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Showtime

TONIGHT

Avalon: The Fabulous Dorseys.
Albert: Shah Jehan.
Athlone: Kismet.
Regent (Mbt): Captain Kidd.

SOUTH AFRICAN INDIAN CONFERENCE

The opening of the South African Indian Conference, composed of Delegates from Natal Indian Organisation, Transvaal Indian Organisation and representatives from the Cape Province, will take place at Kathiawad Hall, Lorne Street, Durban, on Saturday, 13th March, 1948, at 4 p.m.

Deliberations of the Conference proceedings will continue until the following day. Agenda of the Conference will include Round Table Conference, Education, Unemployment of Indians, Social Uplift of Indians.

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TALK OF THE BAZAAR

By the "Faqir"

QUITE a good bit of Natal must have been at "Narsaai's" place on Sunday. Well, that was the impression that I got when, like a good member of the community, I responded to the kind invitation extended to me by the Kajee family. Things were certainly done in style and everything was O.K. in the garden. I felt particularly happy when I heard commentary "Big Boy," who was in charge of the mike, declare that speakers should limit themselves to two minutes—no more. He went on to explain that an intelligent speaker could say all he wanted to say in two minutes and then, calling up his [illegible], he [illegible] "Mr. Pather, two minutes." "Thank you very much for the 12 minutes," declared the [illegible] and went on for a full 15 minutes or thereabouts. I am afraid I cannot give you the exact number of minutes as I knocked the inside of my watch out in a bit of excitement I got into about 15 months ago. But to come back to "Big Boy" M.C. After the liberties which the [illegible] took with him nobody else seemed to bother about two minutes—some in fact did not worry about 20 minutes and at some stage it was quite a political meeting. Well here's wishing the newly wedded couple all happiness.

STANDING SCUTTLED

WHATEVER standing as a man of letters I may have had in the estimation of the "[illegible]" (meaning the junior members) of the Faquirana household is now a thing of the past. Yes, I floundered badly over the homework of an Hyderabadi who has just been promoted to the [illegible] Standard. The teacher set her a number of those unmentionable things called "sums" and summary of my own shortcomings with figures (not all figures) she brought half-a-dozen for me to work out. For a moment I thought [illegible] "I'm too busy," or something of the kind. One look at me and I'm sure she would not have believed me so I decided to take the plunge. I managed to arrive at some answer—but only after some excruciating torture. I even got a fraction of a person, 12 over 48. The next evening I was firmly but politely told by the Hyderabadi that in future she would manage the sums by herself, and that I needn't be afraid. That's that. Maybe some day I'll be able to work out sums without Hyderabadi looking down on me with contempt.

"I SKIM, I SLIDE"

DURING the week I had occasion to go to [illegible] but I must confess I got what I hadn't bargained for. I am now sure that you can't get to Sastri without a boat—or a gondola at least. By the time I covered the 200-odd yards from the side gate I had all the sand and the water in creation on my feet. I hopped from one spot to another, did some skipping and a bit of sliding. When I got to the second gate I stopped and deliberated with myself and then expecting all the usual courage at my command I held on to one of the gateposts and pushed myself round—right into a pool of water and sand, unbidden. After that I didn't bother where I walked. All I was concerned about was putting distance between myself and [illegible] amount of it. My difficulty is wondering whether it shouldn't apply to the College Principal to run a ferry service between the two gates in question [illegible] for a few days afterwards—or suggest that the side gate be closed on appropriate days for the good of fellows like me.

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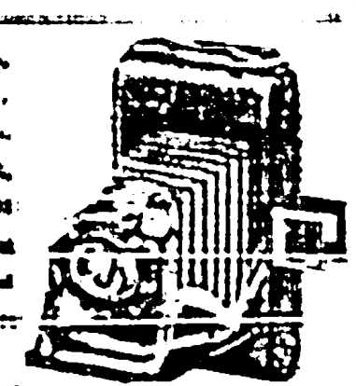

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By DIPLOMAT

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1. POPPET.
2. Misery.
3. [illegible]

Second race, 12.50, Maiden Juvenile Handicap, five furlongs.
1. BEMERSYDE.
2. Kydal Mount.
3. Innermath.
4. Hop and Hoot.

Third race, 1.30, Galloway and Pony Handicap (3rd Div.), five furlongs.
1. SUPERSEDE.
2. Zim Zem.
3. [illegible]
4. [illegible]

Fourth race, 2.5, Juvenile Handicap (3rd Div.), [illegible] furlongs.
1. STAR CHORUS.
2. Final Miss.
3. Two Hearts.
4. [illegible]

Fifth race, 2.40, Benevolent Handicap "D" Div., six furlongs.
1. DOODA.
2. Marat.
3. Flutter.

Sixth race, 3.15, Juvenile Handicap Top Div., one mile.
1. CADILLAC.
2. [illegible]
3. [illegible]

Seventh race, 3.50, Benevolent Handicap "B" Div., six furlongs.
1. PROUD KNIGHT.
2. [illegible]
3. [illegible]
4. Warwick's Lament.

Eighth race, 4.30, Benevolent Handicap "C" Div., six furlongs.
1. CHATTIS HILL.
2. [illegible]
3. Pat McGilligan.

Ninth race, 5.0, Benevolent Handicap "A" Div., six furlongs.
1. LADY BANNING.
2. [illegible]
3. [illegible]

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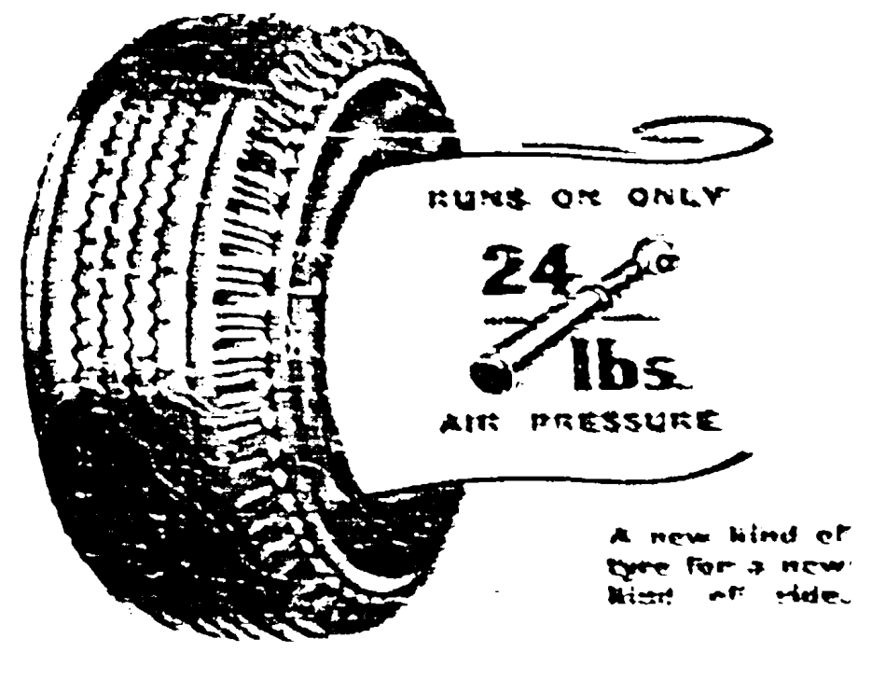

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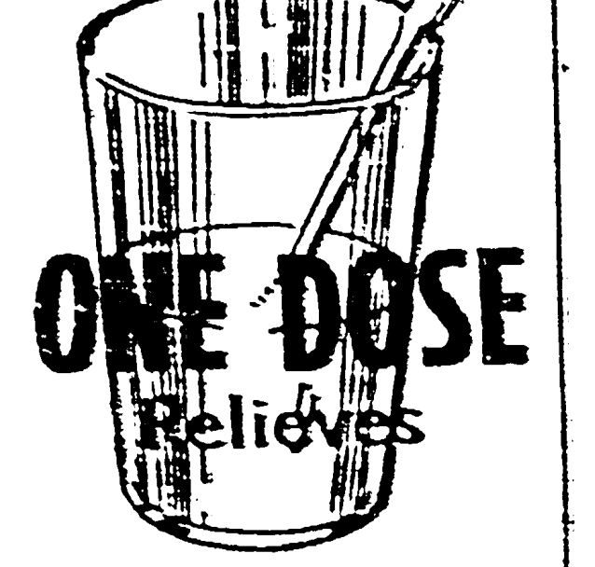

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Nehru's Foreign Policy Attacked

SUPREME MISTAKE OF STRATEGY

—DR. SUNDARAM

"I HAVE grave misgivings that the manner in which Nehru is conducting his foreign policy will lead us into a veritable cul de sac, from which it could not be possible for us to extricate ourselves. I believe with sincerity and conviction that as yet our diplomatic adventures abroad have no legs to stand upon," writes Dr. Lanka Sundaram, who was a member of the Indian delegation to the First General Assembly of the United Nations Organisation, 1946-7.

Dr. Sundaram, who has a first-hand knowledge of affairs, has much to say on the resignation of Mr. Deshmukh, the High Commissioner, the resolution at UN, the inclusion of Pakistan in any possible round-table discussions with South Africa. He is bitter in his attack on Nehru. "I strongly protest," he says, "against Nehru's so-called foreign policy . . . these jaunts must be stopped in the interests of India, for otherwise fatal results would ensue. Diplomatic assignments are not joy-rides at the expense of the taxpayer." Of Mrs. Pandit he states: "I had known the essential characteristics of Vijaylakshmi Pandit, namely, a supreme sense of self-independence and a rueful neglect of advice tendered even from the most competent quarters. If this is not a diplomatic blunder, I do not know what is, and it is no use Nehru whitewashing foreign policy, with the spoken word of unstinting praise of his regime and of the work of his diplomats abroad."

WRITING in "The Prarasi," Dr. Sundaram states:—

"H. G. Lawrence, Leader of the South African Delegation to the Second General Assembly of the UNO, summing up the implications of the voting on the Indo-South African questions in the Political Committee and the open session in 1947, declared on December 6 from London as follows:

"The fact that as a result of the United Nations Assembly South Africa is no longer in the position of having a pistol at her head, or of being treated as the condemned party, should facilitate talks which may be necessary between the respective Governments. The Union Government always maintained that the matters raised at the United Nations were matters purely within the Union's domestic jurisdiction, and the Union Government was not prepared to have talks with the Government of India on the basis of what was interpreted as a condemnatory resolution on its domestic affairs."

"I consider that this pronouncement of the leader of the South African Delegation to the UNO is not as [illegible] the Indian [illegible] resolution this year asking for the implementation of last year's resolution of the UNO did not obtain the requisite two-thirds majority in the open session of the General Assembly on November 21, 1947, it is clear that last year's resolution, virtually condemning the Ghetto regime of Smuts has not been invalidated or [illegible] of the UNO. In other words, while in 1947 the Governments represented in the UNO did not have the consistency or the courage to follow up the decisions of last year, the resolution of 1946 remains as a document of unimpeachable validity.

"Arising out of this fundamental proposition, it seems to me that the contention of Lawrence that, in the light of the stalemate this year, South Africa considers the South African Indian question a domestic one, is untenable, for the question of domestic jurisdiction was disposed of last year in favour of India. Until the UNO rescinds the 1946 resolution, the plea of South Africa in regard to domestic jurisdiction remains invalid.

"I have opened my appreciation of the decisions, or the lack of them, at the UNO on the Indo-South African dispute this year in this fashion, for the simple reason that it is more or less legitimate for South Africa to have the smug feeling that the stalemate at Flushing Meadows is the equivalent of lack of further censure on the part of the world community of her racial policies, symbolised by the Ghetto Act. I have carefully watched the reactions in this country to the voting in the Political Committee and in the open session of the General Assembly of the UNO this year, and I must state that I was astonished at the more or less unanimous Press and public opinion in converting a setback for India into a national victory.

"I have grave misgivings that the manner in which Nehru is conducting his foreign policy will lead us into a veritable cul de sac, from which it would not be possible for us to extricate ourselves. I believe with sincerity and conviction that as yet our diplomatic adventures abroad have no legs to stand upon. I will illustrate this point.

Negotiations Rejected

"In a previous issue of 'Prarasi' I revealed the point that last year Smuts showed his anxiety to meet Vijayalakshmi Pandit and that he conveyed this message through me. I have also indicated the point that this invitation was rejected, for negotiations were ordered to be out of the question under the instructions of the Government of India. I am free to state that numerous attempts were made by the U.S.A. and British delegations in particular in 1946 to bring the Indian and South African Delegations together outside the ambit of the UNO, but these were frustrated by the then policy of India.

"I must now contrast this attitude of last year with that adopted this year. Vijayalakshmi Pandit

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Mr. C. Rajagopalachari shares a joke with Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Mrs. Indira Gandhi at a Government House reception.

The picture shows the Duke of Gloucester, who was returning from Ceylon, shaking hands with Mrs. Shah (wife of Col. A. S. B. Shah, Joint Secretary, Foreign Affairs, Government of Pakistan), standing behind the Duke before his departure for London at the Karachi [illegible]. Governor-General and Mrs. Abdur Khan are standing on the extreme left and the Duchess is standing on the extreme right.

"Kaffir Doctors" Warning

SPEAKING at a public meeting during the week, Professor J. A. Ryle, M.D., F.R.C.P., Professor of Social Medicine in the University of Oxford, warned the sponsors that the medical school in Durban, which has been agreed to by the Central Government, should steer clear of any "Non-European" in the name. Call it anything, but do not preface it with "Non-European," he said.

Professor Ryle went on to issue a further warning that only the best men and women in the country and, if necessary, outside of it should be employed to teach in the Medical School. Every precaution, he said, should be taken against the possibility of people referring to graduates of the proposed medical school as "kaffir doctors."

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LONDON PROTEST

London: The President of the Indian National Overseas Congress, Mr. P. D. Haggi, sent a message to the Union Prime Minister, General Smuts, through the South African High Commissioner in London, protesting against the arrest of Dr. G. M. Naicker, President of the Natal Indian Congress, and Dr. Y. M. Dadoo, President of the Transvaal Indian Congress.

Mr. Haggi said he was arranging a demonstration in London in protest against the arrests and had been promised the support of many British Parliamentarians and Colonial People's Organisations.

"Indian students of Cambridge University, in a message to General Smuts who is Chancellor of the University, urged the release of the two Indian leaders.—Reuter.

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KATHIAWAD HALL

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13th to 14th March, 1948

South African Indian Conference meets at the Kathiwad Hall, Durban, on Saturday, the 13th March, 1948, at 4 p.m.

AGENDA OF THE CONFERENCE

1. Prayers.
2. Messages.
3. Speech of Welcome: Mr. S. R. Naidoo, Chairman of Reception Committee.
   Reply: Councillor A. Ismail (Cape Province), Advocate A. I. Minty (Transvaal).
4. Presidential Address: Mr. A. S. Kajee, President, Natal Indian Organisation.
5. Round Table Conference.
6. Education.
7. Indian Unemployment.
8. Housing.
9. Health and Social Uplift.
10. Formation of South African Indian Organisation.

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New Delhi: It is the policy of the Government of India to give every possible assistance to the expansion and improvement of facilities for university education in the country, but the Government has been advised by the [illegible] Committee that it is necessary for some time yet to send [illegible] abroad for advance studies and training.

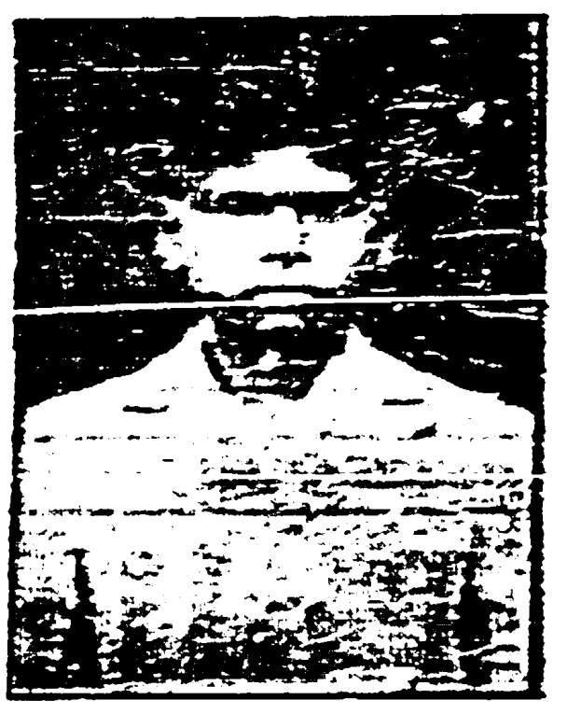
OBITUARIES

MR. THOTHARAM PATAK

On Sunday, January 18, there passed away at Dannhauser one of the most popular young men of the town, Mr. Thotharam Patak, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] Patak. The late Mr. Patak was held in very high esteem by all those who knew him and prior to his demise he was on the staff of the Dannhauser Indian School.

He was in his 23rd year and was a very keen tennis and soccer player. The large number of people at his funeral bore testimony to his popularity. His mortal remains were cremated at the Dannhauser Crematorium the next day. He leaves behind his parents, two brothers, a sister and a number of relatives to mourn his loss.

The following sent floral tributes, wreaths and messages of condolence: [illegible] and many others without cards.

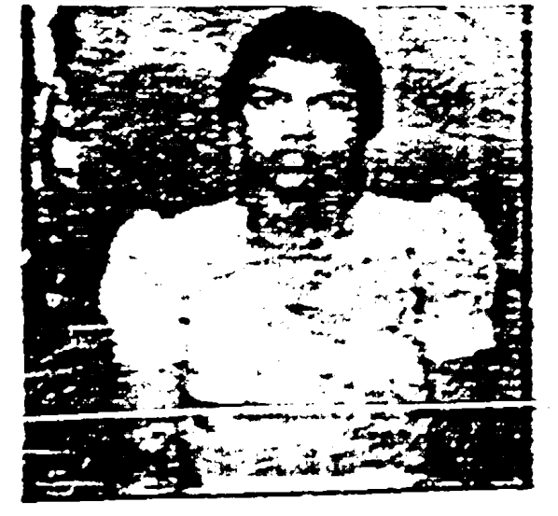


SIMON DANIEL

The tragic death of Simon Daniel occurred at the [illegible] River Dam, Darnall, recently.

Simon, one of a party of four who were fishing, was drowned. His body was recovered two hours afterwards from the river.

Simon, though only 14 years of age, was very popular and well-liked by all sections of the community. The gathering at the Darnall Indian Baptist Cemetery was a testimony to the popularity in which he was held by all [illegible], including his headmaster and fellow scholars at the school.



MISS SUNDRAMAH

The death occurred of Sundramah, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. [illegible], of [illegible] Magazine Barracks, Durban, on February 2?, 1948, at the age of nineteen years. She was the [illegible] of Mr. L. P. Lazarus.

Her remains were interred at the [illegible] Cemetery amid a large gathering of friends and relatives.

The deceased was a [illegible] at the Indian [illegible] and was known as [illegible].

She leaves behind her parents, [illegible] sisters, one brother and a host of friends and relatives to mourn their loss.

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Mr. [illegible] Singh and Mr. Rughoor [illegible], both of Durban, have returned home after a month's visit to [illegible].

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[illegible] congratulations [illegible] from all parts of the Union.

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Dr. [illegible] Singh, of Durban, is [illegible] and has been confined to bed for the past three weeks.

INTER-RACIAL CLUB FORMED

The following teachers of the Indian and African schools met and decided to form a club known as the [illegible]: Messrs. A. M. Pillay (principal), [illegible], A. M. Juggee, A. S. Ally, [illegible], [illegible] George, [illegible], G. N. Naidoo and Mrs. T. R. [illegible] (Indian school), and Messrs. [illegible] (African school).

The object of this club, among other things, is to bring about closer [illegible] in order to develop the social and sporting talent of both teachers and pupils by staging inter-racial concerts, athletic sports, debates, etc.

The following officials were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. A. M. Pillay; vice-president, [illegible]; joint secretaries, [illegible]; treasurer, [illegible]; committee, [illegible].

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TONGAAT SOCIETY

At the inaugural meeting held at the T.H.S.R.A.A. Hall, Tongaat, the Tongaat Cultural Society was formed with the following officials: President, [illegible]; vice-presidents, [illegible]; secretary, [illegible]; assistant secretary, [illegible]; treasurer, [illegible]; committee, [illegible], V. Naidoo, [illegible] Khan and [illegible].

Mrs. [illegible] and daughters, of [illegible], are visiting Johannesburg. They will be away for a month.

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NON-EUROPEAN SESSIONS

Speaking at the inauguration of the 1948 session of the Non-European classes of the Natal University College, Dr. Palmer, the organiser, said [illegible] number of full-time students had enrolled, and there was a possibility of opening up new classes in [illegible].

Professor Kelly, acting chairman of the Non-European [illegible] Committee, [illegible] to go out as leaders of the community and develop [illegible].

The Government has accepted the principle that there should be a medical school for Non-Europeans, but Professor Kelly warned that it was not fair to expect it in a day or a year or two. [illegible] of the Department of Social Anthropology, and Mr. [illegible], chairman of the Students' Union.

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KAFFIR DOCTOR

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this was the employment of the best teaching personnel available.

He further urged all those magnates of the gold mines and the sugar plantations, who had made their fortunes on the back of the Black peoples of this country, to come forward and provide generous bursaries for medical studies to Non-European students.

A LEAP YEAR BABY

SURIAPUTHREE, the four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. [illegible], of [illegible], celebrated her "first" birthday on Sunday last, February 29. She is a leap year baby. This was inadvertently omitted from the caption to her picture which appeared on this page last week.

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OBITUARIES

MR. THOTHARAM PATAK

On Sunday, January 18, there passed away at Dannhauser one of the most popular young men of the town, Mr. Thotharam Patak, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] Patak. The late Mr. Patak was held in very high esteem by all those who knew him and prior to his demise he was on the staff of the Dannhauser Indian School.

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SIMON DANIEL

The tragic death of Simon Daniel occurred at the [illegible] River Dam, Darnall, recently.

Simon, one of a party of four who were fishing, was drowned. His body was recovered two hours afterwards from the river.

Simon, though only 14 years of age, was very popular and well-liked by all sections of the community. The gathering at the Darnall Indian Baptist Cemetery was a testimony to the popularity in which he was held by all alike, including his headmaster and fellow scholars at the school.

MISS SUNDRAMAH

The death occurred of Sundramah, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. [illegible], of K4, Room 5, Magazine Barracks, Durban, on February 23, 1948, at the age of nineteen years. She was the sister-in-law of Mr. L. P. Lazarus.

Her remains were interred at the [illegible] Cemetery amid a large gathering of friends and relatives.

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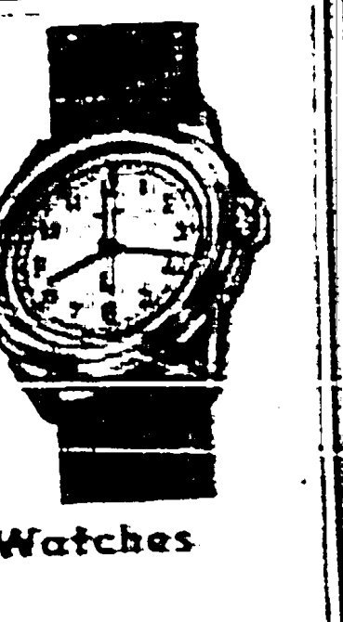

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New Delhi: It is the policy of the Government of India to give every possible assistance to the expansion and improvement of facilities for university education in the country, but the Government has been advised by the Overseas Scholarships Committee that it is necessary for some time yet to send selected students abroad for advance studies and training.

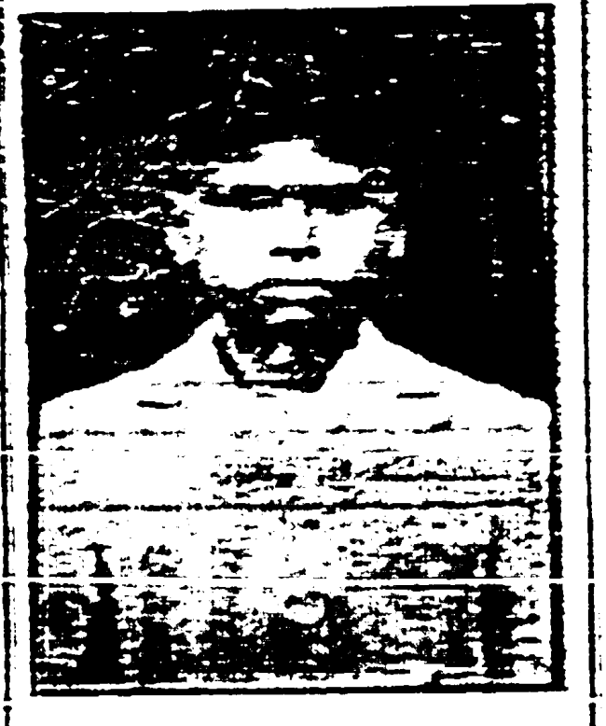
OBITUARIES

MR. THOTHMARAM PATAK

On Sunday, [illegible], passed away at Dannhauser one of the most popular young men of the town, Mr. Thothmaram Patak, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Ramsunder Patak. The late Mr. Patak was held in very high esteem by all those who knew him and prior to his demise he was on the staff of the Dannhauser Indian School.

He was in his 22nd year and was a very keen tennis and soccer player. The large number of people at his funeral [illegible] testify [illegible]. His mortal remains were cremated at the Dannhauser Crematorium the next day. He leaves behind his parents, two brothers, a sister and a number of relatives to mourn his loss.

The following sent floral tributes, wreaths and messages of condolence: His sorrowing Mum and Dad; [illegible] and many others without names.

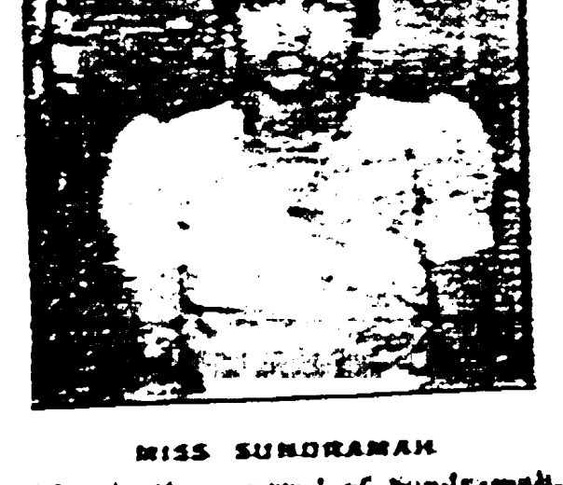


SIMON DANIEL

The tragic death of Simon Daniel occurred at the [illegible] River Dam, Darnall, recently.

Simon, one of a party of four who were fishing, was drowned. His body was recovered two hours afterwards from the river.

Simon, though only 14 years of age, was very popular and well-liked by all sections of the community. The gathering at the Darnall Indian Baptist Cemetery was a testimony to the popularity in which he was held by all alike, including his headmaster and fellow scholars at the school.



MISS SUNDRAMAH

The death occurred of Sundramah, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. [illegible], of [illegible], Durban, on February [illegible], 1948, at the age of nineteen years. She was the [illegible] of Mr. L. P. Lazarus.

Her remains were interred at the [illegible] Cemetery amid a large gathering of friends and relatives.

The deceased was a learner at the Indian [illegible] at Victoria Street, and was known as [illegible].

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[illegible] and Mr. [illegible], both of Durban, have returned home after a month's visit to [illegible].

[illegible] P. [illegible], of Richmond, has completed her National Standard VI Examination [illegible].

The condition of Mrs. M. Bhagwandin, of [illegible], who has been ill [illegible].

Mr. [illegible], of the [illegible] Laundry, Durban, has received advice that he has been successful in the examination held recently by the Institute of Commerce [illegible] requirements for the Fellowship of the Institute.

MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

MR. AND MRS. D. R. SINGH, who were recently married at 17 [illegible] Road, Clairwood. Mr. Singh is the youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] Singh, and Mrs. Singh was formerly Miss [illegible] Dwarsh(?), of Clairwood.

ISHWARLAL, who celebrated his [illegible] birthday on February [illegible], 1948, [illegible], Overport, is the son of [illegible] Sharmah, grandson of [illegible] Maharajh, of Overport, and the great-grandson of [illegible] Sharmah, of [illegible].

MISS P. KUNDASAMY GOVENDER, of 1?? Flower Road, [illegible], who celebrated her [illegible] birthday at her grandmother's residence on Sunday last.

CAPETOWN GROOM

[illegible] Ladysmith, [illegible] to Laxmi Bee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. [illegible], of Ladysmith. [illegible] Congratulatory letters and telegrams were received from all parts of the Union.

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SURIAPUTHREE, the [illegible] daughter of Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] Pillay (Ram), of [illegible], celebrated her "first" birthday on Sunday last, February 29. She is a leap year baby. This was inadvertently omitted from the caption to her picture which appeared on this page last week.

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NEHRU'S FOREIGN POLICY

met H. G. Lawrence and discussed the questions at issue before they faced each other in the Political Committee and the General Assembly as the principal combatants in the dispute relating to the Ghetto Act.

"I have carefully examined the debates of the UNO this year, and I find that Maharaj Singh and others of the Indian Delegation were loud in paying compliments to spokesmen of South Africa in order to take the sting out of the controversies. This year the Indian Delegation did not shout that if Christ were born in the world today he would have been a prohibited immigrant in South Africa under the Ghetto Act.

"The U.S.A. has meanwhile resiled from her earlier position demanding the reference of the Indo-South African dispute to the International Court, and is now willing to see that India and South Africa sit around a table and discuss matters afresh. M. C. Setalvad was prepared to compromise first principles in the Political Committee, when he said that if only South Africa takes administrative action in suspending the Ghetto Act, the Government of India would be prepared to suspend the trade sanctions, though the word sanctions was objected to by him in his formal exposition of India's case in this influential Committee of the General Assembly.

"How comes the London statement of H. G. Lawrence that South Africa feels the need for examining [illegible] Agreement of 1927 and its working. I have often wondered that if only the Indian Delegation in the UNO and the Nehru Government did not ride the high horse or did not act as the only gladiator of the world last year, the present unfortunate position would have at all resulted. This is one of the supreme mistakes of strategy and policy which the Nehru Government has made.

Deshmukh's Resignation

"Let me take another example of vital importance. I was consistently opposed to the policy of Nehru in asking for the resignation of R. M. Deshmukh as High Commissioner for India. Deshmukh would have continued normally till February, 1948, and if he had continued till then the present untenable position would not have arisen. Smuts last year (1946) and Lawrence this year (1947) attacked India for having recalled Deshmukh, thus committing a technical breach of diplomatic relations, though it is clear that even today India and South Africa have not severed diplomatic relations, though the former High Commissioner has resigned office. It was suggested early this year that Deshmukh was resigning because of economy reasons, for India cannot afford to have this wasteful expenditure of keeping him in India on recall almost indefinitely.

"I must contradict this version of the story. Deshmukh was asked to resign because he was not appointed by Nehru, but was the appointee of the late N. R. Khare, who was Nehru's predecessor in office. I have no brief for Khare or Deshmukh, but it was clear to me that Nehru did the most grievous mistake in compelling Deshmukh to resign.

"[illegible] this year to see that this resignation did not take place, or was delayed sufficiently long. It will be the verdict of history that Nehru permitted personal considerations to prevent the appointment of Deshmukh again this year to the Indian Delegation to the UNO.

"Even if Deshmukh's resignation was deemed correct from the viewpoint of economy, there would not have been any objection to his inclusion in the Delegation in the place of one of the numerous [illegible] who were included in it at the tax-payer's expense. For there is the greatest need for continuity of personnel in international delegations, and the inclusion of Deshmukh, who was the latest of India's High Commissioners in South Africa, could not have been considered an encumbrance. His experience was thus lost to the country, but this is not the point which is of paramount importance in the present context.

Smuts' Approval

"The context is that there is no High Commissioner for India in South Africa today. It is open to the Nehru Government to appoint anyone now as India's High Commissioner, but before this appointment can be made, Nehru must submit the name of the individual in question to Smuts and obtain his approval. In other words, before another High Commissioner from India could go to South Africa, Nehru must swallow his pride, his high 'Satahin' sense of the justice of his cause and his leadership of the Asiatic and the African world, and then submit a name to Smuts for acceptance.

"In other words again, Nehru must admit defeat in the face of the stalemate in the UNO and coax Smuts into accepting a High Commissioner without in the least bringing about a change in the Ghetto regime in South Africa. It is always easy to be wise after the event, but this is not a case of wisdom dawning late on some of us, who have consequently protested against the termination of the office of Deshmukh as High Commissioner. India can produce dozens of Deshmukhs, and even better people than Deshmukh, but this is not a question of [illegible] in favour of an individual.

"We have lost a tremendous strategical advantage in not keeping the post of High Commissioner alive, very much as Dorman-Smith continued to be the Governor of Burma during the Japanese occupation of that country, with his headquarters at Simla!

Another Grave Blunder

"Before I examine the discussions and voting in the Political Committee and the open session of the General Assembly on the Indo-South African question, I must record [illegible] grave blunder which the Indian Delegation has committed this year at Flushing Meadows. When the Indian resolution did not get the requisite two-thirds majority in the open session on November 21, 1947, it was open for India to bring in a revised resolution and to cut the knot created by the two-thirds voting rule. Actually, India gave notice of a resolution, but later on, as was officially explained, abandoned it on account of procedural reasons. This was a fatal mistake.

"Commenting on this, the Moscow radio said on November 22 that India's withdrawal of this resolution was the result of

"'direct pressure brought to bear upon the Indian Delegation by the promoters of race discrimination in South Africa.'

"There may still be people in the world to whom anything emanating from Moscow is anathema, and, personally, I am not enamoured of quoting the Moscow radio.

"I have done this to show that Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Delegate to the General Assembly, who had the unexpected chance of being in the chair, in the absence of President Aranha, fought frantically for the pushing through of this alternate Indian resolution. Reuter has cabled the following account from New York on November 21:—

"'While the South Africa delegation were getting their hats and coats from the cloakroom before returning to New York for supper, the entire Indian delegation gathered in one corner of the lobby deep in excited discussion. Simultaneously, in the opposite corner, Gromyko, with much waving, was addressing the Poles and other members of the Slav bloc. Ten minutes later the entire Indian delegation, including Mrs. Pandit's two daughters, gathered in the delegates' writing room. There was a scurry of delegates carrying messages, and an air of excitement developed as newspapermen hurried to the scene. Then Gromyko, wearing an overcoat and carrying his hat in his hand, strode grimly into the midst of the Indian meeting. There was a buzz of conversation, and Gromyko made a five-minute speech to the Indians. There was a hum of conversation and going for nearly half an hour after he addressed them, and the results were seen after supper, when Gromyko in the chair announced to the delegates that the Indians had introduced a new resolution on the subject of the Indian-South African dispute. There was a gasp of surprise from many members. The South African delegate, H. Lawrence, was dining at the time, and was hurriedly called to the Assembly to make his protest.'

Resolution Dropped

"This was the incident which Vijayalakshmi Pandit explained away by holding stating that the revised Indian resolution was dropped on account of procedural difficulties. It was last year in the Combined Political and Legal Committee that Manuilsky, the Ukrainian Delegate, who assisted India from the Chair to get her resolution taken up first, and thus made it possible for our Delegation to obtain the success in the open session, of getting the requisite two-thirds majority.

"This year (1947) it was Gromyko who sought to pull the chestnuts for India from out of the fire, and yet our Delegation made the fatal mistake of withdrawing from battle. Perhaps this was due to the foreign policy of India remaining neutral from the rival blocs in the UNO which Nehru so eloquently announced in the Indian Parliament on December 4, 1947.

"Only Nehru did not mention the frightful row which Vijayalakshmi Pandit had with Vyshinski over the Security Council election, and later on, still being our Ambassador in Moscow, attacked Communism from an American platform.

"In case there is still a feeling that the Reuter account is tainted, let me quote another source, whose authenticity is unimpeachable. K. S. Shelvankar, the New York correspondent of the "Hindu" of Madras, who is a member of the Indian Delegation to the UNO this year, cabling to his paper on this incident ("Hindu," November 24, 1947, dak edition) has the following to say:—

"'It is no secret that the withdrawal of the resolution yesterday morning on the ground of "serious procedural difficulties" was totally unexpected. Most of the friendly delegations found the announcement inexplicable and puzzling. The South African delegation, which has been on tenterhooks, wondering what India had up her sleeve, did not conceal their feelings of relief. Nor did they omit to circulate insinuations that India has not the "courage" or the "confidence" to go through with it.' (The words in quotations in this passage from the long despatch of Shelvankar are in the original.)

"Earlier in his despatch, Shelvankar observed:

"'Procedurally, any interested delegation to put down a resolution on the subject [illegible] demand its consideration, raise the question as to the necessity of two-thirds majority and try to secure its adoption by a simple majority which is available.'

"Comment is needless on this published account from one of the members of the Indian Delegation, which certainly constitutes a censure on the decision of Vijayalakshmi Pandit to withdraw the revised resolution.

"I had known the essential characteristic of Vijayalakshmi Pandit, namely, a [illegible] of self-confidence and a [illegible] neglect of advice tendered even from the most competent quarters. If this is not a diplomatic blunder, I do not know what is, and it is no use Nehru whitewashing foreign policy, with the spoken word of unstinting praise of his regime and of the work of his diplomats abroad.

Human Rights

"I have yet another point to record here. Last year Smuts declared with impunity that fundamental human rights were not defined in the Charter, and in the Political Committee this year H. G. Lawrence declared on November 17, 1947, that 'these as yet were not determined by the Human Rights Commission.'

"As a member of the Indian Delegation to the first session of the Human Rights Commission in February, 1947, I must record the following.

"The Commission was appointed last year with a mandate to submit a Bill of Human Rights to the Economic and Social Council of the UNO, which is to submit an item for the agenda of the General Assembly this year. The Indian Delegation early found that Eleanor Roosevelt, Chairman of the Commission, was dead set to prevent the Commission from drafting the required Bill of Human Rights, by getting the task entrusted to the Secretariat of the UNO.

"Sensing this catastrophe, the Indian Delegation submitted a draft Bill of Human Rights, and got it formally seconded by the British Delegate to the Commission, thus bringing it on the agenda. After this was done, despite a series of dramatic developments which ensued with tremendous speed, the Indian Delegation cabled the draft of the Bill to the Government of India for study and instructions, making it clear that the Government of India have their own right to move their own amendments. If the Government of India agreed to study the Bill and even completely remodelled it, assuming that such a course was considered necessary, through their own amendments, the legitimate functions of the Human Rights Commission would have been discharged.

"Actually, the timetable was that the second session of the Human Rights Commission would be held at Geneva in July, 1947, when the Bill would be finalised and referred to the Economic and Social Council in August, which would put it as an item on the agenda of the General Assembly in September. There was a tremendous amount of time for the Government of India to do all this, and yet the instructions were that the Delegation should not proceed with the Bill of Human Rights through their formal motion.

"The result was that Eleanor Roosevelt succeeded in getting the Commission refer the mandate to the Secretariat, got postponed the Geneva session and thus prevented the General Assembly having a Bill of Human Rights even before the Indo-South African dispute was taken up. The consequence of this was Lawrence's repeated protest that human rights are nowhere defined in the Charter or any other instrument of the UNO.

"Actually Eleanor Roosevelt commenced the second session of the Human Rights Commission in the first week of December, after India failed to secure the requisite two-thirds majority for her resolution on South Africa on November 29.

Need for Continuity

"Further comment is needless on the policy of India, except that Nehru does not see the need for continuity of personnel for his international delegations, e.g., the delegations to the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council, the Human Rights Commission, the Sub-Commission on Discrimination and Protection of Minorities and on the Freedom of the Press, which all deal, in one form or another, with the problems involved in the Indo-South African dispute.

"I strongly protest against Nehru's so-called foreign policy, which accepts sending Vijayalakshmi Pandit to the General Assembly, Ramaswami Mudaliar or B. R. Sen to the Economic and Social Council, Hansa Mehta to the Human Rights Commission, M. R. Masani to the Sub-Commission on Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, etc.

"These jaunts must be stopped in the interests of India, for otherwise fatal results would ensue. Diplomatic assignments are not joy rides at the expense of the taxpayer. They are for experts who devote their whole time to the study and understanding of international and national questions. Continuity of personnel is vital for India to build up competent experience and contact with the diplomats of the world. I cannot use stronger language than this.

Two-Thirds Majority

"As for the South African dispute in the Second Session of the General Assembly of the UNO, I have very few remarks to make. Last year we got the requisite two-thirds majority in the open session. This year we failed to do so, though both in the Political Committee and in the open session we obtained a straight majority.

"Last year Turkey voted against, and this year she has voted with India. Last year Australia remained neutral and Iceland voted with us, thus making it possible for us to obtain the requisite two-thirds majority in the open session.

"This year, however, Australia voted against us and Iceland [illegible]

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Our Readers Speak

HINDU FESTIVAL DATES

By S. R. D. Maharaj

Pandit Sadanand Maharaj has drawn the attention of the Hindu public through the columns of this paper, in regard to calendars published by the [illegible], Maritzburg, and S. D. Sukdu, of Merebank, which calendars contain incorrect dates for certain Hindu festivals. It is regretted that the officials responsible for publishing these calendars have taken no steps to correct their errors.

The dates given by Pandit Sadanand Maharaj are quite correct and are in accordance with the Vishwa Panchang of Kashee, Benares.

It is hoped that some measures will be taken by the officials concerned to correct the dates by notifying the public through the columns of the journal.

New Delhi: According to the agreement arrived at between India and Great Britain, Gurkhas belonging to eight battalions were given the option to opt out for service with Britain. Those who had opted for service with Britain had gone out and the others were being employed by the Indian Army.

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THE NATAL INDIAN CONGRESS DETAILS THINGS

Smuts Did Not Show Visiting U.S. Pressmen

EXTENDING a welcome to the American journalists and publishers who visited the Union last week, the Natal Indian Congress declared: "The head of our state, Prime Minister Smuts, is an astute politician who has built up a world-wide reputation as a liberal statesman by his well-worded and beautiful utterances at international assemblies, utterances which he himself has not the slightest intention of putting into practice. The preamble to the Charter of the United Nations which was drafted by our Prime Minister is only one of many such instances."

THE Congress taken up the subject by declaring:

"You will perhaps ask, and quite naturally, too, why this separate or sectional welcome on our part when you are being welcomed and are, in fact, the honoured guests of the head of the State. That exactly is the reason why we have decided to address you as we do."

The Congress statement:

"At home, especially in his dealings with the non-White citizens of South Africa during the past 30 years that the Field Marshal has been on the political scene, he has played the part of the dictator possessing a one-track mind which denies even the most elementary rights of democracy to three-quarters of the country's population.

Not in Interests

"We are afraid that your short stay of one week in this country will not enable you to see all aspects of South African life, especially those aspects which are not in the interests of your host to show you, during the conducted tour he has planned for your benefit.

"We wish to bring to your notice that there is not one but two South Africas. You will no doubt be shown our gold and diamond mines, our Table Mountain, our Valley of a Thousand Hills and our hundred and one other beautiful places in which our country abounds. You will also be shown some of our rising industries and commercial enterprises. That is the one South Africa.

"You will, however, never be told of the plight of the landless Africans—the original owners of this land. You will never be told of the stark misery of the 300,000 black workers on the gold mines, whose labours make it possible for this country to produce 55 per cent. of the world's gold. You will never be told of the unnatural lives that these producers of our wealth are compelled to lead by being kept hundreds of miles away from their families.

"You will never be told of the slave labour conditions on farms in many districts. You will never be told that because of all these things disease takes a heavy toll amongst the non-European population of South Africa. You will never be told that in spite of its healthy climate and abundance of food South Africa's industrial cities have the highest death rate in the world from tuberculosis amongst its non-European population.

Restrictions

"You will never be told that because of the many restrictions placed on the freedom of the individual South Africa has, in proportion to its members, the largest gaol population in the world.

"This is only a very sketchy picture of the other South Africa which we would have very much liked you to see and study, had you the time at your disposal.

Did Not Gate-Crash

"Coming to the Indian question, which has been the subject of debate for the last two sessions of the United Nations, we wish to point out that our ancestors did not gate-crash into this country as many immigrants from other countries have done and are still doing.

"We came at the express invitation, and after repeated pleas, from the rulers of this land on the distinct understanding that we were to be treated as fully-fledged citizens of this land."

Detailing the disabilities under which the Indian in South Africa suffers, the Congress refers to the following:—

The loss of the Parliamentary franchise in 1896; no representation in the Municipal, Provincial and Central Governments and the 66 different laws enacted against the Indian.

Reference is made to the Passive Resistance struggle being carried on since June 13, 1946, and the second phase of the struggle which began on January 21 last. With regard to this the Congress said:—

"On January 21, 1948, we launched the second phase of our Passive Resistance campaign against the Immigrants' Regulations Act, 1913, which prevents our free movement within the country.

"Both at the 1946 and at the 1947 sessions of UN the leaders of the South African delegations claimed that we were South African nationals and therefore any question relating to our treatment was a domestic one. And yet we are the only section of the South African population that is prevented from freely moving from one Province to another.

Compulsorily Confined

"Of the total Indian population of 282,000 in the Union of South Africa, 232,000 are compulsorily confined to the smallest of the Union's four Provinces—Natal. Here they live as if in a vast prison. No matter what their qualification or status, if they dare to cross the borders of this Province even in search of employment they are liable to arrest and imprisonment.

"For defying this legislation, 15 passive resisters have already been sentenced to four months' imprisonment with hard labour.

"Ten more passive resisters who followed their example are locked up in the gaols of the border town of Volksrust without trial."

S.A.I.C. In Court

THE refusal of the President and Joint Honorary Secretary of the South African Indian Congress to permit delegates of the Transvaal Indian Congress to attend a meeting of the South African Indian Congress to be held on May 11, last year, to discuss certain matters and to vote was raised in the Appeal Court here today, when the South African Indian Congress, which had been formally joined by the Cape and Natal Indian Congress, appealed against a decision of the Cape Provincial Division of the Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court had ordered that the President and Joint Honorary Secretary of the South African Indian Congress be restrained from holding any meeting of the executive of the South African Indian Congress at which the duly authorised delegates of the Transvaal Indian Congress were not allowed to attend. The South African Indian Congress was also ordered to pay the costs of the proceedings.

It was alleged that the Transvaal delegates were elected on October 20, 1946, at a mass meeting of the Transvaal Indian Congress, at which 12,000 members of Congress were present. The South African Indian Congress refused to recognise them. When the Transvaal Indian Congress started proceedings, the South African Indian Congress postponed indefinitely its meeting for May 11, pending a Court decision.

APPRECIATION

Mr. and Mrs. Iyaloo Maistry, of 3 Tasman Avenue, Overport; Mrs. Harry Subroyal (Union Steam Laundry), 21 Madras Road, Durban; and Mrs. N. Vengetsamy Maistry, of Standerton, Transvaal, extend their most heartfelt thanks to friends and relatives for the numerous presents, gifts in cash and congratulatory messages, etc., sent to them on the occasion of the marriages of their sons and daughters, Mr. Rajoo (Jack Iyaloo) to Miss Gonnatamah Subroyal (Ruby) and Mr. Moonsamy (George Iyaloo) to Miss Munimmal Maistry, on Sunday, 8th February, 1948, at the S.R.S. School Hall, Overport, Durban.

Message of the Stars

By "SWAMI"

THE Wheel of Fortune and 1948 birthday prospects for persons born during the month of March and under the twelve Zodiac signs for the period March 1 to 12 are as follows:—

March 1: Your birth date is marked with many unexpected events and reversals. Set aside new undertakings, travel, changes, courtship and marriage. Guard against quarrel, accident, fire and theft.

2nd: The health of your family and self should be specially guarded. Control tongue and temper. Personal attention in all your affairs will be needed. Defer new enterprises.

3rd: Good fortune is indicated. You may deal advantageously with lawyers and property. Avoid disputes with elders and superiors.

4th: Your affairs are not too bright; have patience. Guard against deception and dissension and be content to mark time.

5th: Progress is denoted in your affairs. Push ahead business ideas and new schemes. Beware of malicious friends.

6th: Care is needed in domestic and social affairs. Be tactful in all your affairs. Safeguard health and set aside marriage and change if possible.

7th: Change your plans for new developments. Try to placate elders and those in authority or loss may result.

8th: Improvement is indicated in your business. Guard against quarrels and disputes; exercise tact and tolerance.

9th: A good deal of happiness through friends is indicated. Some change in your plans and place will avert troubles.

10th: Avoid any new enterprise. Do not worry about the past or try to maintain existing ties. There will be unexpected changes beyond your control. Safeguard health and avoid nervousness and overstrain.

11th: Exercise care in all of your financial matters. Do not borrow nor stand guarantee. Beware of law and dispute.

12th: Beware of deception and false friends and do not pay too much attention to rumour. Avoid erratic changes and travels and be cautious in all your affairs.

ARIES (March 20 to April 20): Good, 7, 8; bad, 11, 12.
TAURUS (April 21 to May 22): Good, 9, 11, 12; bad, 6, 7, 10.
GEMINI (May 23 to June 21): Good, 3, 11; bad, 12.
CANCER (June 22 to July 22): Good, 8, 9; bad, 6, 7, 11.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22): Good, 8, 9, 12; bad, 7, 12.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22): Good, 3, 11; bad, 6, 10.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): Good, 8, 12; bad, 3, 11.
Scorpio (Oct. 23 to Nov. 22): Good, 10, 11; bad, 9, 12.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 to Dec. 21): Good, 6, 8; bad, 11, 12.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 to Jan. 20): Good, 9, 10; bad, 8, 11.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19): Good, 6, 12; bad, 7, 11.
PISCES (Feb. 20 to March 20): Good, 6, 8, 10; bad, 7, 12.

The good days for selling and new business ventures are March 3, 10; for love and pleasure, 9; for travel and correspondence, 3, 9; for sports, 7; for remedial [illegible], quarrels and disputes, 6; treatments, 10. Guard against [illegible] 3, 10. Changeable weather is expected about 10 to 12. The lucky numbers and colours to apply on the turf for March 6 are 1, 3, 5, 10, 12, 17. Colours, dark green and brown.

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INDIA'S NEW CONSTITUTION

NEW DELHI.—India's draft constitution, published here, leaves undecided the question of the Dominion's future relationship within the British Commonwealth.

A FOOTNOTE to the Constitution's preamble says this question remains to be solved subsequently.

The draft was presented by a committee of seven made up of four jurists, a member of the Moslem League, a representative of the Indian States and an industrialist.

The chairman of the committee, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, Minister of Law, has been working for two months on the draft, which is based on the Commonwealth constitutions and the British Parliamentary system, with a few points from the United States Constitution.

It provides for a President and Vice-President, each elected for five years by an electoral college of members of both Houses of Parliament and elected members from the State Legislature. The President would be eligible for re-election only once and he would be helped by a Council of Ministers.

A parliament of two Houses, known as the Council of States and the House of People, is proposed. It would have 250 members, 15 nominated by the President and the remainder representing the States.

Election to the lower House would be by adult suffrage and all Parliamentary business would be conducted in Hindi and English.

The constitution promises justice, social, economic and political; liberty of thought, expression, belief, faith and worship, equality of status and opportunity.

Untouchability is to be abolished and all titles forbidden. Racial, religious or sect discrimination is prohibited as also are forced labour and employment of children under 14 years of age.—Sapa-Reuter.

THE NATAL INDIAN CONGRESS
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Newcastle Branch

The Annual General Meeting of the above branch will be held in the H.Y.M.A. Hall on Sunday, March 14, at 2.30 p.m. Agenda as usual. Guest speakers, Dr. Bader and other officials from Headquarters, will be present also.

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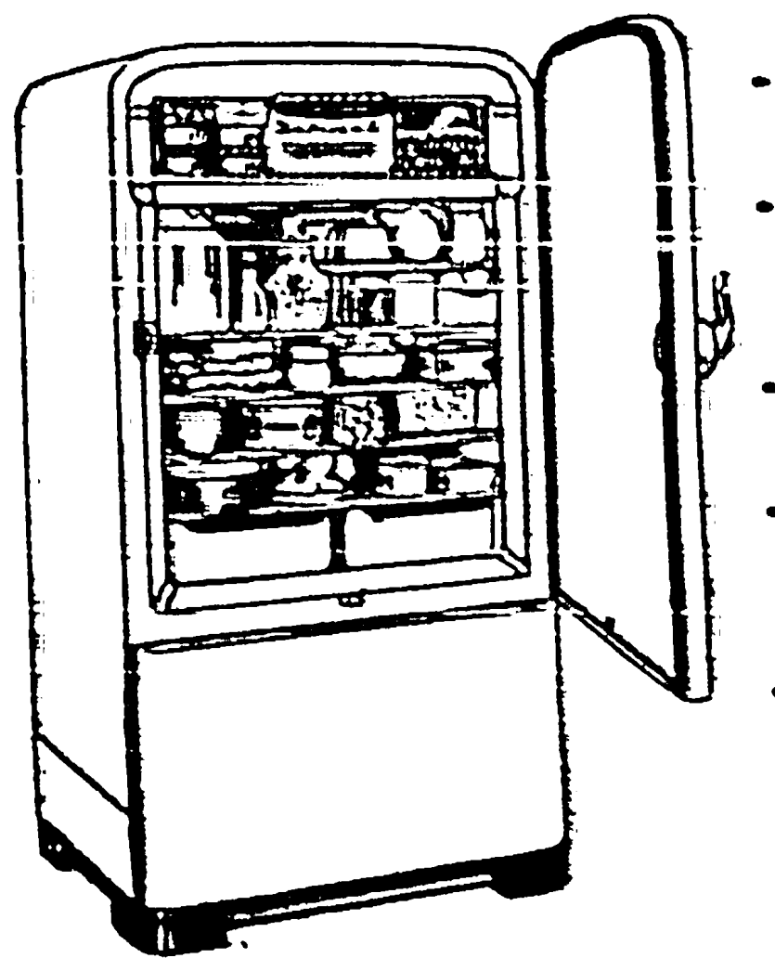

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The following business will be transacted: Agenda: 1. Minutes; 2. Correspondence; 3. Secretary's Annual Report; 4. Treasurer's Financial Statement; 5. To amend, or add, and to modify Rules; 6. Election of Office Bearers; 7. General.

M. BEHARIE, Hon. Sec.

NOTICE

The Mallunda Open Golf Championship will be held on Sunday, the 21st of March, 1948, at the Mountain Rise Golf Course, for Mr. G. S. Maharaj's Floating Trophy and first, second, third and fourth prizes.

Tournament commences at 8.30 a.m.

Entries close with the undermentioned on Friday, the 19th March, at 6 p.m.

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Our dear dad was called away,
God in his mercy thought it best,
To take him to eternal rest.

Inserted by his wife and children, 41 Sea Cow Lake Road, Durban.

ALOYSIUS JOSEPH NAICKER: In loving memory of my husband, Aloysius, who went to his eternal rest on March 4, 1947.

Ever sadly missed and deeply mourned by his wife, Annie and his children, Josephine and Mudlad.

Sweet Jesus have mercy on his soul.

ANGAMA PILLAY: In loving memory of our dear mother and granny, who passed away at Allenvale, Port Shepstone, on March 5, 1946.

She sleeps in God's beautiful garden,
Sheltered from sorrow and pain,
And when life's journey is over,
We all hope to meet her again.

Always remembered by her loving children, grandchildren, daughters-in-law and sons-in-law.

THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Singh, of 84, Room 5, Magazine Barracks, Durban, wish to thank all friends and relatives for the floral tributes and messages of sympathy sent to their recent sad bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Patak, of Dannhauser, wish to thank all those who rendered assistance, sent beautiful floral tributes and messages of condolence during their sad bereavement—the death of their beloved son Thotharam. Special thanks to the Matron and staff of the Newcastle Government, St. Aidan's (Durban) and Grey's Hospitals, Dr. Strauss, of Maritzburg, and Dr. Margaret Campbell, of Dannhauser.

Natal Indian Congress
(Founded by Mahatma Gandhi in 1894)

ANNUAL PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

1948

NOTICE

to delegates and members of Branches.

In terms of Clause (a) and (c) of Rule 8 of Congress Constitution, you are hereby notified that the Annual Conference of the Natal Indian Congress will be held in Durban on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, the 29th, 30th and 31st of May, 1948.

In terms of Rule 31 (c) the details of time, place and agenda will be forwarded to delegates and Branch Secretaries direct.

N.B.—Attention is drawn to Rule 9 (a) and (b) and Rule 32 of the constitution.

A. I. MEER,
General Secretary.

The Leader
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SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 1948.

PERSECUTING THE INDIANS

CHARGED and convicted under the Riotous Assemblies Act Dr. Dadoo and Dr. Naicker have been gaoled. We hold no brief either for Dr. Dadoo or Dr. Naicker but we do certainly hold a brief for the principles involved and these, for the Indians and for the non-European generally in this country are very, very far-reaching. Both Dr. Dadoo and Dr. Naicker, as they told the Court, were only putting into practical effect the claims made by none other than the Prime Minister himself before United Nations and reiterated by his Minister of Justice that the Indians in South Africa were Union Nationals. It was on that score that the decision to cross the border by members of the Natal and the Transvaal Indian Congress was welcomed by all Indians who have found the Provincial barriers irksome and a denial of free movement within the boundaries of the country of their birth.

Now, however, the Government of General Smuts has proved conclusively to the rest of the world that what he said in 1946 and what his Minister of Justice repeated in 1947 are not true. A Cockney certainly has the adequate vocabulary for expressing the feeling of the Indian people on the subject, but we prefer to be dignified even though our feelings have been outraged.

It is one of [illegible] that Dr. Dadoo and Dr. Naicker are in gaol. The forces which have consigned them to gaol are important. They were charged under the Riotous Assemblies Act which has, notoriously, since it was placed on the Statute Book, operated against the non-European people although it is supposed to apply with equal force against the European. These two men were charged with aiding and abetting Indians [illegible] into the Transvaal without permits. The alternative charge against them was inciting racial hatred. If this is not tyranny running riot and persecution taking over from such concepts as justice, what is it? Related with this charge the Prime Minister's assertions before the United Nations sounds more like the "last territorial claims" of one, Adolph Hitler. There was always one more after the last one and the neighbouring States were not sure of their position.

By the decision to prosecute—more correctly to persecute the Indians—the Government have once again shown clearly that Smuts is the prophet abroad and the petty politician at home. Abroad he has claimed the Indian people are Union Nationals; at home he has goaded the Indian people when they have tried to exercise some of the rights which flow to them from Union Nationality. This proves conclusively that Indians are Natal Nationals and it is for the Prime Minister to declare in future that Indians are Natal Nationals and hence they have no automatic right to entry and residence in any of the other Provinces. At least, after this any Indian crossing the border without a permit will do so at his own risk and [illegible] he was exercising any rights flowing to him. That would be fair both to the General and the Indian people.

The alternative charge makes one doubt the sanity of those who administer the law or is the explanation that this is South Africa and thus the people being dealt with are black and brown? There is no need to deploy an entire police force to check up on the activities of Dr. Dadoo and their colleagues for evidence to frame a charge under the Riotous Assemblies Act. All the various prosecutors need to do is to read their daily papers intelligently and with open minds and then scan the proceedings of Municipal and Provincial Councils and the Central Government itself. They will find enough material and evidence to keep them occupied for years — probably their whole life — by what they discover. But in this country, despite the claim that all people are treated alike by and before the law, there are two processes in the administration of the law: One for the Non-European and one for the European. It is this then that the Indian people are now fighting together with a struggle against restrictions which fetter free movement in the country of their birth. It is [illegible]

Age-Old Links With India

INDIA'S relations with Ceylon date back to 2,500 years when the first Aryan settlers set foot on the island.

Way back to the Epic Age, there is the story of Rama's journey to Lanka to rescue Sita. Popular belief has it that Lanka was no other land but present-day Ceylon.

Well-known among the first Aryan settlers to set foot on Ceylonese soil was Vijaya, believed to be a descendant of a Vanga (Bengal) dynasty. Vijaya, some state, reached Ceylon by way of a port in Bombay presidency.

Vijaya was followed by a line of 700, and his rule is generally accepted to be the first of a long line of Sinhalese kings who ruled over Ceylon till the advent of the Portuguese in the 16th century. The last vestiges of the local rulers came to an end some 200 years later, when the Kingdom of Kandy passed into British hands.

Among the notable Indian features which the Sinhalese kings fostered in Ceylon are the village councils which, through the changing scenes of history, have survived to this day, and the social system, which till it was diluted by Buddhist institutions, was fashioned on the lines of Hindu systems in India.

INTERCHANGE OF IDEAS

INDIAN influence through the Sinhalese rulers was not the only form of stimulus that reached Ceylon from India. During the 2,000 years of Sinhalese rule there was a constant interchange of ideas and a steady stream of emigration from India.

In the 13th century Ceylon had even a Tamil kingdom. It was in the north of the island, with Jaffna as its capital. For some years this north Ceylonese State was part of the great South Indian Empire of Vijayanagar. Tamil influence in Ceylon has always been prominent, and even at the height of its power the Sinhalese claimed their descent from Chola and Pandya.

Ceylon Tamils, as they are known even today to differentiate them from Indian Tamils in the island, number over half a million, and live mostly in the northern and eastern parts. From the earliest times there have been intermarriages between the Tamils and the Sinhalese, and Tamil has had a profound influence on the Sinhalese language, too.

The story of Indian penetration into Ceylon is intertwined with the island's two lost cities—Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa. Lying 65 miles from each other, these two ancient cities were once the capitals of Sinhalese kings.

THE OLDER CAPITAL

THE foundation of Anuradhapura, the older of the two capitals, is attributed to Anuradha, who was a Minister of Vijaya, the founder of the Sinhalese dynasty. This city remained the capital for well over a thousand years, when it was abandoned in favour of Polonnaruwa, which was believed to be a healthier site.

Relics of those early times which stand in ruins at these two ancient cities reveal the influence of Hinduism and Buddhism and of the [illegible] culture had attained in ancient Ceylon. Most of the buildings seen today are of a religious nature, primarily due to the fact that the early work of restoration was carried out by Buddhist priests and monks.

The architectural treasures of Polonnaruwa are of special interest to the Indian student of art and sculpture, for this ancient city became the meeting place of the [illegible] schools of art evolved in Northern and Southern India.

Some of the ancient temples of Polonnaruwa, devoted to the worship of Siva and Vishnu, are undoubtedly the work of those craftsmen who gave South India some of its best known temples. Among other ruins, the discerning eye can trace the vivid workmanship of Indian sculpture.

SPREAD OF BUDDHISM

ANOTHER important form of Indian influence that reached Ceylon has been Buddhism, which had its birth in India. Asoka's zeal for spreading Buddhism was not quenched with the propagation of the new religion in India itself. He sent several religious missions to outside countries, and among them one was Ceylon. The mission to the island kingdom was led by Mahinda.

Largely due to the energetic patronage of Devanampiya Tissa, the then King of Ceylon, the mission was a great success. Buddhism took deep roots in the soil of Lanka, or Sinhaladvipa, as the Sinhalese called it. Even when the influence of Buddhism declined in India, it continued to hold pride of place among the religions of the island. It permeated every phase of Sinhalese life, and is still a live religion.

Kandy, in the heart of Ceylon, is a place of pilgrimage for Buddhists, the centre of devotion being the "Dalada" or the sacred tooth of Gautama Buddha. The precious relic, which is housed in the Temple of the Sacred Tooth, reached Ceylon by way of Ramnad and Kalinga (Orissa).

In 400 B.C. the tooth was taken from the Buddha's funeral pyre. It passed into the possession of the Kings of Kalinga, but they could not keep it for long. Rivalry among the zealous followers of the Buddha led to wars for the possession of the tooth, and a certain King of Kalinga, it is stated, fearing it might be lost, asked his daughter to take it to Lanka.

That is how, in 311 B.C., the relic first reached Anuradhapura. It remained in Ceylon for nearly a thousand years, when the invasion from Malabar in 1313 resulted in its loss. It reached South India, but was soon back in Ceylon, this time to be lost to the Portuguese in 1560. The Portuguese carried it away to Goa.

In the 16th century it was taken to Kandy, where it has been since, treasured by thousands of Buddhists the world over—an historic link with India that dates back to the 4th century B.C.

God Give Us Men

GOD give us men. A time like this demands
Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands.
Men whom the lust of office does not kill;
Men whom the spoils of office can not buy;
Men who possess opinions and a will;
Men who have honour and who do not lie;
Men who can stand before a demagogue
And damn his treacherous flatteries without winking;
Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog
In public duty and in private thinking.

Inserted by P.K. in memory of the late [illegible]

VARIOUS PROPOSALS MADE AS

Millions Pour In For A Memorial To Gandhi

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT

BOMBAY (By Mail).—Donations totalling over two million rupees (about £153,844) have been offered in Bombay alone for a memorial to Mahatma Gandhi. And money is still pouring in, although no decision has yet been taken as to what the memorial shall be or as to how much it will cost.

The Working Committee of the Indian National Congress has announced its intention of creating a National Memorial Fund and has suggested that each individual should subscribe at least ten days' wages towards it. The Congress President, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, has been authorised to take all necessary steps to launch the fund, the object of which is to "carry on constructive activities on an All-India basis" as well as to "collect, preserve and publish Mahatma Gandhi's writings and teachings in various languages and to maintain a museum where articles connected with Gandhiji may be preserved." A committee is being appointed.

SUGGESTIONS so far have ranged from the creation of a Gandhi Institute with branches all over the world to the renaming of New Delhi as Gandhi Nagar (Gandhi city) and the striking of coins and the printing of currency notes bearing the Mahatma's effigy.

The Government of India have already announced that a new series of postage stamps will be issued in commemoration of the Mahatma and it is learned that plans are in hand to lay out a national park at Rajghat, on the banks of the Jumna River, where he was cremated.

For Posterity

Birla House, where Mahatma Gandhi held his prayer meetings, and the garden where he was killed will be preserved for posterity. The spot where he fell has had to be railed off after devotees had borne away so many handfuls of bloodstained earth that a pit a foot deep had been formed.

The Mahatma's spectacles, which fell away as he collapsed under the assassin's bullets, still remain untraced, a public appeal that they be returned so that they may be preserved with his other personal belongings so far meeting with no response.

One suggestion for a memorial came from the president of the Indian Cricket Control Board, Mr. A. S. de Mello, who proposed that a gigantic stadium, "more magnificent than the Masaryk Stadium in Prague or the Mussolini Forum in Rome" and to be called the "Mahatma Gandhi Stadium," be built in Delhi.

First public reaction was that the proposal was inappropriate as Gandhi gave little attention to sport. But it was pointed out that the stadium could also be used as an arena where exhibitions and political and religious meetings on an international scale could be held.

While the whole question is still fluid, every province and every municipality is considering schemes for suitable memorials, and each day brings a fresh crop of suggestions.

Various Suggestions

A week's roundup yielded the following: At Calcutta a "Gandhi Chair" at the University; at Patna (Bihar) a Gandhi Peace Prize and in Gaya district (Bihar) a Gandhi Temple; in Lucknow a memorial hall; in Cawnpore, a Gandhi Library; in Allahabad a Statue; in Benares a Town Hall and a statue, in Bellary (Madras Province) a statue; from Madras, the suggestion that "stupas" (pillars) inscribed with the Mahatma's teachings be erected all over the country.

In Lucknow a long-standing land dispute between Hindus and Muslims was settled by both parties agreeing that the plot be handed over to the nation as a site for a memorial to Mahatma Gandhi.

In Lahore (Pakistan) a man whose boast had been that he had consumed 20,000 kegs of whisky in 30 years, announced his decision "to turn teetotaller as a mark of respect to the sacred memory of Mahatma Gandhi."

The Revenue Minister of the United Provinces has suggested that a Gandhian Calendar be established and that the new era be deemed to begin either from the date of birth or assassination of Mahatma Gandhi.

From Allahabad has come the proposal that Friday, the day on which Mahatma Gandhi died, be adopted instead of Sunday, as the weekly day of rest in India.

Mr. Gandhi's nephew, Narandas Gandhi, said that the best memorial to his uncle (who had made the spinning-wheel the emblem of his teachings) would be to train ten million spinners throughout the country.

Women of India

Veiled beauty within the "burkha," which can be thrown back in this manner, or kept complete with only a small net window for the eyes.

Goonam, Gandhi, Going

A STATEMENT issued by the Passive Resistance Council of the Natal Indian Congress declares:—

"The Passive Resistance Council of the Natal Indian Congress, meeting after the imprisonment of Drs. G. M. Naicker and Y. M. Dadoo to six months' hard labour for aiding and abetting the contravention of the Immigrants' Regulations Act, 1913, elected Dr. (Miss) K. Goonam as the acting chairman of the Council. Dr. Goonam, in accepting the position, announced that she would be leading a batch of passive resisters across the border on or about March 13, 1948.

"Mr. Manilal Gandhi, son of the late Mahatma Gandhi, and other members of the Council the charge against whom was postponed sine die, will lead another batch of resisters soon after the arrest of Dr. Goonam's batch."

CONGRESS HIGH SCHOOL

THE secondary school established by the Natal Indian Congress at the Kathiawad Hall has been transferred to the Greyville Indian School and registered as a private institution. This registration gives the school some advantages over its previous status.

Members of the Natal Indian Congress who called upon the Administrator in Maritzburg on Wednesday afternoon negotiated this with Mr. R. A. Banks, the Director of Education.

The Congress deputation, consisting of Messrs. J. N. Singh, M. D. Naidoo, G. H. Mayet and Dr. Rabinald, called on Mr. Shepstone in connection with the property of Mr. V. Reddy on the Bluff which the Durban City Council is trying to expropriate for a bird sanctuary.

The deputation told the Administrator that they were not concerned with the property of an individual. What they were concerned with was the principle of expropriating land from the Indian when today no land was available to the Indian anywhere in the Province.

At the moment the Durban City Council had a number of expropriation projects involving Indian land. At Sparks Estate the Council was taking Indian land for Coloured housing when there was other land available in the vicinity. The same was happening in Merebank.

The Congress, then, was opposed to the policy of the Council [illegible] terests.

100 DELEGATES FOR N.I.O. CONFERENCE

DETAILED preparation is in progress in connection with the holding of the South African Indian Conference at Durban next weekend states Mr. P. R. Pather, Secretary of the Natal Indian Organisation.

The conference will be opened on Saturday, March 13, at the Kathiawad Hall, Leopold Street, Durban at 4 p.m. More than 100 delegates are expected from the Transvaal and Councillor Ahmed Ismail will be travelling from Cape with a large number of delegates to represent the Cape Province.

Mr. S. R. Naidoo, president of the Maritzburg branch of the N.I.O., has been appointed chairman of the Reception Committee and will welcome the delegates.

Mr. A. S. Kajee, the president of the Natal Indian Organisation, will make an exhaustive review of the Indian situation in his presidential address to the conference.

The conference will discuss the main agenda of the day in regard to the question of a Round Table Conference between the Dominion of India, Pakistan and the Union of South Africa. Other items included on the agenda are: Indian education, unemployment, Indians' housing problem, and social and health matters. In view of the importance attached to the Conference it is expected that there will be a large attendance of people.

NOW CHANGED TO "GANDHI RAM"

From Our Own Correspondent

ORAI (United Provinces). by mail. A well known local man here bore the name of "Nathu Ram" changed it to "Gandhi Ram" after the name of Mahatma Gandhi's alleged assassin (Nathuram Vinayak Godse) had become known.

He said that "disgrace" had been brought upon the name of Nathu Ram.

MAYOR "FUNKS" AN ISSUE (?)

THE Natal Indian Congress has received the first instalment of the offer of co-operation by the Mayor of Durban, Mr. L. L. Boyd. He has "funked" the first issue on which his co-operation was sought. It will be recalled that recently, at the request of a number of burgesses, headed by Dr. Mabel Palmer, he convened a public meeting in connection with the school accommodation for Indian children. That public meeting elected him to lead a deputation to the Administrator. Mr. Boyd has now discovered that there is no precedent for a Mayor to do such a thing. Hence he will not lead the deputation, nor will he accompany it.

REPLYING to the request of the Education Sub-Committee of the Natal Indian Congress that he should make arrangements to lead the deputation to the Administrator Mr. Boyd says:

"Since receiving (your letter) I have caused an investigation to be made in order to ascertain whether there is any precedent for the somewhat unusual procedure adopted at the public meeting in nominating me or my Deputy as a member of the deputation to interview His Honour the Administrator.

"As far as we are able to ascertain, the policy in the past has been for the Mayor, or in his absence the Deputy Mayor, to preside at public meetings as an impartial chairman, and, under the circumstances, I do not feel that it would be right for either the Deputy Mayor or myself to be a member of the deputation.

"I shall convey the resolution of the meeting to His Honour the Administrator, through the usual channels, but I think it would be best if you contact the Administrator's office yourself and make the necessary arrangements for the meeting. It is usual for these formalities to be [illegible] by the organisers of the meeting, and you will no doubt constitute one of your number to act as convener of any prior meetings that the deputation may wish to hold before the interview."

Of course, the Mayor may have no precedence but at all times he has been willing to lead delegations and deputations with an anti-Indian object. Mr. Boyd might argue that the Mayors on such occasions are representing the City Council but supposing the present issue were reversed and it was a European meeting demanding schools for European children what would Mr. Boyd have done? He would certainly have headed the deputation for if he refused he would not be able to hold his seat. The voters—parents—in his constituency would see to that. The Indian, however, can only fume and rage.

Commenting on Mr. Boyd's refusal to lead the delegation Mr. J. N. Singh, chairman of the Education Sub-Committee of the Natal Indian Congress said:

"Mr. Boyd's refusal to lead the deputation to the Administrator is not surprising. He would not have hesitated to accompany any deputation if the cause was anti-Indian.

"We have only to take our minds back a couple of weeks when Mr. Boyd headed a deputation of the City Council, which is, of course, the European public of Durban, to make representations to the Field Marshal and other Cabinet Ministers regarding the Asiatic Land Tenure Act.

"The deputation to interview the Administrator was elected at a meeting convened by His Worship and presided over by his Deputy.

"If the sponsors of the meeting and the members of the public present elected His Worship to take up a matter on their behalf it should only have been natural on his part to accept the honour and confidence placed in him. On this occasion the Mayor has rejected the confidence placed in him—maybe on another occasion the people themselves may decide not to bestow this confidence in him."

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RADIO ASSOCIATION ALLEGES

S.A.B.C. Cannot Satisfy Indian Public

RECENT disclosures about the general dissatisfaction prevailing among the Indian public with regard to the Indian broadcasts from the Durban Broadcasting Station has brought a lot of complaints from members of the Association, and we have become the target of severe criticism. Nearly every one of our critics wants to know what we, representing the Indian listeners, have done so far to improve the present state of affairs, said Mr. C. M. Agjee, president of the Indian Radio Owners' Association.

MR. AGJEE said: "We therefore feel that it is incumbent upon us to make our position clear.

"The Indian Radio Owners' Association's chief aim and object is to secure better, more and regular programmes for Indian listeners in South Africa. And to this end we have tried several times to convey the public's complaints to the authorities, but we regret to say that we have received very scanty encouragement from them.

For example, we wrote a letter to the Branch Manager of the S.A.B.C., Durban, on October 24, 1945, explaining at some length the complaints of the public against the prevailing state of affairs and put forth suggestions for improvements. But apart from the stereotyped acknowledgment we heard nothing from them. We then wrote to the Director-General of the S.A.B.C., Johannesburg. No reply was received from him.

"On November 20, 1945, Major Caprara, the Director-General of the S.A.B.C., came to Durban and had informal discussion with officials of the Natal Indian Congress. The Congress invited us to join with them, but we could not accept their invitation [illegible] as a non-political organisation, we could not possibly identify ourselves with or become affiliated to a purely political organisation such as the Natal Indian Congress.

Interview Mr. Tracy

"We therefore wrote immediately to the Regional Director of the Durban Broadcasting Station and requested his assistance in obtaining an appointment for us to meet Major Caprara. Before this could be arranged, however, Major Caprara left Durban and Mr. Hugh Tracey, the then Branch Manager of the Durban Studio, consented to see us. Accordingly, I and Mr. Thathiah, the Hon. Secretary of the Association went and interviewed Mr. Tracey on November 27, 1945. We were given a patient hearing and were informed in reply that the Director-General had suggested the appointment of an unofficial Indian Advisory Committee to advise on the Indian Broadcast section.

"Mr. Tracey requested us to submit names of persons whom we considered suitable for appointment on the Committee. We were very favourably impressed and we regarded the proposed Committee as a forerunner of useful changes in the whole character of Indian sessions. On December 6, 1945, we submitted a list of names to Mr. Tracey.

No Improvement

"We learnt later that the Advisory Committee was appointed, but we were neither informed as to the work and function of the Committee, nor of any improvement proposed to be made then or later, but we realised that improvements could not possibly be made without careful planning and we hoped that since the authorities were mindful of the general dissatisfaction, we could reasonably expect a gradual process of improvement taking place in a not too distant a future. When no such change was effected, we again requested the Regional Director to grant us an interview.

On February 3, 1947, our deputation consisting of Messrs. C. M. Anglia, C. M. Agjee, B. Thathiah, Dhanjee and Mr. [illegible] officially interviewed Mr. [illegible]. It was only at this interview that we were officially given the names of the members of the Advisory Committee.

"A copy of the memorandum we had prepared to submit to the Government Commission appointed to investigate ways and means of improving Broadcasting in the Union was handed to the Regional Director at this interview.

He gave us a patient hearing, but regretted that apart from trying to improve the present half-an-hour a week programmes, there was nothing he could do without instructions received from the Board of Directors.

"Before 1940, there were two half hour programmes per week for Indian sessions, but these were discontinued for some reason best known to the authorities. During the war, however, the present Sunday morning sessions were instituted in order to give C.P.S. talks to the Indian community. These sessions are being continued, but it is surely not too much to ask that there should at least be an hour's programme daily from the Durban station for the Indians, specially in view of the fact that there are over 4,000 Indian radio owners in the country, contributing well over £10,000 per annum to the S.A.B.C. in license fees alone.

"From the foregoing the public will be able to see that the Association has at all times endeavoured to bring the public's complaints to the notice of the authorities and to suggest ways and means of improvement.

"If we have not succeeded at all, it is not due to any neglect on our part, but to the fact that the existing policy of the S.A.B.C. seems so inflexibly wedded to certain [illegible] that even with the best of intentions they could never hope to improve and satisfy the listening public."

"AN ODD KIND OF NATIONALITY"

THE Joint Passive Resistance Council of the Natal and Transvaal Indian Congresses met in Durban following the imprisonment of Dr. G. M. Naicker and Y. M. Dadoo.

"The imprisonment of Drs. Dadoo and Naicker is a convincing demonstration of the little importance that the Government attaches to declarations of its own responsible Ministers that Indians are Union Nationals. It is an odd kind of Union Nationality that is enjoyed by South African Indians, who does not allow them the right to free movement within the land of their domicile and birth."

The imposition of these sentences was at the same time a clear indication to the Indian people of the extent of sincerity inherent in the Union Government's desire for a round table conference between itself and the Governments of India and Pakistan in order to solve the long outstanding dispute between these countries on the question of the treatment of Indians in South Africa the Council pointed out.

"Prime Minister Smuts if his intentions be sincere and honest, does not need to be told of the manner in which negotiations may be opened with India and Pakistan. Pandit Nehru has shown him the way."

"India and Pakistan are and have been for some time, ready for a Round Table Conference on a basis acceptable to the honour and dignity of India. It is for the Union Government, if it believes it has such a basis, to communicate it immediately through channels open to it. India will not stand on prestige."

200,000 Refugees On 600 Mile Trek

From Our Own Correspondent

200,000 Refugees on 600 mile Trek

LAHORE (Pakistan), By Mail: Arrangements for the migration of two lakhs (200,000) refugees from the West Punjab to Sind have been completed and foot convoys are expected to start shortly, it was announced here.

The trek lies over 600 miles, and a reconnaissance of the route regarding food, water, petrol and other conditions, has already been made. Starting from Arafwalla in the Multan Division, the journey will be completed in 30 stages, allowing one day's rest after every five days, the refugees are expected to reach their destination in 45 days.

For Eleven Weeks

On foot, and in carts, with their oxen, ploughs, household effects and livestock, the emigrants will move in 12 different columns at intervals of three days between each, thus extending the entire migration process over nearly 11 weeks.

Satisfactory arrangements have been made with regard to food, fodder, water supply, and medical aid en route for the refugees. Khan Bahadur Dr. M. Yaqub, Director of Public Health, West Punjab, has returned from a tour of the Lahore, Montgomery, Multan, Muzaffargarh Districts, and Bahawalpur State, where he personally inspected medical arrangements in this connection.

Strict precautions have been taken to see that all emigrants are vaccinated before starting and that no case of infectious disease is allowed to go. While passing through the districts of West Punjab, the Medical Officer of Health, and Civil Surgeons, will look after the trekking columns. In the journey through Bahawalpur State, which is 120 miles from the Punjab to Sadikabad, two Public Health squads, under a sub-assistant Health Officer, armed with disinfectants, anti-epidemic equipment, and ambulance cars with complete hospital units, will watch the movement of the columns.

A part of the refugee movement will also be by train, and refugee specials will leave from different camps for which a schedule has been drawn up. Two of these specials have already left, one from Lyallpur and the other from Lahore (Badi camp). These refugees were also medically examined and vaccinated before being allowed to board the trains.

DRIVE AGAINST PROSTITUTION

From Our Own Correspondent

BOMBAY (by mail): A bill to amend the Bombay Prevention of Prostitution Act of 1923 provides that prostitution within a distance of 150 yards of a place of worship, education institution, park, playground, cinema, [illegible] or thoroughfare over which tramcars run in the Province will be punishable by imprisonment up to three months or a fine of Rs. 200 (about £15) or both.

Under the bill any person who owns or is the tenant or lessee of premises where prostitution is carried on near schools or public places will be liable to imprisonment up to three months or a fine of Rs. 300 (about £23) or both.

The bill says that in all cases of prosecution it will be presumed that the premises were let with the knowledge that they would be used for such purposes unless the accused proves that he let them after making proper inquiries and took all reasonable steps to prevent the premises being used for the purpose of prostitution.—Reuter.

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JUNIOR LEADER

MY dear Children,—

The enthusiasm and interest in our Pen Friends' Corner has caught up to such an extent that most of my letters are directed to the Pen Friends' Corner. This is not all, for it is twice already that I have under-estimated the growth of our "Corner" since it started last year, with the result that I have had to do away with our membership book and have now entered the names in a special large [illegible] register. I am now waiting to see this one get full.

I have had several requests to repeat names of members outside Natal. As much as I would like to do this, I am afraid space does not allow it, and it will certainly not be fair to some members who may be compelled to stand down.

I would advise you to cut out the Junior Section and paste it in a book or keep a file every week, as many members are doing.

Some members have written telling me that they have not been able to make contacts yet. Well, naturally the quickest way in which to make contacts would be to write to pen friends of your liking and you can expect a reply, rather than waiting for somebody to write to you. As soon as your name appears in our columns you have been accepted as a member and are at liberty to write to pen friends with interests similar to yours. I am glad to note that most members have been able to make contacts, and will be pleased to hear from others as well.

Here are more names of new members:—

Charlotte Carolissen, 24 Royal Road, Maitland, Capetown, is 17 years of age and in her last year of the "Juniors" corner. She writes: "I have never known a Club such as yours, and on seeing a copy of 'The Leader,' I was compelled to join. I must congratulate you on having such a nice paper." Charlotte would like pen friends of either sex, especially Indian girls from all parts of the country. Her interests are in athletics, cycling, physical culture, classical music, reading and photography. Your friends are at liberty to join our "Corner."

S. Gordon (Ram), 14 [illegible], is 17 years old and would like pen friends from any part of the world, especially Durban. He is interested in sports, particularly soccer and tennis and coin collecting.

J. C. Moodliar (13), c/o Paramount Cafe, Umzinto, Natal, is interested in reading, collecting pictures of film stars of any nationality and sports, especially soccer. He would like pen friends with similar interests to write to him.

Bobby Naidoo (11), 263 Prospect Hall Road, Durban North, is interested in photography, classical comics, cinema and fishing, and would like pen friends with similar interests to write to him.

Miss R. J. Pillay (16), 383 Booth Road, Cato Manor, Durban, is interested in gardening, reading and knitting, and would like pen friends with similar interests to write to her.

Benjamin Joseph (15), c/o 13 Indian African Clinic, Beatrice Street, Durban, is interested in stamp collecting, reading and comics. He wants pen friends from any part of South Africa.

P. L. Munshi (21), P.O. Hippo [illegible], Durban, takes a keen interest in sports, Indian education, press cuttings and would like pen friends from all parts of the globe with similar interests.

Lutchman P. Singh (17), 415 Booth Road, Mayville, Durban, is interested in pets, sports and reading, and would like pen pals with similar interests to write to him.

S. Canas, 13 Indian African Clinic, Beatrice Street, Durban, writes: "I was a tuberculotic at the King George V Hospital for ten months and am now a convalescent at the Fosa Settlement. Prior to coming to the hospital, I was greatly interested in taking an active part in boxing, but my illness, however, has not dampened my keenness. I now spend my time collecting autographed photographs of well-known boxers, wrestlers, physical culturists and weightlifters." I would be pleased if Juniors who share his interests will write to him.

S. J. Harry (19), 28 [illegible] Avenue, Mayville, Durban, is interested in music, photography, sports, cinema and reading. He would like to correspond with pen friends from the Cape or Transvaal.

V. Martin (15), S.A.C. Mission School, [illegible], South Coast, Natal, is interested in reading and sports, and would like pen pals with similar interests.

R. [illegible], 17 [illegible], off Cape Road, Springfield, Durban, is interested in reading magazines, novels, comics and sports, especially swimming, athletics and boxing. He would like correspondents from all parts of the world. Kindly send in your completed form.

Billy Chetty (19), P.O. Box 35, Stanger, Natal, is interested in a variety of hobbies and would like pen pals from any part of the world.

C. Karasingh, c/o Government Aided Indian School, P.O. New Guelderland, Natal; kindly forward particulars about yourself.

S. Manickum (12) is a [illegible] at the Port Shepstone Government Indian School, Port Shepstone, Natal. He says: "Here in Port Shepstone I am living alone, and I do my own cooking. I am not a good cook, but I would accept suggestions from other members of the Junior Leader. I am also interested in sports, especially soccer and cricket."

B. Roopral (13), 118 Cape Road, Springfield, Durban, is interested in comics and reading and wants pen friends with similar interests to write to him.

B. Sewpersadh (16), 121 Cape Road, Springfield, Durban, is interested in physical culture and sports, especially swimming. He would like pen friends from the Cape Province and the Rhodesias.

C. M. Narain Iyer (12), P.O. Box 55, Stanger, Natal: Thank you for your very interesting letter. You are welcome as a member. Narain is interested in reading and sports, particularly athletics, and would like pen friends with similar interests to write to him.

Luxmi Ram Kallichuren, 27a 14th Street, Vrededorp, Johannesburg, is interested in knitting, needlework and Indian film books, and would like pen friends with similar interests to write to her.

Chandamoney Badal, 60 Church Avenue, Newclare, Johannesburg, is interested in nursing, sewing and Indian film books, and would like pen friends with similar interests to write to her.

Kooshnie Dewnarian Kallichuren (17), 27a 14th Street, Vrededorp, Johannesburg, is interested in stamp collecting, needlework, knitting and reading. She would like pen friends from all parts of the globe, especially India and America.

S. V. Pillay (14), 95 Sir Kurma Reddi Road, Clairwood, Durban, is keenly interested in all sports and reading. He says that he would be pleased to exchange books and comics with pen friends who write to him.

C. M. Kolbrada (14), P.O. Box 14, Verulam, Natal, is interested in classic comics and sports and would like pen friends with similar interests from any part of the world.

A. E. Shaikh (21), c/o Port Shepstone Tattersalls, Port Shepstone, Natal, is interested in the cinema, photography, classic comics, fishing and Wild West magazines. He wants pen friends from any part of the world, particularly the U.S.A.

Ninsy Pillay (19), 118 Forbes Street, Ladysmith, Natal, is interested in physical culture, novels, movies and various other hobbies, and would like pen friends with similar interests from Capetown, Port Elizabeth and other large towns of the Union.

LAUGHTER CORNER

Teacher to lazy pupil: "Why are you late?"

Pupil: "Well, a sign down here—"

Teacher: "Well, what has a sign got to do with it?"

Pupil: "The sign said, 'School ahead, go slow.'"

Till next week,

CHACHAJAN.

ISLAMIC EDUCATION FOR PAKISTAN

From Our Own Correspondent

DACCA (Eastern Pakistan), by mail: The system of education in Pakistan will be [illegible] by Islamic ideology emphasising social justice, universal brotherhood and tolerance, the Pakistan Education Minister, Mr. Fazlur Rahman, said here.

Mr. Fazlur Rahman said that a Central Advisory Board for Education which will make recommendations to the provincial governments on educational problems had been constituted.

The Pakistan Government had decided to advise provincial governments to introduce compulsory religious instruction for Muslim students and minorities would be offered similar facilities if they wanted them.

The women's committee of the Pakistan Education Conference had recommended co-education up to the age of 10 years and after the age of 20 or 22 years but the Government has not yet reached any decision on this.—Reuter.

ADMINISTRATOR AT FOSA

The recently completed "Nux" ward of the Children's TB Hospital at the Fosa Settlement, Newlands, is to be officially opened by the Administrator of Natal, the Hon. D. G. Shepstone, [illegible] Sunday at [illegible] a.m. "Nux," which is the second ward of eighteen beds, is named after the N.U.C. students' publication and brings the total capacity of the Children's Hospital to 36 beds. It is hoped eventually to have a fully equipped 72-bed Children's Hospital at Fosa.

Both the "Nux" and the original "Nucleus" wards have been made possible by generous contributions by the Natal University students from their annual "Rag" funds. In the past five years the students have donated £[illegible], and it is hoped that they will continue to take a live interest in this project.

The Fosa Children's Hospital accommodates children with primary pulmonary TB, glands and child cases of orthopaedic TB. Friends of Fosa and members of the public are invited to attend the opening ceremony [illegible].

WENTHWORTH GROUP

Mr. R. M. Rone, principal of the Clairwood Indian Boys' School, gave an interesting talk on the "Power of Destiny" to a well attended meeting of the Wentworth Indian Study Group last week.

Mr. Rone said that Indians particularly believed in the power of destiny.

This week's programme will be play reading: Shakespeare's "As You Like It."

KRISHNA BAND

At the 10th annual meeting of the Krishna Band, held at its Headquarters at [illegible], the following officials were elected for the coming year: Patrons, Messrs. M. R. Moodley and V. G. Pillay; president, Mr. R. Jackie Pillay; hon. secretary, Mr. M. Gonas Pillay; hon. treasurer, Mr. V. N. Padayachee; manager, Mr. M. P. James; committee, Messrs. K. N. Govender and M. R. James; auditor, Mr. M. Thongasalem.

HINDU TEMPLE OFFICIALS

The annual meeting of the Durban Hindu Temple was held recently. The secretary, in his report, outlined the work of the Temple carried out during the course of the year.

The following officials were elected: Chairman, Mr. M. Ramsamy; hon. secretary, Mr. R. D. Maharaj; hon. treasurer, Mr. R. N. Maharaj; committee, Messrs. R. R. Singh, J. C. Singh, N. Juggernath, K. L. Maharaj, R. Maharaj, Ramnarain, Ramlal Maharaj and R. Gokul.

DURBAN GOLF

The greensome tie will be played tomorrow at 9 a.m.

The following pairs have tied in the competition: M. N. Pillay and M. Ramnarain, R. J. Singh and R. R. Singh, T. S. Percy and Sampath Singh.

A committee meeting will be held tomorrow at the Pavilion at 2 p.m.

FASTED FOR MAHATMA: DIED

From Our Own Correspondent

CUTTACK (Orissa), by mail: A college principal here started a fast in mourning for Mahatma Gandhi's death. Just when he was about to break his fast, however, he collapsed and died of heart failure.—Reuter.

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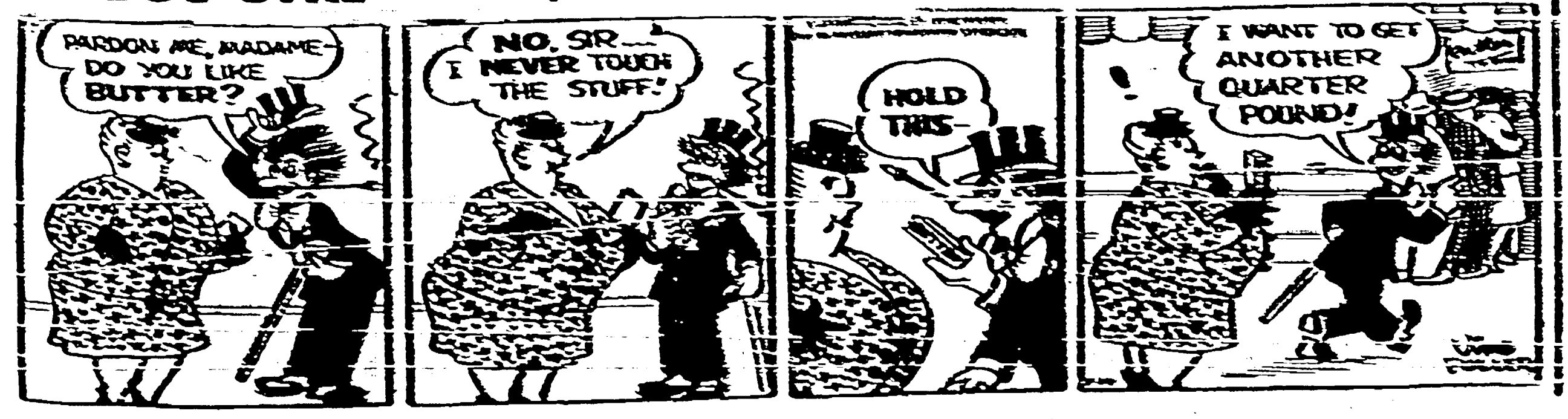
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Young Muslims Eliminate Commercials in District Final

YOUNG Muslims, of the Durban District Indian Cricket Union, secured the right to represent Durban in the District Final of the Peters' Shield, when they eliminated Commercials, of the Inter-District Indian Cricket Union.

[illegible]

Muslims Beat Commercials

[illegible]

G. H. M. Doorat Hits 34 Not Out

[illegible]

G. Mahomed 43 Not Out

[illegible]

E. I. Jeewa Hits 71

[illegible]

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FRANK HAGAN, who has been recently elected captain of the Durban Indian Golf Club. Hagan started his golfing career in 1922. He won the Beachwood Caddies Championship for two years in succession (1932/33), the Natal Open Championship in 1938 and 1941, and the Northern Districts Championships held in 1938 in Dundee.

Left to right: Messrs. M. V. Reddy (hon. treasurer), D. Kaloden (president) and J. Chengan (hon. secretary), who were elected recently to form the new Cabinet of the Durban Indian Golf Club. The administrators feel that the Cabinet has been the best for many years.

ANGLING TEAM

[illegible]

M.I.C.C. HOIST THE WHITE FLAG

From Our Own Correspondent

UNITED won through to the district semi-final of the Natal Cup last Sunday when they beat Stars at the third time of asking. In the other Natal Cup game played on Saturday afternoon M.I.C.C. collapsed for 42 runs, leaving Natalians in a strong position who have 50 runs on the board for the loss of two wickets. It is understood that M.I.C.C. have given the match away.

[illegible]

Natalians on Top

[illegible]

LADYSMITH CRICKET

[illegible]

Railway Beat Kismet

[illegible]

Fixtures

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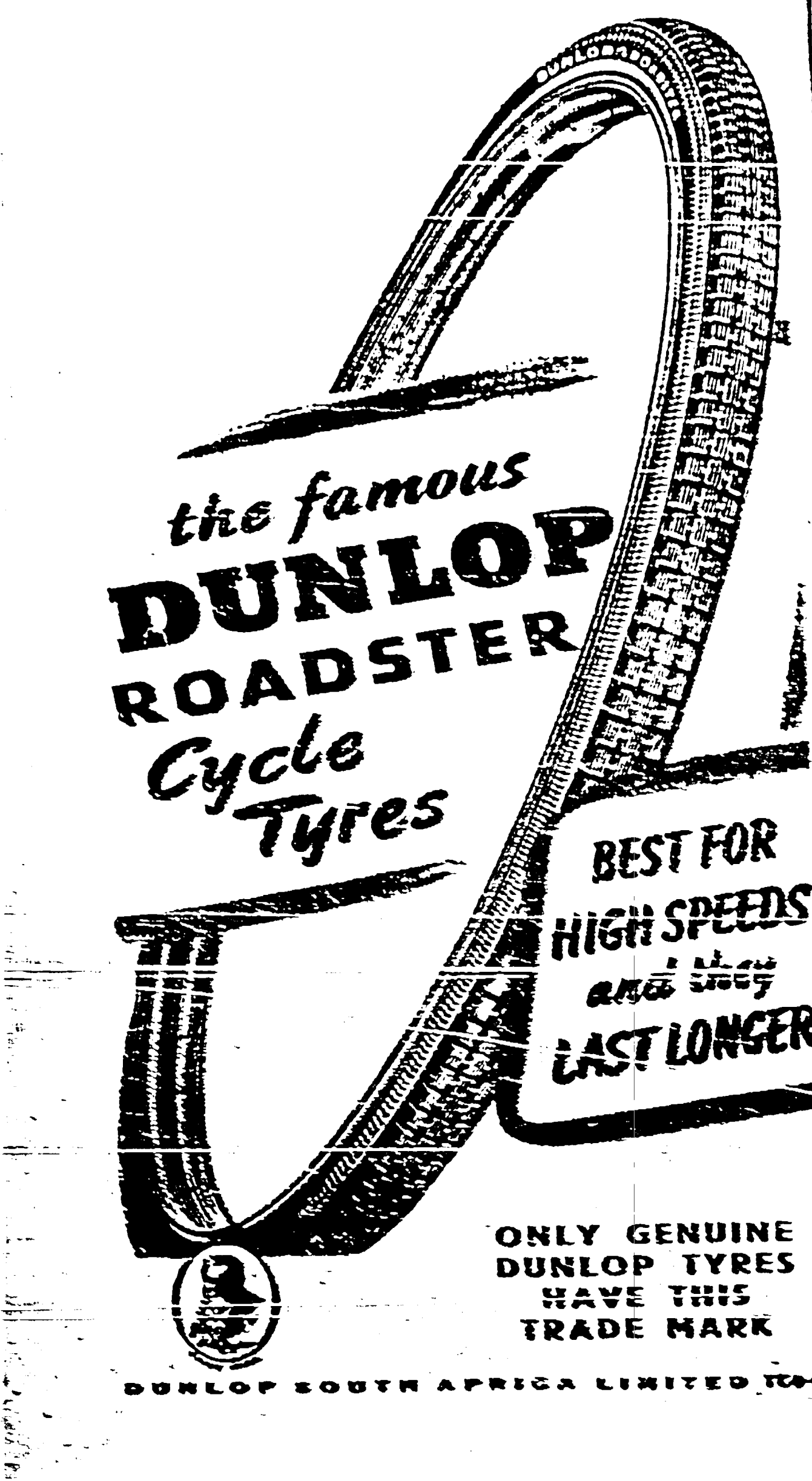

They Dont Like Soccer —or Officials?

THE Klip River District Indian Football Association—the Ladysmith area—may shortly be faced with the fact that it will not have sufficient affiliated clubs this year to conduct organised competition. It is the first time in its long history that clubs have shown such apathy. One reason, our correspondent states, is that soccerites are disgruntled with the officials.

IT held its annual general meeting recently. [illegible]

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Karachi: Being desirous of maintaining and further strengthening the friendly relations existing between Pakistan and Switzerland, the Government of Pakistan and the Government of Switzerland have decided to exchange diplomatic missions at Legation level.

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£5,000 WORTH OF GOLD SEIZED

BOMBAY (by mail): Bombay Customs officials raided a Arab dhow anchored in the harbour and recovered gold valued at Rs. 65,000 (£5,000), concealed in baskets of wet dates.—Reuter.

Nehru's Foreign Policy

(Continued from page four)

mained neutral. Siam, of all countries in the world, was neutral this year, which only shows how power politics and blocs function. I must not forget to mention that Liberia, which voted with us last year, has been silenced by the U.S.A. into neutrality, but it cannot, however, be understood that the Negroes of Liberia are not concerned with race hatreds!

Inclusion of Pakistan

"The question naturally arises why India asked for the inclusion of Pakistan at a round table conference with South Africa. I cannot understand this demand, and I am prepared to forget the events in India and Pakistan since August 15, 1947, particularly with reference to Kashmir. India is the successor Government, even after partition and the creation of Pakistan as a separate Dominion. Indians in South Africa are nationals of India and not of Pakistan.

"One need not have any [illegible] to this problem, but Reuter had reported from New York a few hours after India failed to secure the requisite vote in the UNO suggesting that Pakistan would soon decide to review the decision of India's trade embargo on South Africa, since it was 'inherited' from pre-August 15 days.

"I need not draw attention to Abdulla Kajee's reported move to bring a goodwill delegation to India and Pakistan, or of the split in the Transvaal Indian Muslim League on this very same question. But it is clear that India should not have committed the egregious blunder of asking for the inclusion of Pakistan in any possible round table discussion with South Africa, today or even at a distant future.

"Pakistan wants coal, which South Africa can supply, while South Africa wants jute which Pakistan is having as surplus on her hands. The most unholy of alliances will soon be produced between Pakistan and South Africa, much sooner than most people dare to admit as a possibility.

"I would point with all the strength at my command any diplomatic move at [illegible] the goodwill of Pakistan, through her association with India in possible talks with South Africa, for such association would lead to lasting complications involving jurisdiction, from which India would not be able to extricate herself. I would warn the Nehru Government to steer clear of this complication before it is too late.

What Next?

"Now what next? There is a stalemate in the UNO, though India can raise this dispute with South Africa every year by submitting appropriate resolutions to each session of the General Assembly. But this will be at once a fantastic and fruitless quest. India cannot with any self-respect lift the trade embargo on South Africa until the latter shows even the least desire to resile from her present position.

"I have argued that Nehru cannot with any pretence to dignity submit a name to Smuts for the post of our High Commissioner in South Africa, which is to be revived if not today, at least the day after tomorrow. [illegible] round table conference will be meaningless in the present circumstances of the stalemate which subsists between India and South Africa.

"The satyagraha movement in South Africa is being carried on feverishly, but fitfully, by our community in that country. How long can this be carried on, I cannot say, though I am aware of the fact that Indians in South Africa are made of the sterner stuff.

"Until South Africa relents, I am afraid Indians, Negroes and the Coloured peoples of that country must band together into something like a battering ram to break down the battlements of the Ghetto which Smuts and his White followers have contrived to bring into existence.

"Nehru will not be permitted to surrender at this stage, for such an attitude would mean the throwing into flames all that was considered precious in our national life, viz., self-respect.

"After the diplomatic blunders committed by Nehru, it is clear that a fight to the last is the only alternative. There cannot be compromise with dishonour."

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Around The Cinemas

AVALON: The week begins with a double programme plus the serial "The Three Musketeers." "The Marauders" is a Western thriller starring Hopalong Cassidy, and Dennis [illegible] and [illegible] in "Brewster's Millions" provide the best comedy in town.

The weekend attraction will be "Bachelor's Daughters," starring Gale Russell, Claire Trevor and Adolph Menjou. At 2.30 p.m. today "[illegible]" will be screened in aid of riot victims in Pakistan and India.

ALBERT: The week begins with "Din Raat," starring [illegible], P. Banerjie and Sulochana.

The weekend attraction will be "Kismet," brought back to the screen by public request.

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TALK OF THE BAZAAR

By the "Faqir"

WHAT with marriages here, marriages there and everywhere, the marriage season is certainly upon us. Ask any fellow who is conscious of his obligations to society and he will tell you he just does not know which wedding to attend. It is a problem, and the contracting parties are not at all cooperative. They all want their marriages solemnised about 10-11 a.m. on Sundays instead of staggering the hours. Of course, marriage is not without its problems. I have just had a letter from a reader "Up North"—yes, it's that old place again—bemoaning the loss of a good friend: the marriage market caught him up, and today he is nowhere to be seen. His friends look for him here, they look for him there, but d[illegible] if they can find him. Yet there was a time when he was single—when he was seen everywhere. Some of his [illegible] mates are slightly nasty, and are beginning to refer to such [illegible] as "petticoat" Government. My [illegible] advises us to remain [illegible]. Do not worry about the fellow. For the first two years of his married life his wife only will see him. After that she will be wondering where he is. He will be back with his friends.

A SAD, SAD STORY

THIS is the sad, sad story of a man who has been dogged by bad luck. Some time back, with [illegible], he bought himself a couple of fowls, but as he did not have a place where he could keep them for a few days, a friend volunteered to do that for him. It was all very nice. Then one day he got the sad news. The wind had blown open the door of the chicken coop, and one of the [illegible] "fowls" had disappeared. That was disheartening, but still one has to be grateful for the little mercies of the Lord. There was one fowl, and our friend, the owner, waited patiently for the day when he would convert it into a dinner. All his plans were laid, but when he went to bring the fowl the good friends told him it had died just the morning before. That was tragic, but he had enough faith in his friends and believed them with a "never mind." The next time he bought a couple of fowls he sent them home to "mother's house." One day young brother informed him that one of his fowls had disappeared. The next day he went post-haste to collect the other one. A sympathetic mother and brothers told him that the remaining one had died in the morning. Our friend is pondering now over the question, "To be or not to be." The first person who had volunteered to provide shelter for his fowls is a Sunday School teacher, and that makes the problem complicated.

CHRISTIAN SOLDIER

THE following epitaph is taken from the headstone of the grave of a Puritan in Massachusetts Bay and refers to one of those folk who left England to free himself from the religious persecutions. It is quoted by Rev. Ray Phillips in the last issue of "The Forum":

"Here lies John Williams,
A valiant fighter for the Lord,
He killed eighty-nine Redskins,
He hoped to make it one hundred,
But he fell asleep in Jesus at the age of seventy-two."

POLES LEAVE INDIA

BOMBAY: After nearly six years stay in various camps in India, 800 Polish refugees left for Mombasa in the United States Army Transport, General Stewart.

A spokesman of the refugees said 600 of whom declined repatriation to [illegible] settle in East Africa, while the remainder hoped to settle in the British zone of Germany.

With the departure of the General Stewart, all except about 300 Poles, most women and children, who came to India in 1942, have now left the country.—Sapa Reuter.

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, seven furlongs.
1. FALAISE.
2. [illegible].
3. Highland Song.
4. Working Girl.

Second race, 12.30, Stewards' Handicap (fillies), five furlongs.
1. SUVLA BAY.
2. Super Lady.
3. Perfection.

Third race, 1.10, Maiden Handicap (2nd Div.), 1½ miles.
1. FAST MISS.
2. [illegible].
3. [illegible].

Fourth race, 1.50, Flying Handicap (2nd Div.), seven furlongs.
1. WARWICK'S LAMENT.
2. [illegible].
3. Mayday.
4. Proud Knight.

Fifth race, 2.25, Stewards' Handicap (colts), five furlongs.
1. CAPE[illegible].
2. [illegible].
3. Bill Lee.

Sixth race, 3.0, Maiden Handicap (1st Div.), nine furlongs.
1. SARSARHAH.
2. Vardar.
3. [illegible].

Seventh race, 3.40, Flying Handicap (1st Div.), seven furlongs.
1. PAYLOAD.
2. [illegible].
3. [illegible].

Eighth race, 4.10, Flying Handicap (2nd Div.), seven furlongs.
1. NOONA.
2. [illegible].
3. Pat McGilligan.
4. [illegible].

Ninth race, 4.45, Maiden Handicap (2nd Div.), 1½ miles.
1. MARSHALL.
2. [illegible].
3. Maid of Dawn.

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Dr. Khare Accused Of Complicity In Gandhi's Death

NEW DELHI.—Dr. N. B. Khare, the former member for Commonwealth Relations in the Government of India, who would be remembered in South Africa for his strong support of the cause of Union Indians, has been directed by the Government of India to remain temporarily outside the state of Alwar, of which he is the Prime Minister, to enable investigation about "the possible complicity of the R.S.S. in the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi and other serious crimes with the support or connivance of the State Administration. The order also includes the Maharaja of Alwar.

THE notification states:—

All available members of the Negotiating Committee of the States which have individual representation in the Constituent Assembly, having been individually consulted by the Governor-General, and having considered the material placed before them in regard to the activities of the R.S.S. in Alwar State, the possible complicity of this organisation in the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi and other serious crimes with the support or connivance of the State administration, agree that there are prima facie grounds for:—

1. Asking His Highness, the Maharaja of Alwar, and Dr. Khare, Prime Minister of Alwar, to remain outside Alwar State temporarily in order that there should be no question of investigations of the allegations being in any way prejudiced; and

2. The Administration of the State being carried on, as a temporary measure, by an Administrator appointed by the Ministry of States.

The Government of India accept the above advice and have decided that His Highness the Maharaja of Alwar and Dr. Khare, Prime Minister of Alwar, should remain outside Alwar State and have appointed an Administrator to carry on the administration of the State as a temporary measure. Arrangements have been accordingly made with immediate effect.

Mahatma Gandhi.

Dr. Khare's Services Terminated

The Maharaja of Alwar in a communication to the States Ministry said:—

"Government of India Ministry of States Notification has been handed over to me by the Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of States, in the presence of the Governor-General and the Honourable the Minister for States. I am shocked to note the contents of this document referring to the activities of the R.S.S. in Alwar State, the possible complicity of this organisation in the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi and other serious crimes with the support or connivance of the State administration.

"It is extremely painful for me to think that such an allegation should have been made against my State. As, however, the allegation is so grave, I do not wish to interfere in the least in the proposed investigations of the allegations and wish the position of my State to be cleared as best and as soon as possible.

"It is, therefore, ordered that the services of Dr. Khare, the Prime Minister of the State, be dispensed with. The administration of the State will be carried on by the Administrator appointed for the period of the inquiry. The Administrator should be given full co-operation by the Services, both civil and military. I shall voluntarily reside outside Alwar State during the period of the inquiry which should not in any way be prejudiced."

The District Magistrate, Delhi, has ordered Dr. Khare to remain within Delhi Province for one month.

The Rain Makers

From Our Own Correspondent.

MADRAS.—A straw effigy of "Kalumpavi" ("the worst sinner") was dragged through the principal streets of a Madras suburb accompanied by a large crowd and led by a band playing Indian music and women weeping bitterly, in an effort to bring much-needed rain. The effigy was later burnt.

Those taking part in the ceremony believed that the absence of rain was due to the presence of sinners and the dragging of the effigy would act as an antidote.

Mr. JINNAH TAKES THE OATH

"I, MOHAMMAD ALI JINNAH, having been elected a member of this assembly, do solemnly affirm that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the constitution of Pakistan as by law established, and that I will faithfully discharge the duty upon which I am about to enter."

WITH these words, Mr. Jinnah was the first to take the oath of allegiance at the first session of the Pakistan Parliament, which began in Karachi on February 23, with recitations from the Holy Quran by Maulana Shabbir Ahmed Usmani. Forty-five members attended.

The first order of the day was a motion of condolence on the death of Mahatma Gandhi.

After tributes were paid to the work of Gandhiji from all sides of the House, Mr. Jinnah, who spoke with deep emotion, rounded off the debate. He said:

"I have heard the deep expressions of sorrow and grief, and I associate myself with the tributes that have been paid to this great man and his greatness. He died in the discharge of duty in which he was engaged. He was a man of principles, and when he was convinced, and when he believed that it was his duty, he took it up and performed it.

"His tragic death, however much we may deplore and condemn it, was a noble death, for he died in the discharge of the duty in which he believed. I will convey the message as desired by you, Mr. Prime Minister, to the Indian people in due course."

Air Mail Postage to India Increased

PRETORIA, Tuesday.

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MITCHELL HEADS FOR THE "INTERIOR"

THE Indian question in this country provides the European politician with a splendid opportunity of securing an outstanding career. Among the few things he has to do is to speak with some assumed authority of a knowledge of the Indian question. In this he has it all his own way, for there is nobody to contradict him. An easily earned reputation can be productive of a fine career, as it can be seen in the recent moves made on the political chessboard of this Province.

A LITTLE over three years ago Mr. Heaton Nicholls ousted, no doubt, an Afrikaner aspirant from the post of the High Commissioner in London—all because of his part in Indian politics in this country. People will remember the Indian issues of those times. [illegible] some more, and one of them was that the Indian was a Natal subject and not a Union national. Such technicalities were proving a nuisance and getting quite embarrassing to the Central Government which "promoted" him from the post of the Natal Administrator to the Union's High Commissioner in London.

The South Coast Shopkeeper

His successor, too, Mr. D. E. Mitchell, the South Coast shopkeeper, owed his promotion to the post of Natal's First Citizen to the Indian question. He was quite an unknown name outside of this Province until he was brought in for "consultation" as a member of the Natal Executive Committee, on the Indian issue, at the time of the Pretoria Agreement, by the Prime Minister, General Smuts. His star was on the ascendant from then onward.

It is an open secret that Mr. Mitchell is to be the next Minister of the Interior. That is the reason why he resigned the Administratorship so that he, as a Member of Parliament, will be given a seat in the Cabinet — that is if the United Party still holds the Government after the elections.

The feeling is that a Cape Minister should not be burdened with the Indian issue, which is principally Natal's concern. It seemed that it was beyond the Natal member in the Cabinet [illegible] to hold this portfolio with any great ability.

The Administratorship of Natal to Mr. D. G. Shepstone is his reward for his services on the Indian question by General Smuts, for it has been known for some years that he is the Prime Minister's "Indian" adviser. He has also set up as [illegible] his "knowledge" of the Indian question did not go beyond his conversations with the late Mr. A. I. Kajee.

To observe the career of the "lesser lights" in the Province: Mr. Boyd, the present Mayor of Durban, started his public career with his opposition to Indian "penetration" in Durban. Till the time of the Second Broome Commission he was practically an unknown figure in Durban's politics.

There are others also who have achieved fame and fortune in exploiting the Indian question, for it is the easiest thing in the world to damn the Indian. The politician knows that he can do this with impunity, for there is no one to reply.

[illegible] it is always good to himself to build up quite a "reputation" of being an "authority" on the Indian question.

This is not difficult to achieve for both the daily and Sunday newspapers realise the [illegible] importance of a good splash story—firstly, rubbing the dirt against the Indian; secondly, an excellent selling factor for their papers, for how can an Indian fail to buy a paper that condemns him? One only has to watch the contents bills of these papers to see the truth of this statement.

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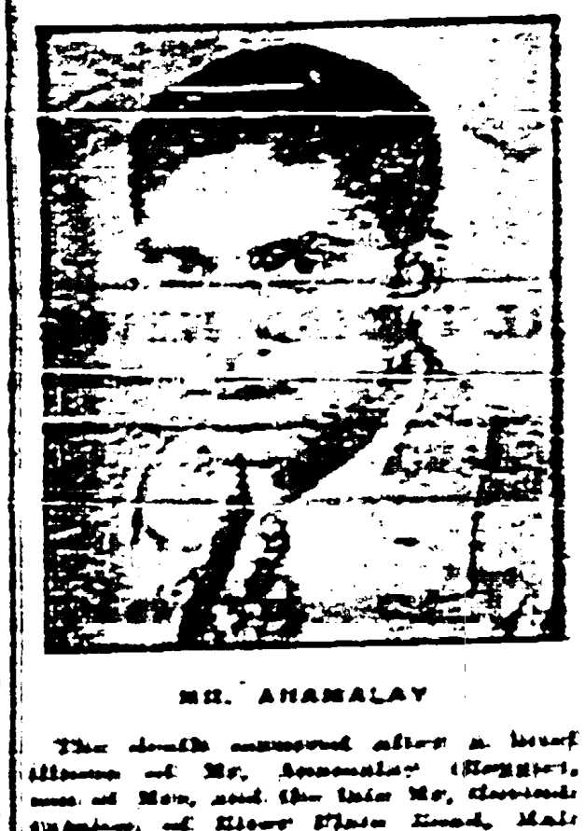
OBITUARIES

MRS. MARY STANLEY

Mary, beloved wife of Mr. [illegible] Stanley, of [illegible] Pietermaritzburg, was called to rest on February [illegible] at the age of twenty years. [illegible] The funeral service was conducted by Pastor [illegible] There was a large gathering of friends and relatives at the graveside.

She was loved by all those who knew her. She leaves behind her husband, two daughters and a wide circle of friends and relatives to mourn their loss.



MR. ANAMALAY

The death occurred after a brief illness of Mr. Annamalay [illegible] son of Mrs. and the late Mr. [illegible] River Flats Road, [illegible] Natal, at the age of twenty-seven years, on March 3, 1948.

His remains were interred at the [illegible] Cemetery amid a large gathering of friends and relatives.

He leaves behind his widow, one son, mother, brothers, sisters and a host of friends and relatives to mourn their loss.

The following is the list of wreaths: [illegible]

MRS. JEWAN BUX

Mrs. Jewan Bux died on February [illegible] 1948, after residing at Stanger for nearly half a century. [illegible]

During their lifetime, which was spent mostly in the hospital, they rendered valuable services to the patients, [illegible]

Her son, Mr. Hamood Bux, [illegible]

Besides many floral tributes, telegrams and messages of condolence were [illegible] Indian Immigration Bureau [illegible]

MRS. D. R. MAHARAJ

The death of [illegible] Maharaj [illegible] occurred at [illegible] on February [illegible] at the age of [illegible]

She was popular and well liked by all sections of the community.

She leaves behind her husband, two sons, two daughters and many other relatives to mourn their sad loss.

OBITS IN BRIEF

PALLIAM: The death occurred of Mr. John Palliam at his residence, [illegible] Kenilworth Avenue, Mayville, Durban, at the age of 65 years. He was known as "John Cook." He leaves behind eight daughters, grandchildren and a host of friends and relatives to mourn their loss.

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CORRECTION

In our issue of February [illegible] under the heading [illegible] we reported that Miss Sylvia Lawrence and Mr. Yusuf [illegible] had written letters to the Regional Director of the South African Broadcasting Corporation [illegible]

These were not only letters. The [illegible] "The Leader" [illegible]

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Among the new arrivals a destitute family of six was admitted. Twenty-three beggars were rounded up by an official of the Home with the aid of the South African Police, and of this number 12 have been reprimanded and discharged with the warning not to beg again.

The committee acknowledges the following donations:

Daily: The Home Agencies, Durban, and Mr. V. Gokul, Johannesburg, six pints of milk each.

Weekly: Farmers and Members of the Indian Squatters' Market, fruit and vegetables; Mr. D. G. Maharaj, Mayville, 12 loaves bread.

Donations in cash are acknowledged from: [illegible]

Treats were given by the following: [illegible]

Groceries were received from the following: [illegible]

Old clothing was given by: [illegible]

Other donations: [illegible]

RAMAKRISHNA OFFICIALS

The second annual meeting of the Ramakrishna Centre, Sea View, was held at the "Ramakrishna Lodge," Ballarat Road, Sea View. The following officials and members were elected:

Life patrons, Mr. D. C. Naicker; patrons, Messrs. C. K. Pillay, T. M. Naicker, Durban, S. K. Pillay, K. A. Chetty, Maritzburg, Sundra Pillay, C.P., V. P. Pillay, Stanger, K. P. Moodley, Malvern, D. K. M. Moodley, Bellair, C. R. Naidoo, A. K. Naidoo, [illegible] Naidoo, Sea View; president, Mr. M. A. Moodley; vice-president, Mr. [illegible] Chetty; hon. secretary, Mr. [illegible] Moodley (re-elected); organising secretary, Mr. T. C. Naidoo; hon. treasurer, Mr. S. T. Govender (re-elected).

Council members, Messrs. [illegible]

Double Wedding

On Sunday, February 15, 1948, Ingagane was the scene of a beautiful double wedding, when Mr. Ragoo Singh, of Newcastle, was married to the eldest daughter, and Mr. [illegible] Bhaw, of Germiston, to the second daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. [illegible]

A large crowd witnessed the ceremony, which was performed by Mr. D. G. Singh, of Germiston. Messages of congratulations were received and read from all over Natal and the Transvaal.

Congratulatory speeches were made by Mr. [illegible] Mr. [illegible] Christopher, Mr. [illegible] and Mr. [illegible] Singh, all of Newcastle, Mr. [illegible] of Dundee, and many others.

Mr. [illegible] Singh, of Newcastle, replied suitably on behalf of the bride groom. The brides and bridegrooms were the recipients of many presents.

Mr. D. R. Maharaj, of [illegible] acted as master of ceremonies.

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INDIAN NOT "PATENT-MINDED"

From Our Own Correspondent.

NEW DELHI.—India has not so far become "patent-minded" according to a report by the Controller of Patents and Designs, Mr. K. Rama Pai.

According to Mr. Pai's statistics, the average annual number of patents granted in India is only 800 compared with 45,000 in the U.S.A. and 19,447 in Great Britain. In 1946 the Controller of Patents received 2,600 applications for patents only 300 of which originated from Indians. Residents of Great Britain had made 1,328 applications and nationals of the U.S.A. 432.

Mr. Pai declared that the correct answer to the scarcity of technical equipment in India was to develop Indian inventions.

There is no inherent lack of inventive talent in India, he [illegible] and given proper incentive and guidance Indian inventors could evolve new processes and products.

Mr. Pai compared the role of the patent system in India to a hundred horsepower engine turning out one horsepower work, [illegible] the benefit of the aliens.

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MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

MR. AND MRS. HARILAL TILAK, who were recently married at Cragieburn, Umhlanga, Natal. Mr. H. Tilak is the second son of Mrs. and the late Mr. Tilak Mall, and Mrs. H. Tilak was formerly Miss Munnee Ramcharran, of Cragieburn, Umhlanga.

KRISHENLALL, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Sewral, of 25 Sir Kurma Reddi Road, Clairwood, Durban, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. R. Ramkissoon, of Main Road, Tongaat, Natal, celebrated his first birthday on March 11, 1948.

PUSHPAKANTEE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Naroomulu, of 213 Clairwood South, grand-daughter of Mr. Rajagopal Moopanar, of [illegible] Anthony Road, off Brooke Road, Durban North, and Mr. V. M. Chetty, of 213 Clairwood South, will celebrate her first birthday on March 14, 1948.

MR. DOLATRAI M. DESAI, of Pretoria, who has obtained a pass in the following courses of the B.A. Examination: Politics, Psychology, English, Ethics, Economics and Economic History and Logic. Mr. Desai holds the European T2 (Transvaal) Certificate and certificates in Latin and Sanskrit. He has spoken extensively on Hindu philosophy, culture and religion, and is a contributor to the philosophical magazine "Prabuddha Bharat." He leaves for India in June on vacation.

DAYALUTCHMEE (VASANTHI), only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Naidoo, of 177 Blinkbonnie Road, Mayville, who celebrated her first birthday on March 1.

MAYADEVI, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raithoo Singh, of 112 Standard Road, Mayville, Durban, who celebrated her third birthday on March 1, 1948.

"CIRCLE" OFFICIALS

At the third annual meeting of the Indian Women's Friendly Circle held on Saturday last the following officials were elected for the ensuing year: Patrons, Mrs. Clare Ellis Brown and Dr. K. Goonam; president, Miss Florrie Peters (re-elected); vice-president, Mrs. Ethel Sonnasundrum; secretary, Miss Theresa Frank; treasurer, Miss Rebecca Charles; auditor, Miss Agnes Christopher.

Executive committee: Mrs. Joyce David, Miss Enia Salligalum, Mrs. [illegible] Naicker, Miss Beryl Pillay, Miss Lena Peters, Miss Dymithee Pillay and Miss Ruth Joseph; tennis captain, Miss Rebecca Charles; hockey captain, Miss Hilda Peters; vice-captain, Miss Dymithee Pillay.

BRIDE FROM PORBANDER

A large and representative crowd assembled at the Grey Street Mosque, Durban, on Sunday last, to witness the marriage of Mr. Ismail Moosa, youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Moosa Hajee Cassim and a brother of Mr. A. M. Moosa and Mr. Abdulla, to Miss Fatima, youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ismail Adam Lakhani, of Porbander, India.

In wishing the couple every success in their married life, Mr. A. M. Kajee, president of the Natal Indian Organisation, said that he hoped Mr. Ismail Moosa would follow in the footsteps of his late father, who gave full support, both financially and morally, to the cause of the Indian people.

"I hope Mr. Ismail Moosa will emulate his late father, who was a friend of all, irrespective of caste," said Mr. P. R. Pather, secretary of the Natal Indian Organisation.

APPRECIATION

Mrs. Tilak and family, of Umhlanga, [illegible] all friends and relatives for their kind assistance, the beautiful messages of congratulations and presents [illegible] on the occasion of the marriage of her son, Harilal, to Miss Munnee Ramcharran, of Cragieburn, Umhlanga.

Mrs. K. Kalideen and baby daughter, Premilla, arrived in Durban by [illegible] yesterday, after holidaying in Mauritius.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Gajadhar and Mr. and Mrs. R. Jugdeo, of [illegible] Road, [illegible] are spending their holidays in Gingindlovu.

FAREWELL TO BRIG. CROFTON

The Maritzburg Indian [illegible] will attend a farewell to Brigadier R. Crofton, C.I.E., M.C., on Wednesday evening, March 17, at the [illegible] Brigadier Crofton formerly lived in India and is now resident in Maritzburg and is a member of the Indian Parliament. He will leave shortly for Lausanne, Switzerland, where his son will enter the University.

Mrs. [illegible] of "[illegible]," Winterton, Natal, is on holiday at Johannesburg.

The marriage took place recently at [illegible] of the third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kallicharan, of [illegible] [illegible] The following spoke on the occasion: Messrs. [illegible]

Mr. [illegible] Choolie, of Pietermaritzburg, has been notified of his complete pass in the Natal Teachers' Fourth Class Certificate Examination.

Mr. J. P. Gokool, director National Office Supplies (Pty.), Ltd., has returned from Johannesburg and Pretoria after a week on business.

Mr. [illegible] of Bethal, is visiting Durban.

Mr. D. M. Moodah, secretary of the N.I.Y.C.[illegible] is spending his vacation with relatives and friends at Johannesburg.

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BORN: A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Singh, of 188 May Street, Durban, on March 1 at the King Edward VIII Hospital. Both well. Thanks to doctor and nurses.

NAIDOO: To Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] Naidoo, of [illegible] Loop Street, Maritzburg, a bonny son and grandson to Mrs. V. G. Naidu, on February 28.

TRIAL TRAIN SERVICE

The System Manager, S.A.R. and H., Durban, has informed the Non-European Railway Passengers' Welfare Association that the 5.5 p.m. Durban-Dannhauser passenger train will, beginning from this evening, also be run on Saturdays as a trial measure for four weeks.

LL.B. DEGREE FOR ISMAIL MEER

Mr. Ismail Meer

Mr. Ismail Meer has obtained the Bachelor of Law degree at the Witwatersrand University in the examination results just published. He is the only Non-European student at Wits to qualify for the year.

His name is well known to the Indian community of Natal and the Transvaal. He once took a leading part in trade union activities of the Indian workers in Natal and was a prominent member of the Liberal Study Group. In the Transvaal he was elected the joint secretary of the Transvaal Indian Congress when Dr. Dadoo took control.

When passive resistance started Mr. Meer gave up his law studies (he was then an articled clerk) to become a full-time official of the Transvaal Passive Resistance Council. He has served a term of imprisonment in the Resistance campaign.

At the University he represented his Faculty in the Students' Representative Council, 1945-1946. He was also a foundation member of the Federation of Progressive Students.

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ELABORATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONFERENCE

Elaborate arrangements have been made for the conference of South African Indians, convened by the N.I.C., which opens this afternoon at four o'clock in the Kathiawad Hall.

Mr. P. R. Pather, N.I.C. secretary, told "The Leader" that over 100 delegates are expected from the Transvaal alone. Other delegates will come from the Cape and other Natal centres.

The opening session of the conference will probably last two hours. Conference will resume at eight o'clock and it is expected that the back of the work will be broken by midnight when conference should adjourn until nine o'clock the next morning.

The conference should be over by four o'clock on Sunday afternoon. Mr. Pather warns delegates that he will tolerate no [illegible].

PROVISIONAL DIVORCE GRANTED

A decree of divorce, provisional for three months, was granted in the Supreme Court, Durban, to Hajira Ismail Seedat, of Pinetown, against her husband Ahmed Ismail Motala ([illegible]) to whom she was married in accordance with Islamic rights and the marriage registered under Act 22 of 1914.

In her declaration Seedat averred that she was married to Motala on May 29, 1944, at Pinetown, but in September, 1945, the defendant deserted her and his present address is Post [illegible], Varachha, Surat, Bombay. She had sued for the restitution of conjugal rights without result. The defendant forfeits the benefits of the marriage.

MATRIC. CLASSES AT DUNDEE

The Natal Education Department has approved of the opening of Standard IX class at the Dundee Government Indian Secondary School immediately, and Standard X classes in 1949.

Besides Sastri College, the Indian Girls' High School, Durban, and Woodlands High School, Pietermaritzburg, Dundee is the only other centre in Natal with these facilities. With the establishment of these classes, a long-felt want has been fulfilled for those students desirous of taking the Matriculation in Northern Natal. Classes have already begun.

C.I.D. ACTIVE

JOHANNESBURG: The special department of the Johannesburg C.I.D., which deals with political activities, has been carrying out further investigations in connection with the Passive Resistance Movement. During the week, Mr. T. N. Naidoo, Acting Chairman of the Transvaal Passive Resistance Council, was questioned by the C.I.D., and later on Mr. A. M. Kathrada, Publicity Officer of the Transvaal Passive Resistance Council, was examined.

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY DONATIONS

The honorary secretary of the Aryan Benevolent Society, Maritzburg, acknowledges with thanks the following donations:

Mr. R. Patak, Dannhauser, £5; Mrs. G. Kallia, Maritzburg, 10/6; Messrs. [illegible], Durban, £1; [illegible] Maritzburg, [illegible]; Durban Turf Club, Durban, £5; [illegible] Maritzburg, £5; Messrs. R. P. Pather & Sons, Maritzburg, [illegible]; [illegible] Pather Bros., Maritzburg, [illegible]; All Indian Market Stall Owners and all Indian Fruit and Vegetable Producers, Maritzburg, weekly vegetables and fruits; Pietermaritzburg Cold Storage Company and Mrs. R. N. Moodley, Maritzburg, mutton. Free meals from all weddings and memorial ceremonies.

Mrs. P. Satyapal is the hon. supervisor and has been responsible for splendid work.

A collection will be taken at the firewalking ceremony at the Hindu Temple on Good Friday and the public is expected to support this deserving cause.

The Governor-General has been pleased to appoint the Hon. Mr. Justice Pakala Venkata Rajamannar, a Judge of the Madras High Court, to act as Chief Justice of that court with effect from January 25, 1948, in the vacancy of the Hon. Sir Frederick Gentle, says a Press communique.

PRIVATE ARMIES BANNED IN INDIA

NEW DELHI: The Government of India have declared the Muslim League National Guards and the Khaksar Organisation unlawful.

Announcing this, a communique says:—

In pursuance of their policy of rooting out the forces of hate and violence that are at work in our country, announced in their resolution of February 2, 1948, Government, as a first step to this end, declared unlawful the Rashtriya Swayam Sevak Sangh. The resolution also announced Government's decision not to permit private armies.

THE organisation known as the Muslim League National Guards must share the blame for creating a poisonous atmosphere in the country, which it is the determination of the Government to eradicate. The organisation is communal and semi-military and is disposed to resort to violence. With the independence of India, members of this organisation could have been expected to settle down as loyal and peaceful citizens of the country. Government, however, regret to have to say that this expectation has proved to be ill-founded.

Members of the Muslim League National Guards are still persisting in their propaganda of communal hatred and violence. They have been carrying on secret propaganda for fostering among the Muslim citizens of India extra-territorial loyalty with the object of disintegrating the country; and, to this end, they have been secretly collecting arms, training its members in the use of arms and fomenting agitation in liaison with members of the organisation across the border.

In the light of recent events, Government cannot tolerate any longer this potential menace to the security and integrity of the country and have, therefore, decided to declare unlawful the Muslim League National Guards in the Chief Commissioners' Provinces and similar action is being taken in Governors' Provinces.

Wedded to Hatred

The organisation of Khaksars has been equally wedded to communal hatred and violence. On several occasions members of the organisation have been guilty of violent acts. It convened an All-India rally of their members at Delhi last year. Soon after, the organisation was officially disbanded by its founder, but his followers have refused to abide by his mandate. They congregated in large numbers in various places, particularly in Delhi, and made no secret of their ambition of disintegrating the country. As a result, the organisation was declared unlawful in the Delhi Province.

They are, however, still carrying on underground propaganda on the same lines as the Muslim League National Guards. They have been circulating posters exhorting people to collect arms, to extricate certain parts of the country from the clutches of the Congress and to make preparations for jehad (crusade) to this end. Members have been known to be also collecting arms.

The threat to the peace of the country from this source in the present crisis is obvious, and there is no place in India for an organisation of this kind. Government have, therefore, decided to declare the Khaksar organisation to be unlawful in the remaining Chief Commissioners' Provinces, and similar action is being taken in Governors' Provinces.

A Secular State

Government wish to make it clear, and are certain that all right-minded Muslims will recognise that this action is not aimed at the Muslim community in any way. India has now gained independence, and all sections of her people must now rely for the protection of their life, property and civic rights on the forces of the State and not on any private armies.

Government have repeatedly declared that India is to be a secular State in which all communities, irrespective of their strength, religion and culture, shall enjoy equal rights. Government repeat their determination to afford to all minorities in India the fullest possible protection against any unlawful activities. They are confident that this further measure taken by them towards eliminating the evils of hate and violence would be regarded by the Muslim community as a decisive step towards ensuring that protection and not as a measure that will impair it.

Smaller Quorum For Parliament

New Delhi: By an order under the Indian Independence Act the Indian provisional constitution has been further amended so as to provide that the quorum for the meetings of the Constituent Assembly of India (Legislative) shall be one-tenth of the total number of members of the Legislature instead of the present one-sixth.

This change has been necessitated since there are several members who being also members of the Provincial Legislature are often unable to attend. In the British House of Commons, consisting of more than 600 members, the prescribed quorum is only 40, which is less than one-fifteenth of the total strength of that House.

KASHMIR DOCUMENTARY

From Our Own Correspondent.

BOMBAY. — A documentary film of events in Kashmir is being prepared from shots taken in the Kashmir valley, according to a despatch from Srinagar.

THE ANSWER —A LEMON

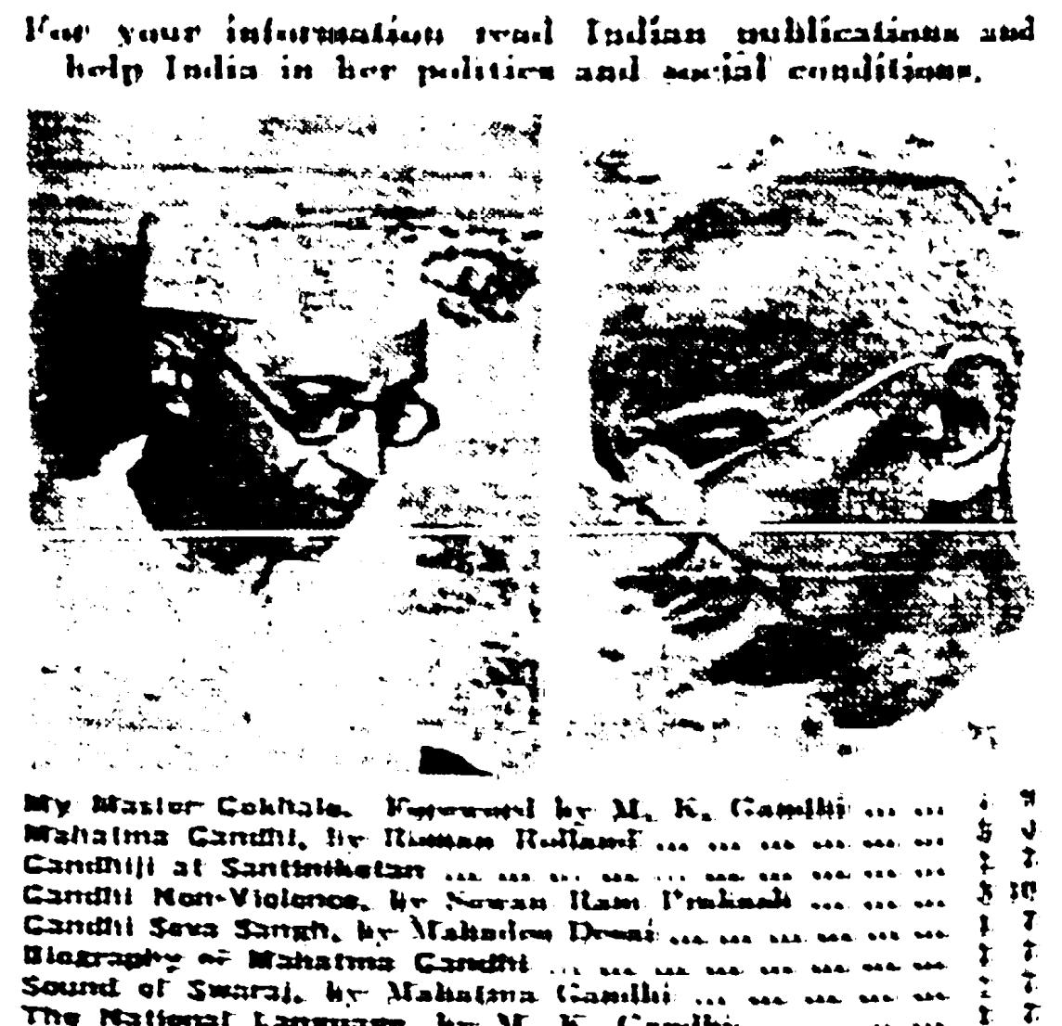
BOMBAY.—The police have issued an official warning about the activities of two men who had tricked several people out of considerable sums of money by declaring themselves able to increase currency notes to several times their value through "mystical powers."

In each case the crooks disappeared after sending the victim to fetch a fruit which was to be used to "propitiate the gods"—a lemon.

Portuguese Possessions In India

New Delhi: No formal representations had been made to the Portuguese authorities in the matter of granting complete independence to the inhabitants of Daman, Diu and Goa, but some informal conversations had taken place. There was no Indian diplomatic representative in Lisbon; the informal conversations had taken place in London between the Indian High Commissioner and the Portuguese Ambassador.

The Government of India were at present considering the question of exchanging diplomatic representatives with Portugal. Pending such exchange, future of Portuguese possessions in India must remain the subject of informal discussion as and when opportunity occurred.



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NEW WARD OPENED FOR F.O.S.A. CHILDREN

ONE more stage in the progress of FOSA was recorded on Sunday when the Administrator, Mr. D. C. Shepstone, opened the new £4,300 wing of the children's hospital on the settlement. On behalf of the Natal Regional Council of the S.A. Red Cross Society he presented an ambulance to FOSA.

DECLARING the ward open, Mr. Shepstone said that although he had heard of Fosa and the work that was being done, this was the first time he had been privileged to see Fosa.

At the beginning, when Paul Sykes had first launched the project, he, together with other people, was sceptical of the outcome of the undertaking. Paul Sykes had an abundance of faith but very little money. The settlement as it stood today was a striking tribute to the work, the zeal and the energy of the Sykeses.

Referring to the warning of Professor [illegible] that the Non-European was the charge of the European, Mr. Shepstone said: "You must be aware of your responsibilities to the Non-Europeans."

He looked forward to the day when Fosa would be big enough to cater for all the social needs of the Indian community.

The ambulance donated by the Red Cross would be very useful to the Settlement, Mr. Sykes said, because the Municipal ambulance refused to cross the corporation boundaries. They only picked up the cases at the boundary.

With the ambulance at their disposal, Fosa would be able to take cases as far as the municipal boundary and then let the Corporation take over.

Need for Ambulance

Handing over the ambulance to the Association, Mr. J. [illegible] pointed out that the Red Cross only provided ambulances where there was real need for it. From what he had seen and learned of the work of Fosa he was positive that the ambulance would meet a real need.

[illegible] welcomed the Administrator and the guests on behalf of the Association. He hoped the day was not far when the whole children's ward would be open.

Speaking again, Mr. Sykes traced the birth and the growth of the Settlement. It had not been a question of saying what was wanted; it was a case of putting in solid work. This was done through the various care committees. All services were voluntary.

It was not long before the members realised that by taking care of TB cases they were meeting only half the problem. They realised that they needed a place where they could place the destitute families of TB victims and TB convalescent cases. It was futile leaving these families in the slums, where they had fallen victims to the scourge of TB.

Students' Generosity

The generosity of the students of the Natal University College had made possible the children's hospital. They had given generously year after year. The whole building now stood in the name of the students of the N.U.C.

It was his firm conviction that not a single child should die from primary pulmonary TB. If they did then that was a pathetic commentary on the lack of social consciousness on the part of the people.

Mr. J. D. Hulley, chairman of Students' Representative Council of the N.U.C., said that the credit for the hospital should go to the public of Natal. It was their money which the students had collected and passed on to Fosa. [illegible] formally received the ward from Mr. Hulley and then asked Mr. Shepstone to open it.

The picture shows the Administrator of Natal, Mr. D. C. Shepstone, opening the new £4,300 ward of the Children's Hospital at Fosa on Sunday last. In the picture are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sykes, who left for England during the week.
Photo: K. H. Ismail

GOODWILL CAN EXIST

SHORN of the machinations of European politicians with an eye to their own aspirations, there is always the possibility that goodwill can exist between Indian and European in South Africa.

This belief is amply illustrated by an offer to the Fosa by a European woman—not any woman who feels like "slumming" on a Sunday morning or one who would like to do something for the "pagans," but the wife of a railway worker.

"My husband," she says, "is only a railway employee and only earns a very moderate wage . . ."

After learning of the work the Fosa was pulling, she wrote to Mr. Sykes as follows:—

"I have been wondering if there was not some way in which I could help. It was with deep interest that I read the article about Mr. Reddy and his wish to train as a social worker among his own people.

"I see your association has put aside £1 10s. per month for his pocket money. I wonder if you would allow me to pay that small amount, as I feel sure that your Association has need of every penny for your own extensive work.

"I would also like to know whether something definite has been done about his board fees, as [illegible] possible that I may be able to advance at least part of the loan . . ."

This then is the reaction of a European woman of moderate means and a moderate station in life, the reaction of a person who can think in terms of a fellow being rather than White and Black, as the case generally is with South Africa. This country can do with more of these people.

PAKISTAN'S COAL

"SUPPLIES of imported coal could be obtained more cheaply from South Africa, but considerations of maintaining cordial relations with the neighbouring Indian Dominion have prevented Pakistan from availing itself of supplies from that source." This is an extract from a report issued by Pakistan's Ministry of Industry.

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MR. RAJCOOMAR RETIRES FROM HINDU TEMPLE

MR. R. RAJCOOMAR is the only remaining link of the thirteen persons who founded the Durban Hindu Temple 50 years ago, said Mr. R. [illegible], chairman of the Durban Hindu Temple, at a reception given to Mr. Rajcoomar, Trustee and Founder of the Durban Hindu Temple, on his retirement.

"It is a pity that we have to lose the services of a man who never shirked responsibilities and worked with sincerity for the welfare of his community," the chairman said.

Mr. Sewa Misra, who spoke in Hindi, said that his association with Mr. Rajcoomar started in 1898. During that period I found him to be a person who performed his duty whenever called upon to do so.

Mr. Rajcoomar had not only served his people, but had also taken an active part in the affairs of the Indian people, said Mr. B. L. Singh.

Mr. Singh urged that the Temple and other Hindu organisations should hold regular prayer meetings on Sundays, and that religious teachings should be imparted to the younger generation.

Mr. H. R. Singh moved a vote of thanks.

Mr. Rajcoomar was presented with a framed address.

WORK FOR LIFE-SAVERS

[illegible] winds and currents made sea bathing very dangerous on Sunday last. Three rescues were effected by members of the Durban Indian Surf Life Saving Club.

A sixteen-year-old Indian boy was washed into a channel in a prohibited bathing area and was rescued.

In the afternoon R. [illegible] and R. Bharath, both of Bellair Road, Mayville, were caught in a strong backwash and were being swept into the sea by a swift current. They were rescued before anything serious could happen.

Lifesavers are constantly having trouble with people who repeatedly bathe in prohibited areas. They are liable to arrest.

MORE T.I.O. BRANCHES

At a meeting of Indians held at the School Hall, Nylstroom, the Transvaal Indian Organisation, Nylstroom Branch, was formed. The following office-bearers were elected: President, A. M. Moosa; joint hon. secretaries, A. M. [illegible] and K. I. Ravat; vice-president, W. Salim and A. [illegible]; joint treasurers, [illegible] and M. I. Raval.

At a large gathering of Indians at Standerton the Transvaal Indian Organisation, Standerton Branch, was formed with the following officials: Ayob Suliman, president; Sheikh Abdul Hamid [illegible] Mohamed, hon. secretary.

At a general meeting held at Springs the Springs Branch of the Transvaal Indian Organisation was formed with the following officials: Patrons, Messrs. Fakir Moosa, K. M. Kajee and [illegible]; president, Mr. D. M. Khan; vice-presidents, Messrs. K. Naidoo, M. Pillay, [illegible] and [illegible]; joint secretaries, Messrs. E. Andrews and [illegible]; joint treasurers, Messrs. [illegible]. Committee, Messrs. [illegible]. Delegates to T.I.O., Messrs. D. M. Khan and E. Andrews. Executive, Messrs. D. M. Khan, E. Andrews and [illegible].

Mr. [illegible], of Bethal, who is in Durban, told "The Leader" that the formation of T.I.O. branches was proceeding apace in the Transvaal and the organisers had every reason to be satisfied.

INDIAN BROADCAST

The Regent Orchestra (until recently known as the City Indian [illegible]), conducted by [illegible] Pillay, will broadcast a programme of Tamil songs and music from the Durban Studios on Sunday next. Vocalists will be [illegible] Pillay and [illegible]. [illegible] Naidoo will also be featured in the programme in a selection of Hindi songs.

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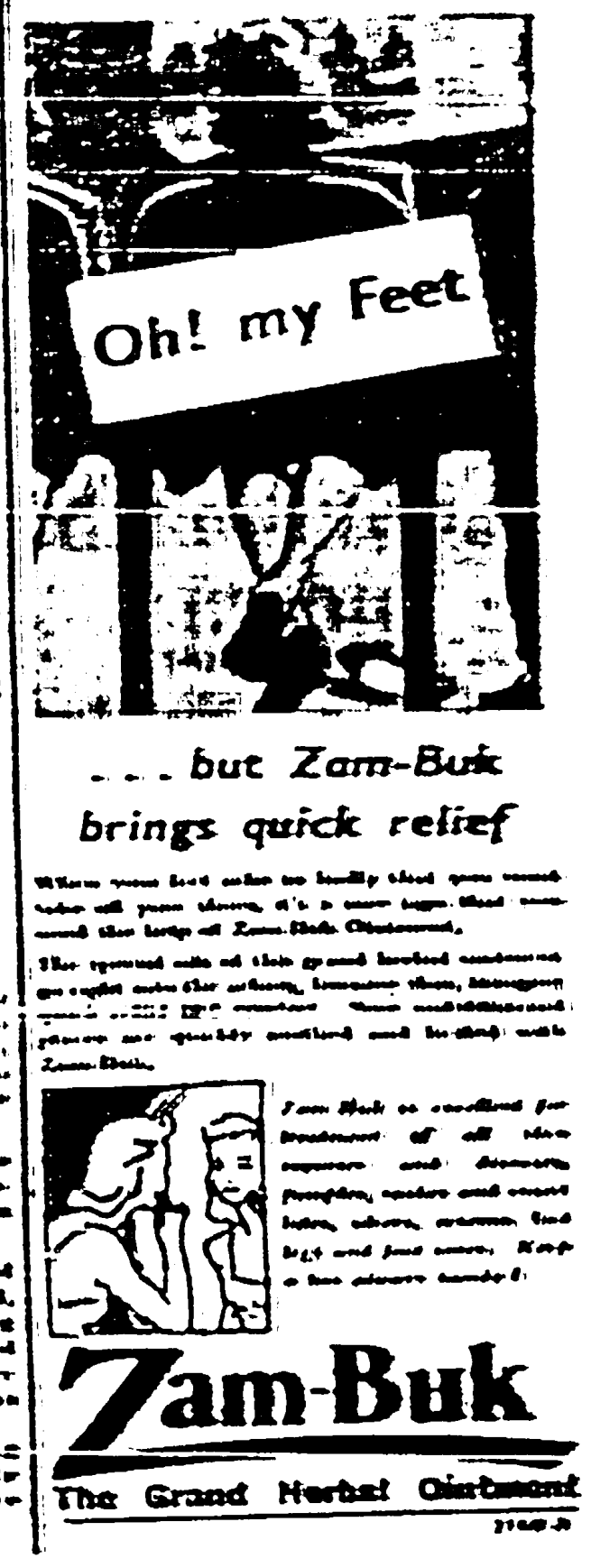

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PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC MEETING

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Sunday, 14th March,

at 10 a.m. sharp.

The Meeting is of grave importance to all concerned as it is to decide the future of Hindi Patshala.

The Financial Report of the Hindi Patshala will be presented by the principal, Mr. R. P. Singh, the vice-chairman of the Mundal, has kindly consented to preside.

Please attend and observe punctuality.

K. RAMCHAND,
Hon. Secretary.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Ninth Annual General Meeting of the Standard Angling Club will be held on 21st March, 1948, at 2 p.m., at the Clairwood Tamil Institute Hall, Sir Kurma Reddi Road, Clairwood. Members are requested to attend without fail. Agenda: (1) Minutes, (2) Correspondence, (3) Secretary's Annual Report, (4) Treasurer's Financial Statement, (5) Election, (6) General.

R. R. PILLAY,
Hon. Secretary.

Natal Indian Football Association

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the above Association will be held on SUNDAY, 14th MARCH, at the Y.M.S.A. LIBRARY, Church St., Pietermaritzburg, commencing at 10 a.m.

AGENDA

- (a) To receive delegates' credentials and affiliations.
- (b) Minutes
- (c) Secretary's Annual Report and Treasurer's Financial Statement.
- (d) To amend and modify Rules.
- (e) Election of Office-bearers.
- (f) Election of Auditor.
- (g) Election of Appeal Board
- (h) Election of Delegates to S.A.I.F.A.
- (i) Election of Delegates to Natal Inter-Race Soccer Board.
- (j) To deal with Correspondence.
- (k) Any other business.

S. R. NAIDOO, Hon. Sec.

INVITATION

Memorial Ceremony

Mrs. [illegible] and family, of River Flats Road, Malvern, Natal, invite friends and relatives to attend the sixteenth day memorial ceremony of her late beloved son Ammalay (Reggie), to be held at their residence on 26th March, 1948, and continued on the next day on the river bank.

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Time has changed in many ways,
But one thing changes never,
Our memories of the happy days
When we were all together.

Ever remembered by his sorrowing parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gopal Padayachee, and family, 4 George Street, Mayville. Inserted by Mr. [illegible] Padayachee.

CHETTY: In loving memory of my dear wife and our dear mother, Govindamma, who passed away on March 13th, 1947, at 3 Factory Road, East London.

No one knows the silent heartache,
Only those who have lost can tell,
Of the grief that is borne in silence,
For the mother we loved so well.
[illegible]
And the [illegible]
[illegible]
And whispered "Peace be thine."

Inserted by her loving husband, S. M. Chetty, and children, [illegible], Saminathan and Jugathambal.

THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. [illegible] and Mr. and Mrs. Ruthnam Pillay, of 3 Kenilworth Avenue, Mayville, Durban, thank all friends and relatives for their kind messages of sympathy and beautiful floral tributes sent in their recent sad bereavement.

The Rao Family of the Indian Immigration Hospital, Stanger, wish to thank all those who rendered assistance, sent beautiful floral tributes, telegrams and messages of condolence during their sad bereavement, the death of their beloved mother.

Natal Indian Congress
(Founded by Mahatma Gandhi in 1894)

ANNUAL PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE
1948
NOTICE

to delegates and members of Branches.

In terms of Clause (a) and (e) of Rule 3 of Congress Constitution, you are hereby notified that the Annual Conference of the Natal Indian Congress will be held in Durban on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, the 29th, 30th and 31st of May, 1948.

In terms of Rule 20 (a) the details of time, place and agenda will be forwarded to delegates and Branch Secretaries direct.

N.B.—Attention is drawn to Rule 8 (a) and (b) and Rule 32 of the constitution.

A. I. MEER,
General Secretary.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 1948.

BUT MR. BOYD

THE Mayor of Durban, Mr. L. L. Boyd, who owes his present position and status in public life to the Indian question has gone to great lengths to tell the American newspapermen who were here last week that they had heard a great deal of "lying propaganda" about non-Europeans in this country. He took great pains to paint a remarkably rosy picture of the conditions under which the non-European people of this country live. "You have heard," he told the Americans, "that the non-Europeans live in ghettos. Nothing could be further from the truth. Large tracts of land in this delightful country have been set aside for them, including some of the best land in the country." It is a pity that the Americans did not find time to have a Press conference with some of the Indian leaders. That would have been a very interesting affair. But to revert to Mr. Boyd's complaints about the lying propaganda of the non-Europeans.

We take it that Mr. Boyd showed the American visitors various parts of Durban and Natal, but we wonder whether he took them along to the Magazine Barracks and told the Americans: "This is an excellent example of the fact that Indians do not live in ghettos." The reactions of the visitors would have been very interesting to record. We wonder if he took them to Clairwood and told them that here over 20,000 Indians live cheek by jowl without the City Council, of which he is Mayor, bothering in the least about roads, lighting, sanitation, sports fields and other civic amenities. Of course, it would be mean of us if, after Mr. Boyd's complaint, we did not agree with him that the slums of Clairwood were among "some of the best land in the country."

It would have been an interesting experience for the U.S. Pressmen to have gone along to Riverside and seen the [illegible] and the [illegible] shanties which go for Indian homes. Certainly with all these little blessings the Indians are ungrateful wretches. They should go down on their hands and knees and tell Mr. Boyd what wonderful work he and his Council have done for the Indian people. It is now the absolute duty of the Natal Indian Congress, the Natal Indian Organisation, and other bodies interested in Indian welfare to call on Mr. Boyd and ask him for a map showing where the "large tracts of land in this delightful country" have been set aside for them (non-Europeans) so that the Indian people can acquire them for their own growth and development. We confess that we, ourselves, have not been able to find these "large tracts" and are now churlish enough to think that they exist in Mr. Boyd's imagination — restricted even though it may be.

Instead of complaining against Mr. Boyd we have evolved a simple formula which should suit both Mr. Boyd and the Prime Minister. Why not let them put their claims about the non-European people to the test. These Americans came out to this country as guests of the Prime Minister and were shown around by the Europeans only. They did not meet any non-Europeans or see non-European living conditions at first hand. What they know of the non-European peoples are [illegible] they have heard from Mr. Boyd and General Smuts and as things are today, it is reasonable to assume that one does not get an altogether correct bearing on the non-European problem by believing either Mr. Boyd or General Smuts without [illegible].

If Mr. Boyd had the courage of his claims he should have handed over the American gentlemen to a representative group of Indians who would have conducted them to those places which the Europeans did not find time to do. Remember, we do not [illegible] either Mr. Boyd or the Prime Minister with deliberately evading the issue. We realise their difficulties and it is possible that they could not have taken them to Clairwood. The roads, we know, are bad that way, and bumps [illegible] have given the Americans a bad impression of South Africa. The Indians would not worry about the comfort of their guests because, according to what Mr. Boyd told the newspapermen, "the Asiatics who were brought here as labourers within the last sixty or seventy years [illegible] backward classes in India." Presumably they are still in that condition and hence the discomfort of their guests could have been overlooked. The Americans could have been taken to the numerous places and shown the [illegible] which Mr. Boyd waxed so eloquently. So pardon us Mr. Boyd when we interrupt with a "But Mr. Boyd."

MAN WHO PUT INDIAN BALLET ON WORLD MAP

Uday Shankar, Indian dancer of international repute, has prepared a scheme for running a central national organisation for art under Government auspices.

SHANKAR is the man who put Indian ballet on the world map. "I want the Government to pool all the artistic resources of India," he said in an interview recently, "to collect all the talented exponents of ancient classical dancing and colourful folk dances and set up a central art department to direct activities of various other centres scattered all over India. It is my [illegible] that only the purest and most classic art forms should reach the masses whose aesthetic judgments are already perverted by the ugliness we see in modern film dances."

While he has always laid emphasis on the lofty artistic traditions of the past, Uday Shankar has never been immune to the best modern trends in art. "To me," he says, "art is the expression of life at its fullest, highest and most significant." No expression, whether in painting, sculpture, poetry, music or drama, is worthwhile or genuine, he says, unless it deals with life. It is the sum total of human experience cast into moulds of flawless expression, which, he believes, inspires beauty and power.

From Painting to Dancing

Uday Shankar was born in the historic city of Udaipur. As a boy he aspired to be a painter and a musician, in spite of the opposition of his family, who held orthodox views. In 1917 he was permitted to join the Art School in Bombay, and in 1920 his father, the late Pandit Shyam Shankar Chowdhury, at that time Prime Minister of Jhalawar State, sent him to London to carry on his studies at the Royal College of Arts. There he studied painting under Sir William Rothenstein and graduated with distinction, winning the Spencer and George Clausen prizes.

But Uday Shankar followed the dictates of destiny when he made his fateful choice of a profession between the alternatives of painting and dancing. His first experience of the stage was when he helped his father to produce a performance in London in aid of Indian soldiers wounded in World War I. He also gave musical recitals and helped his father with two short plays which the latter had written.

Joined Anna Pavlova

During this period the attention of the famous Anna Pavlova was drawn to the young Indian. In 1923 he was asked to join Anna Pavlova's Ballet Company and teach her the art of Indian dancing. He arranged two Hindu ballets in which he was her partner, and subsequently he accompanied her on a tour of the U.S.A.

After that Uday Shankar spent several years alone in Europe, slowly making headway through a variety of experiences and difficulties. But he gradually made a name for himself as a professional dancer and returned to India in 1929. The following year, with the help of Miss Alice Boner, a Swiss artist, he assembled a company of Indian dancers and musicians and took them to Europe. This time his success was immediate and his future was assured. After an extensive tour of Europe he took his company to America. Here he played to audiences totalling altogether more than a million people.

Free India's Message

On his return to India he started his culture centre at Almora in the United Provinces, which he disbanded some three years ago to work on his novel experiment, Kalpana, a dance drama made for the screen. It is an unusual picture, the first of its kind in India. All the ancient techniques of Indian dancing and the folk dances of India are represented in about 60 dance sequences woven round common episodes of life.

"I am going on a tour of the West in about a couple of months with my dancers," he said, "and I hope I shall successfully deliver the message of free India through her ancient art."

Synthetic Rubber

SCHEMES for the setting up of an Electro-Chemical Research Institute in South India and a Central Institute for Drug Research were approved by the Governing Body of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, which met in New Delhi recently. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister, presided.

The Electro-Chemical Research Institute will be in the chain of National Laboratories which are being established in India. Five of these laboratories—the National Physical Laboratory, the National Chemical Laboratory, the Central Glass and Ceramic Research Institute and the Fuel Research Institute—are fast coming up. It is also proposed to establish a Leather Research Institute, a Road Research Institute and a Building Research Station.

Dr. R. Alagappa Chettiar, an industrial magnate of South India, has donated Rs. 1½ million towards the establishment of the Electro-Chemical Institute.

Drug Research

The Central Institute of Drug Research, which will involve a capital cost of Rs. 2 million, will cover a wide range of activities extending from scientific studies of crude drugs used in indigenous systems of medicine to the highly developed field of synthetics and antibiotics.

The Government of India have provided funds for planning work connected with the establishment of the Institute. The Indian Chemical Manufacturers' Association have also agreed to finance the Institute to a considerable extent. A special committee with Dr. Jivraj Mehta, Director-General, Indian Medical Services, as chairman, has been set up to select a suitable place for the location of the Institute.

The Council set up a committee consisting of eminent industrialists and scientists, to work out details of a scheme to manufacture synthetic petrol from Indian coal. It is pointed out that India has large resources of second and third grade qualities of coal which can be utilised for this purpose. Arrangements have been made to test in America the suitability of Indian coals for the manufacture of synthetic petrol.

The Council suggested that simultaneously intensified geological and geophysical exploration of possible areas of occurrence of petroleum in India should be carried out. It also recommended to Government to explore the possibility of buying crude petroleum from the Iranian and Burma oil fields and refining it at two or three refineries at Indian ports.

Atomic Energy

The Council decided to prepare plans for carrying out work on underground gasification of coal which has revolutionised technology in U.S.A., Russia and other countries.

The Council also considered a draft bill for Governmental control of development of atomic energy and disposal of the raw materials. The bill is to be further examined by the President and Vice-President of the Council and the Director of Scientific and Industrial Research.

THE HAJ THIS YEAR

NO SPECIAL PROVISION

THIS year the Government of India will not make any special provision for Haj, and intending pilgrims to Mecca will have to make their own arrangements for their passage to Jedda direct with the shipping company concerned in India.

LAST year, it will be recalled, the Government of India made special arrangements to convey pilgrims to Jedda.

Referring to refund to Haj applicants a note from the Ministry of External Affairs and Commonwealth Relations of the Government of India states:—

"Intending pilgrims who deposited advance passage money with Haj Booking Office, New Delhi, in connection with Haj pilgrimage in 1947 but were not successful in securing passages should submit their claims to the Haj Booking Office, Connaught Circus, New Delhi, for refund of their deposits at an early date.

"The following details in respect of their remittances should be furnished in the application for refund:— Name of pilgrim, permanent address as given in the application for passage, amount remitted, number and date of money order, name of post office from which remitted, whether the pilgrim applied for passage in pre-Ramzan or post-Ramzan sailings, cash serial number noted on the receipt obtained from Haj Booking office, present address.

"The reservation card, if any, should be surrendered with the application for refund."

In an earlier note the Ministry said:

"The Government of India have been considering the future policy to be followed regarding Haj arrangements. The suspension of sailings during the years 1942-43 led to the accumulation of a large number of persons desiring to proceed on pilgrimage. When sailings were resumed in 1944 it was found that the booking of passages and preparation of sailing programmes required an elaborate organisation. The Government of India thereupon assumed responsibility for all sailing and booking arrangements.

"With the improvement in shipping facilities, it is now felt that the present elaborate arrangements need not continue. In the coming season, the Government of India will divest itself of responsibility for booking arrangements but will endeavour to ensure that adequate shipping is available. Intending pilgrims should therefore submit their applications for passages direct to the shipping companies concerned."

The Government of India requests that arrangements for passages should be made direct with the shipping companies engaged in the pilgrim traffic. The following companies are at present so engaged:—

Messrs. Turner, Morrison & Co., Ltd., 16 Bank Street, Bombay.

Messrs. Scindia Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., Scindia House, Ballard Estate, Bombay.

Under the existing law no deck pilgrim shall be received on board any pilgrim ship at any port in India unless he is in possession of a return ticket or has deposited with the Executive Officer of the Port Haj Committee of the port concerned the prescribed amount for the purpose of defraying the cost of a return ticket.

Return Passages

Return passages for pilgrims to India are arranged by the Indian Vice-Consul, Jedda, according to the "first come, first served" system, i.e., the date of the pilgrim's return to Jedda from Mecca and Medina. Pilgrims are, therefore, requested to contact the representative of the Government of India at Jedda for return passages.

Fares for the coming season have not yet been fixed. Requests for information about the availability of ships from India to Jedda, sailing dates, etc., should be addressed directly to the shipping companies mentioned.

The Government of India states that persons to whom the Registry (South Africa) Rules, 1944, apply should approach the Immigration Commissioner concerned for transit permits immediately on arrival in India.

At the weekly social evening of the Orient Study Group last Thursday the topic for the evening was [illegible] Nights.

OPENING SESSION OF

SOUTH AFRICAN INDIAN CONFERENCE

Composed of Delegates: Natal Indian Organisation, Transvaal Indian Organisation and Delegates from Cape Province,

at

KATHIAWAD HALL
LORNE STREET, DURBAN
TO-DAY (Saturday) at 4 p.m.

AGENDA OF THE CONFERENCE

1. Prayers.
2. Messages.
3. Speech of Welcome: Mr. S. R. Naidoo, Chairman of Reception Committee.
   Reply: Councillor A. Ismail (Cape Province). Advocate A. I. Minty (Transvaal).
4. Presidential Address: Mr. A. S. Kajee, President, Natal Indian Organisation.
5. Round Table Conference.
6. Education.
7. Indian [illegible]
8. Housing.
9. Health and Social Uplift.
10. Formation of South African Indian Organisation.

And other subjects the Conference may resolve to discuss.

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THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER IN KARACHI

His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester in Karachi on his way to Colombo to inaugurate the Independence of Ceylon. Photograph shows the Duke being introduced to highlights of Pakistan's Defence Services. From left to right in the picture are: The Duke of Gloucester, Col. A. S. B. Shah, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Commonwealth Relations, Government of Pakistan (who is introducing); Lieut.-Col. Iskander Mirza, Defence Secretary, Government of Pakistan; Mrs. A. S. B. Shah and Rear-Admiral J. W. Jefford, Commander-in-Chief, Royal Pakistan Navy.

£500 REWARD— "DEAD OR ALIVE"

From Our Own Correspondent.

LUCKNOW.—A proclamation of £500 reward "dead or alive" for the capture of Gurnal Singh, a notorious robber, went out after the "Singh gang" had been found responsible for a further series of killings in the neighbourhood.

Armed police who have shot dead several of the wanted man's "lieutenants" have intensified their search for the gang chief.

Women of India

HEAD OF A KASHMIRI GIRL.

INDIA TAKES GERMAN TECHNICIANS

New Delhi: A small contingent of about 20 German technicians is expected to arrive in India very shortly.

Some 25 requests from industrial and other concerns in India have been received for recruiting German and other enemy national scientists and technical experts.

The Government of India have approached the U.K. and U.S. Governments for the release from the British and American zones of Germany of technicians required by Indian industry.

ACCUSATION —AND A DENIAL

New Delhi: Britain was employing Indians guilty of anti-Indian propaganda in her information services in America, Pandit Nehru, the Prime Minister, told Parliament today.

Speaking in a foreign affairs debate, Mr. Nehru said: "One of the main functions of the British Publicity Organisation in America some years ago was to do anti-Indian propaganda. The same people function there now, so that when they have to do any propaganda they are biased, even if they do not want to be so."

Mr. Nehru said that Pakistan's publicity in the United States had been undertaken by the British Information Services.

"A certain section of the Press in the United Kingdom deliberately and offensively misrepresents us. It is time the Government of India dealt with this matter more firmly."

On the future of India, Mr. Nehru said: "Whatever the final decision of the Constituent Assembly, it is quite certain that I believe India should be completely independent and sovereign republic or commonwealth or a state—call it whatever you like."

There remained, he said, the problem of what India's relations would be with the British Commonwealth.

He was sorry to say the Government of India did not get much help from the British Colonial Office over the difficulties of Indians overseas.

"Not only do we not get much help, but the delays of the British Colonial Office astonish me."

Mr. D'Arcy Edmondson, Controller of United States Information Services, said in Washington that Mr. Nehru's statement was without foundation. "We have never employed Indians in our information services in the United States," he said.

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DELEGATES ATTEND M.D.I.F.A. MEETING IN FULL FORCE

From Our Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG, Friday.

CLUB delegates turned up in full force to the annual meeting of the M.D.I.F.A. held last Sunday. A few life vice-presidents also took part in the proceedings. Persistent rumours of a change in the cabinet fizzled out and the old officials were re-elected almost en bloc.

THE record clerk, Mr. A. K. Meeran, was highly complimented on the presentation of his report. This was, in the opinion of several speakers, the first time in the history of the Association that such a comprehensive survey of the season was given.

Mr. G. Zachariah said that he was glad that the record clerk had drawn attention to the fact that certain clubs had registered more than the requisite number of players, who, unable to get even an occasional game for their club, were yet unable to play elsewhere owing to their inability to purchase their discharges. This was unfair and should be remedied.

One word of praise was also meted out to the treasurer, Mr. N. P. [illegible], who showed a credit balance of [illegible].

Referring to the report Mr. K. G. David said that the time was ripe for a Trust Fund to provide for lean times to be created immediately.

Coach Needed

The secretary, Mr. R. V. Naidoo, reported a successful season, but emphasised the need for a coach to improve the standard of soccer. Referring to the question of trophies Mr. Naidoo stated that the previous winners had ignored repeated calls for the return of trophies and since they were not on hand it was impossible to award them to this season's winners.

He also deplored the action of some disgruntled members who rushed to the Press to ventilate their grievances. This had resulted in adverse criticism which did the game harm.

Mr. R. A. Maharaj regretted that although the M.D.I.F.A. had sponsored the formation of the inter-race soccer board, the fruits of which were noticed last season, it had been unable to obtain the co-operation of the Maritzburg County Indian Football Association and hoped that they would be brought into the fold this year.

Referring to the secretarial report on the non-presentation of trophies, Mr. Maharaj said that it was the democratic right of every individual to ventilate his grievances in the Press, but that criticism must be of a constructive nature. They should also be careful of what they told newspaper representatives.

He also appealed to the Press for co-operation with the Association by verifying any statement given to them.

Life-Time Trophies

Speaking on the same subject, Mr. K. G. David, said the [illegible] donors [illegible] trophies which will last a life time instead of for just a couple of seasons, [illegible] at present, hence the delay.

Mr. S. Rathnam Pillay: "There are plenty of them available here in this city."

To which Mr. David flashed back: "Show me where they are and I'll get the donors to purchase them."

After this Mr. David launched a tirade against the Press. "Disgruntled members, instead of seeking redress from the Council, rush to the Press with their complaints, and the publication of these do more harm than good. The Press appear to criticise the working of our association, and if they persist in this policy the only alternative would be to debar them."

A Voice: Are you trying to adopt Fascism to suppress the Press?"

Another Voice: "No, he's trying to dictate to them."

Club delegates were, however, unanimous in their demands for their trophies, but none was forthcoming.

A unique feature was that for the first time in history both the treasurer and the record clerk [illegible] four guineas respectively, declaring that theirs was a labour of love and not for material gain. (Applause.)

The Elections

The elections were: Patron, Mr. K. G. David, president, Mr. T. Rambhorun; vice-presidents, Messrs. M. D. Pillay, N. K. Naidoo, S. K. Naidoo, R. G. Naidoo, S. R. David and S. R. Pillay; secretary, Mr. R. V. Naidoo, treasurer, Mr. N. P. [illegible]; record clerk Mr. A. K. Meeran, auditor, Mr. R. K. Naidoo.

Selection Committee:

Seniors: Messrs. T. Rambhorun, K. S. Moodley, R. G. Naidoo.

Juniors: Messrs. M. Naidoo, S. S. Naidoo, J. [illegible].

Juveniles: Messrs. [illegible], D. M. [illegible] and A. K. Meeran.

Board of Inquiry: Messrs. R. A. Maharaj, S. R. Pillay, M. D. Pillay, R. K. Naidoo and C. [illegible].

A vacancy was declared in the ranks of life vice-presidents. This was, however, left over to the Council to fill at its first meeting.

Important Conference Opens Today

PRELIMINARY work is being speeded up in connection with the holding of the South African Indian conference, under the auspices of the Natal Indian Organisation, at Durban this afternoon at 4 p.m. A full quota of delegates from the Transvaal and Cape Provinces has already arrived. Immediately after the opening of the session of the conference and after the delivery of the presidential speech, the conference will adjourn and meet in the evening.

The first important item which would be taken up for discussion will be that of a Round Table Conference. It is learnt that in any approach adopted the conference will adhere to the principle laid down in the UN Resolution of 1946 which reads as follows:—

"The General Assembly having taken note of the application made by the Government of India regarding treatment of Indians in the Union of South Africa and having considered the matter:

(a) States that, because of that treatment, friendly relations between the two Member States have been impaired, and unless a satisfactory settlement is reached, these relations are likely to be further impaired.

(b) Is of the opinion that the treatment of Indians in the Union should be in conformity with the International obligations under the agreements concluded between the two Governments, and the relevant provisions of the Charter,

(c) Therefore requests the two Governments to report at the next session of the General Assembly the measures adopted to this effect."

The view is [illegible] that since the Union Government are prepared to the suggestion of holding a Round Table Conference with India without prejudice to the respective standpoint of each Government, the proceedings before the UN will not be affected. This, it is argued, is a great advance on the stalemate position now existing. Another burning question of the hour is that of Indian housing. The conference will press for the acceleration of housing schemes for Indians. Special attention will be paid to the needs of the working man to provide housing accommodation on [illegible] basis.

Unemployment

Indian unemployment, social and health services, and payment of pensions will all engage the attention of the conference as well.

The pressing needs for school accommodation for Indian children will be discussed. The Natal Indian Organisation has collected, it is learnt, figures and statistics which prove that much [illegible] to be done to meet the educational needs of the Indian community. A plan would be prepared and submitted to the Authorities for the speeding up of Indian education.

[illegible] in all essential services like Post and Telegraphs, Railways, Health Services, Municipal and Government Services, the Authorities will be asked to open up employment for Indians.

All parts of Natal will be fully represented.

The conference would devise a policy of full co-operation with the Authorities in all matters connected with Indian uplift.

Germ-Killing Virus Existing in Holy Indian River

THE Hindu belief of the sanctity of the Ganges as a holy river and its freedom from harmful bacteria is supported by the investigations of the American scientist, whose conclusions are now published.

BERKLEY (California), Tuesday.

HINDUS contract little disease from drinking the filth-polluted water of their holy river, the Ganges, because the stream is sterilised by a natural virus-like germ killer. This, at least, is the opinion of Dr. John Northrop, of the Rockefeller Foundation for Medical Research.

This virus, says Dr. Northrop, exists in human beings but seems to have no germ-killing power while in the body.

Research workers are investigating to find out more about it. The results are hoped to lead to a better understanding of the virus and this in turn may lead to new methods of fighting disease.

Dr. Northrop said he had found a substance in protein which strangely affected both disease germs and their virus enemies.

The virus, which is called bacteriophage, grows in the presence of germ-laden sewage. Ordinarily, however, it is produced only while the bacteria are in the growing stage.

PENICILLIN ADDED

Research scientists found that the addition of penicillin to the [illegible] would stop bacterial growth, but that bacteriophage would continue to grow.

Niacin, one of the B vitamins, and mustard gas acted similarly.

A little of the newly-found protein substance, Dr. Northrop said, made both germs and bacteriophage grow rapidly. When it was not present, the germ became resistant to the virus. When a lot of it was used, the virus killed the germ.

This suggested, Dr. Northrop said, that the virus acts like an enzymous substance which makes possible certain chemical actions, such as fermentation.

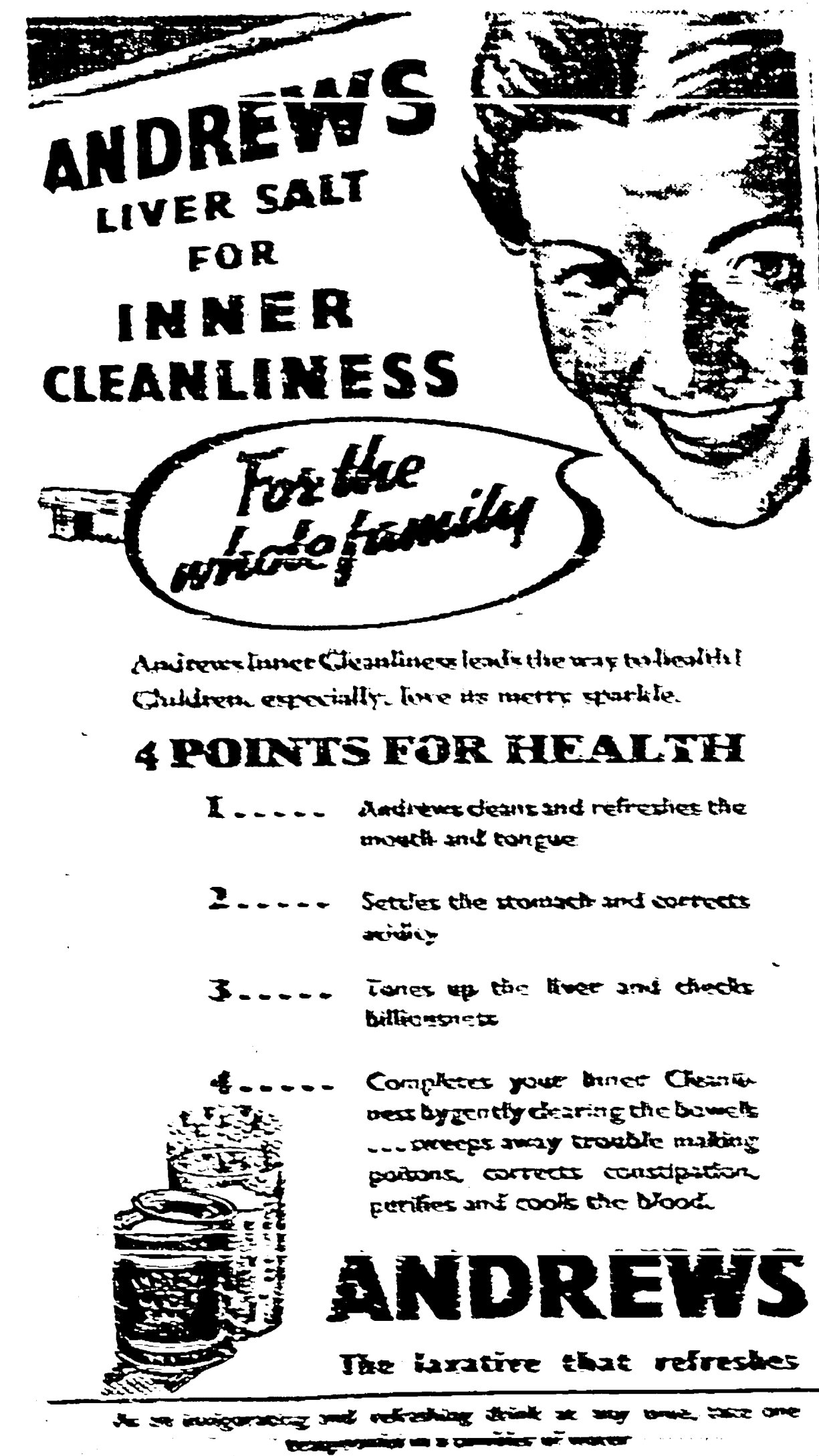
The mechanism of bacteriophage growth and action was, however, still unknown.

Bacteriophage in the presence of a germ might multiply a hundredfold under the noses of scientists. But they could not tell how it was done. No one ever found bacteriophage inside a germ yet, Dr. Northrop said. Until this and other problems was solved there was no hope that bacteriophage would yield secrets any clues of great value in virus research.—Sapa-Reuter.

RETIREMENT OF EUROPEAN OFFICERS

From Our Own Correspondent.

NEW DELHI.—In the Constituent Assembly of India (Legislative) the Deputy Prime Minister, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, in answer to a question, said that as a result of the recent political changes in the country 251 European I.C.S. officers, 102 Indian Police Service Officers, 11 Indian Political Service Officers and 100 Indian Medical Service Officers (all European) had retired.



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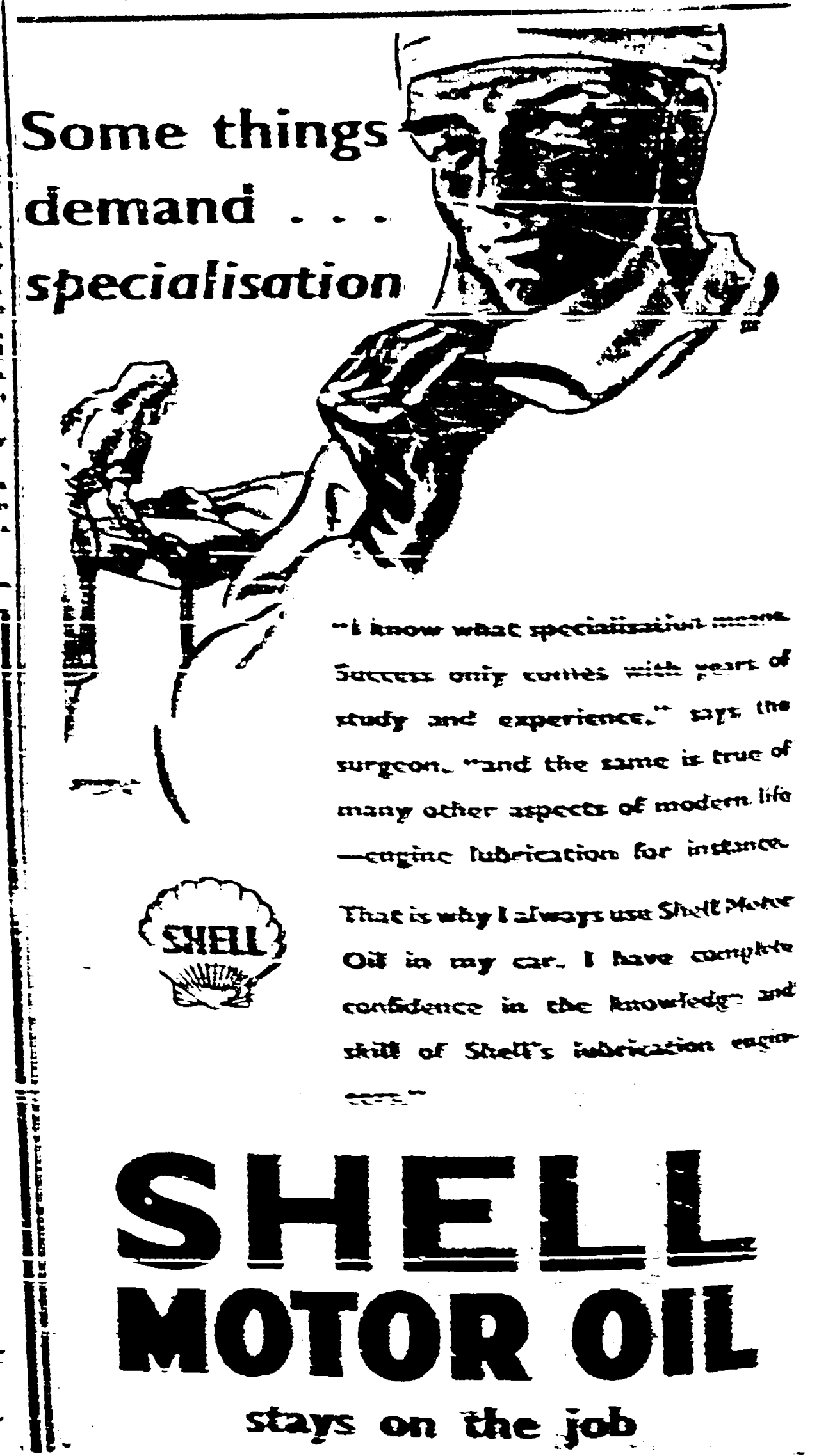

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JUNIOR LEADER

MY dear Children,—

The fact that numerous entries in the competition "My Hobby" have been received, and that more continue to come in daily, is sufficient indication that readers are taking a considerable amount of interest in "Junior Leader." I must say that even at this stage the response has been such that the number of entries received to date has by far exceeded that of our last competition.

Now that is the spirit. Intending competitors should send in their essays as soon as possible, as I hope to announce the closing date soon. There are no charges, and the competition is open to all members.

From time to time I have received many jokes, riddles and interesting items from readers, for which I must thank them. Some of them have appeared in our columns, and to those contributors whose "items" have not appeared, I must ask them not to get disappointed. You will agree they have to be treated on their merits.

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HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

This week we begin our "Quiz Corner" which will appear from time to time in future. I hope readers will find it interesting, and, of course, it will no doubt help to increase their general knowledge. The answers appear at the end of the column.

(1) Which is the world's largest flower? (2) How long would it take to reach the sun if you could speed towards it in an aeroplane travelling [illegible] m.p.h.? (3) What is the speed of the earth around the sun? (4) What heavier of the tailor's tool? (5) [illegible] thimble came to be so called? (6) How much water is there in the sea? (7) Which is the longest bridge in the world? (8) Which is heavier, a pound of lead or a pound of feathers? Can fishes think? (10) How is such a great depth measured?

Now don't look at the bottom of the column until you have really tried. See how many you can get right out of 10!

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TRY THIS!

Tear a narrow strip of paper into three sections so that they are almost separate, but not quite. Now take the two outside pieces and pull, so that the centre piece will fall to the ground. Easy, you say? You cannot do it—only one outside piece will tear off each time. You can catch your friends with this.

Ask a friend if he can take one from six and leave twenty. Of course, he will say that it can't be done. Then write the word SIXTEEN and cross out the last letter.

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RIDDLES

What South African name can be expressed in two letters? Ellen (LN).

Why are the North and South Poles unlike? There's a world of difference between them.

Which of your relations want you most? Uncles, aunts and cousins cannot exist without U.

Which kind of paper should be always smoking? Tissue paper.

When is a person like a piece of wood? When he's a ruler.

Why cannot a man's head be twelve inches long? Because that would make it a foot.

Why is a bad-tempered man like a well-baked loaf? Because he's crusty.

When is a schoolboy like a stamp? When he is licked and stuck in a corner.

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PEN FRIENDS' CORNER

Miss Munny (14), of 263 Prospect Hall Road, Durban North, whose interests are in reading, comics, cookery and netball, would like pen friends with similar interests from any part of the Union to write to her.

Dawood Latiff (15), 36 Albert Street, Durban, whose interests are in stamp collecting, reading, cricket, soccer and the cinema, would like to associate with pen friends from any part of the world, particularly from the Dominions of India and Pakistan. Thank you for your jokes and riddles. I hope to use them some time.

K. C. Pillay (20), P.O. Box 32, Port Shepstone, Natal, is interested in reading and collecting pictures of film stars, and would like pen friends from anywhere. Thank you very much for your kind thoughts about my birthday, but as I am well on the way to the next world, I don't worry about birthdays, but you will make me a very happy man if whatever you have for me you send on to the little ones at Fosa, c/o Bens [illegible], Durban.

Ebrahim Abdool (13), K.P.W., Johanson's Garage, Vryheid, Natal, is interested in a variety of hobbies and would like pen friends from all parts of the world. You may ask your friends to join our "Corner."

V. S. Moodley, P.O. Box 15, New Hanover, Natal: You may send in your particulars by letter.

Moses Naidoo (16), c/o I. D. Mia's Store, P.O. Kearsney, North Coast, Natal, is interested in boxing, collecting pictures of boxers and reading. He would like pen friends from any part of the world, especially from America.

S. Y. Asmall (11), 236 Carey Road, Durban, who is interested in comics, cricket and tennis, would like pen friends from all parts of South Africa to write to him.

Sarojini Naidoo (15), 55 Manin Road, Sea View, Durban, is interested in dressmaking, knitting and window dressing, and would like pen friends with similar interests to write to her.

G. Loganathan Reddy (12), 37 Foreman Road, Sydenham, Durban, is interested in reading, cinema and books. He would like pen friends with similar interests to write to him.

P. P. Pillay (16), c/o Coronation Brick Works, Chase Valley, Pietermaritzburg, is interested in wrestling, boxing and art, and would like pen friends from any part of the world, especially Rhodesia and India.

J. P. Andrews (21), 56 Beatrice Street, Durban, is interested in the cinema, reading, sports, dancing and music, and would like pen friends with similar interests to write to him, especially from the U.S.A. You may ask your friends to join and you may send your jokes.

K. C. Pillay (19), 15 Illing Road, Ladysmith, Natal, would like pen friends interested in the latest fashions of dressing, cinema and jazz music from the Cape, [illegible] and the Rhodesias.

M. Johnny Govender (15), P.O. Box 55, Stanger, Natal, is interested in soccer, athletics and the cinema, and would like pen friends with similar interests from all parts of the Union and overseas.

Kassen Kharva (16), P.O. Box 40, Stanger, Natal, is interested in stamp collecting, movies and collecting pictures of film actors. He would like pen friends from the Union, India and the U.S.A. to correspond with him.

LAUGHTER CORNER

Betty came home from her first morning at school looking very worried. "Mother," she said, "do you know, my teacher can't spell?"

"How do you know that?"

"Why, she had to ask me how to spell 'dog' before she could write it on the blackboard."

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QUIZ ANSWERS

(1) A flower which bloomed in the New York Botanical Gardens in 1937, and which has the long name of Amorphophallus Titanum, was found to measure 12ft. 10in. in circumference. (2) Over 100 years. (3) Roughly, 66,600 miles an hour. (4) As it shrinks during the [illegible] stage, the tail serves the creature as food, that is to say, its cells are gradually absorbed by the cells of the body, which in that way are nourished. (5) The little metal cap which is now slipped on the finger, when sewing, was in olden times worn upon the thumb; in fact, that is what "thimble" means: "thumb-bell." (6) There have been a number of estimates, up to a limit of 323,722,000 cubic miles. (7) That which connects San Francisco with Oakland, California. It is 8¼ miles long and cost about £15,000,000 sterling to build. (8) As both are of the same weight, one cannot be heavier than the other. (Were you caught napping?) (9) Professor J. Gray stated in 1937 that recent experiments pointed to fishes having "something akin to memory and emotion, and therefore to thought." Several orders of monks summon the carp which they keep in their ponds, at feeding time, by ringing a bell. (10) By means of an apparatus which throws a sound to the sea bottom [illegible] reach the ship's receiver enabling the exact depth to be calculated.

Till next week,

CHACHAJAN.

Message of the Stars

By "SWAMI"

THE Wheel of Fortune and 1948 birthday prospects for persons born during the month of March and under the twelve Zodiac signs for the period March 13 to 19 are as follows:—

We delineate these for the purpose of investigation, study and comparison with events in your affairs as they transpire; careful observation will enable you to work in close harmony with the laws of nature for better results and greater progress.

If you carefully compare them, you will appreciate that they are reasonably accurate and helpful and provide a useful clue to the trend in your general affairs; provided you interpret them according to your particular circumstances and activities:—

March 13: Your birthday shows good fortune, happiness and felicity. Pay interest in all your projects and go ahead. It is good for marriage, courtship and making change if desired.

14th: Your year will be successful and happy. Many journeys, marriage or love alliances and inheritance are denoted. Push ahead all business and beware of deception and hasty actions.

15th: Good fortune is awaiting, [illegible]. But look before you leap.

16th: Expansion of business and success in your affairs are denoted. Help from young people will be forthcoming.

ARIES (March 21 to April 20): Good, 13, 17; bad, 15, 18.

TAURUS (May 22 to June 21): Good, 14, 17, 19; bad, 18.

GEMINI (May 22 to June 21): Good, 13, 18; bad, 16, 19.

CANCER (June 22 to July 23): Good, 13, 16, 19; bad, 14, 18.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 23): Good, 13, 16; bad, 14, 17, 18.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 23): Good, 13, 18; bad, 16, 19.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 23): Good, 14, 17, 19; bad, 18.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): Good, 13, 17; bad, 15, 18.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 22): Good, 15, 18; bad, 11, 15.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 to Jan. 20): Good, 13, 17, 19; bad, 15, 18.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19): Good, 13, 15; bad, 15, 18.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to March 20): Good, 15, 17; bad, 14, 15, 19.

The good days for selling, investments and new business ventures in March 13; for travel and correspondence, 13, 14, 13; for [illegible], 16; for sports, 17; for love and pleasure, 14, 15, 13; for property deals, science, research and planning future, 13, 17. Guard against quarrels, disputes and accidents on 15, 18.

Changeable weather is denoted about 13 to 21.

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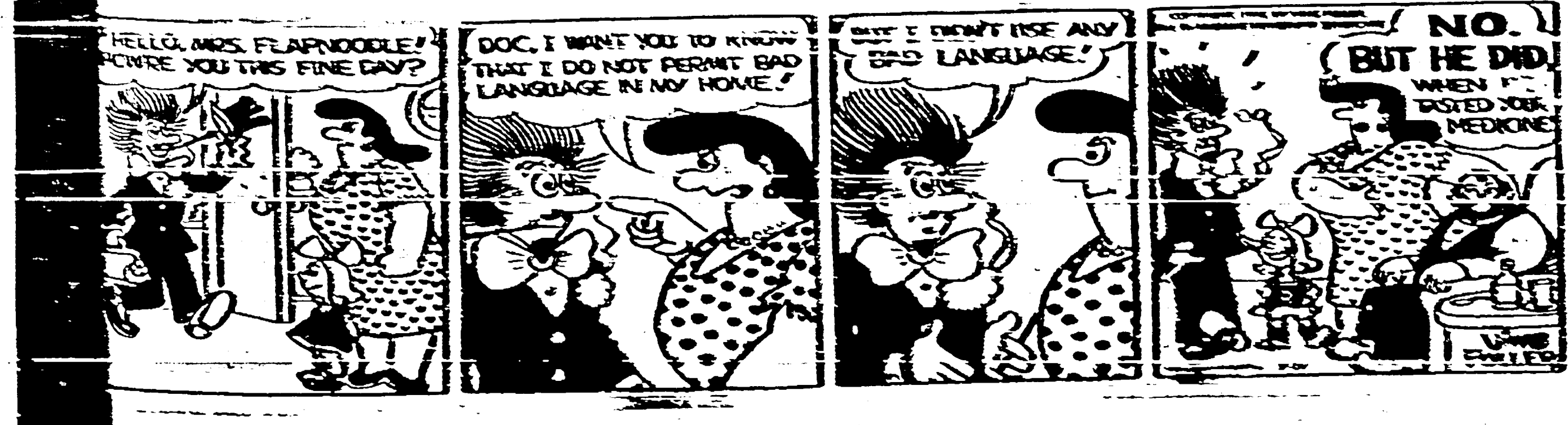
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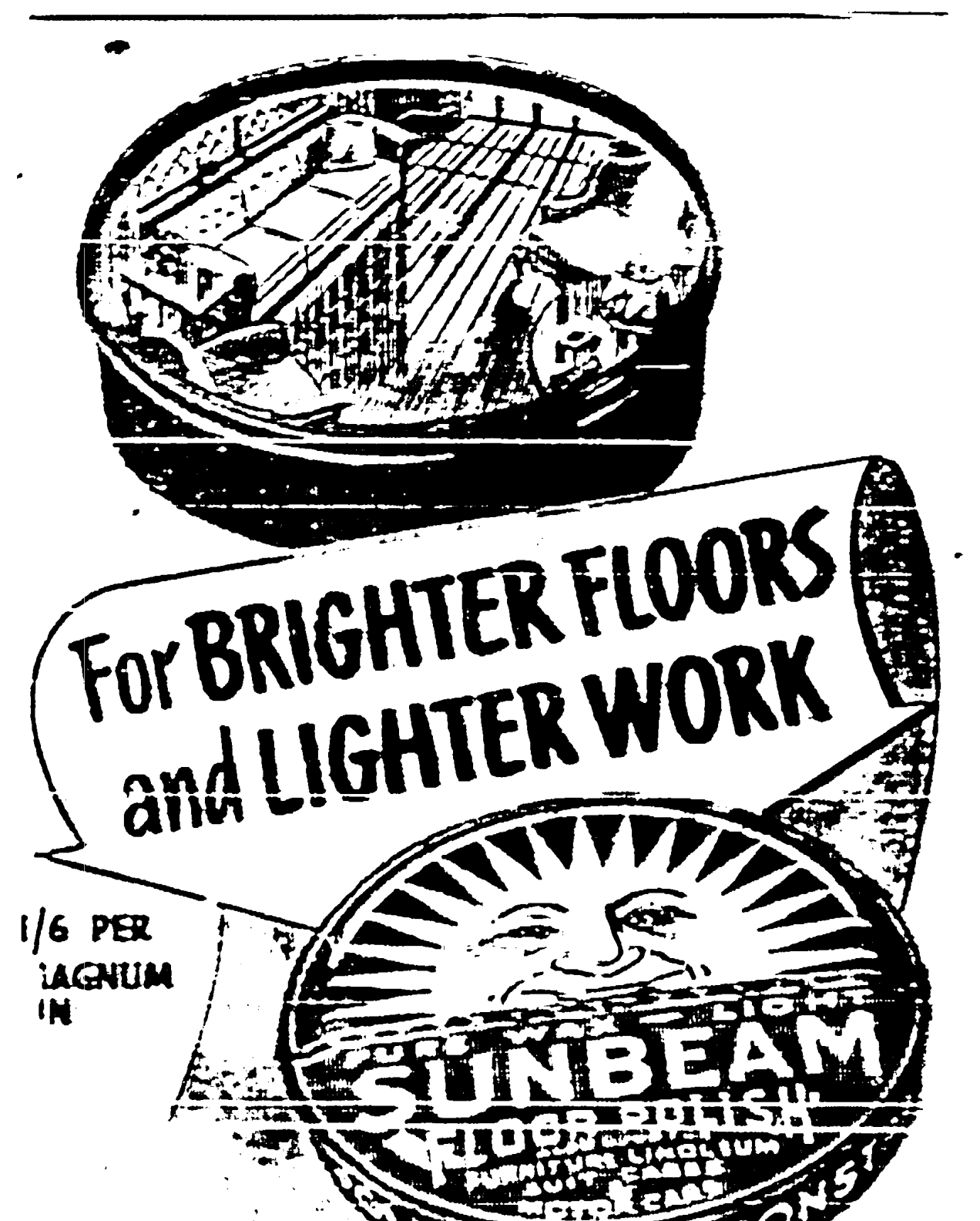

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DURBAN MUSLIMS BIG SCORE AT LADYSMITH

LADYSMITH, Sunday.

YOUNG Muslims, of Durban, entered the final of the Peters' Natal Shield when they eliminated Railways, of the Northern Districts Indian Cricket Union, by defeating them on the first innings by 173 runs. They will now meet the Maritzburg finalists in the final for the shield.

THE first four batsmen, I. C. M. Asmal, G. M. Bolind, G. Mahomed and M. I. Yusuf, put on 258 runs and consolidated the position for Young Muslims and the following four wickets fell for 27 runs. From the commencement the openers, Asmal and Bolind, treated the bowling with little respect and scored at a fast pace. [illegible]

Asmal and Bolind, who set up a good foundation, scored 63 and 38 respectively. [illegible]

Railways suffered a setback when they lost the first three wickets with two runs on the board. [illegible]

[illegible]

Muslims' Second Knock

[illegible]

I. C. M. Asmal, who made a high score for his side at Ladysmith

[illegible]

G. Mahomed Scores

[illegible]

NATAL TENNIS

The following are the results of matches played, under the auspices of the Natal Indian Lawn Tennis Association, on Sunday last.

[illegible]

Non-European To Represent S.A. In Olympic Games

Ronald Eland, a pupil of Milo Pillay, has sailed on the Winchester Castle for England to represent Great Britain at the Olympic Games. Eland will be the first South African Non-European to participate at an Olympiad, although in 1936, when Milo Pillay officially won the South African Olympic Games weightlifting trials, but owing to the Colour bar policy in this country he was unable to represent South Africa at the 11th Olympiad held in Berlin.

SAM CHINA TOURNEY

Managers Recommend An All-Indian Team

IN his secretarial report, which is to be submitted at the annual meeting of the N.I.F.A., the secretary, Mr. P. G. Naidoo, states that the season was a successful one.

Commenting on the Sam China Cup Tournament held at East London last year, he says: "The match between Southern and Northern Natal was the best match of the tournament, but it was marred in the first half by rough play, which does not make for good team and [illegible] for the Provinces as both the teams are from one association."

The report contains these extracts from the managers of the Sam China Cup Tournament:

That managers be sent in advance to make necessary arrangements.

That there be separate trainers for each team.

That the character of players be taken into consideration.

That an all-Indian team be sent to this tournament.

HAZAREE JOINS THE "IMMORTALS"

BY scoring separate centuries in each of his Test innings at Adelaide, V. S. Hazare, vice-captain of the Indian team, has made himself one of the "immortals" of cricket. He has joined the elite of 11 other cricketers who have achieved this unique distinction.

His 145 in the second innings at Adelaide was also his fourth century of the tour.

Following are the famous 12:—

1909: W. Bardsley (Australia v. England).

1922: A. C. Russell (England v. South Africa).

1924-25: H. Sutcliffe (England v. Australia).

1928-29: W. R. Hammond (England v. Australia).

1929-30: Eddie Paynter (England v. South Africa).

1930: G. Headley (West Indies v. England).

1946-47: D. Compton (England v. Australia).

1946-47: A. Morris (Australia v. England).

1947: A. Melville (South Africa v. England).

1947: B. Mitchell (South Africa v. England).

1947-48: Don Bradman (Australia v. India).

1947-48: V. S. Hazare (India v. Australia).

Herbert Sutcliffe and George Headley performed this feat twice.

An All Rounder

Vijay S. Hazare is regarded as one of the best all-rounders. He is a sound and careful batsman and an effective medium-pace bowler.

The story of his exploits with the bat started on November 30, 1943. At Bombay's Brabourne Stadium the Rest team playing against a strong Muslim side in the Pentangular faced an ignominious defeat. In reply to the Muslim's first innings total of 333 the Rest had lost three wickets for 39 runs. Then came Hazare on the field.

In a flawless effort he knocked up a sparkling 248 in a total of 396. The match was won and Hazare improved upon Amar Nath's 241 made in the Pentangular in 1938.

Playing three innings in that year's tourney Hazare aggregated 496 runs — a great record for India's annual festival.

At the end of the 1943-44 cricket season Hazare finished with the following averages: 1,375 runs in 10 innings, twice not out, average [illegible] including a total of 1,302 runs in six consecutive innings.

Hazare has worked his way up gradually. In 1937 he played against Lord Tennyson's team in the first unofficial "Test" at Lahore.

Topped Averages

During the 1939-40 season he showed fine form, topping the championship batting averages with [illegible]. Playing for the Maharashtra against Baroda in Ranji Trophy in that year he put up 316, not out, which was then the highest individual score in the National Championship. Nimbalkar improved upon it later with 4[illegible] not out. Hazare's [illegible]

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Orientals In District Final

From Our Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG, Friday.

AFTER being in the parlous position of losing five wickets for only nine runs United staged a magnificent recovery to total 86. Orientals passed this score with five wickets to spare when rain stopped play. They will now play Natalians in the district final of the Natal Cup tomorrow.

TAKING first knock, the United batsmen were all at sea to the attack and half the side made a brief trip to the wicket and back with the board showing only nine runs.

[illegible]

Orientals, too, did not fare too well at the start, losing their first three batsmen for only 23 runs. [illegible]

Orientals had gained a lead of 10 runs with five wickets in hand when rain stopped play. They will now meet Natalians in the district final of the Natal Cup tomorrow.

Scores: United, first innings, 86 [illegible]. Orientals, first innings, 96 for five wickets [illegible].

Schools v. Royals

In the knockout competition for the [illegible] Cups played on Saturday afternoon, Royals scored 111 for nine wickets declared. [illegible] Pillay getting 55 of the total. Schools had scored 45 for the loss of six wickets at close of play.

The match will be continued today.

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ix, therefore, the second highest score in Indian first-class cricket.

In the Ceylon tour in 1945 he finished third in the batting averages with 31.60. Against the Australian Services team which visited India later he was selected to play in all the three "Test" matches and for the West Zone, making a total of 272 runs in seven innings and scoring 75, 75 and 68 in consecutive matches, he proved himself one of the steadiest run-getters.

Hazare was also a member of the Indian team which toured England in 1946. He holds the record of the biggest innings played in England by any member of the official Indian team when he scored 244 not out against Yorkshire.

Hazare takes his own time in mastering the ball, but once he is set he gets on the top of the bowling and can and does score all round the wicket. A stylish right-hander he is known for his forward strokes.

MR. M. RAMLAGAN, who is associated in the administration of sport, from the last 10 years, has been elected as hon. life vice-president and re-elected president for the 5th successive year, of the Consolidated Textile Mills Indian Sports Club of South Coast.

PUBLIC MEETING

A Public Meeting, under the aegis of the Mayville Sanatan Krishna Bhajan Mandal will be held on SUNDAY, the 14th MARCH, 1948, at 10 a.m. sharp at the SIVA TEMPLE HALL, 30 Trimborne Road, Mayville, Durban, to discuss:

(1) The opening of the Hindi Patshala.

(2) To give the Hindi Patshala's Financial Report.

Mr. H. P. Singh, the ex-Chairman, will preside.

The public is kindly invited to attend.

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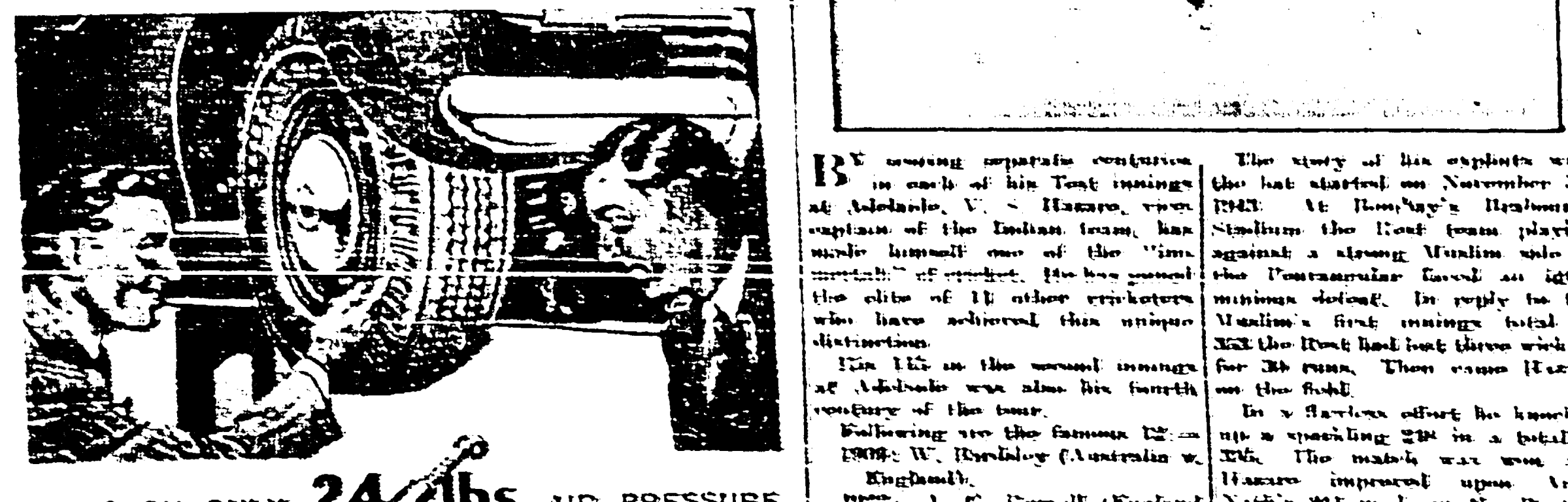

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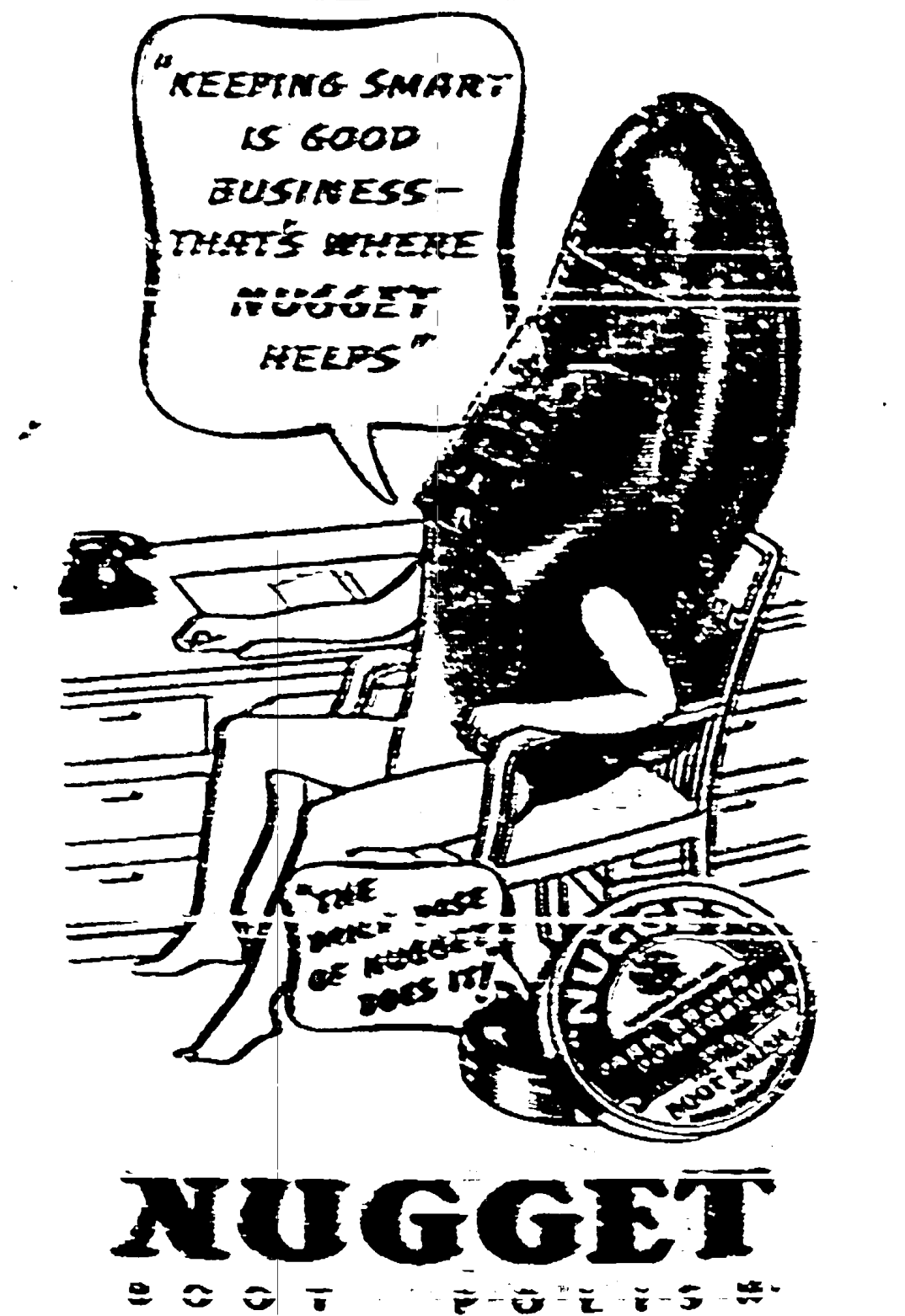
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STARS F.C.

The following officials were elected at the annual meeting of the Stars Football Club, Ladysmith, for the coming season: Patrons, Messrs. I. A. Moola, M. I. Seedat and S. Kallicharan; president, Mr. E. M. Seedat; vice-presidents, Messrs. G. M. Adam, [illegible] and M. Govender; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. M. A. [illegible]; assistant secretary, Mr. M. Govender; captain, Mr. G. H. A. Chetty; vice-captain, Mr. E. O. Khan; manager, Mr. N. Govender; delegates to N.D.I.F.A., Messrs. M. A. Moola [illegible], G. H. A. Chetty and A. J. Kareem.

MEREBANK F.C.

The following officials were elected at a meeting of the Merebank F.C., held recently: [illegible]

TEXTILE F.C.

At the ninth annual meeting of the Consolidated Textile Mills, Indian Sports Club the following officials were elected: [illegible]

SCHOOLS F.C.

There was a good attendance at the 20th annual meeting of the Maritzburg Higher Grade Schools F.C. held on Monday evening.

The meeting stood for a minute in memory of the late Mr. I. A. Haffajee, who was president last year.

Several speakers expressed their pleasure at the club's progress after a period of lean years.

The following are the officials for the season: [illegible]

PARADE F.C.

At the inaugural meeting of the Parade F.C., held recently the following officials were elected: [illegible]

A film on athletics and sporting items will be shown by Rajoo R. H. [illegible] at Sastri College on Friday, March 19, 1948, at 7.30 p.m.

LAKE CITY F.C.

The following officials were elected at a meeting of the Lake City F.C. held recently: Patrons, Messrs. E. M. Parmanic, Percy Naidoo, Charles M. Pillay, A. K. Naidoo, Zob Bahadur; president, Mr. S. N. Moodley; vice-presidents, Messrs. Mahomed Haffejee, Pat Subrayen, Ahmed K. Seni, G. Govender, Doraswamy Thaver, Ismail A. Kajee; hon. secretary, Mr. T. S. Chetty; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. K. Ramsamy; manager, Mr. Chotu Ramsamy; delegates to D.I.S.L., Messrs. T. S. Chetty and S. N. Moodley; captain, Mr. G. L. Naidoo; vice-captain, Mr. M. Moodley.

FRONTIER F.C.

At the fourth annual general meeting of the Frontier F.C. held recently the following officials were elected: [illegible]

LAKE CITY LADS

At the inaugural meeting of the Lake City Lads F.C. held recently the following officials were elected: [illegible]

TABLE TENNIS GETTING POPULAR

WITHIN a year table tennis had caught the imagination of the Indian people in Durban and is now the most popular indoor game, declared Mr. T. A. Dada, secretary of the Durban and District Table Tennis Union, reporting at the annual meeting.

There were no "bars" in the constitution and last season 21 clubs had affiliated, among them being two Bantu clubs.

During the year two new trophies were acquired—the Geo. Mayborough Shield and the Tuppy Vahed Memorial Trophy.

"During the season," Mr. Dada said, "attempts were made to form table tennis unions in other parts of Natal as well as the other provinces, but I regret that so far these have not been fruitful. Efforts have also been made to get women to take an active part in table tennis. In this also we had no success."

The secretary said that a tour of the various centres in South Africa by a team representing the Durban union had been proposed. He felt that a tour of this nature would help spread the idea of table tennis and pave the way for the formation of a South African union.

The following are the new officials: [illegible]

ANGLING RESULTS

The angling competition for the "Rasool's Floating Bowl," staged by the Oriental Angling Association, at the Bluff on Sunday last, was won by the Jacobs Angling Club. The total weight caught was 30lb.

The following represented the winning club: [illegible]

N.I.F.A. PRESIDENCY CONTEST

The annual meeting of the Natal Indian Football Association will be held at the M.Y.M.A. Library, Church Street, Maritzburg, tomorrow morning.

The headquarters will move to Durban this season. A three-cornered contest is expected for the presidential chair, the candidates being Mr. Geo. Singh, Mr. C. Ramsamy and Mr. P. Chitkaa.

After an absence of nearly ten years from active participation in sports, Mr. Peter Ramsay, an ex-Transvaaler, now resident in Durban, has joined the Parade Football Club as an official.

Mr. Ramsay was educated at St. Mary's College, Johannesburg. He took an active part in the sporting activities of his college, which he represented in cricket, soccer, rugby and tennis.

He later joined the Mandarin F.C. and became its secretary, which position he held for four years. Mr. Ramsay has served in the following capacities: [illegible]

NORTHERN DISTRICT

The 29th annual meeting of the Northern Districts Indian Football Association was held at the Indian School, Dundee, on Sunday last. Mr. K. Loganathan presided and welcomed the various delegates and officials. He outlined the Association's activities during the past year and emphasised the excellent footing the Association was now placed on.

The secretary, Mr. D. S. Maharaj, in presenting his report, also outlined the Association's activities during the past season and mentioned that it was one of the most successful in the history of the Association.

The treasurer's financial statement reflected a credit balance of £29 4s. 7d.

The following officials were elected for the ensuing season: Patrons, Messrs. [illegible]

According to arrangements headquarters should have rotated to Newcastle but the ensuing season, but a resolution moving [illegible] for the headquarters to remain at Dundee was carried through unopposed.

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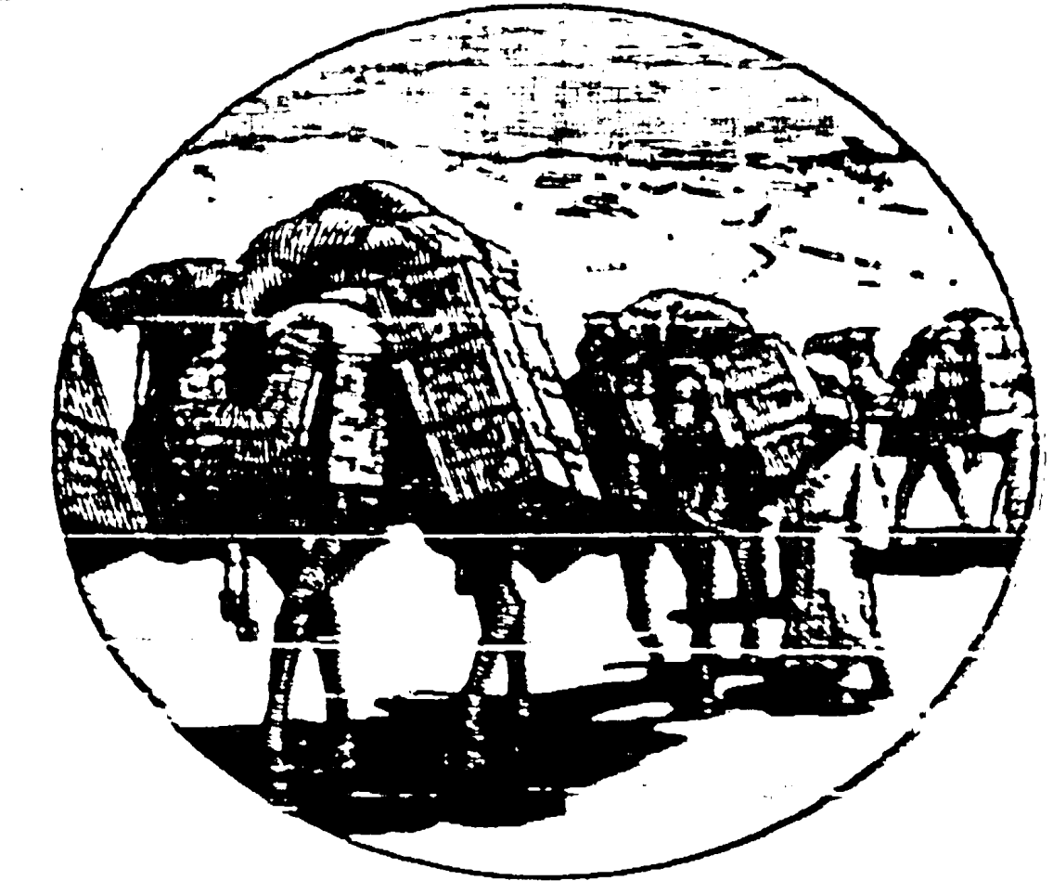

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BUDGET LEAKAGES DENIED

NEW DELHI: India's Minister of Finance denied in the Dominion Parliament that there had been budget leakages.

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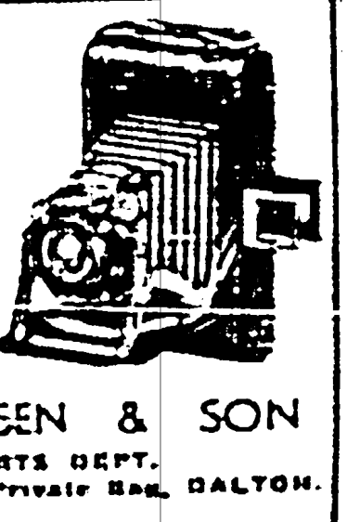

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TALK OF THE BAZAAR

By the "Faqir"

"S[illegible] like the [illegible] days," was the cryptic comment of my office-boy the other day. It was not a cryptic comment he countered. He was only thinking aloud. Music in between speeches, presumably to bolster up the morale of the people, amused him. Now that is politics with plenty of fun, lightheartedness and gaiety attached. If Capetown had been the venue things would have been still better for there, my office-boy tells me, the proportion of women to men is greater and it is not every female that can find a boy friend. In Durban it is the other way round—and that is why the conferences are or should be always held in Capetown. My office-boy also tells me that even on the "showpiece things are great." (Drat that slang of his!) Yes, it is the big N.I.O. indaba this afternoon that has inspired him.

QUITE A STIR

THERE has been quite a stir in the Foss Armament over the past fortnight—what with lemon-taking and "by-bying" and all that. The Sphewes (Nell and Paul) are leaving on furlough. They will visit relatives both in England and the Netherlands. From what I know of Brother Paul, as he is affectionately called, I am afraid it is going to be another spell of work—and that work is bad for anybody but me. On Tuesday there was a bit of fun—dinner and some swing at the settlement with Brother Ken Nair, of the Sydenham Cane Committee, managing director of affairs for the evening. It was when he got himself mixed up with "Brother Nell" on three occasions in [illegible] that I [illegible] discovered what had happened to the thing I had looked for myself when I got there but was told rather unkindly that the lemonade was on the table. Later secretary Pat told me that it was impossible for Brother Ken to have got near anything for two reasons: (1) there was nothing on the premises, (2) Mrs. Nair was also present. Still a good evening was had by all and here's wishing Brother Paul and Sister Nell all the best while they are away and more work when they come back.

AND THERE WAS A GROWL

THIS is the story of four young men who were recently caught up with work—in fact back-work which should have been done earlier so they decided to sit through the afternoon and the night without a break. They began early one morning and strengthened by necessary gulps of stimulants (not tea or coffee) they managed to get to 11 that night without a break for meals. At eleven o'clock it was a weary band of four who decided to get some food. They were hungry but no supper was available. One of them was fortunate. He had a wife and thought he would invite the other three to something—a snack at least. He called his three co-workers in and while they hung around in the lounge the husband went into the wife's bedroom. The next our three hungry fellows heard was something which, they now emphasise, was like a growl followed by a: "What? This part of the night?" They left before the husband could make explanations. They now have their own ideas of married bliss.

WITH OLD OMAR

ON Saturday a young fellow with a literary turn of mind went to see the boxers. On Sunday he turned up to the Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam in order to [illegible] or forget the defeats of the previous day. During the week (with suitable apologies to old Omar) he was inspired to write:

"The Worldly Hope men set their hearts upon
Just minus, or comes to last; and anon,
Like Snow upon the Desert's dusty Face,
My ten bob on the twin is gone."

Racing Selections

By DIPLOMAT

The following are my selections for the City Sporting Club race meeting run on Saturday:

First race, 1.5, Galloway and Pony Handicap, six furlongs.
1. TIM ZEM.
2. Sunchart.
3. Bridle Moon.

Second race, 1.35, Juvenile Handicap, five furlongs.
1. BILL LEE.
2. Mayweed.
3. Parquet.

Third race, 2.15, Southerville Handicap (1st Div.), five furlongs.
1. DISORDER.
2. Land's End.
3. Flying Gold.

Fourth race, 2.50, Southerville Handicap (2nd Div.), five furlongs.
1. SUVOCA.
2. Remedium.
3. Cherry Tart.

Fifth race, 3.25, Stewards' Handicap, [illegible] miles.
1. FAST MISS.
2. Santa Claus.
3. Fireman.

Sixth race, 4.5, Galloway Handicap ("B" Div.), six furlongs.
1. UNFORTUNATE.
2. [illegible]
3. [illegible]

Seventh race, 4.40, Maiden Horse Handicap, one mile.
1. STAR CHORUS.
2. [illegible]
3. [illegible]

Eighth race, 5.10, Galloway Handicap ("A" Div.), six furlongs.
1. LONE PINE.
2. [illegible]
3. [illegible]

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RAMULU TEMPLE

The 13th annual meeting of the Shree Ramulu Temple Society was held on Sunday at the Temple Hall.

The year 1947 was a very successful one and the Society celebrated many religious festivals.

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The secretary, Mr. V. N. Naidu, outlined the activities of the Society to the members and complimented the trustees, Messrs. T. M. L. Naidoo and K. V. Naidoo, on their support and the manner in which they conducted the religious ceremonies and also the committee members and chairman, Mr. V. R. Naidoo, who retires after giving faithful service to the Society for many years.

The following were elected officials for the year 1948: Chairman, Mr. A. K. Naidoo; vice-chairman, Mr. K. V. [illegible]; secretary, Mr. V. N. Naidoo; treasurer, Mr. M. [illegible]; auditor, D. Naicker.

Committee: Messrs. V. R. Naidoo, D. K. Applesamy, G. C. Applesamy, R. [illegible], D. Appanna, G. R. Naidoo, P. Vengetsamy, R. Gengiah and P. Malutchmie.

COMMUNISTS KEEP OUT!

The Belfast branch of the Transvaal Indian Congress at a meeting specially called for the purpose resolved:—

(a) That the Congress secede from the Transvaal Indian Congress and seek affiliation with Transvaal Indian Organisation;

(b) That the name of the Congress will henceforth be Transvaal Indian Organisation (Belfast Branch);

(c) That the constitution is hereby amended and a clause is [illegible]:

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FIVE TO GO TO INDIA AT 'OPPORTUNE TIME'

THE conference of South African Indians convened by the Natal Indian Organisation over the last weekend spent about six hours debating the proposal to send a deputation to India. It was apparent immediately the resolution was moved that there was no difference of opinion on going to India—the question was how many should go.

As amendment after amendment was tabled—with very little difference between them—tempers rose and the chairman had to come down heavily on speakers who forgot momentarily that they were inside a South African debating chamber and not in a parish pump political organisation. While three of the four amendments submitted only differed with the main resolution in the number of people who should go to India the remaining amendment emphasised that "all available channels" should first be exhausted. Failing this a deputation of 10 should go to India. The original motion that five should go to India at the most opportune time was accepted after a six-hour debate.

THE conference was formally opened by the president of the Natal Indian Organisation, Mr. A. S. Kajee (see page seven) on Saturday afternoon at four o'clock at the Kathiawad Hall, which was [illegible]. Delegates from the Transvaal, Cape, Natal and by spectators. On the platform were a number of consular representatives, while an observer from the State Information Service was present throughout the sessions.

At the opening session a tribute was paid to the late Abdullah Kajee—the conference standing in silence for a few moments.

When conference resumed on Saturday evening a discussion arose over the word "total" as qualifying the opposition of the Indian people to the Ghetto Act. A school of thought, led by Mr. Cassim Anglia, felt that the word "total" should be dropped in order to allow latitude should any discussions come about between India and the Union.

On the one hand, the Indian people, as reflected in the conference, had obtained certain assurances from the Prime Minister, and if they laid down total opposition to everything in the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Act there was just the possibility that difficulties might arise when the subject came up for discussion between the two Governments.

The conference, however, recorded its total opposition to the Act.

The conference then debated the assurances given by the Prime Minister and the possibility of a round table conference following from those assurances. There was a short debate on the subject before the conference adjourned, after accepting the principle of a round table conference, following from the assurances.

Full Dress Debate

When conference resumed on Sunday morning, all delegates were ready for a full dress debate on the proposal to send a delegation to India, hint of which had been given by Mr. P. R. Pather (Natal) the previous evening.

Moving the main resolution, which embodied the following points:

(a) it is eminently desirable that the Governments of the Union of India and Pakistan and the leaders of these two countries should be given a full report and first hand information on the situation in South Africa today;

(b) to convey personally to the two Governments and their leaders the consensus of opinion of Indians in South Africa in regard to the assurances given by the Prime Minister of South Africa on January 22 last;

(c) to convey personally to the two Governments and their leaders the consensus of opinion of Indians in South Africa in regard to the desirability of holding a round table conference in terms of these assurances;

(d) the conference authorises the presidents of the N.I.O., the T.I.O. and Mr. Ahmed Ismail, as representing the Cape Province, to appoint a delegation of not more than five to proceed to India at the most opportune time;

Mr. A. M. Moolla said that the consultations of the N.I.O. and T.I.O. with the Prime Minister had been entered into with a view to resolving the present deadlock on the Indian problem.

(Continued on page eight)

MRS. D. BUGHWAN, of Durban, who has obtained the B.A. (Hons.) Degree (English) through the Natal University College. Mrs. Bughwan was formerly Miss Devi [illegible]. She took her B.A. with distinction in English at Fort Hare. She is the first Non-European student to get the B.A. (Hons.) Degree at the N.U.C.

"THE LEADER" NEXT WEEK

OWING to the fact that Friday next is a holiday (Good Friday), "The Leader" will be published a day earlier. It will be on sale in Durban on Thursday afternoon.

GOVERNMENT TAKES OVER FASHIONABLE WHITE CLUB

From Our Own Correspondent.

POONA (By Mail).—A century-old landmark in Poona will disappear when the Club of Western India, established in pre-Mutiny days to accommodate persons of European ancestry residing and serving in the Deccan, closes down shortly.

Dwindling membership, with many of the Europeans now having left the shores of India, has forced this club to cease its activities. No new members will be admitted, but the club will be kept open as long as permissible for existing resident members, who are awaiting passages home.

The spacious club house, with a dozen residential blocks spread over 14 acres of land, will now pass into the hands of the Bombay Government, who have acquired the club under the Land Acquisition Act for Government Offices and residential purposes.

The Government it is learned, have served an order on the club prohibiting it from selling the premises to any other party except the Provincial Government.

Some of the Government officers and their families who suffer under the housing scarcity in Poona will, as a result of the acquisition of the club house, find their accommodation difficulty solved, whilst it is also proposed to utilise over 100 servants' quarters located in the club premises for sheltering Government servants.

EFFORT TO SAVE N.I.C. PROPERTIES

AN effort will be made to prevent two properties, which stand in the name of the original Natal Indian Congress formed in 1894, from passing into private hands by prescription as a result of a resolution passed by the conference on Sunday.

Because of some defect in the order of Court relating to the interdict granted in 1947 no person has any locus standi to collect rents.

One of the properties is thus on the verge of passing into the ownership of the tenants by prescription.

The conference has directed the Natal Indian Organisation to make immediate representations to the Union Government with a view to vesting the properties in the name of a certain number of trustees as a memorial to Mahatma Gandhi with the provision that the entire income from the properties will be applied towards educational and hospital needs of the Indian people.

These properties were originally acquired through the efforts of Mr. Gandhi when he was in Natal for the benefit of the Indian community in Natal.

TENNIS CHAMPIONS

MRS. K. SINGH (left) beat MISS P. KHANNA, 6-4, 6-4, in the All-India Tennis Championships recently.

PREMIER EXPRESSES A HOPE

THE Prime Minister, General Smuts, in the course of a message to the conference on Sunday, said: "As South Africans we should settle our own difficulties in a spirit of mutual discussion and understanding. That is the only way along which progress can be attained. The appeal to outside influences has only tended to exacerbate the internal tension and prevent friendly relations."

General Smuts further expressed the hope that the conference would make an important contribution towards the removal of existing misunderstandings and the restoration of normal friendly relations.

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OBITUARIES

The death occurred on March 12 of Balasundram Pillay (Billy), the ex-champion cyclist, and brother of Messrs. K. K. Pillay Bros., of 46 Sigamoney Road, Clairwood, at the age of 45 years. His remains were interred at the Clairwood Hindu Cemetery amid a large gathering of friends and relatives.

He leaves behind his mother, sister, brothers, and a host of friends and relatives to mourn their loss.

All friends and relatives are invited to attend the [illegible] memorial ceremony of the late Balasundram Pillay, to be held at 46 Sigamoney Road, Clairwood, Durban, at 8 a.m. on March 28, 1948.

The following wreaths were received: [illegible]

BALASUNDRAM PILLAY

[illegible]

MRS. S. BHAGWANDEEN

One of the largest Hindu funerals for many years in Northern Natal took place on Sunday, March 7, 1948, at Glencoe, when Mrs. S. Bhagwandeen was cremated.

Mrs. Bhagwandeen had lived in Glencoe for many years and was a keen social worker. She was a member of the Natal Indian Congress, [illegible] Child Welfare Society [illegible]

[illegible]

Her husband, Mr. S. Bhagwandeen, is one of the leading Indians in Northern Natal, being the secretary of the Glencoe branch of the Natal Indian Organisation and a member of the Indian Advisory Committee to the Town Council.

She leaves behind her husband, four daughters and three sons and many relatives and friends to mourn their loss. Telegrams, messages of sympathy and floral tributes were received from all parts of Natal and the Transvaal.

The death occurred, under tragic circumstances of Hargobin, third son of the late Mr. and Mrs. [illegible], of Main Road, Isipingo, Natal, on March 6, 1948, at the age of [illegible] years.

He leaves behind his brothers, sisters and a host of friends and relatives to mourn their loss.

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

The following is a list of wreaths: [illegible]

MR. HARGOBIN DEHALOO

[illegible]

150 ATTEND IMPROVISED HIGH SCHOOL

Of the 231 students who were refused admission at Sastri College at the beginning of the year, 150 are now attending the afternoon classes organised by the Natal Indian Congress at the Greyville Government Indian School, Mr. J. N. Singh, chairman of the Indian Education Committee of the Natal Indian Congress, told "The Leader."

The students pay a fee of 10s. a month, while the teachers receive a remuneration of 5s. per hour, as compared to the 10s. per hour at the M. L. Sultan technical classes.

"A memorandum, which will soon be presented to the Administrator of Natal, Mr. D. G. Shepstone, suggesting that the Natal Indian Congress High School be taken over by the Administration is in the course of preparation," proceeded Mr. Singh.

In the meantime the Committee would appeal to other sources, [illegible] the running of the school.

Hyderabad Nickels

From Our Own Correspondent.

HYDERABAD (Deccan) (By Mail). — The Nizam's Government have decided to issue pure [illegible] anna and two anna denominations, it was announced here.

OBITS IN BRIEF

VINDEN: The death occurred after a long illness of Mr. Andrew Leslie Vinden, son of Mrs. and the late Mr. Vinden, of the Centenary Road School at the age of [illegible] years on March 6, 1948. Mr. Vinden was in the teaching profession, and as a cricketer he represented Natal in several inter-provincial tournaments.

He was captain of the Stella F.C. for many years, and was also a keen cricketer and a tennis player. He leaves behind a large number of friends and relatives to mourn their loss.

NAIDOO: The death occurred of [illegible], son of Mrs. and the late Mr. C. [illegible] Naidoo, and brother of Mr. P. M. Naidoo (Albert), at his residence, [illegible] Sparks Road, Overport, Durban, on March 14, 1948. His remains were interred at the [illegible] Cemetery.

[illegible]: The death occurred of [illegible], wife of Mr. C. [illegible], of [illegible] College Road, Overport, Durban, on March [illegible], 1948. Her remains were interred at the Kenilworth Cemetery.

REDDY: The death occurred of Mr. [illegible] Reddy, of [illegible] Avenue, Mayville, Durban, [illegible] on March 14, 1948. His remains were interred at the [illegible]

[illegible] Her remains were interred at the Kenilworth Cemetery amid a large gathering of friends and relatives.

NAIDOO: The death occurred of Mr. [illegible] Naidoo, late employee of Messrs. [illegible], Limited, [illegible], Durban, and beloved father of Messrs. [illegible] Naidoo, [illegible] Clairwood, Durban, on March [illegible]. His remains were interred at the Clairwood Cemetery.

NAIDOO: The death occurred of [illegible] Naidoo, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Naidoo, of [illegible], [illegible] Albert Street, Durban, and formerly of [illegible] North Street, Durban, on March [illegible], 1948. Her remains were interred at the Red Hill Cemetery amid a large gathering of friends and relatives.

[illegible], youngest daughter of Mr. Dick [illegible], passed away at her late residence, [illegible] Road, Durban, on March [illegible], 1948. Her remains were interred at the Redhill Cemetery.

[illegible]

The death occurred of [illegible] Badal (Bunny), second son of Mrs. Badal, of [illegible] Road, Durban, at the St. Aidan's Hospital. He had been ailing for some time.

The late Mr. Badal, who was a popular sportsman, was associated with many sporting and social organisations for a number of years. He commanded the esteem of all sections of the community.

He was the principal District Officer of Durban of the Health and Strength League (England), an American gold medallist for an exceptional [illegible] one of the best weightlifting enthusiasts among Indians in the Union. He was also a tennis enthusiast, a swimmer and an acrobat.

The passing of Mr. Badal at the early age of thirty-five years is an irreparable loss, especially to all those who knew him.

A large number of friends and relatives paid their last respects to him when he was cremated on March 5, 1948, at the Cato Manor Crematorium.

He leaves behind his aged mother, two brothers, two sisters and a host of friends and relatives to mourn their loss.

FAREWELL TO BRIG. CROFTON

From Our Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG, Friday.

Nearly a hundred guests, including several Europeans, were present at the Y.M.M.A. Library on Wednesday evening to bid farewell to Brigadier and Mrs. R. Crofton, who will leave shortly for Lausanne, Switzerland, where their son will enter the University.

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to

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eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gangiah Maistry, of Union Canvas Co., [illegible] Bellair Road, Mayville,

on

SUNDAY, 21st MARCH, 1948,

at the REGENT THEATRE, Bellair Road, Mayville.

Nuptial Ceremony from 10.30 to 11.30 a.m.

[illegible] Party will leave their residence on Sunday at 7.30 a.m. by bus, [illegible] by Mr. K. S. Nair and Party. [illegible] T. M. Maistry.

ANTONIA PATRICIA BENEDICT, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Benedict, of Ridge Farm, Umzinto, grand-daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. James Quarough, of Umzinto, and Mr. C. R. Frances, celebrated her second birthday on March 3, 1948, at the Ridge Farm.

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Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Maistry and children, Ronald, Gloria and Sylvia, of [illegible] Carlisle Castle, Durban, have returned home after spending a long holiday with Mr. and Mrs. T. Maistry and family, of Newcastle.

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Mr. Sally Maistry, of Durban, has now returned home after spending a long holiday in [illegible] with his brother, Mr. Ron Maistry, and his parents in Newcastle, Mr. and Mrs. Pillay.

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Mr. Peter R. Chetty, of the staff of the [illegible], has returned to Johannesburg after spending a week's holiday in Pietermaritzburg.

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Mr. A. R. Pillay, of Durban, has been notified of his success in the Dental Mechanicians' examinations [illegible] under the Dental Mechanicians' Board. He is now a qualified dental mechanic.

MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

The marriage will take place on March 27, 1948, of PERUMAL (G. TOMMY), fourth son of Mrs. and the late Mr. Govindugan, 77 Archery Road, Rossburgh, to MISS LUTCHMAMMA (KAMATCHIE), eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Pamah Naidoo, of 11 Perandh Road, Rossburgh, at the Andhra Sabha Hall, 61 Sacks Road, Rossburgh. Nuptial ceremony between 1.30 and 4.30 p.m. Friends and relatives are invited to attend.

The marriage will take place on March 27, 1948, of RAMSAMY (BOBBY), third son of Mrs. and the late Mr. Govindugan, 77 Archery Road, Rossburgh, to MISS MARRIAMA (VELLIAMA), only daughter of the late Mr and Mrs. Yerranah Reddy, also of 77 Archery Road, Rossburgh, at the Andhra Sabha Hall, 61 Sacks Road, Rossburgh. Nuptial ceremony between 1.30 and 2.45 p.m. Friends and relatives are invited to attend.

MR. & MRS. [illegible] SINGH, of [illegible] Road, Sydenham, Durban, who were married on the 29th February, 1948, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. Harrypersadh, [illegible], Mr. Singh is the third son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Rowpersad Singh.

Mr. Singh was a member of the Union Defence Force in the last war and served for a period of six years. He was one of those who went "Up North" in various campaigns, East Africa, the Middle East and Italy.

Mrs. Singh is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Harrypersadh, of Redhill, Durban.

MR. AND MRS. T. K. MAHARAJ, who were married on January [illegible] 1948. Mr. Maharaj is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Maharaj, of Raiborn's Hill, Maritzburg. Mrs. Maharaj is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Parmeswar Maharaj, of 41 Howell Road, Sydenham, Durban.

Mr. P. Naicker, who was on the staff of the [illegible] Indian School, has now been transferred to the staff of the [illegible] Indian School.

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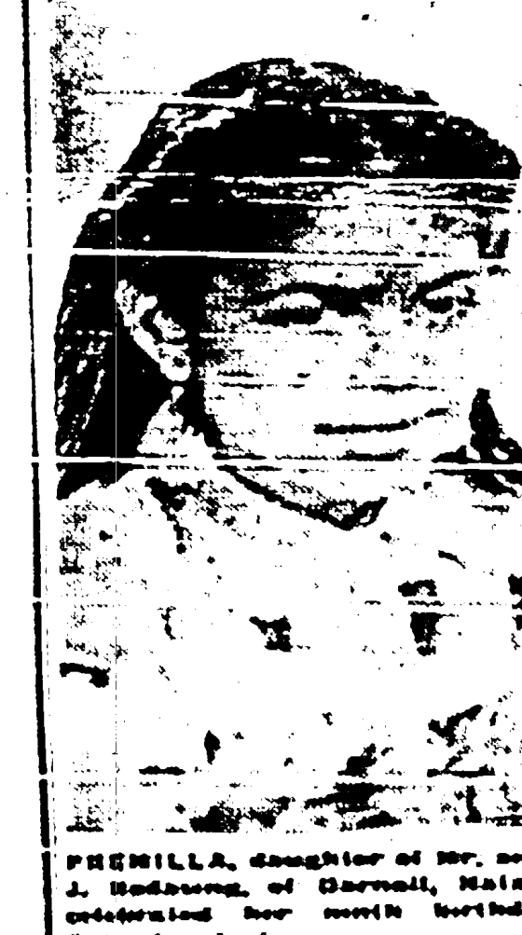
Messrs. J. C. Govender, G. K. Govender and V. J. Pillay, of [illegible], are holidaying in Pietermaritzburg.

MR. S. MANSINGH, co-director and commercial traveller of the firm of Messrs. Consolidated Agencies, 108 Grey Street, Durban, wishes to inform numerous customers in Natal that owing to his illness he is unable to attend to his business for a while. Mr. Singh will resume duty early in April.



PREMILLA, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Badasing, of Darnall, Natal, who celebrated her ninth birthday on Saturday last.

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ORIENT STUDY GROUP

At the weekly social gathering of the Orient Study Group on Thursday the motion that reforms "should be made in the South African penal system proposed by Mr. M. R. Pillay was defeated by a narrow margin. Mr. M. K. Pillay led the opposition, Mr. M. N. Pather adjudicated.

MORE RESCUES

On Sunday last, 1948, two bathers Mark Francis of [illegible] Clayton Road, Sydenham, and Cyril Veerasamy, of [illegible] Gale Street, got into difficulties while bathing.

A swift northerly current took these two bathers into a deep channel and they were about 30 yards away from the shore when members of the Durban Indian Surf Life Saving Club went to the rescue. Two swimmers held the victims up while the linesmen went in with the line and brought them safely to the shore.

Artificial respiration had to be rendered to Mark Francis.

"SENSATIONS OF 1948" A SUCCESS

The Recreation Hall at the Springfield Training Centre was packed to capacity when "Sensations of 1948" was presented by the Springfield Nurses' Social Club. It was an outstanding success.

The musical items were of a high standard and were well appreciated by the large audience. [illegible] rendered songs both in Hindustani [illegible] Eastern dances [illegible] were also very well received. The Ranjini Orchestra played.

The play, "Sources of Romance," written and produced by Mr. V. N. Naidoo, was acted very well and [illegible] a success. The sketches "[illegible] Forest," "[illegible]" and "Mechanical Man" were also of a high standard.

"STOP THIEF" STOPPED LAWYER

From Our Own Correspondent

Bombay (By Mail).—Cries of "pakdo" (catch him) resounded through a Bombay street as a large crowd rushed in pursuit of a man who had snatched a bolt of cloth from a shop doorway.

A well-dressed man, seeing the crowd coming along with the thief well in front, joined in the chase but had not gone far before other newcomers who mistook him for the fugitive seized him, and in spite of his protestations that he was a lawyer, and innocent of the crime held him down until the exhausted shopkeeper arrived.

In the meantime the thief had vanished.

COURTESY COPS

From Our Own Correspondent

Jubbulpore (Central Provinces) (By Mail).—The District Superintendent of Police, Jubbulpore, has formed two courtesy squads of 11 constables and one sub-inspector each to give police practical lessons in politeness towards the public. The squads are posted at the railway station to assist passengers.

2,000 RADIOS FOR MADRAS

From Our Own Correspondent.

MADRAS (By Mail). — The Madras Government are considering a scheme for the installation of 2,000 radio sets in the rural areas of the province, the [illegible] A. B. Shetty, stated in the Legislative Assembly.

He added that about 230 village associations from some of the prohibition districts had volunteered to install radio sets at their own cost, if subsidies were granted for the first year.

CAUGHT FIRST TIME OUT

From Our Own Correspondent.

ALWAR STATE (Rajputana) (By Mail).—A constable deserted from a local police force with his rifle and 100 rounds of ammunition, apparently with the intention of embarking on a career of crime.

He rode away on a camel and soon afterwards encountered a man, whom he took for a rich merchant, riding in a cart. He called upon him to "stand and deliver," only to find it was his own police superintendent, who disarmed him at the point of a revolver and took him into custody.

BOMBAY LEPER COLONIES

From Our Own Correspondent.

BOMBAY (By Mail). — The Bombay Minister for Health, Mr. M. D. D. Gilder, stated in the Legislative Assembly that the Government of Bombay intends to establish leper colonies in the province providing accommodation for 3,000 lepers, as a post-war reconstruction measure. A special Government leprosy officer has also been appointed.

WEDDING INVITATION

All friends and relatives are cordially invited to attend the mariage of Rabikanth, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Narain Jeawon, of Jeawon's Joinery Works, 51 Myhill Road, Sea Cow Lake, Durban, to Leelawathie, the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Debba (Lutchman), of 555 Clare Road, Clare Estate on March 28, 1948. The bridegroom's party will leave at 9.30 a.m. for the bride's residence. The Wedding Ceremony will commence at 10.30 a.m.

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Our Readers Speak

DURBAN GIRLS ARE EXTREMELY RUDE, SNOBBISH

By Capetonian

I CAME all the way from Capetown to attend a big "Indaba" in your [illegible] during the weekend.

When my mission [illegible] I tried to act like your [illegible] what they do in Capetown [illegible] exciting gaiety and amusement. But I regret that your city holds no night life as we have in the Cape. Apart from that, your girls are extremely rude and snobbish.

It is no wonder that your Natalians prefer to spend their leisure time in the Cape for the girls at my end are undoubtedly civilised and can teach the girls in your town to be modern and at the same time how to entertain [illegible] strangers they may be.

A stranger in your town is completely lost because he cannot enjoy the same entertainment that Capetown offers. The fair sex of your city have a lot to learn.

"Personal Contacts"

By A. [illegible]

I [illegible] agree with Mr. P. R. Pather that the S.I.C. deputation [illegible] to India to make "personal contacts." [illegible]

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TO CORRESPONDENTS

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CONFERENCE DELEGATES

THE following delegates were present at the South African Indian Conference held at Durban on Saturday and Sunday last:

Durban: Mr. Abdullah Shaik, Mr. M. Ajam Ally, Mr. Amod [illegible], Mr. C. M. Anglia, Mr. G. M. Amod, Mr. M. I. Bulbul, Mr. A. M. Bassa, Mr. B. Baigobind, Mr. G. N. Ballim, Mr. I. Cassim, Mr. M. Cassim, Mr. C. A. Chetty, Mr. R. M. Desai, Mr. I. M. Dhooma, Mr. M. A. Dhas, Mr. Y. Ebrahim, Mr. A. K. Fareed, Mr. A. M. Fayaaz, Mr. J. W. Godfrey, Mr. S. C. George, Mr. A. Ganie, Mr. E. I. Haffejee, Mr. A. K. Hossen, Mr. Ajam Haffejee, Mr. [illegible], Mr. M. G. Haffejee, Mr. M. F. Vahed, Mr. G. H. A. Jadwat, Mr. M. A. Jadwat, Mr. E. I. Jooma, Mr. Shaikh Ismail, Mr. A. S. Kajee, Mr. E. I. Kajee, Mr. A. Kajee, Mr. C. N. M. Khan, Mr. R. S. Khan, Mr. A. J. Kassim, Mr. A. N. Kajee, Mr. M. A. Moosa, Mr. Ismail Moosa, Mr. M. A. Kajee, Mr. H. J. Maghrajh, Mr. Amod Motala, Mr. A. B. Moosa, Mr. G. M. Motala, Mr. A. M. Moolla, Mr. P. Muthusamy, Mr. V. N. Mohd, Mr. P. A. Nassim, Mr. A. K. Omar, Mr. H. [illegible], Mr. P. R. Pather, Mr. S. M. Paruk, Mr. M. K. G. Paruk, Mr. Mahomed Paruk, Mr. V. S. Pillay, Mr. E. G. Paruk, Mr. M. E. Paruk, Mr. G. M. Ramlaree, Mr. J. S. Rooplaresin, Mr. G. M. Ramjeree, Mr. H. Rahaman, Mr. G. R. M. Ramjeree, Mr. Tayob [illegible], Mr. A. [illegible], Mr. R. Sahadeo, Mr. H. M. Seedat, Mr. A. Sookdeo, Mr. W. S. [illegible], Mr. B. R. Singh, Mr. K. Subramoney, Mr. K. A. Timol, Mr. Ramesh Singh.

Tabeane: Messrs. G. I. Bulbul, [illegible] A. Bulbul, V. S. Jeetham, A. [illegible] Manjoo, E. M. Manjoo, M. E. Manjoo, M. H. Khan.

Dundee: Messrs. M. S. Moll, F. B. Maharaj, T. C. Moor.

Greytown: Messrs. R. Bhikhie, C. M. Lakhi, G. H. Motala, I. A. Motala.

Ladysmith: Messrs. N. M. R. Khan, I. A. M. Motala, M. A. [illegible], E. I. [illegible], [illegible] M. Kasim.

Maritzburg: Messrs. A. D. [illegible], [illegible], S. [illegible] Chetty, J. Gabriel, [illegible], R. A. Moodley, S. R. Naidoo, N. [illegible] H. Nulliah, V. K. Pillay, R. N. Pillay, A. G. Pillay, A. H. Sahib, J. T. Sodhiah, Yusuf Sahib, I. A. Cassim, Adam Habib.

Richmond: Messrs. I. Sha, A. Sayed, I. K Hajee.

Stanger: Messrs. A. Ballim, A. G. Bux, M. Desai, A. A. Jinnah, A. S. Kajee, I. Lambada, S. Mansdoon, D. C. Motala, M. I. Tayob, A. J. Jacob, S. H. Bhorat.

Verulam: Messrs. G. A. Bux, A. H. Doorat, G. M. Kajee, I. G. H. Kathrada, E. C. Mohamedy, G. H. A. Kathrada, Y. S. Mulla, S. C. Motala, H. M. Omossa, E. S. Kathrada, M. S. Paruk, S. G. Mathie.

Inanda: Mr. A. I. Haffejee; Mapumulo: Mr. A. H. Kajee; Glendale: Mr. A. I. Patali; Mount Edgecombe: Mr. G. H. Kessdi; Chaka's Kraal: Mr. P. K. Moodley; Tongaat: Mr. H. H. Ebrahim; Mandalane: Mr. S. [illegible]; Dannhauser: Messrs. B. Goordeen and R. Patali; Bulwer and District: Messrs. I. M. Asmal, G. D. Asmal, A. I. Kajee, S. M. Paruk, K. A. Bham, A. C. Dhaloob.

Umzinto: Messrs. A. [illegible] and E. A. Dhas. Port Shepstone: Messrs. M. K. Desai, M. S. Kara, C. Peerbhai. Kokstad: Messrs. M. H. Johan, A. I. Desai, S. M. Gangat, M. K. Haffejee, G. H. M. Peerbhai, C. N. Paruk, P. M. Singh, M. M. Gangat, D. G. Gangat, A. H. M. Gangat, A. G. Khobhie.

Glencoe: Messrs. K. M. Hassa, M. A. Mansak, A. C. Peer, S. E. Amin.

Cape: Messrs. A. M. Ahmed, H. Khan, K. W. Parker, V. A. Pillay, K. Gajjar, Ahmed Ismail, J. Lall, M. M. Safoda, K. Wally, E. A. Bodhanna, A. R. Kapoo, M. A. Beg and Mrs. M. Singh.

Pretoria: Messrs. C. O. Ally, A. V. Keshavjee, H. V. Keshavjee, A. Suleman, T. Topan, G. M. Keshavjee.

Johannesburg: Messrs. S. M. Moolla, G. M. Rashid Shaikh, M. S. Paruk, M. S. Moolla, Willie Ernest, J. H. Hamree, M. M. Gardee, O. H. Mohd, A. I. Minty, I. Kahim, S. Mohd, A. H. Omar, [illegible], Fev. B. L. E. Sigamoney.

Bethal: Mr. I. V. Coovadia. D. M. H. Omar, Shaikh Abdul [illegible]. Standerton: Messrs. A. H. Omar, [illegible] Leeds. Wakkerstroom: Messrs. [illegible]

CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS

IMMEDIATELY after the resolution on the proposal to send a delegation to India, which as the length of the debate shows, was the Conference itself, the Conference passed a number of resolutions with regard to the Indian people in this country. With the exception of one, which had, tagged on it, a reference to the provincial barriers, none of the resolutions drew any criticism or debate from the delegates.

THIS resolution referred to the increase in unemployment among Indians, and in order to arrest it, urged the Government to absorb Indians into State service at a living wage and had attached a request that the Government should relax the operation of the immigration laws in order to enable Natal-born Indians to seek employment in the Transvaal and the Cape.

No sooner was the resolution submitted than delegates rose to criticise the last portion. More courage than a mere request for Natalians to enter the Cape and the Transvaal was needed, they said.

Mr. Ahmed Ismail (Capetown) said that there should be no internal restrictions between all four provinces. Why should the Free State be left out? Before the Boer War Indians could enter the Free State. That right should be restored to the Indian people.

Amazed

Mr. Willie Ernest (Johannesburg) said he was amazed at the attitude of Mr. Ismail who was advocating a complete relaxation of the provincial barriers. It was none other than the same Mr. Ismail who had at one time strenuously opposed the entry of Natal and Transvaal Indians into the Cape, saying that he did not want the Indian problem in the Cape.

"I would suggest," Mr. Ernest said, "that an appeal for the relaxation of the restrictions on entry into the Transvaal and the Cape will be more practical."

When Mr. Ismail denied the accusation hotly and challenged Mr. Ernest to prove his allegation, the latter replied that it was at a meeting in the Patidar Hall, Johannesburg, that the Cape delegate had made the statement. Mr. Gool, of Capetown, was also present at the meeting.

Mr. Ismail then issued a £100 challenge to Mr. Ernest, but Mr. P. R. Pather intervened to say that a specific resolution against the provincial barriers would be taken.

It was finally agreed to modify the resolution by stating that "while the conference reiterated the stand of the Indian people for the total removal of the provincial barriers," it urged the Government to relax the immigration laws in the cases mentioned.

A Responsibility of the State

In view of the fact that the local authorities seemed incapable of squaring up to the problem of Indian housing, the conference resolved:

"This conference is firmly of the opinion that Indian housing should be taken away from the hands of local authorities and become the responsibility of the Union Government."

Disparity Deplored

The conference deplored the disparity in the social benefits between Europeans and Indians. It urged that more Indians should be employed in the Social Welfare Department, as the social uplift of the Indian people depended upon fully trained social welfare workers.

Unfair to the Indians

A resolution referring to the visit of the American journalists to the Union read:

"This conference regrets the fact that the American journalists who visited this country recently as guests of the Government refused to see for themselves the condition of the Indian people at first hand. It is the more regrettable that without making themselves acquainted with such conditions, they are now making 'considered and authoritative' pronouncements on the country's colour problems. This conference regards this as manifestly unfair to the Indian people."

The conference was directed to forward the resolution to the American Government.

Practice Condemned

The practice of male officers of the Immigration Bureau examining Indian women on their entry into the Union from abroad was condemned and conference urged that some consideration be given to the religious susceptibilities of the Indian people and requested the appointment of women doctors and examiners to cope with such examinations as may be reasonably required at a port of entry.

Railway Provisions

The conference protested against the discomfort and hardship to which Indian passengers on the railways were subjected due to the limited number of coaches allocated to Non-Europeans more so of the railways, especially on the inter-provincial route, and strongly urged the Minister of Railways and Harbours to increase the number of coaches allocated to Non-Europeans.

Relief Sought

The conference condemned the attitude of the Union Government in barring the entry of wives and children of domiciled Indians into the Union. The prohibition was against public morals and also un-Christian.

The conference urged the Union Government that owing to the small number now involved, these women and children should be allowed to enter the Union so that they could join their husbands and fathers. The conference protested against the injustice done to Indian children born in this country within three years of the arrival of their parents in South Africa.

These disabilities are imposed under the Immigrants' Regulation Act of 1913, by virtue of which such children are not recognised as South African citizens, although Act 22 of 1913 does not stipulate the period necessary for the acquisition of a South African domicile. The conference urged the Government to remove this provision, which militated against many Indian parents.

Firearms

Other resolutions passed were:

"This conference is seriously concerned at the practice of the authorities in refusing, almost as a matter of course, applications by Indians for licences to possess firearms, and feels strongly that in view of the grave danger to which Indian farmers, storekeepers and others are exposed, the Minister of Justice be urged to give favourable consideration to the applications by Indians to possess firearms."

Gratitude

"This South African Indian conference places on record its profound sense of gratitude to Councillor Ahmed Ismail for his invaluable services in the interests of the Indian people of South Africa and for the hospitality he has always extended to Indians from all parts of South Africa when they visit the city of Capetown on public work."

Broadcast

"This conference views with concern the recent statement by members of the Indian Advisory Committee to the South African Broadcasting Corporation and requests that representations be made to the authorities with a view to obtaining at least one hour's daily Indian programme either on the B or C transmission."

SASTRI OLD BOYS NOT INTERESTED

THE Sastri College Old Boys' Club held their annual general meeting last week at Sastri College.

Mr. Wm. Anderson, principal of Sastri College, said that the Old Boys were held in high esteem, and referred to the good work that the Club was doing, especially in connection with the Bursary Fund.

Mr. Warriner pointed out the lack of interest and the public school spirit being shown by the Old Boys, and hoped that in future all Old Boys, wherever they were, would [illegible] at least become members of the Old Boys' Club.

The following officials were elected: President, Mr. A. S. Lazarus; joint secretaries, Messrs. J. Vinden and D. K. Heppie; treasurer, Mr. J. S. Kaudani; vice-patron, Mr. C. H. Warriner; Patrons, Mr. Wm. Anderson and Dr. D. Mall; vice-presidents, Messrs. I. S. Amin, H. Govinden, H. N. M. Hoosen.

Committee: Messrs. S. Mudley, C. M. Hassan, G. Naidoo, R. Patel, A. A. Kaudani and C. H. Naidoo.

TAMIL SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY

The first anniversary of the Manor Gardens Tamil School was celebrated at the School premises, 33 Cato Manor Road, Mayville, on Sunday last at 2.30 p.m. A large gathering of parents, as well as well-wishers, was present. Through the efforts of Mrs. Rukmani Naidoo, organiser and school teacher, the future of Tamil education and culture in the locality has been assured.

Mrs. S. N. Naidoo, chairman of the Mayville and Cato Manor Tamil Women's Association, Mrs. Marie Pillay, of the Pietermaritzburg Tamil Women's Association, and Mrs. Parvathy [illegible] School, who were the principal speakers, stressed the importance of the mother tongue and implored parents to remember constantly the necessity of the vernacular.

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Time To Revise Indian Status

"WE have all along stood for and claimed equality of opportunity, equality of treatment and equality in the eyes of the law. The Indian community has opposed and will oppose discriminatory laws and discriminatory administrative practices which assign to Indians an inferior status. We cannot reconcile ourselves to being treated differentially on the grounds of 'colour'," declared Mr. S. R. Naidoo, president of the Maritzburg Branch of the N.I.C. when, as chairman of the Reception Committee, he welcomed the delegates to the Conference of South African Indians on Saturday last.

MR. NAIDOO declared that a pattern of rule which selected a race like the Indian people and insisted upon it colour discrimination could not find sanction in any civilised state. To treat a set of people differently because of their colour was not in keeping with the Divine Law or with civilisation.

The time had come, Mr. Naidoo went on, when the status of the Indian people and the numerous discriminatory laws which retarded their growth should be reexamined and revised in the light of world events.

"Wise statesmanship is required for better and liberal handling of our affairs, especially as we are an unrepresented class, always bearing in mind that we are part and parcel of this country."

The Indians regarded themselves as South Africans and demanded that they should be treated as such, [illegible] they were Union nationals on paper only.

"No Slackening"

"The practice to isolate us, to deny us rights of citizenship, to exclude us from enjoying the fruits of our own labour to the fullest extent are the very antithesis of democratic rule.

"We have long borne many disabilities with the conviction that these will be remedied or removed, **but we find to our intense regret that there has been no slackening of efforts to overburden us with them.**

"In view of the contribution which the Indian had made to the development of this country and of the progress which the Indian himself had made, it was unfair to expect him to accept the same standards which governed the life of the Indian in the eighties.

"We are in our fifth generation. Despite these artificial barriers, many of our children have received a high standard of education, qualifying for the various professions which are available to them."

But although the Indian was, all things taken into consideration, a complete South African, the rights which flowed from democratic government were denied him.

"We would like to live in harmony and friendship with other dwellers of this land. Our quarrel is not with any individual. It is with the system of the laws which govern us and which hurts our feelings, our pride and our race consciousness."

Replying on behalf of the Cape delegates, Mr. Ahmed Ismail said that the people who were meeting in conference were fully aware of the important issues involved. "We have come here, knowing our responsibility. We claim equality and full citizenship rights in South Africa. We have been nurtured in the rules and cultured in our [illegible]; we have at all times [illegible] pursued constitutional methods. I hope that the Europeans of Natal will take notice of this and abide by the injunction, 'Love thy fellowman as thyself.'"

Mr. Ismail said that the English speaking South African was the most civilised ever created.

"I demand equality of opportunity. I stand here as an Indian born and bred in South Africa. I will not tolerate any foreign nation interfering with the affairs of South Africa. I want no dictatorship of Stalin's Moscow."

Mr. A. I. Minty, president of the Transvaal Indian Organisation, said that the Transvaal delegates attached great importance to the conference.

Because he was an unrepresented section in South Africa the Indian was not wrong in taking his case to India. "Today, however, we have promises from the Prime Minister and we are now going to deliberate on them."

Mr. Sol M. Paruk paid a tribute to the late Mr. A. I. Kajee.

Mr. E. I. Haffejee, who moved a vote of thanks, said that he was glad to note that some consular representatives were present. He hoped they would report back to their Governments on the difficulties and disabilities which beset the Indian in South Africa.

Mr. K. G. Coleman, of the State Information, was present throughout the conference as an observer.

"VOTES" CAMPAIGN PROPOSED

THE Transvaal Passive Resistance Council has decided to conduct a "Votes for All in South Africa" campaign to coincide with the election programme of the various parties.

The Council will put forward the policy of the Indian community on the vote and general citizenship rights.

In the course of a statement to the Press the Council states: "The Indian people have already, in unambiguous terms, expressed their total opposition to communal franchise and have put forward their demand for the vote on the same basis as enjoyed by European people of the Union.

Expose Democracy

"In order to bring this policy to the fore, the Council will launch a campaign with the co-operation of democratic forces in the country during the period of the election. Just as the Parliamentary parties will carry out their campaigns, the Indian community will launch its campaign to expose the existing narrow basis of democracy in South Africa.

"Already plans are being worked out by the Council to carry out a Transvaal-wide campaign for the vote for the Indian people, and it is expected that this campaign will merge with a broader campaign for the vote for all Non-European peoples of South Africa. Similar campaigns, it is expected, will be launched by the Resistance Councils in other Provinces."

STRUGGLE MUST GO ON—(J.N.Singh)

MARITZBURG, Friday.

From Our Own Correspondent

Probably due to several counter attractions on Saturday afternoon there was only a small crowd present at the M.Y.M.A. Hall to bid farewell to Dr. K. Goonam, acting chairman of the Natal Indian Congress who crossed the border on Sunday.

"The date, the thirteenth, brings to mind momentous memories for it was on this date, 21 months ago, that the Indian people launched out on the bitter struggle for human freedom and liberty," said Mr. J. N. Singh.

Hundreds of people had served terms of imprisonment and succeeded in bringing their case before the eyes of the world. There were people who wondered why the Passive Resistance Campaign was not abandoned but although the Indians suffered a technical setback at the UNO Assembly last year the struggle would go on until the Ghetto Act was removed from the Statute Book, proceeded Mr. Singh.

General Smuts was trying to send his envoys, the N.I.O. to India with proposals which will prove unacceptable to the Government and if that happens General Smuts would then go to the next Assembly and UNO and say that the Indians had failed to cooperate.

"It is therefore essential that the second phase of the Passive Resistance Campaign be carried out with intensity until the battle is won."

Dr. K. Goonam said that she was happy to be in Maritzburg once more. She had served imprisonment in the Maritzburg gaol and would willingly do so again. The women of this City had responded magnificently to the call in the past and she exhorted them to come forward in greater numbers in the second phase of the campaign.

The N.I.O. was trying to mislead the people with its so-called "moderate" policy but that policy was doomed to failure because it was not a just one.

Mr. R. K. Naidoo, chairman of the Maritzburg branch, said that several leaders of the community had already served imprisonment in Maritzburg and at the moment two of their leading lights, Drs. Naicker and Dadoo, were imprisoned in the City gaol. Now the citizens had gathered to bid Godspeed to another leader, Dr. Goonam, who leads a batch of 10 into the Transvaal tomorrow. Mr. Naidoo appealed to the men and women of Maritzburg to join Dr. Goonam in her fight.

Other speakers were Mrs. Janabie Naidoo who spoke in Tamil, Mr. E. Satyapal and Mr. S. B. Mungal (secretary of the Maritzburg Congress).

Dr. Goonam who was arrested at Volksrust during [illegible] has been remanded to March 25.

S. AFRICA'S RESPONSIBILITY

A message to the conference of the S.A. Indian people held on Sunday from Mr. Maurice Webb, Natal representative of the Institute of Race Relations, said:—

"We who are South Africans, whatever our national origin or cultural association, have a great responsibility and great opportunities. Let us try to be equal to them. In spite of many difficulties, of which ignorance and prejudice are not the least, it is a high privilege to be South Africans and to serve this land. We shall serve it best by striving always to make it a land of peace and goodwill.

"It is easy to find fault and the temptation to be bitter is often strong. It is hard to find remedies and to be tolerant in the face of provocation. But hope for us all is to be found only by the harder way.

"There is much good in South Africa and more goodwill in the hearts of its people than is always apparent on the surface. Let us trust that goodness; appeal to that goodwill. Let our aim be to make South Africa an example to the world of a country where people of a different tradition, custom, language, religion, can live together at peace and work together for the good of all."

Among the other messages was one from Mr. David R. Nairac, secretary of the Indian Association, Bulawayo.

GANDHIAN CALENDAR PROPOSED

From Our Own Correspondent

NEW DELHI (By Mail).—Mr. Brahma Sarup, of Dehra, has drawn up an elaborate "Gandhian Calendar" which he suggests should replace the existing calendar.

The names of the months as suggested by him are: Jawahar, Vallabh, Subhash, Saroj, Moti, Rajeo, Azad, Jagjivan, Rajendar, Nanak, Vijay, and Prakash (abbreviations of names of national leaders). The seven days of the week, he names are: Santham, Bhakti, Satya, Ahimsa, Tyag, Shanti and Upvas.

He has sent copies of the calendar to the leaders "not only for appreciation but approval."—Reuter.

TRAINING SCHOOL REQUIRES

40 STUDENTS

Plea For Girls To Train As Nurse-Aides

THE Springfield Training Centre is in urgent need of Indian girls willing to train as nurse-aides. As far as trainees are concerned the position is desperate and Sister C. Jenkin, who is in charge of the Indian trainees, told a Leader representative that she needed a minimum of forty Indian girls when the next training school begins in May. The alternative would be no training for Indian girls as nurse-aides—because no girls were available—and this would be calamitous for the Indian people simply because of the fact that owing to the great demand on nursing personnel each group was compelled to provide its own nurses.

SISTER JENKIN explained that as conditions were today it was impossible to get either European or Bantu nurses for Indian patients because they were required to nurse the sick of their own community. Under the circumstances the Indian people owed it to themselves to see that more and more of their girls went for training as nurse-aides at the Springfield Training Centre. Here within eighteen months a nurse-aide has sufficient training to enable her to nurse. The patients—the primary purpose for which the training has been devised.

"It is no use asking for more beds in our wards unless we have the nursing personnel. It is no use providing beds and then keeping them vacant because no nurses are available," Mrs. Jenkin pointed out.

The response of the Indian girls was very good when the first school was started in February, 1947, but since then the interest has waned to such an extent that today there were only three Indian girls in the training school, whereas there had been about 40 last February.

It was difficult to explain this decline in numbers, because the Indian girls were given all the facilities they required. Special Indian meals are prepared for them and they have their own recreation room. At one time the girls were allowed to, if they wished to do so, to direct the preparation of their meals.

An Excellent Student

The Indian girl, Mrs. Jenkin said, made an excellent student. She grasped the fundamentals quickly and all those who had passed through her hands were very keen in their jobs. She did not feel that the Indian girl had any natural antipathy towards, or disinclination for, nursing.

"When all these things are taken into consideration I am afraid I cannot discover why there has been this decline in the numbers since we started last February. There are some who do have legitimate reasons for leaving, but I still feel that if the Indian people realised the magnitude of the problem before them they would see to it that their daughters went in for training as nurse-aides.

"We need girls who have passed the Standard Six Examination. We provide them with board and lodging, uniforms and allowances which vary with whether they stay in or out.

"When Professor Ryle, Professor of Social Medicine, Oxford, was here recently he said that all South Africans should have at least, equality of health. If health is the birthright of every individual then it is a responsibility on each South African community to see that its girls go in for training as health personnel.

"The easiest thing is to become dogmatic on the question of Indian girls and nurses, but we must recognise that there are certain legitimate prejudices which have to be squared up to. We are prepared to do this, but the Indian people, too, must be prepared to do their bit.

"From my own observation I know that the Indian girl is capable of turning out into a fine nurse-aide especially so for her own people. An Indian nurse will definitely have more in common with an Indian patient than a nurse of another race group. That is a logical deduction. She can appreciate and understand the difficulties and the prejudices of the Indian patient.

"I am looking forward," Mrs. Jenkin said, "to getting enough Indians for my next school, which begins in May. If the Indian girl has any questions I am prepared to answer them."

DESERTION ALLEGED

An order for the restitution of conjugal rights has been granted to Alreda Lazarus (born Lazarus) by the Supreme Court against her husband, Arthur Dawson Lazarus. Desertion is alleged and the returnable date is May 5.

HAJ FACILITIES

MORE DETAILS

THE secretary to the High Commissioner for India advises as follows with regard to Haj facilities:—

"The Government of India requests that arrangements for passages should be made direct with the shipping companies engaged in the pilgrim traffic. The following companies are at present engaged: (i) Messrs. Turner Morrison and Co., Ltd., 16 Bank Street, Bombay; (ii) Messrs. Scindia Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., Scindia House, Ballard Estate, Bombay.

"Under the existing law no deck pilgrim shall be received on board any pilgrim ship at any port in India unless he is in possession of a return ticket or has deposited with the Executive Officer of the Port Haj Committee of the port concerned the prescribed amount for the purpose of defraying the cost of a return ticket.

"Return passages for pilgrims to India are arranged by the Indian Vice-Consul, Jedda, according to the "First come, first served" system, i.e., the date of the pilgrim's return to Jedda from Mecca and Medina. Pilgrims are, therefore, requested to contact the representative of the Government of India at Jedda for return passages.

"Requests for information about the availability of ships from India to Jedda, sailing dates, etc., should be addressed directly to the shipping companies mentioned.

"The Government of India stress that persons to whom the Reciprocity (South Africa) Rules, 1944, apply should approach the Immigration Commissioner concerned for transit permits immediately on arrival in India.

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With one we loved with all our heart.
His presence once our greatest pleasure,
His memory now our greatest treasure.

Ever remembered by Mohan, [illegible], R. S. Harry, mother, sisters, brothers and a large number of friends and relations.

GOKHALE: In loving memory of my dear friend, Sewlall [illegible], who passed away peacefully on March 20, 1947.

Dearer to us than words can tell,
Is the friend we lost and loved so well.
Without farewell he fell asleep,
Leaving us only memories to keep.
We shall never forget and never intend,
We think of him daily and will to the end.

Ever remembered by Sewlall, 300 Wiggins Road, Mayville, Durban.

GOKHALE: In loving memory of my dear friend, Sewlall [illegible], who passed away peacefully on March 20, 1947.

We have lost and Heaven has gained,
One of the best the world contained;
They tell us time will heal the wound and help us forget,
But up till now time only proves
How much we miss you yet.

Sadly missed by Lipkie(?), 300 Wiggins Road, Mayville, Durban.

THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Pillay and Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] Pillay wish to thank the following friends and relatives for their kind messages of sympathy and beautiful floral tributes sent on the death of Mr. John William [illegible]: [illegible] M. John, V. T. Phillips, P. M. Doyle, M. Michael, T. David, K. Moodley, V. V. Billy, A. R. David, I. James, N. M. Naidu, The [illegible] Clothing Manufacturers and the staff of the Mission Hotel.

Mrs. R. [illegible] and family, of 71 [illegible] Road, Sydenham, Durban, thank all friends and relatives for their kind messages of sympathy and beautiful floral tributes sent on their recent sad bereavement.

The family of the late [illegible] Pillay (Billy), of 8 [illegible] Road, Clairwood, thank all friends and relatives for their kind messages of sympathy and beautiful floral tributes during their recent sad bereavement.

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APPRECIATION

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Singh, of 2 [illegible] Road, Sydenham, Durban, thank all friends and relatives for the many congratulatory messages and gifts received on the occasion of their marriage.

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AN UNWISE CAUSE

THE conference of South African Indians held in Durban last weekend decided, as was expected, to send a deputation to India. The decision was unanimous, even though there had been some debate on the subject. The fact that it was unanimous, however, does not make it a good decision, or a wise one, or a necessary one. We have already pointed out why no deputation should go to India, but it seems that those who convened the conference, after seeing General Smuts last January, are determined to go to India at all costs. We do not see the necessity of such a step. Events certainly do not justify the action proposed. It would seem that the local and national leaders of the community are now playing the role of amateur politicians.

For a moment it seems that these men, who have had years of dealings with the Prime Minister, trying still to assess him correctly. They, above all other people, should know with whom they are dealing—they are dealing with one of the shrewdest politicians in the world. Unfortunately the issues are already confused. The Prime Minister said in Parliament that he had approved of a "goodwill mission" going to India, but the missioners themselves say they are going on a deputation to India and Pakistan in order to clear up the atmosphere so that a round table conference can take place.

In his opening address to the conference, the president of the Natal Indian Organisation appealed to the Indian people that emotion and hatred would not help. Certainly a good appeal, but not directed to the right quarters. That appeal should have come from the Prime Minister and should have been directed to the Europeans who are busily engaged in making a political football of the Indian people. If that appeal were made by General Smuts it would have been logical; it is not for Indian leaders to appeal to Indians asking them not to engender hatred and emotion and then imply that it is the Indian who is at fault. The European is at fault, but General Smuts has astutely avoided saying that, and now we have an Indian deputation wanting to go to India.

This deputation has nothing more than assurances to lay before the Prime Ministers of India and Pakistan. General Smuts has officially said nothing, and those of us who have not been blinded by a desire to go to India still recall clearly that he did not bat an eye when he said, "The Pretoria Agreement is dead—stone dead." On that occasion the Indian leaders had chosen to negotiate with the Premier without taking India into confidence. We should remember these things. When Pandit Nehru approached General Smuts last year the attempt to come to an agreement fell through because of General Smuts's insistence that Nehru send the High Commissioner back. Nehru could not find his way to doing that, and General Smuts's refusal was the last word on the subject.

Now some Indian leaders are trying to take a hand in a matter which should be left at a strictly Government level. It is for India and the Union to negotiate—not for any Indian in South Africa. If General Smuts is anxious for a solution, and if he has changed his stand and is now prepared to meet on the basis of "without prejudice" to the Governments concerned, then he should say so publicly. He should communicate the terms to Pandit Nehru, who would then know what to do. It is reasonable to assume that Pandit Nehru may simply tell the deputation that he is prepared to consider any proposal which the Union Government might make. It would not be fair to expect him to commit himself without knowing what the contents of the proposal will be. If he committed himself he might subsequently find that the terms of proposal are not acceptable to him. What then? General Smuts will have been given an especially fine stick by the Indians here with which to beat India. These conjectures are not impossible, and we must beware.

Now that the decision has been taken to go to India we would suggest that the deputation wait for the "opportune time" provided for in the main resolution and in the meanwhile go ahead with consultation with India. It is possible that the N.I.O. and the [illegible] might not find it necessary to send a deputation to India.

HINDU MARRIAGES

REFORMS SUGGESTED

By SADANAND MAHARAJ

A SURVEY of the marriage rites of the Hindus shows that they are not empty formalities but practices which are believed to influence the welfare of individuals and people who pay due deference to them. In accordance with old established custom, certain ceremonies, though not indispensable, are still observed. Undoubtedly some of them are survivals of earlier methods of contracting a marriage, while other rituals show pronounced traces of forms of marriage which have ceased to exist as realities in civilised countries and among cultured people.

It is needless to say that all our religious ceremonies are pure and simple in terms of the scriptures. But today the essentials are left aside and greater attention is paid to customs and rituals which are not essential. The people have taken customs as their religion and think it perilous to change them. Therefore, educated people feel the necessity of certain reforms in the existing marriage system. The task of establishing such reforms rests on the shoulders of the educated Pandits who officiate at marriages.

SOME SUGGESTIONS

In order to unify the marriage system and bring harmony and unity among those concerned, I venture to introduce some suggestions and hope the officiating priests and learned people will ponder calmly over them and express their opinions.

Marriages that take place in towns are mostly celebrated in halls. At such weddings the Dwarpuja is performed in the pandal and not outside as done elsewhere. The explanation for this alteration is that owing to inconvenience and unsuitability of places it is not possible to do otherwise. This, however, is not a satisfactory explanation from the religious point of view. Why should we celebrate the marriage ceremony where we cannot fully practise our religious rites? The satisfactory answer to this is that it is not forbidden in the religious scripture to perform this ceremony in the pandal. The Atharva Veda, Paraskar Grihasutra and Bibahpadhati can be produced in support of this rule. Consequently, it will serve a good purpose to adopt this method for saving time and overcoming the inconvenience which confronts us.

THE KANYADAAN

During the ceremony the bride is presented with a set of clothes and jewellery by the elder brother of the bridegroom and she is adorned, and thereafter the Kanyadaan (handing over the bride to the bridegroom by her father) takes place. I wonder how this rule has been adopted? The Shastras prescribe that the bride should be given to the bridegroom dressed with her home garments. I quote a few mantras in this connection. The Bibahpadhati states: "Alankritam kanyam pratigrihnatu bhavan," meaning, "Accept the adorned maiden of mine." It was according to this Vedic rule King Janaka [illegible] the marriage of Sita.

We find in the Valmiki Ramayana thus: "Tatah [illegible] Sitam [illegible]"—bringing Sita decorated with all ornaments and placing her before the fire so as to face Rama, King Janaka said to Rama: "This, my daughter Sita is thy partner in the performance of all duties. Good betide thee. Hold her hand in yours. She will be faithful, of exalted merit and ever follow thee like a shadow." Saying thus, the king poured the water, sanctified by mantras, into Rama's hand.

This is clearly permitted, and it will be very wise to practise and preach this rule. By so doing we will save time which is wasted in the dressing of the bride. After receiving the bride, the clothes and jewellery are then given to her by the bridegroom. This is intended to symbolise the union and to strengthen the marriage ties [illegible] of the bridegroom as her protector.

WELCOME TO GROOM

According to the Vedas, the welcome ceremony of the bridegroom is performed by the father of the bride. This takes place in the hall and the bride comes at the time of the Kanyadaan. This procedure is illustrated in the Valmiki Ramayana in the performance of Rama's marriage by the two sages, Vasistha Muni and Sathanand. This is based upon the 2nd Mantra of 6th Chapter and 22nd Sukta of Atharva Veda. Contrary to this, people have adopted the procedure of having the bride at the welcome ceremony. This should be revised.

NO SANCTION

The Vedas sanction the use of a crown and a special garment as [illegible] for the bridegroom and the bride. The present custom of veiling the bride [illegible] of the weddings cannot be traced in the ancient literature of Hindus. The Vedas have not even a word to justify this.

At the blessing ceremony [illegible] the priest and others assembled [illegible] to look at the bride with hope and bless her from the bottom of their hearts. This is mentioned in the Veda (14-2-33).

Caliph's Remains Removed

From Our Own Correspondent

HYDERABAD (Deccan).—The remains of the late Caliph, Sultan Abdul Majid of Turkey, father of Her Highness the Princess of Berar, are to be brought to Hyderabad State for interment at Khuldabad near Aurangabad.

A special mausoleum is being constructed at Khuldabad and is nearing completion. A road leading to the mausoleum is also being constructed by the Public Works Department of the Nizam's Government.

EAST INDIA CO.'S MUSEUM

From Our Own Correspondent

MADRAS: A museum for preserving [illegible] and articles of antiquarian interest belonging to the East India Company will be opened at Fort St. George by the Governor of Madras, Sir Archibald Nye, along with an art and archaeological exhibition proposed to be held in connection with the 50th session of the Archaeological Department of the Government of India.

Emotion And Hatred Will Not Help

—A. S. KAJEE

"NO Round Table Conference can take place in an atmosphere charged with emotion and hatred. Nothing would be more fatal to the success of such a conference if either the Europeans or the Indians were to create such an atmosphere. I am satisfied that the Indian community will be only too willing to create an atmosphere of goodwill and understanding so that the Conference may achieve the maximum of good results," declared Mr. A. S. Kajee, the president of the Natal Indian Organisation, in the course of his presidential address at the opening session of the Conference of South African Indians held in Durban on Saturday last.

AFTER paying tribute to the late Mr. A. I. Kajee, Mr. Kajee went on to refer to the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Act.

"The clauses of this Act violate every principle on which democratic Government rests. It denies freedom, forbids the reasonable economic and social development of the Indian people and seeks, by way of an inequitable and ineffective franchise, to compensate for wrongs which for over half a century have besmirched South Africa's name.

"It is one thing to protest against the enormity of the Government's actions; it is quite another to decide what form our protest should take. We have to choose a policy which, while fulfilling many conditions, would in fact base the interests of our people first and foremost, in accord with the honour and dignity of India and Pakistan, and be the most productive of results in our relations with European authorities and the European public."

Mr. Kajee explained that the only way out was by moderation and that realism and objectivity should be the watchwords of the Indian people. He [illegible] that negotiations between people were subject to compromises which were desirable so long as they were honourable.

He then referred to the UN deliberations of 1946 and 1947 and the impasse which followed in Indo-European relations.

Faced with this deadlock, a representative delegation of South African Indians had called on the Prime Minister on January 20 last and had obtained from him certain assurances, which in my opinion, are not only in the best interests of our people in South Africa, and in the interests of the Dominions of India and Pakistan, but also in the interests of South Africa as a whole.

The Assurances

"These assurances envisaged the holding of a Round Table Conference without prejudice to the stands hitherto taken by each Government and without those important qualifications upon which General Smuts had insisted.

"It seems to me that this is a gain of the utmost importance and that there is now no obstacle either of prestige or honour which should stand in the way of a Round Table Conference.

"As a Conference we feel we have a duty to assist the United Nations to bring their deliberations to a fruition and as representatives of the people who are most affected by the prolongation of the dispute, we feel we have an active and important part to play in restoring harmony between the Governments and peoples concerned."

Mr. Kajee said that if the assurances were acted upon something fruitful would happen.

"I am convinced that once the two Governments are informed about the true position in this country and are made aware of the unanimity of our people on this question they will readily agree with our suggestion.

"I have no doubt that the Dominions of India and Pakistan have been kept informed of the events since we met the Prime Minister in January. I can well understand their reluctance to make any official commitment at this stage.

"As to what is to be discussed at the Round Table Conference, it is not our desire to anticipate the agenda of such a Conference as we have in mind. Rather would we hope that the three Governments should enter the Conference room with open minds for the free discussion of all possible methods of reaching an amicable agreement.

The solution of the Indian problem lay in the franchise on the common roll. When the Indian is enfranchised the right of the India and Pakistan to intervene in South African affairs will fall away and the need for a Round Table Conference will fall away.

Referring to Indian housing Mr. Kajee said the position in the Transvaal was even worse than in Natal. Commission after commission [illegible] the local authorities remained unconcerned when it came to providing houses for the Indian people.

"Because of this studied neglect, I am of the firm opinion that the provision for housing for Indians should be taken out of the hands of local authorities and placed in the hands of the Central Government. That is the only way by which an acceleration in the provision of housing will take place.

Indian education, too, was in a bad state. It had been neglected both by the Province and the State.

"We want free and compulsory education on the same basis as Europeans. The Natal Provincial Administration does not possess the resources required for this task, and it is imperative that the Union Government should come to its aid with substantial financial assistance."

Indian unemployment was on the increase. It was estimated that today there were [illegible] unemployed Indians and Mr. Kajee urged the Government to open up various State Departments to Indians. They would be absorbed in the railways and postal services.

He also urged that some measure of relief be obtained for Indian traders in the grant of trading licences. Today the Indian suffered innumerable disabilities when it came to obtaining licences. Relief should be sought.

"SLAP AT GANDHI"

From Our Own Correspondent.

Allahabad (United Provinces) (By Mail).—A member of the Legislative Assembly described an incident reported here as a "slap on Gandhi's face."

He was referring to a report that one of the provincial Ministers blamed a police constable for having stopped his car from proceeding through an area in which cars were not allowed under the traffic rules. The member demanded a public apology from the Minister.

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS' SALARIES

From Our Own Correspondent

New Delhi (By Mail).—A salary of Rs. [illegible] a month (nearly £3,000 a year) is paid to over 120 officials of the Government of India, it was reported here. In 30 cases salaries are at the rate of Rs. 4,000 a month (or nearly £3,600 a year).

The chairman of the Central Board of Revenue is the most highly paid civilian official with a salary of Rs. [illegible] a month (about £5,000 a year) while the most highly paid officer in the Ministry of Defence is the Commander-in-Chief.

MUST LEARN HINDI ORDER

From Our Own Correspondent.

LUCKNOW (United Provinces) (By Mail).—The Revenue Minister, Thakur Hukum Singh, told the United Provinces Legislative Assembly that the order requiring every public servant to acquire a compulsory knowledge of Hindi would be strictly enforced and said that the Government had set a time limit of six months which, however, would be extended in special cases to 10 months.

Women of India

[illegible] girl of [illegible]. Note the "bun" method of hair-dressing, which is akin to that of the Far East, as with so much else in Malabar. The sunshade is made of palm leaves.

SHIFTING RESPONSIBILITY

IS CALCULATED MISCHIEF—N.I.C.

TO shift the responsibility for the convention of a Round Table Conference upon the Governments of India and Pakistan is propagating calculated mischief, declares a statement issued by the Working Committee of the Natal Indian Congress which met on Sunday.

THE following is the full Congress statement:—

"The Working Committee of the Natal Indian Congress meeting at the M. K. Gandhi Library, Durban, this morning (Sunday) on the motion of Mr. [illegible] suspended standing orders at the commencement of its business to discuss the question of a statement on the Round Table Conference between the Governments of India, Pakistan and South Africa in view of the fatal and misleading propaganda by certain fragmentary groups of Indians.

"On the South African Indian question, the Governments of India and Pakistan have a common policy. They are firmly united. Pandit Nehru has repeatedly declared that India will not stand on any question of prestige in attending a Round Table Conference designed to solve the Indian–Pakistan–South Africa dispute. The basis of such a conference must be such as to be in accordance with the aspirations of South African Indians, consistent with the dignity of India and Pakistan and consonant with the decisions of the United Nations.

"[illegible] ready for such a Conference. There is a Smuts-inspired organisation which says he is. And that it is now for India and Pakistan to agree to meet. But are these the facts. Prime Minister Smuts' message, however, to his new splinter organisation reads: 'As South Africans we should settle our difficulties in a spirit of mutual discussion and understanding, that is the only way along which progress can be attained.'

"These words are clear and unambiguous. They make plain his attitude to a Round Table Conference. He only reiterates his "Domestic Jurisdiction" stand. Anybody who, in these circumstances, confuses the general public by misleading and false assertions is betraying the Indian cause. To shift the responsibility for the convention of such a conference upon the Governments of India and Pakistan is propagating calculated mischief. Field Marshal Smuts is fully aware of the methods by which a Round Table Conference may be convened. Diplomatic channels are open. They are available to him if there is any sincerity in his desire for a Round Table Conference. It is up to Field Marshal Smuts to act.

"The Natal Indian Congress is the national organisation of the Indian in Natal wherein reside 250,000 of the Union's Indian population of 282,000. Every town and village in this province is a Congress stronghold. The so-called South African Indian Conference, embracing neither the Natal Indian Congress and the Transvaal Indian Congress consists of a handful of harassed middle-class elements who are [illegible] aggrandisement. Regrettable though it may be, the South African Indian community need not be unduly perturbed that it has, in the technique popularised by the Hitler regime, thrown up men who are ready and willing to betray the patriotic struggle for full freedom.

"Doctors Dadoo and Naicker, Presidents of the Transvaal and Natal Indian Congresses have been sentenced to long terms of imprisonment. Dr. K. Goonam, Acting Chairman of the Natal Passive Resistance Council today, had, with a band of passive resisters, crossed the Provincial barriers. The struggle of the Indian people against the Ghetto Act and racial discrimination continues.

"India and Pakistan should, therefore, be assured that the Indian people of South Africa, the overwhelming majority, fully appreciate the present position. Fragmentary groups, vociferous because they have the support of the South African Press and Government, need not unduly disturb them. They do not represent the honour of India and Pakistan [illegible] their local masters."

HEADMASTER SMELT THE RAT

From Our Own Correspondent

Begusarai (Bihar), (By Mail).—A section of the students of a local educational institution, who did not want to appear at their annual examination, devised a novel method to get the examination postponed by throwing a dead rat into the examination hall and reporting to the headmaster that a plague-infected rat had been found there.

The headmaster called a doctor to examine the rat. The doctor declared that the rat had not died of plague nor did it carry plague germs.

The examination was conducted as scheduled.—Reuter.

75 DROWNED IN THE GANGES

From Our Own Correspondent.

BHAGALPUR (Bihar) (By Mail).—Only 25 people escaped when a boat containing about 100 pilgrims—men, women and children—suddenly capsized in the Ganges near here.

Tenure Board To Meet

THE following applications for permits and determinations in terms of Section 5 (1) and 6 (2) respectively of Act No. 28 of 1946 (Asiatic Land Tenure Act) will be heard by the Land Tenure Board in Pietermaritzburg on Wednesday next (March 24) in the Magistrate's Court Buildings:—

Application by Ismail Mahomed Lockhat (Asiatic) to occupy Sub A of Lot 350, Block A.L., Townlands of Durban, and known as No. 112 Eleventh Avenue, Durban.

Application by Mary [illegible] (Asiatic) to occupy Remainder of Lot 27 of Lot 1 of the Farm Brickfield, No. 906, and known as No. 80 Chapel Street, Overport, Durban.

Application by Alexander Bronneberg (European) to acquire from [illegible] (Asiatic) Sub C of Lot 35 of the Farm [illegible], No. 920, Township of Westville, County of Durban.

Application by [illegible] (Asiatic) to acquire from Wilfred [illegible] (non-Asiatic) and to occupy a portion of the remaining extent of the Farm Prospect, No. 2290, situate on the Umvoti River, District of Lower Tugela, County Victoria, Natal.

Application by Ramraj (Asiatic) to acquire from Wilfred [illegible] (non-Asiatic) and to occupy a portion of the remaining extent of the Farm Prospect, No. 2290, situate on the Umvoti River, District of Lower Tugela, County Victoria, Natal.

Application by [illegible] (Asiatic) to acquire from [illegible] (non-Asiatic) and to occupy a portion of Lot 1013, Newcastle Township, and known as No. 18 [illegible] Street, Newcastle, Natal.

Application by Miriam Ahmed

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PAKISTAN'S INDUSTRIAL HANDICAPS

(From Noel Buckley).

KARACHI (By Mail): When Pakistan was a dream in the minds of its planners it included all Bengal and Assam which contain two of the wealthiest industries in the sub-continent, tea and jute; it also included the whole of the Punjab with its great agricultural wealth, the "bread-basket of India" and the source of a large proportion of its cotton.

When Pakistan became a reality it had half of Bengal and a small corner of Assam; it had the jute gardens but it had lost the jute port of Calcutta and the jute mills and baling presses which surround it. It had retained most of the food and cotton producing areas of the Punjab but it had lost the industrial half of the province and, what was perhaps a more serious loss, it had lost the great "hydel" schemes and projects which gave power and the promise of more power to the whole province.

Having regard only to the [illegible] balance of population the new border cut ruthlessly across roads, rails, canals, telecommunications, powerlines; it created disorder on both sides but disorder was greater in the smaller and geographically [illegible] Pakistan. This alone might have dismayed the new nation, but before Pakistanis had time to contemplate this shrinking of the dream into reality both halves of the Punjab were ablaze with communal strife and the greatest social disaster in recent Indian history was upon them. Somehow it survived it all and now six months old and, seemingly at least, past the worst of its troubled infancy, Pakistan has had time to consider its state and its future.

Ghulam Mohammed, Pakistan's Finance Minister stated the position when he presented the Dominion's first budget to the Legislative Assembly here recently.

Lopsided Development

The Finance Minister started by blaming the previous British administration for what he termed the "lopsided" industrial development of the sub-continent. "As a consequence of this policy the areas which comprise Pakistan remain predominantly agricultural and industrially backward. There are no jute mills in Pakistan although some 75 per cent. of the total jute crop of the subcontinent is grown here.

"There are very few cotton mills, in spite of the fact that Pakistan grows and supplies large quantities of staple cotton to mills both in India and abroad. The same applies to many other raw materials such as hides, skins, tobacco. We have thus inherited lack of industrial development as a legacy of the past.

"This means not merely that for a period of time we shall have to depend on India and other countries for most of our essential requirements, but also that it will take time to build up a sound and healthy financial structure. These are serious handicaps and it will take years of effort, sacrifice and enterprise on our part to remedy the evil effects of the past policy to put Pakistan industrially and economically on a sound footing.

Patent Iniquities

"Quite apart from the patent iniquities of the Boundary Award which has materially affected our economy the process of partition has resulted in India remaining in full possession of the privileges, facilities and institutions vital to the economic and financial well-being of a nation, while Pakistan has to build up everything almost from scratch and that too with its limited resources.

"Again, it was expected that the transference of power would be carried out smoothly and peacefully. These expectations were, however, completely belied by later events. More Muslims have come from India to Western Pakistan than Hindus and Sikhs have gone out, the difference being in the region of two million. The latter, especially the Hindus, mostly lived in towns and were engaged in trade, business and moneylending, the Muslim refugees are mostly agriculturists. This renders the work of their rehabilitation more difficult.

"The conditions created have for the present and will for some time to come, considerably affect and strain not only the financial position of the Governments, both Central and Provincial, but what is more, it will be long before the breach caused in our economic life is effectively repaired. The overall trading, business and economic conditions have been so seriously dislocated that it now depends largely on the initiative, sense of co-operation and adaptability of the people of Pakistan, how quickly and effectively it may be possible to repair the damage done and to reconstruct the fabric of our economic life."

The deficit on the current year (August 15, 1947, to March 31, 1948) was Rupees 23,11,00,000 (about £17,000,000) and there was an anticipated deficit of Rs. 10,11,00,000 (about £7,770,725) on the 1948-49 period but new taxes are expected to turn this into a surplus of Rs. 5,00,000 (about £37,500).

FIVE TO GO

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"It was for this reason that we were persuaded to see the Prime Minister and suggest to him certain methods by which the three Governments could get together in the best interests of the South African Indian people," he said.

Mr. Moodla emphasised the fact that a very small deputation should go to India. Even five, he felt, was too many. He explained that the reference to the "most opportune time" in the resolution implied that other channels would be tried before a deputation went to India. Only in the last resort would they go to India.

"I say this because I am not very happy about a deputation to India."

In the three amendments which followed the only difference was (a) not more than 10 should go to India and (b) one of them stated that in addition to the two Governments and their leaders the peoples of those countries should also be apprised of the position.

An amendment by Mr. M. E. C. Parak contained a material difference in that it laid down specifically and not by implication as the main resolution did, that "all available channels" should first be exhausted. If no satisfactory response was obtained, then a delegation of 10 should be appointed to go to India.

All the amendments from the floor made it quite clear that there was no opposition to any delegation going to India. The difference of opinion was on the number that should go to India. The officials felt that five was sufficient, but the delegates on the floor felt that 10 should be laid down as the maximum number.

Speaking to his amendment, Mr. Parak said that the onus lay on the Smuts Government to take the initiative and not on any Indian body.

"We must beware of the Prime Minister. We must not be caught in a trap. Remember what happened to the Lawrence Committee and the Pretoria Agreement? We know to our cost how much reliance we can place on the Union Government."

Mr. Parak suggested that a full case history be forwarded to Pandit Nehru. "Let us not openly say that we want to go to India and force India to agree to a round table conference. Let us not be the tools of the Smuts Government."

Mr. A. S. Kajee (interjecting): We have explored all other channels.

Mr. Parak: A full case has not been submitted to the Governments concerned.

When the amendment was put to the vote only Mr. Parak and its seconder voted for it.

An Amendment submitted by Mr. A. R. Moosa found favour with the house, and on voting by show of hands it seemed that the amendment had been carried, but a count revealed that the amendment had been defeated narrowly. Mr. Moosa called for a division. The result was the same, but it reflected that there was a very big section of the house which felt (a) 10 or less should go to India on deputation and (b) that the people of India and Pakistan should also be told of the position as against the main resolution which only referred to the two Governments and their leaders.

When the main resolution was put to the house a few voted against it, but after an appeal by a number of speakers the resolution was adopted unanimously.

An off the record meeting during the lunch recess had failed to get the amendments eliminated.

Among the delegates was Mrs. M. Singh of Capetown, who set up a new record for a South African Indian conference by being the first Indian woman to be present.

The conference also decided to form a South African Indian Organisation, and the presidents of the N.I.C. and the T.I.C., together with Mr. Ahmed Ismail, have been directed to frame a draft constitution.

£½ Million Wanted For Education

IN order to meet the chaotic conditions which exist in regard to Indian education in Natal the Conference of S.A. Indians over last weekend urged the Union Government to earmark £500,000 for the expansion of Indian educational facilities. This should be in addition to the normal grant.

THE conference made the following suggestions:—

That the amount of £500,000 be spread over a five-year programme of expansion;

That this money be spent each year in the provision of more Government schools throughout Natal;

That within the five years a vigorous attempt be made to train teachers, by the immediate erection of a separate teacher-training school;

That personnel be attracted to this Normal School by the granting of bursaries to prospective trainees;

That to relieve pressure on the three existing secondary schools, provision be made in a few of the larger primary schools in Natal to continue secondary education up to Standard VIII, thus providing greater scope in the existing secondary schools for post-Junior Certificate education until such time as other full scale secondary schools are built in Natal; and, further,

That more secondary schools be [illegible] increasing number of students [illegible] immediately to absorb the [illegible] out of our primary schools.

The conference asked the Union Government to urge the Natal Provincial Administration to increase the present building grants to Government-aided Indian schools to 50 per cent. of the total cost and not limit it as at present to 33⅓ per cent. These schools are at present sponsored and built by private Indian initiative, and as they belong to and serve a poor community the 33 per cent. grant is seriously hampering the educational progress of Indian children.

The conference also urged the Natal Education Department to convert immediately to Government status those primary Indian schools with a roll of 500 and over, which are at present state-aided.

20 PLANES FOR INDIA GOVERNMENT

New Delhi (By Mail).—The Government of India has placed an order for 20 aeroplanes costing a total of Rs 25 lakhs (£250,000) for the use of the Governor-General, Ministers and other high civil and military officers in India, it was reported here. All the machines are seven seaters.

U.P. Recruitment Drive

Lucknow (By Mail).—The Provincial Recruiting authorities are launching a vigorous "join the armed forces" drive following the recruiting fair attended by the Dominion Defence Minister, Sardar Baldev Singh.

LEOPARDS RAID FROM HILLS

Allahabad (United Provinces) (By Mail).—Leopards that had come down from the hills into plains of the Meja and Karchana districts were reported here to have killed or injured about 40 people. The leopards, it was claimed, were terrorising villagers and preventing them from [illegible]

No Intention Of Filling H.C. Post Yet

NEW DELHI, Thursday.

THE post of High Commissioner in the Union of South Africa was still vacant and there was no intention of filling it at present, Pandit Nehru, the Prime Minister, told Parliament today.

South Africa had not proposed the appointment of a High Commissioner in India. The Government was aware that the Satyagraha (passive resistance) campaign had been resumed by Indians in South Africa and was watching very carefully the developments in that country. At the appropriate time they would consider what action they should take, he said.

T.I.O. BRANCH AT BETHAL

At a well-attended meeting of [illegible] held at Bethal recently, it was unanimously resolved to form a branch of the Transvaal Indian Organisation.

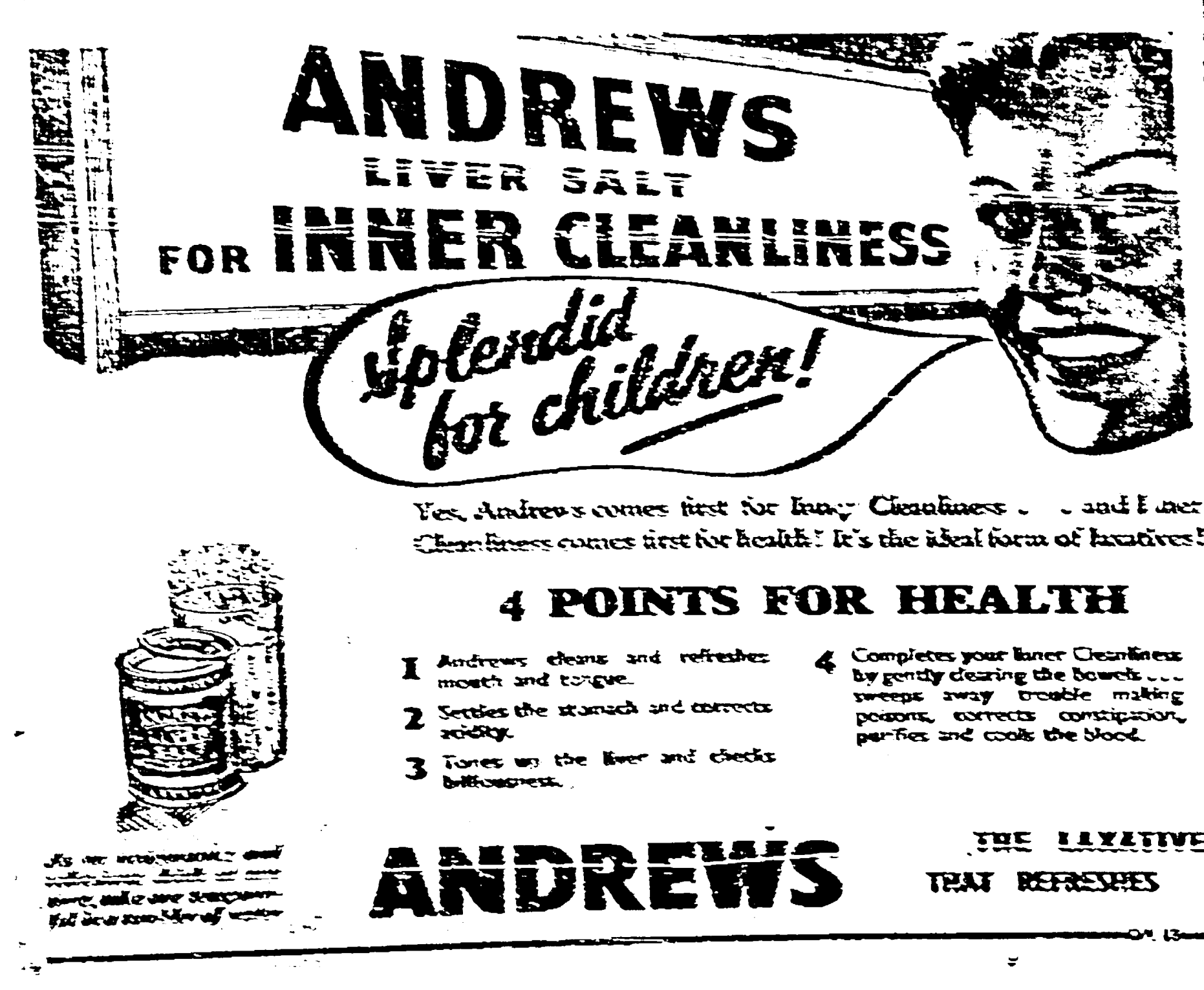
The following office-bearers were elected: Chairman, Mr. I. H. [illegible]; vice-chairmen, Messrs. [illegible], Messrs. [illegible]; joint hon. secretaries, Messrs. [illegible], K. S. Cajee; [illegible]; hon. treasurers, Messrs. [illegible] Ally, [illegible]; hon. auditor, Mr. M. E. Wadiwalla.

The aforesaid officials with the following constitute the committee: Messrs. I. Mahan, Sayed Ahmed, Umar Hassan, M. Cholan and Abdul Rehman.

ANDHRAS GO ON TOUR

Mr. and Mrs. A. Rungar Naidoo sailed by the S.S. Isoberga on Sunday last on a combined business and pleasure tour of Ceylon, Europe and India. In India they hope to visit many holy shrines (Yatra).

Mr. A. R. Naidoo was the first treasurer of the Andhra Building Fund and during his term of office he rendered yeoman service in touring the Union to raise funds. He is also a trustee and life vice-president of the Andhra Maha Sabha of South Africa. Mr. Naidoo also holds numerous public [illegible]



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MY dear Children,—

Vishnu Naidoo (15), 101 Railway Road, Sea View, Durban, writes: "This shot of the aeroplane, which has been developed and printed at home by me, will be very interesting if you know the trick. It looks real, doesn't it? Well, to tell you the truth it is not a real aircraft, but is a model flying plane which I constructed at home with Balsa wood and Japanese tissue. If you look carefully you will notice that the model is suspended in the air by a thin cotton thread against the sky as a background. They say that 'the camera never lies,' well, here I have proved to you that the camera can definitely lie."

Yes, the shot is interesting, but the faint trace of the thread in the original is not visible in the picture reproduced.

V. S. Moodley, P.O. Box 15, New Hanover, Natal, is interested in soccer, cricket and stamp collecting. He would like pen friends from all parts of the Globe, particularly India, America, Canada and England.

R. Simmal (15), of 17 [illegible] Place, off Cape Road, Springfield, Durban, is interested in reading, stamp collecting, cinema, soccer, boxing and athletics. He would like pen friends from any part of the world, especially from the Dominions of India and Pakistan.

C. Manickchand (13), 122 Cape Road, Springfield, Durban, is interested in music, boxing and athletics and would like correspondents from any part of the world, especially the Americas.

Randulal Mohanlal, 23 Lorne Street, Durban, is interested in fretwork, classical comics, reading and athletics, and would like friends with similar interests.

S. R. Moodley, 88 Sparks Road, Overport, Durban, is interested in fishing, collecting pictures of boxers and swimming, and would like pen friends with similar interests, especially from America.

M. Allan (17), 50 Cathedral Road, Durban, writes: "I can now openly declare that the 'Junior Corner' of the Indian National Weekly, 'The Leader,' has aroused South African wide interest. It has been my ambition for a long time to become a member, but owing to interests in other activities I was not able to do so any earlier." He would like pen friends from all parts of South Africa who are interested in cricket, politics, reading, education and social activities. He concludes, "I wish the 'Junior Leader' every success."

Pat Naidoo (16), 70 Boron Road, Rossburgh, Durban, is interested in reading, [illegible]. He is also keen on fishing and swimming and would like pen friends with similar interests to write to him from all parts of the world.

C. C. Govender (17), 22 Walmer Avenue, Mayville, Durban, whose main interests are in sports, particularly boxing, physical culture, golfing and reading, would like pen friends from India and the Cape to write to him.

M. Sunker (15), P.O. Box 3, Maidstone, Natal, is interested in mechanics, cycling and reading. He would like pen friends from all parts of the Globe, particularly India.

G. James, c/o Waverley Hotel, West Street, Durban: Thank you very much for having sent answers for the [illegible].

Miss C. Saunders, "Long Wood," Rochester Road, Capetown, writes: ". . . I might mention I had an overwhelming response to my appeal for pen friends. Thank you very much for having inserted my name. The response, I must assure you, has been remarkable." Miss Saunders would like more Natal girls to write her.

S. T. Naidoo, 68 Temple Road, Red Hill, Durban, who is a student at the Sastri College, is interested in sporting activities and cinema. He would be pleased to have pen friends from the Cape and Transvaal.

Rita Lawrence, 28 Eden Road, Woodstock, Capetown, writes: "Thank you very much indeed for inserting my appeal for pen friends through the columns of the 'Junior Leader.' The response has been overwhelming, so much so that I find it impossible to cope with them, and I must thank all those who wrote to me. I received almost eighty letters from all parts of Natal alone."

SCRAMBLED BIRDS!

Given below is a list of well-known birds, but the letters have been scrambled. Unscramble the letters and write down the words they spell. For example, [illegible] when unscrambled spells GOOSE. In case any word baffles you, the names are given at the end of the list. Do not look at them, however, until you have had a good try discovering them yourself. The time limit is five minutes. Here are the words: (1) CKUD, (2) LULG, (3) NOBRI, (4) WROC, (5) NEH, (6) NOPEIG, (7) WKHA, (8) LOW, (9) RORTAP, (10) WARPSOR, (11) GEKLA, (12) KNIRCCN, (13) LEUEBRID, (14) BBRICLKDA, (15) KROTS.

Answers: (1) Duck, (2) Gull, (3) Robin, (4) Crow, (5) Hen, (6) Pigeon, (7) Hawk, (8) Owl, (9) Parrot, (10) Sparrow, (11) Eagle, (12) Chicken, (13) Bluebird, (14) Blackbird, (15) Stork.

A PARTY GAME

WRITE the 26 letters of the alphabet on slips of paper and put them in a hat. A judge and his clerk sit at a table. The remaining players are divided into two groups. When all is ready the first member of one group advances to the table, the judge draws a slip at random from the hat and announces the letter decided upon in this way.

The player then has one minute to say all the words he knows or can think of, that begin with this letter. The judge checks the time and the clerk counts the words. Next, the first member of the opposing group advances and goes through exactly the same performance with some other letter chosen from the hat.

In this way, all the players of both groups are examined alternately. At the conclusion, the words are counted up to see which group has scored the higher total.

MORE RIDDLES

What is the hottest day of the week? (Sunday.) Why did the [illegible] stair? (Because it saw the compass point.) Why is a flute like a bank? (Because it gives out notes.) When is it difficult to lift a clock off a mantelpiece? (When it's losing [illegible] time.)

LAUGHTER CORNER

A Negro boxer was to fight a heavyweight champion. When he reached the ring it was noticed that he hung back.

"It's all right, Dambo," said his second. "Just say to yourself, 'I am going to beat him,' and you will win."

"That's no good," replied Dambo, "I know what a liar I am."

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"Any complaints?" asked the orderly officer at the men's mess.

"Yes, sir," said a young private, "the bread's wrong."

"What's the matter with it?" asked the officer.

"It contradicts the law of gravity, sir," said the private. "It's as heavy as lead, but it won't go down."

Till next week,

CHACHAJAN.

INDIAN STUDENTS ABROAD

The Leader Special Service

New Delhi: Over 1,000 Indian students are receiving education in foreign countries. This includes students sent by the Government of India, Provincial Governments and Indian States and private students. About one-third of them are carrying on technical studies.

According to figures available for 1946-47, about 500 Indian students are studying in United States of America and Canada, distributed in 35 institutions. In the United Kingdom there are 400 Indian students studying in 128 institutions. The number of Indian students in other foreign countries is as follows: Australia, nine, New Zealand seven, China nine and France one.

About 270 students are studying at Government of India's expense. The total cost of scholarships awarded to them is estimated to be little less than Rupees four million.

For the year 1947-48, the Government of India have sent 35 students to U.S.A. and 32 to U.K., at a cost of over Rupees one million.

Message of the Stars

By "SWAMI"

THE Wheel of Fortune and 1948 birthday prospects for persons born under the twelve Zodiac signs for the period of March 20 to 26 are as follows:—

March 20th: Your life proceeds on a more or less even keel, and much will depend upon your own efforts. Deal confidently with employers. Your health will improve. Deal carefully with elders and those in authority.

21st: Utmost circumspection in all things is needed. Matters pertaining to love, marriage and business must be carefully considered. Guard against quarrels.

22nd: Favourable vibrations now operating should be made best use of; push ahead all your affairs. New friends and unexpected gains are foreseen.

23rd: Much happiness and benefit will be derived by you. More care is required if danger is to be avoided.

24th: Sudden and unexpected losses and reverses are indicated. Beware of law, speculation and property deals, church matters and intellectual activities. Safeguard health.

25th: Advice should be sought [illegible] employees of Government. Marriage should be [illegible].

26th: A happy, active and successful year is expected. Business, courting and marriage should be expedited. Changes should be made.

ARIES (March 21 to April 20): Good, 20, 24, 26; bad, 25.
TAURUS (April 21 to May 22): Good, 24; bad, 21, 25.
GEMINI (May 22 to June 21): Good, 23; bad 24.
CANCER (June 22 to July 22): Good, 20, 23; bad, 22.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22): Good, 20, 22, 23; bad, 21, 26.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22): Good, 23; bad, 26.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): Good, 24; bad, 22, 25.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 22): Good, 20, 24, 26; bad, 22, 25.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 to Dec. 22): Good, 22, 26; bad, 21, 24.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 to Jan. 20): Good, 22, 23; bad, 21, 24.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19): Good, 21, 24; bad, 20, 22.
PISCES (Feb. 20 to March 20): Good, 22, 25; bad, 21, 26.

The good days for selling, investments and new business ventures is March 20, for travel and correspondence 23; for remedial treatments 20; for love and pleasure 24; for sports 22, 26; for property deals, science research and planning future 21, 25. Guard against accidents, quarrels and disputes on 24.

Changeable weather is indicated about March 24 to 26.

The lucky numbers and colours to apply on the turf on March 20 are 2, 5, 7, 11, 14, 16. Colours: Violet, white.

TENURE BOARD MEETS

(Continued from page seven)

(Asiatic) to acquire from Alexander Stuart Clark (European) and to occupy Lot 323, Newcastle Township, previously Lot 32, Murchison Street, situate in the Borough of Newcastle, County of Klip River, Natal, and known as No. 32 Murchison Street, Newcastle, Natal.

Application by Moosa Ebrahim Jasat (Asiatic) to occupy Remainder of Lot 44 Church Street, Pietermaritzburg, and known as No. 442 Pietermaritz Street, Pietermaritzburg.

Application by Essack Ebrahim Dhlon (Asiatic) to acquire from Lilian Howe (European) and to occupy Sub A of Sub C H of Lot 10, Longmarket Street, City of Pietermaritzburg, and known as No. 12 (A) Wilson Street, Pietermaritzburg.

Application by Mathew Govindsamy Chetty (Asiatic) to occupy a subdivision of Subdivision 2 of A of Lot 42 Berg Street, Pietermaritzburg, and known as No. 422 Boom Street, Pietermaritzburg.

Application by Hendrik Martinus [illegible] (European) to acquire from Ragoon Moonsamy Moodley (Asiatic) Sub 2 of Lot 42 Church Street, Pietermaritzburg and known as No. 17 Boom Street, Pietermaritzburg.

Application by the Goodhope Concrete Block and Tile Industries, Ltd. (European) to acquire from Nullah Mahomed [illegible] (Asiatic) Sub 1 of B of 37 Berg Street, Sub 1 of 23 Berg Street, Sub 2 of Sub D of 23 Berg Street, Sub C of 23 Berg Street, Lots 1 and 2 of Lot "Bond," Pietermaritz Street and Remainder of Lot Bond, Pietermaritz Street and known as No. 305 Berg Street, Pietermaritzburg.

Application by the Goodhope Concrete Block and Tile Industries, Ltd. (European) to acquire from Kunniappen Naidoo (Asiatic) Sub 1 of C of B of 37 Berg Street and Sub 1 of K of 33 Berg Street and known as No. 375 Berg Street, Pietermaritzburg.

Application by Atwaru Gobari (Asiatic) to occupy Sub 2 of Lot 22 of Lots 27 and 28 of Plessis Laager, No. 1513, situate near the Willowfountain Road in the Edendale Health Committee Area, County of Pietermaritzburg.

Application by Rambeda Ramwater (Asiatic) to acquire from Aaron Diamond (European) Remainder of Lot 38, No. 4626, District of [illegible], County of Alexandra, Natal.

Application by Ah Ming (Asiatic) to occupy a dwelling and shop on a site 20ft. x 148ft., situate on the De Wildt Brits Road, on portion A of portion of the Farm Zilkaatsnek No. 70, District Brits, Transvaal.

Application by Western Educational Trust (Pty.), Ltd. (Asiatic) to occupy the south-western portion of Block 9, Zeerust, Transvaal.

Application by Moosa Suliman Parak (Asiatic) to occupy a portion of Erf No. 117, Wakkerstroom, Transvaal, and situate on Engelbrecht Street, Wakkerstroom, Transvaal.

THE "NIRA" HABIT

BOMBAY.—Officials of the Bombay Government clinked glasses of "Nira" (unfermented palm toddy) and drank to the health of the new venture at the opening of the first of ninety "nira" bars which the Government of Bombay propose to establish as part of its prohibition drive.

Mr. L. M. Patil, Bombay Minister for [illegible], said it was essential to "substitute a new and good habit for an old and evil one."

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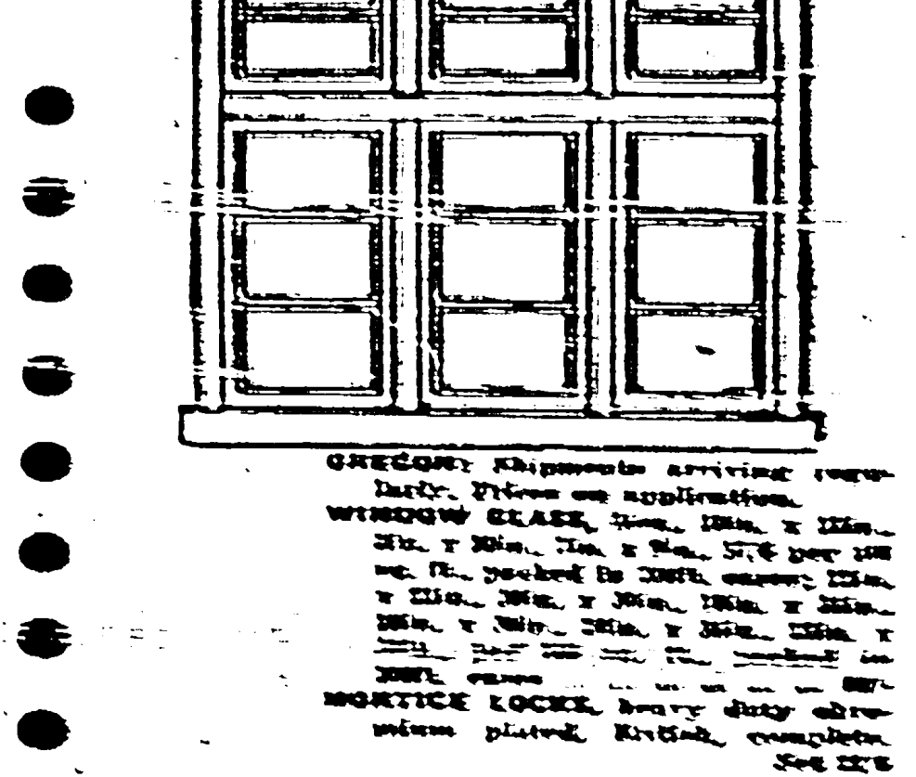

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Orientals Annex Asmal's Cup: Kismet, League Cup

ORIENTALS annexed the Asmal's Knock-out Trophy in the 100-minute-a-side competition when they defeated Bharat by a narrow margin. Both Ottoman and Young Muslim eliminated their opponents, Sastri College and Kismet, and will now meet in the final of the Panday's Shield. On the first day Greyville suffered a heavy defeat at the hands of Young Muslim in the same competition.

STARS [illegible] League fixture against Central [illegible] points [illegible] in the League table [illegible] altered. Therefore, with [illegible] points, Kismet, who have also completed their League matches, win the League Trophy [illegible] against Central's [illegible] points.

Though the Greyville-Young Muslim dispute has not yet been finalised, this will not alter the fate of the League Cup, even if the decision is given in favour of Young Muslims.

Unpleasant Incidents

The interesting and thrilling Kismet-Young Muslim match was marred by a series of unpleasant incidents.

The outstanding features of the weekend matches were: A. I. Timol (Ottoman), [illegible]; M. I. Timol (Young Muslims), against Greyville, six for [illegible] and against Kismet five for [illegible]; [illegible] (Ottoman), six for [illegible] and [illegible] (Bharat), five for [illegible].

THE SCOREBOARD

"A" Division, Panday's Shield

Ottoman v. Sastri College [illegible]

Young Muslim v. Kismet [illegible]

Young Muslim v. Greyville [illegible]

"B" Division, Asmal's Cup

Bharat v. [illegible]

Bharat v. [illegible]

RED CROSS AMONG INDIANS

THE [illegible] advance in Red Cross work among Indians was indicated by the fact that the number of Indian Red Cross workers had risen from [illegible] to over [illegible] last year.

This information was given to "The Leader" by Mr. A. A. Ephraim, who is District Commissioner for Indians.

The detachments consist of fully qualified and advanced men, some of whom are proud possessors of silver medals, he said.

Most of the men are volunteers and provide their own equipment and uniforms. Their services are [illegible] rendered on the field of sports.

"[illegible] we, sometimes, cannot cope with the work. We would like more young men to join our detachments, which [illegible] Durban, [illegible] all over the district," went on Mr. Ephraim.

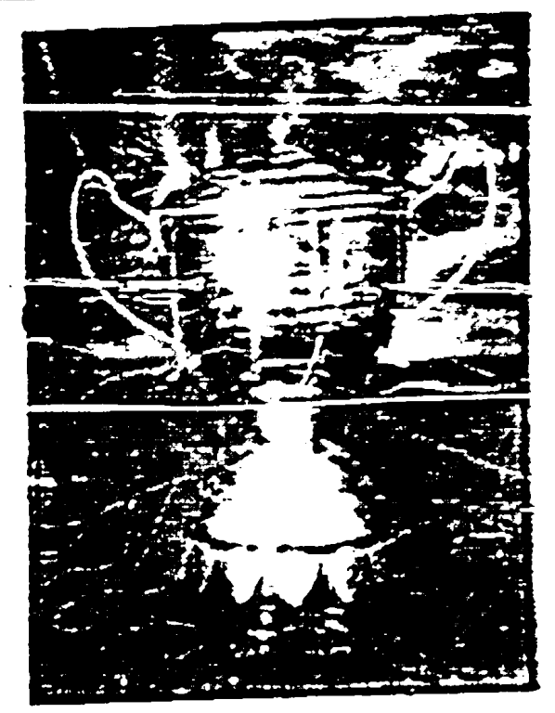
The detachments, which are supervised by the District Commissioner, manage their own affairs.

"There are [illegible] children who are taught first aid and hygiene lessons by the teachers, who are supervised by the District Commissioner. Some of them have handled their cases excellently," said the District Commissioner.

At the annual inspection, held recently, [illegible] juniors and [illegible] seniors were present. Included in this figure there were a number of six years' and three years' service award holders.

Schools and organisations interested in the work of the Red Cross Society should contact Mr. A. A. Ephraim, at [illegible] Durban.

Members of the South African Red Cross (Ambulance Division No. 20), who won the Red Cross Drill Competition (Natal) recently. Standing (left to right): M. Balasundram, K. Chembaih, S. Samigem. Sitting: L. [illegible], M. Vadiwal (Quarter Master), M. [illegible] (Commissioner), P. M. Govender. Kneeling: M. Pushallan, M. Govindsamy.



ANGLING TROPHY

The picture shows the Floating Trophy presented by Mr. M. Thajmoon to the Victory Angling Club, of which he is a patron. The Trophy will be competed for by the members of the Club tomorrow between [illegible] a.m. and [illegible] p.m.

FLOATING SHIELD

The picture shows the Floating Shield and miniature replica presented by Hajee E. H. Ismail to the South African Amateur Athletic and Cycling Board of Control for competition in the women's section for the highest aggregate in the South African Championships.

BUX GETS A HAT-TRICK

The Queen's Cricket Club, of the North Coast, and Old Collegians [illegible] Mapelle [illegible] Inter-District League at the Mayville Ground. The scores were: Old Collegians, first innings, [illegible] but [illegible] for [illegible]. Queen's, first innings, [illegible] Bux [illegible] taking all four wickets, including a hat-trick, Queen's won on the first innings by [illegible] runs.

KLIP RIVER

Ladysmith: The following officials were elected at the annual meeting of the Klip River District Indian Referees' Association for the ensuing season:

Patron, Mr. E. A. Moola; life vice-presidents, Messrs. [illegible]; president, Mr. E. A. Moola; secretary and treasurer, Mr. M. Govinder; auditor, Mr. [illegible]; executive committee, Messrs. R. Narsanden, R. R. Singh, E. A. Moola, R. Kallie and M. Govinder; board of examiners, Messrs. R. Narsanden, R. R. Singh and M. Govinder. Delegates to Natal Indian Referees' Association, Messrs. E. A. Moola and M. Govinder; nominee to Klip River District Indian Football Association, Mr. M. Govinder.

The Association is in need of referees and those who can assist should contact the secretary.

WENTWORTH GROUP

The motion at this week's meeting of the Wentworth Study Group is "Religion is a necessity for mankind." Mr. G. R. Naidoo will move and Mr. P. N. Govender will oppose. Adjudicators: Messrs. G. K. Pillay, G. D. Pillay and N. Naidoo.

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YOUNG UNITED F.C.

At the annual [illegible] the following were elected officials of the Young United Indian Football Club, Glenmore:

Patrons, Messrs. [illegible]; president, Mr. R. Maharaj (re-elected); secretary and treasurer, Mr. [illegible]; assistant secretary and [illegible]; auditor, Mr. [illegible]; captain, Mr. [illegible]; delegates to Glencoe and District Football Association, [illegible] Z. Khan.

SPRINGBOKS F.C.

At the [illegible] annual meeting of the Springboks Football Club, Pentrich, held recently, the following officials were elected for the ensuing season: Patrons, Dr. [illegible]; president, Mr. Bernard Jeeming; vice-presidents, Mr. R. Ramcharan; secretary, Mr. [illegible]; assistant secretary, Mr. R. Moonsamy; treasurer, Mr. S. K. Govender; delegates, Messrs. R. Naidoo and S. K. Govender; captains, R. Govender (seniors) and R. Gobin (juniors); managers, Messrs. R. K. Bhoola (seniors) and R. A. Chetty (juniors); auditor, Mr. A. G. David.

MIDLANDS OPEN

A record number of entries has been received for the second Midlands Open Golf Tourney, to be staged by the Maritzburg County Indian Golf Club for the G. S. Maharaj's Floating Trophy, at the Mountain Rise Golf Club tomorrow.

Mr. R. Ramcharan, the secretary of the Club, feels that although Durban will send a strong challenge to retain the trophy Maritzburg's contenders will put up a strong fight to retain the trophy.

M. Naran, of Durban, was the title holder last year, when the Tourney was inaugurated.

NATALIANS TO MEET MUSLIMS

From Our Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG, Friday.

A STERLING victory over Orientals on the first innings with eight wickets to spare on Sunday last qualifies Natalians to meet Muslims in the Natal Cup final to be played at Currie's Fountain tomorrow.

F. M. CASSIMJEE won the toss for [illegible] Cassimjee and A. Rawat to open the innings but the former was clean bowled by Ted Chetty with his seventh ball.

The other batsmen found runs difficult to get against an accurate attack and wickets fell regularly. Rawat was the only batsman to display his usual confidence and he [illegible] Bhayat, going in fifth wicket down, gave him able support and the pair knocked up more than half the side's total. A. S. Bhai was the only other batsman to get double figures.

Ted Chetty bowled extremely well, taking four for 29.

Natalians' opening batsmen, Ted Chetty and M. Minor, gave them an excellent start. The board showed [illegible] runs before Minor fell a victim to [illegible] Chetty and the pair batted brilliantly to see their opponents' total safely passed and at the close of play the score was 145 for two wickets. Natalians will now meet Muslims in the final of the Natal Cup tomorrow at Currie's Fountain.

Scores: Orientals, first innings, [illegible]; Ted Chetty four for 29). Natalians, first innings, 145 for two wickets (Ted Chetty [illegible] not out, [illegible] not out, R. Minor [illegible]).

Schools Beaten

Continuing their innings on Saturday against Royals in the double competition for the Cassimjee and Jussat Cups, Schools were dismissed for [illegible] runs behind. Dr. [illegible] while [illegible] Schools [illegible].

Going in a second time, Royals scored [illegible] for the loss of five wickets before declaring their innings closed. As in their first innings, Schools collapsed and when stumps were drawn they had scored [illegible] for the loss of seven wickets. Royals won on the first innings.

R. HAMUKEN, of Maritzburg, caddie master of the Mountain Rise Golf Club, who won the Maritzburg Open in [illegible] and has been playing well recently, will be one of the competitors in the Midlands Open Championship to be played in Maritzburg tomorrow.

MARITZBURG COUNTY F.C.

At the annual meeting of the Maritzburg County Indian Football Association, the following were elected to office:

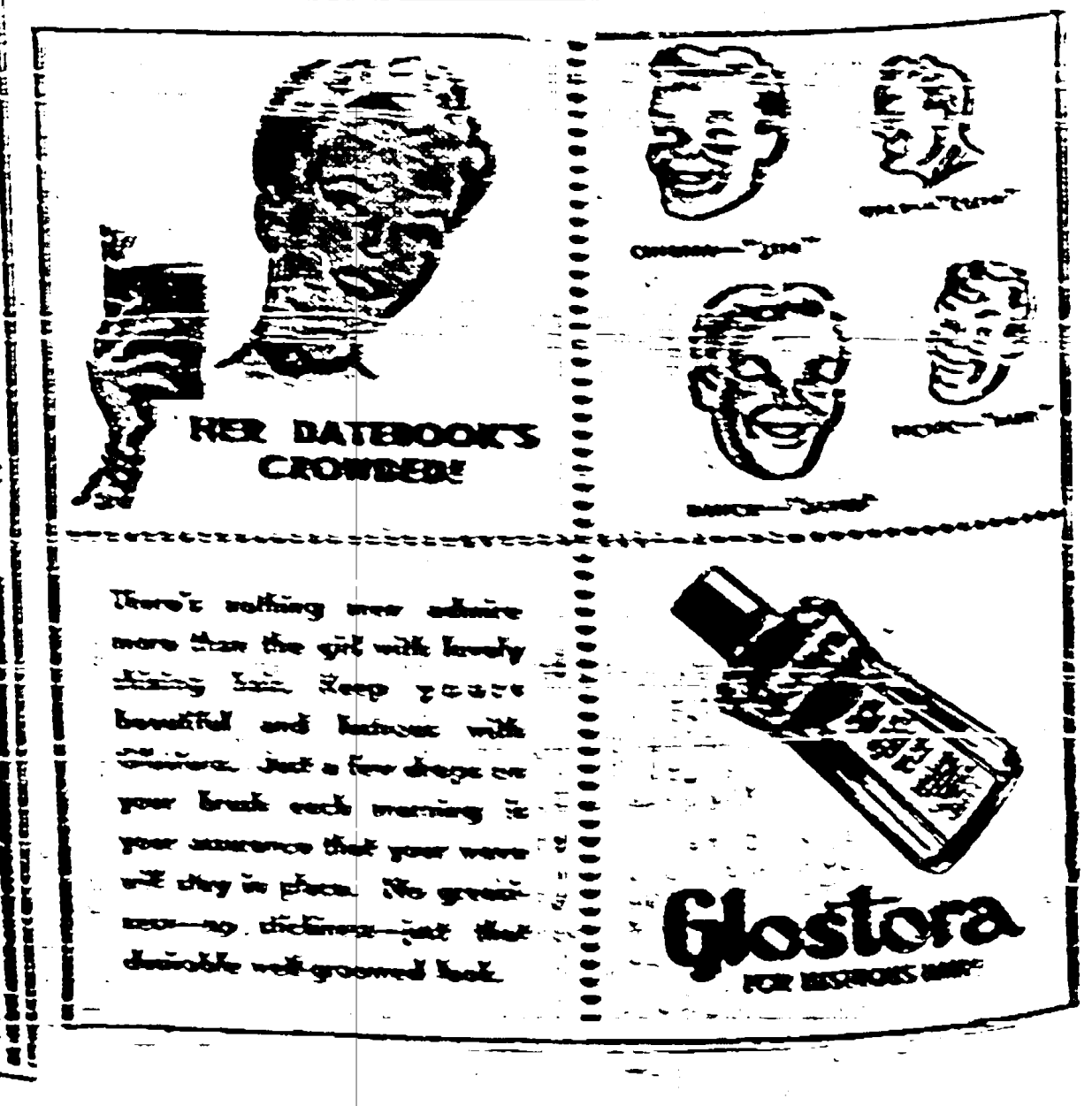
Patrons, Messrs. A. K. Hirsh, [illegible]; president, [illegible]; hon. life vice-presidents, Messrs. A. G. Pillay, R. Moon [illegible]; secretary, [illegible]; treasurer, [illegible]; senior selection committee, Messrs. I. Ramcharan, R. Reddy, [illegible] Pillay; junior selection committee, Messrs. M. Moonan, M. Dobaito and G. A. Pillay; fixture committee, [illegible] Moonan, R. Ramcharan and S. Peters; ground committee, M. Gobin, R. Pillay, [illegible] Pillay, R. Moon and G. Naidoo; [illegible] I. Ramcharan, A. G. Pillay, [illegible] Govender, J. R. David, [illegible] R. Dookun, [illegible]; delegates to N.I.F.A., Messrs. A. G. Pillay and Sunny Pillay; executives, Messrs. A. G. Pillay, R. Ramcharan and M. Moonan; nominee to Natal, Mr. A. N. Francis.

GLENCOE OTTOMANS F.C.

At the annual general meeting of the Glencoe Young Ottomans Football Club held recently the following officials were elected:

Patrons, Messrs. [illegible]; president, Mr. A. S. Ally; vice-presidents, Messrs. [illegible]; secretary, [illegible]; assistant secretary, [illegible]; treasurer, Mr. Ismail [illegible]; manager, Mr. [illegible]; captain, Mr. Ismail [illegible]; vice-captain, Mr. Ismail Khan; auditor, [illegible]; delegates to Glencoe and District Indian Football Association, Messrs. [illegible] Naidoo and W. Narainsden.

R. KALICHARAN, of Maritzburg, who finished third in the Natal Open [illegible] year, and is a good steady golfer, will be among the competitors in the Midlands Golf Championship to be played in Maritzburg tomorrow.



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S.A. COLOURED FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT ON RAND

THE South African Coloured soccer tournament for the [illegible] Cup will be held in Johannesburg this year. The tournament starts on May [illegible], and six centres—Natal, Western Province, Transvaal, Griqualand West, Eastern Province and the Free State will be represented. At the last tournament, held at Wynberg in the Western Province, in May, Natal and Western Province were joint winners, each having lost one match.

The Natal Coloured Association has selected the Natal team, and it is regarded as the best team ever to represent this province at these tournaments.

The following have been selected to represent Natal at this year's tournament: L. Grantham, capt. (Pietermaritzburg), A. Wood (Pietermaritzburg), R. Serge (Pietermaritzburg), [illegible] (Pietermaritzburg), [illegible] Grantham (Pietermaritzburg), R. Bullow (Pietermaritzburg), R. Bailey (Pietermaritzburg), C. Griffen (Pietermaritzburg), J. Sterby, [illegible] (Durban), [illegible] (Durban), R. Lee (Durban), R. Beale (Durban), R. Richards (Durban), L. Riley (Durban), [illegible] (Durban), A. Wilson (Durban), A. Joseph (Durban), D. Davis (Durban), R. G. Roche, [illegible].

Ward, Bullow, Reader, Sterby, Montgomery, Lee, Richards, Rhoden and Wilson represented Natal in the last tournament at Capetown.

INDIAN UNION CITIZENSHIP

The Leader Special Service.

NEW DELHI.—The question of citizenship of the Indian Union and of Pakistan is rather vague at present. It will be finally determined by the provisions of the new constitution. Meanwhile, it [illegible] residents of Pakistan, [illegible] desired to become nationals of India [illegible] the Government of India can not make a [illegible] on behalf of any group, [illegible] the Government prepared [illegible] consider that the people of [illegible] religious [illegible] necessarily be nationals of [illegible] particular country. Nationality [illegible] were not synonymous.

Keep Sam China To Natal And The Rand

From Our Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG, Friday.

A FULL muster of delegates to the Natal Indian Football Association took nearly six hours to dispose of the agenda at the annual general meeting held here last Sunday. Mr. Geo. Singh was elected president and Mr. A. Vengan as secretary.

IN moving for the adoption of the secretarial report, the chairman, Mr. I. Anthony, said that too many competitions had caused congestion of fixtures towards the end of the season and as a result one trophy had to be abandoned. He suggested that the number of competitions be reduced.

Mr. K. N. Pillay felt that the inter-town matches should be staged throughout the Province on the lines of the All-India Cup tournament in order to improve the standard of soccer.

In reply to this, Mr. A. M. Singh said that district associations should not be asked to curtail their own fixtures in order to [illegible] inter-town matches.

Treasurer Criticised

The treasurer, Mr. R. K. Naidoo, came in for considerable criticism for not presenting the financial statement. He explained that owing to pressure of work he had been unable to have the finances audited in time for this meeting and promised to have it ready before the special general meeting.

Mr. A. G. Pillay, who managed the Northern Natal Sam China Cup team, reported that accommodation was very poor at East London. The [illegible] players had to sleep on three mattresses and on the floor devoid of bed linen. This made it difficult for the players to be physically fit. Apart from this, the officials of the S.A.I.F.A. and [illegible] had shown fine hospitality.

Mr. Pillay also suggested that more coaches should be appointed instead of [illegible].

Commenting on this Mr. [illegible] said that apart from Natal and the Transvaal, the other Provinces, with their inadequate ground and other facilities, were incapable of staging the Sam China Cup tournament.

Mr. Singh went on to say that he had succeeded in the Cape officials that in view of their poor standard of play and finances the Cape centres should stage a quadrangular tourney among themselves prior to the Sam China tournament.

They would thus be able to improve their play and also be able to finance themselves for the premier tournament.

The Sam China Cup Tournament itself should be held in Natal and the Transvaal.

The Cape people had shown indications that they may be interested in the suggestion, concluded Mr. Singh.

The Natal committee's recommendation that Union Durban be [illegible] charged for causing the disturbances at the Maritzburg Bramcote tournament last year was rejected by the Council. The original suggestion came from Mr. R. A. Maharaj, of Maritzburg.

An application by Warner County to extend their boundary to Ladysmith was referred to the Council, as also was a motion by Maritzburg County that the [illegible] of the Sam China tourney be met by the Trust Fund.

The presidency and secretarial posts were respectively contested by two candidates each and the elections was decided by ballot.

The headquarters of the Association will be in Durban this year. The elections resulted as follows: Patron, Mr. A. G. Christopher; president, Mr. Geo. Singh; secretary, Mr. A. Vengan; treasurer, Mr. [illegible]; auditors, Messrs. [illegible]; executive committee, [illegible]; delegates to S.A.I.F.A., Messrs. A. G. Pillay, M. Lingumillan, Geo. Singh and A. M. Singh; delegates to Inter-Race Soccer Board, Messrs. [illegible] Chetty, R. A. Maharaj and A. M. Singh.

INDIAN WOMEN FORM HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

The women's hockey clubs have now formed a Hockey Association.

The inaugural meeting was held recently and it is understood that organised games will be commenced this season and will most probably be played at Currie's Fountain.

The following officials were elected: Patrons, Mrs. A. Christopher, Mr. G. V. Naidoo, Mr. M. W. Daniels, Mrs. F. Dullajee, Mrs. R. L. Singh and Mrs. S. Rustomjee; chairman, Mrs. Padi [illegible]; vice-chairman, Miss [illegible]; hon. secretary, Miss [illegible]; treasurer, Miss R. Chetty; recording clerk, Miss [illegible]. Committee members, Misses L. Peters, I. Joseph, M. Naidoo, A. Pillay, G. [illegible] and Sally Chetty; auditor, Mr. J. R. Koodiah.

The following have affiliated: Indian Women's Friendly Circle (two teams), Spartan (two teams) and Sydenham. There is a possibility that the Dartnell Crescent will affiliate in the near future. It was resolved at the meeting to seek the co-operation of all schools to strengthen the Association. It will be recalled that hockey was introduced to Indian girls some five years ago by Miss Iris Abrahams (now Mrs. D. [illegible] and Messrs. M. W. Daniels and Alec Jacobs. Later Mr. Eddie Narain lent a helping hand coaching the girls. This gave rise to the Indian Women's Friendly Circle and the Sydenham Clubs.

The organisers worked under great difficulty for parents were not inclined to send their girls, and there was a lack of playing fields.

In recent years, however, the game was encouraged by the Indian Women's Friendly Circle and during 1946 the Primrose Hockey Club from Kimberley toured Durban and played a friendly match with them.

Mr. Willie Joseph, the veteran sportsman, took an active part in coaching the girls.

Last year interest caught on so well that the Spartan Club formed two teams and played a few matches against the Durban Coloured Ladies' Hockey Association at Currie's Fountain. They gave a good account of themselves against the experienced coloured teams.

The Indian Women's Friendly Circle, who toured Kimberley during the latter part of the season last year, also did quite well against the experienced Primrose Hockey Club.

OFFICIALS

At the eighth annual general meeting of the Springs Villa Football Club, affiliated to the Far East Rand District Indian Football Association, the following officials were elected: President, Mr. [illegible] Chetty; hon. secretary, Mr. S. Pillay; hon. treasurer, Mr. Y. Naidoo.

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INDIA'S OLYMPIC PROSPECTS

DISCUSSING India's prospects at the Olympic Games, C. D. Swami, member of the Indian athletic team to the 1936 Olympiad at Berlin, writing in the "Illustrated News," charges the authorities concerned with lack of proper organisation and also speaks of the scarcity of top class athletes.

He says: "We have been receiving news from practically all the sixty-odd nations that have entered for the World Olympic Games in London in the coming summer, except our own country with regard to their athletic hopes and prospects. This shows not only a lack of proper organisation of Olympic sport in India, but also the scarcity of top class athletes.

"There is talent galore but no yet galore," continues Mr. Swami, "because the controllers of our sport consider their job done by merely organising national meets, utterly disregarding the fundamental of searching out and building up our promising young talent. It is now too late to be looking all over the country for talent; it should have been taken in hand at least a year ago.

Cannot Back Out

"Still, having entered the Games and with the hockey title to defend, India cannot now back out. We will have to make the best of a bad bargain and go through the games more with a view to the future than to winning fresh laurels. The forthcoming Olympiad should be treated as a lesson and not as a platform for achieving glory, for with the exception of hockey we are far behind world standards in Olympic sports.

"India, I understand, intends sending a contingent of almost a hundred athletes and players. It is strange that without having any inkling of our strength or quality we have planned for such a large contingent; moreover, by entering for a variety of events instead of filling up entries for a few select items, India would make the tour an instructional one."

Mr. Swami says that he would [illegible] who may not be India's [illegible] all [illegible] the money instead of wasting it on those who are not there now and would only [illegible] with the Olympic [illegible].

Include Other Items

"I take it that India will be competing in athletics, aquatics, hockey, football, boxing, wrestling and weightlifting. I wish we could also include gymnastics, fencing, shooting, cycling and yachting. [illegible] to the [illegible] groups, whereas the latter is still unexplored and we find that we are but so far behind the world in these as to their latency. A pole team may be expensive, but with so many Indian Princes [illegible] the game it may be possible to get some sporting patrons to send a team in these two events."

Mr. Swami emphasises the fact that India should send only men—both as officials and participants—who are likely to learn the technique, training methods, the correct use of sports implements and the interpretation of rules, so that they would, on their return, be able to impart their knowledge to the millions of youngsters in India who are willing to learn but have no one to teach. They would also be able to benefit themselves by their experience and improve their own standard.

India should Not Participate

On the other hand, Mr. Swami totally disagrees if the question were posed to him, "Should India participate in the World Olympiad?" Giving his reasons, he says, briefly, that the Games this time are not what they were intended to be, the medium of fostering goodwill among nations, as much as two leading Olympic nations, Germany and Japan, have been banned in spite of hostilities having ceased long ago, and secondly because "what money would be utilised in sending a team could more profitably be employed in providing the implements, training facilities and expert coaches for our millions of youngsters instead of being frittered away on a tedious show, the outcome of which we could hope for is a fifty-fifty chance of retaining a hockey title while cutting ridiculous figures in most of the other events we are competing in. I say fifty-fifty of retaining the hockey title because Pakistan, should it send a team, has a similar chance of wresting the title from India.

"However, the question of competing or not does not arise now. We are committed to participate and we shall. But to get the best out of the venture I would suggest that selection should be made with care. The mere winning of an event in the qualification for entry into the world arena. A standard should be set for each item, and only such winners as are within that standard should be chosen. And once selected, intensive training should be given, if possible with the aid of expert coaches from abroad, so that our representatives will take the field against the world's best with confidence and with a knowledge of the best they are capable of.

"Other countries have announced that their contingents for the London Games will not be big, but of good quality. I hope ours will also be the same," concludes Mr. Swami.

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NEW DELHI.—There are [illegible] all [illegible] ordnance factories in the Indian Dominion. The administrative control of these factories was taken over by the Government of India from the Supreme Commander on December 1, 1947. The Government are considering the extent to which these factories needed alterations to suit India's present requirements. The Government hopes to be able to effect speedy Indianisation of the personnel of these factories by fresh recruitment and by intensive training of new recruits here and in Europe and the U.S.A.

TENNIS FIXTURES, RESULTS

The following are the weekend tennis fixtures:

LEAGUE FIXTURES ([illegible]): "B" Division, Section I: Tongaat v. Sydenham at Tongaat; Sastri College v. Aston at Sastri College; Royals v. Moonlighters at Royals; Kismet v. Stanger at Kismet; Umzinto v. Premier at Umzinto; Central v. Fairbreeze at Central.

"B" Division, Section II: Pietermaritzburg v. Spes Bona at Pietermaritzburg; Sydenham v. Tongaat at Sydenham; Premier v. Sastri College at Premier; Park Hill v. Clairwood at Park Hill; Durban v. Royals at Durban; Moonlighters v. Fairbreeze at Moonlighters.

The following are the results of matches played on Sunday last:

"A" Division; Moonlighters beat Kismet [illegible]; Centrals beat Spes Bona, 5-2; Kismet II beat United (Maritzburg), 5-1.

"B" Division, Section I; Moonlighters beat Umzinto, 5-2; Sydenham beat Sastri College, 7-0; Centrals beat Premier, 5-2.

"B" Division, Section II; Spes Bona beat Moonlighters, 5-2; Sastri College beat Stanger, 5-2; Clairwood beat Maritzburg, 5-2; Durban beat Sydenham, 5-2; Royal beat Tongaat, 5-2; Park Hill beat Premier, 5-2.

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TALK OF THE BAZAAR

By the "Faqir"

THIS week I have been told of a domestic problem of great and [illegible] dimensions. I am assured that every word of it is true. Remember I am not saying that it is true; I am merely telling you that I have been assured that it is true. This is the story. A young woman with a fair amount of education—English, of [illegible]—found herself married. The very first occasion she had of talking to her husband she used English. That was a sin, and he told her he would have no wife of his desecrate his hearth with the unholy language of the Englanders. The bride tearfully promised that never again would she use English. One day her husband's grandmother visited them, and in reply to something her tongue slipped and she said, "Yes, granny." That was the beginning of the end, for the husband [illegible] came charging in, [illegible] her about a bit, packed her into the family motor car and drove up to his mother's [illegible]. He deposited his bride of a few weeks there and returned home. He did not send for her either, and now he is happily married to a woman who cannot speak English. It does not matter that he wears Western clothes and that English is the medium of his work.

THE CONFERENCE

THE conference is over. But what a conference! Sometimes we found all the delegates talking at the same time and getting the various chairmen all mixed up. It was old J.W.G. who came down firmly on a few speakers who insinuated that he was [illegible] pulling things at one stage. But J.W.G., with years of experience, was too much for these fellows, many of whom were having their first taste of a conference. He told them where they got off and reminded them that standing orders laid it down that when the chairman was standing the rest of the company should be sitting. That, rigorously enforced, got many delegates down to their chairs. There was a bit of fun when somebody accused him of being a weathercock. "I certainly am not a weathercock," he shouted back, and I heard somebody say, "Rustam in the world [illegible]."

Q.E.D.

THE chaps in the N.I.C. are a clever lot of fellows, said my fellow [illegible] the other day. An usual political problem of the first magnitude was exercising his mind. He explained himself. Dr. Gonnam has gone over the border, but look at the way things have been done. When secretary A.I. went to UN they made Dr. Gonnam secretary of the N.I.C., but every document and every letter that he saw was always signed by somebody else "for Dr. Gonnam." It is a sitter to bet that Dr. Gonnam, [illegible] general secretary of the N.I.C., never saw the letters that were purported to have been written by him. When Dr. Naicker was [illegible] the chaps in the N.I.C. made [illegible] of the [illegible] Council. Within a few weeks they went [illegible] the border. Extremely good tactics. "These chaps are certainly clever," my fellow [illegible]. I am [illegible] to wonder whether the N.I.C. are looking for another [illegible] to take the place of Dr. Gonnam while also [illegible] being cared for by the State. Possibly they have found one. Possibly not.

[illegible]

New Delhi: The Government of India has under its consideration a scheme of military training for [illegible] in the country.

Racing Selections

By DIPLOMAT

THE following are my selections for the Greyville race meeting run on Saturday:

First race, 1.0, Galloway and Pony Handicap (2nd Div.), six furlongs.
1. SENTINEL.
2. Sunchart.
3. Grand Paris.

Second race, 1.35, Galloway and Pony Handicap (1st Div.), five furlongs.
1. BOSTON STEP.
2. Highland King.
3. Marks.

Third race, 1.10, Benevolent Handicap (2nd Div.), five furlongs.
1. MUNDA.
2. May Day.
3. Violation.

Fourth race, 1.50, Charity Handicap ("B" Div.), nine furlongs.
1. TWO RIVERS.
2. [illegible]
3. [illegible]

Fifth race, 2.25, [illegible] Handicap, six furlongs.
1. SUVLA BAY.
2. [illegible]
3. [illegible]
4. [illegible]

Sixth race, 3, King's Cup Handicap, one mile [illegible] furlongs.
1. SHAW'S ELECT.
2. [illegible]
3. Payload.

Seventh race, 3.40, Benevolent Handicap (1st Div.), one furlongs.
1. WEDDING.
2. [illegible]
3. Flood Light.

Eighth race, 4.15, Benevolent Handicap (1st Div.), five furlongs.
1. MERCI.
2. [illegible]
3. [illegible]
4. [illegible]

Ninth race, 4.50, Charity Handicap ("A" Div.), one mile seven furlongs.
1. MOLASSES.
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3. [illegible]

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Talk of War Between India and Pakistan Is Madness

— EX-PAKISTAN C-IN-C —

KARACHI.—General Sir Frank Masservy, till lately Commander-in-Chief of the Pakistan Army, declared in an interview with "The Times of India" at Ahmednagar that the Pakistan Army had no designs on India.

He said emphatically that the Pakistan Army had neither prepared nor was it making preparations to fight India. There had not been the slightest departure from normal in the army dispositions made in Pakistan, and such frontier precautions as had been taken were meant only against external aggression. "I was the head of the Pakistan Army and I know there is no talk of war. Any talk of war is madness," he added.

IN fact the thought of war with India and with old comrades, by whose side they had fought the common enemy in the past, was absolutely repugnant to the average individual in the Pakistan Army.

The General commented [illegible] many army officers in India had made [illegible] about the well being of their comrades in the Pakistan army. It was [illegible] the Pakistan army, whose officers entertained the friendliest feelings towards their old colleagues in the Indian army.

There was no basic enmity between the Pakistan and Indian armies and he fervently hoped that cordial relations between the two would be continued to be maintained in future.

Refuted Impression

The General also refuted the impression current in India that officers and men of the Pakistan army were actively assisting the raiders in Kashmir. The Pakistan army, he said, had in its ranks [illegible] men from the Poonch area in Kashmir, where [illegible] communal tension had led to fighting. It was at one time feared that many of these men would desert the Pakistan army to join the raiders, but a thorough investigation of the matter, however, it was found that only 37 men had deserted and even from among them a few had returned to the Pakistan army with their arms.

Close liaison between the Indian and Pakistan armies, in the opinion of General Masservy, was desirable. Such a relationship existed today.

The General expressed the hope that given a favourable political background, which might be brought about by an amicable solution of the outstanding issues in dispute between Pakistan and India, the two armies would work more closely together with a single military objective of planning for the defence of the whole subcontinent of Pakistan and India.

PRINCESS OF KAPURTHALA FINED £5

London: An [illegible] of medicinal tablets mistaken for aspirin was stated at a London court to have caused Maharani Princess Indira Devi of Kapurthala, a grand-daughter of the Maharaja of Cooch-Behar, to drive her car dangerously.

The Princess pleaded not guilty to charges of driving while under the influence of drink and dangerous driving. She was acquitted on the former charge, but fined £5 on the latter.

St. Aidan's Sets a Poser

IS an Indian, merely because he is an Indian and despite the fact that he holds a responsible post and is a respected member of his community, incapable of providing a character reference for an Indian girl wishing to train as a nurse?

This poser is set by the St. Aidan's Hospital, Centenary Road, Durban, in its application form for trainee nurses.

Under "character" the applicant is asked to "give the name and address of two responsible Europeans to whom you are well known." This requirement raises the following questions:

What happens to an applicant who has the misfortune not to be well known to "two responsible Europeans"? What is a responsible European? Are there no responsible Indians? Is an Indian who is a leading member of the community (for instance, Mr. A. M. Kajee, who has been on the [illegible] president of the N.I.C.) incapable of providing a character reference, even though the girl may be well known to him? St. Aidan's has certainly set a poser.

IQBAL ACADEMY PLANNED

AS a tribute to the memory of the late Dr. Mohammed Iqbal, the Muslim poet and philosopher who was the first to visualise Pakistan, Mr. Ghulam Mohammed, the Pakistan Minister of Finance, has made a provision of Rs. 1 lakh in next year's budget as a first contribution for the establishment of an Academy bearing his (Iqbal's) name.

NO GOING BACK IN HISTORY:

NO REUNION WITH PAKISTAN

— NEHRU —

From Our Own Correspondent

ALIGARH: Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, India's Prime Minister, again refuted the charge that India desired "to strangle and crush Pakistan and to force it into a reunion with India," while delivering the convocation address at the Aligarh Muslim University.

SAYING that there was "no going back in history," Pandit Nehru added: "If today, by any chance, I was offered a reunion of India and Pakistan, I would decline it for obvious reasons. I do not want to carry the burden of Pakistan's great problems, I have enough of my own."

Any closer association, he concluded, must come out of "a normal process."

Pandit Nehru told the Aligarh students that although some of his old dreams had been shattered by recent events, "yet the basic objective still holds and I have seen no reason to change it."

"That objective," he said "is to build up a free India of high ideals and noble endeavour where there is equality of opportunity for all and where many variegated streams of thought and culture meet together to form a mighty river of progress and advancement for her people."

Pandit Nehru said: "While the present is full of uncertainty, the future is even more shrouded and difficult to pierce. Nevertheless, we have to face this present and to mould the future. We have to see, each one of us, where we stand and what we stand for. Without a [illegible] anchor of faith in the future we will drift in the

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Indenture Law may be Repealed

IT is likely that next session the Government will introduce a Bill to abolish the Indian Medical Tax. For a long time now the Indian people have pleaded for the abolition of this imposition on them—a relic of indenture days—which has reacted adversely on Indian employment. It has been suggested to The Leader that all Immigration Laws relating to Indians should be abolished and the Indian brought fully under the operation of the common law of the country.

THE Indian community would welcome its abolition, Mr. S. R. Naidoo, president of the Maritzburg Branch of the Natal Indian Organisation told "The Leader," who suggested that the Indian people should take up the question of the abolition of all indenture laws.

Under the old Immigration Laws every employer of Indian labour, other than domestic servants, is required to pay a Medical Tax which was originally fixed at 3d. per month, but subsequently increased to 1s. 3d. per month. The contribution by employers in this way was to create a medical fund to maintain hospitals conducted by the Indian Immigration Trust Board and also to pay for the services of medical practitioners, who are appointed by the Trust Board to give medical attention to Indians.

After the discontinuance of immigration from India to Natal in 1911, the medical tax was continued and employers of Indians were required to pay the tax. The intention of the old Immigration Laws was to impose this tax on employers of indentured Indians. But employers of Indians born in Natal, as distinct from immigrants, were also required to pay this tax.

As the legal position was not clear, the point that the employer of a Colonial-born Indian was not liable to pay tax was tested in the Supreme Court of Natal and in the Appellate Division.

Court Decision

The Court's decision was that Indians born in this country also came within the meaning of the section of the Immigration Laws which imposed this tax. For a number of years Indians protested against the imposition of this tax as being obsolete and unwarranted and also in view of the fact that immigration from India had ceased.

The Indian Immigration Trust Board maintains the Depot Hospital in Durban. There was a hospital at Esperanza which does not exist any more.

One or two medical practitioners were appointed to give medical attention to Indians outside Durban area. Not many Indians took advantage of being treated at these hospitals.

"Since the Provincial Administration is desirous of doing away with hospitals under the control of the Immigration Trust Board and having Provincial hospitals under its own control there can be no object in continuing to impose a tax which benefits no one except filling the coffers of the Trust Board, which has accumulated some thousands of pounds in this manner."

Legislation to abolish this tax has been long overdue. The tax also acted adversely in that employers of Indian labour were not keen on taking Indians because of this impost on them.

The move to bring a Bill to abolish this tax also raises the question as to whether the time is not ripe to repeal the whole of the Indian Immigration Laws which apply to Indian immigrants and their descendants. Matters concerning registration of marriages, births and deaths, in so far as they apply to Indian immigrants or their descendants, are still controlled by the Office of the Protector of Indian Immigrants.

Many of the provisions of the Immigration laws passed in 1891 have become obsolete and are no longer applicable because the situation has changed vastly.

The existence of the old Immigration Laws divides the Indian community into two categories. One, the Indian immigrant or his descendant and the other what is commonly called "passenger Indians." The latter comes under the ordinary laws of the country. This is an absurd anomaly and should be removed. Every Indian should be brought under one set of general laws as are applicable to Europeans. The Indian community should lose no time to press for the complete repeal of the old Immigration Laws.

MEMORIAL TO GANDHI

NEW DELHI.—To commemorate the memory of Mahatma Gandhi, the All-India Fine Arts and Crafts Society have decided to construct a stately building in New Delhi to be named as "Gandhi Kala Bhawan," where the contemplated National Art Gallery of India will be housed. The "Gandhi Kala Bhawan" will also house rooms for current exhibitions and an Indian Academy for Advance Study in Art.

An exhibition named "Mahatma Gandhi—as depicted in art in India" is being organised by the Society to be held between April 2 and 15 at the Society's Exhibition Hall in New Delhi.

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Karachi: It is understood that the Government of Pakistan are ready to do everything in their power to use the radio link to bridge the vast distances which exist between the various parts of Pakistan and between its rural and urban population. It is also learnt that the Government of Pakistan fully realise the need and urgency of equipping every school with a radio set and that necessary steps are being taken in this direction.

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OBITUARIES

The Indian community of Natal, particularly of Clairwood and Districts, suffered a heavy blow by the death on Friday last of Mr. N. H. Perumall (N. P. Naidoo), at the early age of 48 years.

The late Mr. Naidoo was the best known public figure in Clairwood. There was hardly a social, sporting, religious, educational or cultural organisation in the area that did not benefit by his wise counsel, guidance and leadership.

A social worker in the true sense of the word, he spared neither his purse nor his energy in [illegible] the comfort of the less fortunate. The poor and needy called on him for assistance during any part of the night, particularly to assist in funeral arrangements, and that assistance was never refused, even though he was sacrificing his own health in the process and which eventually led to his early demise.

The large crowd, representative of all sections of the community, that assembled at the Clairwood Cemetery to pay their last respects, in spite of the heavy rain, was a clear indication of the popular esteem, affection and devotion in which the late Mr. Naidoo was held by the community.

The deceased was a member of the teaching profession and had served the Natal Education Department loyally for [illegible] years, the last [illegible] of which he served as principal, first of the [illegible] Indian School, and next, since its inception in 19[illegible], of the Hindu Tamil Institute, in the growth of which institution he played no mean part.

Sincere tributes were paid at the [illegible]

MR. N. H. PERUMALL

[illegible] Mr. T. M. Naicker and Mr. [illegible] Prayers were offered by Mr. T. C. Narayan Rajh. [illegible]

Wreaths were sent by the following: Pupils of the Hindu Tamil Institute; [illegible]

The death occurred of Kamalatchee Naidoo, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Naidoo, of 66 North Street, Durban (formerly of Tongaat), on Monday, March 22, 1948.

The late Miss Kamalatchee, who was born at Tongaat on June 17, 19[illegible], was educated at the Tongaat Indian Girls' School and later was privileged to attend the Tongaat Indian Boys' School, where she passed the Primary School Certificate Examination within six months. She was the first Indian girl in Tongaat and district to pass Standard VI. She leaves behind her parents, four brothers, a sister, relations and many friends to mourn their loss.

The following floral tributes were [illegible]

KAMALATCHEE NAIDOO

received: Mum, Dad and Brothers; Loving Brother Manley; Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Reddy and family; Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Naidoo and family; [illegible]

The death occurred after a long illness of Mr. R. Ratchee at his home, [illegible] Road, Sydenham, on March 1, 1948, at the age of fifty-two years.

His remains were interred at the [illegible] Private Cemetery, where a large number of friends and relations assembled to pay their last respects.

He leaves behind a widow, children and a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

R. RATCHEE

WOODLANDS SOCIAL CLUB

The annual meeting of the Woodlands Indian High School Boys' Social Club was held last Wednesday. There was a large number of [illegible] present.

The following were elected officials for the ensuing year: [illegible]

CLAIRWOOD P.C. & GYMNASTIC CLUB

The Clairwood Gymnastic Physical Culture Club held its fifth annual meeting recently at their headquarters, the [illegible] Hall, Clairwood. [illegible]

Members of the club, ranging from youngsters of five to adults, meet regularly at their headquarters, where they are trained in physical culture, wrestling and weightlifting. [illegible]

NO BRANCH FORMED

By A Correspondent, Standerton

Regarding the report of the formation of a branch of the Transvaal Indian Organisation at Standerton, appearing in "The Leader" of the [illegible] March, 1948, I would like to point out that no branch whatsoever has been formed here.

At this meeting, convened on the [illegible] March, 1948, by Mr. [illegible] at the request of Mr. [illegible] the proposal to form a branch was totally rejected. [illegible]

Mrs. Mohanlal R. Parekh officially opened the Swaminarayan Temple at Verulam on Monday, March 8.

The [illegible] Temple, which will be controlled by the [illegible] Temple Trust, Verulam, was built and donated by Mr. Mohanlal Parekh, of [illegible] Durban.

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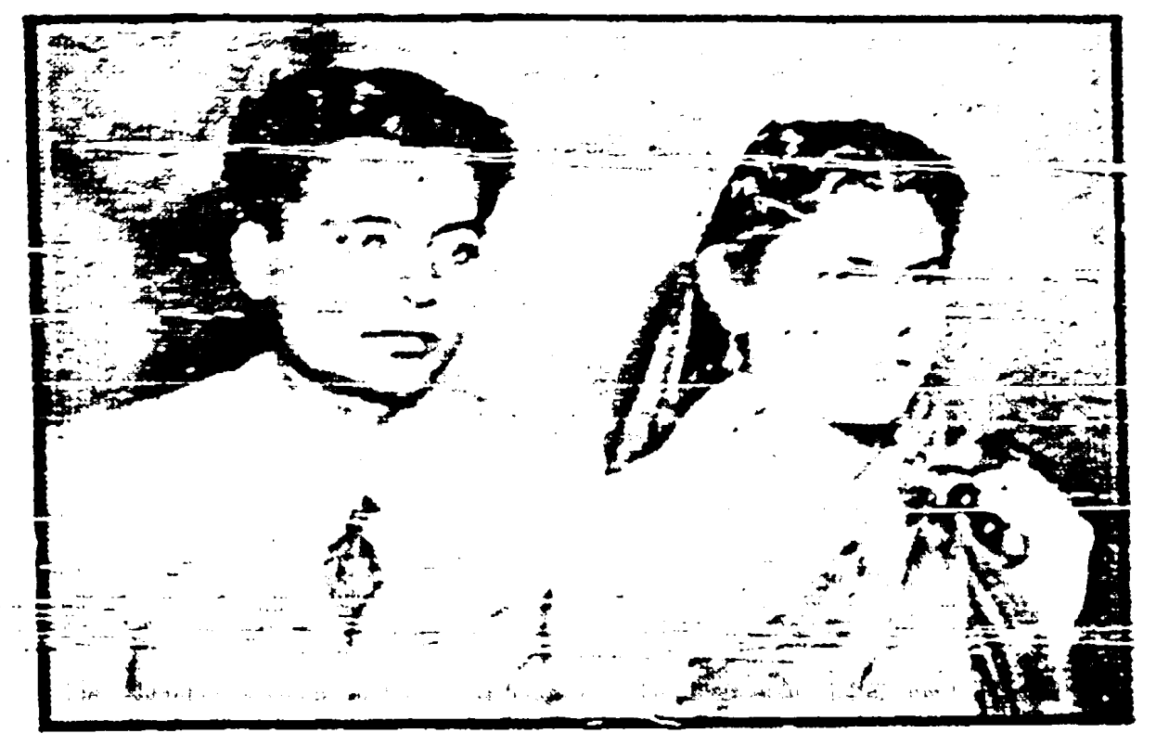
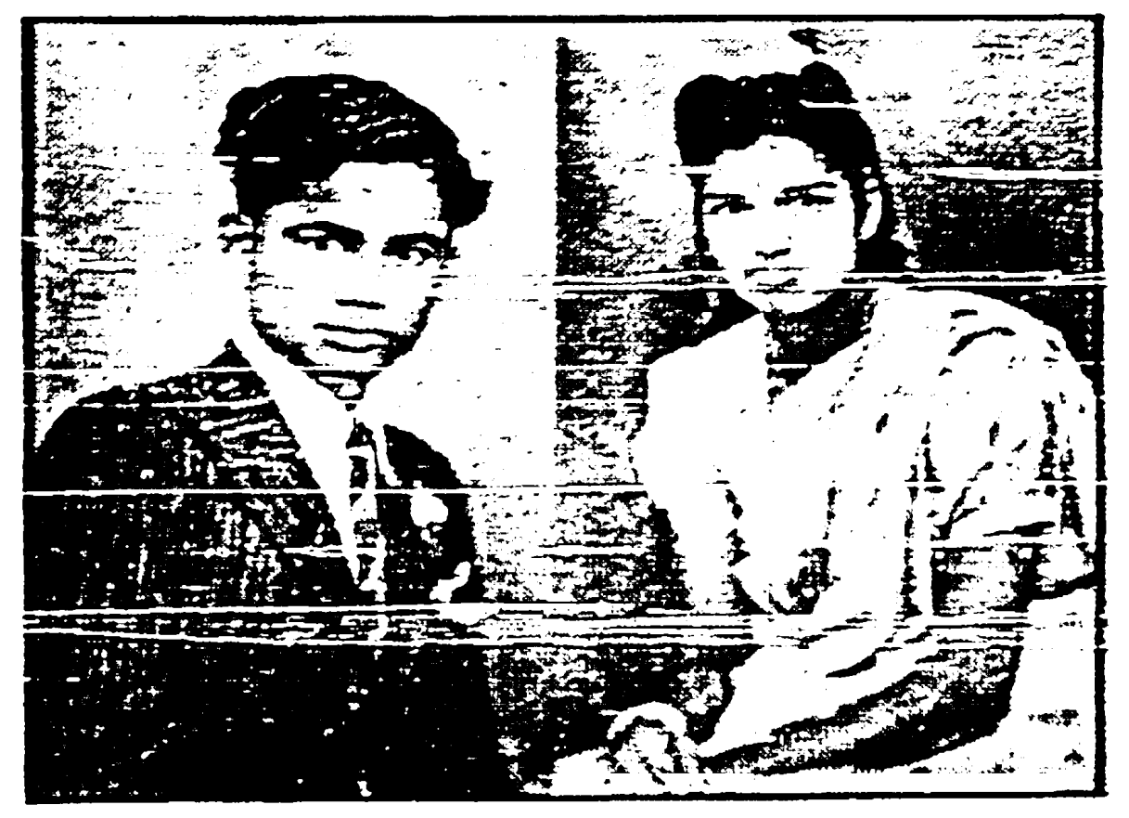


MR. AND MRS. H. BHOOLA, who were married recently at 118 Wiggins Road, Mayville, Durban. Mr. Bhoola is the eldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. Hari, of Distributive Dairies, Hillary, Natal. Mrs. Bhoola was formerly Miss Chander Devi, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. Seedder, grand-daughter of Mr. Birrim and sister of Mr. Harry Rohin.



MR. M. KISTA NAIDOO, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Moonsamy Naidoo, of Canelands, and MISS JANAKIE NAIDOO, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jamiah Naidoo, of Mayville, who will be married at Canelands on April 4, 1948. Mr. Kista Naidoo is a well-known North Coast soccerite.

[illegible], daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Padayachee, of 31 [illegible] Road, Sydenham, [illegible], and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. V. Padayachee, celebrated her first birthday on March 21, 1948. Music was rendered by the "Indian Highlight Orchestra."

SELVANAYAGIE, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Govindasamy Gangan [illegible], grand-daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. P. Gangan, of Fynnlands, Durban; and Mrs. and the late Mr. P. S. Hinah (Chetty), of 224 Grey Street, Flat 2, Durban; celebrates her seventh birthday on March 29, 1948.

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MUNIAMAH, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Narainsamy, of Corinthia Road, Springfield, Durban, who will celebrate her [illegible] birthday on March 28, 1948. Friends and relatives are kindly invited to attend.

MR. M. A. Rahemia, managing director of Messrs. Ibrahim Rahemia (established in 1880), of Port Louis, Mauritius, arrived on the S.S. [illegible] being on a visit to the Union.

He intends visiting the principal centres of the Union before returning to Bombay (India). He will return to Mauritius towards the end of the year after touring Hindustan and Pakistan. He is the guest of Hajee K. H. Donnall.

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K. SACUBALEAN (BULLA), son of Mr. and the late Mrs. K. Kuppan [illegible] Road, [illegible], Durban, who will celebrate his twenty-first birthday on March 28, 1948, at his residence.

(Photo: [illegible] Studio)

SOOBIAPUTHREE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Moodley, of 17 [illegible] Road, Jacobs, Durban, and granddaughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. V. M. Sam Moodley, of Jacobs, will celebrate her first birthday on March 31, 1948.

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[illegible] National Standard VI. Examination [illegible] with a distinction in English A.

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At the annual general meeting of the Natal Indian Congress (Newcastle branch), held at the M.Y.M.A. Hall, Mr. Jaipaul Sing was elected for the third year in succession as joint secretary. He has served the community in various capacities. He was at one time a secretary of the Newcastle Study Group, and of the Hindi Pracharini Sabha, Newcastle. He is a keen sportsman and is connected with the Stella Football Club.

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MARRIAGE NOTICE

NOWBATH—JADOO: The marriage will take place tomorrow (Sunday, March 28) at 10 a.m., at the bride's residence, of [illegible], daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. R. Jadoo, of Westville, to [illegible], son of Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] Nowbath, of Newcastle. Will friends and relatives kindly take this as a personal intimation.

MR. KONDAPPA RAMSAMY NAIDU

Mr. Kondappa Ramsamy Naidu, a well-known personality, of Quarry Road, Springfield, sailed for India on Sunday, March 14, 1948, by the S.S. Isipingo.

Mr. K. R. Naidu was born at [illegible], South India, in 18[illegible], and came to South Africa when he was twenty-two years of age. He visited the land of his birth in 19[illegible] for a period of ten months. He was married in South Africa in 19[illegible]. His wife died in 1947.

Mr. Naidu, who is a highly respected person in the district, has been associated with the following organisations: Springfield Hindu Siva [illegible] Temple [illegible]; Springfield Indian Tenants' Association (vice-chairman); Natal Indian [illegible] Association [illegible]; Andhra Vidhya Sabha, Puntan's Hill [illegible]; Andhra Maha Sabha of South Africa (member).

He is the proprietor of the [illegible] Mayville, a [illegible] contractor and a farmer.

Mr. K. R. Naidu expects to be away from South Africa for a period of one year.

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Mrs. Ram Annamalay (Baby), of Kwanyana, is visiting her relatives and parents in Durban.

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ENGAGEMENT

[illegible]MANNA—PILLAY: The engagement has been announced of R. [illegible] (Dixon), son of Mrs. and the late Mr. T. Taithiah, of [illegible] Park, Durban, to Krishnaveni (Kaul), daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. T. Coomarasamy Pillay, of Pietermaritzburg.

Mr. V. [illegible] Naidoo, research worker in economics at the [illegible], was seriously injured in a motor accident on Tuesday at Camperdown. He is at Grey's Hospital, Maritzburg.

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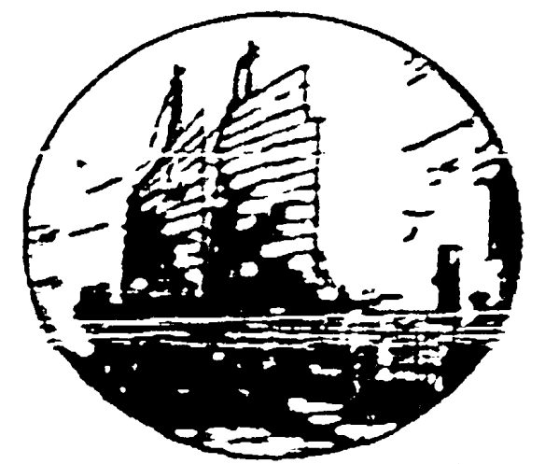

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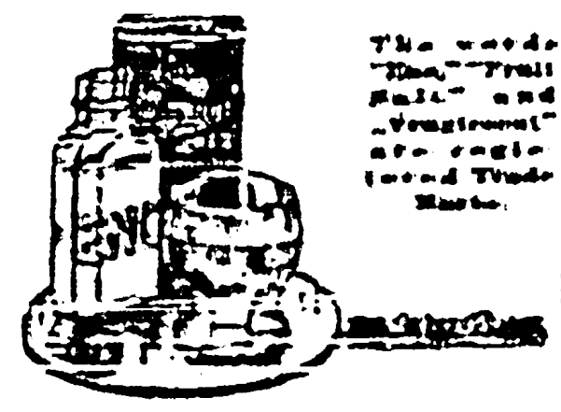

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Karachi: The West Punjab Government soon after the birth of Pakistan gave legal form to a measure that is calculated to promote the Islamic way of life in the province.

The Muslim Personal Law (Shariat) Application Bill which was passed by the West Punjab Legislative Assembly on January [illegible], 1948 makes the operation of Shariat Law obligatory on every Muslim. Thus at one stroke the Act wipes out all the diverse customary laws of different tribes of this province and substitutes one code for Muslims in all matters regarding marriage, divorce, inheritance, division of property, waqf, etc. It administers a deathblow to the old conceptions of tribes as closed and watertight communities with their own customary laws usages which had been handed down to them from a distant past and had lingered on to the present day.

The Muslim Personal Law (Shariat) Application Act of 1937 did not apply to agricultural land and thus deprived the entire agricultural community of the benefit of Shariat. The present Bill will remove an [illegible] anomaly as no section of the Muslim population will be excluded from the domain of its operation.

PAK ENVOY TO AFGHANISTAN

Karachi: The Government of Pakistan and the Government of Afghanistan have agreed to exchange Ambassadors according to a Press Note issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Commonwealth Relations, Government of Pakistan.

FOREIGN CAPITAL FOR INDIAN INDUSTRIES

"The Leader" Special Service

New Delhi: Future ventures of establishing industries in India with the help of foreign industrialists were required to state what percentage of the capital proposed to be issued would be reserved for non-Indians.

Giving this information in the Parliament, the Minister for Industry and Supply said that disclosure of other forms of the agreement entered into with foreign industrialists was not insisted upon.

The Government had no information in regard to the extent of foreign and Indian capital invested in the match industry. Four large units were operated by a Swedish match company, whose board of directors was composed of four Indians and three non-Indians. Besides these, there were 160 factories run as cottage industries, which were believed to be entirely Indian.

The percentage of production was 60 per cent. by the Swedish match company and 40 per cent. by the rest.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICIALS

The following have been elected officials of the Cultural Sunday School, which is a part of the Natal Cultural Society: [illegible] President, Miss [illegible] Phillips; vice-president, Mrs. [illegible]; secretary, Mr. [illegible]; treasurer, Mr. [illegible].

PIETERMARITZBURG Tennis Officials

At the annual meeting of the Pietermaritzburg United Tennis Club the following were elected officials for the ensuing year:

Patrons, Messrs. R. Marrie, [illegible]; president, [illegible]; vice-presidents, Messrs. [illegible]; secretary, Mr. [illegible]; assistant secretary, Mr. [illegible]; treasurer, Mr. [illegible]; auditor, Mr. [illegible]; committee, Messrs. [illegible].

A consignment of blankets and woollen pullovers has been sent to India by the Dominion of India Relief Committee [illegible].

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INDIAN ENVOY IN BURMA

New Delhi: At a simple, brief and solemn ceremony held in Rangoon the Indian Ambassador, Dr. M. A. Rauf, presented his credentials to the President of the Union of Burma.

Addressing the President after presenting credentials, Dr. Rauf referred to centuries old historical and cultural associations between India and Burma and said: "Our relations in the past have been close and friendly. Thus politically, economically and culturally we have been bound to one another."

Dr. Rauf said: "The tragic death of Mahatma Gandhi has caused deep sadness across the hearts of not only all Indians, but also to all peace-loving people of the world. I am grateful to your Excellency and to the Government and people of Burma, who have joined us in mourning our great loss and who have expressed sincere and heartfelt condolences."

Law-Abiding Citizens

Making a reference to the large number of Indians who live in Burma, Dr. Rauf said: "These people have been law-abiding citizens who have for many years carried on business and professions within the territories of the Union. Our labourers have contributed to the development of this country. Many of them have lived and died here. I wish to commend to your Excellency the population of Indians who have made Burma their home. Those of my countrymen who accept citizenship of Burma would become one with the great Burmese nation. Those others would still remain friends of Burma and would do everything to assist the Union of Burma in the great task of reconstruction."

The President of the Burmese Republic, replying to the Indian Ambassador, said:

"I regret that we should meet under the shadow of the tragic death of Mahatma Gandhi, an event which has cast a gloom on this country as much as on yours. Nevertheless, I have special pleasure in welcoming, in your new capacity as Ambassador one so specially fitted by his knowledge of both India and Burma to interpret the Indian people to the Burmese and the Burmese people to Indians.

"It will be the endeavour of myself and of my Government to maintain and strengthen our happy relationship, not only in politics but also in the fields of commerce and culture."

Referring to Indians in Burma, the President said: "I fully acknowledge the great part which Indians have played in the past in the development of Burma. As you know, those of them who are qualified to become Union citizens and who desire to do so will be a welcome element in the body politic of this country. Those who elect to retain their status as citizens of the Indian Dominion will, however, have the goodwill of my people and the protection of my Government."

"SHUDDI" AT OVERPORT

A "Shuddhi" ceremony under the aegis of the Overport Hindu [illegible] of the South African Hindu Maha Sabha, took place in the [illegible] Hall, Hill Street, Overport. A family of [illegible] was admitted to the Hindu faith last Sunday week before a large gathering.

SPRINGS T.I.O.

The following have been elected officials of the T.I.O., Springs branch: Patrons, Messrs. [illegible] Moosa, E. M. Kajee and M. I. Seedat; president, Mr. D. R. Khan; vice-presidents, Messrs. S. Naidoo, M. Pillay, [illegible] and E. H. Bhayat and Chagan [illegible]; joint secretaries, Messrs. [illegible]; treasurers, Messrs. [illegible] Pillay and Ratilal Jinnah; Committee, Messrs. Kannan Pillay, [illegible], S. Naidoo, [illegible] Moodley, Bala Sundram, Lalloo Daya, [illegible], A. Tiladin, [illegible], Fakir Ahmed, [illegible] and [illegible].

MEMBERS ASKED TO RESIGN

Nairobi: The East African Indian National Congress has asked all Indian-elected members of the Legislature to resign as a protest against the Government's decision to continue with legislation giving two of the [illegible] Indian seats on the council to Moslems.—Sapa-Reuter.

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KARACHI: The first U.S. Ambassador to Pakistan, Mr. Paul H. Alling, has presented his credentials to Quaid-i-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah. Extending a warm welcome to the Ambassador, the Quaid-i-Azam said that Pakistan desired the goodwill and friendship of all the free nations of the world.

PRESENTING his credentials, Mr. Alling said: "It gives me great pleasure, as the first Ambassador of the United States to the Government of Pakistan, to present to you my Letters of Credence. The people of the United States have followed with interest the development within Pakistan since the birth of your great country, and are looking to the growth of close economic and cultural ties.

"It is with deep satisfaction that I recall that our relations date from the very day of the establishment of Pakistan. This truly augurs well for the continued deepening of the relationships which we have thus far forged.

"We of the United States are appreciative of the difficulties which beset a new nation in the period of its early existence. The early history of the United States attests to this fact. We are therefore, deeply sympathetic with the many problems which face Pakistan.

JUSTLY PROUD

"As a nation justly proud of its cultural traditions and its heritage from the past, Pakistan will, I am sure, fulfil the hopes and ideals of its people and play the important role to which it is entitled by the size and energy of its population and its potential resources.

"We can all agree, I think, that what is most needed in these troubled times is the establishment of firm and lasting peace among the nations so that the world may be rebuilt from the ravages of war. This will not be easy, but my own country is willing and anxious to play its part and our people count with confidence upon the cooperation and help of Pakistan in that vitally important task.

"I am honoured at the opportunity to represent my country as the first United States Ambassador to Pakistan. At the same time I am conscious of the great responsibility entrusted to me to further develop friendship and understanding between our peoples. In my efforts to achieve that objective I bespeak your earnest and cooperative support, and I am confident that with such support the bonds of friendship between our countries will be even more firmly established and strengthened."

Replying to the Governor-General of Pakistan, Mr. Mohammed Ali Jinnah said:—

"It gives me great pleasure to welcome you in our midst as the first Ambassador of the United States of America. Though Pakistan is a new State, for well over a century now there have been many connections of trade and commerce between the people of Pakistan and the people of the United States. This relationship was strengthened and made more direct and intimate during two world wars and more particularly and more recently during the second world war, when our two peoples stood shoulder to shoulder in defence of democracy. The historic fight for self-government by your people and its achievement by them, the consistent teaching and practice of democracy in your country had for generations acted as a beacon light and had in no small measure served to give inspiration to nations who like us were striving for independence and freedom from the shackles of foreign rule.

"I cordially share your pleasure at the evidence of friendship and sympathy shown by your country in opening diplomatic relations with Pakistan from the very first day of its establishment as a new State. I would like to add that this friendship has been diligently and consistently furthered by your very able and esteemed colleague, Mr. Charles Lewis, the Charge d'Affaires who represented your country here pending your Excellency's arrival.

"As you have discerned already, our infant State has been confronted with grave and dangerous issues and problems during these, its early days. Though as a new State we have to face a serious situation, we have no doubt in our minds that by our united will and determination to live as a free and peace-loving people, we shall overcome them successfully.

Friendly Assurances

"I thank your Excellency for your friendly assurances of sympathy in dealing with our many problems. I also deeply appreciate your confidence that our traditions and our past will help us to fulfil the hopes and ideals of our people. In return, I can assure your Excellency that after having emerged from an eclipse which lasted for over a century and a half, the people of Pakistan desire nothing which is not their own, nothing more than the goodwill and friendship of all the free nations of the world. We in Pakistan are determined that, having won our long lost freedom, we will work to the utmost limit of our capacity not only to build up a strong and happy State of our own, but to contribute in the fullest possible measure to international peace and prosperity.

"I am glad to learn that your Excellency and the great country and people you represent will give your cooperation to us in order to advance our economic and cultural relations for the mutual benefit of both countries. I am hopeful that the good relations and friendship already existing between the peoples of America and Pakistan will be further strengthened and the bonds of friendship between our two countries will be more firmly riveted. Your Excellency, I assure you that my Government and I will do all that lies in our power to give you every assistance in the fulfilment of what is our common desire and objective. I once more extend to your Excellency a warm welcome to Pakistan as the first Ambassador of the United States of America."

ORDNANCE FACTORIES IN PAKISTAN

KARACHI.—It has been decided to establish Ordnance Factories in Pakistan to manufacture the following: (a) Metal and Steel; (b) Small Arms; (c) Explosives and propellants; (d) Ammunition (small arms and guns); (e) Clothing.

As regards the establishment of a clothing factory it is expected that it will be completed in the near future. A Departmental Committee has been established by the Ministry of Defence (on which are represented other Ministries of Government who are concerned) to plan the other factories.

Mr. W. Newton Booth (until recently Chief Mechanical Engineer of the Royal Woolwich Arsenal) and Mr. R. Farley (Director of Machine Tools, Ministry of Supply HMG's Government) have recently arrived from the United Kingdom to advise this Committee. Both these experts from the United Kingdom are the best obtainable and have had great experience in Ordnance Factories.

Mr. Newton Booth was responsible for the greater part of the planning of the expansion of the Royal Ordnance Factories in the United Kingdom during the 1939-45 war.

WELCOME RECEPTION

A welcome reception was given to [illegible] Mariemuthoo Bhagwatar by Mr. [illegible] Pillay, the well-known Tamil playwright, at [illegible] Road, Sydenham, on Sunday last.

Mr. Mariemuthoo Bhagwatar, who has come out from India under the auspices of the [illegible] Temple, is a well-known Tamil actor. He will probably take part in Mr. [illegible] Pillay's next production, to be staged at the City Hall.

NEW INDIAN INDUSTRY

There was great excitement among the members who were present to witness the official opening of the [illegible] Quarries (Pty.), Ltd., by the chairman of the directors, Mr. R. Marrie, recently.

This quarry, which is the first of its kind among Indians in Pietermaritzburg, is situated beyond [illegible] near the main Greytown Road, about five miles from the city.

This company, which was floated recently, is a sole Indian enterprise and is subscribed by Indian shareholders. The company has already installed a primary and a secondary crusher, and is producing whinstone of different sizes, including [illegible]. At present the output is quite satisfactory, but the company is contemplating installing bigger crushers so that the output could be increased fourfold.

After speeches by the secretary and directors, the chairman officially declared the quarry opened, and the two crushers were immediately working crushing stones. The directors then illustrated how the machines and the compressor and jackhammer were manipulated.

The directors of the company are Messrs. R. Marrie (chairman), M. S. Naidu (secretary) and S. K. Moodley.

SOCIALISTS TO RESIGN

NASIK (Bombay), Saturday.

THE Indian Socialist Party—the left wing of the Indian National Congress—has fixed April [illegible] as the deadline for Party members to resign from the congress.

A resolution passed today on the second day of the Party's annual convention said that with the achievement of freedom, the role of Congress as the joint front of the Indian people had come to an end and only a Socialist state could assure a solid foundation to the political stability of India.—Sapa-Reuter.

BOKSBURG T.I.O.

The Boksburg branch of the Transvaal Indian Congress resolved at a special meeting called for the purpose, at the Old Location:

That the Congress secede from the Transvaal Indian Congress and seek affiliation with the Transvaal Indian Organisation;

That the name of the Congress henceforth be the Transvaal Indian Organisation, Boksburg Branch;

That the Constitution is hereby amended and a clause inserted reading: "No person belonging to the Communist Party shall remain an eligible member."

Education Needs In Free India

THE vital necessity for all-round reforms in education and for evolving a truly national system of education which would be responsive to the needs of Free India was emphasised by Mr. B. C. Kher, Premier and Education Minister of Bombay, inaugurating the second Sholapur District Education Conference at Barsi, India.

PROCEEDING the Prime Minister, emphasised that to make "Swaraj" real, every citizen must be made to realise the responsibilities it brought with it through a suitably devised plan of education, whose function it was to inculcate the principles of democracy in the people. The central problem of all educationists and education conferences should be to go into this problem and to find out how the educational system needed to be reorientated.

The Sargent Scheme

Referring to the question of the reorganisation of education in India, Mr. Kher said the Central Advisory Board of Education had already passed the Sargent Scheme. The Provincial Government was considering to what extent and with what modifications it could implement it.

It had also given its approval to Mahatma Gandhi's Wardha Scheme of Basic Education. Despite various difficulties, they had decided to introduce compulsion gradually by age groups year by years.

The first five-year plan had been launched in the current year. The fact that the Government had decided to bear the additional cost of primary education, involving [illegible] per cent. of the total cost, should convince everybody of its interest and earnestness in this regard, he said.

Another factor impeding the progress of education was the paucity of primary teachers even with the low qualifications laid down for them. The only way to tackle it was that indicated by Maulana Abdul Kalam Azad, namely, by resort to some sort of conscription.

The Prime Minister also touched on the evils of the domination of a foreign language in the curricula of schools, a fact which tended to divorce education from life.

He also emphasised the importance of the education of girls and referred to the impending abolition of English and a uniform unitary system for the first seven years as a first step to better education for all.

IQBAL STUDY GROUP

"The Iqbal Study Group is well known not only in South Africa but abroad as well, and to be worthy of the confidence and trust our community places in us we must fulfil the objects of the Group," said Mr. N. M. I. [illegible], after being elected president of the Iqbal Study Group at the annual meeting, held at the Iqbal Hall, Durban.

"The Group," he continued, "is like a university and it urgently needs students to participate in the Public Speaking Classes, the Islamic Tuition, indoor and outdoor sports and social activities."

In concluding he appealed to the members for their fullest cooperation. Mr. M. H. A. Karrim, the newly-appointed secretary, added to the comments made by the president by saying, "I most humbly pray, may God give us strength and the desire of serving the interest and aims of the Group, which after some years of activity lapsed into a dormant state during the past two years."

The secretary's report showed a great deal of activity early last year, which subsided during the latter part of the year. The meeting also passed a resolution to the effect that "it expresses its deepest sorrow at the sad and untimely demise" of the late Messrs. M. K. Gandhi, A. I. Kajee and Sir Adamjee Hajee Dawood (India). The latter two were patrons of the Group.

The following officials were elected: President, Mr. N. M. I. [illegible]; vice-presidents, Messrs. [illegible] Desai and [illegible]; secretary, Mr. M. H. A. Karrim; treasurer, Mr. A. H. [illegible]; auditor, Mr. Ahmed [illegible]; committee, Messrs. I. A. Ganie, Ahmed [illegible], M. Desai, [illegible] and [illegible].

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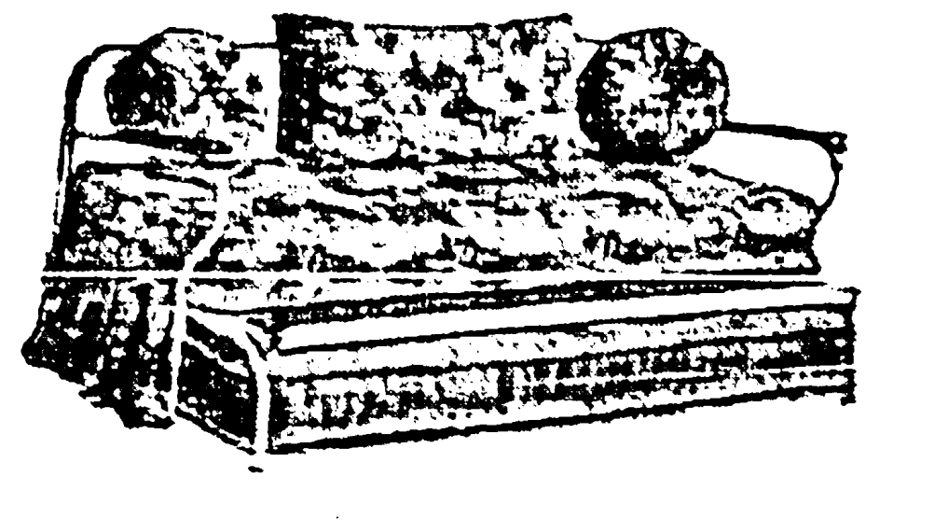

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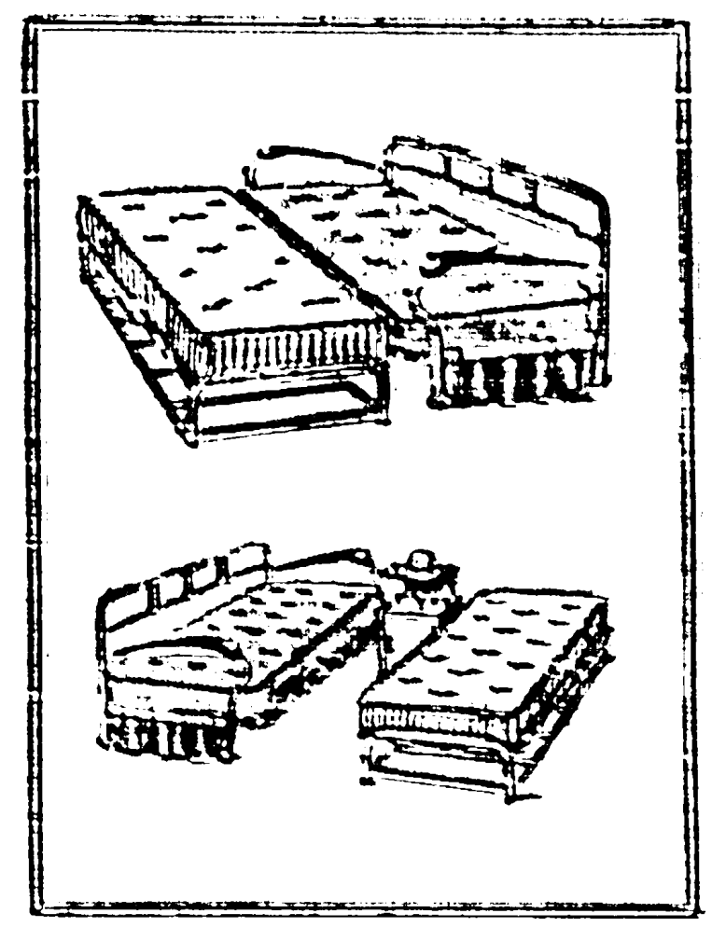

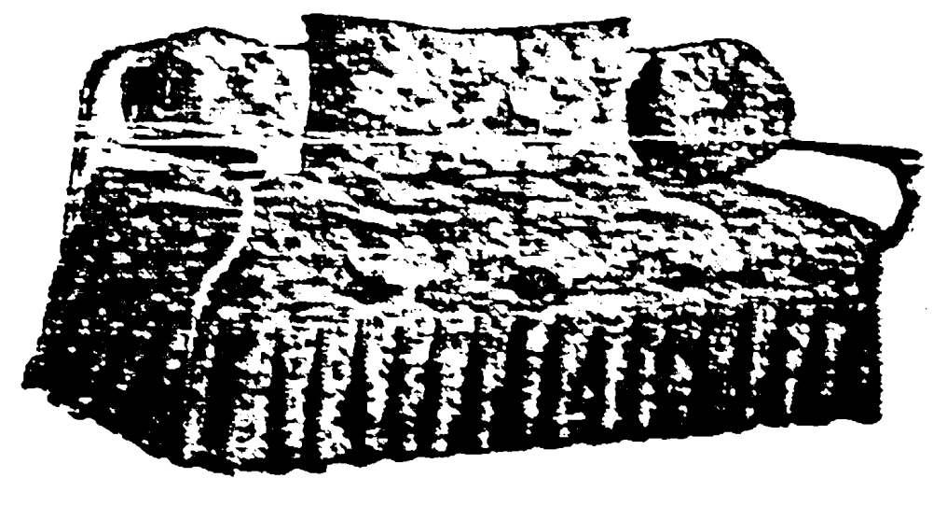

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Mrs. N. P. Naidoo and family, of [illegible] Road, [illegible], sincerely thank their numerous friends for the beautiful floral tributes sent and for their expressions of sympathy by way of telegrams, etc., on the occasion of the passing away of her husband. Special thanks to the doctors and others who attended him during his illness.

APPRECIATION

The officials and members of the [illegible] Association, [illegible], wish to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to Mr. K. K. [illegible] of [illegible], for his liberal donation towards the Association's Building Extension Fund.

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[illegible]

PERUMAL: In memory of my dear husband and our dear father, the late Mr. K. K. Perumal, who slept his last sleep on the 25th March, 1946.

[illegible]

DEHALOO: In loving memory of my dear father, who passed away February 3, 1936, and also my dear mother, who passed away March 25, 1944.

[illegible]

DEHALOO: In loving memory of my dear mother, who passed away 23rd March, 1944.

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N.I.C. MUST DECIDE

AFTER a period in the doldrums Indian politics is once again on the move. The National Indian Organisation has decided to go to India; the Natal Indian Congress is busy disproving the claims of the Prime Minister that Indians are Union Nationals. We have now come to a point where the Natal Indian Congress must play whatever card it is holding up its sleeve. The N.I.O. placed all its cards on the table at its conference recently, and the community knows what exactly is being done. The Natal Indian Congress, however, is holding back on the specific issue of the Conference as envisaged by the N.I.O. As yet the N.I.C. has not yet made a bold declaration on whether the proposals, which have been [illegible] by the N.I.O., are acceptable to it or not. If they are then it is for the N.I.C., which claims to be the national organisation of the Indian people, to tell the Indian people what its attitude is to a Round Table Conference on the basis proposed.

If the Natal Indian Congress is opposed to such a conference and believes that no good can come out of it then it must say so clearly. In the past it has condemned proposals without delay [illegible] other than itself. This time, however, it has not made a direct statement on the Round Table Conference, but has criticised the N.I.O. for being in existence. The time has now come for the N.I.C. to be constructive and positive and to lay its card on the table. If it does not want the conference as proposed then it is for it to state what it wants. Immediately after the United Nations decision in December, 1946, we advised, in these columns, that the Congress should suspend its passive resistance campaign as a first gesture towards the implementation of the resolution. It felt we were betraying the cause of the Indian community by our suggestion, and called on its supporters to greater effort. Within 10 months it found itself in a stalemate, largely of its own making.

Today, if it does not learn from the lessons of the past it may find itself in a similar position. When the first batch went over the Transvaal border the entire Indian community waited patiently to find out what would happen. They learnt that the Prime Minister's claim at UN was false. When Dr. Dadoo and Dr. Naicker were gaoled, the Indian community had ample evidence of the fact that they were not Union Nationals. That point has now been tested. It is on the records of the country—and the world at large also knows it—that Indians are not Union Nationals. Natal nationals they may be. It is now for Congress to take stock of the position. The principle has been established and it is impossible for Congress to continue whipping up the emotion of the Indian people. Emotion at a high peak cannot last for ever. It must subside and before it does so it would be a wise thing for Congress to call a temporary halt to going over the border purely as a mark of demonstration. If, however, it can place Indians in employment either in the Cape and the Transvaal it should do so, provided the people are willing to go to gaol. This would be a more practical thing to do and there can be no accusation of being sensational.

Instead of concentrating on sending a few volunteers at intervals over the border, the Congress should make its position clear with regard to the conference which the N.I.O. has made the subject of a deputation to India. If the Congress welcomes it then it should state so clearly. That will certainly obviate the necessity of anybody going to India. If the Congress does not agree with the proposals, then it is for it to make known its attitude otherwise, at this stage, the blame for an unnecessary journey to India may well be laid with justification at the feet of the Congress.

The N.I.C. has claimed to make statements on the conference, but actually nothing of the kind has been done. Each time it has avoided direct reference to the Conference. This has certainly not got the community anywhere—it may get the N.I.O. to India. If Congress has nothing to say then it should declare so openly. If the Congress is agreeable about the proposed conference and says so, then the onus will be thrown on General Smuts to act next. If it keeps quiet then it will provide a measure of justification for the N.I.O. delegation to India. If the N.I.C. has miscalculated in the past, there is no reason why it should continue miscalculating. It should now make a bold and clear decision on the conference proposal and revise its campaign of resistance.

MUGHAL PAINTING

Painting in India owes much to the Mughals. They saved it from decay; more, through their refined culture and magnificence of taste it attained a high level of perfection.

The Mughals brought with them memories of the courts of Persia, as also the artistic heritage of their forefathers.

The Mughal period in India saw the fusion of the decorative art of the Hindus and the plain, puritanical style of the Muslims. The two strains merged into a new kind of art known as the Indo-Muslim art.

Babur, the founder of the Mughal dynasty, was a great patron of the art of painting. He was a lover of beauty and, to use the words of a modern historian, "found the keenest delight in flowers, running streams and bubbling springs."

Humayun, while in exile in Persia, developed a taste for painting. When he returned to India, he brought with him two master-painters of the Persian school of painting. He and his little son Akbar took lessons in drawing and spent their leisure painting.

No great work of art was, however, planned during Humayun's rule. Internal trouble and his early death account for this. It was left to Akbar, who from early youth was keenly interested in painting and did much to encourage the fine arts, to bring fresh glory to the decaying art.

Many painters achieved fame during Akbar's reign. The Emperor himself studied the paintings carefully and conferred rewards according to the standards of workmanship. One special feature was the blending of colours which produced exquisite results.

"A painter in sketching anything that has life must come to feel that he cannot bestow personality on his work, and is thus forced to think of God, the giver of life, and thus increase his knowledge." These words of a Muslim chronicler give us a picture of what painting meant to Akbar.

Abdus Samad, Mir Saiyyid Ali, Farrukh Beg, Daswant, Basawan and Tarachand were among the leading painters of the time. Several well known works were illustrated; pictures of all kinds were available in the Imperial Library.

The artistic personality of Jahangir himself a keen collector of historical paintings and the peace that prevailed in the country gave a fresh impetus to painting.

Jahangir was a great admirer of nature; natural scenes, as such, were the favourite subjects with the painters of his reign. The highest stage of development was reached in the painting of animals and birds, plants and flowers.

During Jahangir's reign painting became essentially Indian in style; the Persian influence died out. At the same time, with the death of Jahangir painting declined in importance. Its outward form remained, for a time, in gold and lavish [illegible] lived on under other kings; but its real spirit died with Jahangir. The passion for painting, so as the critic has said.

Shahjahan was a magnificent ruler, but more interested in architecture than in painting, characteristic of Jahangir, was lacking in his son, although he continued to interest himself with the work of the Court painters.

Painters continued to enjoy the patronage of the nobles. Officers of the State treated them with respect. Their work was appreciated. Even Aurangzeb, well known Puritan that he was, maintained Court painters. Pictures of his battles and sieges still extant exhibit his interest in painting.

PROFILE

Dr. B. C. Roy

A new Ministry, headed by Dr. Roy, has been formed in West Bengal. The new Premier of West Bengal, Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy, is a physician of wide repute, a staunch Congressman and a well known educationist.

Dr. Roy recently returned from America and accepted the office of governorship of the United Provinces. He has been attending Mahatma Gandhi during his fasts.

EMINENT PHYSICIAN

Born in 1882 at Patna, Bihar, Dr. Roy took his M.D. degree from Calcutta University in 1906. He proceeded to England for higher studies and became L.R.C.P. (London) and M.R.C.S. (England) in 1909, M.R.C.P. (London) in 1911 and F.R.C.S. (England) in the same year. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine in 1909. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene in 1935 and of the American Society of Chest Physicians in 1940.

In 1941, Dr. Roy was nominated to be a Fellow of the State Medical Faculty of Bengal. Twice he was elected President of the Indian Medical Council in 1939 and again in 1944. He was also President of the Indian Medical Association for a few years. He was a member of the Bhore Committee appointed by the Government of India.

STAUNCH CONGRESSMAN

Dr. Roy took a leading part in the Congress movement in 1930 and 1932 and was imprisoned. He was a member of the Congress Working Committee for a number of years.

Dr. Roy had been a member of the Calcutta Corporation for several years as an Alderman. Twice he was elected Mayor of Calcutta.

Dr. Roy has been actively associated with the affairs of the Calcutta University for the last 32 years. He has been an elected Fellow of the University since 1916. In 1924 he was appointed President of the Board of Accounts of the University. He was appointed Vice-Chancellor of the University for two years from March, 1942, to March 1944.

It was during his regime as Vice-Chancellor that the Indian Air Force Training Corps class was started. It was also during his regime that a course of lectures and practical classes was inaugurated for the training of social workers.

Dr. Roy was recently elected unopposed to the West Bengal Legislative Assembly from Calcutta University Constituency.

He is President of the National Council of Education.

Dr. Brookes Asks for Better Treatment of N.- European Railway Travellers

SPEAKING on the Railway Budget in the Senate recently Dr. Edgar Brookes pleaded for additional accommodation with self contained refreshment services for non-Europeans, better provision with regard to road motor services and in regard to the selling of tickets to non-European railway travellers. Stressing the urgency of the matter he said: "After all, Mr. Gandhi's world-shaking career, which has had such great repercussions, began by his being thrown out of a railway coach in Natal."

DR. BROOKES said that all was not well with the Non-European railway traveller and the points under which improvements could take place fell under two or three heads.

"First of all I want to speak about the first and second-class reserved coaches, the accommodation for Non-European first and second-class travellers on long journeys. Many members of this House who travel long distances will have noticed the improvement in the bedding service in recent years. [illegible]

"A very considerable amount of that one coach is taken up by bedding staff; that is where they sleep. The result is that I have rarely seen—and I am a frequent traveller—where this one coach has been overcrowded.

[illegible]

Worth Great Deal

I believe it is worth a great deal to give courtesy and comfort to that type of man. He is, after all, the man who reacts to pin-pricks. He reacts to lack of imagination on our part. After all, Mr. Gandhi's world-shaking career which has had such great repercussions began by his being thrown out of a railway coach in Natal. I put this point, therefore, because in spite of certain difficulties, in spite of certain admitted difficulties, in putting an additional coach on what is already a long train, it seems to me the only way out of the impasse into which we are getting.

"The question is put to me, 'Why not special trains?' But I am quite sure the Government is not ready at this stage to run a special train of the type of the "Orange Express" for Non-European traffic. There would not be enough Non-European traffic for it to pay, and if you had it would inevitably be of the third-class and that would not meet the needs of the particular class I have in mind at all.

Motor Bus Services

"The second point I wish to make is in connection with the motorbus services for Non-Europeans. [illegible]

"Broadly speaking, the better type of Non-European passenger, the educated type of passenger, the man who is willing to pay a little more, is not catered for on the road motor services. They provide accommodation (a) for the European and (b) for the Native masses. That does not necessarily mean snobbery on the part of the man who has got on in the world, but he does not want to travel in a tightly-packed third-class bus.

"Let me take as an illustration the road motor service, the so-called Pullman service, between Durban and Pietermaritzburg. You have two types of bus accommodation there, the first-class for Europeans and the third-class for Non-Europeans. Those Non-Europeans comprise everybody from the Natives, who has never travelled before, to the rich Indian whose motor car has broken down. They must all ride together in the third-class bus, which is the only accommodation provided for them. And I have never yet seen in a third-class bus the number of passengers confined to the number of seats.

"In the first-class bus, if you have 24 seats you take 24 passengers. If the third-class bus had 24 seats you take as many passengers as you can, sitting and standing.

Ticket Selling

"The third and last point I wish to raise is in connection with the selling of tickets, particularly to third-class passengers. The railways are a business institution and in the sense I think they live up to that. I have a very high opinion of the efficiency of our railway servants as a whole, and it is from that background that I am speaking.

"I happen to be airing two or three general grievances. In this respect the railways do not always behave as a business organisation because they are concerned with selling something to people who have money with which they want to buy something. As business, particularly a monopolistic business, should not differentiate between the different classes of people who come to it.

Differ Very Much

"Railway servants differ very much. There are railway servants who are courteous to everybody, including Non-Europeans. There are railway servants who are discourteous to Non-Europeans. There are railway servants who are prepared to let Non-Europeans wait and who feel—and this is the point I want to get to—that they are doing the Non-European a favour by selling him tickets.

"Now they are not doing him a favour. This is a business and it is a monopoly business. It is not as though the Non-European can go anywhere else. He pays for his ticket, and he travels in the third-class. If he pays a little more he travels in better accommodation.

"It does so very often happen—and I have seen it myself—that the kind of young man who is put, perhaps for the first time, at the third-class ticket window, is not very enthusiastic about his job. It is not what he imagined at school his career was going to be, selling tickets at a window to Natives, and he is not very pleased about it. He is very much in the position of the hairdresser in Punch who had just clipped a piece out of a man's ear. When the man said to him, 'Confound you; you must have clipped a piece out of my ear,' he said, 'I do not care; I never was a hairdresser before, and I hate and despise the job.' There is just something of that.

Non-European Ticket-Sellers

"I have often pleaded in this House before, and I plead again, that where it is possible—and there are places where it is possible—Non-European ticket-sellers should be put at these third-class windows.

"It is quite possible at certain of the big stations, at any rate where you have a differentiation in staff. Where that is not possible I do feel that an effort must be made to see that Non-Europeans are not held up, as they very often are, to the very last minute before their tickets are more or less thrown at them. I have known Non-Europeans miss a train through that. It often happens.

"I have a complaint in our local Zulu newspaper about getting tickets from Durban to Pietermaritzburg. At one time everybody had to be there at six o'clock to get a ticket for the seven o'clock bus and if you were not there you did not get a ticket. I have no doubt this was just an idiosyncrasy of the particular ticket-seller.

"I have no thought in my mind that it is the wish of the Administration that that should happen, but that is always the difficulty of the Non-European, Hon. Senators, if they were in charge of work of that kind, would not do it in that spirit. The Minister of Railways, under any Government, be it United Party or Nationalist Government, would not countenance such a thing. The General Manager of Railways or the Assistant General Manager of Railways would not do it.

The Man at the Bottom

"It is always the man at the bottom of the tree, just starting, and doing this sort of work for the first time, who does it. It is the same all the way through.

"These are genuine grievances that I have seen year after year. These are the three points on which I want to ask the Minister's help, additional accommodation on long-distance trains with self-contained refreshment services, better provision with regard to road motor transport and some better provision in regard to the selling of tickets."

Women of India

A modern Mohammedan girl with lovely features, reflected in the mirror, out of purdah. This type is rapidly throwing aside the veil in the cities, though there is still a wealth of veiled beauty throughout India, seen only by their households and husbands.

A RIDICULOUS PRESUMPTION

From Our Own Correspondent

"IT is ridiculous to presume that because certain people are born under different conditions they should be debarred from taking part in the government of the country. There should be equality of opportunity to persons of every race," said Brigadier Crofton at a farewell arranged by the Maritzburg Indian Parliamentary Debating Society. The Europeans should realise that there were Indians in their midst who are just as good, if not better, than they are to govern the country.

IT therefore behoved them to try and understand the way of the Indian, Brig. Crofton went on. On the other hand, the Indian should work with those in power if harmony is to be achieved. He had made friends among Indians during his stay in the East and his desire was to pursue that friendship. With that in view, he had joined the Indo-European Joint Council after his arrival in Maritzburg and then later, through the good offices of Mr. S. R. Naidoo, he had joined the Indian Parliamentary Society.

"There are excellent speakers in this society who could give points to anyone in Maritzburg," he declared.

The society has a great future before it and he appealed to the younger people to join it. Brigadier Crofton concluded by saying that he and his wife would carry away cherished memories of Maritzburg.

Mr. R. K. Naidoo, who presided at the function, said that Brigadier Crofton had always championed the cause of the Indian and had done much to bring about a better understanding between the different races.

"We deeply regret that the Croftons' association with this society has been cut short, but we sincerely hope that they will return to renew old friendships some day," concluded Mr. Naidoo.

"The Croftons have done much to improve the social status of the Indian women. They have followed the example of other illustrious Europeans in their liberal attitude towards the Indians," said Mr. M. G. Naidoo.

The Indians suffered many disabilities under white domination in this country and he hoped that the Croftons would give Switzerland a true perspective of the lot of the Indian here, he said.

Mr. C. V. Perry said that it must be realised that after all we are members of one family and everyone must try to build a better world. Co-operation in everything was essential and in that respect Brigadier Crofton was a fine example.

His ideal was to promote a [illegible] for understanding between the different races and Maritzburg's loss was Switzerland's gain.

"The Indians valued the word and deed of Brigadier Crofton, and I often marvelled at his capacity for work and his insistence on having things done," said Mr. S. R. Naidoo. "Those Europeans who endeavoured to promote tolerance and goodwill did so with a sense of justice, Brigadier Crofton is one of them," Mr. Naidoo said that the guests of honour would assuredly carry away with them the sincere thanks [illegible]

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Largest Bridge Over Ganges

NEW DELHI: A major step in the development of railway communications in North India has been taken with the completion of engineering operations on the 60-year-old Dufferin Bridge in Benares, in the United Provinces. The re-girded bridge—now the biggest over the Ganges—was opened recently by the Prime Minister of the United Provinces, Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant.

THE new bridge, which cost the Government of India nearly Rs. 5,000,000, has been named the "Malaviya Bridge," after the renowned leader the late Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya, thrice President of the Indian National Congress and founder of the Benares Hindu University.

In a message read at the opening ceremony, Dr. John Matthai, Minister of Transport, said that from an engineering point of view, the manner in which the construction problems involved in this bridge had been handled and the short time in which it was completed have demonstrated the ability of Indian engineers to meet the demands which a free India may make on their technical competence and their capacity for loyal and devoted service.

Magnitude of Work

The magnitude of the work involved in constructing the new bridge is shown by the following facts:

It carries two broad-gauge railway lines on its lower boom and a 23-foot roadway and two footpaths [illegible] on the top boom. The main spans are 350 feet long and the girders spanning these are 60 feet deep in the centre and 31 feet at the ends. The total weight of each of these girders is 1,000 tons and each one of them carries 66,700 rivets, 30,000 of which had to be put in after the girders had been launched into position. When the roadway is completed there will be 500 tons of concrete on each of the girders.

Native Doctor Creates A Problem

Should Native doctors be admitted to the list of honorary visiting surgeons in general hospitals staffed by European nurses, in which they would tend their non-European patients, but would have to give instructions to European nurses? This problem has been posed for the Kingwilliamstown Hospital Board by the application of a Native doctor who has set up a private practice in the town, to be admitted to Grey's Hospital honorary staff. The Board has decided to ask for a Provincial Administration ruling. When the Hospital Board met to discuss the point it was argued that the rule was [illegible] a doctor must practise for 12 months before being admitted to the honorary list, but the chairman, Mr. H. F. [illegible], M.P.C., said this was merely begging the question, as the 12-month period had not been insisted on before, when European doctors were involved. ([illegible] of Race Relations.)

National Atlas for India

From Our Own Correspondent

PATNA (Bihar): Dr. S. P. Chatterjee, head of the Department of Geography, Calcutta University, emphasised the need for a national atlas of India in his presidential address at the first annual general meeting of the Association of Indian Geographers here.

He said: "Today we have very little to go on in the way of the presentation of the basic data for any scheme of national development. The anglicised names of our towns, mountains and rivers on the maps are irritating to us. It has been universally recognised that each country should have maps showing the utilisation of its land and water and that the preparation of such maps should be entrusted to universities having properly organised geography departments."

Dr. Chatterjee also said: "India by its geographical position is now destined to dominate the Indian Ocean more than any other country bordering on this expanse of water. The coast line of India should be carefully surveyed to assess its utilisation and recreational value, and a national policy formulated for their development. With a command over the Indian Ocean, we may also fly our national flag for strategic and economic reasons on many an island hitherto unexplored and unclaimed by any other nation.

The attainment of freedom opens these and many other new paths before us. A good deal of preparation and the training of personnel should be undertaken in the [illegible]

ANOTHER MEDICO

Dr. R. D. Mistry, M.B.B.S., son of Mr. D. [illegible], a merchant of [illegible], will be arriving by the [illegible] on or about March 29, 1948, from India.

Dr. Mistry, who matriculated at [illegible] College, proceeded to Bombay to take up medical studies. He [illegible] and practised for two years at the [illegible] and [illegible] Hospitals. He will continue his practice at Johannesburg.

Dr. Mistry comes from the well known family of [illegible] of Johannesburg.

POWER POLITICS IN SPORT

LONDON: A vigorous attack on the International Lawn Tennis Federation was made here on Sunday by J. Chinna Durai, India's representative to the Federation's annual general meeting in Paris on Friday.

HE had learned that India's proposal for the institution of the annual international championships of Asia had been turned down unanimously without discussion by the 25 nations represented at the meeting with the suggestion that it be brought up again next year.

Power Politics

Accusing the Federation of power politics Mr. Chinna Durai said: "I can understand intrigue in power politics, but sports ought to be above reproach. I am afraid that the Federation has cast a shadow on the fair name of sport by their summary rejection of India's proposal for the international championships of Asia in spite of the fact that a strong case in India's favour had admittedly been made out.

This drives us to the [illegible] conclusion that the Federation, comprising as it does mostly of European members, is only concerned about feathering its own nest as evidenced by the provision of numerous championships for the West as compared by the East.—Sapa-Reuter.

GERMAN TECHNICIANS FOR INDIA

LONDON: Agreement has just been reached between India and the British Government for some 40 German technical experts to go to work in India in the very near future.

Mr. Ramaswami, Economic Adviser to the Indian Military Mission in Berlin, who came to London to finalise arrangements, told the United Press in an exclusive interview today that the first batch consists of experts in locomotive building, radio, chemical and steel industries. He believes that the Indian demand for 200 such experts will be met in gradual stages. He emphasised the need for publicity work in Berlin.

German newspapers, industrialists and businessmen are extremely eager to get closer contact with India. They are feeling greatly the absence of a Press Officer with the Indian Military Mission.

In this connection, Mr. Ramaswami said that the sudden recall of Colonel M. S. Wadhalia, Chief of the Mission without any intimation as to who was going there in his place caused misgivings whether the Indian Government intended to wind up the Mission which was doing most valuable work.

MADRAS MINERAL DEPOSITS

The Leader Special Service

New Delhi: Geological survey in Madras Province has resulted in new discoveries of minerals. This was revealed by Madras Industries Minister in the Assembly recently. These include large deposits of lignite, chromite, columbite-tantalite, high-grade limestone, magnesite and kyanite.

Lignite, he said, could be utilised for steam raising and for generating electricity and its value as fuel for domestic and technical use was well established in other countries.

The Minister added: "An area of about 23 square miles in Cuddalore had been proved to be lignite bearing and containing a seam of an average thickness of 21.7 feet and the gross reserves of the mineral were estimated at 400 million tons approximately."

The Minister said that they had requested the Geological Department of the Government of India to take up investigation.

The question of exploitation of lignite in South Arcot and iron ore in Salem was under the consideration of the Government.

S.A.I.C. LOSES APPEAL

BLOEMFONTEIN, Tuesday.

THE Appeal Court delivered a considered judgment in the matter in which the South African Indian Congress, the Cape Indian Congress and the Natal Indian Congress appealed against a decision of the Cape Provincial Division of the Supreme Court.

It had been ordered that the president and joint honorary secretary of the South African Indian Congress should be restrained from holding any meeting of the executive of the South African Indian Congress, which duly authorised delegates of the Transvaal Indian Congress, elected at a mass meeting of the Congress on October 20, 1946, were not allowed to attend.

On appeal it was contended that the delegates in question were not constitutionally elected and that the councillors of the Transvaal Indian Congress elected on December 10, 1945, still held office.

Dismissing the appeal with costs, the Appeal Court, after an extensive review of the facts, came to the conclusion that the delegates of the Transvaal Indian Congress elected on October 20, 1946, were properly elected.—Sapa.

PAK ENVOY TO NETHERLANDS

"The Leader" Special Service

Karachi: The Government of Pakistan and the Government of the Netherlands have decided to exchange Diplomatic representatives at Embassy level, according to a Press communique issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Commonwealth Relations, Government of Pakistan.

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Junior Leader

MY Dear Children,

Well, I think I have given sufficient time to all Juniors to send in their essays on "My Hobby." The closing date of this competition will be on Wednesday, March 31, 1948, by the last post. The response, as I have said before, has been overwhelming, and I am glad that members are taking such a [illegible] interest in the activities of the Junior "Leader."

I wish all Junior readers to [illegible] enjoy themselves during the short Easter recess, and that reminds me, April 1, is close at hand?

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PEN FRIENDS CORNER:

D. [illegible], 36a Karp Street, Ophirton, Johannesburg, who is interested in fishing, boxing and keeping pets, is 16 years of age. He would like pen friends from any part of the Union, "but would appreciate letters from Maritzburg."

S. Ram (17), 36 Karp Street, Ophirton, Johannesburg, is interested in photography and rugby, would like to have pen friends to correspond with from any part of the world. Thank you very much for your addresses and jokes, you may send in as many names as you wish.

D. [illegible] (18), 36a Karp Street, Ophirton, Johannesburg, is interested in sports, especially tennis and basket ball, would like to correspond with pen friends with similar interests from any part of the world, especially from Durban.

S. [illegible] (15), 101 Cherry Road, Clairwood, Durban, is interested in reading, comics, cinema and studies. He would like to correspond with pen friends interested in any of these hobbies.

K. K. Govender (15), 76 Illing Road, [illegible], Natal, wishes to have pen friends from the Union or Overseas is interested in the following hobbies: cinema, music and dancing.

M. C. Pillay (17), c/o the Postmaster, Maidstone, Natal, is interested in physical culture, cinema, music, sports, reading all types of books, especially detective mysteries, and fishing. He would like pen friends from any part of the world.

M. Victor (14), P.O. [illegible], Clare Estate, Durban, asks for a pen friend from any part of the Union interested in football, boxing, wrestling, comics and the cinema.

S. Roy (14), 78 Glynn Road, Pietermaritzburg, Natal, wants a pen pal interested in jujitsu, and reading. He would like pen friends from any part of the world, especially India and England.

S. R. [illegible] (16), c/o Mr. B. [illegible], I.S. Co. Ltd., Maidstone, Natal, is interested in the cinema, comics, sports and soccer and would like pen friends with similar interests to correspond with him.

Chintamonie [illegible] (15), 100 South Road, Overport, Durban, whose chief interests are in reading, would like pen pals from all parts of the world, especially the U.S.A.

R. [illegible] (18), 526 Church Street, Pietermaritzburg, Natal, writes: "Please allow me to join as a member of Junior Leader. Chachajan, you ought to be congratulated on making the Junior Leader so very interesting. The section which interests me very much is the Pen Friends' Corner. I am interested in boxing, politics, cycling and reading Western thrillers. I would like pen friends who share the same interests to write to me. I wish the Junior Leader every success."

K. Ramchunder (14), P.O. [illegible], Clare Estate, Durban, is interested in comics, soccer, cricket and boxing. He would like pen friends with similar interests from any part of the world, especially India and America.

R. [illegible] (11), 12 Cape Road, Springfield, Durban, is interested in reading, swimming and athletics. He would like to correspond with pen friends from any part of the world.

S. [illegible], P.O. Camperdown, Natal, kindly send in your completed form. Thank you very much indeed for sending [illegible].

V. R. Naidoo (15), 290 South Road, Cato Manor, Durban, whose interests are in reading, coin and stamp collecting, would like pen friends from any part of the world.

R. Manickchand Maharaj (18), 10 [illegible] Road, Overport, Durban, writes: "The Leader" is to be congratulated on the fine work it has undertaken in introducing Junior Leader. This section of your paper seems to have aroused considerable interest. I have read Junior Leader since its introduction last year, and have noted its steady progress. [illegible] is a student at the Sastri College and is interested in the following activities: Religion, reading and [illegible], and would like pen friends with similar interests, especially from Johannesburg.

[illegible] (17), Northfield, Glencoe, Natal: Kindly forward further particulars about yourself.

Amina Kara (15), 127a Main Road, Sophiatown, Johannesburg: I have received your form, but not the necessary particulars about your hobbies.

Miss [illegible] (15), 128 Fourth Street, Pretoria, Transvaal: Kindly send in your covering letter.

A. I. Moosa (18), 87 Victoria Street, Durban: Kindly send in your covering letter. I have received your completed form.

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U.S.A. PEN FRIENDS

Here are some names of people from the U.S.A. who want pen pals in South Africa:—

GRACE KINDRED, RT 1, Box 328, Warrenton, Oregon, U.S.A.

JEAN McCOY, Box 204, Cahokia, Illinois, U.S.A.

KATHRYN McPHERSON, Box 186, Dublin, Indiana, U.S.A.

GENEVA HUBBARD, 14, 10 Russell Street, Covington, Kentucky, U.S.A.

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MORE RIDDLES

(1) What is it that flies all round the house and comes in through the window? (2) Why did the Scotsman break the window? (3) Which parts of Scotland are in England? (4) Do you know why naughty boys are like New Year bells? (5) What is the difference between an oak tree and a tight shoe? (6) What kind of monkeys grow on vines? (7) What is the difference between a greedy boy and a hungry one? (8) What is the grubbiest letter in the alphabet? (9) What bow can no one untie? (10) Why is a baker a strange man?

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PASS YOUR TIME

Seat your players around a table and put a pile of beans in the centre. Allow five for each player, i.e., if there are ten players, you will want 50 beans.

Now ask a number of questions on current affairs. Make a pause between each, sufficient to allow someone to state the answer. As far as possible let the questions permit of definite answers, so that there cannot be any doubt as to the accuracy of replies. Naturally, the questions must be suited to the intelligence of the players. Here are some samples: In what country is Paris? What does Bradman play? Who wrote "As You Like It"?

The first player to answer each question correctly is awarded a bean and, at the end of the game, the person with most beans is the winner.

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TRUE OR FALSE?

(1) A fresco is a painting on a wall? (2) The brain of an adult weighs about six pounds? (3) There are about 800 languages in the world. (4) Coffee grown in pods. (5) The Blue Danube is not blue. (6) The Fiji Islands were formed by volcanic action. (7) None of the seven wonders of the ancient world is in existence today. (8) Columbus never set foot on the mainland of America. (9) "Little Red Riding Hood" was written by Hans Christian Andersen. (10) [illegible] is sometimes used as a name for the Netherlands. (11) Clara Barton, the founder of the American Red Cross, was often called "The Lady with a Lamp." (12) A miniature is a small portrait picture or portrait.

ANSWERS: (1) True. (2) False, three pounds. (3) False, there are approximately [illegible] languages. (4) False. (5) True, it is muddy. (6) True. (7) False. (8) True. (9) False, by Perrault. (10) True. (11) False, Florence Nightingale. (12) False.

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LAUGHTER CORNER

An insurance agent visited a military Red Indian chief.

Agent: "Good afternoon. Are you Chief Sleephappy?"

Chief: "That's right."

Agent: "My name is Parkins. I am from the National Insurance Company. Have you had any accidents, Chief?"

Chief: "No, none to speak of."

Agent: "No accidents! Weren't you ever hurt?"

Chief: "Well, last year a horse kicked in a couple of my ribs, a bull broke my collar bone and a rattlesnake bit me."

Agent: "Gosh, don't you call those accidents?"

Chief: "No, they did it on purpose!"

Till next week,

CHACHAJAN.

(See foot of columns 5 and 6 for enrolment form.)

Message of the Stars

By "SWAMI"

THE Wheel of Fortune and 1948 birthday prospects for persons born under the twelve Zodiac signs for the period of March 27 to April 2 are as follows:—

March 27: You may see many travels and beneficial changes. Deal confidently with business projects and success will be achieved.

28th: This year will be noted for some disappointment or separation relating to a loved one. Love, domestic or social matters are somewhat under a cloud, while a peculiar restlessness will overcome you.

29th: Business matters improve. Be tactful while dealing with elders. Plans should be transmuted into action and make hay while the sun shines.

30th: Much good fortune will be enjoyed by you, provided attention is paid against deception. Push ahead all things concerning elders and those in general.

31st: Great improvement in your financial affairs will be [illegible]. Do not be afraid to expand your business and favours should be sought. Property, law and travel are under good auspices.

April 1: More attention should be paid to business than love, friendship and social activities, where threat of deception exists.

2nd: Go confidently with all matters whether relating to business or love, changes or travel. Young people will bring much happiness and improvement in health is indicated.

ARIES (March 21 to April 20): Good, 30; bad, 28, 31.

TAURUS (April 21 to May 22): Good, 28, 2; bad, 30.

GEMINI (May 23 to June 21): Good, 29; bad, 28, 31.

CANCER (June 22 to July 22): Good, 29; bad, 30, 31.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22): Good, 29, 30; bad, 28.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22): Good, 27, 29; bad, 31.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): Good, 28; bad, 30, 31.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 22): Good, 29; bad, 28, 31.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 to Dec. 21): Good, 30, 31; bad, 27.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20): Good, 30; bad, 28, 31.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19): Good, 28; bad, 27, 31.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to March 20): Good, 27, 30, 31; bad, 29.

The good days for selling, investments and new business ventures are March 27, 29; for travel and correspondence, 27, 2; for remedial treatment, 29; for love and pleasure, 28, 2; for sports, 30; for property deals, science, research and planning future, 30, 2.

Guard against quarrels, accidents and disputes on 31.

Changeable weather with rainfall is indicated about March 28 to 29.

The lucky numbers and colours to apply on the turf on March 27 are 5, 8, 16, 18. Colour: Dark red.

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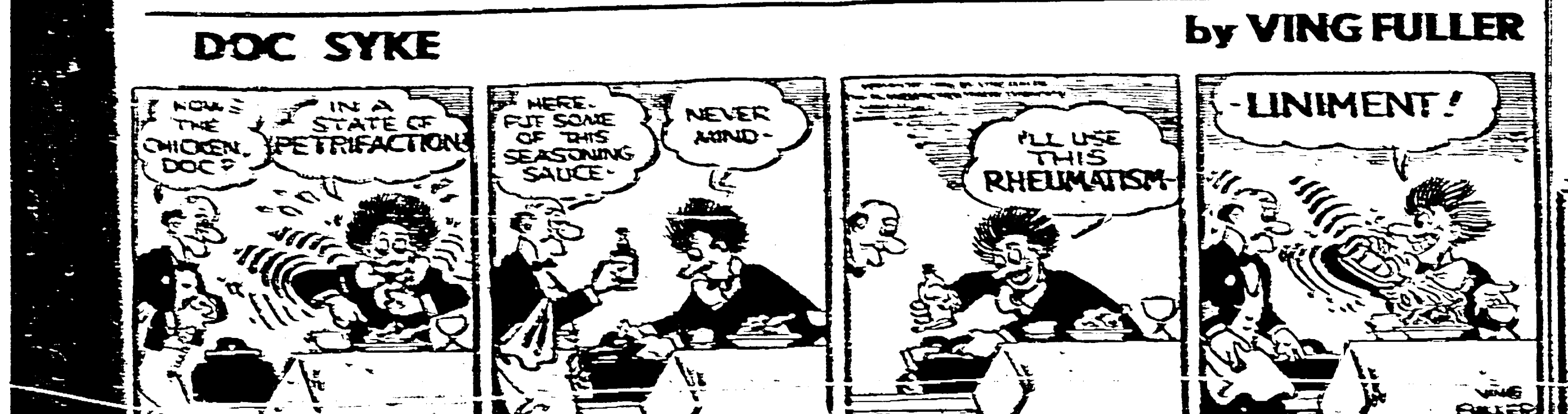
by VING FULLER



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INDIA HAS A GOOD FUTURE IN CRICKET

OF the Indian batsmen, Hazare left the finest impression in Australia because of his ability to rise to the occasion in the Test matches and because of his classical style which charmed Australian crowds in the way they had not been charmed since Jackson, Kippax and Duleepsinhji himself, writes a cricket correspondent who saw the Indian cricketers playing in Australia last summer.

MANKAD's two fighting, if a little fortunate Test centuries entitled him to second honours, but promising young Phadkar would seem to be India's [illegible]

VINOO MANKAD

[illegible]

Mediocre Fielding

[illegible]

Provided, however, that the Indians show themselves ready to learn from the wonderful opportunity they have had and expound the lessons required to other Indians when they get home, India could within a decade be giving England and Australia plenty of cricketing headaches.

The natural ability, as Charles Fry said, is theirs in abundance; it only needs proper guidance in the next few years. Had it not been for Bradman and bad luck with the toss and the weather, India could have won a Test this time.

LALLA AMARNATH

NEW ALL-INDIA RECORDS

FIVE new All-India records were set up at Mysore's 23rd Olympic Games. Two men's and three women's records were broken.

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DANNHAUSER TENNIS CLUB

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MARITZBURG REFEREES

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EASTER CRICKET AT CURRIES

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ALLADIN WINS MIDLANDS OPEN

H. ALLADIN

H. Alladin, the provincial Champion, and many times runner-up in the Natal Open, won the Midlands Open on Sunday from M. Nagan, the holder, who finished second. Playing in the same foursome, Alladin was one stroke behind Nagan at the halfway stage, which lead was shared by the veteran Mac Naidoo.

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SPES BONA TENNIS CLUB

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Pakistan Will Take Part in Olympics

("The Leader" Special Service)

Karachi: A three-day session of the Council of the All-Pakistan Olympic Association was held here recently. Mr. Ahmed Jaffer, who was elected as the president, was in the chair.

The invitation extended to Pakistan for the XIV World Olympic Games was accepted and it was decided to send a Pakistan hockey team to participate in the Games in London.

The ceremonial attire to be worn by all athletes representing Pakistan at the Olympiad was approved by the Council, and will be composed of a dark green blazer with crest, white trousers, dark green "kulla" with light green turban, green and white striped tie and scarf, white pullover with green and white edging at collar, base and cuffs of sleeves and black shoes.

The design for the insignia will be based on the official emblem of the Government of Pakistan, and will be evolved by the president and secretaries of the Association after consultation with the appropriate authority.

MOSLEM ANGLING CLUB

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LIFE-SAVERS' EASTER SPORT

The Durban Indian Surf Life Saving Club will hold its annual sports for children on Easter Monday, March 29, 1948. A full day's programme is provided for children.

A bicycle race for the V. S. C. Pather's Challenge Shield, open to Africans, Coloureds and Indians, will begin from the Snake Park at 9 a.m. This event is a [illegible] handicap race and not 36 miles as stated previously.

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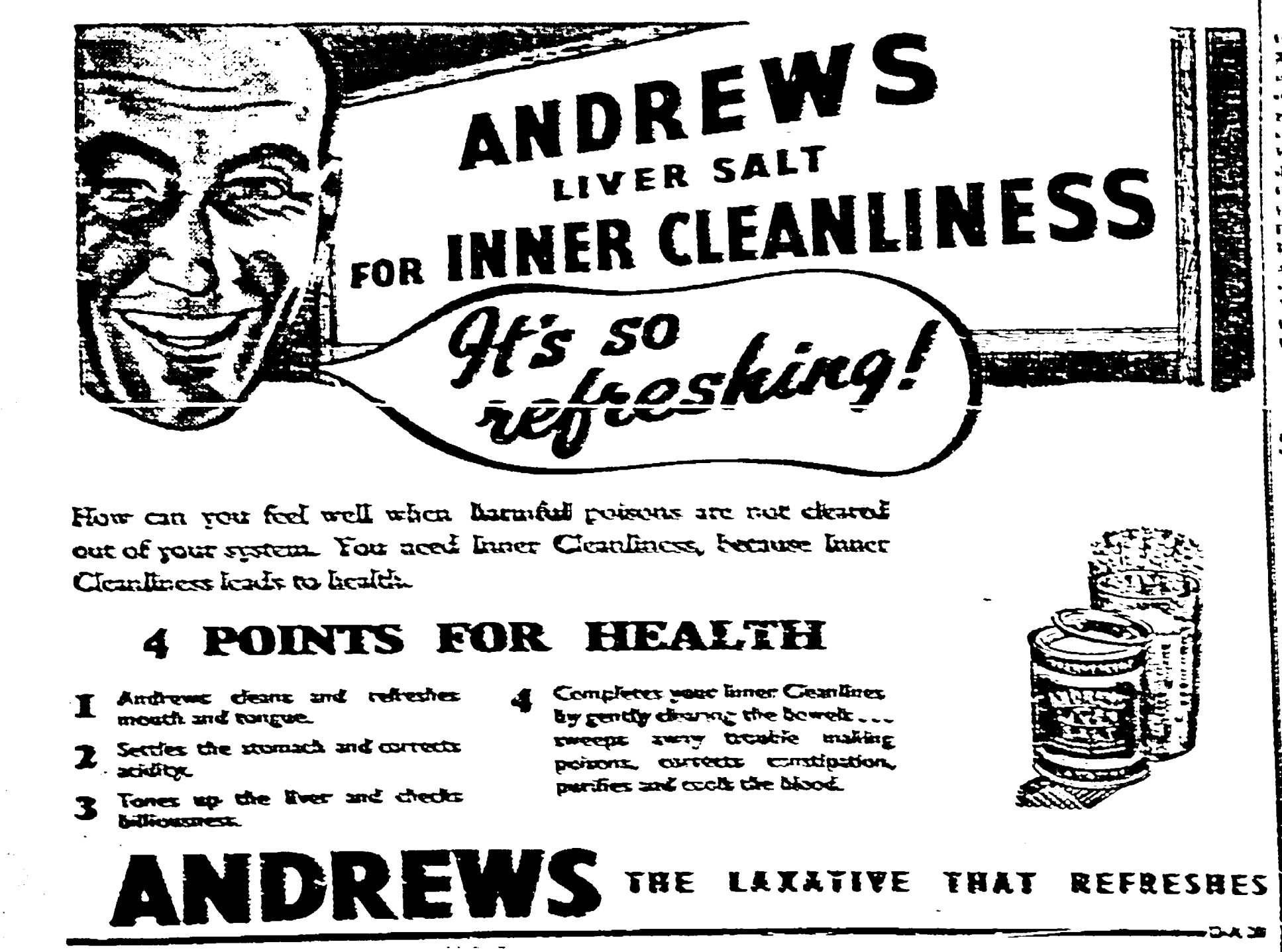
MR. "JOCK" WILSON, the Scottish professional coach, whom the Durban Indian Football Association has appointed for the football season. Mr. Wilson, who arrived in Durban last April, is well versed in the game and has an imposing soccer record.



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NO REUNION

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resent, and life itself would have no objective worth striving for.

Pain and Sorrow

"For every sensitive human being in India the last six months have brought pain and sorrow, and, what is worst of all, a humiliation of the spirit. It has been bad enough for those who are old in years and experienced, but I often wonder how the young feel who, at the threshold of their lives, have seen and experienced [illegible] and disaster. They will, no doubt, survive it, for youth is resilient; but it may well be that they will carry the mark of it for the rest of their days. Perhaps if we are wise and strong enough to think and act rightly even now, we might succeed in erasing that mark."

Pandit Nehru emphasised that in spite of everything, he had a firm faith in India's future. "Indeed if I did not have it, it would not be possible for me to function effectively."

Rather Unnaturally

Pandit Nehru, proceeding, said: "Pakistan has come into being rather unnaturally, I think, but nevertheless representing the urges of large numbers of persons. I [illegible] that this development has been a throwback, but we accepted it in good faith. [illegible] clearly what our present view is. We have been charged with desiring to strangle and crush Pakistan and to force it into a reunion with India. That charge, as many others, is based on fear and complete misunderstanding of our attitude.

"I believe that, for a variety of reasons, it is inevitable that India and Pakistan should draw closer to one another, or else they will come into conflict. There is no middle way, for we have known each other too long to be indifferent neighbours. I believe indeed that in the present context of the world India must develop a closer union with many other neighbouring countries.

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"But all this does not mean any desire to strangle or compel Pakistan. Compulsion there can never be, and an attempt to disrupt Pakistan would recoil to India's disadvantage. If we had wanted to break Pakistan, why did we agree to the partition? It was easier to prevent it then instead of trying to do so now after that has happened. There is no going back in history. As a matter of fact, it is to India's advantage that Pakistan should be a secure and prosperous State with which we can develop close and friendly relations.

"If today by any chance I was offered a reunion of India and Pakistan, I would decline it for obvious reasons. I do not want to carry the burden of Pakistan's great problems. I have enough of my own. Any closer association must come out of a normal process and in a friendly way which does not end Pakistan as a State, but makes it an equal part of a larger union in which several countries might be associated."

HOLKAR WIN RANJI TROPHY

The Holkar team, led by C. K. Nayudu, yesterday won the final of the India national cricket championship for the Ranji trophy. They beat Bombay, led by K. C. Ibrahim, by nine wickets, reports Reuter from Indore.

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Bicycle Race commences at 9 a.m. from the Snake Park.
Sack Race and Tug-o'-War for Ladies.
Interpool Race for the Kunwar Sir Maharaj Singh's Floating Trophy.

CHROMIUM-PLATING RECORD

Some sense of Britain's gigantic production effort for the export market may be gauged from the fact disclosed that one Birmingham factory recently achieved a record chromium-plating output, amounting to 1,571,000 cycle components chromium-plated in five days. This shows an increase of 25% on the comparable figure for the peak prewar week.

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Mr. Dally Maistry, of Durban, has now returned home after spending a long holiday in Capetown with his brother, Mr. Ken Maistry, and his parents in Newcastle, Mr. and Mrs. T. Maistry.

R. Peter, the middle distance runner, of the Alpine Sporting Club, who won the half and one mile events at the South African Championships, underwent an operation for tonsillitis and will not be taking part in the athletic meeting on April 4, 1948.

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ROSEBANK HAS SUCCESSFUL YEAR

The nineteenth annual general meeting of the Rosebank Sporting Club was held recently in the presence of a large number of members and visitors.

The secretary, Mr. J. S. Naidoo, referring to the activities of the Club in his annual report, said that the club had had a very successful season in athletics and cycling. At the last South African Championship sports meeting, held at Paarl, six members of the club out of a team of twenty-one represented Natal.

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All cricket fixtures in Maritzburg were washed out by rain last weekend.

The opening of the new courts of the United Tennis Club, which was to have taken place on Saturday, was also postponed owing to the weather.

A RIDICULOUS

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of the Indian community and he wished them Godspeed.

The Europeans' opposition to social intercourse was the fear of losing their purity of race through intermarriage. That fear was at the back of everyone's mind, said Bishop Ferguson Davie. It was, therefore, essential to understand the other's point of view. That was [illegible] surest way of bringing about better understanding and co-operation.

Mr. Odell said that the Craftons had done invaluable work during their stay in the city, and the only tribute one could pay to them was to emulate their example and carry on the good work. Others who spoke were Messrs. Metcalfe (Principal of the Woodlands Indian High School), P. Lalloo, M. R. Naidoo and Z. A. R. Kumalo. The Kalnivani Orchestra rendered musical items during the evening and light refreshments were served.

Brigadier and Mrs. Crafton were given a farewell on Saturday afternoon at the R.C. School by the Maritzburg Indian Girl Guides Association, of which Mrs. Crafton is District Commissioner. Mrs. Crafton was garlanded and presented with a photograph of the Guides by Miss N. Naicker on behalf of the association.

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Around The Cinemas

AVALON: A mystery picture, "Charlie Chan at Treasure Island," featuring Sydney Toler; a Western cowboy thriller, "Song of the Buckaroo"; and a melodrama, "I See a Dark Stranger," are the pictures of the coming week.

ALBERT: A mythological film, "Uttara Abhimanyu," with Ashok Kumar and Shanta Apte, will be shown during the coming week.

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TALK OF THE BAZAAR

By the "Faqir"

I STUMBLED over a bit of queer proposition the other day. It is an organisation which has more words to its name than members—this last is a presumption from observation. Everytime I have known the organisation to hold a meeting I have never seen more than a few members present. The meetings are held regularly, decisions are taken and, I am told, work is being done. Invariably the number of members who attend a meeting can be counted on the fingers of one hand. The other day purely by chance I got within seeing and hearing distance of one of the meetings, but I think it was my first remark which made the good women ask me whether I could not find more congenial climes "for the duration." I saw the first member come in and a few minutes later a second one walked in. A family [illegible]? I couldn't help asking. I was told firmly that it was not a family meeting by any means. It was an important meeting. When the others arrived a meeting was held solemnly. I also believe that minutes were taken down in the hours that were spent. To sound all the proceedings there was the sound of [illegible] sound.

HE DIAGNOSED

NOW that the Medical Tax is the news I am reminded of a story in connection with this tax. I do not claim copyright for it. [illegible] from Maritzburg might. He told me all about it. When legislation was first enacted providing for a levy on employers of Indian labour a number of medical officers were appointed to examine Indian employees. In Maritzburg, I am told, there was one rather [illegible] old medico, who, of course, felt that he could not get near an Indian with a stethoscope. That would mean getting too close to the darkies. But he was a man of enterprise and initiative and soon found a way out. He got hold of a stick a few feet long and prodded the anatomy of Indians from a distance and so carried out his diagnoses. It was an eminently successful piece of improvisation, but what the Indians said about being prodded with a stick in order to determine the condition of their heart is not on record and so once again history is the poorer—or language the purer?

AN AMAZING WORLD

AN amazing world this, my office boy remarked the other day. An amazing world? I couldn't help directing a query at him. "Yes, full of contradictions," he replied, and then went on to explain. In the last week in January while one group of politicians were in Capetown talking with old Jannie another group was counting some of its fighting members north of the border when [illegible] were grey. Of course nobody remarked on the coincidence at the time. Two weeks ago one group of politicians met within the four walls of a conference chamber debating the future of the Indian people. Dr. Goonam [illegible] to go north, once is all right, but twice is too much. The amazing thing about it all is both groups are trying to solve the problem of the Indian community and my office boy is reminded of two doctors attending one patient. Each has his own idea of what is wrong with the patient and what treatment should be applied. [illegible] the only time they are in complete agreement with one another is when they certify the patient dead.

Racing Selections

By DIPLOMAT

The following are my selections for the Clairwood race meeting run today (Saturday):

First race, 12.0, Galloway and Pony Handicap, five furlongs.
1. SUNCHART.
2. Grand Paris.
3. Sticks.

Second race, 12.35, Maiden Handicap, seven furlongs.
1. STAR CHORUS.
2. Carbineer.
3. Lasher.

Third race, 12.45, District Handicap (2nd Div.), nine furlongs.
1. BLAXTON.
2. Lease.
3. Sunny Dennis.

Fourth race, 1.20, Merit-rate Handicap "D" Div., five furlongs.
1. FLUTTER.
2. Dunia.
3. Retrix.

Fifth race, 2.5, Maiden Juvenile Handicap, six furlongs.
1. SUVLA BAY.
2. Invermatch.
3. Newspoint.

Sixth race, 2.45, Natal Commonwealth, 1¼ miles.
1. SANTA CLAUS.
2. Gold Town.
3. Aviation.

Seventh race, 3.25, Merit-rate Handicap "B" Div., five furlongs.
1. ACCUMULATE.
2. Millions.
3. Hey-day.

Eighth race, 4.0, Merit-rate Handicap "C" Div., five furlongs.
1. WAYON.
2. Wee Belly.
3. Home and Dry.

Ninth race, 4.30, Merit-rate Handicap "A" Div., five furlongs.
1. HAYWIRE.
2. Wedding.
3. Floodlight.

GREYVILLE RACE MEETING

The following are my selections for the Greyville race meeting run on Easter Monday:

First race, 11.30, Galloway and Pony Handicap (2nd Div.), six furlongs.
1. SENTIRE.
2. N.M.R.
3. Winking Girl.
4. Grand Paris.

Second race, 12.0, Galloway and Pony Handicap (1st Div.), five furlongs.
1. ABOVE ALL.
2. [illegible].
3. Sticks.

Third race, 12.35, Greyville Handicap "B" Div., nine furlongs.
1. LUZON.
2. Sunny Dennis.
3. Hard Riding.

Fourth race, 1.10, Flying Handicap (2nd Div.), six furlongs.
1. N.M.N.
2. Salvers.
3. Palmas.

Fifth race, 2.15, Stewards' Handicap, six furlongs.
1. STATESMAN.
2. Superbly.
3. Putney.

Sixth race, 2.50, Easter Handicap, one mile.
1. SHAW'S ELECT.
2. [illegible].
3. Payload.

Seventh race, 3.25, Flying Handicap (1st Div.), six furlongs.
1. GUINEA GOLD.
2. Savannah.
3. Anachadden.

Eighth race, 4.0, Flying Handicap (3rd Div.), six furlongs.
1. MEMAWAY.
2. [illegible].
3. Quindanna.

Ninth race, 4.35, Greyville Handicap "A" Div., 1¼ miles.
1. [illegible].
2. Dominion.
3. Star Rose.

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NEWCASTLE CONGRESS

At the annual general meeting of the Natal Indian Congress (Newcastle branch), held at the R.T.K.S. Hall, Newcastle, the following were elected for the ensuing year:

President, Mr. T. N. Padayachee; vice-presidents, Messrs. S. K. Singh, T. A. Jadwat, K. S. Vawda, E. I. Singh and G. H. Singh; joint secretaries, Messrs. E. I. Singh and J. Singh; treasurer, Mr. G. P. Chetty; auditor, Mr. N. K. Naidoo. Committee, Messrs. K. Poonan, E. J. Singh, S. I. Vawda, Mrs. P. Frank, Mrs. Nakwajee, S. M. Vawda, E. T. Kamsaroop, P. Frank, R. Ramsamy, P. Samuel, Rajpaul K. Singh, J. [illegible], M. Cloete, D. Parker and Kel Khan. Delegates to Headquarters, Messrs. T. N. Padayachee, N. E. Singh and Mrs. P. Frank.

ATTENTION! GOAT DEALERS

According to a letter received by Mr. A. S. Kajee, president of the Natal Indian Organisation, the Livestock and Meat Industries Control Board is prepared to receive applications for registration as dealers in livestock to be sold within the specified area of Durban for sacrificial purposes.

Mr. Kajee told "The Leader" that difficulty arises when a number of dealers migrate to Durban to dispose of their goats during the Bakri-Eid festival.

The address of the Control Board is 322 Colonial Mutual Building, West Street, Durban, where further details may be obtained.

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Colour Bar: Harsh, Brutal, Un-Christian Undemocratic

OPENING the National Non-European Unity Conference in Capetown, the Rev. Z. R. Mahabane, chairman of the Non-European Unity Committee described the Colour Bar as "harsh, brutal, terroristic, Hitleristic, un-Christian, undemocratic, shortsighted and thoughtless."

CAPETOWN, Monday.

THE discriminatory non-European policy of the Union must eventually force the partition of the country into separate White and Black sovereign States, said the Rev. Z. R. Mahabane, Chairman of the Non-European Unity Committee, when he opened a three-day national non-European Unity conference at the Rondebosch Town Hall today.

Partition would be inevitable, he said, unless there was a complete change in attitude in the non-European section of the population.

This the Europeans attempted to attain by the total disfranchisement of the Black—military, industrial, economic, civil, social and even spiritual.

Mr. Mahabane described the Colour Bar as harsh, brutal, terroristic, Hitleristic and un-Christian. It was undemocratic, shortsighted and thoughtless.

This cruel disease of prejudice, he said, was to be blamed for the unrest among Non-Europeans.

Non-European representation in Parliament was a sham system and non-Europeans could not be expected to support such elections involved by a Democracy restricted to Europeans.—Sapa.

COMMUNIST H.Q. RAIDED

NEW DELHI, Tuesday.

Police arrested 17 Communist and trade union leaders in raids in New Delhi today. The raids were confined to the headquarters of the Communist Party and some organisations affiliated to the All-India Trade Union Congress.—Sapa-Reuter.

N.E.D. COMES DOWN ON "DONATIONS" TO SCHOOLS

The Natal Education Department has stepped in on the question of donations to schools as an indirect condition to admittance of children into schools.

All grantees of Government-aided schools have been circularised that the Department cannot give recognition to the practice of levying an entrance fee to a school.

Their attention has been drawn to the provisions of the Natal Education Ordinance of 1942 which stipulates that every Indian child presenting himself at a Government or Government-Aided school in normal circumstances was to be admitted free of charge and receive free education up to the limits provided in the ordinance, subject to a sufficiency of accommodation.

If the practice is persisted in the administration has threatened to withdraw all grants as it feels that children most in need of free education would receive no education since their parents were unable to pay a compulsory entrance fee.

ORIGIN OF GANDHI CAP

Manchester: Mr. H. S. L. Polak, the friend and follower of Gandhiji, who was associated with the Mahatma in his work in South Africa, explained the "origin" of the "Gandhi Cap" in a letter in the "Manchester Guardian."

"There are surprisingly few people, even among Indian Nationalists, who recall the origin of the so-called 'Gandhi Cap'," Mr. Polak wrote.

"It formed part of the uniform which Gandhiji, as a non-White political prisoner, wore during the South African Indian Passive Resistance struggle of 1907 to 1914.

"He later used it when, on his return to India, he further developed his technique of non-violent civil disobedience."

SOVIET TRADE WITH PAKISTAN

Moscow: Soviet trade with Pakistan has started, says the Tass News Agency. The first Soviet purchases were cotton. An extension of trade is expected.—Sapa-United Press.

PSYCHOLOGICAL TREATMENT FOR VINAYAK GODSE

IT is learned that Nathuram Vinayak Godse, the alleged assassin of Mahatma Gandhi, is being treated psychologically by experts so that he may expose the country-wide conspiracy to assassinate the Indian leaders. For some time in the beginning Godse was obstinate and was labouring under the notion that he was justified in his act.

THE authorities have provided him with all facilities to study the tremendous public reaction to Gandhi's death and to realise the monumental blunder he has committed. For this a radio has been installed in his room permitted him to switch on any station he desires and hear the commentaries and statements of leaders on the crime.

Almost all the important newspapers of India are supplied to him to enable him to see their columns and read their views. He was even allowed to witness the mammoth funeral procession of the Father of the Nation and study for himself the terrible mental upsurge of the nation.

The services of a Calcutta psychiatrist have been requisitioned. He is always with Godse studying the variations of his mental state.

All these methods are said to be having a salutary effect on the alleged criminal who is gradually showing signs of remorse and giving out valuable clues to the police officers for unearthing the widespread conspiracy.

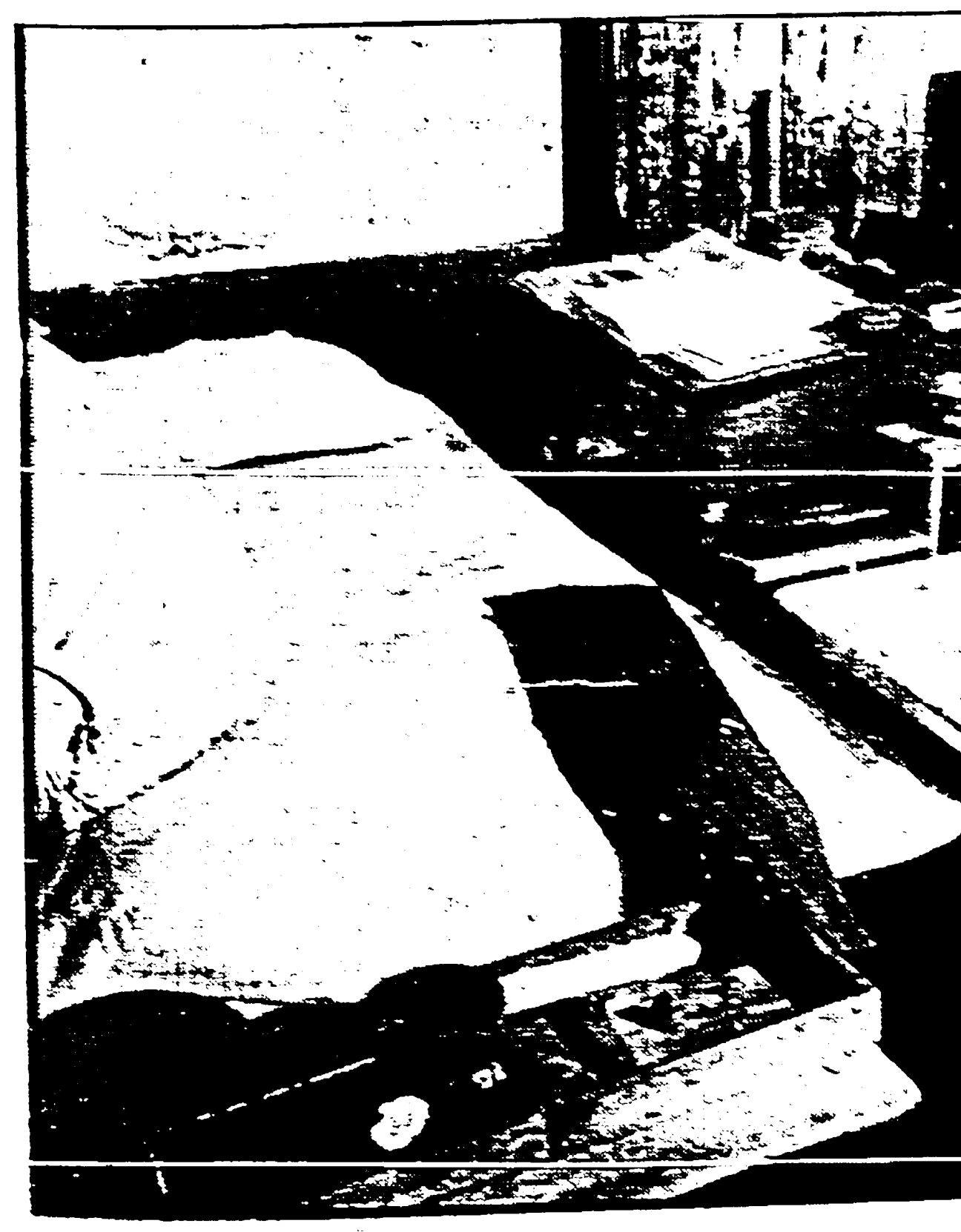
No officer below the rank of a D.I.G. is allowed to interview him. It is said that he is now coming to realise the loss he has rendered to this country by snatching away the precious life from it and is therefore turning repentant for his folly.

Mysore to Nationalise Transport Services

From Our Own Correspondent

Bangalore: The Government of Mysore have decided to nationalise as early as possible the transport services in the State. In pursuance of the new policy, the first step is expected to be the nationalisation of all [illegible] plying from Bangalore City.

IN MEMORY OF GANDHI



BIRLA HOUSE, New Delhi, where Mahatma Gandhi lived and in the grounds of which he was assassinated, is being preserved as a monument to him. Among relics of the Mahatma which are being retained for inclusion in the Gandhi Museum is the study where he used to work, showing his spinning wheel, desk and table, the blood-stained garments he wore at the time of the assassination and other personal belongings. The picture shows the study where Gandhi used to work.

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