Around The Cinemas

AVALON: A melodrama, "Back Trail"; a musical "Eddie Peabody Orchestra," and a mystery thriller, "The Crimson Key," are the pictures of the coming week.

SHOWTIME

AVALON: "Anna Karenina."
ALBERT: "Eight Days."
ATHLONE: "Chandra Gupta."

ALBERT: A social-cum-romantic comedy, "Shukara," and a comedy, "Sanjog," with the comedian Charlie, will be screened during next week.

NEW DRILL: In order to strengthen the friendly relations existing between them, the Governments of India and Pakistan have decided to establish diplomatic relations at legation level, it has been announced.

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TALK OF THE BAZAAR

By the "Faqir"

THE Fagquiran household does not empty their cows. The office boy who had also avoided it direct his visiting the rioter, made a "treat" with me and imparted the damage done. After going a deep sigh, he calmly reminded me that the European glass works / carpenters / shopkeepers, who were now taking measures months during the week would come in for a nice big sum.

THE LIGHTER SIDE

Rioting in Durban has brought to my mind a story with a lighter side, out of the darkness of the communal rioting in India, which took the rounds during December, 1946.

The then Prime Minister of Bombay, Mr. B. G. Khey, demonstrated how to avoid being stabbed, a danger very prevalent in communal riots. In response to a suggestion from Sir Chandulal Mehta that the general should inform people where stabbers were stabbing, from the back or front, and what precautions to take, Mr Khey gave a demonstration.

"A doctor friend told me," he said, "that if you hold one arm across your body, it will give you some protection."

Grinning mischievously he demonstrated by placing his own arm across his own khakhrid stomach. He said it would be impossible for the Government to assure Sir Chandulal that stabbers always stab in a place easy to defend.

Monday rioting was confined to the city proper, with the exception of the area Dadar-Matunga and Ramnarain Temples in Residency Railway came to a head last week when a train was held up and the armed "Escort" leaving which was fired upon. Curfew was imposed on January 7 on the date of the hoisting of the communal flag on the occasion of the completion of the Temple. Curfew was relaxed for a portion of the congregation who attended the ceremony. Curfew was imposed on January 8 so that the festival should be held from January 9 to 15. Curfew was relaxed for a period to allow a procession to pass through the city on January 9 but it was ordered. While the festival was in progress, curfew was imposed on the 10th, 11th and 12th. On the 13th curfew was relaxed for a period to allow the festival to be held from their abidings at the river and to partake in the sacred water as a result of a resolution of the Council. The festival was performed successfully according to custom.

It is understood that the Committee who declined to participate in this festival have given up the idea of a procession.

It is further learnt that the Committee has decided to postpone holding the dissensions to assign.

Racing Selections

The following are my selections for the City Turf Club Meeting, run today (Saturday) and Tuesday (next week and Saturday) five furlongs.

1. HIS MAJESTY.
2. Bonanza.
3. Rosebud.

Second race, 5½, Juvenile Handicap (Maiden) five furlongs.

1. DARING ANN.
2. Orange Squash.
3. Lucky Penny.

Third race, 7½, Galloway and Pony Handicap (4's Division), five furlongs.

1. WEE HARE.
2. Mickey Rooney.
3. Jockey.

Fourth race, 7½, Scottsville Handicap (2nd Division), one furlongs.

1. UNIFORM.
2. Cathy.
3. Carry Away.

Fifth race, 7½, Galloway and Pony Handicap (3rd Division), one furlongs.

1. COVLE.
2. Gaiety.
3. Senorita.

Sixth race, 6½, Stewards' Handicap, nine furlongs.

1. STUDLAND.
2. Sandpiper.
3. Rose.

Seventh race, 6½, Scottsville Handicap (2nd Division), nine furlongs.

1. DOVE.
2. Jockey.
3. Lorraine.

Eighth race, 7½, Scottsville Handicap (3rd Division), one furlongs.

1. MUNDA.
2. Lone Pine.
3. Lone Star.

JANUARY HANDICAP.

1. MINERAL.
2. ESTATE.
3. HEREAFTER.

Discord In Maritzburg Temple Council

MARITZBURG, Friday.

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BRAZILIAN MINISTER ...ather tour at Alcazar, ...ORE 2 p.m.—Brazilian ...ation Court in Bombay, ...ound there on his way ...Left to right are Mr. ...Brazilian Minister to ...Mr. Ramaswami, Secretary ...of Minister at Alcazar.

Indian Women Molested in Durban Streets

THE recent racial convulsion in Durban has left behind an aftermath which bodes ill for the Indian people in this country and unless the police authorities take stern action it will not be safe for Indian women to venture out alone or even in the company of their men, writes a representative of "The Leader." During the week a number of Indian women told me that they were being brazenly accosted by Africans in the streets and suggestions are made to them.

M. IS A HOUSEWIFE. A FEW DAYS AFTER THE RIOTS SHE WENT INTO TOWN. SHE WAS MOLESTED IN THE STREETS. THE AFRICANS TOLD HER THAT THEY WANTED COOLIE GIRLS. THEY FELL INTO STEP WITH HER AND EVER ATTEMPTED TO HOLD HER HAND.

S. TEACHERS at a local school, L. During the week an African held her hand as she was on her way to the bus rank after school hours. She was, she terse [illegible].

All these things may constitute serious injuries, but how much patience and time will the police devote to any such complaints [illegible] to be sure case it is the most difficult thing for any one to locate an African because of his lack of a pigment- ent hour.

It is possible that if this case the pass-bearing alright again. The Africans have given as one of the reasons for this upheaval the fact that Indians have interfered with African women, but when Indians were here there was no African women to a far different thing than what the Africans is doing to Indian women today. The Africans woman was a willing partner in the Indian woman is being assaulted, insulted and interfered with in the streets in broad daylight.



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THE AFRICAN BOYCOTT OF THE INDIAN BUS SERVICE CONTINUES IT BECOMES MORE AND MORE CLEAR THAT THE INTERESTS HAVE CASHED IN ON IT WAS ORIGINALLY A SPONTANEOUS BOYCOTT. THEY ARE CAPITALISING ON THE PRESENT DISTURBED STRAINED RELATIONS BETWEEN AFRICANS AND INDIANS. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF INDICATIONS THAT THE BOYCOTT IS ORGANISED, WRITES A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LEADER."

...ndian bus the Victoria Street rank. A few minutes later they were followed by two African men, who walked there and for a few minutes they would be called if they used the bus of the Africans. The police who are guarding the rank, stood by uninterested.

There are still, however, a large number of Indians who are travelling in Indian buses. During the week I spent some time on the rank and saw Africans on the various buses.

In the meantime, the Durban Corporation is seeking to see this boycott business are running to fare. Street fares that which they paid in Indian buses.

The buses are very well liked of the bus because it appeared this is not [illegible] organised and Africans are [illegible] taking taxis and buses as they fear the Indians, but because they [illegible] as an Indian bus they were so [illegible] They were [illegible] they happened to be in an Indian bus. During the week two African women [illegible]

NEHRU'S MESSAGE TO MALAN

NEW DELHI.

PANDIT NEHRU has sent a message to Dr. D. F. Malan, Prime Minister of South Africa, asking him to take steps to prevent a recurrence of incidents like the Durban interracial riots, states a Reuter message.

Announcing this in a statement in the Indian Parliament, Pandit Nehru said he had expressed the hope in the message that the commission of inquiry set up by the South African Government to investigate the riots would go more into the basic causes.

Dr. Malan, he said, had replied saying that he trusted Pandit Nehru's request and that he would place all available information at the disposal of Mr. H. F. Theil, secretary to the Indian High Commissioner's office in South Africa.

SIGN OF TERROR

AS far as one can judge the population of South Africa lives under the sign of terror," wrote Miss Margaret Hasselrell recently, and it is appropriate to recall her words just now.

If we did know the exact figures of the White population there, if knew them maybe, it would explain to us the attitude which seems to constitute its philosophy towards all Coloured people which spreads even to the condition of misery.

"The natural rights and liberties that the Union of South Africa is willing to grant to all the people do not include, if I am right, the natural right not even pretense the equality of economic rights.

"The speech of South Africa's delegate (Mr. Eric Louw) is very strange, and it [illegible] a [illegible] moment a few days ago.

"When one looks around a table where 53 nations are represented and asks how a country living in the world today can have such a philosophy.

"It was said the other day that the Union may wish to retire from the United Nations due to divergence of views on the part of the big powers).

"It seems to me that she will be very lonely in a world which will progress towards fraternity and equality while she will remain immobile.

Most representations is made to the police commissioner in Durban, to the Native Affairs Department and the United Nations Organisation. We want immediate steps to be taken to protect the lives and property of Indians in South Africa. We want the police to be more vigilant in the discharge of their duties. We want the prosecution of responsible persons and [illegible] and [illegible] and [illegible] should have acted on [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with condemnation."

Cough Mixture Plus Lysol?

THE females of the species seems to be worse than the male, for this was demonstrated in the court, twice where African women appeared by their unseemly behaviour their tendency to lost, destroy, strike and burn everything that was Indian, according to the missing up of Lysol with the cough mixture of Indian patients by African nurses at a coast hospital.

Fortunately, the patients did not like the taste of the medicine and did not drink enough to die fatally.

Investigations revealed that Lysol poison had been dropped into the cough mixture. It is alleged that certain African nurses were responsible.

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A GARAGE STATEMENT

A Meeting of the Office Cleaners' Union, S.A., stated in "The Leader" that a certain garage had recently arrived in Durban that for payment had offered to serve Indian workers. Pursuant to Friday, January 28, the Union Executive Committee has declared that there was no truth in the statement and that it was merely deliberately to injure the good reputation.

OBITUARIES

The death occurred of Narainsamy Naidoo on Friday morning, January 28, and the funeral took place from her late residence at 78 Longmarket street, Pietermaritzburg, on Saturday, at the Mountain Rise Cemetery.

Mrs. Naidoo was very well known in native and social circles in Maritzburg and held many important positions, amongst which she was the president of the Indian Women's League, and was one of the foremost and most popular ladies of the town.



HARINARAIN NAIDU.

Sportsmen in general, and boxing men in particular will deeply mourn the loss of Sonny Maistry, the Natal Amateur Lightweight champion, who was involved in a drowning fatality on Sunday last, in the Durban Bay.

Sonny Maistry, who started boxing some three years ago, was only 19 year of age. A member of the Cosmopolitan Boxing Board under Mr. M. E. Maisry, Sonny Maistry made rapid progress to fame and won the Natal lightweight title last year. He was informed locally recently of his decision to represent Natal in the forthcoming South African Championships, which are to take place shortly, and was to have appeared in the semi-finals on the night of the fatal accident when he knocked out his opponent in the first round. Needless to say, his ability as a boxer was a foregone conclusion, but fate took a hand in matters.



SUNNY MAISTRY.

Mr. M. GUNGADEEN.

The death occurred at Estcourt after a very short illness of Mr. M. Gungadeen, who was a prominent and well-known member of the Indian community.

Mr. Gungadeen was employed by the Estcourt Municipality for the past 30 years. His wide professional knowledge and experience in municipal matters was of the greatest value to the Estcourt Municipality.

The late Mr. Gungadeen was one of the foundation members of the Natal Indian Congress, Estcourt branch, and was interested in all matters affecting the Indian community, particularly towards the uplift of religious and social education.

He leaves behind five sons and five daughters to mourn an irreparable loss.

There was a large and representative gathering at the funeral to testify the esteem and respect in which he was held by all sections of the community. There were many floral tributes and bouquets of sympathy.

Kulesamy Naidoo, Tongaat.

Mr. Sala Moolley, ex-Commissioner Street, Durban.

Mr. Kandasamy Chetty, of Furness Avenue, Mayville.

Family, of Lion's Den Road, Mayville.

Mr. Bahraj, of 39, Reed, Mayville.

(Continued on page three.)

These Persons Are Missing

The Natal Indian Congress received reports of 5 persons, men, women and children missing during the Riots. 97 persons have been found and the respective parents or relatives have been duly informed. The Congress is still making attempts to trace the remaining 28 persons reported to be missing.

The following are the persons reported to be missing. Anyone who has knowledge of their whereabouts should kindly inform the office of the Congress with the least delay:

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Singh and 4 children. Usual address: 9, Motlar Road, Merebank.

Sewnarain, age 12 years. Usual address: Farokh Place, Newlands.

Mr. P. Reuben and family. Usual address: Tatham Crescent, Mayville.

Mr. Thakoo and family. Usual address: 77, Villa Road, Mayville.

Mr. P. P. Dorasamy and family, of Clairwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Naidoo, of Mount Vernon.

Mr. Bob Reddy. Usual address: 16, Seaton Road, Clairwood.

Mr. Narainsamy. Usual address: 16, Seaton Road, Clairwood.

Mr. Daniel Naidoo. Usual address: Umbilo Road, Umbilo.

Kanniyan and 4 children, of Cane Cutter.

Mountaikoo and Children, of Clairwood South.

Kannusamah Naidoo and Baby Parvathy, of Umbumbulwana Road, Cato Manor.

Munusamah, her three sisters and children, of Newlands.

Family of: 52, Fairbourne Road.

Govindsamah and child of Hillary.

Nkunungan Chetty, of Collingwood Road, Clairwood.

Numien Govender, of Collingwood Road, Clairwood.

Mr. F. Jafe, 19 years, of Merebank.

Mr. and Mrs. Nalsee Pillay. Usual address: Opposite Mayville Football ground.

Miss Gadjee, of Capetown.

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PEACE IN KASHMIR. Representatives of India and Pakistan signing the Agreement in Kashmir

The executive members of the Natal Indian Congress (Dannhauser branch) Messrs. S. Sinwaru, George Ellory, N. I. Adim and C. G. Naicker made a special trip to Maritzburg and Durban, and visited refugee camps and riot areas, and thereafter functioned with Congress officials and the President of the N.I. Congress, Mr. M. G. Naicker, matters pertaining to relief work.

They handed their final contributions of £40 to the Natal Indian Relief Fund, and also thanked clothing and groceries. A second contribution will be sent shortly.

They express their sincere thanks to all those who have contributed and to the many public men workers who helped in the collections.

MARRIAGE NOTICE

The marriage of Mr. HARIRAMSAY SINGH, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Harrisingh, of 13 Smith Street, Dundee, to OMRAJE DEVI, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lutchman Pullen, of 5 Collins Street, Dundee, will take place at the TEMPLE HALL, DUNDEE, on SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1949, at 2 p.m.

Thilak Ceremony on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, at 10.30 a.m.

All friends and relatives kindly accept this as a personal intimation.

MARRIAGE NOTICE

Mr. M. Kannan Kesavadoo wishes to inform all those who received an invitation to the marriage of his son to the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. Govender, of Durban, which was set down for January 16, 1949, that the marriage had been postponed on account of the recent disturbances, and will take place on Saturday February 5, 1949, between 12-45 and 2 p.m. at the Emmanuel Baptist Hall (C. F. Phillips Memorial Hall), 8 Field Street, Durban.

Phoenix, 4/2/49.

NOTICE

POSTPONEMENT OF MARRIAGE

FANDAY — JUGGATH MAHARAJ

The marriage, which was to have taken place on the 16th JANUARY, 1949, between

MINATHI DEVI,

only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Juggath Maharaj, of Pietermaritzburg, and

BRIJRAJ SINGH,

fifth son of Mrs. M. Pandey, of 97 Cemetery Street, Pietermaritzburg, and the late Mr. Pandey, will now take place on the 6th FEBRUARY, 1949, at the Bride's Residence, Harewell, Edinstone and Friends are cordially invited to attend.

A POPULAR PROMOTION



The promotion of Mr. D. J. Mackerdhuj, as Assistant Market Master at Maritzburg, has been welcomed by the Indian community. He has been at the Market for a considerable time and his dealing with the Indians, who form a large section of the Market's dealers and patrons, has been characterised by courtesy and fairness. His advancement is considered as a popular one.

O.B.E. for Brother of Tech. Principal

Mr. Hal the honours announced on the 1949 New Year List, is the award of O.B.E., for Mr. [illegible] Nathoo, of Ormskirk, Chester, England.

Mr. Nathoo is the brother of Mr. Henry Nathoo, the Principal of the N. E. Pullen Technical College, who was awarding the O.B.E., in 1948.

Their two brothers living on the Coast are Mr. Ismail Nathoo, of Stanger, who is associated with the Stanger Hospital Board, and Mr. Ahmed Nathoo, of Durban, Northern Prisons Department.

Another brother, Mr. Aziz Nathoo, is a well-known Durban artist, "Milady," and also a member of the Durban Corporation Band, who recently received a Wreckion in Despatches, for his work as a Flight Lieutenant in the Royal Air Force.

Mr. Henry Nathoo is the Labour Director of the National Civil Board of Control, and is also Chairman of the Durban Area Committee.

He has been in the Labour Department of the Colonial Union Control, and is well known throughout the North of England.

His present post of Director of Labour is the highest in the Department, and is responsible directly to the Minister of Labour.

Mr. Nathoo is the author of a book, which was awarded the O.B.E., in 1948.

Mr. Nathoo is the brother-in-law of Mr. Henry Nathoo, the Principal of the N. E. Pullen Technical College, and his daughter, Mr. Nathoo is the nephew of Mr. Nathoo.

Mr. Nathoo was married to Miss [illegible] Nathoo, of 3 Rimmer Road, Durban, has been appointed as Assistant Director of Labour, who has written his Thesis on "Third Class Passengers."

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MISSING PERSONS

(Continued from page two).

Mr. T.P. Reddy, brother of Cato Manor Indians enlisted.

Mr. S. Chanda, 24 years, of 629, Heath Road, Cato Manor.

Harilal, 18 years, of 629, Heath Road, Cato Manor.

Govindsamy, of 78 Chancellor Lane, Mayville.

Mr. Nair, of 32, Brickham Road, off Heath Road, Mayville

INDIA MARCHES ON

* *Sugar Technology*

INDIA is to have an Institute of Sugar Technology and Sugar Cane Research which would be perhaps the largest of its kind in Asia. The site selected for the Institute is Shakrok Farm with an area of over 500 acres, in the close vicinity of Lucknow, the capital of the United Provinces which is the largest sugar producing province in India.

* *Telegraphic Messages*

A NEW method by means of which it is possible to send telegraphic messages in almost all the Aryan and Dravidian languages of India with the same accuracy as in English is claimed to have been invented by a professor of a Calcutta college. The method, called "the rule-of-three" by the inventor on account of the three issues on three signs and their signals, is said to be very simple and easy to learn. The most important point about the method is that without considerable interference with the existing system of telegraphy, it provides for the transmission of all letters in Indian alphabets, including long vowels, without any ambiguity, through dots and dashes. It can also be made use of by news agencies for the purpose of transmitting any news written in Indian languages through tele-printers without disturbing the existing arrangement.

Bharati." The system is based on the Sanskrit alphabet

* *Fertiliser Pool*

THE Government of India proposes to create a Central Fertiliser Pool with all imported fertilisers and most of the resources at present manufactured in India for distribution among the agriculturists at average mean profit prices. Nearly Rs 7 crores would be required for purchasing all available stocks of fertilisers

* *Trade Unions*

THE first step to bring together labour organisations affiliated to the Indian National Trade Unions Congress has been taken by the launching of three national Labour Federations comprising of workers employed in the textile industry, plantations and railways. The inaugural Working Committee of the I.N.T.U.C. has formally launched these three Federations to be known as the Indian National Textile Workers' Federation, the Indian National Plantation Workers' Federation and the Indian Railway Workers' Federation.

The Committee proposes to set up shortly similar Federations for iron and steel, gas, sugar, coal and mining and the merchant marine. The Federations of Cotton Textile Workers claim an aggregate membership of over 250,000 distributed in over 70 Trade Unions in Gujarat, Bombay, United Provinces, Bengal and Madras. The Plantation Workers' Federation claims a strength of over 30 Unions with a total membership of over 125,000. The Railway Workers' Federation is reported to have a membership of about 25,000 from all the major railways in India.

* *Social Security*

INDIA's two and a half million industrial workers are to have sickness allowance and medical facilities when the Employees' State Insurance Scheme begins to operate. The Government of India have set up an Employees' State Insurance Corporation as well as a Medical Benefit Council as provided for in the Employees' State Insurance Act, to look after the medical facilities available in all industrial areas to be brought under the scheme. The employers' contributions, will cost six rupees per industrial worker per year.

Workers will be required to pay a certain percentage of their salaries towards the expenditure (three getting and more than one wage a day will receive free medical treatment. The Corporation which consists of 21 members including the Labour Minister as Chairman and the Health Minister as Vice-Chairman will be a statutory body and will be responsible for the working of the scheme. The first beginning of social security for industrial workers in India and there is nothing comparable as it is in Asia.

* *More Hospitals*

THE Assam Government have a five-year plan for improving the health of the people of the Province. The Plan's highlights are the establishment of five 200-bed hospitals, bringing up-to-date the existing hospitals, the training of an adequate personnel, deputation of candidates for higher medical training abroad, drafting of a comprehensive Public Health Act and special provision for fighting diseases such as tuberculosis, leprosy and kalazar.

* *Cadet Corps*

THE Government of India has decided to raise a Senior Division of 15,000 cadets to begin with and a Junior Division of 30,000 cadets to supplement the Government of the National Cadet Corps Act which was passed by the Dominion Parliament in March last. The Government propose to reach the target figure of 32,700 for the Senior Division and 135,000 for the Junior Division in four years. The allocation of numbers for the Provinces and States has already been made.

Training will be imparted first to officers to be recruited from colleges and schools. The officers will be trained with regular army units located within or near to the provinces concerned, Girls' Division would be raised at a later stage. Enrolment in the National Cadet Corps will be voluntary. The cadets will have no liability for service. The organisation is designed to build up the character of the boys as future leaders, to infuse in them a sense of discipline and citizenship and to interest in the defence of the country.

* *Scientific Research*

A N Electrochemical Research Institute has been established in Karaikudi in South India. This will be one of the chain of National Laboratories to be established in India of which four have already been launched. The National Physical Laboratory, the Central Glass and Ceramic Research Institute, the Central Institute of Drug Research and the fuel Research Institute while three others (Leather Research Institute, Road Research Institute and a Building Research Station) will be started shortly.

The Central Institute of Drug Research will cover a wide range of activity extending from isolation of crude drugs used in indigenous systems of medicine to the highly developed field of synthetics and antibiotics. A committee of leading Indian medical scientists has been set up to work out details of a scheme to manufacture synthetic petrol from Indian coal, to carry out intensified geological and geophysical explorations of possible petroleum areas in India, and to prepare plans for the underground gasification of coal such as is being carried out in the U.S.A., Russia and other countries. The Government of India has also started their Atomic Energy Research Institute.

* *Minimum Wages*

FAIR-WAGE recommendations that will affect the economic conditions of twenty-one half lakhs of industrial workers and a vast electrical investment in the commercial establishments in the United Provinces have been made by the Fair-Wage Advisory Committee in its report on the working of tramway and electrical undertakings in the province.

For the purpose of calculating the minimum wage, labour has been divided into four categories of skilled, semi-skilled, unskilled and highly-skilled with minimum wages of Rs. 30 (£2 5s.), Rs. 25 (£1 17s. 6d.), Rs. 20 (£1 10s.), and Rs. 15 (£1 2s. 6d.), respectively. The committee has also recommended a pay scale for clerks in tramway and electrical undertakings. An undertaking will start at Rs. 35 (£2 7s. 6d.) and a graduate at Rs. 75 (£5 12s. 6d.). The committee has also recommended a profit-sharing bonus.

Our Readers Speak . . .

Young Afrikaner Donates First Blanket

(By Lieut.-Col. A. W. Greer-Jackson, Assistant Commissioner St. John Ambulance Brigade, Southern Natal and Zululand.

ON Sunday morning, the 5th inst., my appeal, which was so kindly broadcast by the S.A.B.C., brought immediate results.

For two days and nights, members and staff of the St. John Association had worked at high pressure, afterwards to those injured in the riots. In the meantime it was quickly made quite evident that the establishment of a Blanket Depot for the Natal Indian Relief Fund was unavoidably necessary, and this was accordingly done, with myself and Members, Within 36 minutes of my appeal, the first blanket was donated to by a young Afrikaner. By 11 a.m. on that same day, many hundreds and more than 300 blankets, delivered by our bandsmen, had been subsequently supplied.

With a full time doctor, matron, trained sick staff on hand from time to time, generously by some other voluntary organisations, and by the assistance of our own Members, within 36 hours of my appeal, the first blanket was donated to by a young Afrikaner. By 11 a.m. on that same day, many hundreds and more than 300 blankets, delivered by our bandsmen, had been subsequently supplied.

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I cannot speak too highly of the wonderful response from the public, hotels and others that only from the Protector who received wholehearted support from all sections of the community, and these overwhelmingly in favour of the Indian people.

Many of my own friends

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RIOTS

It is understood that as a large number of people have valuable information which will help the Indian people to make a solid case before the Justice Commission, they are asked to come forward immediately and make sworn affidavits at the Natal Indian Organisation Offices, 19 Baker St., Durban, Phone 24258.

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RIOTS

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MONDAY 13th FEBRUARY.
9—12 and 2.30—5.30 p.m.
All students who have not after this February will be liable to a late fee and subsequently received later than that date will not be admitted to the course unless the timetable is drawn up. Registration will be at the Registrar's Office, Pietermaritzburg, and Sastri College, Durban, on Monday, 30th January, from 9.30-12.30 to permit of consultation between students in attend at one of the times should make a personal appointment.
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IN MEMORIAM

COVENDER, COOPARAM. In loving memory of my dear wife and our beloved mother, who passed away on February 7, 1948.
Missing mother very much,
One of the best God ever sent.
The cheerful smile, a heart of gold,
The dearest mother the world could hold.
Always remembered by her loving husband, children, Chunga, Lutchmi, Jaya, Sundrie, Sookie, Kisten, Satyadeva, Pamphalan and Ramalingum.

Appreciation

Mr. and Mrs. Jack I. Govender and Mr. M. D. Govender, all of 17 Fife Avenue Road, Berea, wish to express their sincere appreciation to Dr. and Mrs. E. K. Chetty, Registrar, Lecturers, and Faculty, all of U.C. Inst. Pietermaritzburg, for their hospitality extended to them during their stay at their home during the Christmas vacation.

Thanks

Mr. B. Gangaram and family, of Wagtail Road, Magazine, wish to thank all friends and relatives for their kind messages of sympathy received in connection with the sad bereavement recently.

MISSING

Name: SHAIKH FAREED.
Address: 225 Quarry Road, Springfield.
Last Seen: About 7.30 a.m. on 15th January 1949. Was picked up by Natal Patrol from home. Received cut on forehead, pale (light), during the riots in Quarry Road.
Clothed in: Pyjama Coat, blue and white stripe; Black Trousers; no shoes.
Any information thought timely (Mrs. Wright, about 15/16, was 5/6 cyclone).
Was employed by Messrs. Hassan Trading Co.
May be suffering from loss of memory.
Any information to Phone 23651.

Security Of Indians But . .

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Discussions on relations between Indians and Africans in South Africa.
The Government of India's policy has been to promote discussions and goodwill between Indians and Africans. While extremely desiring security and well-being of Indians in the Union, Government do not think with-out quality on the establishment of any contact between which might assist the advancement of Africans in their homeland. This view has been favourably communicated to the representatives.
Preceding part of the story appears on page one.

Schools Open

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Educationally enriched than ever before. Course . . .
By far the best attendances are recorded were by Sastri College and the Indian High School. Of all applicants secured admission in the D.T.C. course, Sastri College is faced with the difficult problem of the lack of accommodation.
Mr. Anderson, however, is working unceasingly to accept a request, which number. It is the understanding that the Department is making provisions . . .
It is reported that the Stella Hill and Umbilo Road schools have been completely burned down.
The question now arises as to what provision will be made for these children.

Except where otherwise expressly stated, the responsibility for all political views, opinions, in this paper rests with the Proprietors, The Natal Indian Organisation, 19 Baker Street, Durban, at Witness' Business, Pietermaritzburg.

The Leader
22a Pine Street, Durban. P.O. Box 10
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SATURDAY, FEB. 5, 1949

As an African Sees It

ELSEWHERE in this week's issue of "The Leader," under the heading "Racial Clash Result of Repressive Legislation," we are publishing a moderately-phrased and well-reasoned statement by Mr. H. Lewis a Durban Africa. These views may be taken as representing those of the thinking and more educated members of his race.

The writer ascribes the origin of the racial riots in Durban and Maritzburg to four main or root causes. These, he says, are firstly an organised attempt by the ruling class to split the non-European front, which was beginning to menace their supremacy, secondly a tension of racial animosity as a result of repression which has driven many Africans to the verge of despair, thirdly the harsh measures of the Native Urban Areas Act, and fourthly by the fact that many of the Natives in the urban areas are in the direct employment that it was their low wage standard and not the high wage standard of the Europeans that is to blame for their high prices.

Throughout the period in which they have been established in the Union of South Africa the Indians have had to contend time and again with the first of trouble, says the writer. The Europeans have always been collectively or individually subjected to some form of discrimination. The Indians' fight for security has never existed before. Even the Africans, the rulers of whose fully realise the economic front against oppression and exploitation by contact with the Europeans.

The fact that the racial clash at a time when the more moderate and responsible elements of the Indians were never expected any trouble between the Africans and their Indian fellow-workers in the Union, is considered by many as extremely unfortunate. The writer points out that the Indians have actually contributed more than their fair share to the economic development of the country, and that the exploitation of the poorer classes by the Indian merchants, but these statements cannot be supported by any evidence. Moderate and responsible Indians are not for pass. Non-Europeans not allowed. The writer refers to a speech in the Senate, in favour of movement, in which the Government's leader said that "Europeans only." And here are for "Europeans only" signs which apply to Indians as well as Africans.

DIVIDING THE PEOPLE

Why, he asks, should they now face to face with the fruits of the years of the policy of dividing the people of South Africa into breeds and thus to equal say in how the country is governed, but their having to live together, pay the same taxes and suffer from the same disasters are to be solved. There is no political organisation to which Indians and Africans can belong, no common front against oppression and exploitation by contact with the Europeans.

The writer concludes by saying that the Indians have been driven to the position of a "buffer group" between the Africans and the Europeans, and that this position is extremely dangerous for both races. Those who are responsible for the maintenance of the present Native policy of the Union Government do not look with favour on the establishment of any contact between which might assist the advancement of Africans in their homeland. This view has been favourably communicated to the representatives.

Preceding part of the story appears on page one.

What The African Is Saying

FOLLOWING are extracts from editorial comments of some Native newspapers on the recent racial disturbances in Durban:—

The Bantu Mirror: "Why did it happen? There have been different reports about the actual incident that started the rioting. In any case, that is not important. The real cause of the fighting must be sought deeper than a single happening. The real cause must be sought in the question of race oppression and colour discrimination in South Africa, in the evil sense of racial hatred preached and practised by the ruling groups among the Europeans, in the poverty, ill-treatment, frustration and ignorance of the masses of voteless, landless and oppressed people.

"The motto of the South African ruling class . . . especially of the Malan Government is Europeans only. With these two guiding words they grabbed all the best land in the country, the best schools and hospitals, the best paid positions and the best jobs. They have made laws and regulations which are not for pass. Non-Europeans not allowed. The Native Land Act, the Group Areas Act, the Asiatic Act, and lastly by the fact that many of the Natives in the urban areas are in the direct employment that it was their low wage standard and not the high wage standard of the Europeans that is to blame for their high prices.

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"APARTHEID" POLICY AND DURBAN RIOTS

WAS ROOT CAUSE, SAY EAST AFRICAN NEWSPAPERS

BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDEN TO "THE LEADER."

NAIROBI.—The mass outbreaks of "riots" in Durban which resulted in the wholesale killings of Indians by Africans have elicited editorial comments in almost all leading newspapers in Kenya, both European and Indian.

UNDER the caption "Inquiry Relations," the Kampala semi daily of Nairobi, "East African Standard," writes: "It was certain that some therefore would seek to find the explanation in the policy of the Government though there is clearly no logic in an attack by Africans on the Indian population as a protest against a policy from which both races suffer equal disability."

Declaring that the origin of the trouble lay in economic conditions, the paper concluded: "In South Africa, as elsewhere, particularly in the crowded urban areas, the occurrence of the abnormal economic conditions of the times is apparent. Wages are small in comparison and even increasing. One of the urgent tasks of Governments is to see what can be done to raise the standard and provide for social security and, in doing so, to give what protection can be given by law and authority to all who, through force of circumstances, are the easy victims of undesirable and unscrupulous systems or practices."

Not Surprising

"It is not surprising to read, over the British-edited weekly, Sunday Post," that one of the attacks that caused the disturbances was provoked by the black-marketing methods of certain traders, resulting in short supplies of, and high prices for, essential commodities for the Africans."

Declaring that the outcome of the promised Inquiry will have some bearing for Kenya, the paper concluded: "That the tragedy of Durban will have a salutary effect on such malpractices, it is hard to believe, and they have yet to be proved. Quite apart from the fact that the appalling results, in a city which one would have thought was sufficiently policed and prepared in other ways for such an emergency, provide a lesson for the authorities in Kenya which they would be unwise to ignore."

But the Indian Press has been completely unanimous in the assessment of the root causes of the "riots" in Durban. They have attributed the causes to the "repressive policy of the Malan Government.

Racial Policy Wrong

Dismissing the reasons given by the Deputy Commissioner of Police who issued the report of the "riots" in the blackboard, as "Africans, being lawless and lowly animals as Africans as "chain reasons," the "Colonial Times," of Natrobi wrote:

"The Malan Government cannot escape blame for the riots. They have failed to secure peace within their territory. It is now three days to bring the situation under control. Above all, they have spread the doctrine of race-hatred throughout the Union. The speeches and answers of the Ministers of State have led to a widespread impression that the Indians of South Africa have no right to remain there; that they are outlaws and may be treated as such."

The Malay Government, concluded the paper, will take care to admit that their racial policy was wrong. That day can be brought nearer by a campaign among all the victims of that policy. Let us hope, the organ wrote power to be smothered will in the ruffle of the Nationalist Party and its racial arrogance.

Premeditated

The outspoken and progressive Indian daily of Natrobi, "Daily Chronicle," in leading article commented: "A very significant factor which lends support to the assumption that the riots were premeditated is the fact that a

AFRICANS TO DISCUSS RIOTS

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The report, therefore that all Africans in Durban are in a state of panic and are leaving the city is not correct. Many Africans have returned to their homes and many have gone to the country for a short holiday. There is a considerable proportion of Africans who are employed in Durban and whose home is not there. They are not panicky because their employers have assured them that they are safe and that they will not be victimised.

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Schools Open Under a Shadow

WITH the exception of those Indian schools which are housed in the ravaged areas, and the schools which are being used as refugee camps the attendances have been fairly satisfactory.

This was a result of a survey carried out by a "Leader" reporter on the position of accommodation in a school which opened last week.

At the Mayville Educational Society's School, which opened on Tuesday, anxious-eyed parents waited from the early hours of the morning to secure admission for their children. Mr. Narayan, who has been appointed the principal of the school, told the "Leader" that the school was still under construction and the builders were doing their utmost to speed up the completion. There were 650 classrooms and a staff of 22 teachers, and of the 850 applications only 240 were admitted.

Mr. Dartnell Cresswell, A.N.E., Greyville, Hindu Tamil, Central Road and Gandhi schools are also open and no refugee camps and will not open till Monday next.

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INDIGNATION OVER DEPORTATION ORDER IN AUSTRALIA

MELBOURNE.

THE Press and the clergy joined in voicing a nationwide protest over Australia's decision to deport the Indonesian wife of an Australian and her eight children, states a Sapa-Reuter message.

One clergyman said the order against the O'Keefe family, issued by the Minister of Immigration, Mr. A. A. Caldwell, under the white Australia policy, savoured of inhumanity and gross lack of consideration.

Justice should be tempered with mercy, he said, and if we build up a feeling among Asiatics by continuing this outmoded shelf-sighted White Australia policy, there will be a growing cause for misunderstanding, hatred, war and much suffering.

Make them all trade unionists, and make certain they won't become a source of cheap labour-but don't think about them as human beings.

Support for the order came from the Returned Soldiers' League, whose secretary said: "If the White Australia policy is to be enforced, there must be no exceptions."

Newspapers, however, unanimously condemned Mr. Caldwell's action.

The "Sydney Morning Herald"

Security Of Indians But . .

[IN a statement to Parliament on the Durban riots at New Delhi, Pandit Nehru said in part:

The Government of India was "seriously concerned" over the situ

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LOOT TO BE AUCTIONED?

WITHIN months, R.U. and S.O. to the Durban riots, at South African Police, Durban, it is declared. "Any sending has been received by the Police Commissioner, Mr. A. H. Lamont, that looted goods and stores have been and are being sold by auction in Durban. There is considerable property in the hands of the public, parents because they are afraid to claim it as they are afraid that it was looted during the riots.

Identification parades are being held at the Central Police Station, Durban, and the Commissioner has appealed to the public to assist the police in identifying property which has been looted during the riots.

International courts, which adjudicate on the rights of nations, are utilised but not empowered to adjudicate on the rights of individuals in disputes between nations.

We submit, therefore that all Indians should be given the same protection as other citizens of the Union.

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MILLIONS PAY HOMAGE TO MEMORY OF GANDHI

NEW DELHI

PRE-DAWN PRAYERS WERE OFFERED BY MILLIONS OF HINDUS ON THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASSASSINATION OF MAHATMA GANDHI LAST SUNDAY.

AT 3 P.M., STATES A SAPA-REUTER MESSAGE, THE PRIME MINISTER, PANDIT NEHRU AND 21 DEVOUT FOLLOWERS OF MR. GANDHI ASSEMBLED ON THE SPOT WHERE HE FELL WITH THREE SHOTS IN HIS CHEST AND ABDOMEN.



MAHATMA GANDHI

THIS select congregation included Mr. Gandhi's son Devadas, Muriel Lester, Mr. Gandhi's London hostess, and Ava and Maan Gandhi, who witnessed their grandfather's death.

Daybreak prayers were offered at Baghlat, near the historic red fort, whose Mr. Gandhi's remains were cremated in the presence of half a million people.

The Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, appealed on the anniversary of the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi for the world to settle its differences by peaceful methods.

He recalled his speech after Mr. Gandhi's death, when he said "the light which illuminated our lives has gone out," and said he now knew that it had not gone out, but shone more brightly than ever.

Gandhi's message that moral force could not be ignored, was never more pertinent to the world's problems, he said.

"While conflict and hatred rage and the trouble in India and the world, peaceful methods and compromises can.

"We are in as dominions or advantages, but we shall guard our own," the Prime Minister said.

Australia Offers Fellowship to Indian Students

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA HAVE OFFERED ONE SENIOR FELLOWSHIP AND TWO JUNIOR FELLOWSHIPS TO INDIAN STUDENTS FOR STUDIES IN AUSTRALIA FROM THE BEGINNING OF NEXT YEAR. THE FELLOWSHIPS ARE OPEN TO BOTH MEN AND WOMEN.

The purpose of the Senior Fellowship is to provide higher training in Australia for a mature person who may or may not be a University graduate, but who is already engaged in responsible work in industry, commerce or government in India preferably in the fields of agricultural science and industrial development. The Junior Fellowships will be awarded primarily to graduates of Indian universities. The Australian Government will be prepared to make special arrangements with universities of its own governments, or with private bodies, for research work in the Australian Government would be prepared to make special arrangements with universities of its own governments, or with private bodies, for research work in the selected Indian fellow's particular field of study.

In a circular letter addressed to Universities of all Indian States, Australian consular officials in Indian stations, the Ministry of Education, Government of India, has asked for applications for the Australian fellowships.

Refrigerators

MANUFACTURE of Refrigerators on a mass scale is shortly to be started at Orange. These refrigerators would be operated both by electricity and kerosene oil. Mass production of these cold storages would enable these machines to be within the "purchasing capacity of middle-class home holders." Production is expected to begin by the middle of Dec.

THE MAHATMA'S TASK IN SOUTH AFRICA STILL UNFULFILLED

JOHANNESBURG, Thursday.

THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF MAHATMA GANDHI WAS COMMEMORATED AT THE GANDHI HALL, JOHANNESBURG, LAST SUNDAY WITH PRAYERS IN SANSKRIT, ARABIC AND PERSIAN, AND READINGS FROM "CITA," THE CELESTIAL SONG OF THE HINDUS, STATES A SAPA MESSAGE.

IN an address to the gathering, Mr. P. S. Joshi, President of the Transvaal Hindu Service Society, said that Mahatma Gandhi's star grew with remained unfilled even today. It was the satisfactory settlement of the Indian problem in the Union—the prospects of which were marred by the recent riots in Durban.

"Dr. Malan might wish to ignore the reaction of the riots abroad, but the Europeans of Natal and the Nationalist Party cannot easily escape the responsibility for bloodshed, for the persistent incitement to hatred of the Indian people, and for allowing it to reach such hostile proportions," said Mr. Joshi.

"We do believe that the police

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"RESPONSIBILITY FOR RIOTS RESTS WITH RULING CLASSES"

THE Non-European Unity Movement takes a very grave view of the recent riots between Africans and Indians in Durban and Pietermaritzburg.

It regards them as a pogrom for which the prime responsibility must be laid at the door of the ruling classes of South Africa, whose constitution is founded upon the arrogant myth of their racial superiority over the non-whites, and whose power is maintained by the division, suspicion and ill-feeling they nurture among the different racial groups living in this country.

FURTHER regards them as being directly inspired by the anti-Indian hatred and vilification which has been spread not only by the majority of the White population of Natal, but also by the present Government and its predecessors in office. And, moreover, it regards them as a severe warning to all the oppressed and exploited peoples of South Africa of the extent to which the Herrenvolk have succeeded in poisoning the relations between the various racial sections, and of the depths to which the ruling classes will sink in order to divert the growing militancy of the non-European masses and to break the growth of a united movement to eradicate oppression.

The Non-European Unity Movement:

(1) Extends its sympathy to all the victims of the riots in Durban and Pietermaritzburg.

(2) Calls upon all persons who have contributed to oppression and exploitation to render every possible practical assistance to those directly affected.

(3) Makes an urgent appeal to all sections of the non-European oppressed of Natal, and in particular the Africans and Indians, to take immediate steps to regard the deep harm which has been done to fraternal relations and the building of political unity between African and Indian oppressed.

(4) Directs all organisations affiliated to the Non-European Unity Movement to hold public meetings in their areas as soon as possible to explain to the people the real causes of such pogroms, (b) to safeguard against the occurrence of pogroms in other parts of the country, by political education on the lines of the Ten Point programme and by the establishment or revitalising of Local Co-ordinating Unity Committees of Africans, Coloureds, Indians, and those White persons who stand unconditionally for full and equal citizenship for all in South Africa.

The bloody lessons of Durban and Pietermaritzburg must be learned by the leadership and the people now; unless the militancy of the non-European oppressed is harnessed in the Unity Movement against segregation as a step forward for full democratic rights for all, the rulers will continue to turn the hand of one section of the oppressed against the fellow oppressed and natural ally in the struggle.

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Junior Leader

MY dear Children,

I know many of you have done your very best about assisting the refugees and feel victims. It is very heartening to feel one a pleasure to know that you all have taken a great deal of trouble, and in many cases have made sacrifices—not only by donating in cash and kind, but assisting in various ways.

I am also glad to learn from the various centres that both Boy Scouts and Girl Guides have played, and are playing, their part in rendering some form of assistance to the refugees—a number of whom, besides being homeless and penniless, are orphans, and have become orphans.

However, I would still urge upon you all to continue rendering assistance—no matter in what small way—you possibly can.

The sad plight of the refugees has been a most distressing one, for some time now—and will continue to be so, most probably, for some time to come. Therefore, I would agree that as much help as you can give, will be very much appreciated. At the present moment, clothing and blankets should be: "Give till it hurts."

Food for Thought

Good of commerce, greed and humanity. Hereward, 1 qlw. "Time, thanks for some songs of temptations, that and intangible and the wisdom of other times they are full of the challenges and failings of my neighbours and they are my reading a helping hand; my own shortcomings, errors and weaknesses, that give me a deeper sympathy for others; for ingratitude and misunderstanding and the gladness of service without other reward than satisfaction. Amen."

AUTHOR W. ANSWERED.

Many poor dogs that are kept tied on soft, ground suffer from "sand fleas," which breed in the sand and cause constant irritation, even eating away the ends of the ears. An ointment made of Jeyes vaseline and 1oz. of flower of sulphur should be smeared on to the raw parts of the ears every day until they are cured.

Do not think that you can ever spare your dog by making him run fast behind a bicycle or on the lead should be allowed to go in his own pace, and if it is forced to run a long way after you while you ride a bicycle or sit in a cart, it will probably get sore pads and sore places on its heart.

Be sure that your dog has a warm kennel or box to sleep in. It should be raised on bricks off the ground and be well made, so that wet will not get in. It should be placed in a dry position, and if possible have plenty of clean straw on the floor. This keeps the dog warm and also, if he has not had enough exercise, it helps to dry him. The dog must be given the opportunity to relieve comfortably in his kennel and he be disturbed out, if he wants to.

THE following is a list of Junior Leaders who wear Pen Friends Corner for this issue:

Gamal R. Maharaj (17), 95 Archer Road, Overport, Durban, who is interested in swimming and cycling, and would like to have pen friends from India, Australia and the Cape.

Kemp Khan (14), 8 Kent Road, Durban, Interests: stamps and boxing and wishes to have pen friends from India and the Union, in return and would like to have pen pals from any part of the world.

AUTHOR W. ANSWERED.

[ ] KIM is another in the list of articles prepared by the Natal Wildlife Protection Society of South Africa (with which is incorporated the Wild Life Protection Society of the Cape). The article is on the Dog.

The dog should have a clean dry bed of straw in a shady place on the floor and not on the ground. The straw should be changed at least once a day. The dog needs fresh water every day, and should have some large bones to gnaw at. Bones and cooked vegetables are excellent for the dog, but never give them chicken bones, as these bones splinter and are very dangerous for the dog, and they cause indigestion. If you can afford it, give your pet a bone a week. It is good to brush your dog every day with a stiff brush, especially in the hair where it is long, as this helps to keep away fleas. Also, when you brush the dog, you feel the muscles with them, and if you find the muscles are tense and hard, the dog is nervous and will have to be treated with care if any liberties are to be taken with it.

Do not have a dog unless you are prepared to look after it properly. Remember that you can tell when a dog is happy by the way he wags his tail. Never be frightened of a dog—dogs little dog because you are afraid of it, and remember that a dog is very unkind to keep always tied up.

Yours lovingly,
AUNTIE W.

Ismail Ebrahim (15), 172 Cherry Road, Overport, Durban, would like to have pen friends from India and the Union, in return and would like pen pals from any part of the world.

Ashwin Pillay (18), 27 Chancellor Avenue, Mayville, Durban, Interests: collecting pictures of Indian film stars and post cards. He would like to have pen friends with similar interests from any part of the world, especially India, England, U.S.A. and Australia.

Lutcmanlee (13), 152 Dunn Road, Isipingo Beach, Durban, is interested in reading, "Film Indian" and Indian songs and would like to have pen friends with similar interests from any part of the world.

S. Pandy (16), 20 Judge Street, Pietermaritzburg, Natal, is interested in the cinema, "Filmindia" and Indian songs and would like to have pen friends with similar interests from the Union, U.S.A., India and England.

M. Pandaiy (13) 20 Tranbarie Road, Mayville, Durban, is interested in the cinema, knitting and sports. He would like to have pen friends from any part of the Union.

L. Thara Devi (14), 20 Krishna Road, Prazdeep, Durban, who is a pupil at the Empire Convent and Indian Sabha, is interested in "Filmindia," knitting and sewing. She would like to have pen friends from any part of the world, especially the Union, England, Canada, Mauritius and Singapore.

George, P.O. Box 18, Tongaat, Natal, would like to have pen friends from any part of the world. He is interested in sports, fishing, reading, collecting pictures and stamps.

Shun Ray (12), 65 Berrisdale Road, N.U. Road, Durban. Interests: golf, reading, the cinema and dancing. He would like to have pen friends from the U.S.A. and the Union.

Maniben N. Kitty, 30 Umkumbaan Road, Mayville, Durban, is interested in boxing, jujitsu, wrestling, weightlifting, boxing and cricket. He would like to have pen friends from the Cape, Transvaal and India. Kindly send in a completed form.

P. Father (15), 22 Station Road, Durban, who is interested in the cinema and reading. His hobby is stamps and coin collecting, as his chief hobbies. He would like to have pen pals with similar interests from any part of the world.

Uma Sruth (16), 1 G. Box 18, Tongaat, Natal, who would like to have pen friends from India, England and the Union. Interests: Indian songs and music, boxing, fishing, "Film" and sewing.

A. M. Vastral Moodley (18), 1 G. Box 47, Tongaat, Natal, whose interests are in reading, cycling and cricket, would like to have pen pals from any part of the world, especially the Union.

G. Muthuvalu (18), 131 Dunn Road, Mayville, Durban, Interests: Reading, cricket, cycling and pictorial culture. He would like to have pen friends from any part of the U.S.A., India and England.

Carmen Moodley (17), 120 Gill Bergue street, Durban. Interests: Reading, sailing and boat-ing. He would like to have pen pals with similar interests from any part of the world.

T. Narsoo (Terry), (18), who Supply Store, Sparrow, Natal, is interested in the cinema, boxing and collecting pictures of Indian film stars and post cards. He would like to have pen friends from any part of the world, especially India, England, U.S.A. and Australia.

Thava Naidoo (10), Plot 2, Hampton Court, 22 Hampton Gardens, Durban, is interested in the cinema, music and collecting cowboy pictures. He would like to have pen friends from any part of the world, especially England, Mauritius and India.

J. Nurse (22), 77 Wilson Street, Pietermaritzburg, Natal, is interested in the cinema, film music and reading. He would like to have pen pals from any part of the world, but more particularly India, England, Malta, the U.S.A. and the Far East Africa and the Union.

Ismail M. Kadir (12), 20 Hare-mountain Avenue, Mayville, Durban, is interested in: Reading, boxing, cricket and soccer. He would like to have pen pals from the Cape and Basutoland.

LAUGHS

Schoolmaster: "What I said tomorrow?"

Young lawyer: "Twice, if convinced I know I am right."

Who think you are a genius?"

Doctor: "Have you consulted [illegible] about your health?"

Patient: "Yes, I've consulted my own friend."

"Now, your honour, I don't

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Message of the Stars

By "SWAMI."

THE Wheel of Fortune for the period February 5 to 12, for people born under the twelve Zodiac signs are as follows:—

ARIES (March 21 to April 20): Good.

TAURUS (April 21 to May 21): Good.

GEMINI (May 22 to June 21): Good.

CANCER (June 22 to July 23): Good.

LEO (July 24 to August 23): Good.

VIRGO (August 24 to September 23): Good, 7; bad, 5.

LIBRA (September 24 to October 23): Good, 7; bad, 5.

SCORPIO (October 24 to November 22): Good, 7; bad, 5, 10.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23 to December 22): Good, 2; bad, 7, 11.

CAPRICORN (December 23 to January 20): Good, 7, 11; bad, 5, 9.

AQUARIUS (January 21 to February 19): Good, 7, 11; bad, 5, 9.

PISCES (February 20 to March 20): Good, 7; bad, 5, 9.

The days for good, medium and bad are: Good days 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31. Medium days: 5, 11. Bad days: 7.

The good days are excellent for all undertakings, especially for love affairs and correspondence. Bad days for property deals, business, research and matters connected with the law, and against accidents, quarrels and illness.

The good days to plant or sow are: February 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31. Medium days: 5, 11. Bad days: 7.

Lucky days for starting a journey or important affair: February 7 to 9, and 11 to 12.

The lucky numbers and colours to be worn during the year are: February 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7. Lucky days.

think one ought to be ashamed of his conscience."

"You have heard what the last witness said," persuaded the counsel, "and is your explanation to the contrary. Am I to infer that you wish to throw doubt on her veracity?"

The noble young man waved a deprecating hand.

"Not at all," he replied, "I merely wish to state that I know what a liar I am if what I am telling the truth."

"Are you the defendant?" asked the presenting officer of the old Negro who had taken the stand.

"Naw, sah. Naw, sah, naw."

"Then who are you?"

"I'se the gemmun whut stole the chickens."

She had visited every dispatch room in the big show and owned the enlargement, without buying any. At last she could stand it no longer and thought a remark was due.

"Pardon me," she said, "are you in the habit of coming here?"

"Verbally," was snapped.

"What else should I be doing?"

"Well, madam," he replied bowing, "I thought you were taking my measurements."

Mother: "How did you puncture the tyre so badly?"

Chauffeur: "Ran over a bottle, ma'am."

Mother: "Didn't you see it in time?"

Chauffeur: "No, ma'; the man had it in his pocket."

Till next week.

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SLOW SCORING BY BATSMEN

SIT-DOWN STRIKE AT CURRIES

THERE WAS A SIT-DOWN STRIKE IN THE CENTRAL-OTTOMAN ENCOUNTER ON CURRIE'S FOUNTAIN MAIN ON SATURDAY LAST WHEN CRICKET WAS RESUMED AFTER A LAPSE OF TWO WEEKS OWING TO THE RIOTS.

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME SUCH AN INCIDENT HAS OCCURRED IN CRICKET ACCORDING TO MR. H. A. KHARWA, PRESIDENT OF THE D.D.I.C.U., ALTHOUGH AN INCIDENT OF ALMOST A SIMILAR NATURE OCCURRED LAST YEAR IN SOCCER.

Comrade, who had previously appealed unsuccessfully for a catch behind the wicket, refused to resume with the match when an appeal for an l.b.w. decision was not upheld.

Under the enemy incident, the umpires were immediately called and the match was abandoned. Of the Indian team, only Mr. I. A. Khan, a member of the Young Natal Cricket Club, scored 50 runs. Mr. Khan's innings was one of the best and the match contained some brilliant fielding.

Century for Randeree.

Playing in league fixture resumed yesterday, A. M. Randeree (Central) scored a century. Randeree was in fine form and hit 13 fours and a six.

Hanif Hanaig, of the Central team, was also in good form in batting and came off second best to Randeree in the run-getting competition. Hanif's score was 87. Central by a different team, Hanif's score was 87. Central by a different team, Hanif's score was 87. Central by a different team,

Around The Cinemas

AVALON: "Thriller, Tiger Fangs," a romantic picture, "Anna Karenina," and "The Attractions of the Season."

ALBERT: "Sapphire."

ATHLONE: "Chalk-Talk-Ventriloquism."

ALBERT: A romantic musical picture, "Rattan," with Sremlata and Karan Dewan, will be screened throughout the coming week.

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Racing Selections

By "DIPLOMAT."

The following are my selections for the Clairwood race meeting, this (today) Saturday:—

First race, 7.0, Gallowai and Pony Handicap, 1 mile:—
1. ICE PACK.
2. Pepsi.
3. Doctor silver.

Second race, 7.30, Maiden Juvenile Plate, 5½ furlongs:—
1. CRUCIBLE.
2. mail reporter.
3. Mosque.

Third race, 8.00, Umbilo Handicap (Bottom Division), 11 miles:—
1. STRAIGHT ROBBER.
2. Some Law.
3. Jet race.

Fourth race, 8.30, Greytown Handicap (2nd Division), 6 furlongs:—
1. ALL POWER.
2. Lagunado.
3. Jet in colour.

Fifth race, 9.00, Maiden Juvenile Plate (2nd) 5½ furlongs:—
1. VARSITY.
2. Fenwick.
3. Salvation.

Sixth race, 9.30, Umbilo Handicap (Top Division), 1 mile:—
1. CARBONACH.
2. Rose Rose.
3. Rose Alcock.

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1. EVERSHARP.
2. Fair Lady.
3. Vanity.

Eighth race, 9.30, Greytown Handicap (1st Division), 11 furlongs:—
1. HARRISON.
2. Cocoon.
3. Varia.

Ninth race, 10.0, Greytown Handicap (A Division), 11 furlongs:—
1. CORBEN.
2. Rosemarch.
3. Lowland Rose.

PENINSULA SUMMER HANDICAP, 1 mile:—
1. COVEY.
2. ATTENTIVE.
3. HEEZA II.
4. PRIVATE.

TALK OF THE BAZAAR

By the "Faqir"

IT seems that it will take considerably more than the recent racial riots with its appalling loss of life and limb, of people rendered homeless and of children left orphaned, to drive home its lesson to human beings. For such appears to be the case with certain school teachers in the Natal capital. Where the new term opened the children as one of the schools were told that if they did not procure their books by a certain date they will be sent home until they did so. Added to this was the instruction that these books must be brought through the school which obtained discount from the booksellers. Needless to say that this discount was not to be passed on to the children. What rubbed salt into the wound was the fact that many — parents and teachers alike — had been compensated for the loss of their homes, not to mention the personal injury and casualties they had suffered, and now for the riots had died down all they had, and put their workers demanded that the books be bought forthwith and the profits for themselves. A love of filthy lucre!

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STATION of Lawrence of Arabia" who came unheralded in many a war only to die in a manner unrelated. A party refugees from the Jewish centre of the town in Durban landed one evening in the capital, the arrest of these the unreliable, accompanied by a Mastabeng brawl, decided to test some relatives. They parked their van in the street and went into the house. The friend remained in the cab. A few moments later a group of Natives approached the vehicle. One friend decided that discretion was the better part of valour and ran into a park. As he looked about for the doorway into which his friends had entered, a large dog charged for his leg. Fortunately for our friend the dog missed his leg but took his large teeth into his pants and shook about, ripping it in the process. The fellow's mad yell brought the people running to his aid and whereupon the dog let go and scampered off.

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BAZAARITES will no doubt recall that for some time the congregations of a certain Temple in the Natal Midlands were harrassed with each other. Now there's more trouble. The other day one of the officials had to call the storemen, for safety's sake, to save the Temple. Now they have gone to law over it. Tch, tch, war even in the House of God!

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ATHEISM simplicity, and unquestioning obedience to the teachings of the Book that is the Koran, are the first and foremost requisites of a wife of the East, according to the Tamil poet, Thiruvalluvar, author of the "Kural." My Wife, glory of wives!

Thiruvalluvar is said to have united the faith of his countrymen and to have been born in a family of outcasts. Here is a handful of sand from the beach at Marina, where he was cast away in a basket as an infant, and was found by a childless couple who took him to their home and reared him as their own child.

Thiruvalluvar is also credited with the first and foremost precept that a husband and his wife should be equal partners in the home. Their children should be brought up in the fear of God and taught to love their parents and their fellow men. Their home should be a haven of rest for the weary traveller, and the husband and wife should be hospitable to all who seek their shelter.

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THE wife must be faithful to her husband and must not leave his side even when he is angry with her. She must not eat before her husband has eaten, nor sleep before he has gone to bed. She must not laugh at other men, nor look at them with desire. She must not gossip with other women, nor go out unnecessarily. She must not be proud of her beauty, nor of her learning, nor of her family. She must not be jealous of her husband's success, nor envious of his friends. She must not be extravagant in her expenditure, nor miserly in her economy. She must not be quarrelsome, nor sullen, nor moody. She must not be idle, nor must she be overworked. She must not be ignorant, nor must she be a pedant. She must not be a gossip, nor must she be a recluse. She must not be a flirt, nor must she be a prude. She must not be a coward, nor must she be a bully. She must not be a liar, nor must she be a hypocrite. She must not be a thief, nor must she be a miser. She must not be a murderer, nor must she be a suicide. She must not be a traitor, nor must she be a renegade. She must not be a heretic, nor must she be a fanatic. She must not be a sinner, nor must she be a saint. She must not be a devil, nor must she be an angel. She must not be a woman, nor must she be a man. She must not be a human being.

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WOMEN POLICE FOR UNITED PROVINCES

ALLAHABAD: A spread of United Province women police should be organised under the direction and control of local police officers.

Recommending this as its report to the U.P. Government, the Police Reorganisation Committee says that the lowest ranks to which women are appointed should be head constable.

Recruitment of village chaukidars by "village constable," after a period of five years is also recommended.

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From British Guiana

THE following letter is from Mr. Tulsi Ranjit Kumar, Plantation Leonora, West Coast, Demerara, British Guiana, January 25, 1949.

The Editor, "The Leader," National Indian Newspaper, 323 Pine Street, Durban, South Africa.

Sir,—It was with great pleasure when one day I visited a friend at his home and among his papers I found a copy of your newspaper, "The Leader," the leading Indian National newspaper in South Africa. I read it and was very much impressed with the interesting news published in it. The literary style of the various contributions and articles by the reporters is very much appreciable to me, and I am asking you kindly to enrol me as a subscriber to the "Leader."

Indians not Leaving S. Africa Because of Riots

COMMENTING on a report by Sapa from Durban that about 20 Durban Indians, as the result of recent riots, had applied to the Protector of Indian Immigrants to be repatriated to India under the Government's Assisted Immigration scheme, Mr. S. R. Naidoo, President of the South African Indian Organisation states: "It is wrong to assume that Indians were leaving the country because of its riots."

"I HAVE HAD SOME MONTHS BACK A NUMBER OF OLD AND DECREPIT INDIANS COMING TO ME TO ASSIST THEM TO OBTAIN BOAT FACILITIES TO RETURN TO INDIA. THESE INDIANS OWING TO PHYSICAL INFIRMITY COULD NO LONGER BE EMPLOYED. THE RIOTS HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH OLD PEOPLE RETURNING TO INDIA."

Mr. Naidoo said that he would ask all Indians not to get panicky. If these disturbances are to be utilised by white parties to drive Indians as a means of getting rid of them from South Africa, Indians as a whole will show their determination that this state of lawlessness will make them all the more firm to stand and protect their interests and assert their right to live in this country. He warned Indians that no [illegible] measures of leaving the country.

On the subject of recent riots, Mr. Naidoo said that there was as a result, unexpected and sudden, to the Indian community. The Indians have been friendly with Africans for a matter of 50 years. Causes have to be investigated and traced as to this sudden outlook, which has no justification whatsoever. To those who [illegible] it would appear that these outbreaks and disturbances were not due to necessity from some of the part of Africans. It seemed to have been well planned and regulated by unseen hands. The whole pattern of disturbances following Cooch to set aside the decisions of the Local Board as being ultra vires.

Generally, the bus services from the non-European bus rank on other routes are normal.

The allegation that George Mashaba, a Native boy, was assaulted by an Indian bus conductor, and that the act followed unheeded, as it has now been found on the court trial that Harrilall Basant, who was charged with common assault, was a staff holder in the Indian worked and not a bus conductor.

Dr. Malan, the Prime Minister, also made the allegation that the Indian concerned was a bus conductor, which has now been proved incorrect.

BUS OWNERS WILL APPEAL TO HIGH COURT

IN A STATEMENT TO "THE LEADER," THE BUS OWNERS' ASSOCIATION STATE THAT IN BOOTH ROAD AREA THE BOYCOTT OF INDIAN BUSES BY NATIVES CONTINUES. THIS WILL BE SO, SO LONG AS THE DURBAN CORPORATION CONTINUES TO RUN THEIR ADDITIONAL BUSES WHICH PROVIDE THE NATIVES WITH AN ALTERNATE SERVICE TO ALICE STREET.

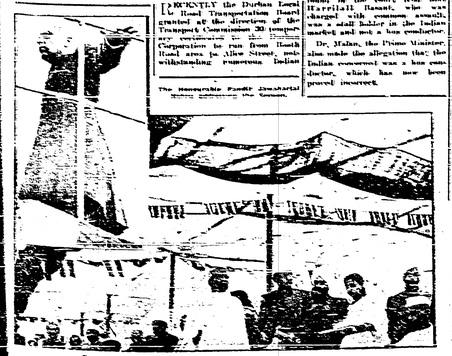
RECENTLY the Durban Local Bus Road Transportation Board granted at the direction of the Transport Commission 30 tempora[illegible] Corporation to run from Booth Road area to Alice Street, notwithstanding numerous Indian buses are running in this area, and these from Booth Road and Wiggins Road are running practically empty.

The Bus Owners' Association are taking the matter to the Supreme Court to set aside the decision of the Local Board as being ultra vires.

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The Honourable Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister of India, with whom the Government of India have been discussing the problem of repatriation of South African Indians.

Standing (from left to right) are: Mr. Ramaswami Mudaliar, Minister of Supply; Mr. Shri Prakasa, Minister for Commerce; Mr. Rafi Ahmed Kidwai, Minister for Communications; Mr. Jagjivan Ram, Minister for Labour; Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, Minister for Finance; Mr. Baldev Singh, Minister for Defence; Mr. Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, Minister for Health; Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose, Minister without Portfolio; Mr. Nehru; Mr. Vallabhbhai Patel, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for States; Dr. Rajendra Prasad, President of the Constituent Assembly; Mr. Jagjivan Ram, Minister for Labour; Mr. Rafi Ahmed Kidwai, Minister for Communications; Mr. Shri Prakasa, Minister for Commerce; Mr. Baldev Singh, Minister for Defence; Mr. Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, Minister for Health; Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose, Minister without Portfolio; Mr. Nehru; Mr. Vallabhbhai Patel, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for States; Dr. Rajendra Prasad, President of the Constituent Assembly; Mr. R. K. Sidhwa, Chief Justice of India; Mr. Ramaswami Mudaliar, Minister of Supply; Mr. Shri Prakasa, Minister for Commerce; Mr. Rafi Ahmed Kidwai, Minister for Communications; Mr. Jagjivan Ram, Minister for Labour; Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, Minister for Finance

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Our Readers Speak . . .

SASTRI COLLEGE NOT TABOO TO AFRICANS

MR. D. KHAN, hon. Secretary, Natal Indian Teachers' Association (Durban) writes:

"The article appearing in the 'Star' on the 'Kaffir and Coolie' question under Durban News, and quoted in the 'Sunday Tribune' of January 9, the following charges were made against the Indian community. 'That Indians send coloured African boys to Sastri College, Indian students go to Fort Hare, and hold scholarships at Adams College, but Sastri College is taboo to Africans.' The first allegations are erroneous and misleading. The Sastri College Council has been doing its utmost to bring about better understanding and, to say the least, it is surprising that responsible papers should publish such statements.

"As there were no facilities for Asian secondary (or post Matric) teacher training, Indian students were admitted to Fort Hare. This was as a result of the Cape Town Agreement and the Union Education Act. Indians have availed themselves of this opportunity, but not without a deep sense of misfeeling. It is a fact that there are no Africans at the Sastri College, and that all they are there as members of the Natal Education Department, which has a few Indian students go to Fort Hare, and pays for them to do so. There is no question of Africans being admitted to Sastri College. Non-European Section). To the best of my knowledge, the Sastri College is entirely a TRAINING COLLEGE for Indian students.

"In addition to the Indian Classes held at Sastri College, the Natal University College conducts Non-European Classes, at which all three races are represented without discrimination on any description. There are Africans also on the teaching and administrative staffs of the College. It is the N.E.C. that holds the scholarships, and not the College. The scholarships are awarded on merit and are not given for a fortnight. The aim of the vacation school, immediately, is to give post-matric students an opportunity to experience cosmopolitan life and atmosphere of a university. Last year there were no less than 6 Africans at these classes.

"To summarise Sastri College is not a University College but a High School — a teacher training institution, where Africans cannot be admitted, and where Indians are admitted to the Natal University College (Non-European Section). To the best of my knowledge, Sastri College is entirely a TRAINING COLLEGE for Indian students. Of all they are there as members of the Natal Education Department, which sends a few Indian students to Fort Hare, and pays for them to do so. There is no question of Africans being admitted to Sastri College. It is not the Sastri College buildings are also used by the N. E. Indian Technical College, in which Africans, Coloureds and Indians are admitted. The Natal Education Department, and there is no bar to mixed classes. A mixed African school is run by the Committee of these facilities and suitably and more freely and freely among coloured and Indian schoolchildren without the slightest discrimination on grounds of their race. There were 6 Africans at these classes. Africans are also admitted to the Technical Institute, Durban, and Indian students had enrolled for such courses during 1948. Information on these matters was always very readily supplied.

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GANDHI: In cherished memory of our darling Bapuji Kalandas Kanjibhai Gandhi, who passed away so tragically at New Delhi, on January 30, 1948.
While on his way to prayers,
A bullet pierced his heart,
And the kind soul was gone.
A cheerful smile, a heart of gold,
The dearest father the world could hold.
Lastingly remembered by your broken-hearted children.
Inserted by Girlwood Old Girls' Club.

Thanks

Mr. Ralph N. E. Dowd, of the White Rose Laundry, Park Rynie, Umkomaas, thanks all those who have been so kind as to take part in the funeral of his late wife, Sarojini Dowd, who died on Saturday, 5th February, 1949, at 36 years of age, and Mr. Dowd also thanks those who displayed their sympathy by letters and telegrams.
The deceased is survived by two children, the last of which was born 12 hours after the mother's death.
"May God bless her and let her soul rest in peace."

Messrs. Dilraj Brothers wish to thank their relatives and friends for their kind messages of sympathy and beautiful floral tributes received in their recent bereavement.

Mrs. S. Naugaon and sons, of Rhodes Avenue, Westville, wish to thank all friends and relatives for their kind messages of sympathy and beautiful floral tributes sent in their recent bereavement.

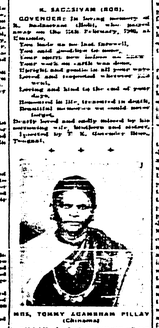
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It's one year today and our hearts are still sore,
Will we ever see you nothing,
As the years roll by we miss you more,
We treated you with loving care,
We could do no more only pray,
We watched beside your bedside,
As the hours crept slowly by,
And kept loving vigil beside you,
While you fought bravely your last fight.
Deeply loved and sadly missed by her loving husband, sons, daughters and daughters-in-law.

MAHALA DEVS MAHARAJ.
MAHARAJ: In loving memory of my dear wife and our darling mother, Mahala Devs Maharaj, who passed away on 5th February 1948.
Years have passed, our hearts still sore,
We have no one to comfort us more,
We miss your face, your smile, your voice,
Although you passed away on 5th February 1948.
Sadly missed by her husband, children and grandchildren.

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A Baseless Rumour

A RUMOUR out of a newspaper report a rumour has become current that Indians are leaving South Africa for India because of fear and uncertainty engendered by the recent riots. To refute this rumour a statement has been issued by Mr. S. R. Naidoo, President of the Natal Indian Organisation. This statement, published on page one of this issue of The Leader emphatically denies the truth of the rumour and gives the facts on which the newspaper statement is probably based, namely that a few aged and decrepit Indians, who could no longer be employed here, asked to be assisted to obtain the necessary facilities to travel to India.

It was to be expected that rumours of this nature would become current after the riots, rumours which might even be believed by people who know Hitherto nothing about the fine feelings of the average Indian citizen in South Africa, and his aims and aspirations.

The Indian is not a newcomer to South Africa. Having domiciled here over some 100, and the Indian community as much an integral part of the Union's population as the European or Native. They have been in this country as citizens for almost as long as the Europeans, and have practically to its infancy, and played a prominent part in the development of the country. Today South African Indians regard this country as their homeland. Its wealth every one of these interests as well as themselves in South Africa, and the vast majority have never been to India. It is true that cultural and religious contacts are maintained with India, but then the Europeans of this country also maintained cultural and religious forefathers with the lands their forefathers came from. It will require the Indians in the Union longer than it will the South Africans, who know of no other homeland, to completely sever World such people be unofficially encouraged into leaving this country. Of course, there are in this statement, Indians can be assured that the attention of the world is now focussed on South Africa. The present situation cannot continue indefinitely. South Africa is not living in isolation from the rest of the world and cannot afford to let racial strife cramp her energies in the political and economic life. Indians have, through hard work and brilliance achieved a certain measure of economic stability and progress in this country. They have also won the confidence of certain groups who see in their progressive ways and means to break up the non-European masses and to show the rest of South Africa that there is a better way to live in unpopular and unwanted section of the population and consequently

This policy was unfortunately confined to certain sections of the European public. We have irrefutable proofs that this policy was given by Europeans, and are now able to say on the hand behind the riots. On the other hand the Indians have fully and consciously—unaware of the fact that they have always been sympathetic to these sections of the European public who believe in racial harmony and peaceful co-existence elsewhere who have been misled by a few irresponsible persons who have seen a triumph over their self-interest in the feelings that public opinion is, on the whole, definitely against them. The Indians in South Africa are an integral part of the community and will respond promptly to all measure to the restoration of peace and

racial reprisals" and "must be which the Government has taken today might lead to a possible holocaust being witnessed by Durban or even by South Africa as a whole. Both Africans and Indians are equally victims of White exploitation and should be advised to the fullest extent to keep their interests, and be furthered only through mutual co-operation. Any attempt to play the favourite game of all oppressors by one section of the oppressed against another, must be resisted to fight for the common cause of all the victims of White mastery and White greed. The fact that all Africans are not yet organised is no ordinary tardiness in drafting the militant slogans that the Nazi Government, even if it did not directly incite, has, at least, known to and is encouraging. The close of the Nazi regime and the ever, prove to be short-lived, for new forces are unleashed as a consequence of political or racial persecution, and there is always a reaction. Democracy in South Africa is a conditional democracy, and the Whites have always had the power to withdraw it. The fact that the Indians and Africans have not come out en masse to demand their democratic rights is no reason for sharing greater responsibility for the present situation. Democracy is the unfailing remedy for racial ills, and the Indians and Africans are actively demanding it economically blended that we are to the greatest benefit of all the valuable properties of all are exchanged for the benefit of the community as a whole. Democracy is surely not such a terrible thing to ask for, and its action is immediate and its results

It is very near to hand, and if the above judgment had been passed, Nathuram Godse, Narayan Dabu Vishnoo Karkare and Vishnu Ka'rmod there hardy and sheeple Hindu sharers in the heroism of the Hindu religion) and Gopal Godse (a motivated Indian)

INDIAN PRESS COMMENTS ON THE RIOTS

COMMENTING on the Durban riots, the "Bombay" of Karachi, under the heading "Indians are a minority", says: "The Indians are a minority in South Africa. The general opinion there has been created since the bloody events of the Natal Riots ought to be advised to the Indians to remain calm and patient and not to provoke racial animosity. The Durban riots are an instance that one cannot continue to preach and practise non-violence without exerting great compulsions for the whole community. The Indians shall remain, forever, free and honourable citizens of South Africa. It is the duty of all the Indian people of the Union, to extend a timely warning to the Indian Government that the few who are in favour of violence might lead to terrible consequences. He has characterised the Durban events as a symptom and warned that the course which the present Government is following will lead to cruel results which future generations will have to pay for. This editorial, coming as it does from a Muslim publication in an independent country, is an indication which the Government of India should take into account. It is likely that the Indians may be the world. Internally every one will be made of the riots to divide the Natives and other non-Europeans in South Africa. The Indians should hands in a common movement for the uplift of the Natives and other non-European people. It, therefore, they do not do so, they will be playing into the hands of the Europeans. Moreover, the Indian leaders should not forget that they are only a guest community and should not be a party to any internal politics of the country."

The "Pakistan Times" commented: "The theory of retaliation, resorted to by the makers of State policy has been responsible for the present wounds of Field-Marshal Smuts' South African Union and Dr. Malan's policy of

Death for Gandhi's Killers

NEW DELHI.

THE Gandhi murder trial ended on February 10 in New Delhi when a special Court passed sentences of death by hanging on seven accused persons. Nathuram Vinayak Godse, 35-year-old Hindu editor of a Hindu daily, and Narayan Apte, a 33-year-old school teacher.

Apte had been charged with complicity in the murder, and five others also Apte and Godse, members of the extremist Mahrashtra organisation — were convicted on transportation for life.

They were: Vishnu Karkare, Madan Lal, Shankar Kistaiya, Dattatraya Sadashiv Parchure and Gopal Godse, Nathuram Godse's brother.

Dr. Vinayak Damodar savarkar, the 65-year-old ex-President of Mahasabha, was the only one of the eight accused found not guilty. He was acquitted.

Digambar Badge, a 35-year-old Mahrashtra member who ran a store in Poona dealing in arms, and who had earlier turned Crown's evidence" was pardoned and discharged.

Nathuram Gabe had confessed in court that he fired the shots which killed Mahatma Gandhi as he was on his way to an evening prayer meeting in New Delhi on January last year.

Gabe was a sacrificer of a Mahrashtra newspaper in Poona, fired for publishing pro-Pakistan views of Gandhi, who had been born in Porbandar.

He told the Court: "I thought it my duty to put an end to the activities of the Father of the Nation who showered a very pro-Muslim part in bringing about the partition of the country."

As they were being led out of the dock after judgment had been passed, Nathuram Godse, Narayan Dabu Vishnoo Karkare and Vishnu Karmod there hardy and sheeple Hindu sharers in the heroism of the Hindu religion) and Gopal Godse (a motivated Indian)

Gazetter of India

A GAZETTEER of India and Pakistan has been compiled and is shortly to be published by the Government of India. The Gazetteer, which will be published in two volumes of 500 foolscap pages each, has alphabetically every name appearing on every quarter-inch map of undivided India and gives, in respect of each name, the coordinates, the map sheet on which the name occurs in all, the Gazetteer will contain about 250,000 names. It will be a priced publication.

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Indian and African Bodies Form Joint Committee

THE following statement has been issued by a joint meeting of African and Indian leaders, held in Durban last Sunday.

"This historic joint meeting of the representatives of the national organisations of the African and Indian people, representing the Executives of the African National Congress and the South African Indian Congress, and other leaders, held in Durban, on this 6th day of February, 1949, expresses its regret, shock and horror at the recent tragic happenings in Durban and elsewhere in Natal, during which there has been considerable loss of life and destruction of property of members of both the African and Indian communities.

"This meetings extends its deep and heartfelt sympathy to the relatives of all the victims of the unhappy tragedy and to all those who have suffered.

Whatever are the immediate causes which may have precipitated the present grave and tragic events affecting the situation of all the people, this meeting is convinced that the fundamental and basic cause of the disturbances is to be found in the political, economic and social conditions prevailing in the Province of Natal.

"The joint meeting unanimously decided to present to the Judicial Commission the joint Indian and African case, through the National Executive of the African National Congress and the South African Indian Congress.

A committee of African and Indian representatives was consequently appointed to prepare their case in consultation with legal advisers.

The meeting deplored the absence of representatives of the Indian and African communities on the Judicial Commission appointed by the Prime Minister and requested Mr. A. B. Xuma, on behalf of the joint meeting to communicate the viewpoint of the African and Indian people to the Prime Minister requesting him to appoint such representatives.

N.I.C. JUNIOR BRANCH TO BE FORMED

It is authoritatively learned that a junior branch of the Natal Indian Congress will be shortly formed in Durban.

The main aim of the Junior Congress, which will be on similar lines to the Transvaal Junior Congress, it is understood, will be to make the Indian youth politically conscious.

Mr. A. Kamali, who is one of those behind the movement is keen into body, and that a meeting will shortly be held for its formation.

"Membership," he said, "is open to all sections of the community, and be built around.

"Lectures, debates and concerts will be arranged, and, as funds be asked, we achieve our aims."

THE CUCKOO IN THE NEST

QUITE a few Indian people who find themselves in fear from Bantu Beer interned over the week-end, to find their homes occupied by Africans. The latter have not wasting time after their appointment demand.

One of the demands was that Cato Manor should be declared a Native village.

THOSE BILLS

AS far as I have been able to ascertain there is no record only one white man was sent to the Natal Indian Fund. This was at Chesterville, where, at the height of the crisis, many organisers bought supplies to the value of £60. £50 was sent to meet the immediate needs of the refugees. The man who spent £10 of any authorisation that the amount would be met by the Natal Distress Fund or any other.

I have also received one more factor: An amount was sent to the Natal Indian Congress, signed by a European firm. The amount was sent to the Natal Indian Congress and was again following the Indian lead.

Mr. Sylander Gulliver was stopped at the Maryville Hill post by a European firm. A request for petrol was made by the driver, and the motor-car was allowed to pass. Mr. Gulliver has been honourably boarded the Indian lorry, members of the engine and the Indian lorry. The Natives in the vans of the Corporation lorries got off it, and shared the passenger cab of Mr. Gulliver's lorry. When all the passengers had been driven out of the vans, the Natives from the Corporation lorries had removed their coats, the inspector told the Corporation bus driver to hand the keys back. Thereupon the driver, quietly threw the keys into the bush.

The matter has been reported to the Indian Distress Fund Committee.

There are no Indians at all Natal Indian Congress nor the Natal Indian Organisation have been able to get any Indian representation on this fund. Without this representation it is impossible for the Indian people to get any assistance, and I know anyone may care to know. One application has been received by me: The Mayor of Durban has never been officially favourable disposed towards the Indian people and may suspect his hand to allow allegiance.



Africans in the Joint Indian-African meeting listening attentively to the speakers.

Centres For Obtaining Food Utensils

THE Natal Indian Congress has requested to all families who have no utensils for food in their homes to report at one of the following centres on the date to receive their original number on preceding mornings:—

Verulam, Magazine, North Coast: All at Avoca Indian School.

Chatsworth: Chatsworth Senior Boys' School.

Malvern: Malvern Indian School.

Mayville: Dundee Service Garage.

Overport, Sydenham: All St. Aidan's Mission.

Pinetown: Pinetown Indian

A "Balanced" Navy

THE Government of India are taking steps to strengthen her merchant vessels and within a few years the Royal Indian Navy aims at possessing a balanced fleet. The necessary training of personnel and also three various kinds of ships is being undertaken and arrangements are being made to raise the standard of the Indian Navy to that obtained on the east, south and west coast of India. As a result of partition, India got four sloops, two frigates, 12 minesweepers and a number of some craft. Additions will shortly be made to make a balanced fleet. A 2,000 ton Cruiser has been acquired from Britain, three destroyer of about 1,500 tons each, and four each, have been also purchased.

Sinister Action by European Bus Staff Alleged

THAT there is a sinister and dastardly hand behind the boycott of Indian buses, and that the Africans are not a willing party to these boycotts, seems already evident from the methods used by a bus conductor, a bus driver, and an inspector in the employ of the Durban Corporation to apparently eliminate Indian competition.

Mr. Sylander Gulliver, an Indian bus driver in the employ of Mr. H. Hampersmith, told a representative of "The Leader" that on Monday, 7th February, his bus, which operates on the South Road-Durban route, picked up 20 Native passengers at the first bus stop, past Shank Adam's Store. At the conclusion of the journey, and observed a Corporation double decker bus, following him.

Again opposite the Dunlop Road bus stop, he stopped to pick up another 14 passengers. The Corporation bus then tried to overtake him, but as a car was coming from the opposite direction, it was forced to keep behind.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Science is vastly more stimulating to the imagination than any fiction.—J. B. S. Haldane, "Daedalus."

NATIVE TRADE WITH INDIANS

MR. K. H. Ismail, president of the Durban and District Indian Retailers' Association, said that Indian storekeepers were always civil and courteous and refused charges of profiteering and ran petitions of Native customers, and the damaging propaganda by certain people that Indian storekeepers were using poison in foodstuffs, "Dastardly."

He said that storekeepers were not selling any rationals against Natives.

In the opinion of members of the Durban and District Indian Retailers' Association, the question of reduction of 2½ per cent. of their trade with Natives was not nearly so important as it was alleged to be, he said.

"Normally," he said, "we used to receive about £1000 in funds, but now it will be lucky if we were to get £50 every month."

INDIANS CHARGE AGAINST OFFICIALDOM

DR. VERNON SHEARER asked the Prime Minister last week to inform Parliament what the various official bodies in Durban had done with regard to the relief of Indians during the riots. The reply of the Prime Minister was typical of the attitude of White South Africa—the Indian was not playing the game; the European was doing everything for the Indian.

AT the outset it must be made clear that the Indian people have recognised and placed on record the splendid help rendered by European individuals who, in times of distress, rose to the greatest heights of humanitarianism, but unfortunately this cannot be said of officialdom, and of Dr. Malan and Dr. Vernon Shearer wish to make a statement with one or two smallness, the Indian, too, was on the same thing.

There is, however, this difference between the Indian the Indians have proved themselves will be in his favour.

There are no personal reports known, either a representative of "The Leader," On Friday, June 4th, 1949, a fire broke out in a building in Durban for those who had no shelter. There was a representative at the scene, some hours he made other representative of the Indian Congress, and by the assistance of the Indians, but the charge is against officialdom. It has not enough to warrant talking about.

Extra Morning Train Wanted From Merebank

THE Non-European Railway Passport Welfare Association has made representations to the Station Manager of the South African Railways and Harbours to run a special train from Merebank during the morning and evenings.

Mr. Johnny Rajagambeen, secretary of the association, said a representative of "The Leader" that the hardship which had resulted in overcrowding and that extra trains were needed.

The association has also requested the railways to appoint a committee to inquire into the travelling facilities of non-European.

According to Mr Pat Pascalian, secretary of the Friends of Africa, that a reduction of 2 per cent. of their trade with Natives was not nearly so important as it was alleged to be, he said.

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GREAT DEAL OF RELIEF WORK REMAINS TO BE DONE

A LETTER has been addressed to the Natal Distress Relief Fund by the Natal Indian Congress and the Natal Indian Organisation on behalf of the Indian community of Natal. It deals in some detail with the organisation and administration of relief to all persons who have been seriously affected by the recent tragic disturbances in Durban.

THE letter assures the magistrates of a work of the first class character and the Mr. John's Ambulance Brigade ally at the peak of the tragedy in helped person without discrimination of all communities. "We are deeply aware of the problem," the letter continued that this is small consolation to the Relief Fund Committee and the Natal Indian Congress and Natal Indian Organisation have been in close touch with the Mayor of Durban, the Town Clerk and other Durban Local Authorities and have been assured that the relief required will be made available. We are also grateful that the Government of Natal has promised to make a substantial contribution to the relief fund."

"It is expected that the total number of persons who will require relief will be difficult, even impossible, to estimate completely at this stage. It is therefore, determined that subsequent to the initial distribution of relief, it will be necessary to launch a further appeal for funds to meet the requirements of those who will require relief in the months ahead.

Joint Responsibility

"We appreciate that the task of assessing the amount of relief required will be a very difficult one, but we are sure that the Natal Indian Relief Fund Committee will not be unmindful of the responsibility that rests upon it in this matter. We are also aware

married...

Despite inclement weather, a large and representative gathering were present to witness the marriage at St. Aiyedhe's Church, Durban, of Miss Cheeran, to Mr. Aiyedhe Thangiah, of Kuala Lumpur, Malaya. The ceremony was performed by Father [illegible]. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. [illegible], parents of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. [illegible], parents of the bridegroom, and Mr. [illegible], a brother-in-law. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming in a beautifully draped sari of [illegible]. Among those who spoke extending congratulations and good wishes to the newly married couple were: Messrs. A. E. Naidoo, G. Subroyal, F. Satgoral, D. Ramsamy, P. E. Hindocha, K. Govindsamy, Dr. Naidoo, Mr. Govindsamy, Mr. [illegible], Mr. [illegible], Mr. [illegible],

Around The Cinemas

AVALON: A Western cowboy thriller, "The Golden Trail"; a romantic picture, "Doll Face," and a mystery film, "The Woman in the Window," also "The Attractions of the coming week.

+ SHOWTIME +

AVALON: "Anna Karenina."
ALBERT: "Bahan."
ATHLONE: "Tarzan."

ALBERT: A comedy "Dulha," with Ameer, Chanda, and Bimbisar Talkies, "Shabab," a musical-social picture, with Jayshree Shanti and Ulhas, and the attractions next week.



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NEW DELHI: Nearly 72 million adults in Hyderabad are expected to vote in the elections to the proposed Constituent Assembly for the State. The Election Commissioner, Mr. Sikka, hadit states that rolls regarding the qualifications of voters had been settled.

TALK OF THE BAZAAR

By the "Faqir"

TALK about the various aspects of the riots still reigns supreme in the Bazaar. Both buyers and sellers, do not fail to exchange a word or two or should I say a story or two about the riots.

The Pass-to-and-fro walks, though preventing a bleak figure, doesn't sway the "buyer's" stuff (that's how the sellers describe it, you know—they don't know what's good about it). After asking me how things were on my way and that he was glad to find me alive (?), he casually remarked that business was "quiet." That depends, of course, what degree of "quietness" he actually meant. He did not depend on Native trade as my own others were but catered to and were not the favoured in "Indian showing gum" and other lines he had in stock.

He called me to his sole and quietly reminded me that he would perhaps be one of the few Indian business men who would not be able to roll pennies) feed to the Africans! As I guessed he would have it, they have been warned not to buy from Indians as they would be buying poisoned food. One perhaps to ignorance and lack of knowledge some Africans—in fact it is so. In many cases, I am told, African customers of long standing have actually refused merchandise after to be tasted before making their purchases.

BAHAMAS?

I MOVED on to the fruit seller, who still was there had shown a marked improvement with special reference to the bananas. "Remember," he told me, "the I.C.U. times, way back in 1929 when coolie-owned were pushed up to Durban from Johannesburg and the Free State?" I noted, and still wonder, what the whole thing had to do with bananas.

"Well," he continued, "they ripened the bananas so much that filled the banana—so much that they made meals of them. They used to eat them by the dozens. I was now beginning to put two and two together. "I have been making some brisk business with bananas in particular with all these people out here. But why the Government should mind, or controlling business at this stage, I do not know!" he added discreetly.

LUCKY

I BELIEVE it or not, but here is a true story, which a cab driver told me the other day. A friend of his lived in one of the areas which was practically devastated in the riots. His house was ransacked and also completely looted—so much so, that even the bricks and furniture were carried away. His family was saved by fleeing for safety in a neighbour's shed, where they took refuge for the night.

At this happened on the Friday night. The persons in query were in a house of the name of Kings. The very few times he has been able to locate the "landlord" he has not been able to ascertain a lot of cash. The moment he can "depositing" with them from time to time is up for the moment that he has been able to "make." In other words, the debt was nearly extinguished.

He has an account with a book-maker's firm and on the Thursday he had placed a bet on Yasmin to win the Cape "Met," after having received good tips straight from the horse's mouth. After the incident on Friday night, he was not sure of his winning bet but his house being in a burnt condition he thought he would not be able to pay in the amount in the event the horse failed to win. Due to worry and other circumstances, he had forgotten to cancel the bet. Well, he left it at that, and prepared himself to face the worst. It would make no difference to him in any case, he had lost so many other things.

Imagine his joy when he learned that Mr. Sikhakhane's Yasmin had won the summer of £200! Sikhakhane Factory had smiled on him for once, and at what a time! He had to borrow money to pay off for the bet—not the winnings, of course, in return.

FOOTNOTE

A SMALL store in the Indian business area had the following notice put up after the window had been badly scratched up during the riots: "Business as usual during alterations." (I liked that word "alterations.")

Here's another. Besides the many shops in Grey Street, which had recently advertised for a "Disarmament Sale," "Riot Sale," "Turmoil Sale," the one shop's advert for the week (which was still not proved very up) for the rioters. It said: "Smash and Grab Sale." Even after the smoke had been covered up with planks, the words "Smash and Grab" still showed. The office boy remarked that they should have been changed by the past week.

Racing Selections

BY "DIPLOMAT"

The following are my selections for the Greyville race meeting, run on Saturday:—

First race, 12.0, Galloway and Pony Handicap, 6f, Greyville.
1. SOLANO.
2. Lone Shadow.
3. Dual Control.

Second race, 12.30, February Handicap (2nd Division), 1m, Greyville.
1. MERL.
2. Elegant.
3. Eskimo.

Third race, 1.0, Flying Handicap (2nd Division), 1m, Greyville.
1. FAIR LADY.
2. Flying Lad.
3. Rockingham.

Fourth race, 1.30, Flying Handicap (1st Division), 1m, Durbanville.
1. UNUM.
2. Chickenfeed.
3. Jeva.

Fifth race, 2.0, Stewards' Plate, 1m, Durbanville.
1. CRUCIBLE.
2. Fair Girl.
3. Hussar Boy.

Sixth race, 2.30, Stewards' Handicap, 1m, Greyville.
1. SATRAE NYMPH.
2. Bloemendam.
3. Lure.

Seventh race, 3.0, Pioneer Handicap (2nd Div.), 1½ miles, Greyville.
1. CORK.
2. Cassandra.
3. Fast Duke.

Eighth race, 3.30, Flying Handicap (2nd Division), 1m, Durbanville.
1. HIGHTIDE.
2. Rondelle.
3. Sidney.

Ninth race, 4.0, February Handicap (1st Division), 1m, Durbanville.
1. MATROSKA.
2. Piccadilly Anne.
3. Quare.

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Native Leader Accuses Europeans of Fomenting Riots

STARTLING facts about the riots are coming to light, especially as regards the motive forces behind the scenes. Statements have been made to the police that two Europeans claiming to be emissaries of the Government attempted to incite the Natives in Maritzburg to attack the Indians. In Durban Europeans are said to have played a prominent part in encouraging the rioters, who even appear to have had political sanction from certain quarters.

REPEATED ASSERTIONS HAVE BEEN MADE BY EYE-WITNESSES, WHOSE STATEMENTS CAN BE RELIED ON, THAT EUROPEANS NOT ONLY STAKED UP THE FIRES OF RACIAL STRIFE BEHIND THE SCENES, BUT ALSO ACTIVELY ASSISTED THE NATIVE RIOTERS IN THEIR SAVAGE ATTACK ON INDIANS.

A WELL-KNOWN and widely respected leader of Native opinion in Maritzburg states in an interview with "The Leader" that on the day following the outbreak of rioting in Durban two Europeans, declaring themselves to be representatives of the Government, addressed a gathering of Natives in Maritzburg and told them to follow the example of the Durban Natives and attack the Indians. They assured the Natives that the Police would not resist them. The Indians were the enemies of the Natives, the two Europeans said, and must be destroyed.

Our informant states that the two Europeans said that they were Dutch and that the Government was Dutch. Addressing the Natives in Bumi Zulu they declared that the Smuts Government had refused to accept the challenge made by the Indians in 1945, but that the present Government was taking up this challenge on behalf of the Natives. No Indian or Native leaders had the slightest knowledge of any such campaign.

MUST GO BACK

Several months earlier, on October 7, 1948, an official of the Nationalist Party, addressing the Convention of the Natal Branch of the African National Congress, told the assembled Natives Indians and Asiatic that the Indians in South Africa would be sent back to India, "by hook or by crook," as they were not wanted in this country.

It has been asserted on reliable authority that a prominent European politician in Durban played a prominent part, not, as he behind the scenes in inciting the recent disturbances, but openly. Further evidence which is said to be in the possession of witnesses shows that on that fatal Friday, January 14, a number of lorries packed with armed Natives came from the direction of the Point and all headed the Natives at the intersection of Pine and West streets, by the old gaol.

These Natives then marched down Pine Street towards the centre of the City.

It is claimed by the eye-witnesses that the lorries were driven by Europeans.

In order to preserve available evidence Europeans participating in the riots formed all sections of doubt. They include photographs of Europeans actually in the midst of armed and rioting Natives. These photographs are said to have valuable records of the implications behind the clash.



INCITED NATIVES TO ASSAULT INDIAN

A YOUNG Indian worker told "The Leader" that he was severally assaulted by six Africans at the corner of Overnight Lane and Grey Street, Durban, on Friday last and robbed of £10.

He said that he was walking towards the Traffic Centre when he saw four Europeans and a group of six Africans conversing. When he passed them the Europeans shouted, "Hit the kaks," and threw on the Africans brutally assaulted and robbed him of £10.

FURTHER ATTACKS BY NATIVES ON INDIANS

ISOLATED attacks on lonely Indians by gangs of armed Africans still continue. During the week Indian homes were burned down, an Indian was stoned and its driver assaulted. A 13-year-old Indian schoolboy was set upon by Africans in a train and beaten up.

B. RUNGA NAIDOO, a 35-year-old assistant boss, the Cornwall Indian bus driver, [illegible] operator, had a heart-rending experience when he was [illegible] route, told the police that a gang of 20 Africans armed with sticks, sticks and other lethal weapons, boarded his bus at the Cato Manor terminus. According to Naidoo, a fight ensued between the Africans and passengers in the bus, during which Naidoo was struck on the head with a sharp instrument, his arm fractured by a blow from a stick, and covered with blood. Mr. Naidoo, although severely shaken and injured, managed to drive the bus to the Durban Central Police Station, where he was given the necessary assistance by the police. Naidoo's assailants, however, drove off in the direction of Cato Manor.

Mr. Runga Naidoo is suffering from head injuries and a fractured arm. His condition is fair. The matter has been reported by the Cato Manor Police and the Indian Bus Owners' Association.

POLICE EXPECT NO NEW OUTBREAKS

RUMOURS to the effect that Indian shops are to be attacked during the weekend have been circulating among Maritzburg Indians. Many of those in Raisethorpe and vicinity have left their homes and have sought shelter with relatives in the city.

In an interview with The Leader the District Commandant, Major [illegible] van Heerden, said that there was nothing in the rumour. But he was prepared to meet any such attack if it might arise.

The Police force, he said, was still at its full strength, the same number as at the time of the last outbreak.

"BUSINESS AS USUAL," SAY INDIAN MERCHANTS

"WITH the exception of the shops which had been destroyed by fire, and those which have not yet resumed business, the position is normal." Mr. M. D. Naidoo, a Congress official, commenting on several news items in the daily Press which stated that Natives were boycotting Indian shops, in preference for European stores, told a "Leader" representative.

He also added that the white Press was grossly exaggerating the situation.

Indian stallholders at the market report that business is gradually returning to normal. One stallholder said that because of the unknown and daily fear that was circulated amongst Natives about their possessing firearms, many Natives were afraid to buy from them, but now after all such doubts had been dispelled, the Natives are returning to the market.

"The people will do well not to forget that the riots were the direct outcome of the policy whereby that minority (European) which has always been able to dress down to the level of despair in order to create the new courtesy is making every effort to make the Africans believe that the white people are in their attitude to the Indians and to give us a false sense of security."

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OBITUARIES



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Mrs. Dooshooshi Kaburthri, mother of Messrs. R. Dolraj Kruthers, passed away on December 8, 1948, after a short illness.

Her remains were interred at the Cassella Estate Cemetery, in the presence of a large gathering.

Mrs. Dooshooshi Kaburthri, who was 70 years old, leaves behind a large number of friends and a family consisting of three sons, one daughter, 20 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild to mourn their loss.



SREEHAVASAN PILLAY

The death occurred at Stonycroft, Umbilo, on Saturday last, at the age of 70 years.

His remains were interred at the Umbilo Cemetery, Umbilo.

He leaves behind his wife and nine children to mourn their loss.



VISHNU COOPSAMY HAIDOO

The death occurred at Verulam, district of Mr. Vishnu Coopsamy Haidoo, of Mr. Francois Estate, on January 14, at the age of 78 years.

The late Mr. Vishnu, who was one of the residents of the area, was buried at Verulam on January 16, after a service held in the Cato Manor area.

He leaves behind his wife and nine children, six sisters, four brothers, 25 grandchildren and relatives to mourn their loss.

MAHARAJ. The death occurred at Mount Edgecombe General Estate Hospital (Natal), at his home, on January 14, of Mr. Maharaj, aged 70 years.

He leaves behind his wife and nine children to mourn their loss.

M. MADURAY PILLAY, retired Indentured, passed away at his residence, on Saturday last. His remains were interred at the Umbilo Cemetery, Umbilo.

Mrs. JOCHAN, mother of Mr. Hassan Ismail, of Isipingo, passed away on Wednesday, January 12. Her remains were interred at the Isipingo Cemetery, Isipingo.

R. L. HAIDOO, proprietor of the Quality Dress Material, and Ban Terminus Areas, passed away at his residence, 11 Bond Street, Durban, on January 14. His remains were interred at the Cato Manor Crematorium.

Tamil Society Formed

At the annual meeting of the Sathamarcha Samarka Sangam it was resolved to change the name to the Tamil Educational Society.

The following were elected officials for 1949:—

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The marriage will take place on Diwali (Monday), eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jamshed Khaney, of granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Bhana Dhanjee Khaney, of Wilson's Wharf, Umbilo, to Shiroo J. Mistry, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Mistry, of Durban, on Sunday, February 20, 1949, at the Royal Hall, Bond Street, Durban.

Mrs. Bhana Khaney and relatives are kindly requested to accept this as a personal invitation.



SABY SUBRAMANIE

Baby Pathmapragie, daughter of Mr and Mrs. S. Chunniah (Raymonds), of Brunswick, who will celebrate her first birthday on February 27, 1949. Best wishes are to be sent to the granddaughter of Messrs. A. V. Pillay and C. Chinniah.

Friends and relatives kindly accept this as a personal invitation.



SIVALUTCHIENIE PILLAY.

Miss Sivalutchienie Pillay (Sonny), youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs. S. Pillay, of Durban, who celebrated her fourth birthday on January 13, 1949.

BIRTHDAY AT LADYSMITH

On Monday last, Mr. V. A. Pillay (179-yard), Ladysmith, celebrated his 72nd birthday at his parents' home, where a large number of friends and relatives, Mr. K. A. Pillay (Durban) received many presents and messages of congratulations.



N. A. THOMPSON.

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JAGERNATH (A. M. Joseph)

Mr. Jagernath (A. M. Joseph), son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilkinson (Joseph), of 102 James Street, Riverside, will be married to the Jalad daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jalad, of Plant Street, Riverside, on Sunday, February 20, 1949, at the Presbyterian Church, Riverside. Friends and relatives are cordially invited to attend. Bridegroom's party will leave Clare Estate, by bus, at 9 a.m.



JUANITA DOLORES.

Juanita Dolores, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph (Dave) Jake, and granddaughter of Mrs. Arthur Jansen, of Wentworth, Durban, and Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Jake, of Port Shepstone, who celebrated her second birthday on January 16, 1949 at the home of her parents, 4 Belmont Hill, Cato Manor.



PRAMASHREE J. GOVENDER

Pramashree, daughter of Mr and Mrs. Thillay Govender, of Clare Estate, and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Govender, of Phoenix, who celebrated her first birthday on February 19.

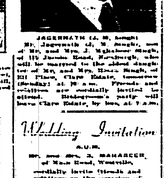
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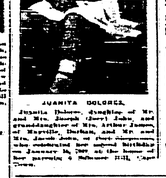
Mr. Nathanaelway Gumpi (Brownie), of Greenville, Estcourt, has passed the Zulu Interpreter's Senior Certificate Examination, conducted by the Natal Education Department. He passed the Standard VI grade in Zulu, Standard VII in English, and Std. V grade in Arithmetic.

ENGAGEMENT
RACHUBAR—SINGH

The engagement has been announced of Chandrawatie, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ramdeen Singh, of Ixopo, to Hanif Rachubar, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Rachubar, of Ixopo.







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Assaults on Factory Girls Denied

Mr. S. A. Lady, 17 Madrewa Arcade, Durban, writes:

The Congress Girl Delilah weeklies are terrorising Indian and Coloured women, particularly in Madrewa Arcade into frustration and sadness.

We have been reading in the Arcade for a considerable time, and we are greatly disturbed about the assaults on the Arcade females recently.

"Further, Mr Mandey has recently complained one of the lodging rooms in the first floor of the Arcade, known to many as an office, therefore, his complaint as the Arcade is certainly limited.

"Indeed other thoroughfares, such as Cathedral Road, Pine Street and West Street, are in the direct vicinity of the Arcade, and if there is any criminal assault, it is bound to occur on these roads, and not necessarily because the Indian girls and ladies there frequent other roads.

"As far as the allegations and subsequently the demonstration by a battery of 200 Indian girls could be in the last instance, but if Mr. Naidoo can account those may be solved reasons which Mandey should intend, instead of jumping to conclusions and reporting the matter to the Press.

"The majority of the tenants in the Arcade have no knowledge of any reports to the police of incidents, except a complaint to the police by a young Indian girl, employed by Mandey, who accused a young Indian boy of the alleged assault in the Arcade of committing her.

"This young Indian was charged on assault, but subsequently was found not guilty and discharged, and the complainant failed to appear before the Public Prosecutor to make false reports to the Press.

Mr. Ismail Patel, 361 Main Road, Claremont, writes:

It gives me pain to write that during last week I boarded a trolley bus from Umgeni Road towards town, the car was I was seated in by an African, and to my just shock I noticed that I was occupied by an Indian boy standing in the aisle.

This young Indian was charged on assault, but subsequently found not guilty and discharged, and the complainant failed to appear before the Public Prosecutor to make false reports to the Press.

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Mr. M. A. Hasan, 42 Sydney Road, Isipingo, writes:

Having observed some article in connection with the treatment of an Indian lady by a European bus driver, I would like to draw attention to something on similar lines that happened to me. I have no wish to say anything on the matter, in any condition, in long correspondence, but I would like to point out the position that the Indian people are not ignorant of the hostile and unfriendly attitude displayed by some Indian community in general. In order to avoid that indignity, the matter would have observed how the Indian people had to put to this "progress" conduct.

PRIVATE NATIVE TRANSPORT RACKET IN DURBAN

Further evidence to show that the majority of the Africans are not in favour of the boycott of Indian traders, and is entirely free, either voluntarily or through intimidation, from the control of the Non-European Unity Movement, was given in the Durban Magistrate's Court on Thursday, when a number of Africans were charged with travelling in motor vehicles without permits.

The accused, who were all employed by the Durban Municipality in utilising motor cars and were employed in public transport for the municipality, pleaded not guilty to the charges.

The effect of the first appeal, Naidoo, said there were over 100 members of the Association operating 200 buses, all properties of motor buses plying for hire in the Durban district. He cited the incidents of the riots which led up to the boycott by Natives of Indian buses, and to the application to the Local Road Transportation Board for 20 temporary certificates by the Durban City Council on January 25.

In regard to the granting of the certificates, Ismail Saunders, chairman of the Durban Local Road Transportation Board, in a replying affidavit did not dispute the averments of Naidoo, but the Board felt that it had no alternative but to act on the direction of the order of the National Transportation Commission.

He had, he said, received three long distance phone calls on the previous day in connection with the matter one of which he was left in no doubt that high Government authorities were highly disturbed at the situation in Durban arising out of the various disturbances which had been occurring in consequence of clashes between Indians and Natives, and that they regarded the situation as dangerous and delicate.

The police were of opinion that unless the Corporation provided transport services there was grave risk of a recurrence of the disturbances and a fresh outbreak of violence. Consequently the Board acted upon the direction contained in the following telegram: "In view of the apprehension of an emergency as was experienced in the Durban disturbances, you are requested to grant temporary certificates to the Durban City Council as from Capetown, the Local Board is hereby informed by the National Transportation Commission that unless the Durban Municipality is utilising motor cars and others employed in public transport for any emergency purpose not exceeding 60 days."

In view of this the Board did not consider whether or not it would, in the absence of such direction, have granted or refused the application.

TEMPORARY BUS SERVICES ISSUE BEFORE COURT

An applications by the Durban Indian Bus Owners' Association, arising out of the recent disturbances between Indians and Natives, was made before a full Bench at the Natal Provincial Division of the Supreme Court, in Maritzburg, this week. Papers supporting the application, consisting for sixty affidavits, by a glowing example, the many grievances the Congress complain of, but, unfortunately, they failed to give the "Natal Indian Congress" either their licensing in South Coast Road, or thereby nullify the Government's decision to grant temporary bus licences to the Durban City Corporation.

By consent of all parties the order issued by the Court was a declaration that the Local Transportation Board may not lawfully act upon, but is bound in law to disregard any direction given to it or may be given to it by the National Transportation Commission in so far as such direction is or may be given to the Board are contrary to the provisions of the Motor Carrier Transportation Act 39 of 1930, as amended or of any regulations promulgated thereunder. There was no order as to costs.

The effect of the order is that in the event of the City Council making application for the renewal of the temporary certificates, the Board will not be bound by any direction which the Transportation Commission may give.

The applicants were the Hon. Gerson Asvenuius, representing the Bus Owners' Association, Naidoo and Hamidia Hartigwood.

The Durban City Council was called as the first respondent, the Durban Local Road Transportation Board, second respondent, and Omnibus Services (Pty.) Ltd., third respondent.

Mr. Justice Bellin, Mr. Justice Connor, and Mr. Justice de Wet sat on the Bench.

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UNIVERSITY BURSARIES FOR INDIAN STUDENTS

The following matriculated candidates have been awarded bursaries to enable them to take the University Entrance Course at the Natal University College, Durban, the Afrikaans Native College, Fort Hare, Grey Hospital, Lusaka, Government Laboratory, Lovedale.

Following matriculated candidates have been awarded bursaries to enable them to take the University Entrance Course at the Natal University College, Durban:

The following candidates who have passed the University Junior Certificate Examination have been awarded bursaries to enable them to take the Senior Certificate Course at the Durban Technical College

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CONGRESS HIGH SCHOOL
ADVICE TO PARENTS

A Meeting of all parents who wish their sons to be admitted to the Congress High School will be held at the M. K. Gandhi Library, Queen Street, on Saturday 19th February, 1949, commencing at 2.30 p.m. to discuss the—

1. Brief report for 1948.
2. Reopening of High School for 1949.

N.B.: The Congress High School will not be reopened unless full support by every parent.

J. N. SINGH,
Congress High School Committee.

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and greatly enhanced the likelihood for such an explosion.

ONLY WAY

The only way there is to get a full and complete picture of the disturbances was for us to go on testing and testing all the evidence put before the Commission.

Dr. Lawson explained that through the South African Indian Congress and its affiliated bodies he represented the interests of LOCAL Indians; through the African National Congress he represented the African people and through the Council for Asiatic rights he represented responsible European opinion, for on the Council were such names as Mr. D. D. Rendall, of the Institute of Race Relations; Father Trevor Huddleston, Rev. Rindall, Rev. Jarrad, Rev. Jamal, Mrs. M. H. Lawrence and Adv. Zwarenstein.

Pressing for the right of cross-examination to be afforded to Government Adv. (Major) G. Cawley said that it was somewhat distressing to note that there was a possibility of steam-rollering the proceedings before the Commission.

Mr. Cawley, who was representing the Local Native Advisory Boards, said that it was difficult to treat statements made before the Commission before any weight could be attached to them. The only way to do this, he said, was how was to have the right of cross-examination.

We ask for that privilege, and we will not shrink from it, whatever it may involve, he said.

That I can respond is not granted the Native community, but the results will not have been preserved against it.

Mr. P. R. Pather, joint secretary of the Natal Indian Organisation, Mr. E. L. Reed (the Mayor of Durban), Mr. A. Christopher, representing the Durban Indian Chamber of Commerce and Major Sheffield, the Durban Town Clerk, all spoke in favour of the right of cross-examination.

Mr. E. L. Reed, on behalf of the Durban Corporation, also stressed the importance of affording Indians the right of cross-examination, and he asked in what way he could help these proceedings and he mentioned the fact that he was willing to assist.

IN MEMORIAM



MRS. MARY STANLEY

STANLEY: In loving memory of our darling mother, Mary, who fell asleep at Grey's Hospital, Maritzburg, on February 20, 1946.
It is sweet to remember a mother dear,
The absent from our sight,
But present in our hearts
And always will be right.
Sadly missed by her loving children, sisters and Bethanites.

STANLEY: In loving memory of our dear sister and auntie, Mary (Bessie) Stanley, who fell asleep on February 20, 1946.
Dear sister, you were taken so fast,
Without one moment's warning,
To say farewell and bless you,
Or even say good morning.
Sadly missed by her loving brothers, sisters, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.

STANLEY: In loving memory of our darling wife, Mary Parasuli (Bessie), who was called to rest on February 20, 1946.
Dearer to me than words can tell,
In life you were and loved so well.
Deathless be the rest of my life's days,
To you sweet is dedicated.
Till we meet at God's throne.
Inserted by
Unemployment by her sorrowful husband, T. G. Stanley (comally of Bonnie-Stanley).

IN MEMORIAM



S. LALLMAN.

SEEPATH: In loving memory of our dear son and brother, S. Lall (Sonny), who passed away on February 19, 1948.
Two years have passed,
Our hearts are still sore,
Time wears away the edge of grief,
But memories turn back every leaf,
Escape time, sacrifice and blood,
Instead, God inserted sorrow in mortal.

To the world are equal to God.
Dearly loved and sadly missed by his loving mother, sister, sons and brother, Rhoma, son of Lallman, 79 Wainwright Road, Bellair, Durban.

Thanks

Mr. and Mrs. A. Ramkaruyan, sons and family, of 30 Jasmine Road, Durban North, wish to thank their many friends and relatives for their kind messages of sympathy and floral tributes sent during their recent bereavement.

Mr. H. H. Pandey, of 90 Main Road, Escombe, Natal, wish to thank all friends and relatives for their kind messages of sympathy and floral tributes sent during their recent bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. Mahomed Khadeer, of 76 Bellair Road, Mayville, wish to thank their many friends and relatives for their kind messages of sympathy and floral tributes sent during their recent bereavement, the passing away of their beloved son, Ismail Khadeer, R. Special thanks to doctors, nurses and staff of the T.B. Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Rambo, of 72 Bellair Road, Mayville, wish to thank their many friends and relatives for their kind messages of sympathy and floral tributes sent during their recent bereavement, the passing away of their beloved son, Ronny Rambo. Special thanks to doctors, nurses and staff of the T.B. Hospital.

Mrs. P. E. Gonat (Sahara) and family, of 376 Berg Street, Maritzburg, wish to thank all friends and relatives for their kind messages of sympathy and floral tributes sent during their recent bereavement, the death of their beloved husband, father, Saturday, February 12, 1949.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Dookran, of 46 Stanley Road, Springfield, Phoenix, wish to thank their many friends and relatives and friends for their kind messages of sympathy and floral tributes sent during their recent bereavement, the death of their beloved son, Ramesh.



Appreciation

The Indian community of Natal desires to express its deep appreciation to Messrs. Singh and Naidoo for their assistance during the visit.

Mr. C. S. Samuel Thomas, Temple Street, Durban North, wishes to thank his friends for their kind messages of sympathy and floral tributes sent during the recent bereavement of his wife, Mrs. Thomas. Special thanks to the pastor, members and friends of the Emmanuel Church and Nayana Rajh for conducting the service.

ANNOUNCEMENT

MR. and MRS. VIRAMUTHU CAFFINE, of 62 Umbumbulu Road, Mayville, wish to make known to their friends that the engagement of their daughter, Miss PARVATHY, to Mr. Kuppusamy Govender, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Govender, of Umbumbulu, has been arranged and that the marriage will take place on Sunday, 20th February, 1949, at 11.0 a.m. at the residence of the bride.

Friends and relatives are requested to attend the ceremony at their convenience at 10 a.m.

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VITAL EVIDENCE

THE Judicial Commission of Inquiry into the causes and implications of the recent disturbances in Durban and Maritzburg has assumed its duties and is now ready to hear evidence which may have a bearing on the matter. It need not be emphasised again how extremely important is this investigation into the disturbances and how great is the responsibility which rests on those who will be called upon to give evidence before the Commission. Even apparently trivial happenings observed during the riots may have had an important bearing on the situation and may prove to be pointers to certain facts which otherwise might not come to light. It is possible that those persons who would like to give evidence may be slow to come forward for fear of reprisals. This is an understandable fear but actually it is a case of the nature quite groundless. Victimisation of witnesses has always been regarded as a most serious offence, and the authorities will naturally take all the necessary steps to protect witnesses before the Commission.

The task which the Judicial Commission is called upon to perform is a very difficult one, namely to establish beyond a doubt, and despite the cross-currents of distortion and misrepresentation, what actually did happen, whether the measures taken by the police were adequate or not, and what were the underlying causes of the prolonged latter events. The Commission must also determine whether there could have been called out sooner than it was and whether the authorities did not perhaps only begin to realise the serious nature of the disturbances on the second day of the rioting. All these matters have to be carefully considered by the Commission before it can arrive at a finding.

It has been repeated assertion by independent witnesses that European instigators and only Indian participants in the riots and no active part in encouraging the Indians to take part in the disturbances. There positively no evidence to support this allegation. The Indians, they are not simply cowards, as unfortunate from people who use that word in a loose way when speaking from second-hand knowledge. It is not necessary to go on record authority that Indians can be very brave indeed. The outbreak of riots in Durban was the result of the element to be encountered by Europeans in the streets of Durban and Natives in Maritzburg and adjacent areas. There is no evidence that the Indians took up their cause. Natives were also in Durban. They are said to have come from Natal but the fact that the Indians were not the cause of the disturbances is borne out by the fact that the Indians were not the victims of the attacks and many suffered severely.

It is further asserted that at a meeting of the Executive of the Natal Indian Congress, held in Durban on the 13th inst. at which influential Native leaders were present, the responsible official of the Congress told the Indians that the Indians in South Africa would not get anywhere in India "by crook." Responsible Native leaders have denied that any anti-Indian agitation. The Indians have always been their friends and why must this friendship suddenly be broken? Indeed, there were no Native leaders present at the meeting referred to. Natives do not go to meetings of Indians in Durban or in Maritzburg.

This and other similar assertions need to be carefully investigated by the Commission and it is to be hoped that the Commission will find conclusive evidence that the final responsibility for the disturbances must be ascribed to the Indians themselves. Only then will the Commission be able to recommend effective measures to prevent a recurrence of such disturbances.

HOW WILD ELEPHANTS ARE CAPTURED IN INDIA

Special to "The Leader"

DURING a recent visit to the Mysore State the Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, was invited to watch "Khedda" operations for capturing wild elephants.

The Indian elephant, found mainly in Assam and the forests of Travancore and Mysore, is commonly used in processions and festivals. Mysore State occasionally holds khedda operations to secure elephants for its ferial and sometimes in honour of distinguished guests.

ONE of the most ceremonious ways of capturing elephants is the "kheddah" or stockade method. The object is not to worry the animals, but to put them, when in possession of the ground is usually steep and hilly.

In the stockade system an elephant path is selected, usually in a valley, and a strong stockade is built across it. Two lines of fences are then erected, one on each side of the path, and these converge towards the stockade. Elephants have been observed. They have a habit of travelling in a line and if one turns back everything that can scatters in confusion.

The tame elephants then enter the stockade to take up their positions to entice the wild elephants in order to lead them into the stockade. The mahouts (elephant drivers) are provided with a sharp goad and a rope.

The general course of events is as follows. The wild elephants are driven towards the stockade. The tame elephants are sent out and put them to flight. The wild animals, in their fear of the human beings, are driven towards the stockade. The tame elephants then enter the stockade to take up their positions to entice the wild elephants in order to lead them into the stockade. The mahouts (elephant drivers) are provided with a sharp goad and a rope.

Mighty tremor there is as the wild animals, with a clinking trap door behind them, rush headlong into the stockade. The tame elephants then enter the stockade to take up their positions to entice the wild elephants in order to lead them into the stockade. The mahouts (elephant drivers) are provided with a sharp goad and a rope.

PRACTICAL TEACHING OF GANDHI'S PRINCIPLES

THERE are many institutions in India where work endeavouring to implement Gandhiji's teachings. Gandhiniketan in Kallupatty in Madura, Madras Province, is one among them. Kallupatty is a small village with a population of 2,500. The place is far away from a railway station and is unaffected by urban influence.

GANDHINIKETAN ASHRAM

It was founded in 1946, by a silent worker, to whom efforts the people of Kallupatty, to whom efforts the people have faith in Gandhiji and a noble spirit inspires them to work. Many constructive programmes have been carried out in the Ashramam, such as basic education, village industries, etc. The Ashram is also connected with a small hospital, where medicines are distributed free of charge. The Ashram is also connected with a small hospital, where medicines are distributed free of charge.

Pandit Nehru's Plea for World Unity

AT A RECEPTION GIVEN HIM BY THE CONSULAR CORPS IN CALCUTTA RECENTLY THE PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA, PANDIT NEHRU, PLEADED FOR WORLD UNITY AND UNDERSTANDING ON THE PSYCHOLOGICAL BACKGROUNDS OF DIFFERENT NATIONS.

MEMBERS of the Consular Corps were in Calcutta, representing 28 different nations, were present and Mr. Kath Bernard, Governor of France and dozen of the Consular Corps. Present the Prime Minister.

There was first a great a tendency in the world today, Pandit Nehru said, to form highly influenced countries and groups. Behind these there were psychological backgrounds. Hence they completely failed to understand each other.

It is to be said that in spite of a great variety of outlook and views in the world there was a tendency to become a certain unity in thought and action. Nevertheless there were conflicts and cases of tension. Nevertheless there were conflicts and cases of tension.

At the same time it is essential that we should be tolerant and acknowledge and understand the different points of view and to respect them as such.

There have been and still are many countries in the world, including Asia, including Europe, in which there are different approaches to the Middle East. Each one of these countries has its own point of view and its own approach.

India did not start as a country of conflicts. We do not have these conflicts and we do not want to have them. We want to live in peace with all countries and to help everybody in the world to live in peace.

JUDGE'S DECISION MAY LEAD TO BOYCOTT

DESPITE THE FACT THAT ALL THE REPRESENTATIVES WHO APPEARED BEFORE THE RIOTS COMMISSION ON THURSDAY MORNING WERE UNANIMOUS IN THEIR REQUEST FOR THE RIGHT OF CROSS-EXAMINATION, MR. JUSTICE VAN DEN HEEVER, THE CHAIRMAN, SAID THAT HOWEVER POWERFUL A WEAPON CROSS-EXAMINATION WAS IT WAS NOT FEASIBLE TO GRANT THIS REQUEST.

THERE were other ways in which the witnesses before the Commission could establish their case.

The Commissioners, Mr. Justice van den Heever said, need their counsel on the fact that the Commission was a far-finding one; that there were no litigants before the Commission; that there was a number of organisations whose which would submit evidence and the fact that the Commission was not a court of law.

Mr. Heever said, the duty of the Commission is that of a fact-finding one; the duty of the litigants before it, and there is no question of the administration of justice before the proceedings are not in the nature of a litigation.

It has been submitted that an order to arrive at the truth it was necessary to make before the Commission it would be necessary to cross-examine witnesses. While cross-examination may be a powerful weapon there are other ways which can be used.

It may be that there are certain matters which can be conducted counsel, Dr. Lawson has submitted that the Commission would have been terminated earlier. There are immediate issues and there may be cross-examination which may be unnecessary.

(1) As far as the riots are concerned certain Africans may have been against certain Indians but we intend to dispose that there was any concerted movement by Africans against Indians;

(2) We intend to dispose further the allegations that Africans as a whole were not against the Indians;

(3) The formation of the Joint Committee of the African National Congress of the South African Indian Congress supports the contention that Africans as a whole were not against the Indians;

(4) We further intend to prove that certain European will or actively encouraged or passively supported in what happened in the Indians;

(5) We want to test also the correctness of the opinion formed that if the authorities had taken certain actions all the subsequent loss of life and destruction of property would have been avoided. In order to negative or establish these things it is vitally necessary that the right of cross-examination be allowed.

The Joint Committee of the A.N.C. and the S.A.I.C. would further aver that the causes of the disturbances and which a mere complex fabric, that the conflict was not due to the ill-feeling between Africans and Indians, but that the allegation of overcharging took place it was not the case, that if overcharging took place it was not the case that charging by Europeans was up or their property destroyed.

He would establish further, by convincing evidence at by cross-examination that the Africans themselves were not against the Indians who overcharging took part against the interest of the poor Indians.

He would prove further that the terrible clash conditions and the racial antagonisms, feud and hatred by both the non-Europeans and the Government and the present Government were among the real causes of the disturbances.

Statements made during the recent campaigning for elections to the Senate had created the strained relations. The with-drawal of the family allowances and pensions of Indians and the proposed deliberate segregation of Indians by such alleged laws that they were an insult to the Indian community.

(6) We intend to prove that the authorities had taken adequate steps to quell the disturbances on the first day of the rioting.

(7) We intend to prove that there was no justification for the shooting by the police on the second day of the rioting.

(8) We intend to prove that the police were guilty of unnecessary brutality and assaults on Indians.

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Non-European Students' Statement on Riots

THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT HAS BEEN HANDED TO "THE LEADER" BY THE NON-EUROPEAN STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL, (NATAL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE):—

ON BEHALF OF THE NON-EUROPEAN STUDENTS OF THE NATAL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE WE EXPRESS OUR PROFOUND SHOCK, OVER THE RECENT RIOTS. WE ALSO WISH TO EXPRESS OUR DEEP SYMPATHY WITH THE VICTIMS AND THEIR RELATIVES, AND THOSE OF OUR STUDENTS WHO HAVE SUFFERED IN THE RECENT CALAMITIES.

At the non-European Section of the Natal University College, which contains "in classes at Sastri College, there are over 300 non-European students comprising Africans, Indians and Coloureds, study harmoniously together. It is our experience that the students,

Natal's Convincing Win in Inter-Provincial Tournament

By Adam Peerbhai

IN THE FIFTH SOUTH AFRICAN INTER-PROVINCIAL CRICKET TOURNAMENT BOTH NATAL AND TRANSVAAL SCORED DECISIVE VICTORIES OVER THEIR OPPONENTS, EASTERN PROVINCE AND WESTERN PROVINCE RESPECTIVELY.

E. I. JEEWAH, THE YOUNG NATAL SPIN BOWLER, BEGAN HIS PROVINCIAL CAREER BY ROUTING EASTERN PROVINCE AND FINISHING OFF WITH A FINAL ANALYSIS OF 27.2 OVERS, 3 MAIDENS, 63 RUNS, 12 WICKETS FOR BOTH INNINGS.

NATAL v. EASTERN PROVINCE

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SURPRISE DEFEAT FOR TWO MARITZBURG CRICKET TEAMS

From Our Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG, Friday.

THE GLORIOUS UNCERTAINTY OF CRICKET WAS EXEMPLIFIED ON SUNDAY WHEN THE FANCIED TEAMS, M.I.C.C. AND UNITED, WERE SOUNDLY BEATEN IN THE NATAL CUP SERIES. M.I.C.C. WENT DOWN BY AN INNINGS AND 33 RUNS TO ROYALS, WHILE BAD LIGHT SAVED UNITED FROM A SIMILAR FATE AT THE HANDS OF STARS.

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CURRIE'S FOUNTAIN FIXTURES

THE Durban Indoor Indian Cricket Union have arranged the following fixtures to be played at Currie's Fountain on the days mentioned:—

"A" Grimmett Azmat's Cup competitive cup matches ended: February 19, 1949, Apollo v. United, Zulu. Young Absman v. Young Kismet, No. 1.

"B" Grimmett League: January 30 and 27, 1949: Model College v. Young Kismet, unfin.

NEW COMMITTEE FOR FOOTBALL CLUB

A new team known as the East Coast United Football Club, was formed, and will be affiliated to the NUFU.

The following were elected office bearers for the ensuing year:

Patron: Mrs. George Russell Sole. Hayes Hassel. Honorary Vice-Presidents: Messrs. M. W. Tollerton, secretary of Railways; secretary, Durban Indoor Indian Cricket Union; Mr. A. P. A. Peters, Mayor of Verulam, Councillor Kruger, a Verulam Councillor, Lord Stewart, Kruger, a Verulam Councillor.

New players are required to fill the vacancies in the team. All players desirous of joining the club should apply to the Secretary, Mr. Ismail Ebrahim, 1 Fall of wickets: 1-2, 2-2, 3-4, 4-5, 5-5, 6-9, 7-9, 8-9, 9-9, 10-9.

Bowling: Chaplin, 7-2-21-1; Mr. H. Hirsch, 7-0-21-0; Mr. J. Reece, 5-1-7-0

Around The Cinemas

AVALON: A new film "Bull Fighters," with Laurel and Hardy; "Black Beauty," a picture of horse racing, and "The Courtneys of Curzon Street," are the attractions of the coming week.

+ SHOWTIME +

AVALON:
"The Woman in the Window."
ALBERT: "Basani."
ATHLONE: "North-West Mounted Police."

ALBERT: A melodramatic romance, "Prem Sangeet," and a "Tamil people Thriller, "Vanamohini," will be screened during the week.

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If you take laxatives regularly—almost a habit—you should read this!

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TALK OF THE BAZAAR

By the "Faqir"

WHEN a colleague of mine recommended to an invitation to be a Hindu hedonistic ceremony the other day he little realised the pleasant surprise in store for the guests. Pleasant, it is, according to the Tamil custom. Unlike other religions where it is an accepted fact that a great offender at the ceremony, be it betrothal, marriage or the last rites, the Tamilian calls on anyone well versed in the faith to do the needful, invariably, for his services, the pandit receives a small fee which is usually left to the discretion of the contracting parties. This particular ceremony was followed by the usual pattern. The parents of the prospective bridal couple placed their respective fees on the special betel leaf. The ceremony concluded but the officiating gentleman refused to pocket the fee. That surprised the parents. Was it not sufficient, they asked. If so they would gladly add to it. But no. "The privilege is mine," said the gentleman "I will accept no money or anything else." That certainly surprised everyone.

Much more than the question of so many lives lost during the riots and the accompanying destruction of property the question of future relations between the Indian and the African people will have to answered by both Indians and Africans. Although it is not very a remedy, by considerable look place the ripples are still there, and no doubt will grow by many "incidents" between Indians and Africans. It is but natural that as soon as normal

More Radio Stations In India

Mr. H. S. Suhrawardy, Indian Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting, said in Bombay a few weeks ago that some more broadcasting stations for broadcasting would be opened in a few months.

He disclosed that the Government of India proposed shortly to install a "pilot station" at Delhi and a Regional Broadcasting Station at Lucknow, which would cater for the people of the region.

Proposals for opening radio stations at Ahmedabad and Calicut were in hand and he hoped they would be opened in the near future.

It was the policy of the Government of India to take over all broadcasting stations as broadcasting was a central subject, the minister said.

Recently Baroda station had been taken over and very shortly Bhopal station also would become a part of All-India Radio.

Racing Selections

By "DIPLOMAT."

The following are my selections for the City Sporting Club race meeting, to-morrow (Saturday):—

First race, 1.5, Juvenile Handicap (Fillies). Six furlongs.
1. DISCONTENT.
2. Lemonade.
3. Lady Blink.

Second race, 1.25, Juvenile Handicap (Colts and Fillies). Six furlongs.
1. HENDZELE.
2. Slipperton.
3. Ethelda.

Third race, 2.0, Gallowine and Pony Handicap. 1½ furlongs.
1. WEE HAME.
2. Joe Park.
3. Dot.

Fourth race, 2.35, Juvenile Handicap (2nd Division). Six furlongs.
1. ROMDELLE.
2. Simon.
3. Just Happy.

Fifth race, 3.0, Juvenile Handicap (2nd Division). Six furlongs.
1. MAN OF ART.
2. Lass.
3. Dulce.

Sixth race, 1.5, Stewards' Handicap. 11 miles.
1. FLYINGE.
2. Fair Trial.
3. Naval.

Seventh race, 1.30, Scottsville Handicap (1st Division). Nine furlongs.
1. LLOYD'S Pride.
2. Royal Trade.
3. Lucky.

Eighth race, 2.0, Gallowine and Pony Handicap. One mile.
1. CONNECTION.
2. Ballyhoo.
3. Jessie.

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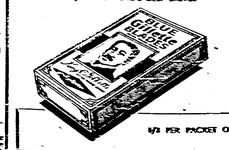
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Europeans Largely to Blame for Racial Rioting

EVIDENCE so far submitted to the Riot Inquiry Commission, now sitting in Durban, tends to show ever more clearly that the Government's racial policy and the anti-Indian agitation fostered for a number of years by Europeans in South Africa played a prominent part in creating an atmosphere of hatred against the Indians.

EVEN AT THE PRESENT JUNCTURE, WHEN ONLY A SMALL PROPORTION OF THE EVIDENCE HAS BEEN GIVEN, IT IS ALREADY BECOMING CLEAR THAT, ALTHOUGH THE NATIVES HAD CERTAIN ALLEGED GRIEVANCES AGAINST THE INDIANS THE RIOTS WOULD NOT HAVE TAKEN PLACE IF THE NATIVES HAD NOT BEEN ENCOURAGED TO VIOLENCE BY THE ANTI-INDIAN POLICY OF THE EUROPEANS. THIS GAVE THE NECESSARY IMPETUS TO THE OUTBREAK.

THESE assertions are borne out by the evidence of Mr. Ross Webb, representing the Natal Indians, and Mr. Webb, had more than a quarter of a century's close contact with Native feeling. This and his attitude of sympathy for the Indian, both the Commission and the Press were aware of the feeling. The General Government with the Union Government of 1927 entered into he Dr. D. F. Malan then Minister of the Interior, the Indian Government delegation, that as many Indians as would accept repatriation would be sent back to India, but many there were reminded as an integral part of the population of South Africa.

This had been the attitude until 1936, when the Government passed legislation to segregate Indians and to send out of the country. In recent months there had been added the enactments of Natal Provincial Ordinances expressing the Government's intention to restrict Indians and declaring them to be a foreign element in South African population.

Against this change Mr. Webb said that the first signs of unrest in Indian relations, during the sitting of the Natal Indian Congress in 1943. Natives with whom he had been fully conversed and no evidence had been given against Indians.

"It is not to be considered at," said Mr. Webb, "if the Natives have any cause of grievance and bitterness, their poverty and misery, and frustration, came to be focussed upon the Indian who became the scapegoat for their ills.

"Whatever may be found to have been the immediate cause of the Durban riots," he added, "it is evident that they lie deeper than immediate provocation, whether of assault upon a Native lady, experience of black marketing, or whatever else" . . . generally speaking, Indian and African relations had, on the whole been good, and Indians and Natives had been peacefully associated in the sugar industry for many years.

The Indian trader had applied himself successfully to the Native trade and acquired to have served his needs, particularly in the cheaper areas.

With the development of the outer areas of Durban, Indian stores catered, in the absence of municipal transport, for an increasing trade and served a useful purpose.

The majority of Durban Natives live crowded together in slums in areas with inadequate recreational facilities to employ their energies, circumstances that encourage the wildest rumours and afford excitement the most insidious.

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MRS. JEHABAI GANDI

About five months ago Mrs. Jehabai Gandi, from Zeerust, was [illegible] and Dr. Gordon at Bombay, for the results of which treatment, Dr. Aga Khan's Provincial Council for Women's Welfare, Pretoria, up to receive specialist treatment for the internal disorder from which she was suffering. [illegible] the course of the treatment which followed, and the new knowledge upon her, the conditions gradually deteriorated, until it was found that her husband, who was in Pretoria with his Excellency the Governor-General, had to be consulted, and he [illegible] Mrs. Gandi to Pretoria. Arrangements were made for her to stay with her sister, Mrs. Jehabai Gandi, in Pretoria, where she passed away on the 2nd inst. Mrs. Gandi will be [illegible] husband, two sons and three daughters, and a host of friends and relatives to mourn their loss.

OBITUARIES

K. L. NAIDOO.

On Tuesday, February 15, there passed away, after a prolonged illness, a prominent member of Mr. K. L. Naidoo, at the [illegible] 1[illegible].

Born in Johannesburg, the late Mr. Naidoo spent his early life in Newcastle, and came to Durban as a young man and together with his brothers, ran a grocery and general business in the Newcastle area. He later became the proprietor of the Quality Drug Stores, which he carried on, and eventually sold, to carry on a more [illegible] business.

He was deeply interested in the well being of his community, and a number of educational, religious and sporting organisations had benefited by his generosity. He was one of the founders of the Central Tennis Club and was for some time an official of the Cato Manor Football Club.

The large crowd that turned out to pay their last respects to the late [illegible] testimony to the esteem in which he was held.

The following sent floral tributes and messages of condolence:—Mayville: Lorenz wife and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Naidoo, Mr. and Mrs. K. Naidoo, Douglas, N. S. Naidoo and son, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Naidoo, Mr. and Mrs. S. Naidoo, Mrs. Thandalachee Naidoo, Mrs. S. S. Naidoo and family, Mrs. M. G. Naidoo and family, Mr. and Mrs. S. Naidoo, Mr. and Mrs. S. Naidoo, Mr. and Mrs. P. Naidoo, Mr. and Mrs. P. Naidoo, Mr. and Mrs. P

Our Readers Speak . . .

NON-EUROPEAN UNITED FRONT

Mr. ——, from Wandsbeck, writes:—

"It was with profound regret that I read the opening paragraph of your editorial regarding the intentions of the Natal Indian Congress to co-operate with the defunct Non-European United Front, lately.

"It should be realised that we have no quarrels against the Natives whatsoever, having lived in (recently) atmosphere with them since the arrival of the first shipload of Indian indentures in South Africa nearly 100 years ago. But, just because the Natives suffer a serious set-back in their struggle for freedom, it is unfair to the individuals in such a case, in the least jointly the Natives of the Congresses to be entirely affiliated with them. The Natives, I am positive, are quite capable and intelligent enough to look after themselves and do not require the unnecessary and unhelpful assistance of the Indians, which will have no effect whatsoever and instead of advancing their cause, will only retard it. We wish to make it clear that we do not in any way support the Congress in particular and the Indian people in general in such far-fetched ideologies, but I hope the attitude of the majority of the Congress in particular and the Indian people in general in such far-fetched ideologies, but I hope the attitude of the majority of the United Front will be changed, and they should not affiliate politically with the Natives, and concentrate more on their own community issues and endeavour to improve their economic and social conditions. Before they decide to join the N.E.U.F. future, it is too late. The Natives have already sold us the pieces of Congress Members since they took over the control.

GIRLS PROTEST

THE following is a letter from a "Matriculant Student":—

Through the medium of your paper I would like, on behalf of my fellow girl students, to strongly protest against the recent letter published in the Natal Mercury from a so-called "Conscientious Indian," and also against the recent attack on Indian girls.

I plead against the non-educated type of Indian youth, by an Indian girl.

It saddens my indignation as well as my grief to think that any Indian would so lower his or her dignity as to make his vile remarks in this country, particularly to the Indian girls, especially as such a letter as this should expect all Indians to accept and condemn.

If the Indian girl in question was molested in Mahatma Arcade, surely she would have written to the Indian Press or even to the police and have it remedied. I am positive that any writer to the Indian Press or even to the Natal Mercury would have published such a letter.

Does she think that by having an article of that description published in the Natal Mercury or Indian Press she is making history? On the contrary, she is making herself the ridicule of the other nationalities, and in being inspired by her own ill-wishers not many pride for her self and her race. Does that? Is there by any chance her way of serving and uplifting her community?

I would like to remind this "terrorised, intelligent and "pestered" Indian girl that any boy judges and treats a girl according to what he sees her to be — an Indian boy is no fool, he has a very good brain and knows when he is not welcomed, and also feels very ashamed of himself if pointedly reminded. He is not likely to worry you unless he is encouraged in some way or other. Besides those very so-called love-type of Indians who molest girls from their cars, sleep down and around corners, are the first to come to your assistance when troubled or interfered with by Natives.

Perhaps this poor "Indian Youth only" girl may one day have to be grateful to the Indian Youth she I am sure never dreams as Indian girl in distress!

Anyway if the Indian girl really wanted to stand the alleged "gangs of Indian youths" in the Arcade, was there anything to stop her from doing so thoroughfares?

Then the "very unbecoming-spirited" Indian girl says that on all her experiences a Mahatma or Gujarat girl who also is public spirited. Well, all I can say is that she has not had much experience for I have met many Gujarats and Mahatma girls who are decidedly public spirited, who belong to associations and who visit and help in the at hospitals who nothing for reasons such as Food and who go to work society and are rapidly adopting the customs of localities and dress (I am not a Moslem or a Parsee).

In conclusion, I sincerely hope that a matter of this nature will never again appear in the Natal Press, for how more than ever before Indians must stand together irrespective of class or social conditions.

Mr. Goolam H. Karim (Johannesburg) writes:—

May I, through your columns, intervene in the controversy between the leaders of the Congress and Youth which has arisen over the question of the Non-European United Front? I am not a member of any political organisation, but I have been following the controversy with interest and I feel that I should say a few words in the matter.

In the first place, I would like to say that I am in full agreement with the views expressed by Mr. Dadoo in his letter published in your issue of February 19. I am also in agreement with the views expressed by Mr. Naidoo in his letter published in your issue of February 12. I am also in agreement with the views expressed by Mr. Naidoo in his letter published in your issue of February 12.

NOTICE

A MEETING of Bonus Owners will be held under the auspices of the Natal Indian Farmers' Union at the

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to consider prices, etc. Bonus farmers are requested to attend.

K. K. PERSADH, Hon. Sec.

HINDI CLASSES

Classes in Hindi for the "PRAVESH" and "PARICHAY" Examinations conducted by Rashtra Basha Prachar Samiti, Wardha, India, will re-commence at the KATHIAWAD HALL, 52 Lorne Street, Durban, on TUES., 1st MARCH, 1949, at 5.30 p.m.

New students will be enrolled. New arrangements will be made.

Persons interested are requested to attend.

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Jt. Hon. Secretaries,
Hindi Shiksha Sangh,
(Natal).

The RIOT Commission

The Riot Commission of Inquiry has commenced its sittings in Durban and an earnest appeal is made to persons of all races in a position to supply evidence of inciting to public violence, looting, burning of shops and homes to contact the Secretaries of the Organisation forthwith at 19 Baker St., Durban. Phone 22258, 20888

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We missed you more and more,
Where we see you smile your best
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Expect where otherwise expressly stated, the respective publicity is of no political nature and views in the news items with Dr. Bomadien, 275 Pine Street, Durban, or Messrs. Bellingan, Pietermaritzburg.

The Leader
32 Pine Street, Durban. P.O. Box 131, Pietermaritzburg.

Saturday, February 26, 1949.

THE COMMISSION AND CROSS-EXAMINATION

THE decision of the Judicial Commission of Enquiry into the riots not to allow any cross-examination of witnesses has come as a shock not only to the South African Indian community, but to all people in this country who value democratic ideas and principles. The right of cross-examination is one of the fundamental elements of democratic justice. It is the one sure method of establishing the probity of witnesses and assessing the value of their evidence; a valuable safeguard against false testimony. To withhold this right must automatically lower and attempt to arrest at the very beginning of the inquiry the value of the evidence, and there is no clerk in existence, it may be relevant in this matter to quote the words of Mr. Justice H. N. Bergh, who was the sole member of a Commission appointed by the Government in 1942 to enquire into the question of Indian Penetration. The Commissioner, after right to cross-examine witnesses was raised before the Commission and Mr. Justice Bergh said (see pages 5 to 16 of the Riot Commission's report, published in 1946):

Addressing the late Mr. Advocate Mackenzie, who appeared for the Durban Corporation, and others, witnesses earlier and in the course of the inquiry, to the facts and figures they had submitted, he said:

"If information is completely accurate in every particular, the value of the evidence is not affected by limiting cross-examination upon it. If, on the other hand, it is not completely accurate, the object of any cross-examination must be demonstrated as the witness says, are accurate. But it is your desire as much as it is mine that your information should be demonstrated to be accurate, if accurate it is, or that the inaccuracies in it should be exposed, if inaccurate it is, so that the Commission may be in a position to assess the value of your evidence. I believe that is the only way in which the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth shall prevail."

Further on he said: "It has been the practice in the Courts of the administration of justice, that it is the duty of counsel to assist the Court in the administration of justice, and I feel sure that counsel will loyally carry out that duty. Counsel is most capable upon the administration of justice, but I would point out that that does not apply to any enquiry in a field where he has no experience. He has no personal prejudices and opinions to express. It is the duty of counsel to assist the Court in the administration of justice, and any enquiry should be full and fair, even to the point of being unfair to counsel. Otherwise justice would be lost sight of."

In this connection the reply of a senior Police official to the proposition that one of the objects of cross-examination is to test the witness's accuracy, is not easy to understand. Asked whether he was not of the opinion that more accurate evidence on the part of the Police at the commencement of the shooting would have prevented further attacks, the official said that more stringent Police action might have resulted in the loss of many more lives. Such an assertion of the rights of cross-examination would, most inevitably give rise to the belief that the Police were not out to protect life and property.

This makes all the more strange the action of one of Natal's daily newspapers in attacking the proceedings of the Commission in a leading article. The newspaper suggests that the newspaper is forced to be a bulwark of British liberty, permanent and principles would be the first to condemn as a threat to the foundations of the rights of British peoples. The newspaper then goes on to say that "the Commission is not a court of law, and it is simply playing into the hands of the other Natal newspaper which it condemned so severely a few days ago."

That there are Natal newspapers behind the scenes cannot reasonably be denied, but that the Commission is playing into their hands is a suggestion which is not only unfair to the Commission and of a most dangerous character, but is also strikingly similar to the attacks which have been made against people who have been severely criticised and condemned because they have had the courage to speak out and plead, even if hopelessly false, for the rights of the Indian people in the Press. But many of these attacks have come from quarters which right thinking people left in South Africa believe the measure of such criticism. Let those who still cry out for law and order, and the writing on the wall for all to see. Let those who still cry out for law and order, and the writing on the wall for all to see. Let those who still cry out for law and order, and the writing on the wall for all to see.

While we appreciate the Natal Leader's concern for the proper handling of matters relating to the riots, we feel that the Commission, in the circumstances, is the best judge of the procedure which may have to be adopted in the case of any witness. We have no doubt that the Natal Indian Organisation will be prepared to assist the Commission. As it is, we have already been informed that a number of Indians whose future will be largely governed by the findings of the Commission, have offered their services to the Commission.

INTERESTING HISTORY OF THE TAMIL PEOPLE

THE oldest and richest of our Dravidian languages, Tamil, is spoken by more than eighteen million people living along the Coromandel coast, from Madras in the North down to Ceylon in the South, and stretching as far inland as the Nilgris in the West.

When the light of history first falls on the Tamil country in the centuries preceding the Christian era, we find a people highly civilised in arts, culture and industry. The language is in an advanced state of development, a process which must have taken several centuries. "For, have no language combined greater force with equal brevity," declares a writer, "and it may be asserted that no speech is more clear and philosophic in its expressions."

ORIGIN OF TAMIL

The origin of this highly organised language, lost in the mists of antiquity, has given rise to several theories among philologists and archæologists. The Aryan-Dravidian theory of Dr. Caldwell, for example, attempting Tamil with the Turanian language, does not find much support now. So have the Mongol-Tartar origin and the Indo-African-Australian hitch of the language fallen in favour of Indian.

The view that holds the Sri-Lanka to be the source-Australian Kingdom of Lemuria, which extended in time and space from Africa to Australia, and embraced Indian, is also not accepted by many scholars, while the late Dr. Caldwell, who first drew attention to the Dravidian languages, considered Tamil the purest of the Dravidian languages, and the most important group of languages in the Indian peninsula.

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Whatever the exact age of the Tamil language, it is established beyond doubt that it was quite mature from the first century B.C. that it has run its course in a highly developed style up to the present day. A considerable amount of literature has been lost due to several reasons, but what has survived is noteworthy for its variety and elegance of diction. The grammar and structure of the language differ wholly from that of Sanskrit, and although it has been influenced by Sanskrit at a later date, when Buddhism and Jainism were introduced, and phraseology. It is an interesting fact that, despite the ravages of time, all its families of languages known collectively as Tamil, Kanarese, Telugu, Malayalam and Tulu, have survived to the present day.

It is remarkable that the Tamil literature into four main periods, according to chronology — the Sangham literature, which is divided into three periods, the Kappiyam period, the period of moral philosophy, and the post-English period.

The Sangham literature, which is divided into three periods, is the most ancient and classical literature of Tamil. Sangham literature is the name given to the literature produced by the Sangham or Academy of Tamil poets, which flourished in the Pandyan country, where the language was cultivated with great care and attention. The Sangham literature is divided into three periods, namely, the first Sangham period, the second Sangham period, and the third Sangham period. The first Sangham period is the most ancient and classical literature of Tamil. The second Sangham period is the most modern and classical literature of Tamil. The third Sangham period is the most modern and classical literature of Tamil.

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The Government has entered into an agreement with the Bengal Paper Mills Co. Ltd., Calcutta, for the management of the factory. The Government will provide the capital and the Bengal Paper Mills Co. Ltd. will provide the technical staff.

The Government has also decided to set up a factory for the manufacture of paper pulp from bamboo. The factory will be set up at Chandrapur in Central Provinces, where there is an abundant supply of bamboo, the main raw material for the manufacture of paper pulp.

IRON HAND NEEDED, SAYS JUDGE

REPLYING to a statement by Mr. P. R. Pather, Secretary of the Natal Indian Organisation, at Thursday's sitting of the Riot Commission, in connection with the state of tension prevailing in Durban, the Chairman, Mr. Justice van den Heever, said that in view of the serious representations made by the secretary of the Natal Indian Organisation he thought it was the duty of the Commission to notify the authorities to act with an iron hand in the event of such disturbances. If any faction were responsible for such outbreaks of violence, it will stand convicted of its own guilt. It will show not only disrespect to the police authorities and to the Commission, but also to the Government and the State. He assured Mr. Pather that he would impress upon the police the importance of dealing firmly with any further rioting that might occur.

ADDRESSING the Chairman, Mr. Pather said: "Never before in the history of South Africa has a Commission of Government representation been treated with the same respect and impunity as the present Commission.

Extreme pains had been created, he said. The situation was indescribable. "Africans have taken the law into their own hands, so much so that they have openly stated that there will be a removal of the Indian menaces, and that the Indians would be slaughtered.

"I am afraid," Mr. Pather continued, "that unless the Commission puts its foot down soon and in all and deals firmly with any Africans or Indians creating such disturbances, there will be trouble.

He also told the Commission that the police authorities were not sympathetic to the Indians. He instanced amongst Africans in the Zulu language, inciting them to violence against the Indian.

The Indian people were defenceless, he said. They were terrified and many were seeking refuge at the camps, where the numbers were steadily increasing.

Many Indians had been thrown out of trains. All transport carrying non-European passengers should be fully protected. As an example Mr. Pather cited the case of the Operators' strike, difficulties in providing police protection every bus in Hanover Street during a strike by Coloured workers.

POLICE PROTECTION

In districts where tension exists, he emphasised, full police protection should be afforded to Indians.

If a step was not put to the disturbances immediately, he apprehended, there would be very serious trouble. This was the time to deal with the last racial disturbance, which resulted in much money being lost through absenteeism.

Among the ten lights of the [illegible] Council, which is divided into [illegible] Legislative Council, the highest form of [illegible] Executive Council, which is [illegible] Governor and [illegible] Executive Council [illegible] Executive Council [illegible] Executive Council

AFRICAN CHIEFS DESIRE CO-OPERATION WITH INDIAN COMMUNITY

AT A MEETING OF CHIEFS, HEADMEN AND LEADERS OF AFRICANS IN THE KLIP RIVER DISTRICT, HELD AT LADYSMITH LAST WEEK, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE PASSED:—

1. This meeting of chiefs, headmen and leaders of Africans in the Klip River District, assembled in the Town Hall, Ladysmith, on the 23rd day of February, 1949, at the invitation of the Honourable Leopold de Waal, M.L.A., Minister of Native Affairs, and the Africans who have suffered.

2. (a) Whereas we the immediate causes which were those precipitated the outbreak, this meeting is convinced that the fundamental and basic causes of the disturbances are traceable to the political, economic, and social situation as it exists today, based on deliberate and systematic racial discrimination and the refusal of the Government and the people in high places to recognise the African as a human being and treat him accordingly.

(b) Whereas the Africans have the correct route ever therefore, frankly and openly to make it quite clear that we are the responsibility of those who create and maintain such an evil social atmosphere.

(c) We have noted with keen interest the recommendations of the Atlantic Conference and those of the Asiatic Indian Congress and other Asiatic organisations and the assurances given by many responsible statesmen that the best of our ability.

3. That the African headmen and leaders of African people of Klip River District, are not against the representation of Indians in Parliament. We know that Indians have a right to elect their own representatives to Parliament and Provincial Council and Native Representative Council, but we strongly object to the principle of communal representation as applied to Indians and Africans in Natal and the Native Representative Council. We therefore adopt the principle of common roll with adequate safeguards to protect the interests of the Africans.

4. That a public meeting, held on 19th March, 1949, at Wasbank Location, be convened by the Secretary of Native Affairs, Mr. Harry Lawrence, Native Commissioner, Mrs. M. F. Malcolm, Native Affairs Department, Mr. Mbata, Chief Induna, Mr. Mbata, Chief Induna, Mr. Mbata, Chief Induna

TRANSVAAL'S FINE FIELDING DEFEATS NATAL

By Adam Peerbhai

IN the "vendetta" match between Natal and Transvaal both finalists for the coveted Christopher Trophy, Transvaal captured the trophy for the second time in succession by scoring a first innings win over Natal by 73 runs.

THE glaring features of Natal's failure was the unprecedented fielding collapse.Nothing was left to chance. Every possible measure was taken to ensure the best conditions for the match. Even the weather was on the side, the sun shining throughout the match. Yet with the exception of P. K. Gandhi, Jones and R. Meyer fielding as well for D. J. Chelliah, who received a severe hand injury, the rest of the team's fielding was very on a par with the bowling.

Natal, on the Transvaal's second innings, made a gallant uphill battle to turn the fortunes in their favour. Batting with determination and tenacity with an "unsporting mood," they succeeded for a margin.

Batting however, the Natal open batsmen, after registering 11 runs in the first powerplay deficit, set the tone for the innings. Their opening stand of 50 will not be forgotten for a long time. The three runs scored by Natal in the first hour, as a result of the Transvaal opening bowlers' inaccuracy, was a fitting prelude to a display of brilliant batting. Jones was responsible for the fireworks. He was content to play second fiddle to Meyer in their opening partnership. The latter, however, was held by Trevor Chelliah, who captured 16 runs off Jones' bowling. Meyer and Jones, on consecutive scores of 32 and 31, were bowled by Chelliah, who celebrating his comeback to South African cricket after a long absence, claimed the first two wickets to fall.

The Transvaal right hand batsmen proved increasingly adept when penetrating threats, and succeeded in having the Natal batting bombarded. It was Chelliah's bowling of the day. Three wickets fell before the total reached 100. Jones, who was the last to be dismissed, was bowled by Chelliah for a fighting 73. He batted for 3 hours 20 minutes and hit 11 fours.

Trevor Chelliah, who captured 5 wickets for 46 runs, bowled unchanged for 21 overs. Jones, on consecutive scores of 32 and 73, proved a thorn in the flesh of the Transvaal bowlers. Batting with confidence and determination, he made the most of the opportunities that came his way. Driving his way to the on-side boundary with ease, he was the last to go out.

Natal's second innings was a disappointing one. Only Meyer and Jones showed any resistance to the Transvaal attack. Meyer batted for 2 hours 20 minutes for his 32 runs, and Jones for 1 hour 40 minutes for his 31. Jones did well with the bat to get an undefeated 27. By consistent runs scattered evenly throughout the innings, Transvaal succeeded in overhauling Natal's total of 73 and thereby winning the match by 73 runs.

Transvaal, second innings, 72 (L. Nakasa 1, runs for three, Trevor Chelliah, runs for 16, Jones, four for 31, Dan Chetty, two for 12, and Gordon, one for 10).

Natal, second innings, 54 for nine wickets (Meyer 32, Jones 31, and Gandhi, Rangilal, two for 14, and M. Anthony, two for 12).

The following was the final log of the tournament:

	P	Pts	Bt.	Bl.	Pts.
Transvaal	3	6	3	0	6
Natal	3	2	3	0	4
S. Prov.	3	2	2	0	4
W. Prov.	3	0	1	0	0



C. I. JEENA

The young Natal batsman, who scored 31 vaulable runs in the second innings, but was a non-starter.

ADMISSION BY AFRICANS

Replying to Mr. Justice Van der Heever, presiding at the Riots Commission on Wednesday, several Africans witnesses admitted that they did not have any direct knowledge of allegations of black marketeering, overcharging on bus fares, seduction of Native women by Indians.

"Where our women tend to live closely they cooperate (one over Green," said the Rev. A. H. Calle, who led the Natal Bantu Ministers' Association before the Riots Commission on Wednesday.

Mr. Justice van der Heever said that Native witnesses who came before the Commission, were not able to give any personal experience of being overcharged in the black market.

The Judge Hope has any of the witnesses overcharged in the Indian buses.

Rev. Calle: I cannot remember (said Mr. Life At Minutes' Legends (see) No.

Judge: Is it true that there is a feeling of resentment against Indians?

Rev. Nenke: It is true in trade.

Judge: How long ago?

Rev. Nenke: I could not very well say for the years.

Judge: For a year, two years?

Rev. Nenke: I can't give the date. It was boiling low, now it is boiling high, when any people want to trade.

COUNTY BEATEN BY NORTH COAST

THE Dr. Rochford Wade Inter-District Shield Competition between County and North Coast was played at County on Sunday last, in which the latter gained a single innings decision.

BATTING first knock on a perfect wicket, North Coast lost their opening batsman, R. Rowley, when Alex Peters took a low catch off Les Smalley, with only 14 runs on the board. However, the association batsmen held out for 3 hours and added 62 runs for the second wicket, and appeared to be getting on top, when, to their dismay, three quick wickets fell for 2 runs. Z. Ali Nackerdien and Dawood, Sadat Mahomed and Ismail Ismail, however, put on a stubborn stand of 70 runs, before the latter was caught by Peters off the bowling of Les Smalley. The remaining four batsmen, the innings closed for 134.

Ismail Ismail, who scored 58 runs

About 30 minutes before lunch, Z. Nackerdien and G. Nackerdien opened for County, to face the attack of Ismail Ismail, Dawood and Sadat Mahomed. The latter was soon getting on top of the batsmen, and after the score had reached 18 runs, the North Coast opening bowler had claimed the wickets of both batsmen. Ismail Ismail, and his two second wicket partners, Dawood and Sadat Mahomed, had the batsmen completely at their mercy

Around the Cinemas

AVALON: A spy thriller, "Lancer Spy"; a Western movie thriller "Gun Smoke"; and a comedy picture "Wake Up and Dream," are the attractions of the coming week.

SHOWTIME

AVALON:
"The Courtneys of Curzon Street."
ALBERT: "Scandal."
ATHLONE: "Dr. ——"

ALBERT: Two serial numbers "Mala Kya Karoon" and "Umar Khayyam" will be screened throughout the coming week.

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NEW DELHI.—An area of 300 square miles of land with natural forests, rich in timber, has been declared Pakistan territory under the Indian Partition Council. Government have obtained possession of the area, which is known as the Nagar Sanctuary.

TALK OF THE BAZAAR

By the "Faqir"

THE Barber-Wallah's, I am told, are also doing their share for the victims of the riots. I should have imagined that no body could possibly do without their ministrations, but even the respected Rabbi-baiter sentiment could evade the issue: My good friend, Mr. Dwarnal Nalemun, who is the proprietor of the Bombay Hairdressing Saloon, together with five of his assistants, answered a call made for the services of barbers, and gave a record number of 76 haircuts.

THE 'BULALAS'

There is a touching story of a little golliwog victim of the riots. Her boss, a colleague informs me, has been rushed to the ground, she is now living with her uncle Mr. Vadie Naicker, a well-known Indian musician.

Uncle Vadie playfully asked these pro-tem Premier, for that is the unfortunate child's name, when she was going to return to her home, "I have no home", she replied sadly. "The 'Bulala's' burned it down."

The Zulus under Dingane, who ruthlessly massacred Retief and his followers were born in 1836, shouted "Bulala Amatagati" ("Kill the Wizard!"), but this time, Amatagati war cries is a frenzy, they screamed "Bulala Amanolo" ("Kill the Indians").

TWICE SIX

A SHEBEENLAND typist tells me that the evangelical "must works" and "endeavours" are making their rounds again. Last week an elderly fellow abstainer into her office, with his face contorted in pain due with the characteristics of a malevolent he pointed to his leg. He said her shoes had been wounded on service and he was entitled to a pair. He did not hesitate in coming to the point and explaining his mission; would she please be able to give him a shilling?

Racing Selections

By "DIPLOMAT."

The following are my selections for the Clairwood race meeting, run on Saturday:—

First race, 2.15, Maiden Juvenile Plate (1½ furlongs).
1. THE FAVOURITE
2. Chota
3. Charnel.

Second race, 12.50, Maiden Juvenile Plate, two furlongs:
1. THE FAVOURITE
2. Vanity
3. Humble Bee

Third race, 1.20, Underwood Handicap (Bolton Division). One mile:
1. FAIR LADY
2. First Don
3. Broad Bean

Fourth race, 2.5, Beaverdale Handicap (C.D. Division). Five furlongs:
1. UNIFORM
2. Sleepy Eye
3. Ransom Harvest

Fifth race, 2.40, Beaverdale Handicap ("A" Division). Five furlongs:
1. TAJ DAR
2. Calmer
3. Thunderstruck

Sixth race, 3.15, Underwood Handicap (Top Division). 1½ miles:
1. CARRONDALE
2. Planet
3. Hanlon

Seventh race, 3.55, Beaverdale Handicap ("B" Division). Five furlongs:
1. ICE
2. Dinner Jer
3. Wash Halls

Eighth race, 4.30, Beaverdale Handicap ("C" Division). Five furlongs:
1. JUDY O'GRADY
2. Mementino
3. Blue Lizer

Ninth race, 5.0, Galloway and Pony Handicap. Six furlongs:
1. SILVAN
2. Solange
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NEW INDIAN CONGRESS WORKING COMMITTEE

NEW DELHI.

THE President of the Indian National Congress, Dr Pattabhi Sitaramayya, has announced the personnel of the new Congress Working Committee, which including the President, will have 23 members instead of 15 as before.

The new General Secretaries are Mr. Kala Venkata Rao and Mr. Shankerrao Deo, with Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel as Treasurer.

The following are the members: Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Sardar Patel, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Mr. Jai Ahmed Kidwai, Mr. Jagjivan Ram, Pandit Gopichand Bhargava, Sardar Swaran Singh Kairon, Dr. Jajendra Prasad, Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya, Shankerrao Deo, Mrs. Sucheta Kripalani, Mr. Kala Venkata Rao, Mr. Chandulal Desai, Mr. K. G. Kanga, Mr. Kamaraj Nadar, Mr. Bezwada Gopala Reddi, President of the Assam Provincial Congress Committee, Mr. Nagalingam (President, Travancore-Cochin Congress Committee), Mr. Gokul Bhai Bhatt (President, Gujerat), Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant (President, Uttar Pradesh), and Mr. Ram Sahay (Bombay).

Except for Mr. Kidwai, the rest of the 15 who held their positions last year, continue on the Committee.

NEW DELHI: The Constituent Assembly of India has passed Bills empowering the authorities concerned to requisition property in connection with the evacuation of refugees and to confer on the Dominion Government powers to acquire property in connection with the settlement of refugees.

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DID THE AFRICANS ATTACK THE INDIANS BECAUSE THEY FOUND THEM AN 'EASY PREY" IN VIEW OF THEIR UNPOPULARITY WITH THE EUROPEANS AND THEIR RELATIVE DEFENCELESSNESS? THIS STANDPOINT IS TAKEN BY THE NATIONALIST NEWSPAPER, "DIE BURGER," IN A LEADING ARTICLE.

In evidence before the Riots [illegible] which, if met with little but [illegible] is unique in that it is [illegible] increasing bitterness and strife [illegible] Native is resident in the [illegible] Compound, Umgeni, and [illegible] evident that Mr. Nicholls [illegible] was planned. Word, he [illegible] went round that there would [illegible] attack on the Indians [illegible] afternoon. Most com[illegible] on the Indian should not leave the [illegible] on the opinion that our [illegible] unemployed young [illegible] "Durban" are more [illegible] and look a hand in the [illegible] There were two Africans [illegible] the ordinary African [illegible] and considered the advice [illegible] Indian immigration scheme, [illegible] and, where possible, set [illegible] the progress.

Giving evidence before the [illegible] representatives of Cultural Fitness Union said [illegible] many Africans read the [illegible] and they have read [illegible] following statement made by [illegible] official: "For the [illegible] of the country (South [illegible] it would be better if [illegible] were repatriated."

AFRICAN AMBITIONS

[illegible] exists among the Afri[illegible] a genuine race consciousness [illegible] is natural and right, and [illegible]

ASSAULTS ON INDIAN BUSES ALLEGED

W. Mcnaughton G. Mcnaughton, Indian worker employed by a [illegible] firm in Durban, was assaulted last Friday in the [illegible] of the factory by two [illegible] Africans, who boarded [illegible] bus at a white worker's [illegible] and attacked him [illegible] [illegible] which I intended to [illegible] Durban.

Mr Woolley left the [illegible] the African workers [illegible] that [illegible] Mr. Mcnaughton [illegible] [illegible] Mr. Woolley [illegible] [illegible] Mr. Mcnaughton [illegible] [illegible] subsequently followed [illegible] [illegible] Mr. Woolley [illegible] [illegible] and others. Names were requested [illegible] the world and whose efforts to [illegible] on behalf of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]