesces.

The following will take part in the play: [illegible] Moodley, [illegible] Chetty, Margaret Naidoo, Sheila [illegible], Ruby [illegible], [illegible] Govender, [illegible] Naidoo and Sylvia Moodley.

The total takings will be handed to the Springfield Nurses Social Club.

INDIAN DEAD NEGLECTED

CEMETERY CONDITIONS CAUSE COMPLAINTS

THE Overport and District Tamil and Telegu Protective Association has written to the City Council complaining that Indian dead at the Queen Street and Stellawood Cemeteries are not cared for properly. The cemeteries are disgracefully neglected.

MR. K. SOOBRAMONEY, the chairman of the Association, told "The Leader" that the cemeteries are not properly maintained and were full of grass and shrubs.

There are no proper paths, and visitors to the cemetery often unknowingly walk upon graves. Relatives of dead find it extremely difficult to locate or trace graves of their beloved ones.

"The Indian community pays equal rates and taxes, yet on making a comparison with the European cemetery at Queen Street and Stellawood there is a distinct contrast. The European cemetery is certainly a paradise," Mr. Soobramoney said.

At the Queen Street Cemetery a portion of the land near the shed, where the implements are kept, appears a vegetable garden. Surely the cemetery is not a place for this and that the land can be better used by growing flowers [illegible] graves. This would beautify and transplanting them on the [illegible].

SUNDAY SERVICE ANNIVERSARY

The third anniversary meeting of the Weekly Evening Sunday Service Group, of Clairwood, was held on Sunday last at the Shree Siva Soobramaniar Temple.

Mr. P. A. Pillay, the founder, who briefly outlined the activities of the Group, said that members gathered on Sundays to offer prayers for the good of mankind.

Verses from the Thevaram and Thiruvasagam, of the four great saints of South India, were sung by the congregation. The Puja was conducted by Mr. P. A. Pillay.

The other speakers were Messrs. V. A. Naidoo, R. Muthoo Pillay and V. Govindasamy Padayachee.

FOR "PAK" RELIEF

At a meeting held last week at the residence of Mr. D. A. Kadwa, Port Shepstone, a Pakistan Relief Committee was formed, with the following as officials: President, M. M. Desai; vice-president, M. [illegible]; joint secretaries, [illegible] and Omar Gangat; treasurer, D. A. Kadwa. Committee, C. M. [illegible] and A. M. K. Desai.

CONGRESS BRANCHES SECEDE

The Machadodorp and Waterval Boven Branch of the Transvaal Indian Congress at a meeting specially called for the purpose resolved:

(a) That a Congress secede from the Transvaal Indian Congress and seek affiliation with Transvaal Indian Organisation.

(b) That the name of the Congress will henceforth be Transvaal Indian Organisation (Machadodorp and Waterval Boven branch).

(c) That the constitution be hereby amended and a clause be inserted reading: "No person belonging to the Communist Party shall remain or be eligible as member."

At a meeting of Indians held at A. B. Gani's place it was resolved to form an organisation to be called "Transvaal Indian Organisation (Witbank Branch)."

The following office bearers were elected: Aboo Baker Gani, President; H. I. [illegible] and Ebrahim Noor Mahomed, Joint Hon. Secretaries; Ebrahim [illegible], Vice-President; Mahomed [illegible] and Abdul Gani Mahomed, Joint Treasurers.

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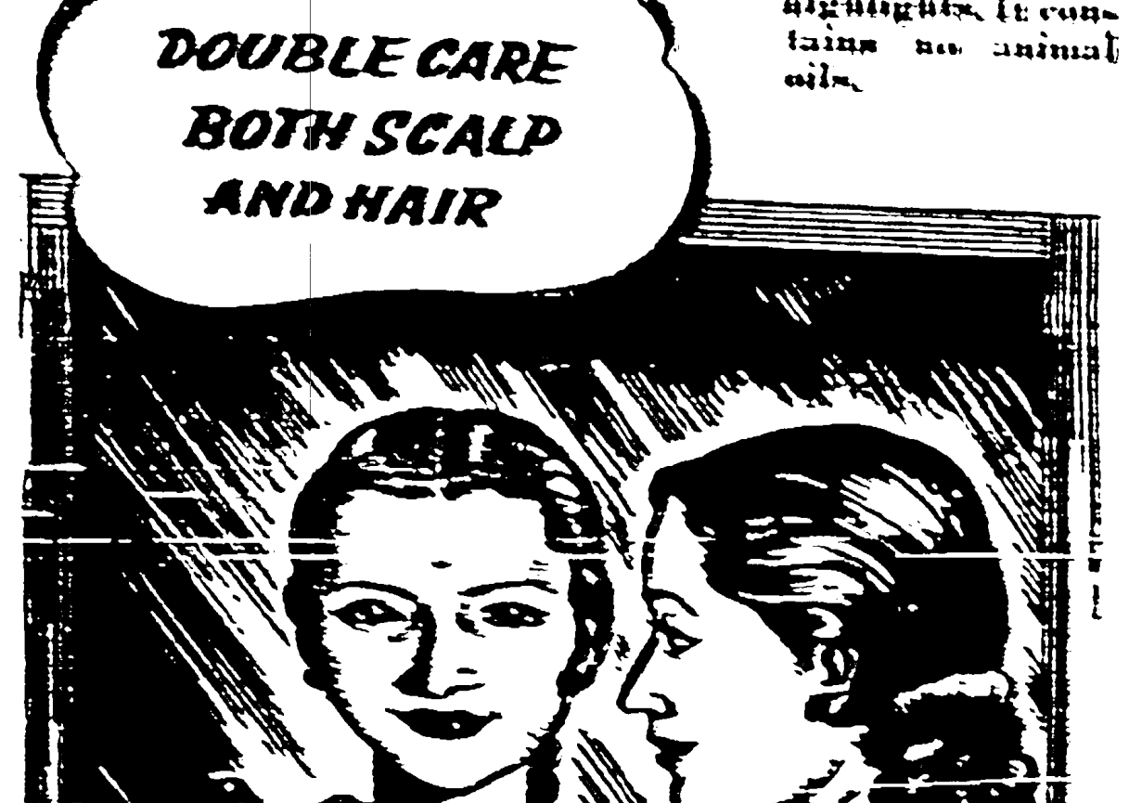

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SPEAKING to members of the Durban International Club Mr. A. I. Meer, who represented the Joint Passive Resistance Council at UN, said that the world at large was making special note of the way in which the Non-European people here were being treated in South Africa. He warned, "White South Africa must wake up before it finds this country an outcast among nations."

MR. MEER said that immediately one left the boundaries of South Africa one became increasingly conscious of the lack of vision on the part of South African politicians in their approach to day-to-day affairs of the country—a fact which played a major part in retarding the progress of this country.

While the devastated countries of Europe were tackling with courage and determination the task of reconstruction, and while, in spite of the shortages of food, fuel and housing, the peoples of these countries were gallantly fighting to bring about a new world order of peace, progress and security, the South African politicians simply thrived on problems of their own creation.

While in other countries the major problems being tackled were those connected with such vital matters as food production, wages, social health and international relations, South Africa wasted most of its time devising ways and means to retard the progress of the vast majority of the population, and in the process retarded the progress of the country as a whole.

Of Paramount Importance

To the South African politician the question of race and colour was of paramount importance. All other questions were to them matters of a secondary nature.

When the present session of Parliament was opened several valuable days were wasted by the two major parties debating whether the very meagre, indirect and ineffective method of representation granted to the Africans should not be done away with altogether. This was quite opposite to what was happening in other parts of the world.

"In other countries the issue is not one of taking away but of placing an increasing measure of control in the hands of the people.

"In the task of reconstruction and in the bringing about of this new order youth is playing an important part. It is in the forefront of tackling the many problems that face it with confidence and enthusiasm.

"There is today an increasing measure of co-operation between the young people everywhere, because it was youth, whether in Europe, Asia or America, that bore the brunt of the battle in the most devastating war known in history [illegible] was fought to destroy the doctrines of Fascism and to uproot Hitler's theory of a master race.

"It is because of this and because of the cruel suffering that they themselves had to endure that Hitler belief of racial superiority that the racial policies of South Africa appear to the people of Europe to be nauseating.

"Youth is making its influence felt in every sphere. It was the youth of Britain that prompted a petition to His Majesty the King to proclaim publicly on the occasion of his visit to South Africa that racial discrimination as practised in this country was not in accordance with his Majesty's desire for equal rights for all his subjects, White or Black."

It was the youth of 24 countries that only last week turned down South Africa's application to participate in the world table tennis championship match. Instances of this nature will keep on multiplying, and White South Africa must wake up before they find this country an outcast among nations.

In the world assembly that is the United Nations one found a feeling of oneness. Nations of the world worked there in an atmosphere of complete equality, which is slowly but surely emerging from the chaos of six years of destructive war. Mr. Meer said South Africa's voice there in defence of its racial policy was a voice in the wilderness.

"When one left the borders of South Africa one felt for the first time a free human being. Nowhere in my travels in Africa, Europe or America did I experience any kind of discrimination as one finds in South Africa every hour of the day in almost all walks of life if one happens to be a Non-European."

Though there are varying degrees of discrimination in the different States of America, New York, with its population of 5,470,000, has a law against racial discrimination and segregation. Five per cent. of Coloured American men have occupations of a professional, managerial or clerical nature. One per cent. of the Negro women earn their incomes from office or sales work. There are outstanding Negro singers, actors and actresses and musicians such as Paul Robeson, Lena Horne and Marian Anderson, all of whom have received national recognition.

There are actually two Negroes in the House of Representatives and there are twelve Negroes in the State Department's foreign service. Has South Africa anything to compare with this with regard to its own Bantu population?

Congress Classes Commence

AS a result of a request by the Natal Indian Congress to interview the Administrator of Natal, the Hon. Dr. D. G. Shepstone, a deputation of the Congress, consisting of Messrs. J. N. Singh, chairman of the Education Committee, N. S. Devshi, K. U. Mehta, M. D. Naidoo, S. M. Mayat and Dr. A. [illegible] met Mr. R. A. Banks, the Director of Education, in Durban on Friday at the Kathiawad Indian School.

The Natal Indian Congress, which has made temporary arrangements to run standard seven classes in the afternoon at the Kathiawad Hall for the 201 students who failed to get admission at Sastri College at the beginning of this year, requested the Provincial Administrator and the Education Department to grant permission to teachers to instruct these students after school hours.

The Congress delegation informed Mr. Banks that all arrangements had been made to commence classes. Premises had been hired, desks and benches and other teaching equipment had been acquired, sufficient graduate and qualified teachers had been obtained, and already 120 students had enrolled. The classes would be run from 3 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. on weekdays and 9 a.m. to 12 on Saturdays, and the subjects and syllabus would be the same as provided at Sastri College.

Mr. R. A. Banks, on behalf of the Education Department and the Provincial Administration, assured the delegation that the necessary permission to teachers to instruct after school hours would be granted and that the temporary classes could commence.

MORE BROADCAST RESIGNATIONS

S.A.B.C. POLICY CRITICISED

MISS SYLVIA LAWRENCE and Mr. Yusuf Kathrada, the remaining members of the original advisory committee on the Indian session have also resigned from the Audition Committee of the South African Broadcasting Corporation. This follows the resignation last week of Mr. A. C. Meer.

IN a letter to the Regional Director of the South African Broadcasting Corporation, Miss Lawrence states: "It is tragic but true that the S.A.B.C. does not at all seem keen to provide good, entertaining and educational features in the Indian programmes. Nor are they prepared to allot more time for the Indian sessions. Unless a change was brought about, Miss Lawrence stated, the Indian sessions would continue to remain useless and disappointing.

"When the Advisory Committee was originally formed in January, 1946, I understood that in addition to an extension of time the whole character of the Indian programmes was to be completely changed. I sincerely felt that by accepting membership of the Advisory Committee I would be able to serve my people. But I was rudely disappointed because I found that there was not to be the slightest change in the attitude of the S.A.B.C. and, therefore, all suggestions and recommendations given by the members of the Advisory and Audition Committees, although offered in an advisory capacity, were not heeded or given effect to. As a result the Indian programmes have remained at almost the same disappointing standard, if not worse, than what they were before the appointment of the Committee," [illegible] Miss Lawrence.

"I hoped, however, that a change might come about and that the authorities may be persuaded to see the real needs of the Indian community, but this was unfortunately not to be. In such circumstances, if there was to be no real change and if the 30 minute per week programmes were to be selected and presented in the manner in which they are being done at present, then I strongly feel that my time was being wasted and the original aim and object of the Advisory Committee was not served at all.

Inexplicable Neglect

"It is a pity that such good educational medium as the radio is being wasted by the authorities through an inexplicable neglect and disregard of the needs and demands of the thousands of Indian listeners in South Africa," Miss Lawrence's letter goes on.

In his letter Mr. Kathrada states:—

"There is also another regrettable innovation introduced in the Committee that members are referred to as Christian, Hindus and Muslims instead of as Indians. It seems that they are also required to satisfy the authorities as to their political leanings. What these have to do with music and entertainment I cannot understand. For instance, I happen to be a professional artist, and because I draw political cartoons for a newspaper, I was deemed to be not a proper person on the Advisory Committee.

"I fear there is nothing one can

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ASIAN YOUTH MEETS

LAST week a conference of the youth of South-East Asia was held at Calcutta. The conference was attended by delegates of youth of nine South-East Asian countries: Burma, Ceylon, India, Indonesia, Malaya, Phillippines, Pakistan and Viet Nam.

Representatives of youth organisations from Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, China, Korea, Mongolia and the Soviet Republic of Central Asia attended as observers.

Among the guests at the conference were representatives of the youth of Great Britain, France, Holland, U.S.A., Scandinavia, the Balkan countries and Latin America.

The aim of conference, the first of its kind in history, was to provide the youth of the South-East Asian countries an opportunity to exchange their experiences of struggle against Imperialist occupation and aggression, to discuss and take decisions on common problems arising out of this struggle and through the work of the conference to strengthen the bonds of fighting unity between the youth of the Colonial countries and the rest of the world.

Dr. G. M. Naicker, president of the Natal Indian Congress, cabled the following message to this Youth Conference in Calcutta:

"Greetings and salutations to the youth of South-East Asia assembled in conference. Indian youth of South Africa is playing a major part in our Satyagraha struggle, which is being waged for elementary human rights, freedom from economic oppression, freedom of movement and removal of social discrimination and seek your support and co-operation. We wish the conference every success."

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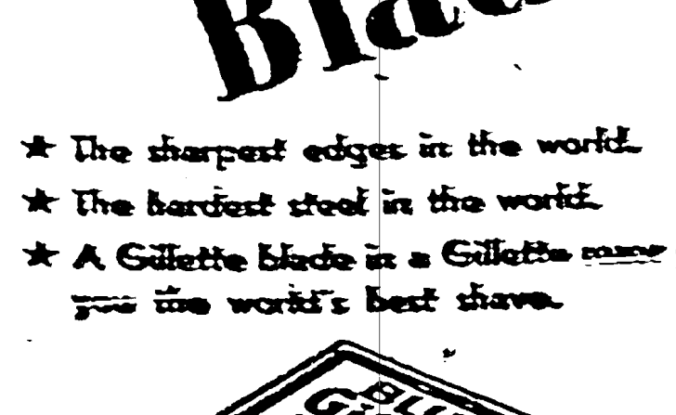

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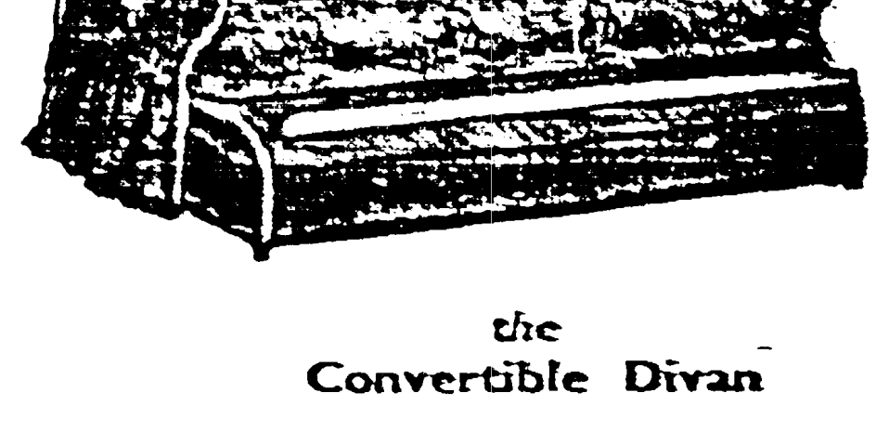

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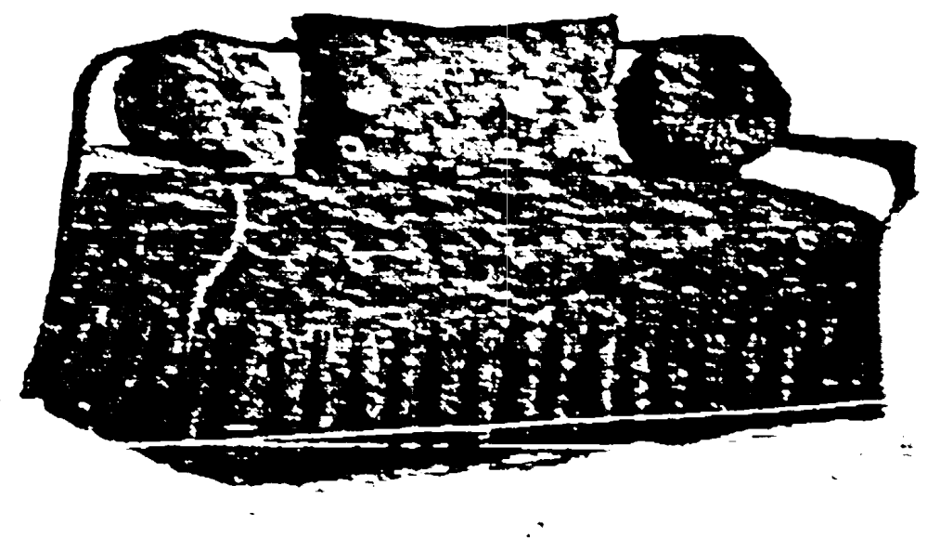

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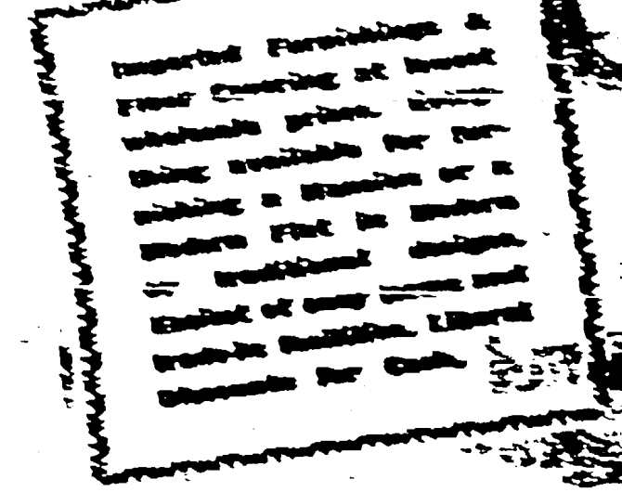
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Natal Indian Congress
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ANNUAL PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

1948
NOTICE

to delegates and members of Branches.

In terms of Clause (a) and (c) of Rule 3 of Congress Constitution, you are hereby notified that the Annual Conference of the Natal Indian Congress will be held in Durban on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, the 29th, 30th and 31st of May, 1948.

In terms of Rule 20 (c) the details of time, place and agenda will be forwarded to delegates and Branch Secretaries direct.

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THIRUKOOTTAM, Durban.

The Leader
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SATURDAY, FEB. 28, 1948.

Mr. Pather's Exceptions

MR. P. R. PATHER, one of the secretaries of the Natal Indian Organisation, and spokesman of the deputation which saw the Prime Minister in Capetown recently, has taken exception to the fact that we have referred to the N.I.O. deputation to India as a "goodwill mission" and also charges us of being prejudiced by preconceived ideas. In the course of a statement (see our news columns) Mr. Pather says that what the N.I.O. officials have in mind is a deputation to India to see the Prime Minister of that country and also the head of Pakistan. The deputation will not be a "goodwill mission." Certainly we cannot be blamed for referring to a "goodwill mission" when the Prime Minister himself, replying to a question in the House, said that he, from suggestions made to him by an Indian deputation, had approved of a "goodwill mission" going to India. Mr. Pather now says that that is not so.

Apparently the issues are already confused long before any deputation or "goodwill mission," to use the Premier's words, has even left for India. It is precisely for this reason that we are opposed to any Indian deputation going to India or Pakistan. If there is confusion now, and the words of the N.I.O. and the Prime Minister are not exactly the same on the subject, confusion will be worse confounded later on. There is no guarantee that the Prime Minister will not turn round later and say "I did not mean that" or declare that the whole thing is "dead and done."

The wisest course to adopt now is to leave the matter at Government level, and we pointed out last week what steps should be taken. There is another equally important question; that is the attitude of the Natal Indian Congress. Apparently the Congress is reluctant to endorse publicly the proposed conference. We do not know why its reluctance. It must now either make up its mind definitely whether such a conference will be in the interests of the Indian people or not. If it thinks it will not be of any use it must say so openly, and if the reverse is the case then the Congress owes it to the people, whom it claims to represent, to make a public declaration. This is not the time to dilly-dally.

It would appear that the Congress is afraid that were it to endorse publicly the usefulness of the conference and if such a conference were subsequently held with fruitful results, the N.I.O. may claim credit for it. But is the time now to think of such possibilities, or should the larger interest of the community matter? If the Congress were to inform Pandit Nehru that it welcomes the conference on the basis proposed it would eliminate whatever reason the N.I.O. may claim to go to India. As we pointed out last week, we would then be unanimous here, and Pandit Nehru will know exactly what to do should General Smuts approach him.

Indian Art Exhibition

THE Indian Art Exhibition now in London is attracting a great deal of interest, and it has been suggested [illegible] that at least a portion of it should be brought out to this country for two important purposes: to prove to the European people here that the Indians are not a barbarous and savage people, but that they are the inheritors of an ancient culture and to show to the South African Indian people that theirs is an art and culture equal to anything that may have come out of the West.

It would certainly create a great deal of interest if such an exhibition were to be shown in the principal cities of the Union. The Indian would then realise the greatness of the rock whence he is hewn, and the European, too, would realise that merely being white is not the passport to all things to [illegible]. Some of our politicians should take time off and see whether they cannot get at least some parts of the exhibition out to this country.

Joy or pain, it covered the whole gamut of life, exquisitely finished in vivid colour—

RAJPUT PAINTINGS

RAJPUT painting was miniature painting. Bold, vital, with primitive feeling for vivid colour, they were exquisitely finished.

Unlike the Mughals, the Rajputs took as their province the whole gamut of life—whether joy or pain they considered all experience worthy of immortality. They laid emphasis on the pure sensuous joy of living rather than on the ephemeral and transient joys of life. They sought, found and portrayed a deeper conception with a full appreciation of colour and movement.

THEY painted scenes from the court, illustrated Nature's various seasons, finished portraits with meticulous care and captured the stress and the strain of the battle and the hunt. All these were done largely in the impressionistic style. There was no attempt to depict an object faithfully in all its minute detail—only a gorgeous display of colour, a desire to hold the spirit of a scene rather than its perspective.

They adopted a formalism and symbolism which was at the same time easily understood and appealing. The figures which were portrayed were not individualistic but types. Trees, water, houses and clouds were painted not so much for what they were but for what they denoted.

Scenes from the life of the [illegible] boy God Krishna, however, were the central theme of their work, the fountain-head of their inspiration. During the 15th and 16th centuries a religious movement swept through the country which influenced the Rajput painters. There was a great revival of Vaishnavism, the worship of Lord Krishna as an incarnation of Vishnu, known as the Bhakti cult.

The stories which, spider-like, had been woven round the life of Krishna were myriad. He was for ever getting into childish mischief. His romance with the Gopis (milkmaids) is a delicious idyll of love, his fight with demons and rival gods graphic—they all lent themselves admirably to the Rajput painter's delight in the mere fact of life.

The early miniatures of the Rajputs were known as Ragmalas, pictorial representations of musical modes, a feature common to all Indian miniaturists. This consisted in representing the emotional background of a particular tune by a painting. Each Raga or Ragini was associated with its own set of emotions and the artist was able with these musical modes to represent love, hatred, pity, joy or pain.

THE miniatures were infinitely patient. Details of dress, jewellery and landscape were picked out with perfect care.

E. B. Havell puts it aptly: "Patience unlimited is bestowed upon detail, apparently the most insignificant, which the artist values, but everything is rigorously excluded which he thinks foreign to his purpose.

"There is no self-advertisement, no cheap effect to attract the applause of the ignorant, no vulgar trickery or playing to the gallery. This restraint and self-control the inartistic mind, accustomed to the loud self-assertion and aggressive realism of common modern painting, often mistakes for defective power of expression."

The art which the Rajputs once gave India has vanished but it has left the immortal message that life was worth living.

The Ajanta Caves

THE Ajanta Caves, which contain fresco paintings, are famous the world over. These frescoes are said to be over 2,000 years old. Nowhere in Europe is there to be found so large and remarkable a collection of pre-mediaeval paintings in one spot as are to be seen at Ajanta.

They are considered superior in style to anything that was accomplished in Europe at the time when they were executed.

THE scenes represented are taken from the legendary history of Buddha and the "Jatakas," hunting scenes, battle scenes, and the carrying off of the relics of Ceylon. So great is the variety of subjects that it is almost impossible to conceive of a phase of life that has been overlooked. Every emotion has been portrayed with a realism which powerfully moves the spectator.

The cave temples are situated in a wild and romantic glen fronting a rock-scarp. Executed in the face of an almost perpendicular rock, about 250 feet in height, they sweep round almost a complete curve, forming the outer side of a secluded ravine down which flows a rushing stream.

Above the caves the valley terminates in a waterfall of seven leaps, the lowest of which may be about 70 or 80 feet high, and the others about 100 feet or more. From east to west, round the concave wall that hems in the stream on its north side, the extent of the caves is some 600 yards and they vary in elevation from about 35 to 100 feet above the bed of the torrent.

In many respects the caves of Ajanta are more complete and more interesting than any others in India.

They are unique in one feature that they all belong exclusively to the Buddhist religion and they extend through the whole period during which Buddhism prevailed as a dominant religion in the country.

THEY are of remarkable antiquity, comparable with and even surpassing the Druid Circle in Stonehenge. Two of them date back to the Second Century B.C. while the others were constructed during the next eight centuries.

The caves number 29 in all. Caves I, II, XVI and XVII are Viharas. They may be described in general terms as made up of square halls 65 feet each way, with flat ceilings 12 to 14 feet high, supported by some 20 massive columns. In the back walls there are recessed shrines containing colossal figures of Budha. In the front walls there are doors and windows. The columns of verandahs are richly designed with beautiful though sometimes with fantastic figures.

The beauty and variety of pillars in caves XVI and XVII are remarkable. The types in both caves differ, no two of any type being exactly alike.

The earlier caves—Nos. IX and X—[illegible] on the evidence of costumes worn by the human figures which resemble the costumes depicted in Sanchi sculpture, may be assigned to the First Century B.C.

The charms of those frescoes stand out vividly and leave an everlasting impression.

The vandalism of man, the levelling hand of time and the vagaries of Indian climate have joined together sometimes in completely effacing or seriously damaging these frescoes—to such an extent that one may at places see only the eyes or the hands full of nervous energy of a figure whose [illegible] has crumbled; the narrative scenes too in some cases have suffered damage, but even then whatever remains proclaims the greatness of the artist who painted Ajanta.

American Women's Interest In India

"The Leader" Special Service

NEW DELHI: A delegation of women representatives of the American, Algerian, French, Soviet, Chinese and British sections of the Women's International Democratic Federation has arrived in India to study among other things, the part played by Indian women in the struggle for freedom and peace.

The Women's International Democratic Federation passed a resolution at Stockholm, in September last, to send an inquiry commission to various countries to study the living conditions and needs of, as well as the part played by, women in the struggle for freedom and peace.

The delegation will visit the different Provinces of India, Pakistan, Viet-Nam, Burma, Indonesia and Malaya.

Mrs. Andrew N. Diehl, President of the National Council of Women of the U.S.A., a unit of the International Council of Women, has arrived in India for a two-week stay in the country. During her tour she will exchange views with Indian women as a means of achieving closer relations between Indian and American women.

Mrs. Diehl said on arriving in New Delhi, that in view of the "increasing interest among American women in progress being made in India," she felt it important to visit here herself "to meet leading Indian women and to become acquainted with the people of the new independent Dominion."

Mrs. Diehl has recently visited Europe and other countries en route to India and will return to the U.S.A. by way of the Pacific.

The International Council of Women works closely with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations and is concerned with international problems relating to peace, laws, suffrage, moral standards, public health, child welfare, education, migration, the Press, trades and professions, letters, arts, cinema, broadcasting and housing.

Women of India

A lovely modern Parsi girl behind the chick of a verandah, where [illegible] a lovely face may be glimpsed. The modern Parsi girl [illegible] and takes part in all sports. They are generally fair, being of Persian descent.

MR. P. R. PATHER EXPLAINS

Not Goodwill Mission: But A Deputation

NO goodwill mission but a deputation to the Prime Minister of India and Pakistan to get their acquiescence to the Round Table Conference proposal, as now accepted by General Smuts, was the purpose of the projected visit to India. Thus explained Mr. P. R. Pather, referring to the editorial and the cartoon in the last issue of The Leader.

"We ourselves," Mr. Pather said, "have never used the word 'goodwill'." When told that the Prime Minister had used the word 'goodwill' in his reply to Mr. Eric Louw in Parliament that he had "approved of a mission" going to India, Mr. Pather said that was the responsibility of General Smuts.

IN the course of the memorandum submitted to General Smuts on January 29, the N.I.O. refers to the "deadlock" between India and South Africa which is described as "unfortunate."

"The deadlock," it is stated, "is detrimental to the general interests of the three Dominions, who are members of the British Commonwealth of Nations. No Dominion can afford to be unfriendly, to use a mild term, with another Dominion in the Commonwealth, for unfriendliness will be the cause of disrupting the foundations on which the Commonwealth has been built. . . .

"We respectfully ask that you indicate to us your willingness to hold a conference in accordance with our suggestions, so as to enable us to urge the Governments of Hindustan and Pakistan to favourably consider the same.

"It is our intention, on receiving your assurances in this regard, to go into conference and thereafter send a deputation to Hindustan and Pakistan."

It was this plea which, no doubt, led General Smuts to say in Parliament, writes our political correspondent, that he approved of the suggestion to send a goodwill mission to India."

"No Guarantee"

Our correspondent proceeds:

Mr. Pather denies that it is a "goodwill" mission. He says it is a deputation to the Governments of India and Pakistan to get them to accept General Smuts's proposal of a round table conference. Whatever the differences at this stage there is no guarantee that it will end there. The lead in the circumstances will be to report "progress" to the two overseas Governments to take the issue further.

The matter, thanks to the Natal Indian Organisation deputation to the Premier for having obtained his assurance, has now become simple. Further intervention of either a goodwill mission or a deputation or whatever the two might mean—would unnecessarily confuse issues, as we have indications of that now.

The stage is now set for the Governments of India and Pakistan, on the one hand, and the Union Government, on the other, to get together. It is to be a Government level conference and the Governments concerned must come together. To use a boxing parlance, "seconds out."

Mr. Pather's Criticism

In a written statement Mr. P. R. Pather says:

"Your leading article in 'The Leader' of last week, under the caption, 'Unnecessary Step,' coupled with a cartoon, presumably intended to give, from your point of view, a ludicrous touch, does not show wise reasoning, nor an appreciation of the situation. With preconceived views it condemns a matter which has yet to be discussed and decided upon.

"The deputation which met the Prime Minister at Capetown on January 29, 1948, secured from him assurances, which any Indian of intelligence and responsibility would admit were in the best interests of the Indian community in South Africa. It is common cause that as a result of the technical defeat of the Indian resolution at the United Nations Assembly last year a state of stalemate has arisen. India, because of the technical defeat of the resolution, will not naturally move first to end this deadlock. She stands by the 1946 United Nations resolution and insists that the resolution should form the basis of a round table conference between the Union Government, the Union of India and Pakistan.

"The Union Government on the other hand suggests a round table conference to reexamine the policies announced in the 1927 and 1932 Capetown Agreements.

"You suggest in your leading article that General Smuts should initiate discussion with India on the subject of holding a round table conference. The discussion on India's resolution of 1947 which failed to secure the requisite majority clearly shows that the dispute between India and South Africa was left where it was in 1946.

"The obligation on either side rests in terms of the 1946 resolution. If neither India nor South Africa took any initiative, what was to happen? Each country has one recourse only open to it, and that by bringing up the matter again before the next United Nations Assembly. All that we have done so far is to take the initiative in breaking the deadlock.

AN ACHIEVEMENT

"It must, therefore, be admitted that what the South African Indian Deputation achieved was definite improvement on the present situation and a step forward to end the deadlock.

"General Smuts has agreed that he will not, as a prerequisite to the holding of a round table conference,

(a) insist upon the repealing of the High Commissioner of India in South Africa, thus abandoning the stand he took in May, 1947, and

(b) insist upon the withdrawal of trade sanctions imposed by India on South Africa.

"Moreover, General Smuts has given his assurances that he is willing to hold a round table conference between the three Governments to consider all aspects of the Indian question in South Africa without prejudice to the stand hitherto taken by each Government.

"Having these assurances from the Prime Minister, we are now concerned with the attitude of the Union of India and Pakistan.

PERSONAL CONTACT

"The idea of a deputation to India was conceived as the best means of having personal contacts with India and securing the acceptance of the two Governments to the holding of a round table conference on lines indicated above. The sending of a deputation to India has to be approved by the South African Indian Conference to be held at Durban on March 13 and 14, 1948.

"The conference might take other steps, or if by then the Union of India and Pakistan signify their acquiescence to the holding of a round table conference there would be no need to send a deputation to India. In any case if a deputation were to go the Natal Indian Organisation could assure that public money would not be wasted, as was the case with other deputations.

"It will be remembered that in 1946 the South African Indian Congress Delegation (Messrs. A. I. Kajee, P. R. Pather, and A. Christopher) to New York cost the community about £1,500 (the late Mr. A. I. Kajee paying his own expenses) and did almost all the work as compared with work by other deputations which cost several thousand pounds.

"As a journal of standing, if you launched an attack on reasonable ground and with justifiable reason on any action of a body or men, when they err, I would certainly see some sense in it. Your attack on the proposal, which is yet to materialise, to send a deputation to India would be regarded as consistent if you had criticised those who have spent public money unnecessarily and who are leading the cause of the Indian community to irretrievable ruin."

SITE FOR HOME GRANTED

From Our Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG, Friday.

The Maritzburg City Council has granted a site at Mountain Rise to the Aryan Benevolent Society for the erection of an orphanage.

The site which is situated at the intersection of [illegible] and [illegible] Roads is an ideal one according to Mr. S. R. Naidoo who negotiated with the City Council for a site.

Mr. Naidoo told the Leader, in an interview, that plans were now being finalised for the erection of the orphanage as soon as the title deeds were passed. The building will be a double-storeyed one and will be equipped with modern conveniences. It is also intended to conduct a Kindergarten School. When completed the orphanage will be the only one of its kind in the Union.

Tech. Branch At Durban North Ready Soon

A BRANCH of the M. L. Sultan Technical College will be established at Durban North, where the College Principal, Mr. H. Nattrass, has been able to obtain a suitable piece of ground from the Municipality. The College Council has approved of the acquisition of four military huts from Union Defence. It is expected that the branch, which will consist of Technical, Commercial and Home Science Classes for women, will be ready for the third quarter, if not even earlier.

THE branch of the M. L. Sultan Technical College will be established on the lower part of the Van der [illegible] Land, adjacent to Prospect Hall Road. The Council has granted the College a 5-year lease.

"This branch of the College, which will provide excellent accommodation for 200 students, will have modern equipment and furniture and will relieve the pressure on the already overtaxed Indian school accommodation in the Durban area," said Mr. H. Nattrass, principal of the M. L. Sultan Technical College, in an interview with "The Leader."

"It will have a full-time day department of commerce to accommodate more than a hundred students. There will also be a full-time day department of home science for girls. In addition, provision is being made for workshops and drawing offices so that a day technical school for boys will be started," stated Mr. Nattrass.

"The new day department of commerce," the Principal went on, "will provide instruction in the two official languages, commercial arithmetic, bookkeeping, commerce, business methods, geography, together with a sound training in shorthand and typing.

"This course will lead to remunerative employment in industry and should have a wide appeal to students who wish to prepare for a commercial career. The course will eventually lead to the National Senior Certificate, matriculation equivalent and will gain one admission to a university in South Africa or overseas and for any purpose," added Mr H. Nattrass.

Science Certificate

"The day department of home science will provide instruction for girls in such subjects as dressmaking, needlework, physiology, hygiene and languages. It will lead to the National Science Domestic Certificate," remarked the Principal.

"The day department," he continued, "will be open to girls who have obtained the Standard VI certificate, while the part-time classes will be open to anyone who wishes to enjoy the facilities offered.

"The plans," he stated, "show a commodious residence and fitting rooms so that parents need have no fear in sending their girls for instruction.

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ANNUAL PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

1948
NOTICE

to delegates and members of Branches.

In terms of Clause (a) and (c) of Rule 3 of Congress Constitution, you are hereby notified that the Annual Conference of the Natal Indian Congress will be held in Durban on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, the 29th, 30th and 31st of May, 1948.

In terms of Rule 20 (c) the details of time, place and agenda will be forwarded to delegates and Branch Secretaries direct.

N.B. Attention is drawn to Rule 9 (a) and (b) and Rule 32 of the constitution.

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SATURDAY, FEB. 28, 1948.

Mr. Pather's Exceptions

MR. P. R. PATHER, one of the secretaries of the Natal Indian Organisation, and spokesman of the deputation which saw the Prime Minister in Capetown recently, has taken exception to the fact that we have referred to the N.I.O. deputation to India as a "goodwill mission" and also charges us of being prejudiced by preconceived ideas. In the course of a statement (see our news columns) Mr. Pather says that what the N.I.O. officials have in mind is a deputation to India to see the Prime Minister of that country and also the head of Pakistan. The deputation will not be a "goodwill mission." Certainly we cannot be blamed for referring to a "goodwill mission" when the Prime Minister himself, replying to a question in the House, said that he, from suggestions made to him by an Indian deputation, had approved of a "goodwill mission" going to India. Mr. Pather now says that that is not so.

Apparently the issues are already confused long before any deputation or "goodwill mission," to use the Premier's words, has even left for India. It is precisely for this reason that we are opposed to any Indian deputation going to India or Pakistan. If there is confusion now, and the minds of the N.I.O. and the Prime Minister are not exactly the same on the subject, confusion will be worse confounded later on. There is no guarantee that the Prime Minister will not turn round later and say "I did not mean that" or declare that the whole thing is "dead and done."

The wisest course to adopt now is to leave the matter at Government level, and we pointed out last week what steps should be taken. There is another equally important question; that is the attitude of the Natal Indian Congress. Apparently the Congress is reluctant to endorse publicly the proposed conference. We do not know why its reluctance. It must now either make up its mind definitely whether such a conference will be in the interests of the Indian people or not. If it thinks it will not be of any use it must say so openly, and if the reverse is the case then the Congress owes it to the people, whom it claims to represent, to make a public declaration. This is not the time to dilly-dally.

It would appear that the Congress is afraid that were it to endorse publicly the usefulness of the conference and if such a conference were subsequently held with fruitful results, the N.I.O. may claim credit for it. But is the time now to think of such possibilities, or should the larger interest of the community matter? If the Congress were to inform Pandit Nehru that it welcomes the conference on the basis proposed it would eliminate whatever reason the N.I.O. may claim to go to India. As we pointed out last week, we would then be unanimous here, and Pandit Nehru will know exactly what to do should General Smuts approach him.

Indian Art Exhibition

THE Indian Art Exhibition now in London is attracting a great deal of interest, and it has been suggested (see our news columns) that at least a portion of it should be brought out to this country for two important purposes: to prove to the European people here that the Indians are not a barbarous and savage people, but that they are the inheritors of an ancient culture and to show to the South African Indian people that theirs is an art and culture equal to anything that may have come out of the West.

It would certainly create a great deal of interest if such an exhibition were to be shown in the principal cities of the Union. The Indian would then realise the greatness of the race whence he is born, and the European too would realise that merely being white is not the passport to all things in life. Some of our politicians should take time off and see whether they cannot get at least some parts of the exhibition out to this country.

Joy or pain, it covered the whole gamut of life, exquisitely finished in vivid colour—

RAJPUT PAINTINGS

RAJPUT painting was miniature painting. Bold, vital, with primitive feeling for vivid colour, they were exquisitely finished.

Unlike the Mughals, the Rajputs took as their province the whole gamut of life—whether joy or pain they considered all experience worthy of immortality. They laid emphasis on the pure sensuous joy of living rather than on the ephemeral and transient joys of life. They sought, found and portrayed a deeper conception with a full appreciation of colour and movement.

THEY painted scenes from the court, illustrated Nature's varying moods, finished portraits with meticulous care and captured the stress and the strain of the battle and the hunt. All these were done largely in the impressionistic style. There was no attempt to depict an object faithfully in all its minute detail, only a gorgeous display of colour, a desire to hold the spirit of a scene rather than its perspective.

They adopted a formalism and symbolism which was at the same time easily understood and appealing. The figures which were portrayed were not individualistic but types. Trees, water, flowers and clouds were painted not so much for what they were but for what they denoted.

Scenes from the life of the playboy God Krishna, however, were the central theme of their work, the fountain-head of their inspiration. During the 15th and 16th centuries a religious movement swept through the country which influenced the Rajput painters. There was a great revival of Vaishnavism, the worship of Lord Krishna as an incarnation of Vishnu, known as the Bhakti cult.

The stories which, spider-like, had been woven round the life of Krishna were myriad. He was for ever getting into childish mischief. His romance with the Gopis (milkmaids) is a delicious idyll of love, his fight with demons and rival gods graphic—they all lent themselves admirably to the Rajput painter's delight in the mere fact of life.

The early miniatures of the Rajputs were known as Ragmalas, pictorial representations of musical modes, a feature common to all Indian miniaturists. This consisted in representing the emotional background of a particular tune by a painting. Each Raga or Ragini was associated with its own set of emotions and the artist was able with these musical modes to represent love, hatred, pity, joy or pain.

THE miniatures were infinitely patient. Details of flower, jewellery and landscape were picked out with perfect care.

E. B. Havell puts it aptly: "Patience unlimited is bestowed upon detail, apparently the most insignificant, which the artist values, but everything is rigorously excluded which he thinks foreign to his purpose.

"There is no self-advertisement, no cheap effect to attract the applause of the ignorant, no vulgar trickery or playing to the gallery. This restraint and self-control the inartistic mind, accustomed to the loud self-assertion and aggressive realism of common modern painting, often mistakes for defective power of expression."

The art which the Rajputs once gave India has vanished but it has left the immortal message that life was worth living.

The Ajanta Caves

THE Ajanta Caves, which contain fresco paintings, are famous the world over. These frescoes are said to be over 2,000 years old. Nowhere in Europe is there to be found so large and remarkable a collection of pre-mediaeval paintings in one spot as are to be seen at Ajanta.

They are considered superior in style to anything that was accomplished in Europe at the time when they were executed.

THE scenes represented are taken from the legendary history of Buddha and the "Jatakas," hunting scenes, battle scenes, and the carrying off of the relics of Ceylon. So great is the variety of subjects that it is almost impossible to conceive of a phase of life that has been overlooked. Every emotion has been portrayed with a realism which powerfully moves the spectator.

The cave temples are situated in a wild and romantic glen forming a rockscarp. Excavated in the face of an almost perpendicular rock, about 250 feet in height, they sweep round almost a complete curve, forming the outer side of a [illegible] down which flows a rushing stream.

Above the caves the valley terminates in a waterfall of seven leaps, the lowest of which may be about 70 or 80 feet high, and the others about 100 feet or more. From east to west, round the concave wall that hems in the stream on its north side, the extent of the caves is some 600 yards and they vary in elevation from about 35 to 100 feet above the bed of the torrent.

In many respects the caves of Ajanta are more complete and more interesting than any others in India.

They are unique in one feature that they all belong exclusively to the Buddhist religion and they extend through the whole period during which Buddhism prevailed as a dominant religion in the country.

THEY are of remarkable antiquity, comparable with and even surpassing the Druid Circle in Stonehenge. Two of them date back to the Second Century B.C. while the others were constructed during the next eight centuries.

The caves number 29 in all. Caves I, II, XVI and XVII are Viharas. They may be described in general terms as made up of square halls 65 feet each way, with flat ceilings 12 to 14 feet high, supported by some 20 massive columns. In the back walls there are recessed shrines, containing colossal figures of Buddha. In the front walls there are doors and windows. The columns of verandahs are richly designed with beautiful though sometimes with fantastic figures.

The beauty and variety of pillars in caves XVI and XVII are remarkable. The types in both caves differ, no two of any type being exactly alike.

The earlier caves—Nos. IX and X—on stylistic grounds and on the evidence of costumes worn by the human figures which resemble the costumes depicted in Sanchi sculpture, may be assigned to the First Century B.C.

The charms of these frescoes stand out vividly and leave an everlasting impression.

The vandalism of man, the levelling hand of time and the vagaries of Indian climate have joined together sometimes in completely effacing or seriously damaging these frescoes to such an extent that one may at places see only the eyes or the hands full of nervous energy of a figure which has crumpled; the narrative scenes too in some cases have suffered damage, but even then whatever remains proclaims the greatness of the artist who painted Ajanta.

American Women's Interest In India

"The Leader" Special Service

NEW DELHI: A delegation of women representatives of the American, Algerian, French, Soviet, Chinese and British sections of the Women's International Democratic Federation has arrived in India to study among other things, the part played by Indian women in the struggle for freedom and peace.

The Women's International Democratic Federation passed a resolution at Stockholm, in September last, to send an inquiry commission to various countries to study the living conditions and needs of, as well as the part played by, women in the struggle for freedom and peace.

The delegation will visit the different Provinces of India, Pakistan, Viet-Nam, Burma, Indonesia and Malaya.

Mrs. Ambrose N. Diehl, President of the National Council of Women of the U.S.A., a unit of the International Council of Women, has arrived in India for a two-week stay in the country. During her tour she will exchange views with Indian women as a means of achieving closer relations between Indian and American women.

Mrs. Diehl said on arriving in New Delhi, that in view of the "increasing interest among American women in progress being made in India," she felt it important to visit here herself "to meet leading Indian women and to become acquainted with the people of the new independent Dominion."

Mrs. Diehl has recently visited Europe and other countries en route to India and will return to the U.S.A. by way of the Pacific.

The International Council of Women works closely with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations and is concerned with international problems relating to peace, laws, suffrage, moral standards, public health, child welfare, education, migration, the Press, trades and professions, letters, arts, cinema, broadcasting and housing.

Women of India

A lovely modern Parsi girl behind the chick of a verandah, where many a lovely face may be glimpsed. The modern Parsi girl graduates and takes part in all sports. They are generally fair, being of Persian descent.

MR. P. R. PATHER EXPLAINS

Not Goodwill Mission: But A Deputation

NO goodwill mission but a deputation to the Prime Minister of India and Pakistan to get their acquiescence to the Round Table Conference proposal, as now accepted by General Smuts, was the purpose of the projected visit to India. Thus explained Mr. P. R. Pather, referring to the editorial and the cartoon in the last issue of The Leader.

"We ourselves," Mr. Pather said, "have never used the word 'goodwill'." When told that the Prime Minister had used the word "goodwill" in his reply to Mr. Eric Louw in Parliament that he had "approved of a mission" going to India, Mr. Pather said that was the responsibility of General Smuts.

IN the course of the memorandum submitted to General Smuts on January 29, the N.I.O. refers to the "deadlock" between India and South Africa which is described as "unfortunate."

"The deadlock," it is stated, "is detrimental to the general interests of the three Dominions, who are members of the British Commonwealth of Nations. No Dominion can afford to be unfriendly, to use a mild term, with a sister Dominion in the Commonwealth, for unfriendliness will be the cause of disrupting the foundations on which the Commonwealth has been built . . .

"We respectfully ask that you indicate to us your willingness to hold a conference in accordance with our suggestions, so as to enable us to urge the Governments of Hindustan and Pakistan to favourably consider the same.

"It is our intention, on receiving your assurance in this regard, to go into conference and thereafter send a deputation to Hindustan and Pakistan."

It was this plea which, no doubt, led General Smuts to say in Parliament, writes our political correspondent, that he approved of the suggestion to send a goodwill mission to India."

"No Guarantee"

Our correspondent proceeds:

Mr. Pather denies that it is a "goodwill" mission. He says it is a deputation to the Governments of India and Pakistan to get them to accept General Smuts's proposal of a round table conference. Whatever the differences at this stage there is no guarantee that it will end there. The best in the circumstances will be to report "progress" to the two [illegible] Governments to take the issue further.

The matter, [illegible] to the Natal Indian Organisation deputation to the Premier for having obtained his assurance, has now become simple. Further intervention of either a goodwill mission or a deputation or whatever the two might mean—would unnecessarily confuse issues, as we have indications of that now.

The stage is now set for the Governments of India and Pakistan, on the one hand, and the Union Government, on the other, to get together. It is to be a Government level conference and the Governments concerned must come together. To use a boxing parlance: "seconds out."

Mr. Pather's Criticism

In a written statement Mr. P. R. Pather says:

"Your leading article in 'The Leader' of last week, under the caption, 'Unnecessary Step,' coupled with a cartoon, presumably intended to give, from your point of view, a ludicrous touch, does not show wise reasoning, nor an appreciation of the situation. With preconceived views it condemns a matter which has yet to be discussed and decided upon.

"The deputation which met the Prime Minister at Capetown on January 29, 1948, secured from him assurances, which any Indian of intelligence and responsibility would admit were in the best interests of the Indian community in South Africa. It is common cause that as a result of the technical defeat of the Indian resolution at the United Nations Assembly last year a state of stalemate has arisen. India, because of the technical defeat of the resolution, will not naturally move first to end this deadlock. She stands by the 1946 United Nations resolution and insists that the resolution should form the basis of a round table conference between the Union Government, the Union of India and Pakistan.

"The Union Government on the other hand suggests a round table conference to reexamine the policies announced in the 1927 and 1932 Capetown Agreements.

"You suggest in your leading article that General Smuts should initiate discussion with India on the subject of holding a round table conference. The discussion on India's resolution of 1947 which failed to secure the requisite majority clearly shows that the dispute between India and South Africa was left where it was in 1946.

"The obligation on either side rests in terms of the 1946 resolution. If neither India nor South Africa took any initiative, what was to happen? Each country has one recourse only open to it, and that by bringing up the matter again before the next United Nations Assembly. All that we have done so far is to take the initiative in breaking the deadlock.

AN ACHIEVEMENT

"It must, therefore, be admitted that what the South African Indian Deputation achieved was definite improvement on the present situation and a step forward to end the deadlock.

"General Smuts has agreed that he will not, as a prerequisite to the holding of a round table conference,

(a) insist upon the repealing of the High Commissioner of India in South Africa, thus abandoning the stand he took in May, 1947, and

(b) insist upon the withdrawal of trade sanctions imposed by India on South Africa.

"Moreover, General Smuts has given his assurance that he is willing to hold a round table conference between the three Governments to consider all aspects of the Indian question in South Africa without prejudice to the stand hitherto taken by each Government.

"Having these assurances from the Prime Minister, we are now concerned with the attitude of the Union of India and Pakistan.

PERSONAL CONTACT

"The idea of a deputation to India was conceived as the best means of having personal contacts with India and securing the acceptance of the two Governments to the holding of a round table conference on lines indicated above. The sending of a deputation to India has to be approved by the South African Indian Conference to be held at Durban on March 20 and 21, 1948.

"The conference might take other steps, or if by then the Union of India and Pakistan signify their acquiescence to the holding of a round table conference there would be no need to send a deputation to India. In any case if a deputation were to go the Natal Indian Organisation could assure that public money would not be wasted, as was the case with other deputations.

"It will be remembered that in 1946 the South African Indian Congress Delegation (Messrs. A. I. Kajee, P. R. Pather, and A. Christopher) to New York cost the community about £1,500 (the late Mr. A. I. Kajee paying his own expenses) and did almost all the work as compared with work by other deputations which cost several thousand pounds.

"As a journal of standing, if you launched an attack on reasonable ground and with justifiable reason on any action of a body or men, when they err, I would certainly see some sense in it. Your attack on the proposal, which is yet to materialise, to send a deputation to India would be regarded as consistent if you had criticised those who have spent public money unnecessarily and who are leading the cause of the Indian community to irretrievable ruin."

SITE FOR HOME GRANTED

From Our Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG, Friday.

The Maritzburg City Council has granted a site at Mountain Rise to the Aryan Benevolent Society for the erection of an orphanage.

The site which is situated at the intersection of [illegible] and [illegible] Roads is an ideal one according to Mr. S. R. Naidoo who negotiated with the City Council for a site.

Mr. Naidoo told the Leader, in an interview, that plans were now being finalised for the erection of the orphanage as soon as the title deeds were passed. The building will be a double-storeyed one and will be equipped with modern conveniences. It is also intended to conduct a Kindergarten School. When completed the orphanage will be the only one of its kind in the [illegible]

Tech. Branch At Durban North Ready Soon

A BRANCH of the M. L. Sultan Technical College will be established at Durban North, where the College Principal, Mr. H. Nattrass, has been able to obtain a suitable piece of ground from the Municipality. The College Council has approved of the acquisition of four military huts from Union Defence. It is expected that the branch, which will consist of Technical, Commercial and Home Science Classes for women, will be ready for the third quarter, if not even earlier.

THE branch of the M. L. Sultan Technical College will be established on the lower part of the Van der [illegible] Land, adjacent to Prospect Hall Road. The Council has granted the College a 5-year lease.

"This branch of the College, which will provide excellent accommodation for 200 students, will have modern equipment and furniture and will relieve the pressure on the already overtaxed Indian school accommodation in the Durban area," said Mr H. Nattrass, principal of the M. L. Sultan Technical College, in an interview with "The Leader."

"It will have a full-time day department of commerce to accommodate more than a hundred students. There will also be a full-time day department of home science for girls. In addition, provision is being made for workshops and drawing offices so that a day technical school for boys will be started," stated Mr. Nattrass.

"The new day department of commerce," the Principal went on, "will provide instruction in the two official languages, commercial arithmetic, bookkeeping, commerce business methods, geography, together with a sound training in shorthand and typing.

"This course will lead to remunerative employment in industry and should have a wide appeal to students who wish to prepare for a commercial career. The course will eventually lead to the National Senior Certificate, matriculation equivalent and will gain one admission to a university in South Africa or overseas and for any purpose," added Mr H. Nattrass.

Science Certificate

"The day department of home science will provide instruction for girls in such subjects as dressmaking, needlework, physiology, hygiene and languages. It will lead to the National Science Domestic Certificate," proceeded the Principal.

"The day department," he continued, "will be open to girls who have obtained the Standard VI certificate, while the part-time classes will be open to anyone who wishes to enjoy the facilities offered.

"The plans," he stated, "show a commodious restroom and fitting room so that parents need have no fear in sending their girls for instruction.

"The day technical school for boys is an entirely new departure in Indian education. Provision has been made for practical work, drawing office instructions, in addition to trade theory. All courses include the two official languages, and will eventually lead to the National Senior Certificate in Technology (Matriculation equivalent)."

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How Eastern Pakistan Mourned Gandhi's Death

"The Leader" Special Service

DACCA (PAKISTAN).—Pakistan and Indian flags at half-mast, voluntary hartals, silent processions and public meetings were some of the visible signs of the gloom which hung over Eastern Pakistan following the news of the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi.

IN Dacca all Government and private offices were closed for the day. Bazaars in Nawabpur, Islampur and other usually busy localities of the city were deserted, small groups of pedestrians scanning black-bordered front pages of newspapers, being the only exceptions. Here and there were crowds of dejected individuals listening to Radio Pakistan or All India Radio to get further details of the tragedy which had overtaken the [illegible] Dominion.

The Pakistan flag, carried waist-high by a Muslim citizen, headed a mile-long procession of more than 4,000 silent mourners belonging to all communities.

A life-size portrait of Mahatma Gandhi, flanked by Indian Dominion flags, formed the central feature of this procession, its silence symbolising the intensity of feelings. Leaving behind everywhere a trail of gloom, the procession ended in the evening at Coronation Park where a public meeting was held to pay homage to Mahatma Gandhi.

Tributes by Students

Earlier at midday the students of Dacca University organised a meeting at the university grounds where glowing tributes were paid to Mahatma Gandhi by Dr. [illegible] Hasan, vice-Chancellor, and representatives of the students.

Similar reports have been received from the interior of East Pakistan including the remotest subdivisions and villages. Following official orders issued on the preceding evening all Government offices remained closed in the districts and sub-divisions with the Pakistan flag flying at half-mast on Government buildings.

Chandpur, which was visited by Mahatma Gandhi during his tour in 1946, reports silent processions and meetings commencing with recitations from the holy Quran and other religious Scriptures and ending with songs for which Mahatma Gandhi showed fondness during his sojourn in this part of East Pakistan.

Among the mourners in this subdivision in Noakhali District were individuals who had worked and cooperated with Mahatma Gandhi in his peace mission—Maulvi Serajul Islam, who accompanied him to Haimchar, Babu Sudhirkumar Watts, who organised his tour, and Babu Manikumar Nag, with whom he stayed.

The procession, which passed through the streets of Chandpur yesterday in pin-drop silence, was headed by Muslims and Hindus.

Including a ladies' meeting, presided over by Mrs. Zarina Rashid, two meetings were held in Chandpur to pay homage to Mahatma Gandhi. This was typical of the whole of Noakhali—a district dotted with rural dwellings where Mahatma Gandhi was honoured by his Muslim hosts who cooperated with him in his mission of peace.

At Haimchar, three miles away from Chandpur, a meeting was held at the Gandhi camp which still functions along with a number of others in East Pakistan. Muslim ryots from surrounding villages attended in large numbers and listened to the tributes paid by local speakers to Mahatma Gandhi.

Biggest in History of Town

At Comilla, visited thrice by Mahatma Gandhi, a meeting attended by about 40,000 people, and believed to be the biggest in the history of the town, was held as part of the mourning programme. As at many other places, the meeting commenced with recitations from the Scriptures.

Complete hartal was observed at Sylhet where, as at other places, silent processions and meetings were organised. The procession touched the shrine of Shahjalal, the founder of Islam in Eastern part of the Indian sub-continent, and after offering prayers at this historic monument proceeded to a public meeting attended by over 10,000 persons.

INDIANS IN BURMA

The Leader Special Service

NEW DELHI.—Replying to questions on the present position of Indians in Burma in Parliament, the Prime Minister of India, Pandit Nehru said that the Government of Burma had assured them that the Burma Immigration Act, of 1947 was a purely emergency measure and would remain in force only until an agreement was reached between the two Governments on the general question of immigration of Indians into Burma.

He further said that the Burma Government had stated that all Government servants of Indian origin who were eligible for and would accept Burma citizenship would be accorded equal treatment with Government servants of of Burma origin.

The Prime Minister also revealed that he had been informed that the Government of Pakistan did not propose to take on any of the staff (Indians) retrenched by the Burma Government. Pakistan Government had also intimated the Government of India that if Pakistan decided to make any approach to the Government of Burma in regard to compensation, etc., they would prefer to do so independently.

The Government of India were giving close attention to the question of possible number of Indians that might be retrenched from employment in Burma with a view to finding alternative employment in India.

The Midlands Open Golf Championship will be held on March 21 at the Mountain Rise Golf Course for the G. S. Maharaj Floating Trophy, held at present by M. Nagan.

Gangs Terrorise Bus Passengers

CONDITIONS are so bad at the Victoria Street Bus Rank, near the Morning Market, that Non-European bus passengers are being terrorised by gangs of pick-pockets and organised hooligans, who abuse and assault passengers at will. The Chief Commandant refuses to station more than two policemen on duty at the rank.

NUMEROUS petty robberies and assaults have been committed by organised gangs and individuals at the bus rank during peak hours. Bus passengers feel that the crimes are well planned out. Most of the robberies have taken place on Friday evenings and on Saturdays. In some cases, "The Leader" understands, individuals have lost their week's earnings at the rank.

When asked to comment on the situation, Mr. M. K. Naidoo, secretary of the Indian Bus Owners' Association, said: "It is true that the conditions at the bus rank are appalling, but we cannot do much with the inadequate police protection at our disposal."

Robberies, he stated, are committed by organised gangs, which include Natives, Indians and Coloureds, who stand in the queues, push in as passengers, work on their victims and then conveniently effect a getaway through the emergency door. Pickpockets thrive by pushing into queues.

Assaults, said the secretary, are committed at late hours of the evening by drunks and hooligans who loiter about the rank.

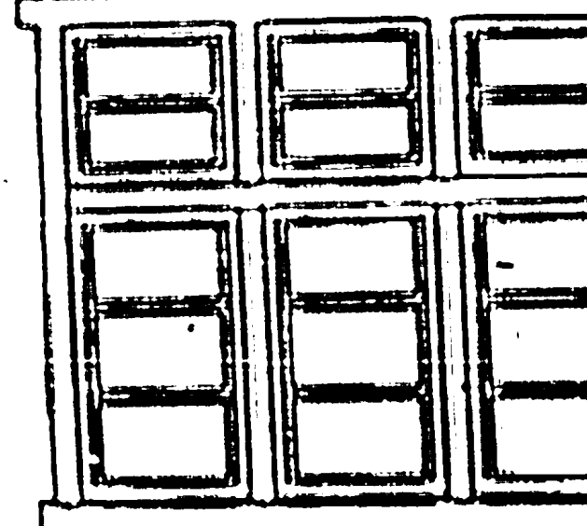
The City Council has approved of a £12,000 bus stand to be erected at the trading grounds. Building will commence as soon as a new site is found for the trading ground. The new bus stand when completed will have the same facilities that are provided at the Pine Street bus terminus, Mr. Naidoo said.

Police Refused

Because of the inadequate police protection and the refusal of the Chief Commandant to station more than two policemen at the rank, the Indian Bus Owners' Association contemplates employing its own men as "safeguards" in order to maintain order and to keep a check on hooligans and criminals, continued the secretary.

Mr. Ismail Nanawatter, rank manager, told a "Leader" reporter that the conditions at the rank are abominable. Hooligans, criminals and drunks get away after a crime because of the appalling conditions, lack of a proper working system and inadequate police protection.

"Innocent men, women and children passengers and even passers-by are abused in the most filthy language by the hooligans who hang about the rank unnecessarily," added Mr. Nanawatter.



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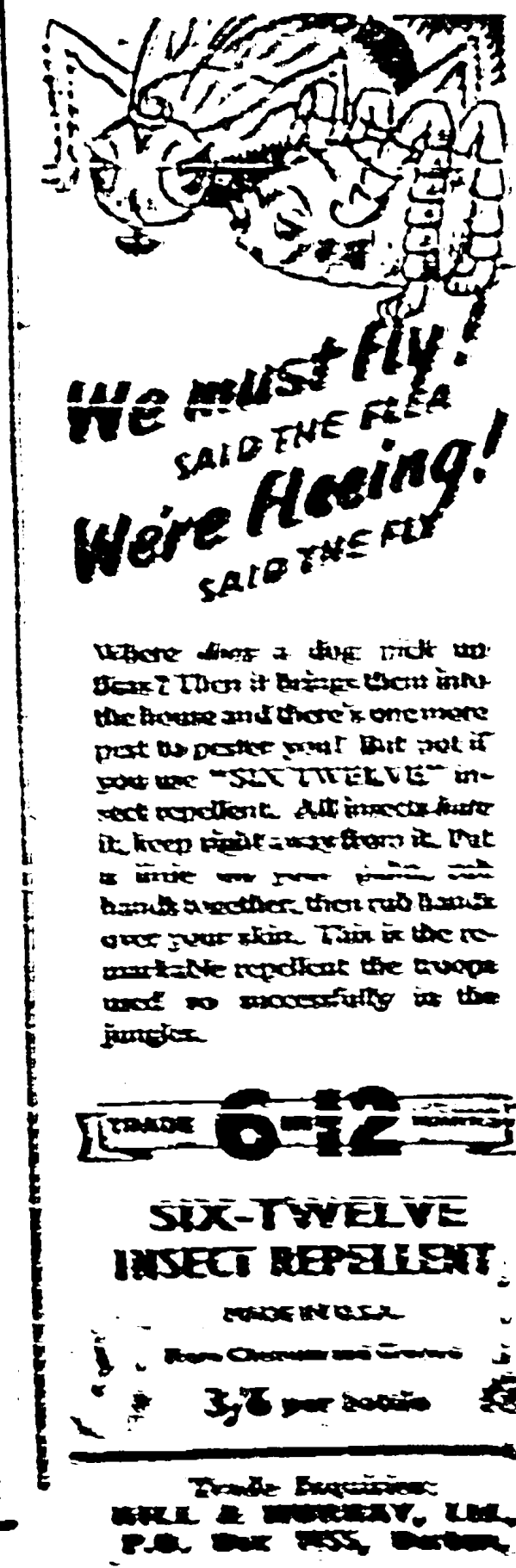
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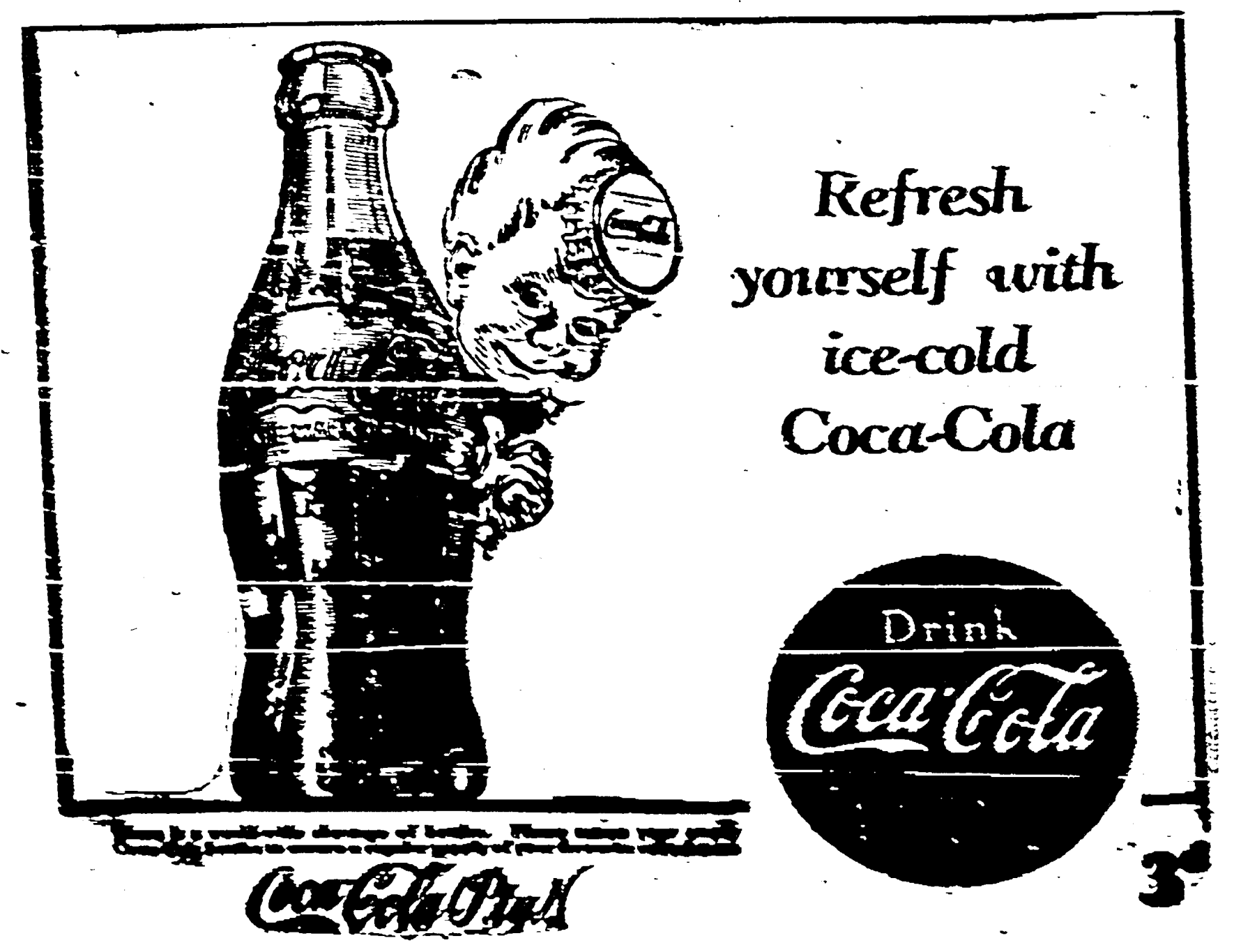
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JUNIOR LEADER

MY dear Children,—

Since our section started I have passed on to you all a number of names in our Pen Friends' Corner. You must have noticed that our members possess a variety of hobbies. However, when I introduced our new competition last week one thing struck me very forcibly. I wonder if it has occurred to you that not a single member (according to letters sent to me) is interested in the keeping of pets. What a pity!

Nature study and the keeping of pets help to increase one's powers of observation and sense of proportion, and will give whoever takes it up an ever-growing appreciation that it is perhaps not such a bad world after all if we will only make up our minds to go out and look for what is good in it and enjoy it.

When you look at a flower in the garden you fix your attention specially on that one, but actually you see all the others. They form a background. When you listen to a particular noise, there are other noises making a background. You see what wild life is to most people, something of which they are vaguely aware, but which means little to them.

As your knowledge grows, you understand and can leap several steps ahead. Begin simply. Learn why flowers have different shapes, why birds have different [illegible]. Discover how your very food may depend on wild life. Learn for yourself. If you read of some new thing, check it in the fields. Above all, make a habit of observation. You will notice that parents and friends may go on the same walk with you and find nothing of note save the spring green or the sunset or other things quite obvious. Use your eyes. Begin with following every bird that flies and try to identify it. Look down as well as up. Notice the flowers and butterflies and insects. Soon you will begin discovering almost a new world; little animals "frozen" still by your presence will be seen, tiny blossoms almost hidden in the grass, caterpillars as green as their food plants.

PEN FRIENDS' CORNER

Miss C. Saunders, "Long Wood," Rochester Road, Capetown, is interested in a variety of hobbies and would like correspondents from any part of the world to write to her. Many thanks for having sent me the magazines and comics; I am sure the patients will appreciate them very much indeed. You may ask your friends to join our Corner as well. Kindly send in your completed form.

Louise Thompson (21), of 41 Walmer Road, South End, Port Elizabeth, is fond of the cinema and reading, and would like pen friends of either sex to correspond with her. For your information, our Corner is open to all sections of the community, and has no distinction whatsoever. If you read carefully our column last week, you will have had an indication of our aims and objects. Therefore your friends are at liberty to join our column. You may send the books to me.

Bobby Rabidath, 37 Foreman Road, Sydenham, Durban, is interested in the cinema, music and books, and would like pen friends with similar interests to write to him. You have forgotten to enclose your enrolment form.

Thulisaraadh Jungbahadur (11), St. Xavier's School, Oakford, Verulam, Natal, is interested in stamp collecting, photography, comics, sports and history, would like pen friends with similar interests to write to him from anywhere in South Africa.

Rambally Ramnath (14), c/o Mr. N. Rambally, No. 501 Natal Estates, Limited, Mount Edgecombe, Natal, is interested in school work, comics, jokes and riddles, and would like pen friends with similar interests from any part of South Africa and the Rhodesias to write to him.

A. C. Shaikh (21), c/o Port Shepstone, Port Shepstone, Natal, is interested in the cinema, photography, classical comics, fishing and Wild West magazines. He wants pen friends from any part of the world, particularly the U.S.A. Thanks very much for your jokes.

M. Harry, 1 Alexandra Street, Ladysmith, Natal; I have noted your letter, and am glad to hear that you are furthering your studies. They should, however, not prevent your taking part in the activities of the Junior Leader.

Nat Naidoo (14), 202 Main Road, Mayville, Durban, is interested in art, sports, particularly soccer and school work, and would like pen pals with similar interests from any part of South Africa, India and America.

Tarry Naidoo (15), 70 [illegible] Road, Rossburgh, Durban, would like pen friends from all parts of the globe excepting Durban and the neighbouring areas. He is interested in the cinema, music and sports, especially boxing, and would like pen friends from "anywhere," particularly India and America.

Shaik Ezack (17), 34 Aiken Street, Port Shepstone, Natal, is interested in reading novels and sports, and would like pen friends with similar interests to write to him from any part of South Africa, especially the Cape.

Vishnu Naidoo (15), 101 Railway Road, Sea View, Durban, writes: "After reading your very interesting Corner in 'The Leader' for a few weeks, I am compelled to join up as a member. Seeing so many young folk like me in the Corner, it would be a shame for me not to join up as one of the 'happy gang.'" He is interested in cinematography, photography, pharmacy, American western magazines and does his own developing and printing at home. He would like pen friends from the America, England and South Africa. You may send in your points.

Radhakrishnamah P. Naidoo (13), c/o P.O. Box 63, Stanger, Natal, is interested in sewing and knitting, and would like pen friends with similar interests to write to her.

Miss N. Kamilavellie, 117 Randles Road, Sydenham, Durban: You may forward all the addresses to me for insertion in our columns. I am glad to note that you have been able to make contacts. She concludes, "I am glad to note that 'Junior Leader' is increasing in popularity, and, personally, I think it has done very well so far."

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LAUGHTER CORNER

The Professor arrived home late and thought he heard someone under his bed. "Who's there?" he asked. "Nobody," replied the burglar. "That's funny," said the Professor, "I thought I heard someone."

Till next week,
CHACHAJAN.

S.A.B.C. POLICY

(Continued from page five)

do about the Indian programmes broadcast from the Durban Broadcasting station every Sunday.

"The fact is that the S.A.B.C. is following a very rigid policy, which lays down that there shall be no more than one thirty-minute programme in seven days for the Indian community and that Indian sessions must be conducted in the English language only. Programmes must be presented in one of the two official languages, we were told. Can one help wondering why the Zulu sessions are being conducted in the Zulu language in the circumstances.

Suggestions

"Various suggestions and recommendations were made from time to time to improve the existing conditions of the programmes, but they all seemed to clash with the policy of the S.A.B.C., and no progress at all has been made as a consequence," states Mr. Kathrada.

"When the Advisory Committee began to function, copies of the minutes of the meetings of the Committee were supplied to all members, but when the members began quoting extracts from the minutes in order to refer to the unheeded recommendations the issuing of copies of the minutes was suddenly discontinued without any explanation.

"I served on the Committee for 18 months without any gain or profit. My only motive was to serve my people, but when I saw that all my efforts were being wasted and there was no hope of a change in the stepfatherly attitude of the S.A.B.C. I had no alternative but to resign. No one can say I did not try. I tried for 18 months and failed."

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Miss Jinnah Opens House For Muslim Women

("The Leader" Special Service)

KARACHI: Miss Fatima Jinnah performed the opening ceremony of the newly-established philanthropic institution for refugee women and children in the Muslim Women's Industrial Home here. She was received by the President Begum Mohamad Ali, wife of the Secretary-General, Pakistan Government, and the members of the governing body of the Home and was accorded an enthusiastic welcome by over 1,000 women with the usual slogans: "Pakistan Zindabad," "Quaid-i-Azam Zindabad," "Miss Fatima Jinnah Zindabad."

The function started with the recitation of the Holy Quran followed by a speech by Begum Mohamad Ali who described the aims and objects of the Muslim Women's Industrial Home. She added that the Home consisted of three classes, viz, (1) for cutting and tailoring, (2) for embroidery and (3) for toymaking.

Useful Members

Tracing the history of the Home, Miss Fatima Jinnah paid a tribute to the members and the office-bearers of the governing body, she said: "Arrangements will be made in this Home to teach refugee women and children various arts and crafts such as sewing, cutting, fancy embroidery, etc., so that they may become useful members of the society and live with self-respect, earn their own living and feel that they are self-supporting and not a burden on the State." Miss Fatima Jinnah announced the receipt of a sum of Rs. 10,000/- from Mr. Alavi, the ex-Mayor of Karachi on behalf of the Kamrunnisa Trust and another sum of Rs. 1,000/- from Begum Jamila Wali Mohammad as well as eight new sewing machines from Mr. Ghulam Ali, Seth Abdul Sattar and Messrs. Mallick and Qureshi.

Miss Fatima Jinnah expressed the hope that the public would always continue to take interest in this Home.

Miss Fatima Jinnah declared the Home open and the function concluded with a brief speech by Begum Shahan who proposed a vote of thanks to the distinguished visitor.

TO JOIN INDIA

NEW DELHI: Six small Indian states have voted by overwhelming majorities to accede to the Dominion of India. They are Mangrol, Manavadar, Bhatwa (greater and lesser), Sardargarh and Babriawad.

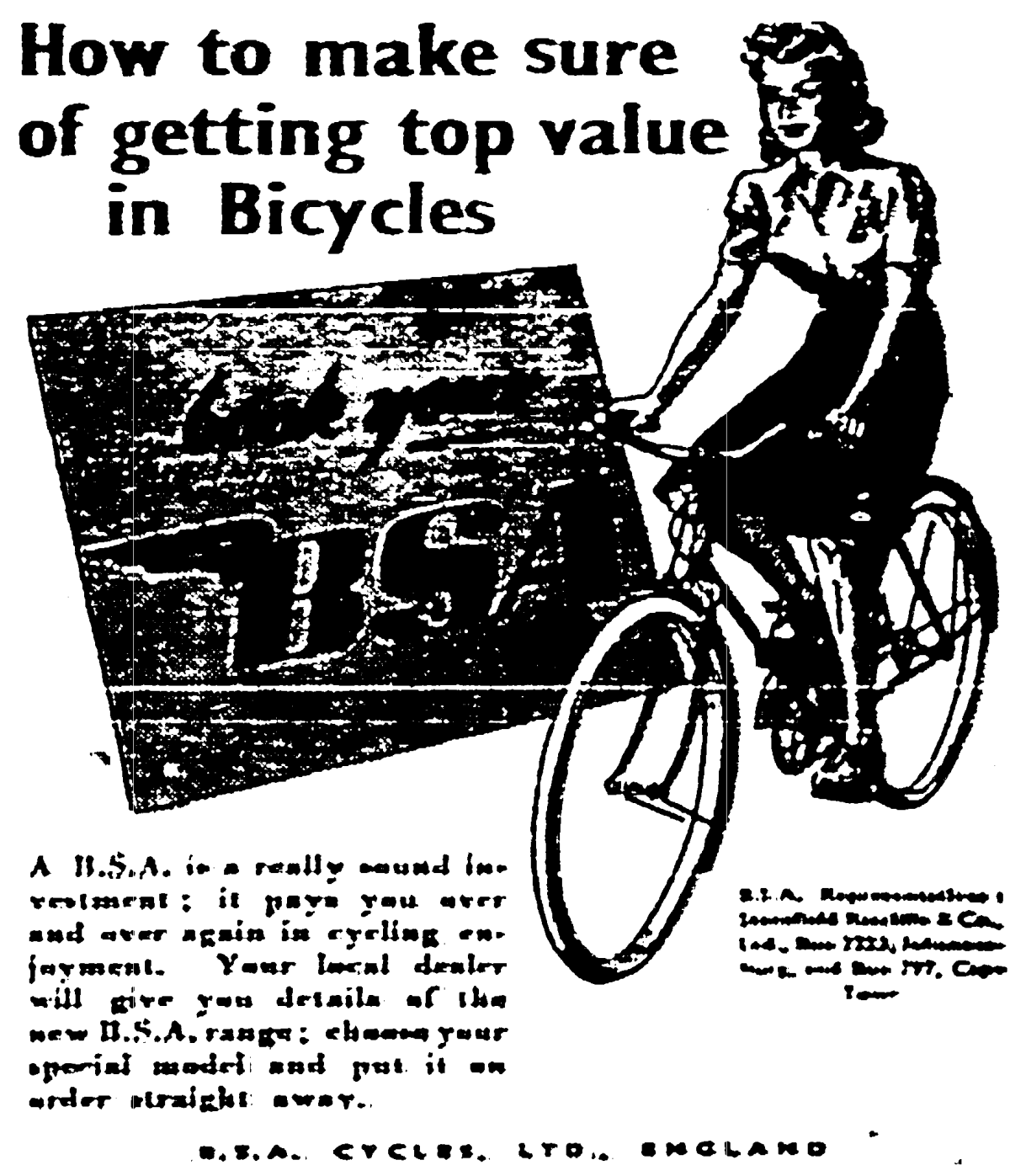
The total vote was 31,[illegible] to [illegible].

THE NINTH ANNUAL MEETING

of the Maritzburg Indian Technical Students' Society will take place at the H.Y.M.A. Library on Sunday, 29th February, 1948, commencing at 20.30 p.m.

AGENDA: 1, Minutes; 2, Correspondence; 3, Secretary's Annual Report; 4, Treasurer's Financial Statement; 5, Election of Officials; 6, To amend and modify Rules; 7, General.

L. SINGARUM MOODLEY,
Hon. Secretary.



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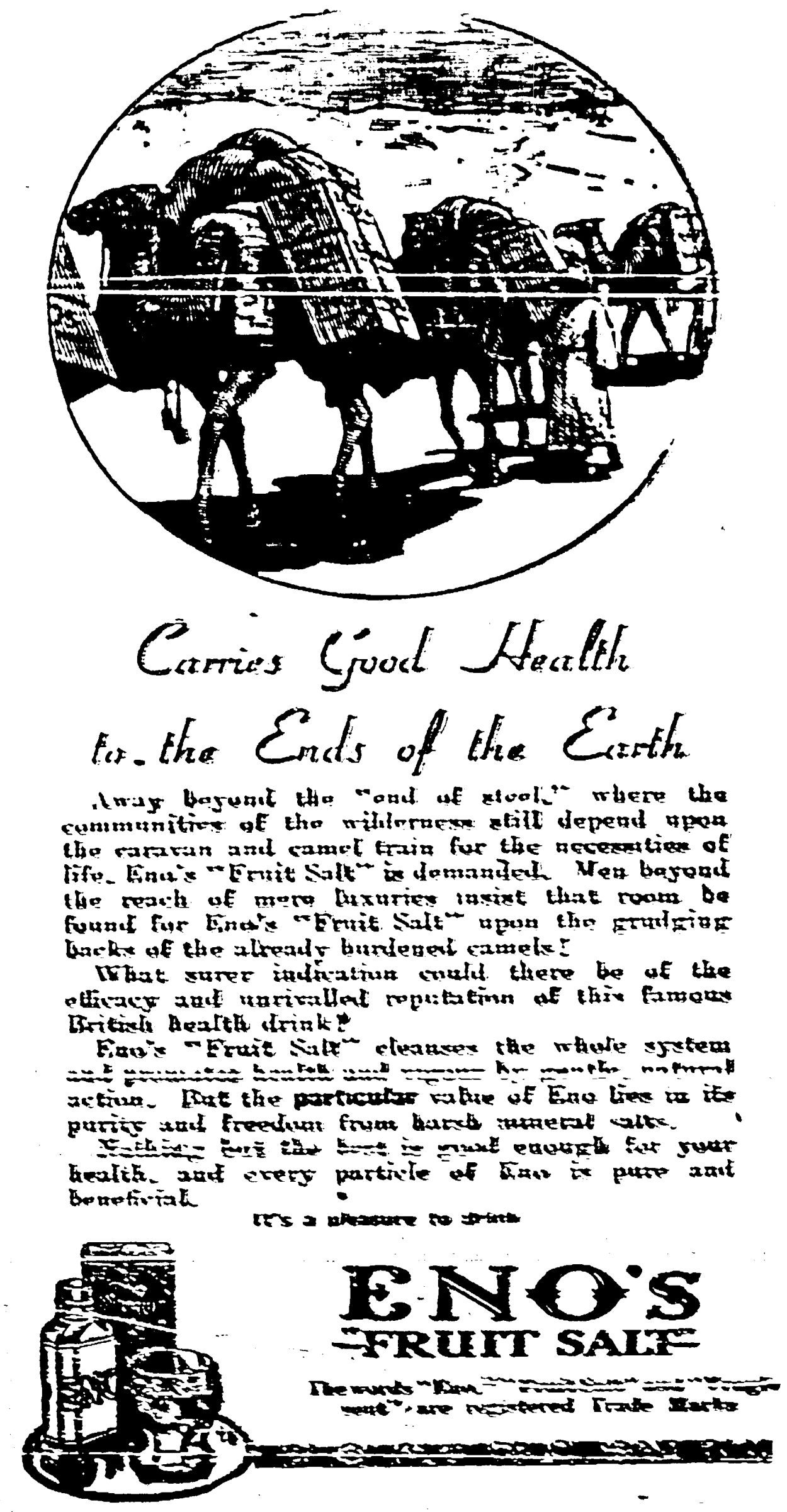

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RAILWAY F.C.

[illegible]

FRONTIER F.C.

[illegible]

DURBAN GARMENT WORKERS

The sixth annual general meeting of the Durban Garment Workers Industrial Football Association was held at Peter's Lounge. The secretary, Mr. D. K. Harry, in his report, stated that the administrative work of the Association during the season under review was carried out in an efficient and satisfactory manner. There were six clubs affiliated and keen enthusiasm was shown by clubs in all competitions, and he hoped that during the incoming season the standard of soccer would show a great improvement. The Association [illegible] to Mr. V. P. Baker, the president, for the able and impartial manner in which he carried out his duties during the season under review.

Among those who commented on the annual report were Messrs. A. N. Francis, T. Peters, [illegible] and M. Hanif.

The following officials were elected: Patrons, Messrs. Adam Fayers, John Shadrack and John Harry; president, Mr. V. P. Baker; secretary, R. Smith; treasurer, M. Hanif; record clerk, T. Peters; vice-presidents, [illegible]

YOUNG NATALIANS FOOTBALL CLUB

[illegible]

YOUNG COLONIALS FOOTBALL CLUB

The [illegible] annual general meeting of the above club was held last Sunday. There was a good attendance. The following officials were elected for the ensuing season: [illegible]

MARITZBURG COUNTY F.A.

At the eighteenth annual meeting of the Maritzburg County Indian Football Association the following officials were elected for the ensuing season: President, [illegible]; secretary, K. Ramcharan; treasurer, C. S. Moodley; record clerk, K. Moses.

The secretary, in his annual report, stated that the Association had a very successful season although heavy expenditure was involved. The juniors were congratulated on winning the Intertown Competition.

DANNHAUSER UNITED F.C.

The twelfth annual meeting of the Dannhauser United Indian Football Club was held at the Indian School Hall. Mr. George [illegible] was in the chair.

The temporary secretary, [illegible] Adam, presented the secretary's report. The following were elected officials: [illegible]

MARITZBURG TECHNICAL F.C.

[illegible]

GLENCOE STELLA F.C.

The Glencoe Stella Football Club held its eleventh annual general meeting at the Indian School Hall on Sunday last, and the following were elected officials: [illegible]

The Clairwood Schools F.C. will hold their 25th annual meeting at the Clairwood Tamil School Hall, Sir Kurma Reddi Road, Rossburgh. The celebration of the club's silver jubilee will be discussed.

AT CURRIE'S FOUNTAIN TODAY

"A" Division League: Ottoman v. Central, main; Young Muslim v. Schools, No. 2; Kismet v. Sastri College, No. 2.

"B" Division League: Young Kismet v. Orientals, No. 3.

TOMORROW

Dr. Peter's Natal Shield commencing at 3 p.m.: Young Muslim (DDICU) v. Commercials (DDCU), main.

[illegible] Cup Competition, "B" Division: Young Kismet v. Orientals, No. 1; Young Ottoman v. Ismet, No. 2; United v. Sparks, No. 3 (play commences at 2.30 p.m., each side to bat 40 minutes).

MAYVILLE SUNGAM

At the fourth annual general meeting of the Mayville [illegible] Sungam, held on Sunday, the following officials were elected:

Patrons, Messrs. S. M. Govinder, M. S. Naidoo and V. K. Moodley; chairman, Mr. P. M. Chetty; secretary, Mr. L. R. Naidoo; treasurer, Mr. N. K. Govinder. Committee: Messrs. K. N. Naidoo, T. G. Govinder, M. S. Govinder, L. P. Naidoo, M. K. Reddy, A. G. Govinder, S. M. Pillay and M. P. Govinder.

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ROYAL TENNIS CLUB OFFICIALS

At the annual general meeting of the Royal Tennis Club the following were elected officials for the ensuing year: Patrons, Messrs. Hajee E. I. [illegible], Hajee E. H. Ismail, Hajee A. B. Shaikh and M. K. Desai; president, Mr. Essop I. Mulla; life vice-president, Mr. M. E. G. Patel; vice-president, Mr. [illegible]; secretary, Mr. [illegible] Kadwa; treasurer, Mr. [illegible]; captain, Mr. Y. Adam; vice-captain, Mr. A. Shaikh; committee, the above officials plus Mr. E. K. [illegible].

MAHOMED WINS ANGLING TROPHY

The competition for the Victory Angling Club Floating Trophy held on Sunday, February 22, at the North Pier, resulted as follows: A. D. Mahomed, 5lb. 4oz.; M. Ebrahim, 3lb. 10oz.; M. Dawood and H. A. Jooman (tie), 3lb. 5oz.

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BILLIARD AND SNOOKER RESULTS

Jarra Mahomed is one of the finalists in the Championships being staged by the Durban Non-European Billiards Association. The other finalist will be decided between Alec Jacob and D. K. Paruk.

Alec Jacob has secured second position to Appiah Naidoo for three years in succession, and since the latter is not taking part in this year Alec Jacobs is fancied to win the Championships for the Margaret Benedict Memorial Trophy.

The snooker championships have now reached the quarter-final stage. One surprise was Appiah Naidoo's defeat by Hamid Khan in the second round. He was eliminated two-nil.

Mr. A. Khan, secretary of the Billiards Association, told "The Leader" that the finals will probably be played in about two weeks' time.

The following are the detailed results:

Billiards

First round: [illegible]

Second round: [illegible]

Third round: J. Mahomed 250, M. J. Francis 205.

Snooker

First round: [illegible]

Second round: [illegible]

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Message of the Stars

By "SWAMI"

THE Wheel of Fortune from February 28 to March 5 for people born under the 12 signs of the Zodiac are as follows:—

ARIES (March 21 to April 20): Good, 3; bad, 1, 4.

TAURUS (April 21 to May 22): Good, 3; bad, 2.

GEMINI (May 23 to June 21): Good, 3, 5; bad, 2.

CANCER (June 22 to July 22): Good, 5; bad 2.

LEO (July 23 to August 22): Good, 3, 5; bad, 1, 2.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22): Good, 3, 5; bad, 1, 4.

LIBRA (September 22 to December 22): Good, 3; bad, 2.

SCORPIO (December 23 to January 19): Good, 3; bad, 1, 5.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 22): Good, 1, 3; bad, 2.

CAPRICORN (December 23 to January 20): Good, 2, 3; bad, 1.

AQUARIUS (January 21 to February 19): Good, 2; bad, 3.

PISCES (February 20 to March 20): Good, 2, 3; bad, 5.

The good days for selling, investments and new business ventures are March 5; for love and pleasure, 3; for travel and correspondence, 3; for remedial treatments, 3; for sports, 3; for property deals, science, research and planning the future, 3.

Guard against quarrels, accidents and disputes on the 1st.

Changeable and stormy weather is indicated about March 3rd.

The lucky numbers and colours to apply on the turf on February 28 are: 5, 6, 8, 9, 14, 12, 13.

Colour: pale blue, dark red.

CRICKET WASHED OUT

From Our Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG, Friday.

AS usual Saturday's cricket was washed out by rain. Although the ground was saturated, a start was made at noon on Sunday in the Stars-United Natal Cup fixture, but once again no decision was reached, United being six runs short of their opponents' total when stumps were drawn.

When a start was eventually made at midday, Stars elected to take first knock on the sticky wicket and took nearly three hours to gather 82 runs. The skipper, [illegible], and E. Jasat were the only two who faced the attack with any confidence, both of them scoring more than half the side's total.

Given nearly the same number of minutes in which to knock off the runs, United fared no better, S. K. Paddy being the only batsman to gather runs. At the close of play United were six runs short of their opponents' total with one wicket in hand, the match thus ending in a draw.

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SOUTH AFRICAN INDIAN CONFERENCE

The opening of the South African Indian Conference, composed of Delegates from Natal Indian Organisation, Transvaal Indian Organisation and representatives from the Cape Province, will take place at Kathiawad Hall, Lorne Street, Durban, on Saturday, 13th March, 1948, at 4 p.m.

Deliberations of the Conference proceedings will continue until the following day. Agenda of the Conference will include Round Table Conference, Education, Unemployment of Indians, Social Uplift of Indians.

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TALK OF THE BAZAAR

By the "Faqir"

QUITE a good bit of Natal must have been at "Nirman's" place on Sunday. Well, that was the impression that I got when, like a good member of the community, I responded to the kind invitation extended to me by the Kajee family. Things were certainly done in style and everything was O.K. in the garden. I felt particularly happy when I heard commentary "Big Boy," who was in charge of the mike, declare that speakers should limit themselves to two minutes—no more. He went on to explain that an intelligent speaker could say all he wanted to say in two minutes and then, calling up his commentary, [illegible] "Mr. Pather, two minutes." "Thank you very much for the 12 minutes," declared the unco-operative nominee and went on for a full 15 minutes or thereabouts. I am afraid I cannot give you the exact number of minutes as I knocked the inside of my watch out at a bit of excitement I got into about 15 months ago. But to come back to "Big Boy" M.C. After the liberties which the [illegible] took with him nobody else seemed to bother about two minutes—in fact, did not worry about 20 minutes and at one stage it was quite a political meeting. Well here's wishing the newly wedded couple all happiness.

STANDING SCUTTLED

WHATEVER standing as a man of leisure I may have had in the estimation of the "[illegible]" (meaning the junior members) of the Faqir's household is now a thing of the past. Yes, I floundered badly over the homework of my 11-year-old who has just been promoted to the [illegible]. [illegible] has a number of those uncomfortable things called "sums" and summary of my own shortcomings with figures (not all figures) she brought half-a-dozen for me to work out. For a moment I thought [illegible] "Don't worry me. I'm too busy," or something of the kind. One look at me and I'm sure she would not have believed me so I decided to take the plunge. I managed to arrive at some answer—but only after some excruciating torture. I even got a fraction of a penny, 11 over 49. The next evening I was firmly but politely told by the 11-year-old that in future she would manage the sums by herself, and that I needn't be afraid. That's that. Maybe some day I'll be able to work out sums without 11-year-olds looking down on me with contempt.

"I SKIM, I SLIDE"

DURING the week I had occasion to go to [illegible] but I must confess I got what I hadn't bargained for. I am now sure that you can't get to [illegible] without a boat—or a gondola at least. By the time I covered the 200-odd yards from the side gate I had all the mud and the water in creation on my feet. I hopped from one spot to another, did some skipping and a bit of sliding. When I got to the second gate I stopped and deliberated with myself and then cursing all the usual cursings at my command I held on to one of the gate-posts and jerked myself round—right into a pool of water and mud, ankle-deep. After that I didn't bother where I walked. All I was concerned about was putting distance between myself and [illegible] any amount of it. My effrontery in wondering whether he shouldn't apply to the College Principal to run a ferry service between the two gates in question [illegible] for a few days afterwards—to suggest that the side gate be closed on appropriate days for the good of fellows like me.

Racing Selections

By DIPLOMAT

The following are my selections for the Clairwood race meeting run on Saturday:

First race, 12.15, Maiden Juvenile Handicap, five furlongs.
1. POPPET.
2. [illegible]
3. [illegible]

Second race, 12.50, Maiden Juvenile Handicap, five furlongs.
1. BEMERSYDE.
2. [illegible]
3. [illegible]
4. [illegible]

Third race, 1.30, Galloway and Pony Handicap (3rd Div.), five furlongs.
1. SUPERSEDE.
2. Zim Zam.
3. [illegible]
4. [illegible]

Fourth race, 2.5, Graduation Handicap (2nd Div.), 1½ miles.
1. STAR CHORUS.
2. [illegible]
3. [illegible]
4. [illegible]

Fifth race, 2.40, Benevolent Handicap "D" Div., six furlongs.
1. DOODA.
2. [illegible]
3. [illegible]

Sixth race, 3.15, Graduation Handicap (Top Div.), one mile.
1. CADILLAC.
2. [illegible]
3. [illegible]

Seventh race, 3.50, Benevolent Handicap "B" Div., six furlongs.
1. PROUD KNIGHT.
2. [illegible]
3. [illegible]
4. Warwick's Lament.

Eighth race, 4.30, Benevolent Handicap "C" Div., six furlongs.
1. CHATTIS HILL.
2. [illegible]
3. Pat McGilligan.

Ninth race, 5.0, Benevolent Handicap "A" Div., six furlongs.
1. LADY BANNING.
2. [illegible]
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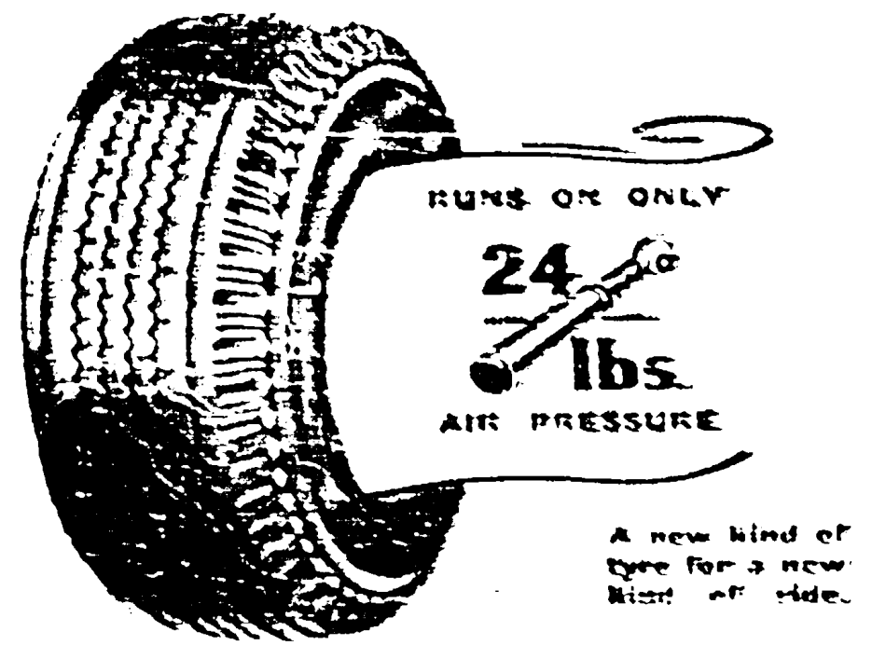

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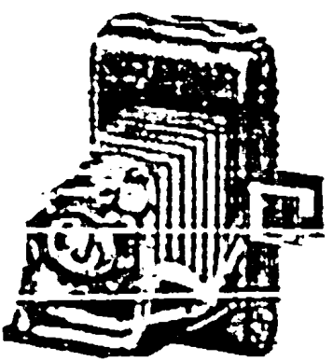

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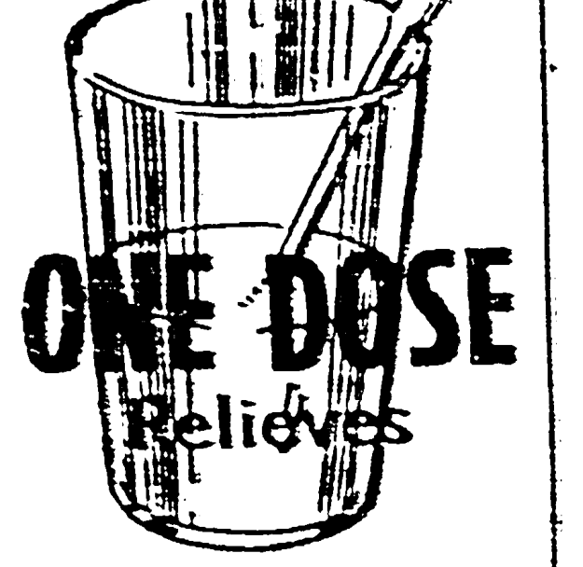

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Nehru's Foreign Policy Attacked

SUPREME MISTAKE OF STRATEGY

—DR. SUNDARAM

"I HAVE grave misgivings that the manner in which Nehru is conducting his foreign policy will lead us into a veritable cul de sac, from which it could not be possible for us to extricate ourselves. I believe with sincerity and conviction that as yet our diplomatic adventures abroad have no legs to stand upon," writes Dr. Lanka Sundaram, who was a member of the Indian delegation to the First General Assembly of the United Nations Organisation, 1946-7.

Dr. Sundaram, who has a first-hand knowledge of affairs, has much to say on the resignation of Mr. Deshmukh, the High Commissioner, the resolution at UN, the inclusion of Pakistan in any possible round-table discussions with South Africa. He is bitter in his attack on Nehru. "I strongly protest," he says, "against Nehru's so-called foreign policy . . . these jaunts must be stopped in the interests of India, for otherwise fatal results would ensue. Diplomatic assignments are not joy-rides at the expense of the taxpayer." Of Mrs. Pandit he states: "I had known the essential characteristics of Vijaylakshmi Pandit, namely, a supreme sense of self-independence and a rueful neglect of advice tendered even from the most competent quarters. If this is not a diplomatic blunder, I do not know what is, and it is no use Nehru whitewashing foreign policy, with the spoken word of unstinting praise of his regime and of the work of his diplomats abroad."

WRITING in "The Pravasi," Dr. Sundaram states:—

"H. G. Lawrence, Leader of the South African Delegation to the Second General Assembly of the UNO, summing up the implications of the voting on the Indo-South African questions in the Political Committee and the open session in 1947, declared on December 6 from London as follows:

"The fact that as a result of the United Nations Assembly South Africa is no longer in the position of having a pistol at her head, or of being treated as the condemned party, should facilitate talks which may be necessary between the respective Governments. The Union Government always maintained that the matters raised at the United Nations were matters purely within the Union's domestic jurisdiction, and the Union Government was not prepared to have talks with the Government of India on the basis of what was interpreted as a condemnatory resolution on its domestic affairs."

"I consider that this pronouncement of the leader of the South African Delegation to the UNO is not at all [illegible] in the light of the fact that, though the Indian resolution this year asking for the implementation of last year's resolution of the UNO did not obtain the requisite two-thirds majority in the open session of the General Assembly on November 21, 1947, it is clear that last year's resolution, virtually condemning the Ghetto regime of Smuts has not been invalidated or [illegible] from the minute records of the UNO. In other words, while in 1947 the Governments represented in the UNO did not have the consistency or the courage to follow up the decisions of last year, the resolution of 1946 remains as a document of unimpeachable validity.

"Arising out of this fundamental proposition, it seems to me that the contention of Lawrence that, in the light of the stalemate this year, South Africa considers the South African Indian question a domestic one, is untenable, for the question of domestic jurisdiction was disposed of last year in favour of India. Until the UNO rescinds the 1946 resolution, the plea of South Africa in regard to domestic jurisdiction remains invalid.

"I have opened my appreciation of the decisions, or the lack of them, of the UNO on the Indo-South African dispute this year in this fashion, for the simple reason that it is more or less legitimate for South Africa to have the smug feeling that the stalemate at Flushing Meadows is the equivalent of lack of further censure on the part of the world community of her racial policies, symbolised by the Ghetto Act. I have carefully watched the reactions in this country to the voting in the Political Committee and in the open session of the General Assembly of the UNO this year, and I must state that I was astonished at the more or less unanimous Press and public opinion in converting a setback for India into a national victory.

"I have grave misgivings that the manner in which Nehru is conducting his foreign policy will lead us into a veritable cul de sac, from which it would not be possible for us to extricate ourselves. I believe with sincerity and conviction that as yet our diplomatic adventures abroad have no legs to stand upon. I will illustrate this point.

Negotiations Rejected

"In a previous issue of 'Pravasi' I recorded the point that last year Smuts showed his anxiety to meet Vijayalakshmi Pandit and that he conveyed this message through me. I have also indicated the point that this invitation was rejected, for negotiations were ordered to be out of the question under the instructions of the Government of India. I am free to state that numerous attempts were made by the U.S.A. and British delegations in particular in 1946 to bring the Indian and South African Delegations together outside the ambit of the UNO, but these were frustrated by the then policy of India.

"I must now contrast this attitude of last year with that adopted this year. Vijayalakshmi Pandit

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Mr. C. Rajagopalachari shares a joke with Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Mrs. Indira Gandhi at a Government House reception.

The picture shows the Duke of Gloucester, who was returning from Ceylon, shaking hands with Mrs. Shah (wife of Col. A. S. B. Shah, Joint Secretary, Foreign [illegible], Government of Pakistan, standing behind the Duke) before his departure for London at the Karachi [illegible]. [illegible] and Mrs. Akbar Khan are standing on the extreme left and the Duchess is standing on the extreme right.

"Kaffir Doctors" Warning

SPEAKING at a public meeting during the week, Professor J. A. Ryle, M.D., F.R.C.P., Professor of Social Medicine in the University of Oxford, warned the sponsors that the medical school in Durban, which has been agreed to by the Central Government, should steer clear of any "Non-European" in the name. Call it anything, but do not preface it with "Non-European," he said.

Professor Ryle went on to issue a further warning that only the best men and women in the country and, if necessary, outside of it should be employed to teach in the Medical School. Every precaution, he said, should be taken against the possibility of people referring to graduates of the proposed medical school as "Kaffir doctors."

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LONDON PROTEST

London: The President of the Indian National Overseas Congress, Mr. P. D. Haggi, sent a message to the Union Prime Minister, General Smuts, through the South African High Commissioner in London, protesting against the arrest of Dr. G. M. Naicker, President of the Natal Indian Congress, and Dr. Y. M. Dadoo, President of the Transvaal Indian Congress.

Mr. Haggi said he was arranging a demonstration in London to protest against the arrests and had been promised the support of many British Parliamentarians and Colonial People's Organisations.

"Indian students of Cambridge University, in a message to General Smuts who is Chancellor of the University, urged the release of the two Indian leaders.—Reuter.

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AGENDA OF THE CONFERENCE

1. Prayers.
2. Messages.
3. Speech of Welcome: Mr. S. R. Naidoo, Chairman of Reception Committee.
   Reply: Councillor A. Ismail (Cape Province).
   Advocate A. I. Minty (Transvaal).
4. Presidential Address: Mr. A. S. Kajee, President, Natal Indian Organisation.
5. Round Table Conference.
6. Education.
7. Indian Unemployment.
8. Housing.
9. Health and Social Uplift.
10. Formation of South African Indian Organisation.

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