Around the Cinemas

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

SHOWTIME

AVALON: "The Courtneys of Curzon Street."

ALBERT: "Vanamohini."

ATHLONE: "[illegible]"

ALBERT: Two serial numbers "Main-Kya-Karoon," and "Omar Khayyam" will be screened throughout the coming week.

5 doctors agree this plan can break the laxative habit

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Carter's Pills [illegible]

NEW DELHI. An area of 300 square miles of forest with natural lakes in the Saharanpur Forest Division, in India has been declared a game sanctuary and the United Provinces Government have obtained the Governor-General's permission to name it the "Rajaji Sanctuary."

TALK OF THE BAZAAR

By the "Faqir"

THE Barber-Wallah's, I am told, are also doing their share for the victims of the riots. I should have imagined that nobody could possibly do without their [illegible], not even the respected [illegible] gentlemen could evade the issue! My good friend, Mr. Dawood Suleman, who is the proprietor of the Bombay Hairdressing Saloon, together with five of his assistants, answered a call made for the services of barbers, and gave a record number of 76 haircuts.

THE 'BULALAS'

THIS is a touching story of a little girl—a victim of the riots. Her home, my colleague informs me, has been razed to the ground. She is now living with her uncle Mr. Vadie Naicker, a well-known Indian musician.

Uncle Vadie playfully asked three-year-old Pummie, for that is the unfortunate child's name, when she was going to return to her home. "I have no home," she replied sadly, "the 'bulala's' burned it down."

The Zulus under Dingaan, who ruthlessly massacred Retief and his followers way back in 1838, shouted "Bulala Amatagati!" ("Kill the Wizard!"), but this time, chanting their war cries in a frenzy, they screamed "Bulala Amandia!" ("Kill the Indians").

TWICE SHY

A SHORTHAND typist tells me that the confidential "mot works" and "salesmen" are making their rounds again. Last week an elderly fellow shuffled into her office, with his face contorted in pain and with the characteristic plaintive whine of a mendicant, he pointed to his leg. He told her that he had been wounded on service and was unable to work. He did not hesitate in coming to the point and explaining his mission; would she please be able to give him a shilling?

My friend, unfortunately for the old chap, had been stung before, and remembering the old adage, "once bitten twice shy," she politely told the man that she had nothing to spare. "No sooner," she told me, "did he reach the street, than his lameness disappeared. He was no more his shuffling self; he was just as energetic and physically fit as anybody could hope for."

Another case of almost a similar nature occurred recently to a well-known Durban sportsman. The incident occurred during the day, when menfolk are at work. Both on the day in question, the Mr. and Mrs. were both at home. The "collector" produced a long list which bore names of a number of prominent men and their contributions marked alongside their names. The bogus collector, whom the occupants of the house could not recognise from a bar of soap, told them that he was collecting for legitimate charity, and to strengthen his case pointed out the many names of prominent businessmen, whom, according to the list, had contributed large sums of money.

"Mr. S." was about to give a pound or two, when he asked to peruse the list. What do you think he saw? Yes, you are right again! "Mr. F. . . . £3 5s." He was astounded, for only then did he realise that the fellow was 'pulling a fast one.'

"Mr. S" played his cards well. He then asked him to sit down and have a cup of tea; went to the back room, and telephoned the police. Needless to say, the "reception committee" arrived in due course, and what is more, they curtailed the tea party!

FOOTNOTE

There are many stories going the rounds in Durban arising out of the riots. While some of them are merely rumours, many are true, but they are either terribly twisted or exaggerated, although the substance is there. This recalls to my mind a message sent by a sergeant to his commander in chief. The message which read: "Send reinforcements. We are going to advance," went through so many different channels that when it finally reached the source it read as follows: "Send three and four pence. We are going to a dance!"

NEW INDIAN CONGRESS WORKING COMMITTEE

NEW DELHI

THE President of the Indian National Congress, Dr Pattabhi Sitaramayya, has announced the personnel of the new Congress Working Committee, which including the President, will have 21 members instead of 15 as before.

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

The following are the members: Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Sardar Patel, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Mr. Rafi Ahmed Kidwai, Mr. Jagjivan Ram, Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant, Sardar Partap Singh Kairon, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Dr. Prafulla Chandra Ghosh, Mr. Shankerrao Deo, Mrs. Sucheta Kripalani, Mr. Kala Venkata Rao, Mr. S. K. Patil, Prof. N. G. Ranga, Mr. Kamaraja Nadar, Mr. Deveswara Sharma, President of the Assam Provincial Congress Committee, Mr. Nijalingappa (President, Karnataka Provincial Congress Committee), Mr. Gokul Bhai Bhatt (President, Rajputana Provincial Congress Committee) and Mr. Ram Sahay (Gwalior).

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

NEW DELHI: The Constituent Assembly of India has passed Prime Minister Pandit Nehru's resolution instructing the authorities concerned to make preparations for holding the General Elections to Legislatures under the new constitution as early as possible in [illegible].

Racing Selections

BY "DIPLOMAT."

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

First race, 12.25, Maiden Juvenile Plate. Six furlongs.
1. THE FAVOURITE
2. Clare
3. Charnel.

Second race, 12.50, Maiden Juvenile Plate. Six furlongs:
1. THE FAVOURITE
2. Varsity
3. Bumble Bee

Third race, 1.30, Umkomaas Handicap (Bottom Division). One mile:
1. FAIR LADY
2. First Dim
3. Broad Beam

Fourth race, 2.5, Benevolent Handicap ("D" Division). Five furlongs.
1. UNIFORM
2. Sleepy Eye
3. Random Harvest

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

Sixth race, 3.15, Umkomaas Handicap (Top Division). 1½ miles:
1. CARNDONAGH
2. Front
3. Illusion

Seventh race, 3.55, Benevolent Handicap ("B" Division). Five furlongs:
1. ICE
2. Dissenter
3. Dan
4. Wait Halls

Eighth race, 4.30, Benevolent Handicap ("C" Division). Five furlongs:
1. JUDY O'GRADY
2. Momentary
3. Blue Liner

Ninth race, 5.0, Galloway and Pony Handicap. Six furlongs.
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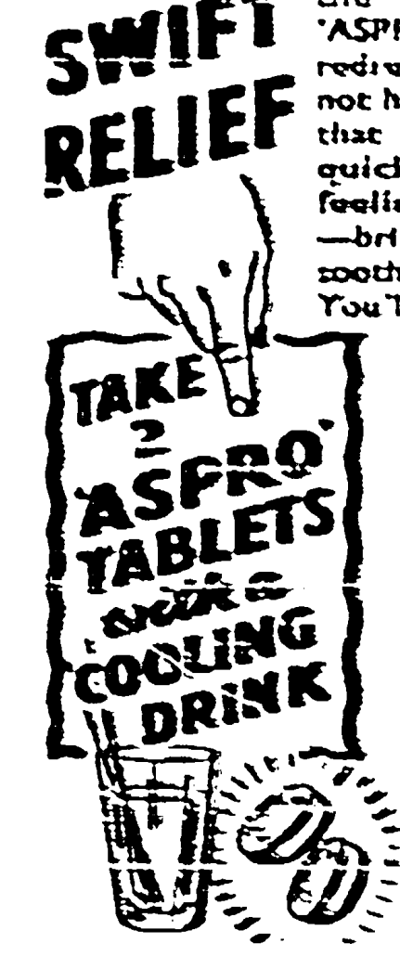
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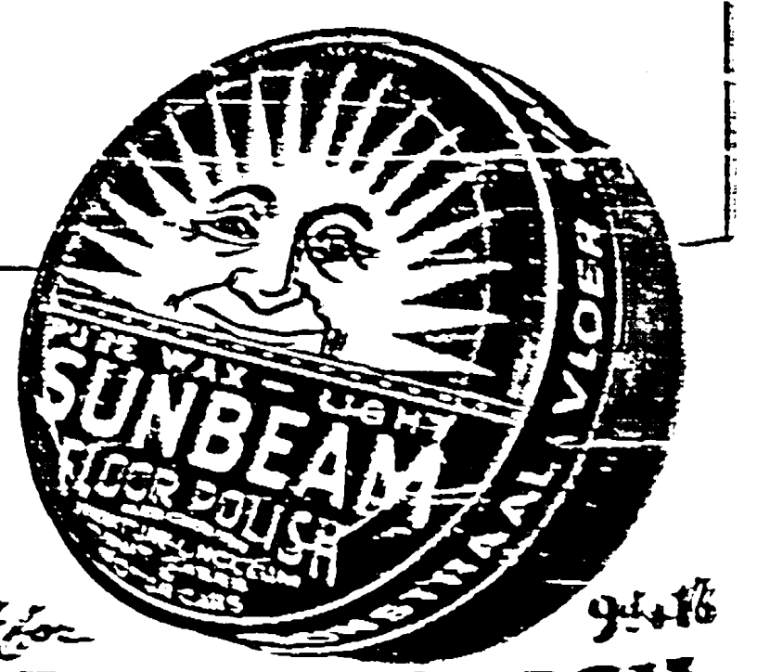

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African Rioters Found Indians in Durban an Easy Prey

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

IN his evidence before the Riots Commission [illegible], Mr. Wellington Ernest [illegible], Superintendent of the Native Compound, Umgeni, said it was evident that the Friday riots were planned. Word, he said, went round that there would be a united attack on the Indians in the afternoon. Most compounds got this message.

"I am of the opinion that our own educated unemployed young men (the 'Tsotsis') saw their chance and took a hand in the riots. There were two distinct stages — the ordinary African fight and assaulted the [illegible], after them came a gang which looted, and, where possible, set fire to the properties.

Giving evidence before the commission, representatives of the Catholic African Union said that many Africans read the newspapers and they have read the following statement made by Government officials: "For the good of the country (South Africa) it would be better if Indians were repatriated . . ."

AFRICAN AMBITIONS

There exists among the Africans a growing race consciousness which is natural and right, and which, if met with little but repression, is bound to lead to increasing bitterness and strife. The African is realising now and then his rights as a man and as a citizen. This is seen in his demand for a voice in the Government of the country, and also for a greater share in trade and industry. The African feels that the Indian should not have the monopoly of the trading rights even in his own areas.

DURBAN, Thursday.

Thirteen Indians—three adults and 10 children—left for India this week under the assisted Indian immigration scheme. This is the first batch of Indians to leave South Africa since the riots. Many tentative inquiries from Indians who are considering going to India have recently been made to the authorities.

FIREWALKING TO BE HELD AS USUAL

From Our Own Correspondent.
MARITZBURG, Friday.

PERSISTENT rumours that the Hindu firewalking ceremony held annually on Good Friday at the Siva Subramaniar and Mariamman Temples will be discontinued was denied by Mr. S. K. Naidoo, President of the Temple. Mr. Naidoo told a "Leader" reporter that the firewalking will be held as usual this year, but the council may decide that the ceremony be confined to the precincts of the Temple grounds. This will mean a drastic departure from custom as the devotees will not be permitted to perform their ablutions in the river. The "Garugam" will also be decorated in the Temple.

"But," Mr. Naidoo added, "the customary 10-day period of prayer and devotion prior to the actual firewalking will be adhered to."

RESERVOIR OF HATE BUILT UP AGAINST THE INDIANS

"I HONESTLY believe the impression has been produced among the Native people that the Government would be glad to have the Indians driven away, and that they would not be seriously interfered with if they attacked them," said Senator Edgar H. Brookes, Parliamentary Representative of the Natives, when he gave evidence before the Riots Commission of Inquiry in Durban on Thursday.

This condition was created, he asserted, by European anti-Asiatic propaganda, which tended to make the "Indian menace" the basis of political elections in Durban.

"I AM sure this impression was prevalent among the Natives, and that many of them were very surprised when they discovered that the police and the troops meant business."

Senator Brookes said the underlying causes of the riots were the gradual growth of an antipathy between Indians and Natives based partly on economic conditions, but even more on legislation discriminating between the two groups in favour of the Indians.

He also referred to the growing sense of frustration among the Native people and the despairing feeling that in the end restrictions would be increased instead of lifted; the tremendous timelag in the provision of proper housing and, finally, the intensive anti-Asiatic political propaganda, which had the effect of producing among Natives the impression that Europeans would not interfere with them if they interfered with the Indians.

"So long as General Smuts was at the head of affairs, and particularly during the lifetime of Mr. Hofmeyr, there was a feeling among all races that limits would be set to anti-Indian [illegible] and that, while Government action might not be completely fair towards the Indian, he would not be treated merely as an unwelcome intruder.

"The Native population realised that, and however strong the feeling against the Indians was, they knew in their heart of hearts that the Government would give the Indians some protection."

Senator Brookes said that anti-Indian propaganda had become more open and more violent since the General Election as it was the best way of trying to win Natal seats from the United Party. The Minister of Native Affairs had made a violent anti-Asiatic speech, while the Minister of the Interior had made it clear that the Government policy was repatriation and that Indians must not look for steps to improve their position in the meantime.

Death of Mrs. Sorojini Naidu

MADAME SAROJINI NAIDU, India's best-known woman leader in the National Liberation movement, died on Wednesday after a heart attack.

Madame Naidu, who was appointed governor of the United Provinces after the transfer of power, became famous as a poet, orator and patriot. She was the only woman to become president of the Indian National Congress and a member of the working committee.

In 1924 she went on a special mission to East and South Africa on behalf of the Indian settlers. She was imprisoned for a year early in 1930 for civil disobedience, and in 1942 she was arrested and interned with Gandhi, Nehru and and other Congress members.

The remains of Mrs. Naidu were cremated at Lucknow. Among those present included Lady Mountbatten, Sri Rajagopalachari, the Governor-General of India, and Mr. Nehru, Prime Minister.

ASSAULTS ON INDIAN BUSES ALLEGED

Mr. [illegible] G. Moodley, an Indian worker employed by a well-known leather firm in Jacobs, was assaulted last Friday in the [illegible] rooms of the factory by two of his fellow African workers, who robbed him of a whole week's wages, of £2 15s., plus the sum of £5 10s., which he intended to bank that afternoon.

Mr. Moodley told the "Leader" that the Africans employed at that factory were hostile towards the Indian employees, whom they assaulted and insulted whenever they had the opportunity to do so. He also said that they were primarily responsible for the throwing of stones at many Indian work-

FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL

. . . She Can Never Die

SOUTH AFRICAN Indians, with their compatriots the world over, today mourn the death of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, truly described as India's nightingale. The voice that charmed millions is now stilled. To us in this country Mrs. Naidu, India's first ambassador to us, has left us rich memories, as well as enriched our lives with the example of Indian womanhood at its highest. She first visited us in 1924, when the "Class Areas" Bill was on the Parliamentary anvil. She stumped the country as the champion of what seemed an almost a lost cause. Her presence at the time was an inspiration, her eloquence heartening, and at all times her advocacy moving.

Her return to this country was in 1932 as a member of the Second Round Table Conference at Cape Town. It was the first time that a woman, and especially from a country which has a reputation of the purdah, was included in a Government-level conference. Here, as we all know, she was no mere spectator, but took a leading part in shaping the decisions of the meeting, which had as its chairman, South Africa's Prime Minister, Dr. Malan.

She was the forerunner of that distinguished band of women who subsequently followed her — Vijayalaxmi Pandit, Amrit Kaur and others. Names now respected in the world and whose efforts on our behalf in international gatherings thrill us with pride that we too, in this far-away land have some share of their affections and a claim on their attention. Mrs. Naidu's versatility, from the dreamy nature of a poet, to the realist outlook of a stateswoman, interspersed with other qualities, will ever remain an abiding memory, a beacon of encouragement and a source of eternal inspiration to Indian womanhood. To have secured this position she joins the ranks of the immortals, and she can never die.

CABLES TO INDIA

The following cable has been sent to Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, Governor-General of India, Pandit Nehru, Prime Minister of India, and the All-India National Congress:

"Behalf Indian Community South African Indian Congress conveys deepest sympathy to the Government and people of India and family of Shrimati Sarojini Naidu, whose sudden death has come as a grave shock to us. Her personal contribution to India's freedom, her heroic championing of cause of oppressed everywhere, and her [illegible] have been an inspiration to us who still treasure her association with us during her brief visit to South Africa.—[illegible], President South African Indian Congress."

The Natal Indian Organisation and the South African Indian Organisation have sent similar cables.

A meeting to mourn the loss of Mrs. S. Naidu was held on Thursday, by the Gandhi Library Committee, Queen Street, Durban, at which a large gathering was present. Among the speakers who addressed the meeting was Dr. G. M. Naicker, President of the South African Indian Congress.

The Maritzburg branch of the Natal Indian Organisation will hold a memorial meeting at the [illegible] Hall, this afternoon (Saturday), at 2.30 p.m.

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OBITUARIES

The remains of Harrychand Mahabeer, son of Mr. J. Mahabeer, and nephew of Messrs. Doyal Brothers, who was brutally burned alive by two Africans, were interred at the Springfield Cemetery, on Monday, February 7, 1949. Harrychand Mahabeer, who was 15 years old, was in the [illegible] standard at the Hindi Government-Aided Indian School Springfield.

A large number of friends and relatives attended the funeral. He leaves behind a brother and sister to mourn their tragic loss.

HARRYCHAND MAHABEER

The death occurred under tragic circumstances of Mr. Ramperssadh Roopnath, during the riots on January [illegible], 1949, at his late residence, [illegible] Road, Cato Manor, Durban.

Mr. Roopnath was brutally [illegible] by a horde of frenzied Natives. His house and three [illegible] were [illegible].

He leaves behind his sons, [illegible] and [illegible], and [illegible] daughters [illegible], and many friends and relatives to mourn their loss.

MR. RAMPERSADH ROOPNATH.

On Sunday, February 13, there passed away, after a prolonged illness, a prominent bus owner and garage proprietor, in the person of Mr. K. L. Naidoo, at the age of 52 years.

Born in Johannesburg, the late Mr. Naidoo spent his early life in Newcastle, and came to Durban as a young man and, together with his brothers, was a pioneer bus owner in the Mayville area. He later became the proprietor of the Quality Service Station, in Leopold Street, Durban, where he carried on a successful business.

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

The huge crowd that turned out at the [illegible] to pay their last respects to him bore testimony to the esteem in which he was held.

The following sent floral tributes and messages of condolence: [illegible]

H. L. NAIDOO.

[illegible]

The death occurred of Mr. Arumugam (P.K.), second son of Mr. and Mrs. Periagiyyam (Peter), of Cadmore Road, Bellair, and brother of Messrs. Klaten Brothers, on January 17, at the age of 22 years.

His remains were interred at the Sea View Cemetery.

The late Mr. Arumugam, who was a victim of the riots, was found seriously hurt at Clairwood. He died at the King Edward VIII. Hospital.

He leaves behind two brothers, sisters and many friends and relatives to mourn their loss.

ARUMUGAM (P.K.).

The death occurred suddenly of Mrs. [illegible], beloved wife of Mr. R. [illegible] Naidoo, on February 10, 1949, at the age of 23 years, at the Krugersdorp Hospital, Johannesburg. [illegible]

She leaves behind her loving daughters, [illegible], her beloved husband, Mr. R. M. Naidoo, [illegible], two brothers, her [illegible], and many friends and relatives to mourn their loss.

[illegible]

The death occurred of [illegible], youngest daughter of Mrs. Kamatchie Naidoo and niece of Messrs. K. K. Naidoo and V. K. Tommy Naidoo, of [illegible] Road, Rossburgh, on February [illegible], at the age of [illegible] years.

Her remains were interred at the Clairwood Cemetery, where a large crowd assembled to pay their last respects.

She leaves behind her sorrowing mother, and a host of friends and relatives to mourn their loss.

[illegible], wife of the late Mr. G. M. Reddy and mother of Messrs. [illegible] Reddy Brothers, of [illegible] Road, [illegible], passed away on Monday, February [illegible]. Her remains were interred at the [illegible] Cemetery.

Mrs. Basdei Mahabeer, beloved wife of Mr. Ramnath Mahabeer, of 156 [illegible] Road, Sydenham, Durban, passed away peacefully on Friday, February 18, 1949, at the age of [illegible] years. The funeral took place on Sunday afternoon.

A large and representative gathering from all sections of the Indian community to pay their last tribute to the departed soul bore testimony to the esteem and affection in which she was held by all who knew her.

She leaves behind her beloved husband, five sons, two daughters and a very large number of relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

The following is a list of floral tributes and messages received:—

Beloved husband and children; Natal Indian Congress; Dr. G. M. Naicker; Mr. and Mrs. J. N. [illegible] and family; Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] and family; Mr. [illegible] and family; Mr. and Mrs. G. [illegible] and family; Mr. and Mrs. G. [illegible]; Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] and family; Mrs. G. [illegible] and family; Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] and family; Mr. and Mrs. [illegible]; Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] and family; Mr. J. [illegible] and family; Mr. and [illegible]

MRS. BASDEI MAHABEER.

[illegible]

Mrs. Muthammal Naicker, wife of Mr. Loganathan Naicker and mother of Naicker Brothers, and Parvathy, and sister of Mr. Muthusamy Gounder, of King's Road, passed away at her residence, 156 [illegible] Road, Clairwood, on February [illegible], 1949, at the age of 65 years, after a short illness.

Her remains were interred at the Clairwood Cemetery, in the presence of a large and representative gathering.

The late Mrs. Muthammal Naicker, who was a qualified midwife, leaves behind her husband, four sons, a daughter, and a large circle of friends and relatives to mourn the loss.

MRS. M. NAICKER.

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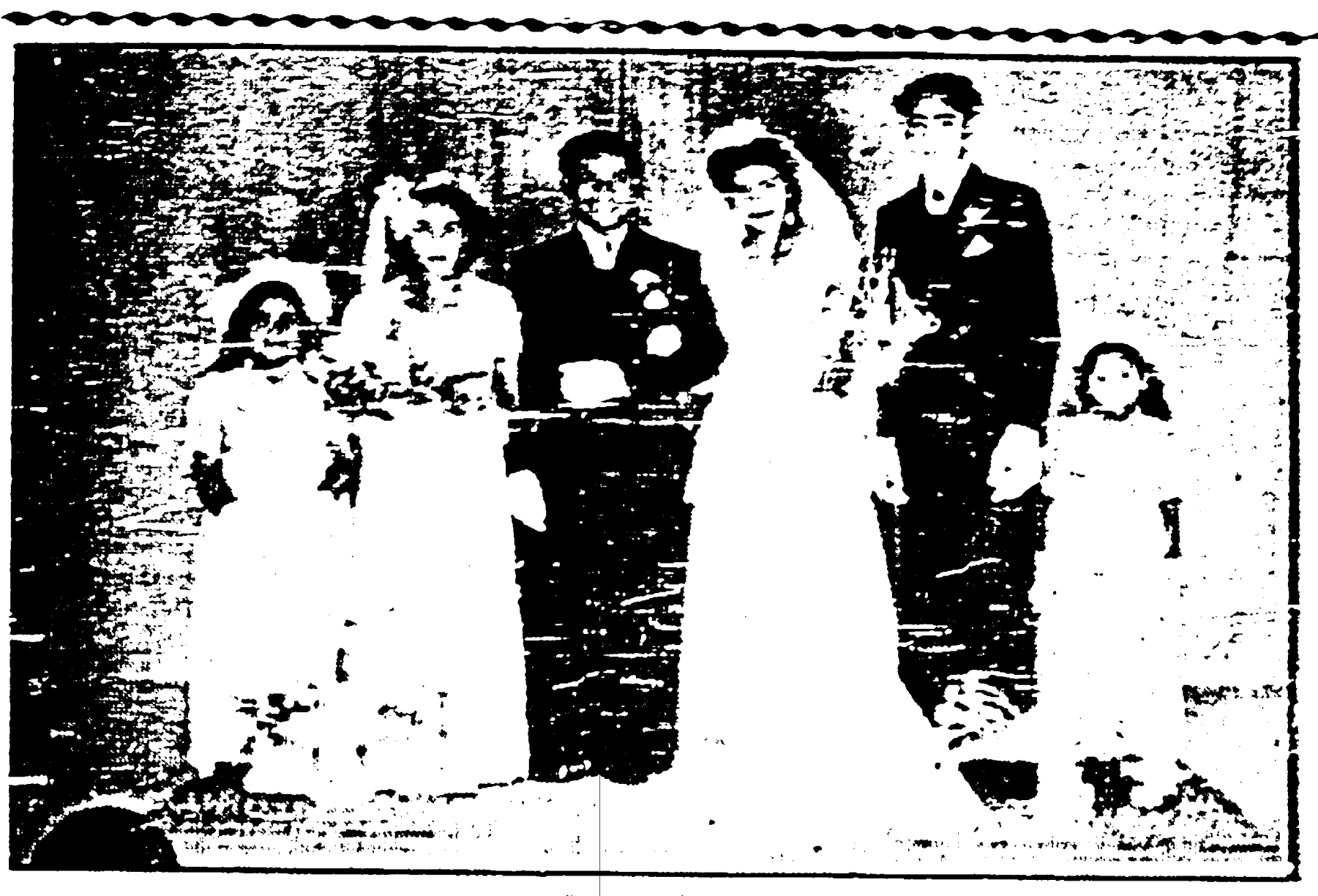


A MARITZBURG WEDDING

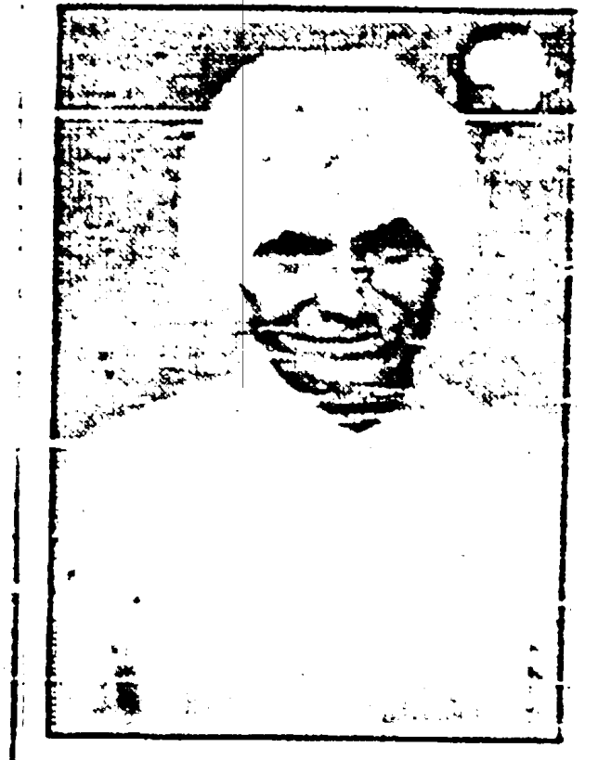
The marriage took place at the St. Anthony's Church, Pietermaritzburg, on Saturday, of Mr. A. C. Joseph, youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Abraham, of Durban, to Miss Daphne Thomas, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. David, of Pietermaritzburg, followed by a reception at the People's Hall, Longmarket Street.

The bridesmaid was Miss Gloria Martin, and the best man was Mr. Dennis David. The flower girls were Misses [illegible] David and Pauline Moodley. Bouquets of St. Joseph Lilies and Carnations added to the colour of the beautiful dresses worn by the bridal group.

Mr. George [illegible], who acted as M.C., thanked the people for their kind presence. Other speakers were Rev. Father [illegible], O.M.I., who officiated at the marriage, Messrs. T. K. Moodley, [illegible], and G. [illegible]. The following responded suitably to the various toasts proposed: Messrs. F. S. David, Dennis David, A. David, Jacob and the Bridegroom, Mr. A. C. Joseph.

The guests were entertained to tea, and music was rendered by the members of the [illegible] Orchestra. The couple were the recipients of several presents.

Dr. Ishmaelal Hurbans, M.B., B.Ch., of Tongaat, who graduated at the Witwatersrand University at the end of 1948, is presently attached to the Victoria Hospital, Alice, Cape Province.



LUTCHMEENARAIN MAHARAJ.

Mr. Lutchmeenarain Maharaj, of Magazine Barracks, Durban, returned by the Tairea, after spending 10 months holiday in India.

VASETHAVEN

Vasethaven, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Joseph Moodley, of [illegible] Bailey Road, Red Hill, Durban, who celebrated his 2nd birthday on Friday last.

AN INVITATION

Mr. and Mrs. V. [illegible] Naicker of [illegible] Road, Sydenham and Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Ramsamy Pillay of [illegible] Road, Wentworth, extend a cordial invitation to All Friends and Relatives on the occasion of the marriage of [illegible] Perumal Naicker (Paul) third son of late Mr. and Mrs. Varadappa Naicker and brother [illegible]

[illegible]

WEDDING INVITATION.

[illegible] Mr. and Mrs. V. Murugen, of Lot 2, Stanger, cordially invite friends and relatives, on the occasion of the marriage of their second son, Sundram to Ammanammal (Ruby) youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. [illegible]

[illegible]

BORN . . .

[illegible]

CHANASEELAN, second son of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Naidoo, of 23 Galway Road, Mayville, and grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. [illegible], who will celebrate his first birthday at his residence, on March 11, 1949.

DHARAMSHEER H. BHOLA.

Dharamsheer H. Bhola, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Bhola, and grandson of Mrs. and the late Mr. D. Bhola, of [illegible], Ladysmith, who celebrated his 12th birthday on December 18, 1948.

Mr. N. Gopaul, B.A., who is a member on the staff of the Depot Road Government Indian School, Durban, and a part-time lecturer at the M. L. Sultan Technical College, has now completed the B.Com. Degree. Mr. Gopaul is now the first non-European student to obtain this degree at the Natal University College. The degree will be formally conferred at the Graduation Ceremony, to be held in Durban in May, 1949.

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Mr. M. P. Naidoo, of [illegible], and clerk and interpreter at the [illegible] Court, has been transferred to the Durban Courts.

Mrs. R. D. Naidoo, B.A., of the teaching staff of the Woodlands Indian High School, has passed the Teachers' Professional Certificate Examination of the Union Education Department (the U.E.D.).

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Mr. J. [illegible], of the Local Health Commission, who underwent an operation for appendicitis at Grey's Hospital, Maritzburg, is making satisfactory progress.

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Our Readers Speak . . .

WHY BLAME THE INDIANS?

By [illegible]

Many Natives who have given evidence before the Riot Commission of Inquiry have advanced the birth of illegitimate children to Native women by Indians as one of the causes of the riots.

They say that the fact that many Native children have long black hair, makes it clear that Native women had been "seduced" by Indians. It is no secret that for years Native women are selling themselves in the streets to men of all races. Why only blame the Indians?

If this is one of the reasons that makes Natives believe that Indians were immoral in their behaviour to Native women, what about men of other races? The increasing coloured population in this country is a proof of this fact. What have the Natives done about it, but to "pick" only on the Indians. One sees now Native women quite willingly, in fact too willingly, being picked up on the streets of Durban and Maritzburg by men with [illegible] cars. I can assure you that they are not Indian men.

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NON-EUROPEAN FRONT

By Mr. A. C. [illegible], Durban.

[illegible]

in South Africa are being used by the White racialist to divert the people's attention from their real problems.

This attitude is just what the Government wants. To create further divisions among the Non-Europeans and to bring about further oppression and racial hatred amongst the people.

The recent riot is just the beginning, and in order to avoid further outbreaks, it is the duty of the Indian people to assist the African in every sphere of life. It should be the duty of the Natal Indian Congress to clear the minds of the people before anti-African feelings take root amongst the Indian community, which will be harmful to the cause of liberation.

As quite clearly pointed out by the Indian Government, the Indian people must co-operate with the Africans and not stand in the way of African progress.

[illegible]

LAKE SUCCESS: Fifteen candidates have been proposed for the post of Plebiscite Administrator for Kashmir, but no choice has yet been made, [illegible] Secretary-General of United Nations.

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Five hundred students, with the financial backing of the Government of India, are now scattered throughout the world, learning all they can about technical advances in science and engineering.

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Tractors in India

[illegible]

Many Duties Abolished

[illegible]

Bigger Navy for India

[illegible]

[illegible] are being stimulated on a selective basis, [illegible]. Government of India have also [illegible] tariff reductions on a number of export commodities. Government are also sending out trade missions and are undertaking negotiations with overseas countries.

Scientific Research

The Government of India have created a National Research Professorship under the Department of Scientific Research. This is the first National Chair, and will be held by the eminent Indian Scientist, Sir C. V. Raman, of the Indian Academy of Sciences, Bangalore.

Branch Line to Nepal

[illegible] Katmandu the Nepal capital with India and facilities for landing aircraft there are expected to break the [illegible] isolation of Nepal from the outside world. [illegible]

Steel Production in India

The total quantity of steel produced in India during the quarter July-September, 1948, was [illegible] tons. [illegible]

New Stamp Machine

[illegible]

New Hindi Alphabet

[illegible]

FIRST NATAL INDIAN GIRL TO STUDY SOCIAL SCIENCE

From Our Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG, Friday.

MISS LOGAMBAL CHETTY, of Pietermaritzburg, is the first Indian girl from Natal to take up social studies at the Jan Hofmeyr School of Social Work, Johannesburg. She was on the teaching staff of St. Paul's Indian School for the past five years.

In an interview with a "Leader" reporter, Miss Chetty said that she had originally intended joining the nursing profession but the lack of Indian women social workers had decided her to take up this branch of work. Political agitation was necessary but at the same time improvements must be effected from within. It was particularly important to have trained women social workers who can work among the women of the community and help to improve the standard of living and status of the community generally.

Miss Chetty will be at the Jan Hofmeyr School for three years after which she intends doing social work among all sections of the non-European community.

It is through the generosity of Dr. Ray Phillips that Miss Chetty has been able to forsake her teaching career to take up social welfare work. She left for the Rand on Saturday night.

MISS L. CHETTY.

New Zealander's View of the Durban Riots

REV. DR. R. DUDLEY.

REV. DR. R. DUDLEY, [illegible] of New Zealand, referring to the recent riots, in a letter to Mr. E. A. Ismail, of Durban, writes: "We were very sorry to read of the Durban riots and to hear that so many people were involved. I do not think that the solution of your inter-race problems in South Africa can ever be along the lines of hostility between Natives and Indians. Rioting such as you have had can actually put back the work of racial conciliation for many years."

Continuing, Dr. Dudley says: "In fact, many who may want to perpetuate the system of discrimination and segregation may even provoke such tension. People need to be on their guard, especially those who are in depressed classes, lest they be made the tool of the scheming."

Dr. Dudley feels that the way of the Coloured, the Native and the Indian populations in South Africa lies not in inter-group strife, but in friendly co-operation and [illegible] and Christian conciliation. [illegible] principle of divide and rule. [illegible] action," adds Dr. Dudley.

Rev. Dr. R. Dudley passed through Durban on board the Dominion Monarch (Dr. [illegible], the [illegible] Prime Minister, and Lord [illegible] were also travelling by the same ship), about two months ago, accompanied by his wife. Dr. Dudley was returning after attending the World's Methodist Conference, at Amsterdam, where he represented New Zealand.

NEW DELHI: The Government of India will shortly introduce mass chest radiography in its fight against tuberculosis. One radiographic unit has been bought in the United Kingdom. [illegible] The installation of more units will depend on the success of the first experiment.—(P.T.I.).

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NO LIQUOR FOR STUDENTS IN DELHI PROVINCE

From Our Own Correspondent

NEW DELHI: Selling of liquor to students of all ages and all persons below 25 years has been prohibited in Delhi Province by the Local Administration in accordance with a modified scheme of gradual prohibition in the province. Besides advertisements and publicity for drinks have been banned.

COUNTRY liquor shops today are being removed to the outskirts of the city. Retail country liquor shops will be closed by April 1.

It has been further decided to cut the quota of country liquor and opium shops for the year 1949-50 on the basis of consumption in the last three years. The quota will gradually be reduced yearly. All clubs will be required to take out licences for the sale of liquor to their members.

Licences for liquor shops at Delhi railway station will not be renewed after the end of March.

With effect from April 1, the sale hours of bars and liquor shops will be reduced.

In spite of the fact that the population of Delhi has increased, the total consumption of liquor was reduced by 11 per cent. in 1948, as compared with consumption in 1947.—Reuter.

JET-PROPELLED AIRCRAFT TEST IN INDIA

From Our Own Correspondent.

NEW DELHI: The Royal Indian Air Force's recently acquired jet-propelled Vampire aircraft will shortly set out on a two-week long-range flying flight [illegible]

U.S. PROFESSOR TO VISIT AFRICA

NEW DELHI: Yale University's Dean [illegible] Liberia at the end of [illegible]

KARACHI: The Government of Pakistan Scheduled Caste Scholarship Board has selected 133 students for the award of Scheduled Caste Scholarships for the year 1948-49, involving a total expenditure of [illegible].

NO CAUSE FOR ALARM

MAJOR BESTFORD told "The Leader" that there should be no cause for alarm in connection with the wide-spread rumours that a concerted attack was expected by African mobs on Indian areas over the week-end. "The Police are adequately equipped to deal with any serious outbreaks of violence. Every attempt is being made to safeguard life and property," added Major Bestford.

TEMPLE MEETING CANCELLED

From Our Own Correspondent.

MARITZBURG, Friday.

The special general meeting of the Siva Soobramoniar and Marriamman Temple which was to have been held last Sunday to discuss the Trusteeship was cancelled as Mr. K. N. Pillay had resigned the position during the week.

It will be recalled that Mr. Pillay in his capacity as Trustee had summoned a meeting of the congregation the previous week to consider the advisability of expelling the president, Mr. S. K. Naidoo, and the secretaries, Messrs. K. J. Moodley and N. P. Reddy, from office, as he alleged lack of co-operation. The council then obtained a court order restraining Mr. Pillay from holding the meeting. A few days later Mr. Pillay handed in his resignation, which was accepted.

A meeting of the congregation will be held in the near future at which the vacant position of Trustee will be filled and other matters of importance will be discussed.

MARITZBURG TAXI OWNERS MEETING

The annual general meeting of the Maritzburg Indian Taxi Owners' Association, was held on Thursday, February 24, at the [illegible] Library.

The president in his opening address, emphasised the improvements that had been effected during the past year in the thorough management of the affairs of the Association generally, and the maintenance of proper supervision and discipline in the conducting of services in the interests of all concerned, and the retention of a high standard of efficiency.

The secretarial report, reflecting the activities of the Association for the year under review, showed a marked improvement in the field of administration, and the bettering of facilities available to the travelling public. The installation of telephone services at the Taxi Rank in Berg Street, had proved to be of immense value to the public, and has now become an indispensable factor in the operation of taxi services.

The following officials were elected for the ensuing year: [illegible]

DISTRIBUTION OF ESSENTIAL GOODS TO REFUGEES

MR. J. N. SINGH, Congress representative on the Displaced Persons Committee of the Riot Distress Relief Fund, told a "Leader" reporter that distributions of such basic essentials as bedding and cooking utensils were made to over 2,000 applicants, at the Andhra Sabha Hall, in Clairwood.

Distribution of these essentials, for applicants in the ~~Mayville-Cato Manor area~~, began yesterday at the Mayville Government-aided Indian School at 13 Grammar Road, Mayville. The distributions will continue until Wednesday next.

APPLICANTS in other areas who have already lined in forms will be notified as to which day they should call. It is estimated that this measure of relief will cost the fund £[illegible].

M. D. Naidoo, representative of the Natal Indian Congress on the Homeless Committee of the Riot Distress Relief Fund said: "The committee had agreed at a recent meeting, especially in view of the fact that the Naval Cemetery School at Wentworth, has been refused for the purpose of housing refugees, by the Government, to make alternate arrangement to house the 1,300 homeless persons our committee is making representations for the Highwood Dairy premises in Daintree Avenue, Springfield, which can house 300 persons. Next to this dairy are two Corporation properties which can house 60 and 20 refugees respectively."

In addition to this the "Leader" is informed that the Homeless Committee of the Riot Distress Relief Fund, is [illegible] negotiating on rent, property at 481 Randles Road, which was also a dairy, and which could accommodate 1,000 refugees.

Other properties receiving the consideration of the committee are situated at 353 [illegible] Road, two military bungalows in Sea Cow Lake, the Wentworth Dairy in the Bluff Valley, premises at the Social Farm in Cato Manor, and certain vacant Indian dwellings. Altogether these buildings would be able to accommodate between 100-120 persons.

It is this scheme which the committee hopes to put into operation as soon as possible and it is negotiating with the fund and with the persons concerned to put these buildings into habitable condition.

In the meantime the Greyville, Dartnell Crescent, Ahmedia, South Coast Madressa, and [illegible] schools are still being used as refugee camps, although some of these have started classes for a few of the higher standards.

GANDHIJI'S S. AFRICAN MEDALS

Special to "The Leader"

THE two medals which were awarded to Mahatma Gandhi during the Zulu and Boer Wars in South Africa have been rediscovered in New Delhi. They were awarded to Gandhi for leading an Indian field ambulance corps in South Africa. They were returned by him to the Government of India in 1919, before he launched his first non-cooperation movement in India.

NON-EUROPEANS TO MEET AT DANNHAUSER

From Our Own Correspondent

A JOINT MASS MEETING OF NON-EUROPEANS OF NORTHERN NATAL IS BEING CALLED TO BE HELD AT NEWCASTLE TOMORROW (SUNDAY) IN REGARD TO THE DURBAN RACIAL RIOTS. THE OBJECT OF THE MEETING WHICH IS SPONSORED BY MANY PROMINENT NON-EUROPEANS, INDIAN, AFRICAN AND COLOURED IS STATED TO BE TO REMOVE MISUNDERSTANDING THAT HAS BEEN CREATED, AND TO BRING ABOUT SOLIDARITY AMONG THE NON-EUROPEAN PEOPLE.

IT is understood that a resolution will be suggested to ask U.N.O. to take in hand the appointment of a Commission of Inquiry.

The sponsors are: Mr. G. W. Singh (Newcastle), [illegible]

The African National Congress (Dannhauser Branch) and the Natal Indian Congress (Dannhauser Branch), will be holding a meeting on the 5th, at Dannhauser, the motive of the meeting is to educate the public about the rumour that certain Indian shops are selling poison goods, and evidence will also be taken from various sources of certain individuals who are trying to incite. A resolution will be taken giving full support to the Northern Natal meeting. Good speakers from the Ladysmith district, Chief Walter Kumalo and Mr. Selby Msimang will be present.

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Non-European Past Students of the Natal University College

All Non-European past students of the Natal University College are invited to attend a meeting to be held at the Students' lounge room, University buildings, Sastri College, on Saturday, 5th March, 1949, at 10.30 a.m. Urgent business will be considered.

AGENDA.

1. The formation of the Past Students' Union.
2. The election of an Executive Committee.
3. The registration of names of past students on the Convocation Roll of the University of Natal.
4. The election of the President and two representatives of the Convocation on the Council of the University of Natal.
5. Arrangements for the participation of Non-European students (past and present) in the celebrations of the University of Natal during March 15 to March 19, 1949.
6. General.

S. B. NGCOBO,
N. GOPAUL,
Conveners.

RIOTS ENQUIRY COMMISSION

The Natal Indian Organisation (Maritzburg Branch) is collecting evidence to submit to the Riots Enquiry Commission at Durban.

Indians and others having personal knowledge of any man connected with the riots in Pietermaritzburg and Districts are asked to communicate at once with the Joint Secretaries.

Sworn statements of eyewitnesses of students will be most helpful.

I. S. Cassimjee and
V. K. Pillay,
Jt. Hon. Secretaries.
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AGENDA

1. Prayers.
2. Minutes.
3. Correspondence.
4. Submission of draft Notarial Trust Deed for Approval.
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MEMORIAL CEREMONY

The Memorial Ceremony of the late Mr. M. N. Naicker (Naidoo), son of Mr. and Mrs. N. Naicker, of [illegible], Natal, will take place at Mr. [illegible] residence, [illegible], Natal, on Saturday, March 12, 1949, and will be continued on Sunday, March 13, 1949, at the [illegible] River Bank. Friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Sale of General Dealer's Business
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Death of Shrimathi Sarojini Naidu

MEETING OF CONDOLENCE

The Natal Indian Organisation (Maritzburg Branch) will hold a Mass Meeting of sympathy in the H.Y.M.A. HALL on

SATURDAY, 5th MARCH, 1949,
at 3 p.m.

to express the community's deepest sorrow in the loss of

SHRIMATHI SAROJINI NAIDU
late Governor of the United Provinces.

All are requested to attend this meeting to pay tribute to the memory of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, an illustrious daughter of India.

S. R. NAIDOO,
President.
V. K. PILLAY and
I. S. CASSIMJEE,
Joint Hon. Secretaries.

Johannesburg Woman Aids Riot Victims

When Mrs. K. Naransamy, of Johannesburg, heard the plight of distressed refugees in Durban, she undertook to provide some relief.

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Marriage Postponed

Messrs. S. Adam Bros., of Saib's Motor Repairs, 240 Randles Road, Mayville, Durban, regrets to announce the postponement of the marriage of their sister and [illegible] un-Nabbie, which was to take place on Sunday, 6th March, 1949, at their residence.

IN MEMORIAM

CHINNIAH REDDY.

CHINNIAH: In treasured memory of my beloved husband, Chinniah Reddy, and our darling father, who passed away on February [illegible], at the age of [illegible] years.

A Father true and kind,
A Father like you is hard to find;
A silent thought, a silent tear,
While we placed you so dear;
We tended you with loving care,
But could not make you stay;
[illegible]
are still [illegible]

Sadly missed and ever remembered by his loving wife and children, [illegible], of [illegible] Laundry, [illegible] (Formerly of [illegible] Laundry, Overport, Durban).

Mr. R. Singh and Brothers, sons of the late Mrs. [illegible] Singh, of [illegible], Natal, wish to thank all friends and relatives for their kind messages of sympathy, floral tributes and letters of condolence received in their recent sad bereavement.

IN MEMORIAM

LESLIE VINCEN.

VINCEN: In loving memory of my dear son, and our beloved brother, Leslie, who passed away on March 6, 1948.

Les, we were not there at the hour of death,
To hear your last faint sigh,
To whisper just one loving word,
Or even say goodbye.
In the bloom of your life God took you,
In the pride of your manhood days,
All who knew you loved you,
[illegible]
Just when your days seemed brightest,
Just when your hopes were best,
God called you from among us,
To that home of eternal rest.
The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh;
Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Ever remembered by his loving mother, brothers and sisters, 16 Bentley Street, Durban.

VINCEN: In constant memory of my darling Leslie, who passed away on March 6, 1948.

However long our lives may last,
Whatever lands we roam,
Whatever joy or grief to come,
We will always love and remember you.
Calm and peaceful he is sleeping,
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Ever remembered by his loving [illegible].

BADAL.

BADAL: In loving memory of my dear brother who was laid to rest on March 5, 1948.

How little I thought when I woke that morn,
The sorrow the day would bring.
The shock was great and the blow severe,
To part with one we loved so dear.
Nights and days you bore your pain,
To seek a cure was all in vain,
Without a farewell you fell asleep,
Left us only memories to keep.

Dearly loved and sadly missed by your sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. [illegible].

BADAL: In treasured memory of my dear brother, and our uncle, Shree Gunpath, who was called to rest on March 5, 1948.

Deep in our hearts your memory is kept,
We who loved you will never forget.

Sadly missed by all of [illegible] Road [illegible].

BADAL: In treasured memory of my beloved son, and brother, Shree Gunpath [illegible] laid to rest on March 5, 1948.

Not today, but every day,
In silence we remember.

Dearly loved and sadly missed by his loving mother and brothers, Mrs. Badal Senior and sons.

THANKS

Mr. R. [illegible] and family, of 221 Randles Road, Sydenham, Durban, thank all friends and relatives for the kind messages of sympathy and the beautiful floral tributes sent during their recent sad bereavement.

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Messrs. Naicker Bros., of [illegible] Street, Overport, wish to thank all friends and relatives for the messages of sympathy and floral tributes, sent in their recent sad bereavement.

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Mr. L. C. [illegible] and family thank all relatives and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy, and the beautiful floral tributes sent in their recent sad bereavement. Special thanks to Mr. [illegible].

The Leader
[illegible] Pine Street, Durban. P.O. Box [illegible] Pietermaritzburg.
SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 1949.

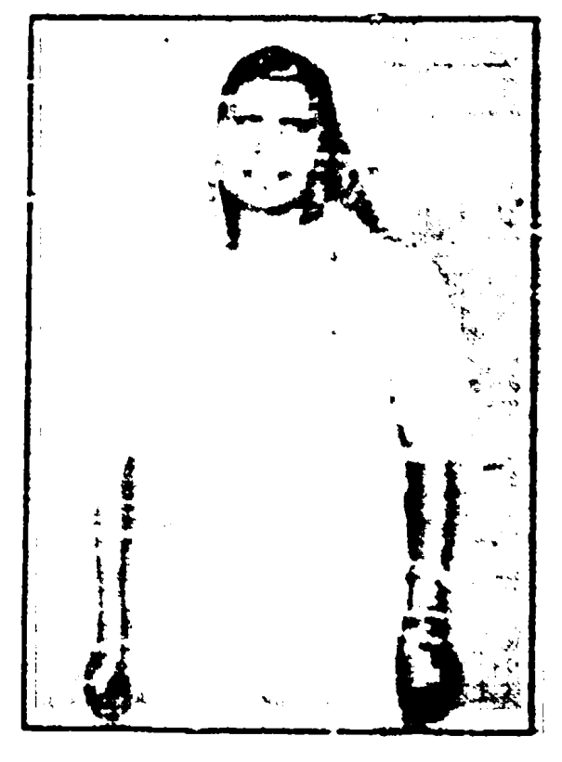
TRADE-RIVALRY AND THE RIOTS

FROM evidence submitted to the Riot Commission of Enquiry it is becoming increasingly more evident that trade rivalry on the part of the Africans played a most important part in fomenting the trouble. As Mr. Maurice Webb, representative of the South African Institute of Race Relations, said in his evidence, there was a great mass of explosive material only waiting for sparks to set it off, and one of these sparks was trade rivalry.

There was another avenue, namely the bitter and calculated anti-Indian policy and agitation, carried on by the authorities in power. It was a policy aimed at the elimination of the South African Indian community as an economic factor in this country, a policy which suited the Native trading interests down to the ground. With the coming to power of the present Government and its outspoken anti-Indian policy, the trading interests began to see their way clear. If the authorities deemed the Indian to be unwanted in South Africa and more restrictions were to be enforced on the Indian community, the time had come to further the interests of the Native trading concerns by helping to eliminate the Indian businessman. First the groundwork had to be done. Rumours were set on foot that the Indian merchants resorted to black market practices and overcharged the Native labourer or purchaser of essential commodities. Entirely baseless stories were circulated about Native being treated with incivility on Indian buses and frequently pushed aside by Indians in queues. Other, equally untrue falsehoods against Indians were carefully put into circulation, and eventually an atmosphere was created where the average Native labourer, who had always regarded the Indian as a friend, suddenly found that he had changed his views and regarded him as an enemy.

Such is the position at the present time. Those Indian stores which were not destroyed in the riots are serving Native customers again. Many Indian buses are running in Durban and carrying Native passengers, while the anti-Indian boycott—where it is not artificially stimulated—is showing signs of losing ground. The Native trading interests must have discovered by now that it is extremely difficult to eliminate fair and old established competition by advocating forcible methods and relying on European anti-Indian policy and feeling to see them through. Grievances, real or imagined, are always present in some form or other, but each grievance may find redress by other and more constitutional methods than by preaching violence against a section of the people who have proved themselves to be good South Africans as any other in this country, despite all assertions by the Nationalist Government that the Indians are not "indigenous" (Dr. Donges's words) to the country. The rioters took advantage of this policy and attempted to carry out, by force, what the Government preached by [illegible]. It was the reaping of the whirlwind which sprung from the seeds of repatriation sown by Dr. Malan and his colleagues.

IN MEMORIAM



MRS. L. S. BHAGWANDEEN.

BHAGWANDEEN: In loving memory of our dear wife, and darling mother, who fell asleep at [illegible] on Sunday, March 7, 1948.

Every day passed sadly to make a year,
Every thought of you makes each eye tear;
Deep in our hearts we feel your living yet,
For we loved you too dearly and will never forget.
We tended you with loving care,
But could not make you stay,
We stood beside your bedside,
As the lonely hours passed,
And our hearts were broken
When we saw you breathe your last.

Dearly loved and sadly missed by your heart-broken husband and children.

BHAGWANDEEN: In memory of our dear daughter, who fell asleep on March 7, 1948.

Time and years has passed;
Our hearts are still sore.
Time wears away the edge of grief,
But memories turn back every leaf,
Always true, unselfish and kind,
Loved and respected wherever she went.

Always remembered by her loving father, mother, brothers, sisters-in-law, nephews and nieces.

ALOYSIUS JOSEPH MACKER.

MACKER: In loving memory of my dear husband and our beloved Dad, Aloysius Joseph Macker, who passed away on March 4, 1947.

Though his smiles have gone for ever,
And his hands we cannot touch,
We shall never lose sweet memories
Of the one we loved so much.
Dear to us he was in life,
And yet in death dearer still.
Those who knew him might forget him,
Those who love him never will.

Dearly loved and sadly missed by his loving wife, [illegible] Joseph, and children Robert and Josephine, [illegible] Road, Mayville.

Prompt Action

IT is with a feeling of profound thankfulness that we can look back on a quiet and peaceful weekend when all the signs and portents had pointed to more rioting and destruction. The fact that this threat did not materialise is in the first instance due to the prompt action of the police and military authorities, who not only assembled a large armed force in Durban, but also kept a tireless watch, prepared for all eventualities. The Indian citizens of Durban owe a debt of gratitude to the Police for this prompt action, which most certainly saved many lives. The feeling of security given by the presence of this alert and powerful protection force is not easy to put into words, but it was very real and very heartening. It is a great pity that the same prompt action was not taken at the beginning of the January riots, and that the authorities then acted with the same promptness and determination they exhibited last weekend, the rioters would have been taught a lesson that would have put an end to all further thoughts of violence.

It is to be hoped that the present sufficient force will be maintained in Durban for a while. Many of the young Africans are still feeling restive and are only waiting for an opportunity to attack the Indians again. Only an adequate show of force can hold them back until the present riot fever has passed. We hope that the authorities will bear this in mind.

Judge Castigates European

MARITZBURG, Thursday.

IT was the grim interior of the Supreme Court, Maritzburg, this week. The Judge on the Bench was Mr. Justice Carlisle, with him was a jury and in the dock was Douglas Shaw, a 30-year old European of Howick who pleaded not guilty to three counts of incitement to public violence. It was alleged that on January 17, at Howick, Shaw conducted himself in such a manner and spoke in Zulu to a number of Natives such words, as would be likely to stir up unrest and rioting, which was then existing between Natives and Indians in various parts of Natal.

This was what the charge sheet disclosed. Witness after witness went into the witness box and recalled the incident of that day.

Absalom, a Native witness, went out for a joyride in a European's car. He pointed out the European, who gave him a lift, as the prisoner in the dock. They all went looking for a gang of Natives that assaulted Indians. The party then stopped at [illegible] before an Indian's store.

"The European got out of the car," said Absalom. He asked the Natives in Zulu what were they doing. They said that they were guarding the store.

Shaw said: "You Natives are real dogs. Why don't you hit the Indians? Why don't you break the store?"

"Answer!" thundered the Judge to a European witness, John Partridge, who had previously recorded his evidence of the events which he had seen on the evening of January 17, but said that almost all that he had said previously, and signed in a sworn statement, was incorrect.

Partridge first denied all knowledge of seeing a European talking to the Natives, but later admitted the fact, after the Judge's admonition.

At one stage the Attorney-General was almost inclined to treat Partridge as a hostile witness.

Referring to the person sitting in the car as a European, Partridge seemed at first to be doubtful.

Judge: In your statement do you refer to a European or not?

Partridge: I never referred to a European.

Judge: You agree that your statement now entirely contradicts the one in Court? You admitted that your statement to the police contradicts the one in Court.

Partridge: I never mentioned about Europeans to the police.

Judge: Answer my question, you are not a lunatic?

Judge: How did you make that statement?

Partridge: I cannot explain.

Judge: On January 25 your gave evidence?

Partridge: Yes.

Judge: Was someone talking to the Natives in their language?

Partridge: Yes.

Judge: Then there was a European in a car.

Judge: Answer.

Partridge: Yes.

WHO IS THE FRIEND AND WHO IS THE FOE?

WHILE the evidence given by many Africans to the Riot Commission of Inquiry is distorted and has a suggestion of being stereotyped, it was unequivocally clear that the evidence submitted by the Reverend Jonathan M. Sibiya, an African Christian minister, was original, unbiassed and the most sensible yet heard. The White Press completely ignored the evidence given by the minister instead giving prominence to the grievances of the African.

REVEREND SIBUYA, GIVING EVIDENCE BEFORE THE COMMISSION, SAID THAT IF A DOG WAS CAUGHT IN A TRAP IT WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO BITE THE TRAP, BUT IT WOULD BITE EVEN ITS CLOSEST FRIEND IF IT CAME NEAR IT. HE SAID THAT THE TRAP WAS THE EUROPEAN AND THE FRIEND THE INDIAN, AND THE TRAPPED ANIMAL WAS THE NATIVE.

THE riots, said the witness, were caused by the detestable apartheid laws, [illegible] by Parliament. When told by the Chairman of the Commission that Europeans were responsible for these laws, and as such they should have been attacked, Reverend Sibiya replied that Natives were afraid to attack the Europeans, because they had all the weapons and would ruthlessly annihilate them. "But" added the reverend "if the Europeans were defeated, and we were defeated, and we were asked to attack them, the attack would have been more vicious than it was on the [illegible]."

He denied that black-marketeering was confined to Indians only, emphasising that it was practised by European, African and Indian alike. "If the Indian was a black-marketeer," he said, "why did the Native buy from him. There are many European stores."

Another cause of the riots, he said, was the irresponsible European, who inculcated into the minds of the Native, that the Indian was an undesirable element and should be driven back to India, in order that the Natives and Indians might live amicably.

HEARD THOSE WORDS

"I have actually heard Europeans speak like that," he said, "on trains and thoroughfares. Several Europeans had spoken to me in such a vein and I remonstrated with them not to make such statements, because they were actually responsible for the presence of the Indian in this country. There are some of the things that are responsible for strife between Indian and Native."

The law of the land restricted and stifled the progress of the Native, economically, politically, and socially. He said that if the Native had any grievances they could place them before their representatives, the African National Congress, the Native Representative Council, European priests and ministers, the Joint Council of Europeans and Africans, Native Chiefs, and Resident Magistrates, instead of taking the law into their own hands.

Another menace that faced the Native was the brewing of illicit shimiyane by the Native himself. He denied that there was discrimination and bad treatment of the Native by the Indians in their buses. He said that they were treated fairly and justly.

In conclusion, the Reverend appealed for law and order. "If the Native broke the law," he said, "he would be severely dealt with. If the Indian also broke the law he should be severely dealt with too and, not be allowed to be killed by the Native."

Evidence so far submitted to the Commission of Enquiry, by the majority of Africans has been one sided and biased. While many of them have given with meticulous care and detail the wrongs they have suffered at the hands of the Indians, some of which according to one leading member of the community are "fanciful figments of their fertile imaginations" few have realised the benefits they have derived from Indian charity.

Another African witness, the Reverend Jonathan M. Sibiya said: "There is no doubt that the Indian assists the Native. In times of hardship the African is assisted financially and morally by the Indian."

Chief [illegible], in his evidence before the Commission, said that the authorities should take firm measures to stop the riots from spreading to the Mission Reserves at Mount Edgecombe, because if there were to be further calamitous outbreaks of violence as in the recent riots, not only Indians and Africans would suffer, but also the Europeans.

"We have lived amicably with the Indians for years," the chief said. "We have had no quarrels. On the Saturday the riots began to be so terrible, I was not in the kraal. I was out on a visit to a friend. On the Saturday when I came back to my kraal I found my people fully armed waiting outside for me. They had done this because one Native spread a rumour that the Indians had slaughtered all the Natives in Durban. They said they wanted revenge. Fortunately my brothers were at the kraal. They managed to pacify the Natives. The chief of the tribe has not quarrelled with the Indians. We have been very friendly. On the Sunday following the riots, one of the Indian leaders, Mr. Govender, sent for me. When I went there I saw all the Indian residents gathering [illegible] them. They said that they would prefer to die together than die individually. Mr. Govender asked me to restrain my people. I gave him an assurance that if they were subjected to any harm I would hold myself responsible. I assured them that no harm would befall them.

LIVING PEACEFULLY

"To this day, all Indians are living peacefully at their homes." To grievances the chief advanced the following reasons:

The murder of a Native by an Indian. The accidental death of a Native woman who was knocked over by an Indian bus, and the birth to Native women of illegitimate children.

If there should be any further unrest, the chief emphasised, they would be attributed only to these grievances he enumerated.

Chief [illegible] also told the Commission that he fined the Native who spread the rumour that resulted in his people arming themselves £2. He was further fined £2 by a local magistrate.

India's Budget

NEW DELHI.—The Finance Minister, Dr. John Matthai, disclosed a deficit of approximately £11,[illegible] at the existing level of taxation, when he presented his budget for the new financial year 1949/50 in Parliament.

Main features of the budget were: At the existing level of taxation, revenue for next year is estimated at £230,[illegible] and expenditure at £241,[illegible].

The current year's deficit is now placed at £1,162,000 against £3,005,000 as originally estimated.

Defence services are estimated to cost £110,572,000 this year, and £118,027,000 next year.

Additional capital outlay on defence will cost £7,432,000 this year and £11,220,000 next year.

At Karachi

The budget was presented in the Pakistan Parliament, Karachi, by the Finance Minister, Mr. Ghulam Mohammed. Defence services estimated last year at £27,812,200 had actually cost £30,210,000, he said. He appealed for peace between the peoples of Pakistan and India.—Sapa-Reuter.

PRICE CONTROL CONTRAVENTIONS IN DURBAN

DURBAN, Thursday.

Col. R. [illegible], Price Controller in Durban, gave the Riots Commission figures of price control contraventions in Durban during the last [illegible] years.

These were: Europeans 78, Indians 237, Natives 27, Chinese 2, [illegible].

"LEADER" GIVES POINT TO EVIDENCE

MR. H. S. MAHARAJ, when giving evidence before the Riot Commission of Inquiry on Tuesday, quoted an article from the "Leader" with the permission of the chairman, Mr. Justice van den Heever, in which a European spectator gave an account of the irresponsible behaviour of certain European individuals, and policemen, in support of his argument that an external influence was responsible for the brutal atrocities that were perpetrated upon innocent, defenceless, and law-abiding Indians, by savage mobs of Africans. Mr. Justice van den Heever, the chairman, commenting upon the news item, said:—

"It would appear that this correspondent is aware of the identity of a number of murderers. If so, it is his duty to point it out to the authorities. He is either aware of the identity of these European policemen who were not only grossly negligent of their duties, but were fomenting these disturbances; or if he is not aware of their identities, he seems to have been very remiss in exercising ordinary precautions. Did he take the policemen's numbers?"

Mr. Heever said that he hoped that the person who had made the statement in the "Leader" would come forward and assist the Commission by giving evidence.

OUTSIDE INFLUENCE WAS RESPONSIBLE

THE following letter was sent to the District Commandant, South African Police, Durban, by the Durban District Committee of the Communist Party:—

"I am directed to draw your attention to the terrorism to which Africans who dare to travel by Indian buses on the South Road and Merebank routes are being subjected by organised gangs of hooligans. This has been going on for over a month, and is no doubt a major contribution factor in the prolongation of this racial boycott. We have evidence that African men and women, and even children, who are found travelling on Indian buses along these routes are being ruthlessly assaulted by these gangs.

"We think it is in your power to put a stop to this terrorism, and strongly appeal to you to take immediate action. It is suggested that police be posted at the Merebank and South Road bus termini to protect Africans who travel by Indian buses, and to put down any violence by taking action against the person, or persons responsible.

"It is our opinion that action along these lines would assist in ending the boycott which is primarily responsible for the tension which exists between the African and Indian communities at the present time."

INDIANS CALLED "COOLIES"

A EUROPEAN, Kugenberg, of Amanzimtoti, when giving evidence before the Riot Commission of Inquiry, referred to Indians as "Coolies."

Several well-known persons present at the sitting of the Commission, expressed surprise that Kugenberg was not pulled up by the Chairman for not referring to Indians as Indians.

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Dr. Donges Recalls Memories

MEMORIES of the days when he was a clerk in a births registry were brought back to Dr. T. E. Donges, Minister of the Interior, when he spent an hour on Wednesday morning at the Indian Immigration Bureau in Stanger Street.

Dr. Donges, it is learned, visited the Bureau and had discussions with the Acting Protector of Indian Immigrants, Mr. [illegible], in connection with the proposed changes in the functioning and the administration of an Immigration Bureau, whose continued existence has become a sore point with the Indian people.

When told of the fact that one of the senior Indian clerks had his home burnt down in the course of the rioting in January Dr. Donges sympathised with him.

It has already been stated that the Government has drawn up a Bill making provision for the Government to take over the work of the Bureau. It is, however, felt that the Government should aim towards the eventual abolition of the Immigration Bureau and the immigration laws which apply specifically to the descendants of the indentured labourers.

Although there are no indentured labourers today their descendants are still governed by laws which were made to meet the exigencies and demands of the nineteenth century.

NEW DELHI: Mr. [illegible], formerly Public Relations Officer to the [illegible] in [illegible], has taken over the post of Director of Indian Information Services in the Ministry of External Affairs and Commonwealth Relations, New Delhi.—[illegible]

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Note: In order to be eligible for admission to reserved seats the student from South Africa should have completed at least his High School education and passed Matriculation or an equivalent examination in the country of his domicile. There is no objection to his passing the intermediate science examination from a college in Bombay.

MEDICAL COLLEGE, MADRAS

The student must have passed the intermediate examination with physics, chemistry and any other subject as optional or any other examination which the syndicate of the Madras University accepts as equivalent thereto.

Other than those whose parents and families originally belonged to the Madras Province, students from South Africa will have to pay the capitation fee.

MEDICAL COLLEGE

The student must possess qualifications which can be recognised as equivalent to the intermediate in science with medical group of subjects of the Board of High School and Intermediate Education, United Provinces.

Applications from persons satisfying the prescribed qualifications should reach the Secretary to the High Commissioner for India, P.O. Box 1213, Capetown, not later than March 16. A copy of the application form is appended and further forms can be obtained from the office of the High Commissioner for India. It should be noted that the colleges will not admit applicants who do not possess the minimum educational qualifications prescribed by them.

The form of application for admission to a Medical College in India is as follows:

1. Name in full (in block letters, beginning with surname).
2. Present address in full (to which a reply to this application may be sent).
3. Religion.
4. Date and place of birth.
5. Full name of father, permanent address and occupation, if living, and province in South Africa or India to which he belongs.
6. Full name of guardian (if parents be not living), and relationship, if any, address and occupation.
7. Schools and colleges in which educated and period spent in each (Date to be given). (If at present in India, year in which you left South Africa and standard reached before departure should also be stated).
8. Date of passing matriculation and grade or class in which qualified.
9. Subjects taken in matriculation examination (i) compulsory; (ii) optional, and distinctions, if any, obtained.
10. Further studies pursued, if any, and subjects taken.
11. Date of passing intermediate examination (in arts or science), grade or class in which qualified and subjects taken.
12. Other distinctions, e.g., athletic achievements, offices held in college societies, etc.
13. Certificates from school or college. (Not more than three to be attached to application, one of which should be from the head of the college or institution in which you are studying).
14. Knowledge of any Indian languages. (Standard up to which studied in each should be mentioned).
15. College to which admission is desired with alternative college (in order of preference). If application has already been made elsewhere particulars should be given.
16. Name and address of person (with exact relationship) who will be responsible for payment of fees or provide irrevocable guarantee. (A preliminary letter of guarantee from him, as in the form below, should accompany application or be sent soon after).
17. Health or physique.
18. Married or single.

Place.

Date. Signature of applicant.

A certificate from the parent (relative or guardian, if parents be not living), indicating the date and place of birth should be attached. Such certificate should be supported by copy of Government, municipal or local board records, certified by the authorities concerned.

Declaration.

The following declaration must also be submitted:—

I hereby agree, if admitted, to conform to rules and regulations at present in force or that may be hereafter made for the government of the College, and I undertake that so long as I am a student of the College I will do nothing either inside or outside the College that will interfere with its government and discipline.

Date. Signature of applicant.

Financial Guarantee [illegible] I hereby declare, agree and undertake irrevocably that I am prepared to meet the educational expenses of my son and to provide him with not less than [illegible] per annum, paid in advance over a period of five years.

Place.

Date. Signature.

Further particulars in connection with application can be obtained by writing direct to the Office of the High Commissioner for India in the Union of South Africa, Johannesburg.

PAKISTAN DOES AWAY WITH TITLES OF NOBILITY

KARACHI.

PAKISTAN would not keep the titles of nobility, the Minister of the Interior, Khawaja Shahabuddin, told the Pakistan Parliament, states a Sapa-Reuter report.

It is authoritatively understood that a system of awards similar to the French Legion d'honneur with classes but without titles, is being contemplated.

Pakistanis who have been given English titles, are still allowed to use them although they are not recognised officially.

INDIA'S NEW EDUCATION PROGRAMME

A 12-point programme for Social and Basic education has been announced by the Indian Education Minister, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad presiding over the 15th meeting of the Central Advisory Board of Education, which held a three-day session at Allahabad.

According to this programme the village schools would be not only places of instruction for village children but centres of community life in the villages, providing opportunities for welfare work, sports and recreation for the entire village; films and magic lantern slides would be shown and recordings of talks relayed; schools would be provided with radio sets and arrangements would be made for broadcasting special programmes; popular dramas would be organised; arrangements would be made for giving simple instruction in some craft or industry suited to the locality; lectures would be arranged for villagers, instruction in simple laws of social hygiene, methods of agriculture, cottage industries and cooperative activities; and periodic exhibitions, fairs and excursions would be organised.

No Colour-bar In Relief Work, Says Pandit Nehru

PANDIT NEHRU, the Prime Minister of India, has made the following statement in the Indian Parliament in connection with the racial riots in Durban and with the relief measures being taken. As regards the assistance being given by the Indian Government, Pandit Nehru said that there should be no colour bar or racial discrimination in relief work.

"The Government of India are seriously concerned at this sudden deterioration in the relations between Indians and Africans in South Africa. It is obvious that so violent a rupture of peaceful relations could not have arisen [illegible] of a stray incident and there must have been other causes. As, however, the Commission of Enquiry appointed by the Union Government is expected to investigate the causes and course of the riots, Government prefer to withhold any comment on the origin and course of the disturbances.

"In a message to the Prime Minister of the Union of South Africa, I expressed the hope that not only will the Commission of Enquiry ascertain the basic causes of the riots, but that steps will also be taken by the Union Government to prevent repetition of such incidents in future. I added that we are instructing the Secretary to the Indian High Commissioner in South Africa to do whatever he can in promoting good relations between the Indians and other sections of the population in South Africa. To this message I have had a reply from Dr. Malan, saying that he has noted our request to Mr. Chari, and is placing at his disposal all available information.

"The Government of India's policy not only in South Africa, but all over the continent of Africa, has been to promote close friendship and cooperation between Indians and Africans. While naturally desiring the security and wellbeing of Indians abroad, Government do not look with sympathy on the establishment of any vested interests which may retard the advancement

PANDIT NEHRU.

of the African people in their own homelands. This view has been frequently communicated to our representatives in the continent of Africa.

"Government have placed Rs.[illegible] at the disposal of the Secretary to India's High Commissioner in South Africa, for use of relief at his discretion, and further sums will be placed at his disposal as required. It has been made clear that relief should be given to all those who stand in need of it, and should not be confined to the relief of any particular community," said Pandit Nehru.

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Junior Leader

STARTING EARLY

My dear Children,

Only eight years old, Enrico Verier, of Bombay, is a member of the "Young Folks' League." He has already given performances in public which have been much appreciated at the Dadar Musical Club at Dadar, Worli, and Byculla (India). Enrico started at the age of four.

Incidentally, I note that a number of our Junior readers are interested in songs and music. I wonder how many Junior prodigies we have among us? That there are some, there is no doubt. I have received letters from Juniors from time to time on the subject. If any of them will send me their pictures (taken while playing their instruments), I shall have them published, and would indeed be pleased to hear from these junior readers.

Food for Thought

Music is to me an ethereal [illegible], an emerald distillation, fragrant and liquid and wholesome to the soul, as dew to the flowers; an incomprehensible delight, a joy, a voice of mystery, that seems to stand on the boundary between the sphere of the senses and the soul, and plead with pure, woodland [illegible] to ascend into regions of [illegible] unattained life.

INTELLIGENT INSECTS

Did you know that the ant was an intelligent insect? These little creatures make the most wonderful dwellings under the ground, with a hillock to act as a roof. [illegible] regular "antamonitions" [illegible] three feet high and thousands of ants live in these large [illegible]. All through the day [illegible] they work very hard; [illegible] go off to hunt for food, some [illegible] building materials, while [illegible] stay at home to do the [illegible] and attend to the [illegible] ants.

Although ants are small in size they are probably the most intelligent of all insects. There are many varieties of them, and they all display wonderful energy.

These clever little creatures [illegible] together in towns or colonies, [illegible] in their homes you are almost [illegible] to find three kinds—males, [illegible] and workers. The female [illegible] be easily picked out by its [illegible] size. Both the male and [illegible] have wings, but the workers have no wings and are smaller. [illegible] are responsible for the whole [illegible] work of the colony. They [illegible] the home, feed the females and fight their enemies.

If you dig out an ants' nest you will find the ground underneath honeycombed with galleries and side passages that lead into other tiny rooms, and in the different rooms you will see the stages of ant life. The life of the male ant is very short, and he is a very lazy fellow, of no use whatever to the ant tribe except as the father of the future generation. They cannot feed themselves, and if they go out they are unable to find their way home if they get lost.

The female ant, after flying about for a time, comes to the ground and breaks off her wings, or has them pulled off by the workers, then she enters the home, or goes off with some of the workers to make a new colony.

Army of Females

These clever insects seem to be able to communicate with one another by touching feelers. They have many eyes, but their sight is not good. The female ants are divided into many castes. One of these in many ant families is especially designed for warfare, and the soldier is provided with a gas tube through which it shoots poison gases to drive off or destroy the enemy!

The armies of ants are always made up exclusively of females. Some ants bite with their jaws, others sting with an acid, and some are provided with stings like wasps and bees.

Ants feed upon caterpillars and other insects, and they are very fond of sugar juices. They often keep aphides; these are the ants' cows, and the ants milk them by stroking the aphids' bodies with their feelers.

PEN FRIENDS CORNER

The following is the list of names in our Pen Friends Corner for this week:—

Mohamed Vania (18), 10 Nineteenth Street, Vrededorp, Johannesburg, who is interested in collecting pictures, cricket, cycling and tennis, would like to have pen friends with similar interests from any part of the world.

S. Sewbran (18), c/o Glencoe [illegible] Indian School, Glencoe, Natal, is interested in soccer, reading and photography. He would like to have pen friends with similar interests.

Adam Khan (19), c/o P.O. Box 127, Maritzburg, Natal, who would like to have pen friends from the Union, especially the Cape and India, is interested in the cinema, reading, filmsongs and music. Kindly send in a completed form.

V. C. [illegible] (20), 1 [illegible] Road, P.O. Mount Vernon, Durban. Interests: sports, reading and the cinema. Hobby: coin collecting. He would like to have pen friends from India, West Indies, England and the U.S.A.

M. Narain (17), c/o Mr. W. K. Collins, P.O. Umhlanga [illegible], Natal, is interested in soccer, songs, music and cricket. He would like to have pen friends with similar interests from Port Elizabeth, India, the U.S.A. and England.

M. Murugan (17), P.O. Box [illegible], [illegible], Natal, who would like to have pen friends from the Union and India, is interested in studies, soccer, cricket, tennis and cycling.

Ahmed M. Kolia (17), [illegible] Hammersmith Avenue, Mayville, Durban, who is interested in wrestling, boxing, weight-lifting and film books, would like to have pen friends from the Cape, East London, Johannesburg and Ceylon.

D. L. Govender (15), Humberdale Estate, P.O. Esperanza, Natal, is interested in soccer, cricket and cycling, and would like to have pen friends with similar interests.

J. S. Palani (16), c/o the main office, Tongaat Sugar Co., Ltd., P.O. Maidstone, Natal, would like to have pen friends from any part of the Union and overseas. He is interested in "Filmindia," the cinema, sports, reading, music and dancing.

D. S. Brahy (12), c/o [illegible] Store, P.O., [illegible], Maritzburg, who is interested in the cinema, "Filmindia," Indian songs and music and collecting film-star pictures, would like to have pen friends from any part of the world.

Lily Samuels (12), 121 May Street, Durban, is interested in art, needlework and songs. She would like to have pen friends with similar interests from Dundee, Ladysmith and the Cape.

J. Ishara (19), c/o S.A. [illegible] Works, Edendale, Natal, is interested in "Filmindia," the cinema, songs and dancing. She would like to have pen friends from the Union, India, China and Australia.

P. Jasendra (15), c/o Kemp's Garage, P.O. Box 20, Kamonguni, Natal, is interested in knitting, needlework, reading and film songs. She would like to have pen friends from England, India and Lourenco Marques.

A. M. Singh (16), P.O. Box 8, Darnall, Natal, who is a pupil in the sixth standard at the [illegible] Indian School, is interested in reading, soccer and Indian songs and music. He would like to have pen friends from any part of the world, especially India.

Shunmugam Naidoo (11), "The Windmill Supply Store, Mooi[illegible], Natal." Interests: Studies, sports and reading. He would like to have pen friends from the Rhodesias and U.S.A.

M. M. Moodley (21), South African Police, Port Shepstone, Natal, who is interested in soccer, swimming, studies, reading, songs and music, would like to have pen friends from any part of the Union.

S. Ramkhelawan (15), P.O. Box 13, Darnall, Natal. Interests: athletics, the cinema, and jujitsu. He would like to have pen friends with similar interests from any part of the world.

Thoniah P. Naidoo (15), 181a Grey Street, Durban, is interested in photography, stamp collecting, the cinema, soccer, cricket and reading. He would like to have pen friends from the U.S.A., India and England.

Saheen Khan (19), 10 [illegible] Road, Ladysmith, Natal, who would like to have pen friends from the Cape, Port Elizabeth, Johannesburg and India, is interested in studies, reading and the cinema.

BOXING BOMBSHELL

The following piece has been sent in by junior reader T. P. Naidoo (Durban):—

Boxing: Bundy Bombshell, the barber, versus Terrible Turk, the tanker.

First round: Barber tanks Tanker. Tanker bashes Barber back before Barber drops his bombshell.

Second round: Terrifying Terrible Turk tanks Barber until Barber becomes so bashful that his ears [illegible].

Third round: Bundy Barber Tanker till Tanker's teeth [illegible].

Fourth round (finale): Referee [illegible], Barber Tanker and [illegible] Bundy. Towels fly.

LAUGHTER CORNER

A bookmaker who was ill sent his small son for the family doctor, but it was a strange physician who called.

After the doctor had left, he asked his son for an explanation.

"Well, you see, dad," said his son, "there were lots of larger plates on the gates, and when I got to the number you gave me, I saw 'Consultations 10 to 11,' but the chap next door was offering 'Consultations 10 to 1,' and I thought you'd like the one that gave the best odds."

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Teacher: "What does silence mean, Johnny?"

Johnny: "It's what you don't hear when you listen, teacher."

"I don't feel well and I'm afraid to go to the doctor."

"Afraid to go to the doctor?"

"Well, the first time I went I had a sore throat and the bounder whipped out my tonsils. The next time I went was because I had a pain in my stomach and he pulled out my appendix. Now I've a shocking headache . . ."

Till next week,

Chachaji

Message of the Stars

THE Wheel of Fortune for the period March 5 to 11, for people born under the zodiac signs, are as follows:—

Aries (March 21 to April 20): Good, 5. Bad, 7, 11.

Taurus (April 21 to May 22): Good, 5, 8. Bad, 6, 10.

Gemini (May 23 to June 21): Good, 9. Bad, 6, 8.

Cancer (June 22 to July 22): Good, 6, 8. Bad, 7, 10.

Leo (July 23 to August 22): Good, 7. Bad, 9, 11.

Virgo (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22): Good, 6, 8. Bad, 7, 10.

Libra (Sept. 23 to October 22): Good, 9. Bad, 6, 8.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): Good, 5, 8. Bad, 6, 10.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): Good, 6. Bad, 9, 11.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20): Good, 7. Bad, 8, 10.

Aquarius (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19): Good, 8, 11. Bad, 6, 9.

Pisces (Feb. 20 to March 20): Good, 6. Bad, 9, 11.

The good days for buying, driving bargains, March 8, 10; for selling, investments and new business ventures, 11; for love and pleasure, 10; for travel and correspondence, 9, 11; for sports, 8; for property deals, research and planning future, 8, 9; for remedial treatment, 8, 10; guard against quarrels, accidents and disputes, on 6, 8.

Compromise weather is indicated about March 8 to 11.

The lucky numbers and colours to apply on the turf on March 5 are: 3, 4, 6, 7. Colour: Dark Blue.

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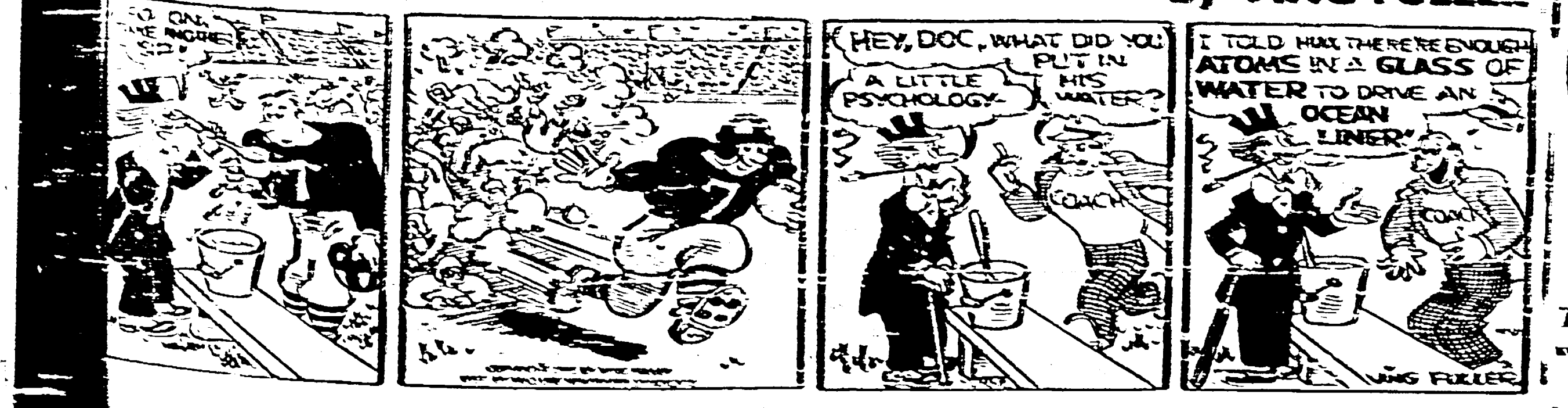

GO ON, THE [illegible]
HEY, DOC, WHAT DID YOU PUT IN HIS WATER?
A LITTLE PSYCHOLOGY
COACH
I TOLD HIM THERE'RE ENOUGH ATOMS IN A GLASS OF WATER TO DRIVE AN OCEAN LINER"
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NATAL INDIAN TENNIS SHOWS PROGRESS

EMPHASISING THE NEED FOR A COACH, AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NATAL INDIAN LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION, THE SECRETARY, MR. J. RAMBARAN, DECLARED: "SINCE WE HAVE AMONGST US A LARGE NUMBER OF YOUNG TENNIS ENTHUSIASTS MOST OF WHOM ARE IN THE BUDDING STAGES, I VENTURE TO SUGGEST THAT IT WOULD BE PROFITABLE IF ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE MADE TO HAVE A TENNIS COACH. IT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE IMMEDIATELY, BUT IT WOULD INDEED BE A BOON TO MANY IF THIS CULD BE FEASIBLE IN NOT TOO FAR A DISTANT TIME."

MR. RAMBARAN said that [illegible]

[illegible]

Registrations.

[illegible]

[illegible]

Season.

[illegible]

made other arrangements to complete the fixtures while [illegible] courts were undergoing repairs."

Competitions.

The following were the results in the competitions:—

"A" Division: Alfred David League Shield, the Centrals Tennis Club won this shield, being undefeated in the league round; Manick's Memorial K.O. Shield, the Spes Bona Tennis Club was eliminated in the finals of this competition by the Kismet Tennis Club; Prithepaul's Memorial Trophy, this cup was awarded to the Central Tennis Club.

"B" Division: Waghmarae's League Shield, the finals of this competition has not yet been played, between Aswen and Maritzburg; Ismail's K.O. Shield, won by Aswen Tennis Club.

Singles and Doubles.

[illegible]

Officials.

The following officials were elected for the ensuing year: Patrons, [illegible]

NEW SPORTS OFFICIALS

CLUBS in the various branches of sport have had their annual general meetings in preparation for the coming season. The following Officials have been elected for the ensuing year.

DURBAN TENNIS CLUB.

The annual general meeting of the Durban Indian Lawn Tennis Club was held at Currie's Fountain on Sunday last, and the following officials were elected for the ensuing year: [illegible]

ANGLING CLUB.

At the annual general meeting of the Crescent Angling Club, held at [illegible]

(Continued in Column 6)

[illegible]

PANDAY'S SHIELD FIXTURES AT CURRIES FOUNTAIN

THIS week sees the beginning of the Panday's Shield fixtures in the First Division at Currie's Fountain. Like the Asmal's Cup in the "B" Division, both sides bat for 100 minutes in this competition.

ON Currie's Fountain main ground this afternoon, Centrals have been drawn to meet Orientals. [illegible]

[illegible]

Young Muslims, who have knocked off 22 of their arrears for the loss of two valuable wickets [illegible] the Ottoman total of 119, will continue their innings this afternoon, on Currie's Fountain No. 1.

[illegible]

Tomorrow (Sunday) there will be only one league fixture in the First Division, between Central and Ottoman.

Because of lack of time, the remaining teams in the Panday's Shield competition, sportingly agreed to a system of ballot to determine the Durban finalist to meet the winners of Inter-District, in the eliminating competition.

[illegible]

GOLF

At the annual general meeting of the Durban Indian Golf Club, held at Currie's Fountain, on Sunday last, [illegible]

Sastri College Wins Second Division League

IN the only two League games played at Curie's Fountain on Sunday last, Young Muslims replied with a score of 22 for the loss of two wickets to the Ottoman total of 119, while Sastri College secured an outright win over Young Kismet to win the Second Division League by ten clear points.

The Young Muslim-Ottoman League encounter will be continued this afternoon.

[illegible]

Sastri's Outright Win.

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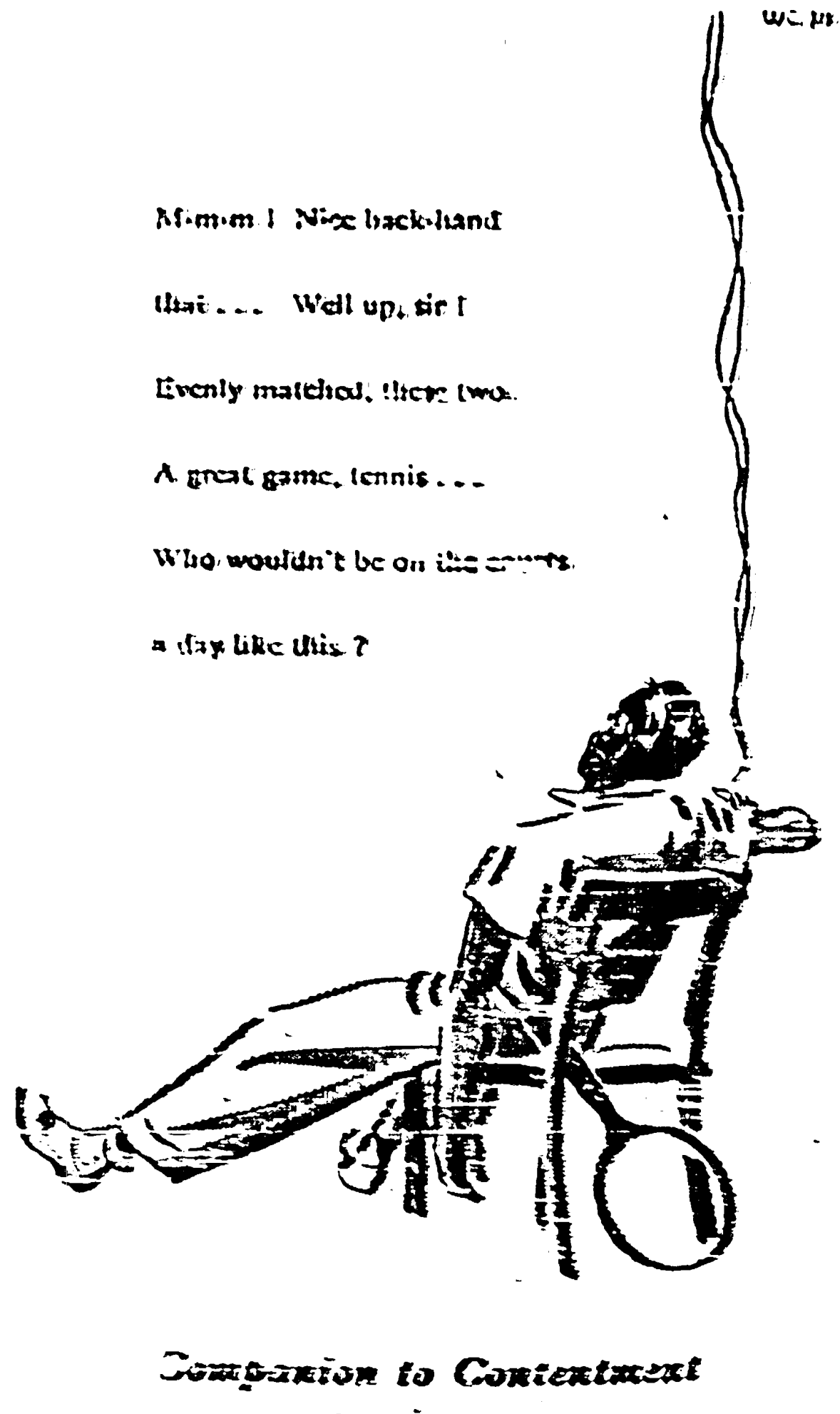

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Maritzburg Football President Deplores Undue Criticism of Clubs

From Our Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG, Friday.

"MANY hard things have been said about the administrators of Maritzburg soccer during the past season. Carping criticism does nobody any good but this only lends strength to my contention that clubs should come to the annual meeting of the parent association fully armed with a mandate to put the right men in the right places," said Mr. S. B. David, who, in the absence of the president, Mr. T. Ramklawon, presided over the annual meeting of the Maritzburg District Indian Football Association, held at the H.Y.M.A. Library on Sunday afternoon. The financial statement, which was not submitted in the absence of the treasurer, Mr. N. P. Padayachi, was referred to the first council meeting.

MR. DAVID went on to put in a strong plea for the referees. [illegible]

[illegible]

TROPHIES

[illegible]

Commenting on the report, the Reverend I. Anthony disagreed with the secretary's view that the standard of play had improved. "Where is the improvement, when Durban has won all the trophies?" he asked. The Sam China Cup tournament is due to be played this season and a coach and hard work were needed if Maritzburg was to maintain its prestige.

The financial statement was not tabled owing to the absence of the treasurer, Mr. N. P. Padayachi, who has been transferred to Umzinto. The chairman said that, in any case, the books could not be audited because the auditor had since been suspended by the Natal Indian Football Association.

[illegible]

The following officials were elected for the ensuing season:— Patron, Mr. E. G. David; president, Mr. M. D. Pillay; vice-presidents, Messrs. S. V. Pillay, S. B. David, R. V. Naaiem, [illegible]

LANCASHIRE FOOTBALL CLUB

At the third annual general meeting of the Lancashire Football Club held last Sunday at the [illegible] Barracks Drama Hall side room, the following office bearers were elected:

[illegible]

Naidoo, M. Naidoo, and S. G. Naidoo.

Secretary: Mr. L. Singaram Moodley.

Treasurer: Mr. S. N. Reddy.

Auditor: Mr. S. R. Pillay.

Selection committee (senior): Messrs. M. D. Pillay, S. R. David and K. S. Moodley.

Junior: Messrs. M. Naidoo, H. Khan and R. Chand.

Juvenile: Messrs. A. K. Meeran, I. D. Bhayat and R. Ramsaar.

ASIA'S CRICKET CALENDAR TILL 1952

IMPORTANT decisions on cricket in India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Burma and Malaya were taken by the Asian Cricket Conference in Calcutta last week.

The following tour programme was adopted:—

[illegible]

The next session of the Conference will be held in January, 1950.

Ottomans beat Schools.

The newcomers to Maritzburg cricket, Ottomans, recorded their second victory of the season when they eliminated Schools from the Jamal Cup competition, by virtue of a double innings victory. On the previous Saturday, Schools obtained a [illegible] run first innings lead, but in their second knock Ottomans knocked up 85 for nine wickets, at which total they declared. Schools failed to reach this total by 11 runs and were thus eliminated.

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Royals in Final of Natal Shield Competition

From Our Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG, Friday.

ROYALS entered the district final of the Natal cricket shield by virtue of a single innings victory over Stars on Sunday at the Indian Sports Grounds in as thrilling a finish as one could wish for. In the other Natal cup tie Orientals romped home against Ntalians and will meet United in the semi-final tomorrow.

THE Natal Cup tie [illegible]

Opening Bowlers.

[illegible]

Orientals Victory.

In the other Natal cup tie, played on the adjoining ground, Orientals [illegible]

Scoreboard.

[illegible]

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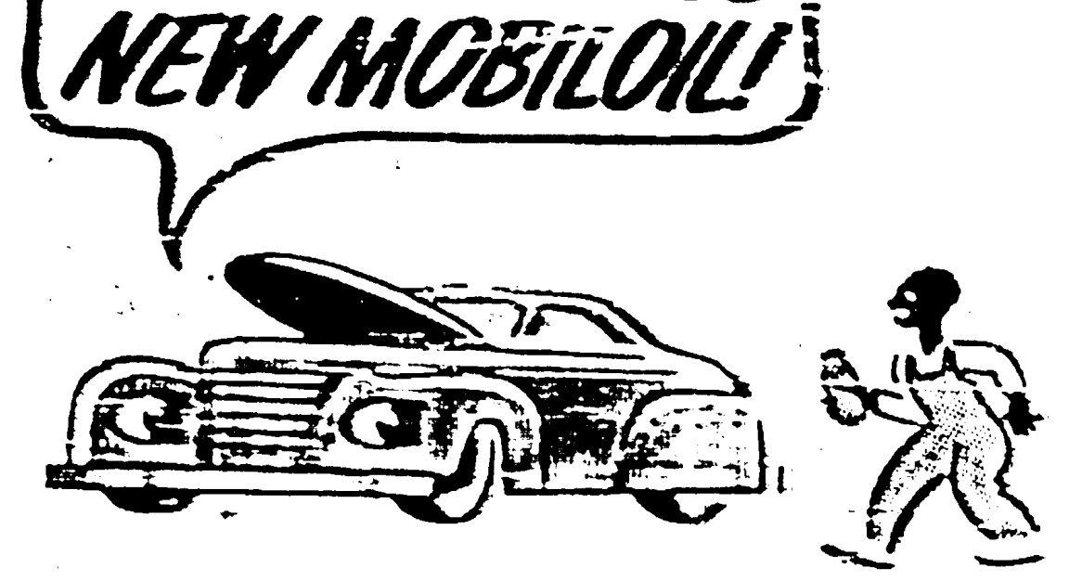

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Around the Cinemas

AVALON: Two mystery thrillers, "Paris After Dark" and "Jewel of Brandenburg," and a melodrama, "Call Northside"; are the attractions of the coming week.

SHOWTIME

AVALON: "Wake Up and Dream."
ALBERT: "Omar Khayyam."
ATHLONE: "Sanadur."

ALBERT: "Mere Rajah," the Indian version of the Three Musketeers, and a religious film "Gopal Krishna," are the pictures of next week.

5 doctors agree this plan can break the laxative habit

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TALK OF THE BAZAAR

By the "Faqir"

BEVERLY NICHOLLS

DURING the week a colleague told me how an Indian who is fast becoming an Indian Beverly Nicholls by indulging in clandestine activities to malign the Indian community (perhaps he is amassing plenty of jingling coins by doing this) met with a rebuff by a local Magistrate.

The Indian interpreter, on asking this worthy whether he was able to speak English, was ostentatiously told: "Yes, certainly I can." Thereupon he began to indulge in an unequalled performance of pedantry.

Expecting a bouquet for using all the big words (in the wrong places) in the King's English, the fellow (detestable chap!) was shocked when the Magistrate told him that the exuberance of his verbosity was intoxicating, and that if he couldn't speak simple, basic English he should speak via the interpreter! I think that this appropriate remark had a sobering effect.

"BASIC BANTU"

From the King's English, we move on to some talk about "Basic Bantu" as a lingua franca. The South African Institute of Race Relations, in their "Press Bulletin," quoting the "Potchefstroom Herald," says: "The teaching of basic Bantu instead of German in Transvaal schools is suggested by a student of languages. 'You may laugh this suggestion to scorn,' he said, 'and wonder how basic Bantu or Fanakalo ("Speak like this"), as it is also called along with such derogatory terms as "kitchen Kafir" and "mine Kafir," can possibly compare with modern German. But the suggestion is seriously made on the grounds of utility. Basic Bantu,' he said, 'is fast becoming a recognised language. It has grown up into a lingua franca because a language understood both by Europeans and by Bantu tribes, who did not understand one another's languages, was highly necessary. Basic Bantu seems to fill the bill. It has the advantages of having a simplified grammar, a vocabulary of words with Zulu, English and Afrikaans roots and a picturesque expressiveness.'"

RISE TO FAME

How Bud Gangan, an idol of Batavia and an all-time great in the [illegible] world, donned the mitts, to rise to great heights of distinction as a boxer, was told to me by Bud himself. Bud, still in his teens and a student at the then Indian Boys' College, was present with his father at the ringside of the Arthur Cupido-Eddie Johnson battle. In flippant mood, he told his father that he could take on and "lick both of those guys." From then onwards, with the assistance of his father, he took up boxing seriously, and the result you are aware of. Any old-timer would speak in glowing terms of the reign of the great Bud Gangan. Bud really took on Eddie Johnson and Arthur Cupido, and what is more, he "licked" both of them!

Racing Selections

By "DIPLOMAT."

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

First race, 12.15, Juvenile Handicap, (Fillies and Geldings), five furlongs.
1. SANDY BAY.
2. Sylvia Queen.
3. Bestonline.

Second race, 12.50, Juvenile Handicap (Colts), five furlongs.
1. BODEGA.
2. Apogee.
3. Zurich.

Third race, 1.30, Maiden Handicap (Bottom Division), nine furlongs.
1. CORK.
2. Bobinene.
3. Jagmond.

Fourth race, 2.5, Galloway and Pony Handicap, five furlongs.
1. COMMOTION.
2. Tang.
3. Alice Hardy.

Fifth race, 2.40, Hillary Handicap ("B" Division), seven furlongs.
1. UNIFORM.
2. American Girl.
3. Chesterhall.

Sixth race, 3.15, Graduated Handicap (Top Division), nine furlongs.
1. UKUM.
2. Carndonagh.
3. Blanton.

Seventh race, 3.50, Hillary Handicap ("B" Division), seven furlongs.
1. DAN.
2. Gamesmouth.
3. Scotch Laird.
4. Dusk.

Eighth race, 4.25, Hillary Handicap ("C" Division), seven furlongs.
1. FAIR LADY.
2. Some Day.
3. Dalma.

Ninth race, 5.0, Hillary Handicap ("A" Division), seven furlongs.
1. TAJ DAR.
2. Rosy Morn.
3. Royal Binney.

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1. CONVALESCE.
2. Some Salmon.
3. Inhampura.

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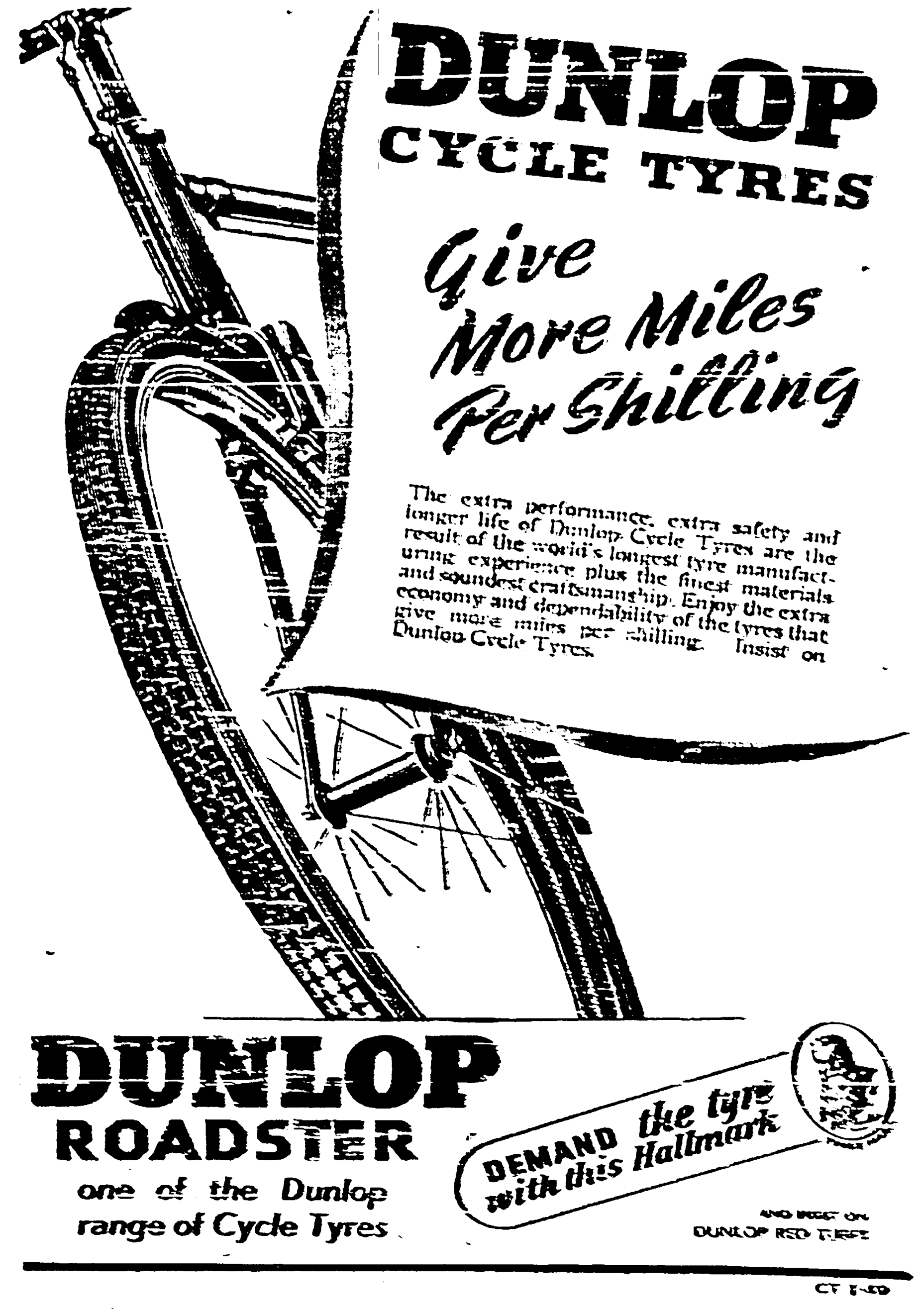

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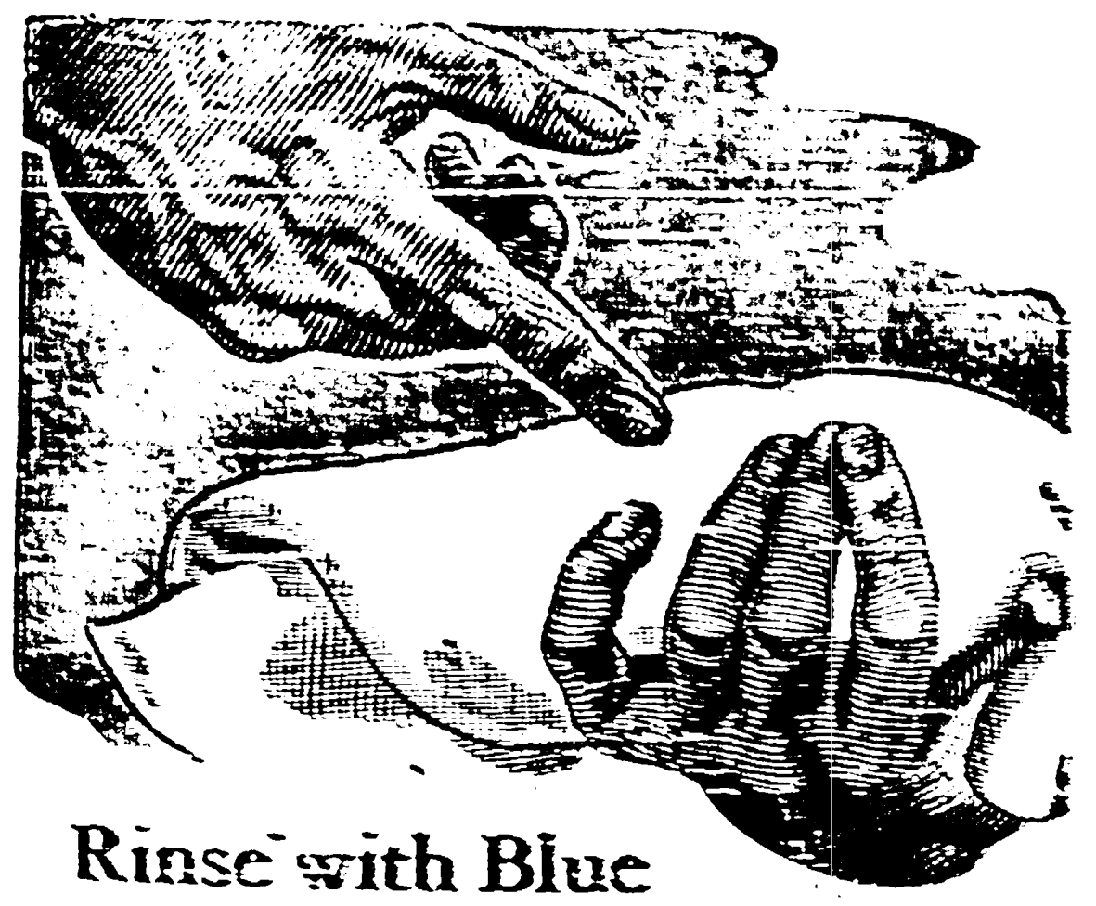

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Persistent Attempts to Rouse Natives against Indians

REPEATED attempts are still being made in Durban to arouse the Natives against the Indians and on several occasions serious clashes have only been averted by a narrow margin.

THAT Natives are taking every opportunity to maim, cripple and malign the Indian merchant and bus owner to the fullest advantage is clearly evident from the events of the past few weeks. The Umgeni flare-up, which resulted in an Indian bus driver being stabbed to death and several Indians being seriously injured, was caused by the accidental death of a Native woman who was run over by an Indian bus, owing to her own negligence.

ANOTHER Native woman had bought sweets from an Indian stall at the Market. A short while later she came in a rickshaw to the stall at the Indian Market, followed by about twenty to thirty Natives, and about a thousand others followed from the Native Kraal... and in an attitude of feigned drunkenness she accused the owner of the stall of having poisoned the sweets. Thereupon the horde of Natives who followed [illegible]

[illegible]

At this juncture it will be of interest to the Commission if I relate two very unpleasant experiences that befell me. On Thursday, January 13, 1949, the day the riots began, I was walking in West Street at 10 p.m., when two Natives obstructed my path and threatened to hit me. An argument ensued. [illegible] ... "Hit the Indians." Thereupon the two Natives made a rush towards me. I dug my hand into my pocket to suggest that I had a weapon of some sort, and they fell back. Just then a few cars came along and these Natives walked away. The other incident occurred in Field Street, on Wednesday after the riots. This was on January 19, 1949. An elderly European couple walking past a few of us, spoke loudly to his lady friend saying: "If I had a gun, I will shoot down some Indians. I am not yet satisfied." They kept walking

Hyderabad To Cut Alcohol And Drugs

(From Our Own Correspondent).

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PROTEST TO MALAN GOVERNMENT

The following message has been received by the Natal Indian Congress from the World Women's International Democratic Federation:—

"Today we have sent a letter of protest to the Malan Government, condemning it for the recent [illegible] ... and Economic Council of the United Nations on the position of the non-Europeans in South Africa, for discussion by the next meeting of the General Assembly and further concrete action."

The letter is signed by the general secretary of the Federation, Marie Claude Vaillant.

SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT BLAMED BY DUTCH PAPER

THE HAGUE.

DISCUSSING the conflict between the Indians and Natives in South Africa, the Catholic newspaper "De Tijd" says that "although the South African Government has done its best to minimise riots in Durban, it looks as if this attitude will be paid for by the threat of a split in the coalition supporting Dr. Malan's Government."

The cause of the Durban difficulties must be sought in the political course which Dr. Malan's party has chosen, and the "discriminate" policy of his Government.

"De Tijd" says that the conditions resulting from the fact that a white minority attempts to keep all political and social rights to itself are a scandal, and make light of the idea of [illegible] and social justice.

The paper believes that this situation may, in the long run, be the downfall of the White race in South Africa. "It looks, however, as if Dr. Malan has gradually lost the confidence of his own allies," "De Tijd" continues.

"The fear that his policy would sooner or later cause tremendous conflicts, has been borne out by recent events."

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NATIVES DRILL SECRETLY AT NIGHT IN MARITZBURG

THE "LEADER" IS INFORMED THAT AFRICANS IN THE DISTRICT OF WEMBLEY, IN PIETERMARITZBURG, ARE HOLDING MASS DRILLS IN THE LATE HOURS OF THE NIGHT. MRS. B. R. SINGH, WHO IMPARTED THIS INFORMATION TO THE "LEADER," GAVE AN EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNT OF THE DRILL WHICH, SHE SAID, WAS A FURTIVE AFFAIR.

"In ordinary circumstances," said Mrs. Singh "we would dismiss it as something of little importance, but at a time like this when a state of tension exists between the different racial groups, these mass drills are not at all in the interests of peace and order. Further what gives the whole thing a sinister aspect is that these drills are held in the late hours of the night, and in a predominantly European area, when the residents are asleep. Europeans as a rule are hypersensitive to noise, and how on earth, they can sleep peacefully with the terrific din the Natives make is beyond my comprehension."

Mrs. Singh said that she was passing through Wembley last week, in her car which was driven by a relative of hers. When they reached the Howick Road, they heard and saw scores of Natives wielding their sticks and shields in the air, and making weird war cries in Zulu. The Natives, according to Mrs. Singh were all kitchen boys. She also added that she noticed a 1948 Chevrolet car parked on the road. A European was standing on the pavement. It is believed that he was instructing them.

Mr. Cynthal Rajah who also passed through the same road, and who was an eyewitness to the scene, gave a similar account of the drills. Mr. Rajah, who had bought a new car, decided to give it a "try out" with the assistance of a friend. When they reached the Howick Road, they came upon the Natives and their car failed. Fortunately none of the Natives saw them, and as they were going down a hilly road, the car carried them safely out of the danger zone.

PAKISTAN PERSONALITIES

[illegible] Qureshi, who has been appointed Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Interior, Information, Broadcasting and Refugees and Rehabilitation.

Air Vice-Marshal R. L. [illegible], Pakistan's New Air Commander.

Mr. Sardar Bahadur Khan, who has been appointed Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Commonwealth Relations.

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Mr. Ramdeen died as the result of fatal head injuries and stabbings sustained when a mob of Natives attacked him while sitting [illegible] in [illegible].

The late Mr. Ramdeen, who was [illegible] years old was a pioneer Indian [illegible] [illegible] He was a popular figure among the [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

MRS. DHARAM SINGH.

[illegible]

OBITUARIES

On Sunday, February 20, a gloom was cast over Durban and districts when the news broke out of the sudden demise of the late Mr. E. Applasamy Maistry, proprietor of the Favourite Steam Laundry, 27 Gale Street, Durban.

The late Mr. Maistry was a prominent figure of the Indian community, having associated himself with all public activities for the community's advancement and progress. He particularly took an active interest in the imparting of the Tamil vernacular. Among some of the institutions that Mr. Maistry had identified himself with and held various official positions are the M. K. Gandhi Sendhamil School, [illegible] and District Tamil and Telegu Protection Association, Andhra Sangha of South Africa, [illegible] Tennis Club, Durban Indian Higher Grade School Cricket Club, Warwick Avenue Kindergarten School (English and Tamil), [illegible] Football Club, Central Cricket Club, and several other bodies.

The late Mr. Maistry was very highly respected by all sections of the community and he was often referred to as the "Grand Old Man" for his [illegible]

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MR. V. R. CHETTY.

The death occurred of Mr. V. R. Chetty (Rajoo), proprietor of [illegible] at his late residence, [illegible] Road, [illegible], on Friday, March 4, 1949.

[illegible]

and family; T. G. Morgan and family; P. T. Morgan and family; [illegible] and family; [illegible] [illegible]

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MR. SEETYE.

The death occurred, after a short illness, of Mr. S. M. A. Seetye, on March 4, at his home, [illegible] Road, Durban, at the age of [illegible] years.

His remains were interred [illegible] Cemetery, where a large number of friends and relatives assembled to pay their last respects.

The late Mr. Seetye, who held the L.R.S.M. and A.R.C.M. musical degrees, was a well known music teacher.

He leaves behind a daughter, a son and many friends and relatives to mourn their loss.

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THE LATE JIMMY MOODLEY.

On Sunday, February 20, 1949, there passed away a prominent resident of [illegible], Mr. J. M. Moodley (Jimmy), born in [illegible], 79 years ago.

[illegible]

He leaves behind one son, [illegible] Moodley, of [illegible], and only daughter, Mrs. V. [illegible] Pillay, of Pietermaritzburg, and many grandchildren and relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

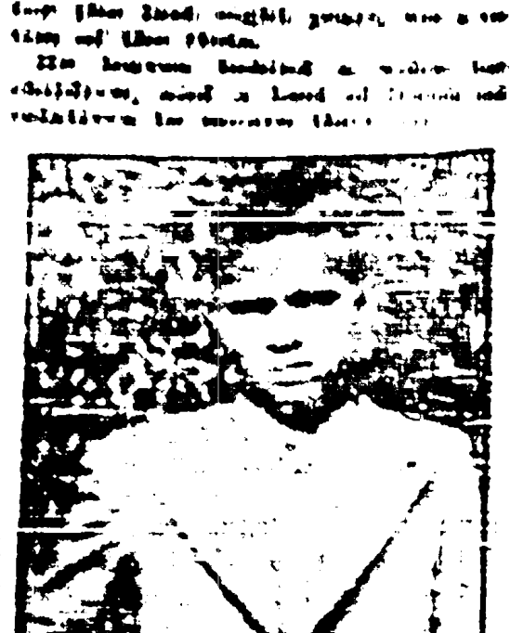
The death occurred on Sunday, February [illegible], 1949, under tragic circumstances, of Mr. [illegible] eldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. [illegible], of Isipingo.

The death occurred [illegible] of Mr. Mullapen Naicker, [illegible] eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] Naicker, of [illegible], on January [illegible].

His remains were interred at the [illegible] Cemetery.

The late Mr. Mullapen, who was employed at the Addington Hospital for the last eight years, was a victim of the riots.

He leaves behind a widow, [illegible] children, and a host of friends and relatives to mourn their loss.



MULLAPEN NAICKER.

CHOTOO RAMDAWL [illegible] passed away at her residence [illegible], on Tuesday, February [illegible]. Her remains were interred at the [illegible] Cemetery.

K. SHUNMUGAM PATHER [illegible] grandson of the late S. [illegible] Pather, and third son of [illegible] S. K. Pather, passed away at his home, [illegible] Road, [illegible], on Monday, February [illegible]. His remains were cremated at the [illegible] Crematorium.

PINETOWN TENNIS CLUB OFFICIALS

The second annual meeting of the Pinetown Indian Lawn Tennis Club was held at the [illegible] School on [illegible] and the following officials were elected for the ensuing year:—

[illegible]

The club's [illegible] trophy for [illegible] was won by [illegible]

Bursary Grants for Fort Hare Students

BURSARY GRANTS

JOHANNESBURG: Five of the agricultural students at Fort Hare, who were awarded bursary grants by the National War Memorial Health Foundation last year, have passed their examinations, and are continuing their studies. Each of them have received an award of £60 for 1949. Two others, who were also awarded 1948 grants, have successfully completed their studies.

[illegible] new students began their studies this year, three of whom were been awarded bursaries for the full three years training. Each bursary has a total value of £[illegible]. The other three students have received grants of £[illegible] each for 1949.—Sapa.

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Mainly About People

MR. and MRS. GABRIEL LAZARUS, photographed after their wedding, outside St. Anthony's Church, Durban, on Saturday, February 19.

The bride was formerly Miss Rita Francesca Augustine, fourth daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. Joseph Augustine, of 30 Cheomtall Road, Cato Manor.

INDIAN GIRLS MOLESTED IN MARITZBURG

Miss Aileen Rajah, a Tamil school teacher, told a "Leader" reporter that Native hooligans still persist in molesting Indian girls, in the streets of Maritzburg.

Her duties necessitate her walking from her home in Berg Street, where the Native Eating-house is situated to the school in Church Street, and it is then she said that Natives insult and attempt to molest Indian girls.

DHAYABARAN.

Dhayabaran, son of Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] C. Pillay, of 35 [illegible] Road, [illegible], and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Pillay and C. K. Moodley, of [illegible] Road, Mayville, who celebrated his first birthday on Sunday, March 6, 1949.

MARITZBURG FOOTBALL OFFICIALS

The following sub-committees were appointed at a council meeting of the Maritzburg District Indian Football Association, held last Saturday:

Board of Enquiry: Messrs. R. A. Maharaj (chairman), M. D. Pillay, S. R. David, V. C. [illegible] (the fifth vacancy will be filled by the Referees' Association), secretary, Mr. A. K. [illegible].

Delegates to Natal Indian Football Association: Messrs. M. D. Pillay, S. R. David, S. V. Pillay and R. V. Naidoo.

Delegates to Maritzburg Indian Sports Association: Messrs. R. G. Naidoo, M. D. Pillay and R. A. Maharaj.

Ground and Fixture Committee: Messrs. S. R. David, M. D. Pillay and A. K. [illegible].

Inter-race Soccer Board: Messrs. R. C. Naicker, S. G. Naidoo and [illegible] Pillay.

Applications to field senior soccer sides were made by the Technicals and Daffodils. These were accepted provisionally as it is for the fixture and ground committee to decide whether or not it is possible to accommodate more clubs in the senior division.

It was also pointed out that two of the existing clubs, United and Richmond, have not yet affiliated but they have time until April 1 to do so.

Mr. and Mrs. [illegible], who were married recently. The bridegroom is attached to the staff of the [illegible] Indian School, and is Secretary of the [illegible] Arya [illegible] and vice-president of the Young Natalians F.C. (Pietermaritzburg). The bride was formerly Miss Ahalliemal [illegible], who was a senior teacher at the V.D.S. Hind. School, Maritzburg.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Goordeen, of [illegible], Natal, wish to thank all friends and relatives for their good will messages and presentations sent to them in their marriage.

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The marriage took place of Gabriel Lazarus to Miss Rita Francesca Augustine, fourth daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. Joseph Augustine, of 30 Cheomtall Road, Cato Manor, on February 19, at the St. Anthony's Church, Durban.

The bride was given away by her father. Rev. [illegible] conducted the ceremony.

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The marriage of [illegible] Pillay, son of Mrs. and the late Mr. [illegible] Pillay, of Vereeniging, to Miss [illegible], daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Naicker, of [illegible], took place at Vereeniging, on February 13.

BORN . . .

MAHARAJ.—To Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Maharaj, of [illegible], a bonny daughter, at the Newcastle [illegible] Hospital, on March 4. Both well. Thanks to doctor and staff.

AT LADYSMITH

Under the auspices of the Hindu Community, Ladysmith, a mass prayer meeting was held at the [illegible] Dharma Sabha Hall, last Sunday, in memory of the late Mrs. Sarojini Naidu (Governor of the United Provinces of India). Mr. R. Narrainsamy presided.

Mr. Vithal Lala gave a brief outline of the life history of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, and spoke of her activities in India and in South Africa. Other speakers were Messrs. N. S. Moodley, R. R. Singh, R. Bose, and R. Vithal. The meeting terminated with prayers, and hallowing India's national flag.

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MARITZBURG, Friday.

The 30th annual meeting of the Young Natalians' Football Club was held in Maritzburg on Wednesday evening.

In his presidential report, Mr. R. K. Naidoo (Hon.), congratulated the club on winning the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] trophy in its inaugural year. The club was also Singh and Charity Cups in the senior division of the M.D.I.F.A. Members showed their appreciation of their president by electing him for the [illegible] year in succession. Other officials elected were:

Curtailment of Fire-Walking

From Our Own Correspondent

COMMENTING on the item, headed "Firewalking to be held as usual," which appeared in "The Leader" last week, Mr. M. C. Padayachee, of 382 Church Street, Maritzburg, told a reporter that if the Council of the Temple carried out its intention to confine the ceremony within the precincts of the Temple grounds it will probably result in serious repercussions.

It was not the members of the Council who walked the fire but members of the public who did so, in fulfilment of their vows. It was athanksgiving to "Draupadi," Goddess of Fire. According to tradition, said Mr. Padayachee, it was essential that the devotees must bathe in the river and then enter the Temple grounds with the Goddess at the head of the procession.

Drive Against Communists In India

BOMBAY: More than 150 people have been arrested in what appeared to be an India-wide police drive against Communists alleged to be [illegible] strikes, states a Sapa-Reuter message.

Most of those held are said to be associated with certain railway unions which have called for a strike on March 9, in defiance of the decision by the All-India Railwaymen's Federation.

The Federation has since disaffiliated the "rebel" unions.

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Our Readers Speak . . .

BEWARE OF BOGUS COLLECTORS

By "INDIAN REFORMER."

IT is my desire to warn the readers and the general public of bogus collections which is a malicious practice. Apart from the legal sentence that may be imposed by the court, I consider it a sinful act.

Many unemployed persons (irrespective of what nationality they may be—Indian, Coloured, Native or European) may take advantage of the present situation that has arisen as a result of the riots. These persons may act as sympathisers and begin collecting money and clothing from house to house for the refugees. There may be certain persons who are honest. And out of these [illegible] may, or might, have already started such collections. [illegible] always make sure that the collection is genuine.

By MISS KRISHNA BASDEW.

Recently Mr. Eric Louw is reported to have said that there is a movement amongst the Non-Europeans to establish a Non-European united front the leaders of which are chiefly Indians. Since the leaders are mostly Indians, he feels it is all very natural, of course, that the position is serious.

Whatever we do is always, without exception, denounced by the Government. We are accused of leading the Africans astray—not only by the Government, but also by a few of the Natives who have given evidence before the Judicial Commission. It is the Indians who are supposed to be spreading Communism amongst the Africans.

Why can't the Natal Indian Congress see this and refrain from taking part in the establishment of the Non-European united front?

But at the same time co-operate fully with the Africans? We have no ill-feeling towards them. Let the Africans have complete control of their political bodies. It will be only then that the Government will realise that the Africans are neither milk-sops nor mere puppets in the hands of the Indians. The Africans are quite capable of managing their own affairs, and their demands from the Government will carry more weight if the Indians haven't anything to do with them.

"BLOT ON HUMANITY," SAYS MYSORE COUNCIL

THE following resolution was passed at a recent meeting of the Mysore Legislative Council:

"This Council views with great concern the ghastly atrocities committed in South Africa resulting in the wholesale massacre of a large number of Indians—men, women and children—and expresses its profound sorrow at these tragic happenings, which are a blot on humanity, and requests the Government of India to convey to the sufferers the heartfelt sympathies of the people of Mysore."

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TANGANJIKA AFRICANS

THE British plan to form a customs union between Tanganyika, Kenya and Uganda, which has been criticised by the Trusteeship Council, is [illegible] prejudicial to the interests of the three territories from the point of view of administration.

Some of the other problems the mission found in Tanganyika were:

(1) Agriculture, Erosion, deforestation and general improvement of soil are a grave threat to the life of the people. The administering authority should provide more technicians and facilities.

(2) [illegible] extremely important to determine whether the territory and its inhabitants are receiving fair returns for the exploitation and improvement of Tanganyika's soil. An authority should give the Trusteeship Council exact details and statistics of revenue from all the mining operations.

(3) Land: All mission land not now required for churches, hospitals, schools or other social or religious services should be returned to the Africans.

A further European settlement in Tanganyika should be limited, and all former German estates should be given back to the Africans on a co-operative basis.

The mission was composed of [illegible] Laurentie (France), Mr. [illegible] Chinnery, Dr. Lin Mousheng (China) and Mr. E. R. Woodbridge (Costa Rica).

WILL INDIA TURN AWAY FROM PRESENT DEMOCRACY?

NEW YORK.—People of India may be forced to turn to some other form of Government, unless their standard of living improves within the next five or ten years, Sir Benegal Rama Rau, retiring Indian Ambassador to the United States, said here, states a Sapa-Reuter message.

He said that the success or failure of India's democratic Government would depend on whether it can raise the standard of living of the common people, or at least show some reasonable hope of being able to do so in that time.

"In some parts of India people are living in conditions approaching starvation," he said.

If the Government failed to give them food and other necessities within five or 10 years, they might well turn to some other form of Government.

KIDNAPPING GANG ROUNDED UP IN INDIA

From Our Own Correspondent
[illegible] (U.P.)

POLICE have rounded up a gang of kidnappers who specialised in abducting children who were trained as pickpockets.

The gang were caught while kidnapping an eight-year-old boy and a young girl of a wealthy family in the city.

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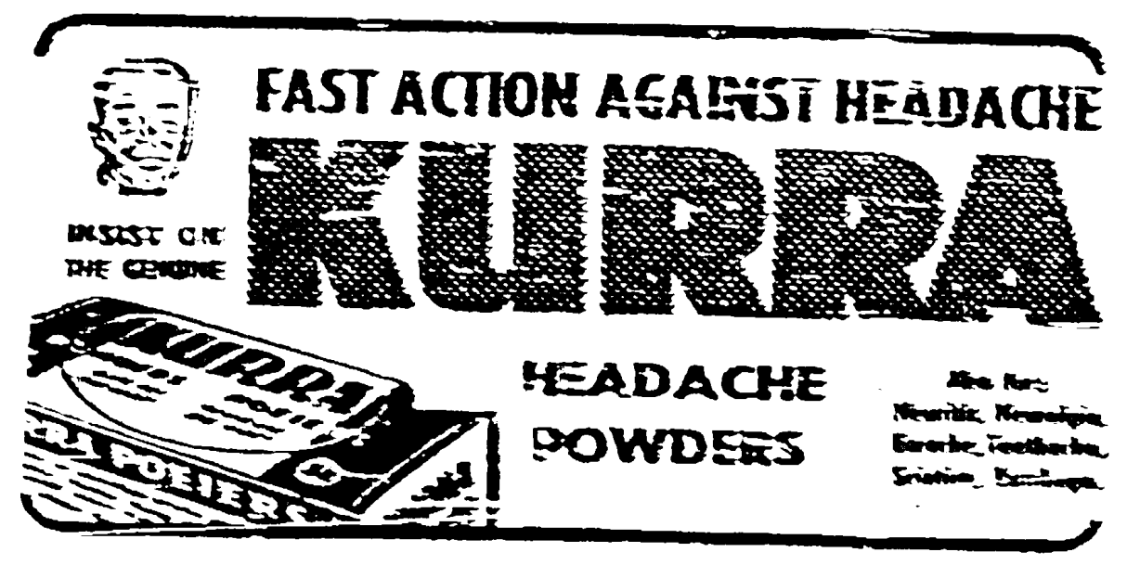
The Non-European Railway Passengers' Welfare Assn. was officially informed by the System Manager, Durban, that a train, which was to depart at 5.8 a.m. from Isipingo arriving Durban at 6.12 a.m., only on Mondays, will continue running weekdays, to prevent the present overcrowding. The System Manager has given his assurance that Police protection for disorder will be posted in every local train.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India Marches On

INDIAN DANCERS FOR EUROPE

A LEADING INDIAN CLASSICAL DANCER, MRINALINI SARABHAI, AND HER TROUPE, ARE ON THEIR WAY TO BRITAIN TO BEGIN A EUROPEAN TOUR WHICH WILL COVER THE PRINCIPAL BRITISH CITIES, FRANCE, SWEDEN, NORWAY AND DENMARK.

Kashmir Votes for India

ADDRESSING the Special Convention of representatives of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, held in October last, Sheikh Abdullah, President of the convention, said that India and Pakistan represented two different and opposite ideologies and that it was up to them to choose between the two. He further added that he and his colleagues were convinced that Kashmir's political, economic, material and cultural advancement depended upon a close political link with India and India alone. A resolution for permanent accession to India and India alone. A resolution for permanent accession to India was moved by Maulana Mohammed Sayeed, General Secretary of the National Conference and was passed unanimously amidst acclamations of joy.

New Indian Aircraft

Three types of indigenously designed aircraft are being developed by the Hindustan Aircraft Factory, Bangalore, under a direction from the Government of India. The three types are HT2, HT10, and a [illegible]. In addition to these some further aircraft development work is under way. Drawings for fabrication of [illegible] have been released and [illegible] has commenced.

Jute Cultivation

The Indian Union produces only 20 per cent. of the combined output of jute produced by pre-partition India. As this is not sufficient for the country's needs attempts are being made to cultivate 7,000 acres in Travancore with Jute, following [illegible] investigations carried out by [illegible] Singh, Vice-Chairman of the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research and Dr. [illegible], Director, Jute Agricultural Research Institute.

Lump Grants to I.N.A. Men

The Government of India have decided that lump sum grants should be made to I.N.A. personnel who belonged to the Indian Army but [illegible] joining the I.N.A. and were disabled while serving there and to the dependants if they were killed in action.

Revival of Old Buddhist Town

Important decisions with regard to the revival of the town of Shravasti (now known as Sahet-Mahet), a favourite resort of Lord Buddha situated in the [illegible] were taken at Balrampur at a meeting of the [illegible] Committee. The Committee decided to build a dharmashala for Buddhist pilgrims, equipped with a library where research work on ancient culture might be taken up by foreign scholars, to establish a Mahavidyalaya, where side by side with general education all the languages of Asia may be taught and to organise a 15 day mela on Vaishakh Purnima (full moon day in April-May) when Lord Buddha died.

Gandhi's Tactics in Tunisia

Gandhian tactics will be employed in Tunisia in pursuit of nationalist political objectives. Information reaching Arab circles in London says the Tunisian Destour Party is expected shortly to implement a campaign of non-violent non-cooperation with the French authorities.

Meteorological Problems

The Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, inaugurating the first session of the International Meteorological Organisation's Regional Commission for Asia on November 22, 1948, expressed the hope that ultimately the future of international cooperation would [illegible]. Delegates from Burma, Ceylon, Hong Kong, India, Indo-China, Indonesia, Japan (SCAP), Malaya, Pakistan, the Philippines and Siam and observers from the United Kingdom, the U.S.A. and Australia attended the Conference. The International Civil Aviation Organisation is also represented, delegates from Russia, Iran and Mongolia arrived later.

Khadi Production

The Bombay Government have decided to give financial aid to [illegible] of Khadi. The Government also propose to supply [illegible] and weaving materials at cheap rates to [illegible]. Scholarships will be granted to students willing to learn weaving craft.

NON-EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY MOVE IN NORTHERN NATAL

A VERY large crowd attended the joint meeting of the African National Congress and the Natal Indian Congress (Dannhauser Branch) last Saturday. The meeting included many important Indian businessmen of Dannhauser, and Mr. B. Coorugen, the Secretary of the Natal Indian Organisation. Chief Walter Kumalo was the guest speaker.

MR. GEORGE KILLARY, on behalf of the Natal Indian Congress, stated that in Dannhauser it was an historic day to see both sections of the Non-European population discussing a very vital issue which has caused great concern in Natal. He was very pleased to see such a large gathering of both sections peaking from the one platform to promote mutual understanding, goodwill and co-operation of the Non-European peoples of South Africa.

Others speakers were Messrs. C. Coopaul, S. C. Vawda, Mia Ahmed, R. Goodison, Rev. Johannes Sibeya (the one who gave evidence at the Commission), Rev. Kambula, Rev. Kumalo, Shandulu, and J. Twala.

A resolution was unanimously adopted with the instructions that same be sent to both Congresses and that it should be forwarded to ENA. It reads as follows:—

"This meeting extends its deep and heartfelt sympathy to the relatives of all victims of the riots and to all those who have suffered.

"This mass meeting deplores the decision of the Riots Commission to decline to allow the cross-examination of witnesses as it regards such a refusal as being in conflict with the principle of testing and establishing the truth of evidence submitted.

"This mass meeting congratulate the African National Congress and the South African Indian Congress and the Durban Locations Advisory Board to decline to give evidence Boards on, and endorses fully their decision to decline to give evidence in these circumstances.

"This mass meeting places on record its very deep appreciation and thanks to the Executive Members of the Natal Indian Congress (Dannhauser Branch) and the many Indian friends who have attended this meeting. It sincerely hopes that to advance and promote mutual understandings and goodwill we should stand together with closer cooperation among our respective peoples.

"This meeting pledges its fullest support both to Dr. A. B. Xuma and Mr. A. W. G. Champion, the leaders of the African National Congress, and places its sincere appreciation in calling a joint meeting of Executives of the African National Congress and South African Indian Congresses.

"This meeting asks the African people not to come to hasty conclusions by rushing matters, before finding out the truth. Recent rumours, such as poison in foodstuff, sold by Indian stores, have caused great concern. This, of course, was false and unfounded.

"This meeting calls upon both the African and Indian people to work in all sphere of activity in peace and harmony."

Irrigation Works in India

The Government of Madras are now carrying out work on improvement of minor irrigation sources costing less than Rs. 20 lakhs and capable of producing quick results. These works are part of a five-year programme of work covering 290 irrigation schemes at an estimated cost of Rs. 5 crores, designed to bring under cultivation about 220,000 acres.

Indian Science Congress

The 36th session of the Indian Science Congress was held at Allahabad recently under the auspices of the University of Allahabad. Dr. Sir K. S. Krishnan will preside, and scientists from all parts of India, Burma, Ceylon and Afghanistan have expressed their desire to attend the session. A delegation of [illegible] foreign scientists from Great Britain, France, America, Canada, Hungary and Russia is also expected to participate.

Spreading Scientific Information

The newly created Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, which is included in the Prime Minister's portfolio, is taking steps to set up a scientific information service. The service which is to be organised on lines similar to those on which such services are being run in U.K. and other Dominion countries, will work as a clearing house for collection and dissemination of scientific information.

New Ships for Indian Navy

A flotilla of three Hunt class destroyers will be handed over by the Royal Navy to the Royal Indian Navy, at a ceremony to be held in the middle of 1949. The destroyers will be commissioned in July, and are expected to arrive in India by the end of the next year.

Houses for Bangalore

The Government of Mysore have sanctioned a sum of Rs. 20 lakhs for the building of houses for labourers in Bangalore city.

New TB Hospital Workers

A Tuberculosis Sanatorium is to be established in Tanjore, Madras Province, at a cost of Rs. 10 lakhs.

Ayurvedic Clinics for Delhi

The Ministry of Relief and Rehabilitation, Government of India, have decided to open two comprehensive Ayurvedic clinics in Delhi. This follows the decision announced earlier to open six comprehensive health centres and two comprehensive homoeopathic clinics. This is the outside rehabilitating Vaids as well as supplementing the existing facilities for medical treatment available in Delhi.

Canadian Locomotives for India

The Indian Government has placed a [illegible] dollar order for [illegible] locomotives with the Montreal Locomotive Works and the Canadian Locomotive Works, Kingston, Ontario. This is the second order for [illegible] engines placed in Canada by the Indian Government and brings the value of Indian railway orders in that country to [illegible] dollars.

Bombay—New York Air Mail Service

The first air mail service of the Trans-World Airline between Bombay and New York was inaugurated on November 14, 1948.

DOUBLE CARE: HAIRDRESSING AND TONIC

Trade Union Conference Urges More Co-operation

From Our Own Correspondent
Port Elizabeth

AT the sixth annual conference of the Council of the non-European Trade Union held here on Saturday last the following motion was unanimously adopted:

"This conference records its sincerest regrets at the suffering and injuries which befell the African and Indian communities in the recent riots. This conference urges all non-European communities to avoid racial conflict, as such a policy can only play into the hands of the rulers whose sole aim is to divide the non-European communities [illegible].

"In the opinion of this conference, the most effective method to combat racialism is for the African, Coloured and Indian communities to form a united front of the non-European communities. To this end, conference pledges itself to the declaration of the African and Indian communities made on Sunday, February 6, 1949, calling for a united front of the non-European communities."

UNLAWFUL TRADING BY NATIVES

Mr. Kistan, a well known Indian [illegible], told a "Leader" reporter that Natives are illegally carrying on a trade in fruit and meat in [illegible] Road and that the police were not doing anything to curb these unlawful activities.

"It may seem strange," said Mr. Kistan, "but yet it is the naked truth. On the day the members of the Commission of Inquiry were due to visit [illegible] Road, the police officials chased them away, allowing them to carry on their trade after the members of the Commission had passed. Yet when Indian hawkers with licences, the police come down on them frequently to see whether they possess licences [illegible]. It is clearly evident that there is a wily scheme afoot to oust the Indian trader."

GANDHI'S SPINNING WHEEL NOW IN ENGLAND

BROADWAY (Worcestershire).—A spinning wheel which once belonged to Mahatma Gandhi, is here and in the village of [illegible] turning tufts of wool [illegible] sheep on hedges into cloths, rugs and curtains.

The wheel was given to Gandhi on his 63rd birthday by Indian students in London, and he passed it on to two English women, Miss [illegible] and Miss Judith [illegible], when they were doing social work for the unemployed.

They are now running a village industry founded on the [illegible] waste wool.

LACK OF EUROPEAN SYMPATHY WORSENED POSITION OF INDIANS

IN a memorandum submitted to the Riots Commission of Inquiry last Tuesday, the Durban and District Branch of the Indo-European Council stated that lack of tolerance and sympathy towards the Indians on the part of the European community was one of the underlying causes of the riots.

IN ITS STATEMENT THE COUNCIL SAID: "IT IS A COMMON EXPERIENCE IN DURBAN TO FIND THAT EUROPEANS, EVEN THOSE IMBUED WITH HIGH IDEALS AND PRINCIPLES, CAN RARELY BE FOUND TO ASSIST IN VOLUNTARY WELFARE DESIGNED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INDIAN PEOPLE.

"THERE IS A GENERAL ATTITUDE OF HOSTILITY TOWARDS THE INDIAN ON THE PART OF THE EUROPEANS, AND TO NEW-COMERS TO DURBAN WHO HAVE ESTABLISHED HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS WITH INDIANS ELSEWHERE ...... IT IS SURPRISING TO NOTE THE STRENGTH OF ANTI-INDIAN PREJUDICE IN THIS CITY."

DR. D. F. MALAN, when stating the Nationalist Party's policy in regard to apartheid, said, "The party holds the view that Indians are a foreign and outlandish element, which is unassimilable. They can never become part of the country and therefore must be treated as an immigrant community. The party accepts as a basis of its policy the repatriation of as many Indians as possible and proposes a proper investigation into the practicability of such a policy on a large scale in co-operation with India and other countries."

Mr. C. R. Swart (Minister of Justice) said that the Government was well aware of the Indian problem and that its policy was to regard them as an unassimilable foreign element, to be kept under the thumb.

The Council said it wished to express "particular regret" that Dr. E. G. Jansen (Minister of Native Affairs) during a brief visit to Durban should have [illegible] his one public speech to [illegible] the Indian population in [illegible] terms.

It also "deplored" the statement of Dr. T. E. Donges (Minister of the Interior) who, when announcing the increased bonus to be offered to Indians wishing to return to India, said that "meanwhile the Government is prepared to do everything possible to reduce the Indian population."

Miscegenation

When discussing the question of miscegenation between African women and Indian males, Mr. Kirkwood, who submitted the memorandum, said that it was inevitable in a multiracial society. "It has shown itself to be evident in the past," he said. "A chief contributory factor to this was the absence of adult Native males. Statistics revealed that 55.3 per cent. of males were absent from their homes, as a result of migratory labour."

He stated that Miss Morel, who is the principal of the Dartnell Crescent Junior Girls' School, has lived in Durban for the past twenty years, and during that period in which he had very close contact with the Indian community, she did not come across any [illegible] of such racial intermixing as had been stated by Natives to the Commission.

Mr. Kirkwood told the Commission that prior to 1924, when the municipal franchise was denied for Indians, European candidates, canvassing for seats in elections, were very friendly with Indians, who gave them both financial and moral support.

"It is becoming fashionable," he said, "for these candidates to outvie each other in the strength of their anti-Indian statements."

In support, Mr. Kirkwood quoted the election manifesto of a councillor who is well known for his anti-Indianism, before and after the disfranchisement of Indians.

In 1929, when the Indian had the vote, the councillor curried favour with by saying in an election speech:

THEN AND NOW

[illegible]

"Those who know me, know that I have been doing everything possible for the Indian people. When Mahatma Gandhi started his passive resistance movement here, I joined that fight with my mind, body and money. Many people will remember this. I have every confidence that my Indian friends will do their duty and give me their votes without fail."

But in 1948, the Indians were not his "friends." He showed himself in his true colours by saying:

"Personally, I would like to solve the problem by shooting them, but a man cannot lay himself open to a charge of murder."

Mr. Kirkwood told the Commission that the Capetown Agreement, of which Dr. Malan, the present Prime Minister, was the author, recognised Indians as an integral part of the population and that the word repatriation was being misused. The correct term, he said, would be expatriation.

He told the Commission that the Indians were brought as indentured labourers to Natal in 1860 by Europeans whose economic position demanded Indian labour. A large number of the present population was the descendants of these indentured labourers. A great misunderstanding had been caused as a result of this ignorance.

He also added that Europeans, of their own accord, petitioned the then Governor of Natal to give the Indian community land to stay, rather than allow them to return to India.

"OVERCHARGING"

Commenting on the alleged overcharging on Indian buses, Mr. Kirkwood said that it would only be reasonable, if these occurrences were very frequent, to [illegible] exact fares.

Discussing the question of black marketing, he said that Native traders, too, were guilty of overcharging. If Natives, as they maintained, found Indians to be black marketeers, the question arises as to why so many of them should trade with Indian stores in preference to the stores of the Europe.

Referring to the grievances which the Natives said they had had against the Indian, Mr. Kirkwood said that if there were any such grievances they would have reported them to the Indian organisations, but none of them had done so.

Mr. Kirkwood also attacked the present educational system of the schools. "In the schools," he [illegible] acquaint the children with the [illegible] said, "nothing is being done to [illegible] culture of other sections which form our multiracial society so that they can feel objectively and sympathetically with them." The Press and radio, he added, could do a lot to combat the ignorance of the Indian.

The fact that Europeans did not take action to stop the riots in order to maintain law, contributed immensely to the riots spreading, and for the Native to get the impression that he had the support of the European.

As an illustration, Mr. Kirkwood

When asked to explain the violent opposition by Natives to Indian buses, Senator S. S. Brinker, former chairman of the Durban Transportation Board, said that the opposition was organised. He added that it was peculiar and significant that there was no trouble on buses which did not run to City Council locations, but that there was trouble on buses which ran to such Corporation locations as the S. J. Smith Hostel and the Lamontville Location. "On other routes," he said, "Natives are using the Indian buses."

Replying to a statement by Mr. Justice van der Heever, that the Natives had stated that there would be no trouble if Indian buses were to ply again, he said that this may probably be due to the Native thinking that as long as he could force the position to remain, he would eventually get his own back on the Indian, because of the fact that the Indian community had made more progress.

UNDESIRABLE ELEMENT

Senator Brinker said that the congestion at the bus rank was due to thousands of idle Natives, who were a menace to peace and order. He said that they were a most undesirable element, and should not be allowed to remain. "They know no law," Senator Brinker said.

He quoted an incident during the week, when, he said, hundreds of Natives gathered outside an Indian store with the intention of creating trouble. These were the type who roamed the streets and lived on their wits.

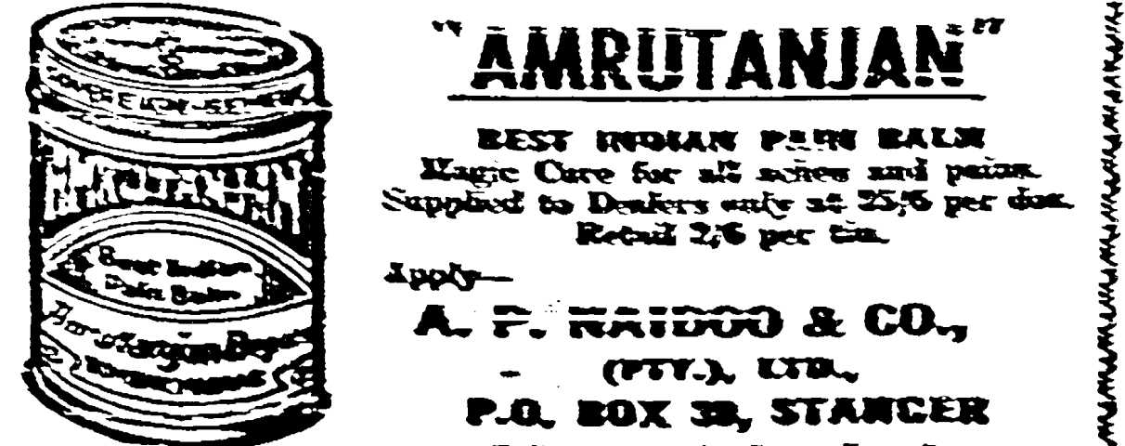
Mr. A. D. Lazarus, M.A., a lecturer at Sastri College, when submitting a memorandum on his behalf, said that it was a sociological phenomenon that in the case of oppressed groups, instead of turning upon their oppressors, the members of the group turned upon themselves.

POLICE ACTION

"I cannot agree with the chief of police," Mr. Lazarus said, when he stated that the police did everything in their power to stop the riots. "The police, when the riots broke out, were not doing anything serious at all to suppress it. I have seen the police in the course of my life, beating the African severely when he had done wrong, but nothing was done to check him during the riots, with the result that the Natives thought that they were having a good time and the police were with them."

Mr. Lazarus said that although the Indian was proud of his culture he did not look down on the African. On the contrary, relations between the both races were of a very friendly nature. This was evident in the student and staff common rooms of universities and colleges, where Africans did not show any dislike for the Indians and were on very friendly terms with them.

He quoted an instance of this cordial relationship and goodwill that existed between members of the both races when a Native college had been burned down in Basutoland. Indian students at Sastri College came voluntarily to him to assist the unfortunate African students, and within 48 hours they donated 600 books and the sum of £25. In another instance, within 24 hours 300 books were collected. Native institutions also benefited from Indian generosity, and one of these institutions was the Adams' College at Amanzimtoti, said Mr. Lazarus.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Drastic Action Against Indian Communists

ABOUT 2,500 Communists are now being detained in India under the Public Safety Act, states Sapa-Reuter.

In addition, almost 4,000 Communists have so far been arrested in the State of Hyderabad, for alleged subversive activity since Hyderabad joined the Dominion of India last September.

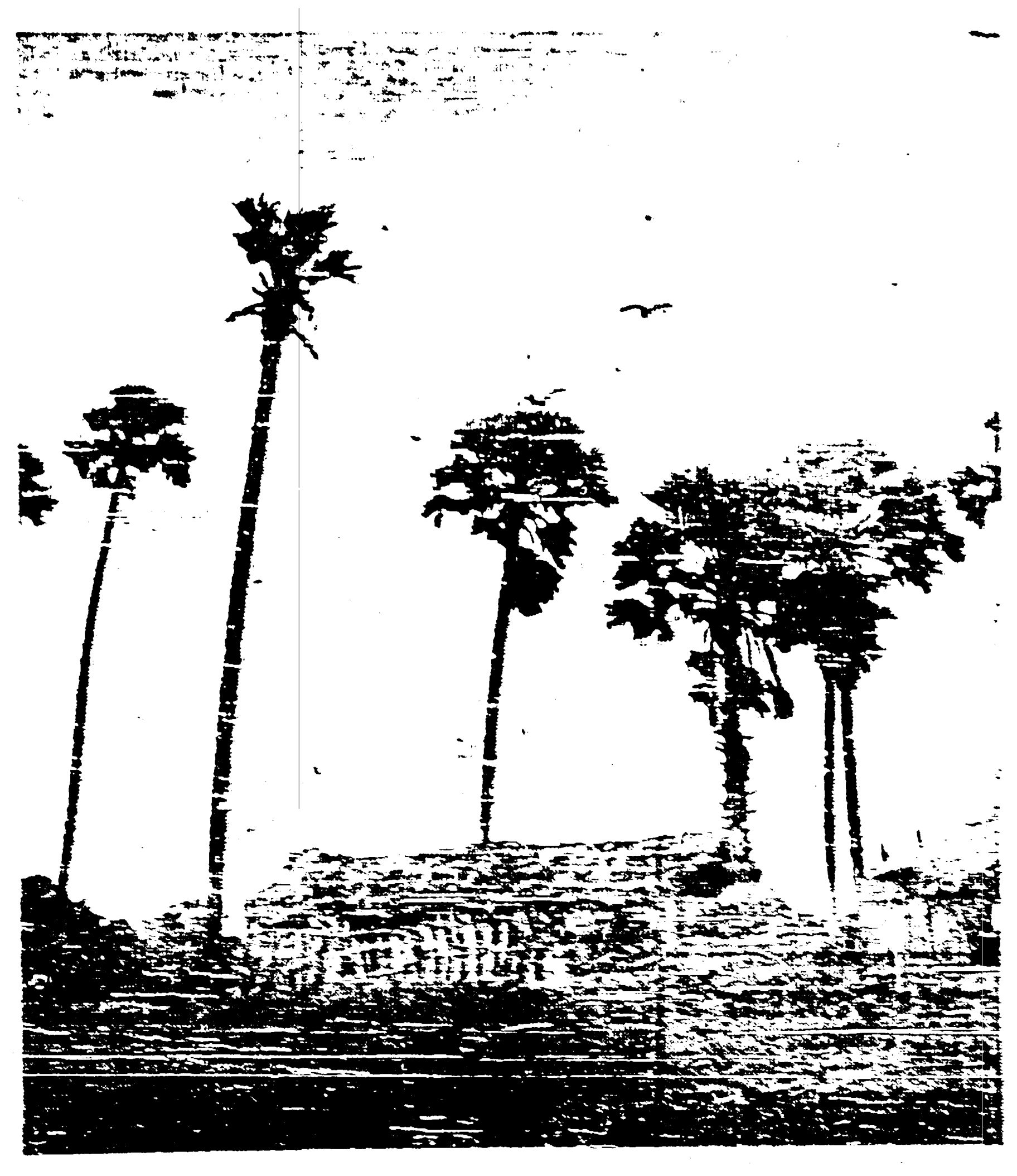
Disturbances have occurred in such Communist strongholds as West Bengal, Northern Madras Province and Malabar on India's south-west coast, since the Indian Communist Party reversed its previous policy of support of Pandit Nehru's Government, at its Calcutta convention a year ago.

The arrests of the Communists followed these outbreaks. The Government believes that they were inspired by the Policy which brought about Communist revolts in the neighbouring territories of Burma and Malaya.

A Government source said that the threatened Communist strike would be an unmitigated disaster to the country in its present difficult economic situation, and specially because of the developing famine in certain areas such as Gujarat and Cutch on the west coast.

On the strength of the "mass of evidence" in their possession, the Indian Government authorities consider the threatened strike as part of an alleged Communist plan to create chaos, calculated to lead to the breakdown of the administration and mass uprisings.

Where Dr. Donges Wants To Send Us



A VILLAGE IN INDIA.

This house is typical of those dwellings in Orissa, and in most parts of India and Pakistan. The roof is thatched with grass, and the walls are roughly built of mud and bricks. The only light comes through the doors and one open window. Beyond the house are a small vegetable garden and three acres of paddy field. There are forty million families like Saha's in the sub-continent. Ninety per cent. of the total population of India and Pakistan are villagers and farmers. Like Saha, most of them are permanently in debt to landlords and money lenders.

THE Minister of the Interior, Dr. T. E. Donges, announced at a public meeting here that the Government is prepared as a temporary measure and for a limited period to increase the bonus payable to Indians who wish to return to India, states a Sapa message.

The Minister said "as a result of renewed interest shown in the scheme whereby Indians are assisted to emigrate to India (now known as Pakistan and India) the Union Government has for some time past had under consideration this scheme, particularly inoperative during the last world war owing to the shortage of shipping and various other reasons occasioned by the war.

"The shipping position has today improved considerably and as result thereof more interest is being shown in the provisions of the assisted emigration scheme.

"The Union Government therefore feels that in view of this revival interest in the scheme it should now do more in assisting Indians to return to their mother country.

"The assisted emigration scheme came into being in 1914 under Act No. 22 of that year. Its present form is embodied in Act No. 37 of 1927.

"Briefly the scheme provides for financial assistance and a free passage from any place in the Union for any adult Indian in respect of himself and his family, if any, under certain conditions.

"In addition to free passages, emigrants are provided with food free of charge during the journey.

"The financial assistance under the present scheme consists of a bonus of £20 per adult and £10 per child under the age of 16 years.

"The Union Government is prepared as a temporary measure and for a limited period to increase the bonus payable from £20 to £80 per adult and from £10 to £20 per child under the age of 16 years in the hope that the increased bonus will assist those Indians who desire to avail themselves of the benefits of the assisted emigration scheme to establish themselves in their homeland.

THE LATE MRS. SAROJINI NAIDU

Memorial Meeting

A Memorial Meeting, under the joint auspices of the Surat Hindu Association and the Kathiawad Hindu Seva Samaj was held in the S.H.A. Hall, Victoria Street, Durban, on Sunday, March 6, 1949, at 3.30 p.m., to mourn the loss of the late Mrs. Sarojini Naidu. Dr. N. P. Desai, President of the Kathiawad Hindu Seva Samaj, presided. He and various other speakers paid tribute to the memory of the departed soul and her contribution in the fields of literature, art and the liberation of India. Special prayers and bhajans were recited.

A resolution of condolence was adopted by the meeting to be sent to members of the bereaved family as well as to the Prime Minister of India.

Memorial Service

The Memorial Ceremony of my beloved father, the late MR. K. MUNI REDDY, who passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 1, 1949, will take place at 153 Wiggins Road, Mayville, on Tuesday, March 15, 1949, and will be continued on the following day, Wednesday, March 16, at the river bank near the house.

Friends and relatives are kindly requested to accept this as a personal invitation.

Numerous Rescues

Over the weekend several were rescued by members of the Durban Indian Surf Life Saving Club. Among them were Bernard Dunn and [illegible], who were caught in a swift current and swept into a channel. Artificial respiration had to be employed [illegible]. None of these cases were of a serious nature.

For the past few weeks, surf bathing has been very dangerous and members of the public are warned to keep inshore. Since the rivers are now in flood on account of the recent heavy rain, the sea has become discoloured and bathers are warned not to swim beyond the line of breakers because of the shark menace.

The club's annual sports for children will be held on Easter Monday, April 18, 1949, at the North Beach. Among other items, [illegible] the Indian.

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KATHIAWAD HINDU SEVA SAMAJ, DURBAN

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Kathiawad Hindu Seva Samaj was held in the Samaj Hall, [illegible] Street, Durban, on 20th February, 1949, in the afternoon. The Secretaries' Annual Report reflected much progress in various activities conducted by the Samaj. The Samaj conducts a Government-aided English School, a Gujerati School, a comprehensive Library and Reading Room, etc.

The following office-bearers for the ensuing year were elected:—

President: Dr. N. P. Desai,

Vice-Presidents: Messrs. N. S. Desai, C. R. Parekh and Jeram [illegible],

Joint Hon. Secretaries: Messrs. N. V. Mehta and P. H. Joshi,

Joint Hon. Treasurers: Messrs. V. P. Desai and Damjee [illegible].

NOTICE

Durban Indian Surf Life Saving Club

(Gymnasium Section)

This is to inform members and interested members that regular classes are held daily in Physical Culture and Boxing at our Gymnasium, Jeena's Hall, Grey St., Durban.

For further details, call at our Headquarters, 122 Queen Street, Durban.

K. R. SINGH,
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All welcome.

L. A. FREDERICK,
President.

K. A. PILLAY,
Hon. Secretary.

IN MEMORIAM

DEMALOO: In loving memory of my dear brother, [illegible], who died tragically on March 6, 1948.

[illegible]

Sadly missed by his loving sister and brothers-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. [illegible].

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CHETTY: In loving memory of our dear mother and mother-in-law, [illegible] Chetty, of [illegible] Factory Road, [illegible], who passed away on March 13, 1947.

With tears we saw you sinking,
And watched you pass away.
We tended you with loving care,
But could not make you stay.
We watched beside your bedside,
As the lonely hours passed,
And our hearts were broken
When we saw you breathe your last.

We missed you on this second year [illegible] Deeply loved and sadly missed by her loving sons, [illegible], daughters-in-law, [illegible] and grandchildren, [illegible] and Nithyananthan Chetty.

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MEMORIAL CEREMONY

The Memorial Ceremony of the late Mr. M. M. [illegible], son of Mr. and Mrs. M. [illegible], Natal, will take place at Mr. [illegible], Marianhill, Natal, on Saturday, March [illegible], and will be continued on Sunday, March [illegible], at the [illegible]. Friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Thanks

Mrs. [illegible] Pillay and Mr. [illegible] of Verulam, and Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] wish to extend their sincere thanks to all those who attended the wedding of [illegible] Pillay to [illegible], and also wish to convey their hearty thanks for the splendid gifts and good wishes received.

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Miss Mariam [illegible] and Mrs. K. [illegible], of [illegible] Road, Durban, wish to thank all friends and relatives for their kind messages of sympathy and the beautiful floral tributes sent during their sad bereavement.

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Mrs. V. K. Chetty and family, of [illegible] Sparks Road, Overport, Durban, wish to thank all relatives and friends for the many beautiful floral tributes and kind expressions of sympathy sent in their recent sad bereavement. Special thanks to doctor, matron, staff and nurses of St. Mary's Hospital, Marianhill.

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Mr. S. K. [illegible] and Sons, of [illegible] Street, Durban, extend their heartfelt thanks to all relatives and friends for the kind expressions of sympathy personally and in messages and to those that sent in floral tributes in their recent sad bereavement on the death of the late Mr. S. [illegible], proprietor of the Favourite Steam Laundry.

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Donges Resorts To Bribery

WHEN Pandit Nehru said in New Delhi last Sunday that "The Government of India disapproves on various grounds any attempts to repatriate South Africans to India; because these people, while they are to some extent Indians racially and culturally, are South African citizens and not Indian nationals; he expressed the argument that the South African Indians have [illegible] their case as Union nationals.

When the Hertzog Government, in which Dr. Malan, the present Prime Minister, was Minister of Interior, and accordingly directly concerned with immigration and the Indian problem, adopted the Capetown Agreement, under which Indians in South Africa who did not wish to conform to Western standards of civilisation would be assisted by the Union Government to emigrate to India; it was expressly understood that such emigrants were regarded as South African nationals and had the right to return to South Africa under certain conditions.

This agreement was duly honoured by the Hertzog Government and also by the Smuts Government which succeeded it. These Governments considered the Indians in this country as South African citizens and not as Indian nationals. No sooner, however, had the present Nationalist Government assumed the reins of office when the Capetown Agreement was callously repudiated, Cabinet Ministers and prominent Nationalist Members of Parliament stated in public that the Indians in this country were not considered as indigenous by the Government and that wages and means would have to be devised to send them out of the Union.

This anti-Indian campaign was one of the chief planks in the Nationalist election platform last year. It was especially virulent in Natal and all kinds of actually baseless arguments were used to make the electorate believe that the Indians were "not wanted" in South Africa and that the sooner they could be sent out of the Union the better it would be for that country. Then came the Durban riots, from which the rest of the population of the Union was led to believe that the Indians were entirely without friends in this country and that their continued presence in South Africa would only invite further racial clashes. This entirely unfounded supposition greatly strengthened the Government's hands in their anti-Indian policy. The Indians must be induced to leave the country, said those in authority. The responsible Minister, Dr. Donges, declared at a meeting in Greytown that Indians wishing to leave the Union would be assisted not only with a free passage but also with a Government grant of £10.

This is downright bribery and it is hardly likely that the South African Indians will allow themselves to be bribed to leave their homeland for a country which very few of them have ever seen. Generations have passed since the forefathers of the South African Indians first arrived in this country—most of them with the intention of making South Africa their new home. Their sons and daughters, their grandchildren and great-grandchildren have known no other homeland than South Africa and played a worthy part in the development of this country. Now, all of a sudden, they are no longer regarded as South Africans and pressure is brought to bear on them to emigrate to a land which to them is practically a foreign country.

The Indians in South Africa must meet this threat to their existence with a calm dignity and refuse to let themselves be coerced or panicked into an acceptance of the Government's anti-Indian policy. We have the right on our side and must remember that the eyes of the world are watching the events in South Africa, and that the sympathy of the world is with us and not with the Nationalist Government. We are South Africans in our own right and no one can deprive us of that fundamental right.

India the New Leader in Asia's Affairs

Sapa-Reuter Special to "The Leader"

INDIA, for centuries the centre of a civilisation which influenced the Eastern world from Persia to China, is assuming a new leadership in the new Asia which may influence not only the Eastern but the Western world as well.

The traveller in India today finds little of the pomp and splendour of the romance depicted in books and pictures of British India.

The superficial magnificence associated with the princes and government is fast disappearing and in its place is a hard realism which finds expression in the less spectacular but more important measures of reform.

Today, it is evident that the emphasis in Asian affairs has begun to swing from the Pacific to South-East Asia. The question which still has to be answered is: will India and South-East Asia succeed where China has apparently failed?

One of the most prominent of the Indian leaders said to me recently: "It is ironic that we got our freedom when the world, instead of breaking apart, is drawing closer together.

"I am free, but I am dependent on other countries for almost everything I want. We must have cooperation with all—East and West."

Reform in India covers almost every aspect of the political, social and economic structure.

The most important reform is the integration of the "independent" states with the rest of India, for without integration many of the other reforms would be impossible.

There were 600 states ruled by princes with a nominal independence within the framework of the Indian Empire. Already a great number of these have been incorporated in provinces (states) and under the central government of India. Some have joined together in their own unions. The future of two of the largest states, Hyderabad and Kashmir, remain unsettled.

LARGE-SCALE PLANS

Reforms in other fields include large-scale plans for industrialisation, irrigation and development of hydro-electric power and schemes for the education for India's millions of illiterates.

There are also large-scale plans for improvement of the health services and communications. A new constitution is being debated.

Side by side with all these immense problems which the new state is tackling with speed and vigour is the appalling problem of the millions of refugees cast adrift from their homes in the towns, villages and farms as a result of the upheaval which followed the partition of India.

Nevertheless, it is not surprising that India has found time to interest herself in the problems of other Asian nations.

Although India attained independence by negotiation and was thus spared the particular kind of bloodshed which has taken place in Indonesia and Indo-China, Indian nationalism has experienced a long and bitter struggle.

As a result, while Indian feelings for Britain are warm, there is a rankling dislike for colonialism anywhere, in any form—a feeling which occasionally breaks out into eloquent defiance.

The Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, has declared frequently: "India will not tolerate colonialism in Asia." The Indian Press, too, has been eloquent in defiance of the Dutch in Indonesia, the French in Indo-China and the British in Malaya.

Apart from this, India for many centuries had close cultural and economic ties with the rest of Asia and her civilisation has influenced the eastern world from Persia to China.

The growth of Indian influence in Asia began in the First Century when wave after wave of colonists spread through Ceylon, Burma, Siam, Java, Sumatra and Indo-China.

Their influence reached even to China, Formosa and the Philippines, and ancient Indian epics have been woven into the folk literature of Java and Bali. The city of Angkor in Indo-China, said to have been a city of a million inhabitants "larger and more splendid than the Rome of the Caesars."

India's influence in South-East Asia is still strong, through the millions of her people who have settled in Ceylon, Burma and Malaya.

There is another important factor which is influencing India's relationship with the rest of Asia. Since Japan has been defeated and is now an occupied country and since China is preoccupied with civil war, India is the largest independent political and economic unit in Asia.

NEW DELHI AS CENTRE

It is inevitable, therefore, that Delhi should become the political and economic centre of a great part of Asia and that Indonesia and others should look towards India for guidance. It is equally inevitable that India should use her position to give effective leadership in affairs in which she is directly interested.

One of India's direct interests today is the protection of Asia from Communism. Pandit Nehru made several veiled suggestions to this effect during the recent Indonesian conference when he spoke of the "many forms of aggression today."

It is believed that the danger of Communism taking advantage of the situation in Indonesia was one of the factors which led the Indian Government to call a conference of Asian countries.

Indians are making more and more use of this argument in calling for monetary and other help from the United States.

Mr. Loy Henderson, the United States Ambassador to India, said recently that American businessmen were anxious to invest in India, but were waiting for clarification of India's future policy and industrial programme.

To this, the Indian Press replied that the utterances of the Prime Minister and other leaders were a guarantee that foreign capital would be welcomed and protected.

The suggestion that India is deliberately attempting to force her leadership on Asia or is anxious for an Asiatic bloc hostile to the West has been repeatedly denied by Pandit Nehru and other leaders.

India, it may reasonably be assumed, wants cooperation with the West—if only because India and, for that matter, the countries of Asia generally need Western capital and material aid for their own reconstruction and development.

Indian influence may be a big factor among the forces which will decide the place which the new Asia, restlessly emerging from the colonial era, will fill in relation to the Western world and, in consequence, in the cause of peace.

PIRATES F.C.

At the third annual meeting of the Maritzburg Pirates Football Club held last Sunday, the following office bearers were elected for the ensuing season:—

Patrons, Messrs. K. D. Singh, [illegible] Maharaj and P. [illegible]; vice-presidents, Messrs. [illegible]; president, Mr. [illegible]; vice-presidents, [illegible]; secretary, [illegible]; treasurer, [illegible]; [illegible].

Indians Assaulted on Beach by Europeans

IT SEEMS SOME OF THE "LOWEST OF THE LOW" TYPE OF EUROPEANS TAKE A GREAT DEAL OF PLEASURE AND DERIVE PLENTY OF AMUSEMENT IN ASSAULTING INNOCENT INDIANS. TWO BATCHES OF THREE AND FIVE INDIANS WERE MERCILESSLY ASSAULTED NEAR THE AMPHITHEATRE SKATING RINK AT THE DURBAN BEACH

MRS. BALLARD, an European woman, of Escombe, told "The Leader" that she was out at the beach with her family when the assault took place. The first batch of three Indians who happened to pass the skating rink were chased by two European youths. One of them was caught and struck about the face, but he rushed up to the nearby bus stop and managed to board the bus in time. He was seen bleeding from the mouth. Some Europeans who saw the incident seemed to derive plenty of amusement, and they also took the opportunity of hurling dirty remarks in the name of the Indians.

A short while later, another batch of five Indians who were crossing the road in close proximity to the Amphitheatre skating rink were unexpectedly set on by a party of Europeans who emerged from the rink. These Indians, who were decently dressed, did not provoke any trouble, neither did they pass by any remark, but they were attacked without any cause or reason by this band of European youths.

The Indian who did not manage to get away, got the worst of it. He was caught and beaten up. He could not stand on his feet any longer and fell to the ground. Still not satisfied, one European youth delighted the crowd that had gathered by kicking the Indian lying on the ground about the eyes. Of course, he did not fail to make deplorable remarks. In all cases, it is understood, the Indians did not raise their hands, nor utter a word against the attackers.

ASSAILANTS VANISHED

Mrs. Ballard said that her husband, on hearing what had happened, went up and found the Indian, who was still lying on the ground. One of his eyes, which had received severe blows, was badly cut and bleeding. They picked him up, amid some insults from other Europeans who had seen them do this, and took him to their car. They asked the Indian, whose name was [illegible], which way his assailants had gone, and told him that they were going to look for them. The young Indian was frightened to death at the very suggestion of looking for the attackers. However, he was assured that he would be protected and they thereupon set out. Unfortunately their efforts were without avail, and they were also unable to find the European who had played a leading part in attacking the Indian.

The Indian was taken to the Charge Office, Smith Street, Durban. "When we arrived at the Police Station," continued Mrs. Ballard, "I heard a European police constable say, 'Coolie,' [illegible] by this remark, [illegible] I went up and asked him [illegible] referred to the Indians as [illegible] and he had the audacity [illegible] 'Are you a European [illegible] or what?'

"I remonstrated with him and [illegible] reported the matter to the officer in charge, who questioned the constable concerned. My husband was also present with me at the Charge Office when this incident occurred.

"The Indian's complaint was taken down," said Mrs. Ballard, "and my daughter's name and address as an eye-witness of the assault was also taken. We were told that we would be called later."

"The Indian, who resides at Overport, was taken to the King Edward VIII Hospital for attention. His eye, which was still bleeding, had to be stitched. According to my daughter, one of the assailants was a European by name of George [illegible].

"As far as I am concerned I am not going to let the matter rest there and be shelved. In the name of justice and fairplay, I am going to see the matter through," added Mrs. Ballard.

AFRICAN MENACE

WHILE there is no restraint on gangs of African hooligans, who are a real menace to peace and order, from using the streets of Durban at night, a virtual curfew is being imposed on innocent, law abiding, Indian citizens, by these hooliganistic mobs.

On Wednesday of last week, Mr. I. M. Khan, of Crabbe Street, Durban, told a "Leader" reporter that he was walking along Grey Street at about 8 p.m., with his 15-year-old niece, two African hooligans assaulted him, and attempted to commit an outrage on his niece, by dragging her into an alley. His screams for help, however, frightened the Africans, who beat a hasty retreat.

NATIVE BEER HALL SOURCE OF POTENTIAL DANGER

THE OUTBREAK OF VIOLENCE AT THE INDIAN MARKET DEMONSTRATES ONCE AGAIN A QUESTION WHICH HAS NOT YET BEEN RAISED BEFORE THE RIOTS COMMISSION. THIS IS THE PROXIMITY OF THE NATIVE BEER HALL TO THE INDIAN MARKET AND, FURTHER, THE FACT THAT IT IS SITUATED IN THE HEART OF AN INDIAN AREA.

RECENTLY the daily as well as the weekly Press has devoted considerable space to [illegible] boycott on Indian trade.

Investigations carried out by the Natal Indian Congress reveal that much of what has been published on the subject is either unfounded or grossly exaggerated. No account also appears to have been taken in these reports of the thousands of refugees who have temporarily lost their purchasing power and whatever losses there is to Indian trade since the riots is being attributed entirely and unjustifiably to boycott.

Reports have been published stating that there has been 75 per cent. to 90 per cent. drop in Indian trade. It is also stated that only 20 per cent. of Indian businesses have reopened since the riots, and that Indian buses are running half empty, all due to the African boycott of Indian trade and buses. These reports are not only fantastic but untrue.

While it is true that Indian trade in the Durban area generally has suffered a set back due to the riots, it is admittedly incorrect to assert that 80 per cent. of Indian shops have still reopened. Official figures give the number of Indian shops destroyed as being 58 and though when there was a boycott of sort it is physically impossible for those destroyed shops to reopen for a long time to come.

Shops which were only partially damaged have all reopened and though many African customers are kept away from these shops due to the rumours of food poisoning, etc., a walk through the two Indian markets and shops at the lower end of Victoria Street revealed quite a few African customers making their usual purchases from Indian traders.

Speaking to many of the stall holders of the market and shops in Victoria Street, our investigator was informed that African customers are slowly returning to the particular shops from which they have been in the habit of making their purchases. In many cases they had come to express sorrow, regret and sympathy for what had happened.

What is being entirely ignored, however, the fact that thousands of Indians who ordinarily patronised the Indian shops have since the riots become destitute, having lost their entire possessions in many cases. 10,000 refugees had left their homes and a very large percentage of these have not yet returned, being housed and fed in temporary relief camps. Of the many thousands that have returned to their homes the majority having lost their possessions and are not in a position to make purchases. Thus the vast majority of these refugees have, at least for the present, lost their purchasing power and this is the primary factor that has affected Indian trade more than anything else. The boycott which has been given great prominence is merely a contributory factor.

In respect of the bus service our investigations reveal that with the exception of two routes, Cato Manor and Mayville(?), all Indian buses are back to normal.

Gradually as the thousands of refugees are rehabilitated, trade must return to normal. Indian traders feel that the boycott is merely a passing phase which must come to an end as all boycotts do.

"Much of the information in regard to the loss of life and property is already known to you, and there is no need for any recapitulation."

Indian Doctors Hampered by Restrictions on Spirits

INDIAN medical practitioners are feeling the liquor restrictions acutely. They cannot obtain methylated spirits freely because, as the law now stands, it is a criminal offence for any dealer to supply methylated spirits to any Asiatic. Indian doctors are finding it extremely difficult, if not impossible to obtain "meths." for use in the course of their professional work.

They need the "meths." for sterilisation purposes, and where once they required and used a gallon or more a week, they cannot even get a bottle a week now.

One prominent doctor told a "Leader" reporter: "On this question the Government has once again displayed the fact that, as far as European South Africa is concerned, white rubbish is better than granted licence, for any white lad can go into a chemist or other dealer licensed to sell 'meths,' and buy the spirits, while I, with all my professional training and experience in England, cannot buy a bottle of 'meths' in Durban, for use in my work. It is time that the Government amended its dominions in the light of this. We doctors are being driven frantic over the supply of 'meths.' We have to go very carefully with our supplies."

INDIAN BROADCAST

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On Sunday, March 13, the Radio [illegible] Club will present a [illegible] programme of Hindi songs and music. Singers will be [illegible], [illegible] and [illegible].

DOCTORS ASSAILANT SENTENCED

HABIB KHAN, who was charged with the crime of robbery and theft before Mr. Justice Carlisle at the Maritzburg Criminal Sessions on Friday, March 4, was found guilty on both counts. He was sentenced to three years' imprisonment with hard labour. The complainant was Soobe Rama Deenadayalu, a medical practitioner, of 24 Botanic Gardens Road, Durban.

DR. DEENADAYALU, in evidence, stated that on the evening, at 7 p.m., of December 30, 1948, the accused came to his surgery, at 90 Prince Edward Street, Durban, and on the pretext that his wife was seriously ill took him out to Cato Manor. Having stopping at an isolated spot, he drew out a dagger.

"Before I could say anything, he said: 'You are Dr. Deenadayalu, aren't you?' I said 'Yes.' Accused said he had come all the way from Johannesburg, and had arrived at the place that very afternoon, [illegible] and [illegible] with me. Accused then said that I had done something wrong, and that if I were not an Indian he would kill me [illegible]. Suddenly he pointed the dagger against my right ribs and ordered me to [illegible].

"I told the accused that apparently he had brought me out there for [illegible]. I told him he could have all the money which I had on me, provided he would allow me to go home to my son.

"Accused replied: 'You are talking all your sins, all get shot.' I then removed my [illegible] and threw it to the accused. Accused then asked me to remove my trousers. I pretended at this. Again he menaced me with the dagger. I had no option but to take off my trousers and give them to him.

Ordered to Wait.

"Accused ordered me to walk in front of him towards the bottom of the hill—farther away from the car. Accused ordered me to wait there [illegible] I did not. [illegible] asked him for my watch. He was in the top pocket of my coat. He forcibly removed the watch from my coat and threw it at me. Accused then ordered me to walk, threatening to shoot if I looked back. I walked about 30 yards or more and stopped with my hands [illegible] towards my car. After a few minutes I heard the sound of my car going off at top speed. I then rushed to the top of the road and found my car had [illegible]."

Dr. Deenadayalu said "Now he caught me [illegible]. I saw a light burning in the window. I knocked at the window and asked if anyone was inside. The inmates asked who I was and I told them. The people took me inside and gave me clothes and took me to the Cato Manor Police Station."

Called at Another Surgery.

Dr. [illegible], a medical practitioner, said that he remembered the accused calling at his surgery on December 30, 1948, at 6 p.m.

"I had just returned to my consulting room," said Dr. [illegible], "after having a [illegible]. He requested me to go with him to [illegible] River, to attend to a patient of his, Mr. M. Khan.

"I questioned him closely as to the nature of the illness and he told me that Khan had a [illegible] in the right side of his stomach. I asked him if he was [illegible] blood in his water. He said he did not know. I asked him if Khan's illness was serious. He became hesitant and was not sure. From his uncertainty about the case I thought it was not serious. I offered him some medicine, to take the patient over the night, and asked him to tell Khan to report to me in the morning, when I would examine him properly. I told the person to wait in the room while I attended another patient. After 20 minutes I called for the person but he was not there. My receptionist and I searched around, but could not find anybody. I left the matter at that."

The case was remanded for further hearing at Maritzburg, on March [illegible], and Khan was detained at the Town Hill Hospital for observation.

The Physician Superintendent, in reporting on Khan's mental condition, said that he was not able to [illegible] as mentally disordered or defective. "He has been well behaved since admission. He gives a good account of himself and the reasons for [illegible]. During his first interview he appeared mildly confused. This continued with his condition in the ward so strongly, that it was obviously put on. He soon abandoned his attempt at simulation when spoken to."

Three previous convictions, of theft, theft and assault to do [illegible], were put in.

Urgent Need for More Contributions to Riot Relief Fund

THE NATAL INDIAN CONGRESS ADDRESSED A LETTER TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NATAL DISTRESS RELIEF FUND IN REGARD TO THE SCOPE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE FUND, THE ALTERNATIVE HOUSING OF THE HOMELESS REFUGEES OVER A 1,000 OF WHOM ARE STILL ACCOMMODATED IN SIX SCHOOLS WHICH REMAIN CLOSED TO THEIR CHILDREN, AND REQUESTING THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO MEET THE CONGRESS AND HEAR THEIR REPRESENTATIONS ON THE VARIOUS PROBLEMS OF RELIEF.

"At a meeting of the Provincial Working Committee of our Organisation, held on February 28, the question of the poor response to the Natal Distress Fund was raised. The amount so far collected from the Asians and Europeans is £[illegible], of which £[illegible] has been donated by the Natal Provincial Government. The progress of the Fund is extremely slow and the amount so far collected in respect of which the Government would pay £ for £, will hardly touch the fringe of the question of alleviating the distress caused. Thousands of pounds have still to be collected if there is to be even a slight semblance of rehabilitating the people who have suffered, that people require help urgently, and it is for that reason our Committee felt that an appeal should be made to your people, through your good self, to contribute towards the Fund. We shall be grateful if you will please make the appeal as indicated.

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Mr. E. Godfrey David has resigned the presidentship of the Veda Dharma Sabha. He has been connected with this premier Maritzburg institution since 1903. He was assistant secretary, later secretary and treasurer and president for 20 years. He has seen the Sabha, which has now approximately freehold property worth £20,000, grow to the present position it occupies.

TEMPLE DISPUTE STILL UNSOLVED

From Our Own Correspondent.

MARITZBURG, Friday.

The special general meeting of the Sree Soobramoniar and Marriamen Temple which was to have been held tomorrow morning to consider the activities of the Trustees, has been called off, as Mr. K. S. Pillay resumed the position during the week.

Mr. K. S. Reddy, joint secretary of the Temple, told "The Leader" that a meeting will be held shortly to fill the vacancy.

APPLICATIONS FOR LAND TENURE PERMITS

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE ISSUE OF PERMITS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE LAND TENURE ADVISORY BOARD, ON MARCH 16, 1949:—

APPLICATION by Salbhan Garach Naidu (Asiatic) for the issue of a permit to acquire from A. Caler (Coloured) and to occupy Erf No. 9 Block Z in the Township of Dundee Proper, situate on sub A of the farm Dundee in the Division of Newcastle, Natal, and situated on Gladstone Street, Dundee, Natal.

Application by Dawood Kaola (Asiatic) for the issue of a permit to acquire from J. W. A. Dimock (European) and to occupy Erf No. 2 Block BB in the Township of "Dundee Proper" situate on sub A of the farm Dundee in the Division of Newcastle, Natal, and known as No. 17 Gladstone Street, Dundee, Natal.

[illegible]

INDIANS MADE PAWNS IN PARTY POLITICAL MANOEVRE

DEALING with this question a prominent Indian social worker told a "Leader" reporter that while the Indians had no desire for any racial objections to Africans, we are now come face to face with an issue which must be tackled seriously.

"We have no objection to the proximity of the Native market. The stallholders there were welcome to trade peacefully as responsible co-citizens, but I am afraid I cannot say the same thing about the frequenters of the beer-hall. Thousands of Natives converge here after 5 p.m. each afternoon for their 'utywala,' but unfortunately they get involved in drunken brawls and owing to the strained relations and the charged atmosphere it is not difficult to appreciate how easy it is for trouble to break out here."

Thousands of Indians rush past this area day in and day out. In the evenings there is very little moving space and anyone is quite likely to be bumped, pushed or even knocked down.

One evening an Indian may accidentally knock down a Native and we have no guarantee that thousands of drunk Natives won't make a concerted charge from the beer hall on the Indians. That is a matter which those who are dealing with the riots should enquire into. I, personally, feel that the beer hall should be removed. The Native Market can stay.

[illegible] GOVENDER, son of the late Mr. N. Govender, and brother of Messrs. David Govender Brothers, passed away at his home, Flat 1, [illegible] Court, 29 Acutt Road, Durban, on Tuesday, February 22. His remains were cremated at the Cato Manor Crematorium.

Homage to the Memory of A Heroic Woman

THE MEMORY OF THE LATE MRS. SAROJINI NAIDU WAS HONOURED BY INDIANS IN SOUTH AFRICA AT WELL-ATTENDED MEETINGS IN DURBAN, MARITZBURG, JOHANNESBURG AND OTHER CENTRES, HELD UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE NATAL AND TRANSVAAL INDIAN CONGRESSES, THE NATAL INDIAN ORGANISATION

From Our Own Correspondent.

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AT a well-attended meeting held under the auspices of the Maritzburg branch of the Natal Indian Organisation on Saturday afternoon in the H.Y.M.A. Hall, Maritzburg, tributes were paid to the memory of Madame Sarojini Naidu, Governor of the United Provinces of India.

Mr. S. R. Naidoo, chairman of the Organisation, gave a brief resume of the life of Madame Naidu. Other speakers were: Mr. P. Satyapal, who spoke in Hindi, and Mr. R. A. Maharaj.

Prayers were said by Pundit S. Jugmohan and Mrs. M. M. Moodley.

The following resolution was adopted:

"This meeting of the Indian community of Pietermaritzburg and Districts, held under the auspices of Natal Indian Organisation, expresses its profoundest sympathy and sorrow at the loss of Shrimathi Sarojini Naidu, who, as an outstanding orator, poetess, ambassadress, interpreter of culture and civilisation of India and a close associate of Mahatma Gandhi, dedicated and gave her life to the service of India, and in no less degree contributed to the achievement of independence of India.

"This meeting records its tribute to the memory of Shrimathi Sarojini Naidu, whose splendid services in the cause of [illegible] the welfare of Indians in South Africa will ever be enshrined in the hearts of and remembered by our people.

"This meeting sends its deepest sympathy to her family, to the Government of India and to the Leaders in their irreparable loss of a distinguished and illustrious daughter of India."

IN JOHANNESBURG

In spite of inclement weather the Gandhi Hall in Johannesburg was crowded at a meeting of the Transvaal Indian Congress, held to condole the death of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu.

Dr. V. C. Patel presided and speakers included Messrs. Y. Cachalia, M. T. Mistry, P. S. Joshi, S. R. Moolla, K. Taratan, R. K. C. Pillay and N. Thandray.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted.

"This mass meeting of the Indian people of the Transvaal deeply mourns the sudden demise of Shrimati Sarojini Naidu, the heroine of India's struggle for freedom.

"The meeting pays homage to the life and work of this noble personification of Indian womanhood who worked ceaselessly for the cause of India and humanity with rare courage and unbending determination.

"South African Indians will never forget the invaluable services rendered by her to them at all times, particularly at the time of the Class Areas Bill of 1924 and the Round Table Conference of 1927. In the loss of Sarojini Naidu the Indian community of South Africa has lost one of the greatest champions of their cause.

"This meeting representing the Indian people of the Transvaal mourns with the Indian nation in their sad and irreparable loss and conveys its heartfelt sympathy to the family of Mrs. Naidu."

Gandhi Hall was filled to its capacity on March 2nd when the Indians in Johannesburg paid their homage to the memory of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, well-known poetess and patriot of India, who died of heart failure at Lucknow.

The prayer meeting was held under the auspices of the Transvaal Hindu Seva Samaj. Mr. P. S. Joshi, chairman of the Samaj, presided. Mr. Joshi, in opening the meeting, said that Mrs. Naidu's death was a loss not only to India but to the entire world, especially the womanhood, as she was one of the most illustrious women of the age. Her loving personality, matchless oratory and great sacrifice for her ideals [illegible] contact with her.

Prayers were offered in Sanskrit by the chairman, and the following resolution of condolence was adopted in silence, all standing:

LONGER HOURS OF PLAY FOR TEST MATCHES SUGGESTED

BOMBAY: [illegible] Singh, [illegible] of Bombay, who will shortly lead the Indian cricket team against the West Indies [illegible]

[illegible]

Delayed Action Undoubtedly Cost Many Lives

IF THE AUTHORITIES IN DURBAN HAD DONE ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 14) WHAT THEY DID ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 15), NOT A SOUL NEED HAVE DIED. THIS ASSERTION IS MADE IN THE RESPONSIBLE ENGLISH WEEKLY, "THE NEW STATESMAN AND NATION," "BY A DURBAN CORRESPONDENT," WHO POINTS THAT THE AUTHORITIES CANNOT PLEAD THAT THEY WERE NOT WARNED. THEY HAD BEEN WARNED BY NINE O'CLOCK ON THAT FRIDAY MORNING. BUT THEIR REACTION WAS A 'THANK YOU,' AND A BELIEF THAT THE WARNING WAS EXAGGERATED.

REFERRING to the events of the Thursday evening and after, the correspondent writes: "The town was in a ferment. Native workers calling to workers from lorries, buses and house-tops. I telephoned myself to the police and the military at nine o'clock (on Friday morning) to warn them that, unless something was done to prevent the Zulus from continuing, there would be serious bloodshed before evening . . . they thanked me kindly, but thought I was exaggerating."

The correspondent concludes: "For the moment all is quiet. Everyone asks for how long. Everyone assumes it will happen again. It is idle to ignore that, since the new Government came into power, race relations have taken on a new bitter slant. There is frustration and despair in every Coloured heart. On Saturday evening, coming back from one 'battle-front' to the quiet foreshore, I saw a well-dressed Native suddenly take a run at some empty milk bottles outside a door, kick them savagely to bits and then walk sombrely and heavily on. I knew then that the riot in the streets was over, but that the riot in the black heart and mind went on. I knew that, unless there is some miraculous change here in our European hearts, we have seen only the end of a bitter beginning."

DEPUTATION'S PROTEST ON S. W. AFRICA ISSUE

LONDON: A deputation protesting against the apparent British support for South Africa's refusal to place South-West Africa under international trusteeship called on the Secretary for Commonwealth relations, Mr. Philip Noel-Baker, last week. It remained with him for more than two hours, states a Sapa-Reuter message.

The deputation was led by Mr. C. W. W. Greenidge, Secretary of the Anti-Slavery and Aborigines Protection Society.

The Rev. Michael Scott took part in the discussions as the representative of the Herero tribe of South-West Africa. Five members of Parliament—three Labour, one Liberal and one Independent—also attended.

The Minister made it clear that it was impossible for him to discuss matters within the sole jurisdiction of the South African Government. He explained the reasons for the policy on South-West Africa adopted by Britain at the United Nations.

THREATS TO NATIVES WHO USE INDIAN BUSES

AFRICANS in the Merebank area complain that when they ride in Indian buses they are assaulted and threatened with death by their compatriots, and that no police protection is afforded them. These mobs of African hooligans, who usually wait at the bus terminus, do not discriminate between age nor sex. In several cases African women and children have been severely beaten and assaulted. An African detective was set upon and received severe injuries at the hands of these hooligans because he rode in an Indian bus. During the week an Indian bus was stopped by 20 armed Africans. The leader of the gang went up to the driver and, with a knife pointed at his throat, said "Accelerate and I'll slit your throat. Come on, order all the Kaffirs out of your bus."

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Junior Leader

MY dear Children,

Among the letters I have received during the past four weeks in connection with my appeal to Junior readers to aid riot victims, I received one from the scholars of the Umzimkulu Government Indian School, Port Shepstone, Natal, who have collected the sum of £2 2s. Chachajan sincerely thanks them for their efforts in raising the money, and hopes that other schools are doing their share to assist the riot victims. The cheque has been forwarded to the principal of the Clairwood Infant Girls' School for the purchase of school books which are so necessary for their schooling. They certainly come within the category of "riot victims." Maybe if there is any surplus it should go towards the purchase of clothes for those children who have lost their "breadwinner."

The following is an extract from the letter which I received during the week: "We, the scholars of the Umzimkulu Government-aided Indian School, living about 100 miles away from Durban, heard of the horrors of the recent riots.

Consequently, we decided to contribute whatever we could from our pocket expenses, and started a collection. A fair amount was collected, and then we approached our teachers who did their share and brought the amount to £2 2s.

"We shall appreciate it very much," the letter continues, "if the authorities concerned would make use of the amount for the aid of distressed Indian children. We hope this article in your paper will act as an incentive to others who will do likewise."

APPEAL FOR BOOKS

Miss I. Isaac, principal of the Clairwood Infant Girls' School, 46 Jacobs Road, P.O. Rossburgh, writes:

"May I earnestly make an appeal through your widely-read columns for donations of second-hand school books, for the use of children who have either lost their breadwinners, or for those who have been rendered homeless during the recent riots.

"In addition to the residents of Clairwood, there are now quite a number of families who have come into the district from the riot-stricken areas. It is with the hope of assisting these unfortunate children that I make this earnest appeal to all who can, to give what books they have that will be of help to the children.

"The Clairwood Tamil Women's Association have kindly consented to undertake the task of receiving and distributing the books. Hence all those desirous of donating should forward the books to them at 46 Jacobs Road, Rossburgh," concludes the letter.

Well, I am sure many Junior Leaders have their old school books lying about (maybe in the [illegible] somewhere at home, or [illegible] have not been either given [illegible] or resold. If you have not been able to render any assistance [illegible] here is your chance to [illegible] something for the most unfortunate children.

[illegible] am certain that most of you [illegible] bound to find some of your [illegible] books and instead of keeping them at home—to what better [illegible] could you put them to, than give them to these poor children?

These books, as you will no doubt realise, are required rather urgently, because the children concerned have already been admitted to school. They are schooling without the necessary books through no fault of their own, and the sooner you could send them to the address given, they could be distributed and put into immediate use.

Food for Thought

For the weakness and failings of my neighbours and the joy of lending a helping hand; for my own shortcomings, sorrows and loneliness, that give me a deeper sympathy for others; for ingratitude and misunderstanding and the gladness of service without other reward than self-expression.

Arthur W. Newcomb.

PEN FRIENDS' CORNER

The following is the list of names in our Pen Friends' Corner for this week:—

S. Mohanlall Singh (16), P.O. Box 8, Darnall, Natal, who is a pupil in the sixth standard at the Dannhauser Indian School, is interested in reading, soccer, Indian songs and music. He would like to have pen friends with similar interests from any part of the world, especially India.

M. Pranchand (19), P.O. Box 33, Dannhauser, Natal, who is at present attending the Newcastle Secondary School, is interested in cricket, soccer, reading and film songs. He would like to have pen friends with similar interests from any part of the world, especially India.

D. Manilal (16), P.O. Box 23, Dannhauser, Natal, also a pupil at the Dannhauser Indian School, is interested in soccer, cricket, Indian songs and music. He would like to have pen friends from any part of the world, especially India.

Mahomed E. Amod (15), P.O. Box 24, Dannhauser, Natal, also in the sixth standard at the local school, would like to have pen pals from any part of the world. His interests are in soccer, cricket and the cinema.

S. Sewraj (13), c/o Indian School, Dannhauser, Natal, who is interested in soccer, boxing, reading and the cinema, would like to have pen pals from any part of the world, especially India.

K. Chandedail Singh (13), c/o Indian School, Dannhauser, Natal. Interests: All sports, reading and the cinema. He would like to have pen friends from any part of the world, especially India.

V. K. Govindsamy (16), c/o Indian School, Dannhauser, Natal. Interests: Soccer, cricket and reading. He would like to have pen friends from any part of the world, especially India.

Ahmed A. Rahim (15), c/o Indian School, Glencoe, Natal, who would like to have pen friends from any part of the world, is interested in soccer, cricket, cycling, the cinema and reading. His favourite hobby is collecting pictures.

K. Harry Rinthar (17), 1106 Main Road, Mayville, "Sherwood," Durban, who would like to have pen friends from India and the U.S.A., is interested in swimming, scouting, hiking, golf, Hindi songs and music.

Sunta Ismail (18), 579 Church Street, Maritzburg, is interested in film songs, music and the cinema. He would like to have pen friends from the Cape and India.

M. Kistanathan Naidoo (15), 12 Moorleigh Road, Bellair, Durban, is interested in reading, cycling, songs and soccer. He would like to have pen pals with similar interests from any part of the world especially the Cape and India.

R. J. Harrychund (14), 40 Burnwood Road, Sydenham, Durban, is interested in art, soccer, and plants. He would like to have pen friends from any part of the Union, especially the Cape and Johannesburg.

S. Harryparsadh (14), c/o Newlands Government Indian School, Newlands, Natal. Interests: Studies, reading and art. He would like to have pen friends from any part of Australia.

N. K. Govender (20), c/o Mt. Edgecombe Government Indian School, P.O. Mt. Edgecombe, Natal. Interests: Soccer, reading, Indian songs and music. He would like to have pen friends from any part of the Union, Lourenco Marques, India and England.

D. L. Govender (14), c/o Hulsterdale Estate, P.O. Esperanza, Natal. Interests: Soccer, cricket and cycling. He would like to have pen friends from Johannesburg and the U.S.A. Kindly send in a completed form.

N. C. S. Naidoo (20), 17a Dromore Road, Mayville, Durban, who is interested in all sports, would like to have pen friends from any part of the world. Kindly send in completed form.

Harry C. Reddy (18), 131 River Road, Bellair, Durban. Interests: Engineering, reading, music and politics. He would like to have pen friends with similar interests from any part of the Union, India, U.S.A., Ceylon and England.

LAUGHTER CORNER

Teacher: "Now, boys, I'll give you one more chance. Whose son blew in the [illegible]?"

Johnny: "Please, teacher, the Plumbers' Union!"

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Tommy had been pestering his mother for money to visit the pictures.

"You can't have it," said his mother firmly. "Haven't I said 'No' six times already?"

"All right," sighed Tommy with resignation. "But I wonder where Father gets the idea that you are always changing your mind?"

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"How was the geology lesson?"
"Fine, I was rocked to sleep."

* * *

The mathematics professor noticed that one of the pupils was daydreaming, and not following his work on the blackboard. To recall his attention, he said sharply:

"Brown, Brown, board!"

The boy, startled, looked up. "Yes, sir, very," came the reply.

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"This is the gate of Heaven," read the sign over the churchyard gate in front of a church which was being restored, while below was a notice in large letters: "Go round the other way."

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Till next week,

CHACHAJAN.

Message of the Stars

By "WAMI."

The Wheel of Fortune for the period March 12 to 18, for people born under the twelve Zodiac Signs are as follows:—

ARIES (March 21 to April 20): Good, 19; bad 16, 18.
TAURUS (April 21 to May 21): Good, 17; bad 14, 16.
GEMINI (May 22 to June 21): Good 17; bad 15, 16, 19.
CANCER (June 22 to July 22): Good, 18; bad 14, 17.
LEO (July 23 to August 22): Good, 18; bad 14, 17.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22): Good 17; bad 13, 16, 19.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): Good, 17; bad 14, 16.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 22): Good, 19; bad 16, 18.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 to Dec. 22): Good, 14, 17; bad, 13, 16.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 to Jan. 20): Good, 13, 17; bad 14, 16, 18.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 20): Good 12, 18; bad 13, 16.
PISCES (Feb. 20 to March 20): Good, 16; bad, 13, 16.

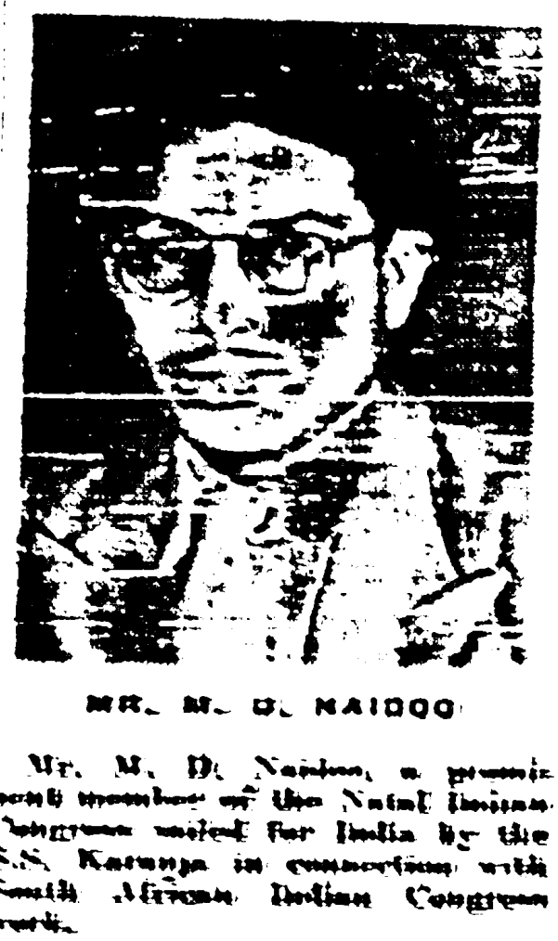
The good days for buying, [illegible] bargains to March 17; for selling [illegible] 18; for love and [illegible] 18; for [illegible] 16; [illegible] 18, 17; for sports, 13, 17; [illegible] on 13.

Favourable days to plant or [illegible] from March 17 to 19, [illegible]

The weather is indicated to be [illegible] about March 19 to 17.

The lucky numbers and colours to apply on the Turf on March 17 are: [illegible] Colours: Orange, Green.

S.A.I.C. "ENVOY" FOR INDIA?



MR. M. D. NAIDOO

Mr. M. D. Naidoo, a prominent member of the Natal Indian Congress sailed for India by the S.S. Karanja in connection with South African Indian Congress work.

This has been probably one of the best kept secrets in Indian politics and all Congress officials have been reluctant to say anything on the matter.

Mr. Naidoo's departure has been kept very secret and even today Congress officials maintain discreet silence on his departure. No officials are prepared to make any comments.

It is understood, however, that Mr. Naidoo carries with him credentials from the South African Indian Congress.

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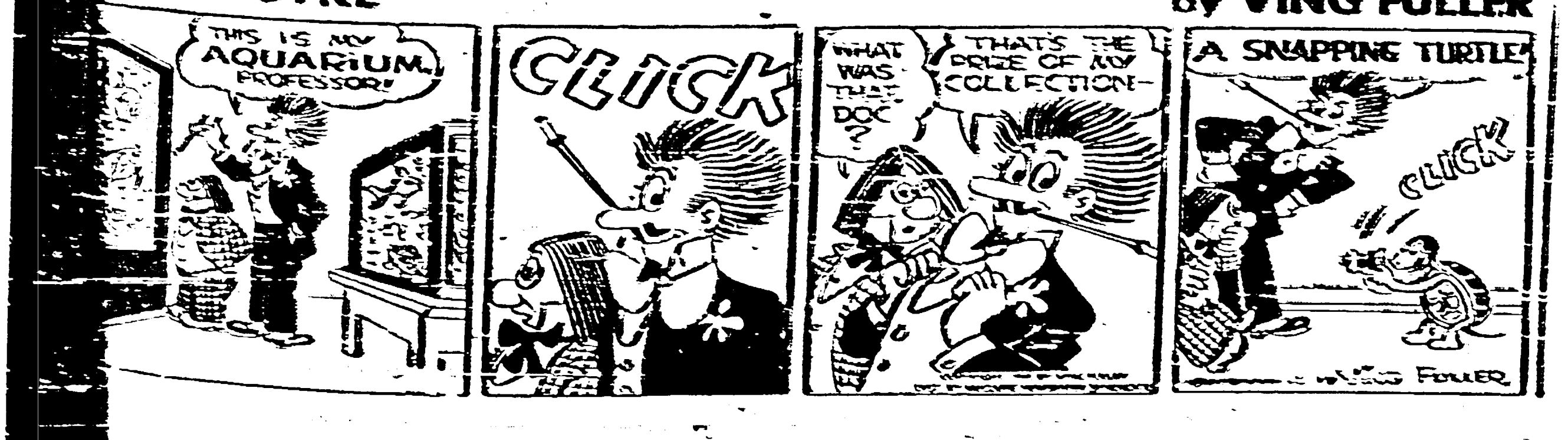

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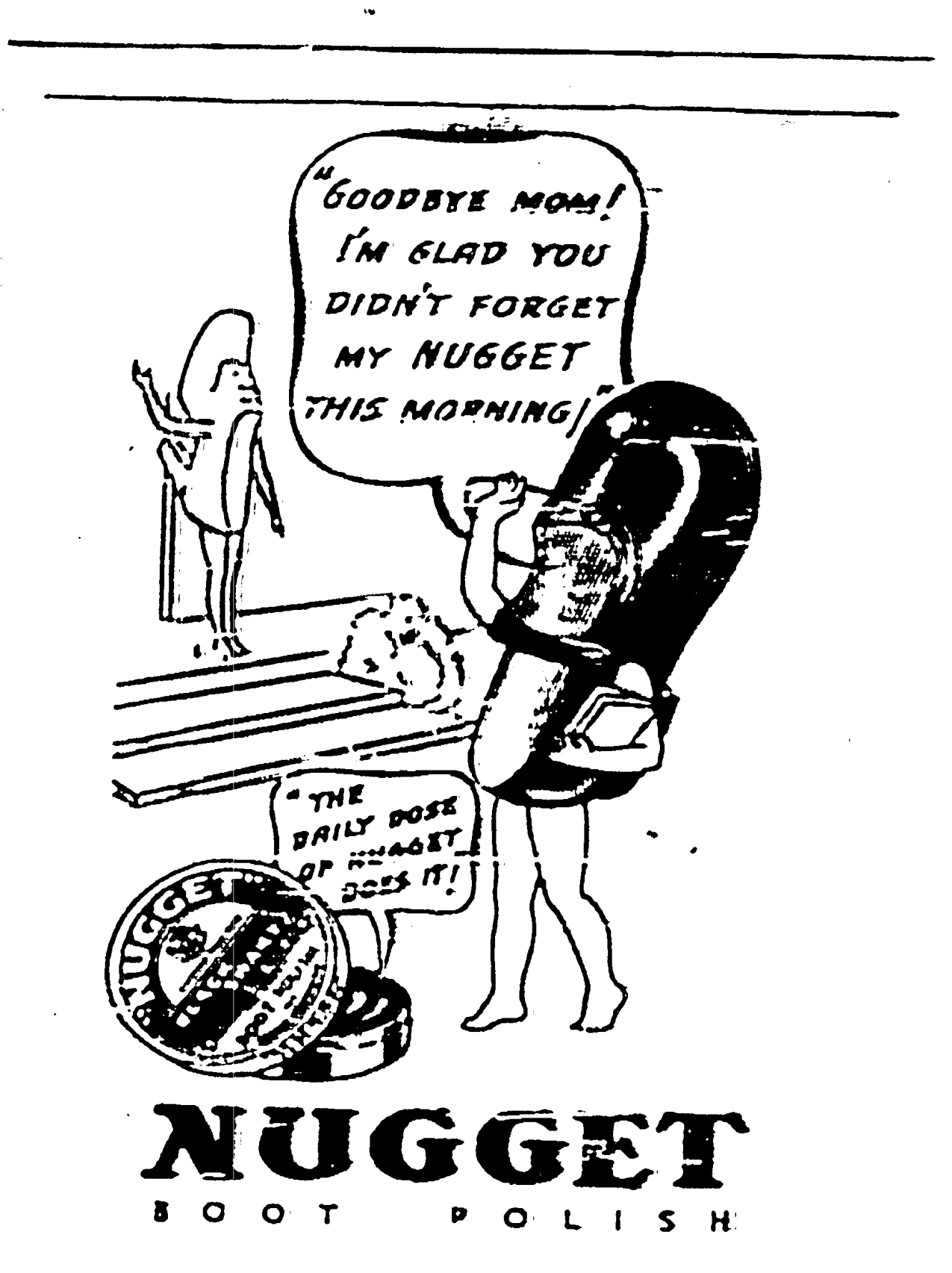

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P. YASMALL, the United captain, won the toss [illegible]

[illegible]

FAST SCORING

[illegible]

When Young Kismet began their innings they did so disastrously [illegible]

[illegible]

Thus United won the Asmal's K.O. Cup for the first season by 61 runs, and a [illegible] of time to spare.

Aryan Benevolent Home

The hon. secretary begs to acknowledge, with thanks, the following gifts to the Aryan Benevolent Home: [illegible]

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UN TO DISCUSS POSITION OF INDIANS IN S.A.

London.

THE United Nations department of public information places the "treatment of Indians in the Union of South Africa," high on the list of subjects to be discussed at the second part of the third regular session of the General Assembly, scheduled to open at Flushing Meadow, New York, on April 5, states a Sapa-Reuter message.

This question, says the department, is among those to be discussed by the Assembly, others being the

SOCIAL SERVICES IN INDIA

The Provincial Committee of the Natal Indian Organisation, has appointed a special sub-committee to deal with matters relating to the Durban Riots Commission. Mr. M. R. C. Parekh was nominated as chairman and Mr. C. M. Rama as secretary.

All persons, who have information about the riots, should contact the secretary at 13 Baker Street, Durban.

An Indian bus driver alleges that several Europeans were responsible for the recent disturbances in the Umgeni area which resulted in the destruction of homes, the stabbing to death of an Indian, Mr. Ramdeen and serious injury sustained by Mr. Doorsamy Pillay.

The bus driver told a "Leader" reporter that prior to the disturbances, the Natives had warned that trouble was expected because a few Europeans had exhorted the Natives to violence against the Indians by telling them: "Thrash the coolies and drive them away. What do you have to worry about. The police will only charge you in for three months. You can come back and do the same again."

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[illegible]

Orientals Beat Central in Exciting Match

IN ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING GAMES PLAYED AT CURRIE'S FOUNTAIN, ORIENTALS BEAT CENTRALS BY THE NARROW MARGIN OF ONE RUN—A BYE—IN THE PANDAY'S SHIELD COMPETITION.

WHEN a strong array of Oriental batsmen were dismissed for 112 [illegible]

[illegible]

SCORESHEET

[illegible]

NATALIANS WITHDRAW

[illegible]

KLIP RIVER REFEREES OFFICIALS

[illegible]

NORTH COAST.

[illegible]

Competitions.

[illegible]

INDIAN RETAILERS NOW PROTECTED BY OWN ASSOCIATION

AS A RESULT OF THE RECENT RIOTING IN DURBAN, THE INDIAN RETAIL TRADER HAS COME IN FOR SHARP CRITICISM AND HAS BEEN BLAMED AS BEING ONE OF THE CAUSES OF THE RIOTS. UNFORTUNATELY, IN THE PAST THERE HAS BEEN NO ORGANISATION OR BODY TO LOOK AFTER THE INTERESTS OF THE INDIAN RETAILER WHO IS, BY FAR AND LARGE, AN HONEST BUSINESS MAN WITH, OF COURSE, THE EXCEPTIONS.

IN order to look after the Indian retailers the Durban and District Indian Retailers' Association has been formed and, realising the important part such an organisation can play in their welfare, Indian retailers have given it ready support and the membership is growing every day.

Discussing this with a "Leader" reporter, Mr. E. H. Ismail, who is the president of the Association, said that there was a large number of useful things which the Association could do. [illegible]

"If the Indian retailer responds well there is every likelihood that within a short time membership of the Association will mean the stamp of honest, respectable business [illegible]," Mr. Ismail said.

"I would, therefore, urge every Indian retailer to become a member. The offices of the Association are at 112 Victoria Street, and all enquiries should be addressed there."

NATIVE'S SELFLESS HEROISM IN RIOTS

WHILE Indians greatly pity those Africans who had inflicted such pain and suffering on them in the recent riots, as the ignorant dupes of others, they are also full of admiration and praise of those of that race who, in spite of the outrages, taunts and insults by their compatriots, firmly adhered to what they thought was good, noble and Christian, by not [illegible] in the acts of violence on the Indians.

There were many of these people who even laid down their lives for the cause of right. One of them and whose name will go down in the annals of history as a hero was an African who, when the riot was at its worst, courageously went to the rescue of several Indian children who were trapped in a burning building. He made a gallant attempt to rescue the innocent victims but failed, he himself losing his life in the process.

Kismet Beaten

On Sunday last Kismet and Railways [illegible]

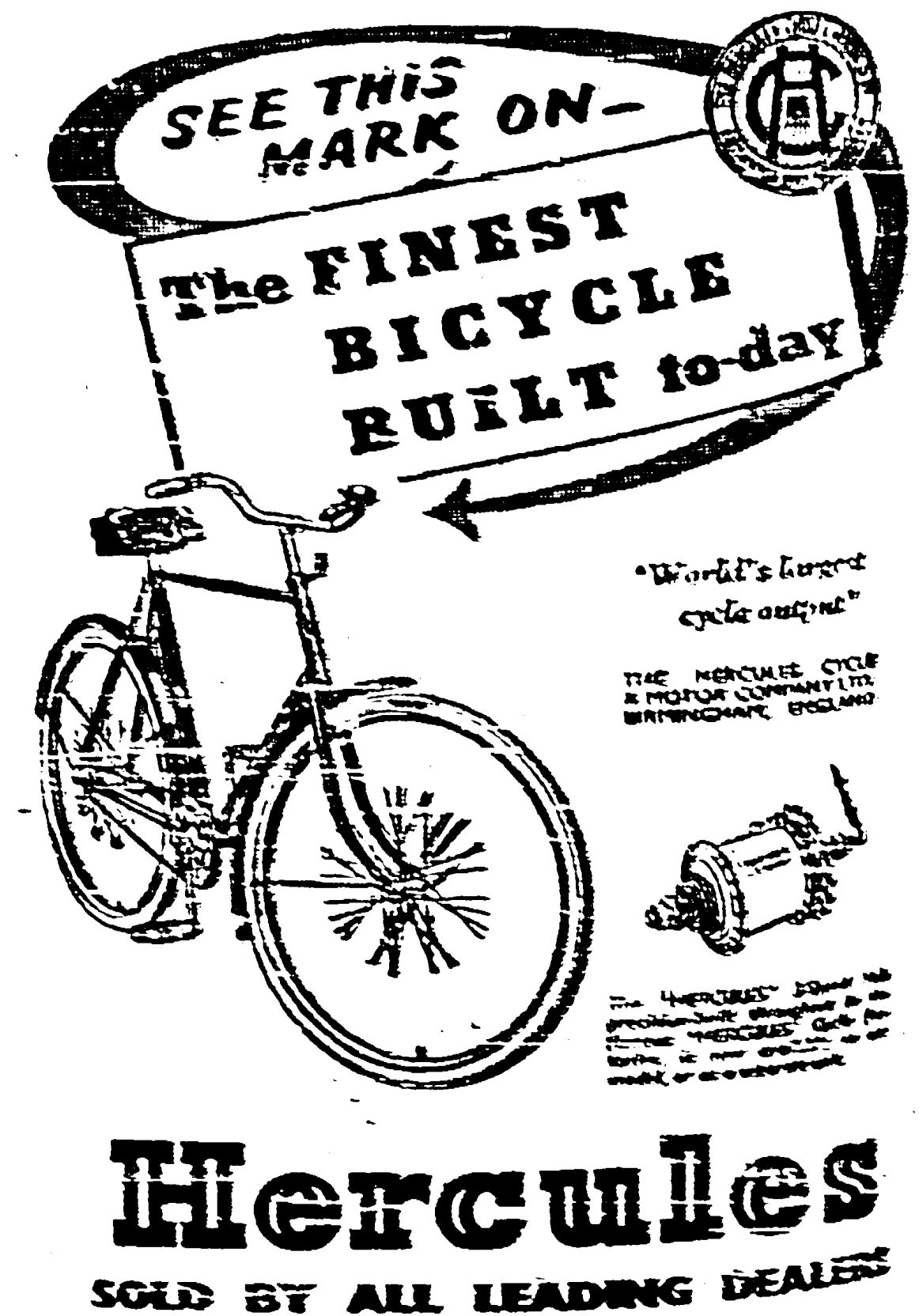
[illegible]

Pietermaritzburg Pillay's Cup.

[illegible]

Dr. Peters' Shield.

[illegible]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SOCCER SCRIBES REVIEW PAST SEASON

REPORTS SUBMITTED AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS OF THE MAYVILLE DISTRICT INDIAN FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION AND THE NORTH COAST INDIAN FOOTBALL ASSOCIATIONS, HELD RECENTLY, INDICATE THAT BOTH ASSOCIATIONS HAD A SUCCESSFUL SEASON LAST YEAR.

[illegible]

The New Season.

[illegible]

VIOLETS FOOTBALL CLUB'S NEW COMMITTEE

The tenth annual general meeting of the Violets Football Club took place last Sunday [illegible]

[illegible]

FRONTIER FOOTBALL CLUB MEETING

[illegible]

Enthusiastic Football Meeting at Escourt

THE Weenen County Indian Football Association held its annual general meeting at Estcourt last Sunday. [illegible]

[illegible]

Ottomans Run Up Big Total in First League Match

THE OTTOMAN—CENTRAL FIRST DIVISION LEAGUE ENCOUNTER WHICH BEGAN AT CURRIE'S FOUNTAIN ON SUNDAY LAST, STARTED 30 MINUTES LATE, WHEN A. I. TIMOL, THE CAPTAIN, AND A. PEERBHAI OPENED THE INNINGS FOR OTTOMANS AGAINST BOBBY NAIDOO AND D. J. CHELLAN.

AFTER a slow and cautious start, both batsmen got down to it and scored freely. [illegible]

[illegible]

Officials

The following officials were elected for the ensuing year: [illegible]

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[illegible]

Uniteds Defeated in Natal Shield Fixture

MARITZBURG, FRIDAY.

AFTER DISMISSING THE STRONG ORIENTALS SIDE FOR A LITTLE OVER A HUNDRED RUNS IN THE FIRST INNINGS, UNITED WENT DOWN GALLANTLY BY 37 RUNS IN THE DISTRICT SEMI-FINAL OF THE NATAL CRICKET SHIELD, AT THE INDIAN SPORTS GROUNDS ON SUNDAY. THE DISTRICT FINAL BETWEEN ROYALS AND ORIENTALS WILL BE PLAYED TOMORROW.

CENTRALS batted first and started off slowly against the Osman. [illegible]

[illegible]

A Close Finish

[illegible]

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Around the Cinemas

AVALON: "Invisible Wall," a fast-paced suspense story of gambling; "Jane Eyre," a romantic drama; and "That Lady in Ermine," a musical, are the attractions of the coming week.

ALBERT: Krishin Movietone's "Preet," a social number, with Sushpraba and Chandramohan, and Bombay Talkies' romantic musical, "Jhoola," with Ashok Kumar and Leela Chitnis, will be screened next week.

SHOWTIME

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TALK OF THE BAZAAR

By the "Faqir"

IN ROME . . .

A European lady doctor, who arrived from India recently, told a daily paper that conditions in India are becoming impossible and it is doubtful whether many Europeans in key positions will be allowed to keep their jobs.

She also told the Press that "Durban strikes me as being so clean and fresh after the dirt and squalor of India." It seems that she is apparently of the "when in Rome, do as Rome does" type. Indeed, she must be congratulated on adapting herself to her environment so magnificently.

What strikes me is how clean Durban is with its shanty towns ("mushrooming," you know), the Magazine Barracks and its filthy, miserable hovels, etc.

Either this madam has been looking at Durban through coloured glasses, or she has gone on a sightseeing tour of the beauty spots—there are many of these.

HISTORY

In 1770 British troops fired on an unruly mob in Boston, America, killing three colonists who had protested against the tax imposed on tea. (Remember the slogan: "No taxation without representation"?) The killing of these three people is known as the "Boston Massacre," according to history books.

"If such a trivial affair could be called a massacre, I was wondering whether there would be an appropriate description of the recent carnage of Indian men, women and children," the fellow [illegible]

IT IS CHANGED.

THE usual [illegible] are still in the news, so one [illegible] will not be out of place. For a number of years now Indian hawkers have plied their wares in the vicinity of the Maritzburg Native Beer Hall. As this is the Non-European bus rank, these Indian hawkers were able to eke out a living. But now all that is changed. Fearful for their lives, the hawkers kept away during the riots and the [illegible] evolved in on the business. Today hawkers, bearing African legends, are parked near the street corner and are doing a roaring trade, while the Indian hawkers' wares remain piled up in front of them.

PADRE PRESENT.

SO the Golden City can no longer claim to be the only centre to have a sporting padre, the Natal Capital boasts of one now. Time was when the Rev. Arthur [illegible] was a familiar figure on Maritzburg's sports fields, but there was a gap when he left for pastures new. Now the Capital has Padre Isaac Anthony, former schoolmaster, soccer player and administrator. The strangely familiar garb of the cleric was conspicuous at Maritzburg's soccer [illegible] on Sunday, and he was received with acclaim when he announced that his services were still available. Here's luck!

EXPATRIATION BUT NOT REPATRIATION

THE Government of Hindustan disapproved the repatriation of Indians from South Africa, said Pandit Nehru, the Prime Minister, at a Press conference here, states a Sapa-Reuter message.

When his attention was drawn to a report that an Indian from South Africa had been repatriated by the South African Government, he said: "The Government of Hindustan disapproves on various grounds any repatriation of this type because these people, while they are Indians racially and culturally to some extent, are South African citizens. They are not Indian nationals."

He said he did not know to which category the six persons mentioned belonged.

In Madras, Kodanda Rao, a prominent member of the Servants of India Society, said the scheme of assisted emigration for Indians in South Africa to places outside the Union, recently announced by the South African Government, assumed "a very sinister aspect in the present aftermath of the race riots."

Under the original repatriation scheme, Indians had to surrender their rights of re-entry into South Africa, but under the Cape Town agreement an Indian assisted emigrant had the right of re-entry within a year on refunding the assistance he had received.

It was a hard won concession to the self-respect of Indians. "It is hoped that this right of re-entry has not been abrogated under unilateral action by the Union in the present scheme of assisted emigration," he said.

COUNTERFEIT COIN PLANT DISCOVERED

From Our Own Correspondent

[illegible], East Punjab.

POLICE here unearthed a miniature mint capable of manufacturing 1,000 counterfeit coins a day. Police allege the operators had agents throughout the province and in Delhi who were circulating the coins at the rate of [illegible] monthly. Some of the coins were detected by banks, who instigated an investigation.

WHITES PUSH OUT INDIANS FROM CITY HALL LIFT

An Indian newspaper man was pushed out of a lift in the Durban City Hall by two Europeans when he was on his way to the Committee Room, where the Riots Commission of Inquiry was sitting.

This lift is meant for use by all races, for this is not the first time this journalist has used it. He had used the lift on many occasions, often in the company of other Europeans, who had no objections to his presence.

The matter has been reported to the authorities, who, it is learned, are taking action.

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. St. Lo.
2. [illegible]
3. Commotion.

Second race, 12.30, Stewards' Handicap (Colts and Geldings), five furlongs.
1. Cestry.
2. Mercedes.
3. [illegible]

Third race, 1.0, March Handicap (1st Division), 1¼ miles.
1. Ukum.
2. Piccadilly Ann.
3. [illegible]

Fourth race, 1.35, Flying Handicap (2nd Division), five furlongs.
1. Vividly.
2. Sugarlady.
3. Ice.

Fifth race, 2.25, Stewards' Handicap (Fillies), five furlongs.
1. Charred.
2. Moll.
3. [illegible]

Sixth race, 3.0, Flying Handicap (3rd Division), five furlongs.
1. Wheelbarrow
2. Interchange
3. [illegible]

Seventh race, 3.30, Flying Handicap (1st Division), five furlongs.
1. Taj Mar.
2. Contour
3. [illegible]

Eighth race, 4.0, March Handicap (2nd Division), nine furlongs.
1. Esquire.
2. [illegible]
3. [illegible]

Ninth race, 4.35, March Handicap (3rd Division), one mile.
1. Chez Monty.
2. [illegible]
3. Kilbarry.

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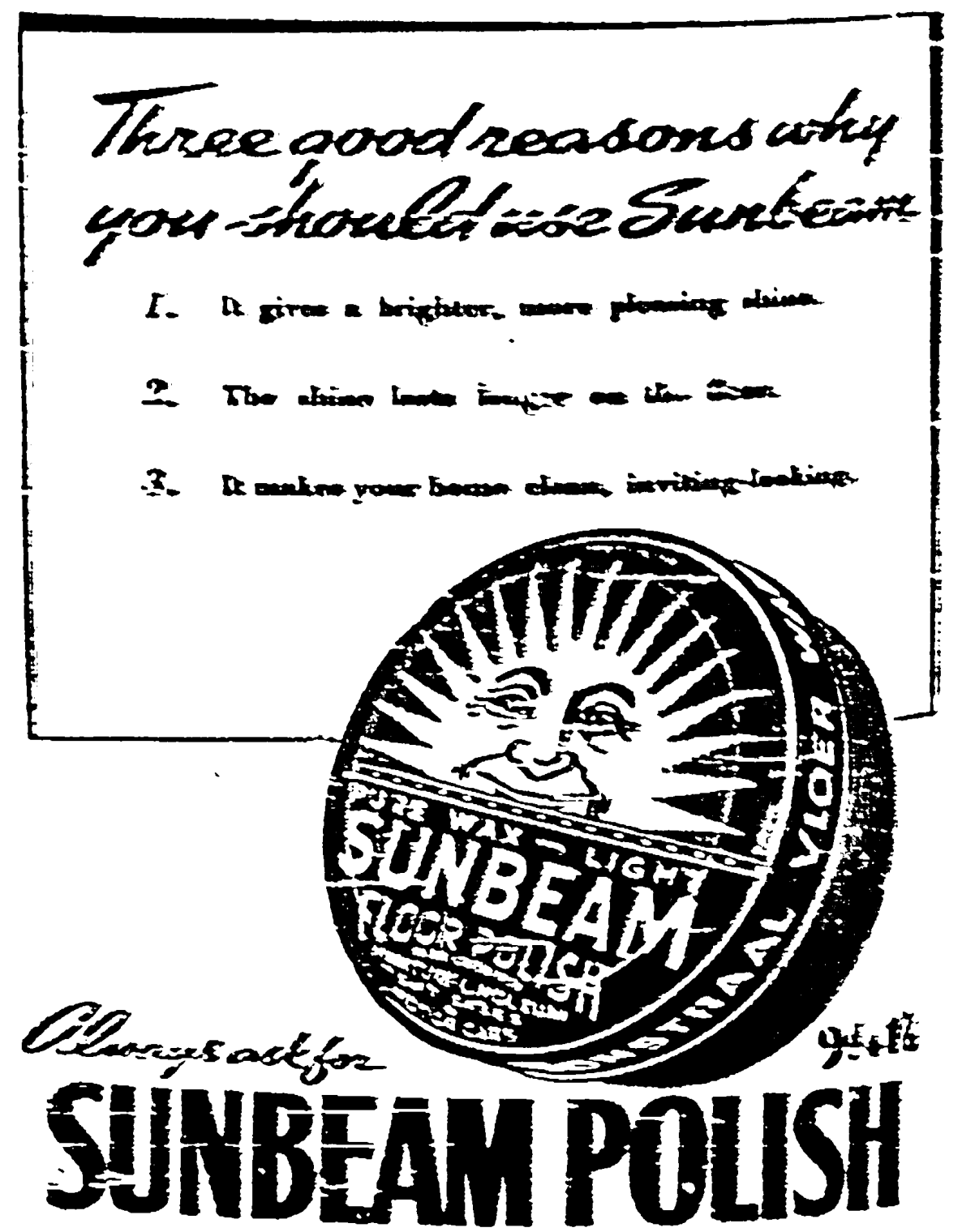
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RIOTS UNDOUBTEDLY INSPIRED BY EUROPEAN POLITICIANS

AT THE PRESENT JUNCTURE IT CAN BE STATED WITHOUT ANY SHADOW OF A DOUBT THAT THE DURBAN RIOTS WERE PRIMARILY CAUSED BY THE CONTINUED ANTI-INDIAN AGITATION ON THE PART OF THE GOVERNMENT, CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES AND OTHER INFLUENTIAL PUBLIC BODIES IN THIS COUNTRY.

THIS fact emerges clearly from the following memorandum presented to the Riots Inquiry Commission by Mr. D. Bramdaw, Editor of "The Leader." In this memorandum Mr. Bramdaw says:—

Reading into the causes of the riots, information given to me and based upon my own personal experience, as a newspaperman of standing with the daily Press of South Africa and of "The Leader," the leading Indian newspaper in South Africa, I am convinced that it was the European politician who was the inspiring force behind it all. That is not to suggest that certain groups of Natives were not without blame. Natives are now becoming trade conscious and many are making a fair amount of money out of it. I have been told that a Native woman, who trades in Cato Manor, after a comparatively short period of trading, has a bank balance of almost £200, with assets including a refrigerator and a van. Cases like this can be multiplied. Natives have become competitors, though just now small, but nevertheless competitors and they can become easily influenced against the Indian. There are other groups of Natives, who seeing the Indian with a "colony" like his own, acquiring worldly possessions, almost occupying a [illegible] status, has become increasingly jealous of Indian advancement. One can understand these facts, but they were not sufficient unto themselves to have caused the riots.

It was only when the European began to give it a lead and fanned the flames of racialism that this outbreak occurred. Anyone acquainted with public affairs of Natal knows that this anti-Indian agitation has now been whipped for years. The Indian has become the football of the party politician. It was the easiest thing to damn him at political meetings, for he was not there to reply. He was blamed for all evils that might have occurred, from a depression to a drought.

Many public men in the life of this Province owe their successful political careers to what might be called the "Indian problem."

Indian Issue

Any student of Natal political affairs can tell you that the Right Honourable Heaton Nicholls was made High Commissioner of the Union in London on the Indian issue. Promotion came to Mr. D. E. Mitchell and Mr. D. G. Shepstone as Administrators on the same issue. The present Mayor of Durban, Mr. Boyd, entered public life as a protagonist of the Indian. Case of Senator Pettersen has already been mentioned to you. I can go on giving further names, but it will suffice to give an example of a few days old. In the recent Provincial Council elections the Nationalist candidate spoke of repatriating the Indians, his rival, Mr. A. T. Allison, of Pietermaritzburg, said, in effect, in a circular letter to his constituents, "that's nothing, I have been trying to oppress the Indian since 1925."

It was only for one party to advance the terms of an anti-Indian policy, when its rival rushed back, with a policy more drastic, outbidding Herod. Two weeks ago Dr. T. E. Dönges, the Minister of the Interior, in a political party speech at Greytown, announced that his Department had doubled the bonus for repatriation. Mr. D. E. Mitchell, Minister of the Interior elect, if the United Party had come into power at the last election, promptly replied that was nothing new, the United Party was the first to advocate to increase in the amount of the bonus.

Political Pawn

This game of the Indian being a pawn on the political chessboard goes on merrily, but it had taken a sinister shape since last October, when the Senate election for Native Representatives was on. Here started the turning point in African-Indian relationship. The Nationalist candidate, Mr. van Rooyen, and other Nationalists purporting to speak with the full authority of the Government, referred to the Indian as a menace to Native interests; therefore, he (the Indian) must be repatriated to India and the vacuum created in trade and fields of employment must be filled up by Natives. This was the tenour of his speech, no doubt, highly exaggerated and embellished, for the edification of his [illegible]. On the Friday of the riots rioters were sent off from the Point with expressions of good wishes of a Senator of the Union Parliament. The police will, no doubt, give you his name. Can one, therefore, be surprised that when action was taken

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ALLEGATION AGAINST SEN. PETTERSEN MADE AT RIOT INQUIRY

ALLEGATIONS that Senator S. M. Pettersen threatened to report him if he did not stop hitting Natives who were looting an Indian shop during the riots were made by a detective-sergeant when giving evidence before the Riots Commission of Inquiry in Durban

Detective-Sergeant Palmer said: "I was on duty in Grey Street on the evening of January 13 when I saw about 40 Natives, armed with sticks and other weapons, break two plate-glass windows of an Indian shop. They started looting clothing and shoes from the shop."

Explaining how he had hit the Natives with a stick to get them to disperse, Detective-Sergeant Palmer went on: "I did not disperse them, and as I turned away I saw Senator S. M. Pettersen in a car. He shouted to me, 'You have no [illegible] right to hit them [illegible].' I told him to move on and not interfere.

"He pointed his finger at me and says: 'I know you—I am going to report you.' I said: 'O.K., get [illegible] report me, but move away from here.' He moved on."

Replying to the Chairman (Mr. Justice van den Heever), who asked whether—as had been suggested by a previous witness—he heard Senator Pettersen inciting Natives against Indians, Detective-Sergeant Palmer said he had not heard such incitement.

MUNICIPALITY TO BLAME

[illegible] S. Badat, an Indian witness who described himself as a social worker, told the Commission he sincerely believed the real reason behind the riots was the Durban Corporation's desire to run the buses and "their sinister motive" in inciting the Natives to attack the Indians was to clear the Indians out of certain areas so that the land could be used for [illegible].

The Chairman: Do you seriously suggest that the Durban Municipality, being jealous of the operation of Indian-owned buses, and in order to capture the whole carrying trade of Durban, wanted to cause the trouble and incited the Native by devious ways?—Yes, that is my opinion.

The Chairman: If that is your opinion, it is so foolish that I do not think I need hear you any further.

Earlier in his evidence, Badat said he had seen Europeans inciting and directing Natives to attack shops and that Europeans had taken part in the looting.

The police, he said, could not disperse the crowds. "They were so lenient, and in most cases they actually took the sticks away from the Natives and let them free," he said.

Badat declared that relations between Native and Indian had always been harmonious, and that the European was responsible for the ill-feeling which now prevailed.

He said: "The European has placed the Indian in such a category that he has no alternative but to come in contact with Africans and Coloureds. At post offices and all public counters they are herded together." Badat said that many Native lift attendants refused to carry Indians in their lifts.

STATEMENT CHALLENGED

Refuting allegations made by certain Indians about the conduct of the Police during the riots, Head-Constable E. C. Dow challenged a statement made by K. A. Amin, a shopkeeper in the Point district, that the police had refused to allow him to remove the cash from the till in his shop, and had hurried him out of the shop and into a car, where a European was waiting.

Head-Const. Dow said: "Amin made no mention to me at all of money. If he had, I would have given him every opportunity of taking it. There was no reason for me not to do so. Things were fairly well under control at that stage."

An allegation made by G. G. Moola, a general dealer in the Wentworth district, that after his shop had been looted, a Police officer in a "brown uniform" had told the Natives to take whatever goods they had looted and go, was denied by Head-Constable A. J. [illegible] Wentworth [illegible]

MRS. R. [illegible], of [illegible] Road, Durban, who sailed by the Capetown Castle, for England this week. She will be met by her youngest daughter, [illegible], en route, when they [illegible] to tour Great Britain and the Continent.

TO LECTURE AT NATAL UNIVERSITY

MR. M. B. NAIDOO, B.Sc. (S.A.), B.Sc. (First Class Honours) (Rand), Fellow of American Geographical Society, a member of the American Society of Professional Geographers and a postgraduate worker in geography in the Institute of Geographical Exploration at Harvard University, has been appointed part-time lecturer in geography at the University of Natal.

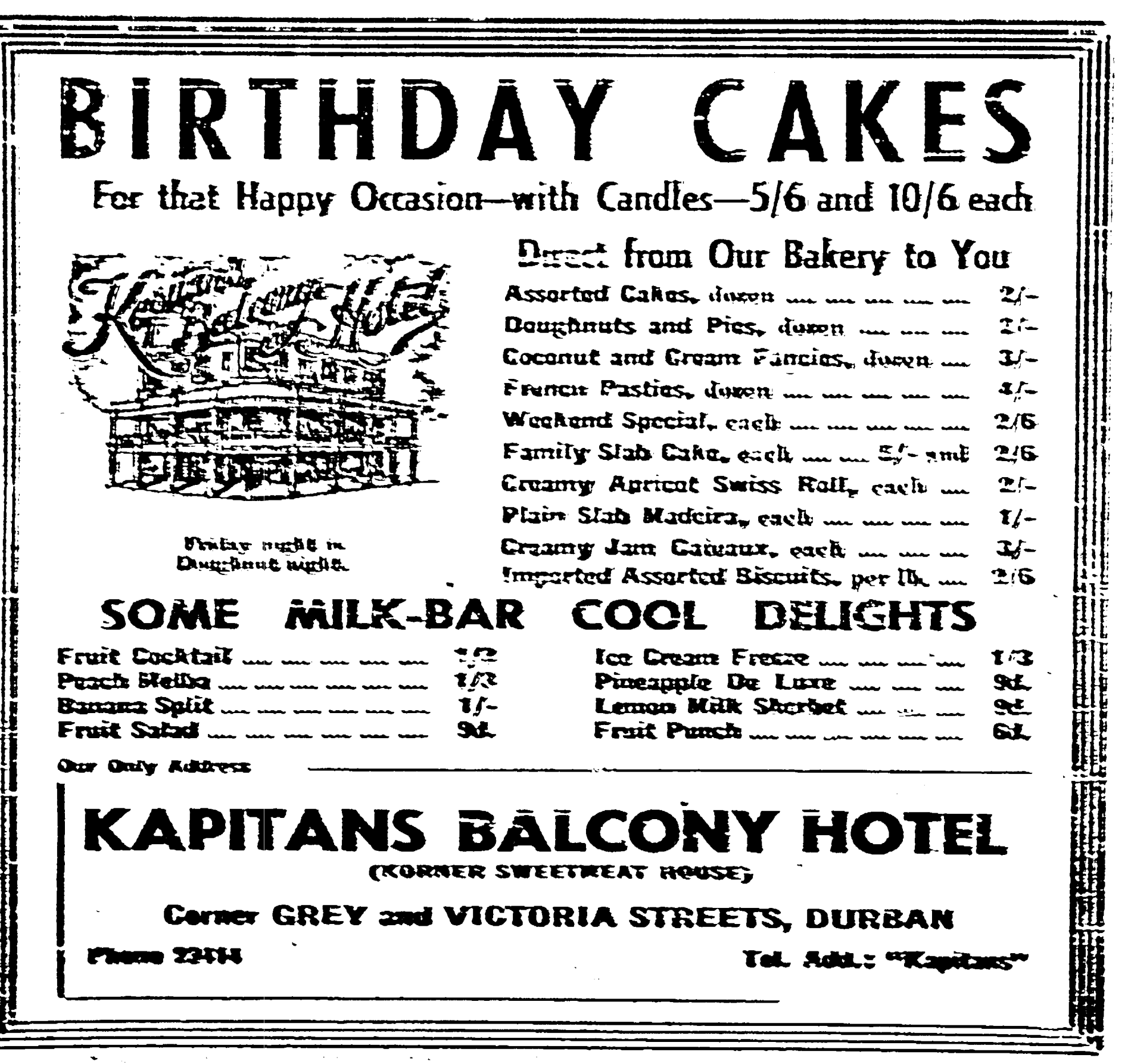
Mr. Naidoo, who is a lecturer at Sastri College, made an extensive geographical tour of Europe and Africa, after studying at Harvard University.

AFRICAN HOOLIGANS STILL BUSY

AFRICAN hooligans still persist in inflicting injury and pain upon their compatriots who elect to ride in Indian buses.

An Indian journalist told "The Leader" that on Saturday of last week he was riding in an Indian bus with other African passengers when a "pirate" African-owned lorry indulging in illegal transportation of Native passengers, passed the Indian bus.

The occupants of the lorry, who were indignant at Natives still patronising Indian buses, threatened to stab and assault the African passengers in the Indian bus, shouting: "You wait, you [illegible]; we will kill you."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OBITUARIES

JAYALUTCHMEE.

The death occurred, under tragic circumstances, of Jayalutchmee, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. [illegible], at her home, [illegible] Road, Cato Manor, on March 1, 1949, at the age of nine years.

Her remains were interred at the Cato Manor Cemetery, where a large gathering of friends and relatives assembled.

She leaves behind her sorrowing parents, two sisters and a host of friends and relatives to mourn their loss.

The death occurred of Chinnammah, beloved wife of Mr. S. M. Naidoo, and sister-in-law of Messrs. S. K. Naidoo Brothers, of Zeekoe Valley, [illegible], on February 22, at the age of 47 years.

Her remains were interred at the family cemetery of the Naidoo family, where a large crowd gathered to pay their last respects.

She leaves behind her a sorrowing son, a husband and a host of friends and relatives to mourn their loss.

The following sent wreaths: Messrs. S. K. Naidoo and family; Mr. and Mrs. A. [illegible] Naidoo and family; Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Reddy and family; Mr. and Mrs. Naidoo and family; Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Naidoo and family; Mr. and Mrs. [illegible]; Messrs. K. G. Naidoo and Sons; Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Roberts and family; Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Appiesamy and family; Mr. A. [illegible] Naidoo and family; Mr. T. C. Duvison Pillay; Mr. Joguth and family; Mr. S. K. Ramalingam; and Mrs. A. Naidoo.

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Eldest son of Mrs. and the late Mr. [illegible], of [illegible], and nephew of [illegible] and [illegible], also of [illegible], suddenly passed away on March 1, 1949, at the age of 22 years. "Sasthri" was a well known figure in the sporting circles, besides being a keen sportsman. He will be greatly missed in the field of cricket, where he was a favourite of his team.

He leaves behind his old mother, four sisters, a brother, and two brothers-in-law and many relatives to mourn their loss.

His remains were buried at the [illegible] Indian Cemetery, in the presence of many relatives and friends. Many thanks are due to Mr. Knight and Sister [illegible], for their assistance.

SOMDUTH (SASTHI).

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RAMLACKAN RAMKISSOON (SANDOO).

Ramlackan, who passed away, after a long illness, at his residence, on February 18, 1949, at the age of 28 years.

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CHANGALRAYAN NAICKER

The death occurred tragically of Mr. Changalrayan Naicker, on January [illegible], 1949, at his home [illegible], at the age of [illegible] years.

The late Mr. Changalrayan Naicker, who was employed by the Durban Corporation in their lamp room, was a victim of the riots.

He leaves behind a widow, five children and a host of friends and relatives to mourn their loss.

A ceremony will be held on March [illegible] and [illegible], at the residence of Mr. K. P. Govender, Mariannhill.

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NEW DELHI: Professor Benoy Sarkar, Head of the Department of Economics and Commerce, Calcutta University, has been invited jointly by the Institute of International Education, New York and the Watumull Foundation of Los Angeles to lecture in the United States.—P.O.C.

[illegible] RAMKISSOON ([illegible]).

Ramkissoon, who passed away, after a long illness, at his residence, [illegible], on January [illegible], 1949, at the age of 26 years.

INDIANS PAINTED AS THE "EVIL MEN OF S.A."

COMMENTING on a statement issued by Dr. T. E. Donges, Minister of Interior, announcing an increase in the amount payable to Indians who leave for India under the Assisted Emigration Scheme, the South African Indian Congress state that the scheme is part of a concerted plan of the Nationalist Government to expatriate South African Indian citizens. The term "repatriation" is a misnomer, for over 80 per cent. of Indians in the Union are born in this country.

There is now a growing belief among the Indian people of South Africa that the Government of Dr. Malan aims at their complete economic ruination in order to force them to expatriate to India, the statement continues. It was in that light the Indian community viewed Government measures, such as the stopping of family allowances to Indians, boycott of Indian traders by agencies receiving Nationalist support, and the violent racial propaganda against Indians emanating from High Government sources and reaching all sections of the South African population. Even in the Provincial Council election campaign the same propaganda was continued. As an instance, the slogan of the Nationalist candidate for Greyville: Vote [illegible] if you want Indians out of Greyville," was quoted.

The Assisted Emigration Scheme was born of the Capetown Agreement entered into between the Union Government and the representatives of British India. This very Agreement in its "Uplift Clause" accepted the fact that a considerable number of Indians would remain part of the permanent population of the Union, and that they should be accorded all facilities for their advancement.

Dr. Malan's Government could not reject a portion of the Agreement and seek to enforce another section of the same Agreement to drive away Indians who were now termed a foreign element.

"The Nationalist policy of ruining the Indian people economically and then offering them a bigger monetary inducement as an alternative to starvation in order to force them out of South Africa is likely to lead the Government of free India to reconsider her obligations under the Capetown Agreement," adds the statement.

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NEW DELHI: Mahatma Gandhi has been posthumously awarded the Peace and Culture medal by the Royal Asiatic Society of Bengal. The award is given to a "man or woman who has rendered the greatest service during the year to the cause of peace and human wellbeing or art, literature, philosophy, or historical research and who has thereby made the highest contribution to the unity and progress of Asian peoples throughout such service."—P.O.C.

DEATH OF PROMINENT INDIAN STATESMAN

(From Our Own Correspondent)

NEW DELHI: The Government of India have learnt "with deep regret," of the death, from heart failure, of Dr. Syed Hossain, Ambassador of India in Cairo. He was 61.

Dr. Hossain took up his duties as India's first envoy to Egypt in March, 1948. A little later he became also the Minister for India in Transjordan.

The Egyptian Government ordered a State funeral for February 26. His Excellency Ismail Kamal Bey, Egyptian Ambassador to India, in a letter to the Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, deplores "the loss of one of the most distinguished public servants in India."

The Ambassador said in a Press interview: "Dr. Syed Hossain had not only done honour to his country and to Egypt, but to the whole of the Middle East. With all his great culture and most sympathetic approach, he endeared himself to a very wide circle of Egypt's prominent leaders."

Journalist, politician and diplomat, Dr. Hossain belonged to a distinguished family in Bengal. He was educated in India, England and on the continent. On his return to India in [illegible], he joined the "Bombay Chronicle" as an assistant editor, later he became the editor of the "Independent," started by the late Pandit Motilal Nehru.

He was closely associated with Mahatma Gandhi during the Khilafat movement and was a member of the Khilafat delegation led by Maulana Mohamed Ali to London. Staying on in England, he became editor of "The Indian," a magazine devoted to the welfare of the Indian community in England.

In 1921 he went to America as representative of the Indian Press to cover the Washington Armaments Conference. He spent [illegible] years in the United States, where he championed the cause of India's freedom. For about [illegible] years he was professor of Oriental Civilisation at the University of Southern California and lectured by invitation at more than [illegible] leading universities in the U.S.A.

He was one of the founder members of the Caravan International Youth Movement. His book "Gandhi, the Statesman," was one of his notable contributions as an author.

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DHEVARAJ SUTHYAPREM CHETTY

The death occurred of Suthyaprem, aged 15 years and 8 months, second son of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Chetty, of Maritzburg, on February 17, 1949.

Suthyaprem, before his death, was a pupil of Woodlands Indian High School. His untimely and sudden death was a tragedy in the true sense of the word. On Thursday, February 17, he complained of severe headache at school, and was immediately taken home and attended to by the family doctor. At 2 a.m. next morning he lost consciousness and was removed to Grey's Hospital, where after various tests and consultations, the doctor decided to have him taken to a brain specialist to undergo an operation. Within a matter of an hour a plane was chartered and Suthyaprem was rushed to a specialist in Johannesburg, in an unconscious condition. He was operated on immediately after arrival. He subsequently died at Johannesburg General Hospital.

All efforts to save his life were in vain, for within a short space of two days the unfortunate lad had to breathe his last.

Suthyaprem was a brilliant pupil, and at the time of his death was doing his final Junior Certificate. His character was marked by that peculiar inspiration which made him lovable to friends of all ages. He was of quiet disposition and spent much of his time in active sports and study.

The funeral was one of the largest in Maritzburg, which bears testimony to his popularity. People from far and wide were present to pay their last respects to so promising a lad.

On Sunday, February 20, his remains were cremated at the Mountain Rise Crematorium after service. His ashes have already been sent to India, where a sacred and ceremonial immersion will take place in the River Ganges.

His death is not only a loss to his relatives and sorrowing family, but also to a host of friends.

List of wreaths: [illegible]

List of Messages of Condolence, Telegrams, etc.: [illegible]

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NEW DELHI: To facilitate quick delivery of mails regular night air services between all big cities of India has been started.—P.O.C.

NEW DELHI: The Senate of Calcutta University has decided to open a new department of Biophysics and electronics. The department is the first of its kind in India.—P.O.C.

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Mainly About People

SHREE RAAM (RONALD)

Shree Raam (Ronald), son of Mr. and Mrs. V. N. Naidoo (Raymond), of 66 Indus Road, [illegible] Hill, Durban, who celebrated his first birthday on March 17, 1949.

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INDIAN BROADCAST

On Sunday, March 20, the Mayville [illegible] Troupe will broadcast a programme of Telugu songs and music. Singers will be: [illegible]. Further programme details will be published.

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KRISHNA BAND OFFICIALS

At the 11th annual meeting of the Krishna Band, the following officials were elected for the ensuing year: [illegible]

Mr. and Mrs. R. Bundhoo, and Mr. and Mrs. P. Bundhoo, of Pomeroy, and Mr. and Mrs. Sewgoolam, Mr. and Mrs. Kalidin Sewgoolam, of Wasbank, have arrived home after spending a fortnight in Johannesburg.

Mr. James Augustine, the [illegible] brothers, Peter Singh and Bobby Govender were in Durban during the weekend, when they attended the annual meeting of the N.I.F.A. as Weenen County representatives.

Booth Road School Savings Safe, Says Principal

THE Principal of the Booth Road Indian School wishes to bring to the notice of the parents of children who had attended that school that the children's money deposited in the savings bank, operated by the school, is safe. [illegible]

The Principal, Mr. J. Khan, may be written to for further information. His address is P.O. [illegible]. (The Booth Road Indian School was [illegible] during the recent riots).

THE POSTPONED MARRIAGE

of

Mr. RAMAMURTHIE,

Twin son of Mr. and Mrs. Appalsamy Naidoo (Sirdar) of Burnside, P.O. Mount Edgecombe,

to

MISS LUTCHAMAMAH

Second daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. B. Chengiah Naidoo, of Tongaat, [illegible], Tongaat, which was to take place on January 16, 1949, will now take place on SUNDAY, 27th MARCH, 1949, at the Bridegroom's Residence, Burnside, P.O. Mount Edgecombe. Nuptial Ceremony from 10.30 to 11.30 a.m.

Friends and Relatives are kindly requested to attend.

SAROJINI NAIDOO.

Miss Sarojini Naidoo, youngest daughter of Mrs. R. A. Naidoo, of [illegible] Hill, [illegible], who celebrated her 17th birthday recently.

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Mr. Pachai Ponnusamy Naicker, known as P. Naicker, of [illegible], Private Bag, P.O. Braemar, and eldest brother of Messrs. P. A. Naicker Brothers, of [illegible], who has been appointed Commissioner of Oaths for Umzinto and district.

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A farewell reception was given to Mr. A. H. Deedat, by the directors and staff of Messrs. A. H. Moosa and [illegible], at their new establishment, [illegible], on Wednesday last.

Mr. A. H. Deedat, accompanied by his wife and two children, left by the Kampala for Pakistan, where they hope to settle down.

On behalf of the firm, the M.C. presented Mr. Deedat with a purse of £[illegible].

[illegible]anthi, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rama Naidoo, of 222 [illegible] Road, Mayville, who celebrated her second birthday on March 8, 1949.

Overport Relief Committee

At a well attended representative meeting of the residents of Overport, a Committee styled as The Overport Riot Relief Fund Committee was formed, with the object of raising funds for the distress and the homeless.

The following were elected: [illegible]

Enthusiasm was displayed by those present when a collection list in the hall amounted to over £200.

The hon. secretary, Mr. H. S. Singh, reports that the Committee aims to collect a substantial sum in the district, and it is the earnest appeal of the committee that the residents will respond generously when approached to support this very deserving cause. All donations will be officially acknowledged.

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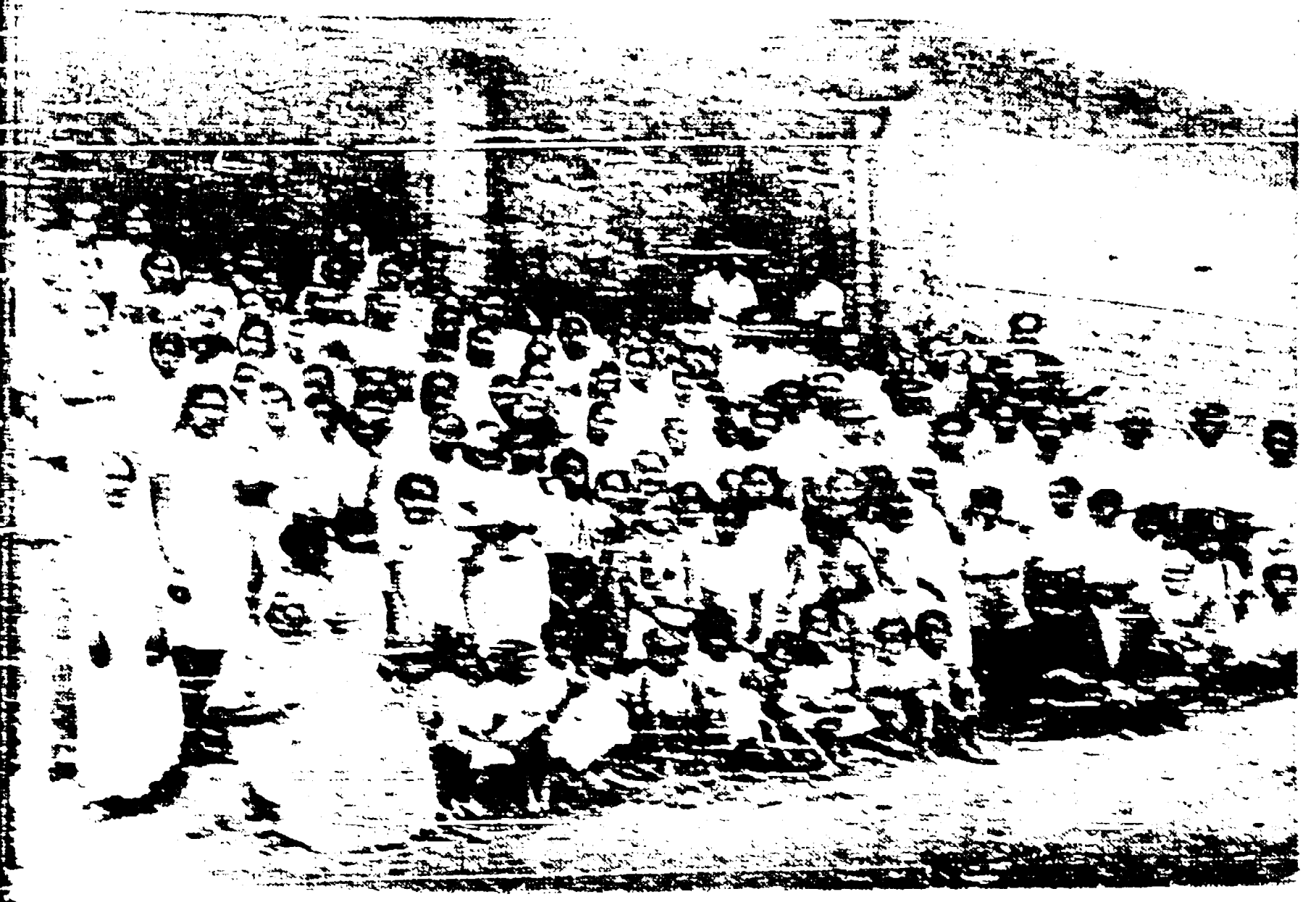
NEW DELHI: Mr. A. C. Kala, curator of the Allahabad Museum, has been appointed associate member of the well known Oriental Institute, "Ecole Française d'Extrême Orient," of Paris. Mr. Kala is the sixth Indian scholar to receive this distinction.—P.O.C.



[illegible] shows the refugees being [illegible] by the Candella Estate Riot Relief Committee, at the Candella Estate [illegible] Government-Aided Indian Girls' School.

A prayer meeting, under the auspices of the Candella Estate Riot Relief Committee, was held on Sunday, January 30, 1949, at the Candella Estate Hindu [illegible] Girls' School.

The school hall was packed to capacity with the residents of the district and refugees from other areas, now sheltered in Candella Estate, in private homes, under the auspices of the Candella Estate Relief Committee. These refugees have either been burnt or [illegible] of their homes.

[illegible] outlined the reasons for calling the meeting. Prayers were offered by [illegible]. Among the speakers were: Messrs. [illegible]. The chairman mentioned that the secretary Mr. [illegible] and Mr. [illegible], while serving in the interest of the public, were arrested on Saturday, January 29, at midnight on suspicion for creating a [illegible] in custody. However, they were released on Sunday, the 30th, at 11.30 a.m. and none of them were charged.

Members of the committee are: [illegible]

On Sunday, February 6, lunch was given in honour of the refugees at the Candella Estate Girls' School. Food parcels were distributed to the refugees.

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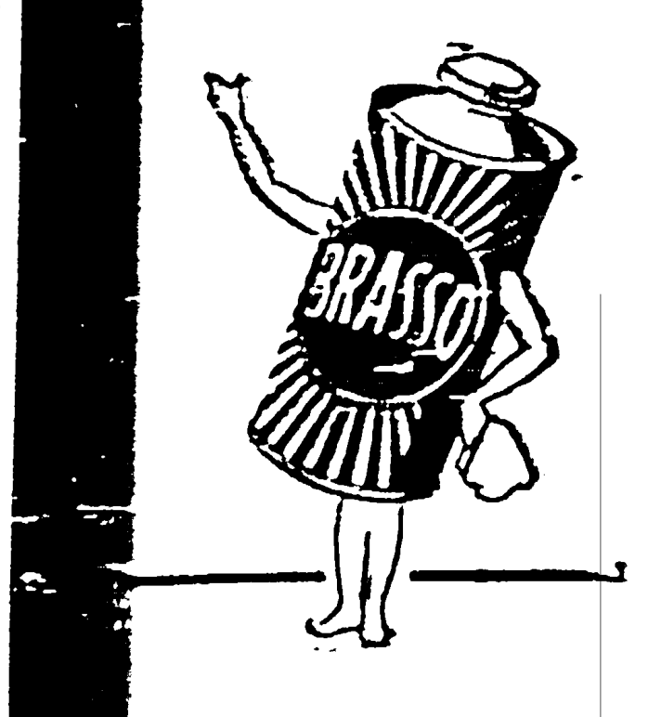

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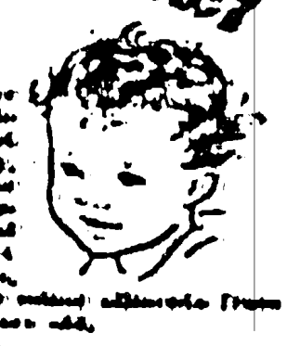

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Our Readers Speak . . .

REPATRIATION A RANK INJUSTICE TO INDIANS

By "ENQUIRER."

THE day in and day out policy—the night and day talks of the present Prime Minister and his Nationalist Government insist on the repatriation of Indians. He has said that the Indians are a foreign element and that they should be repatriated.

But, at the time when the Union of South Africa was formed in 1910, Natal had the largest Indian population and was still requiring more Indian labour. Advertisements also appeared in the Natal newspapers inviting applications for Indian labour. [illegible]

[illegible]

MR. M. D. NAIDOO'S MISSION

By "RED SQUARE."

"M. D. Naidoo on the way to India as emissary of the South African Indian Congress." [illegible]

[illegible]

By "BLIND MICE."

[illegible]

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Trade Agreement

A TRADE agreement between India and Yugoslavia was signed at Calcutta on December 29, 1948.

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More Flying Clubs

THE U.P. Government propose to open three more flying clubs at Agra, Benares and Bareilly at a cost of Rs. 6 lakhs as part of their scheme [illegible]

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School Dramas in

THE Government of Madras have permitted secondary schools [illegible]

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Airmails Accelerated

IN consequence of the new arrangement, transit of airmails from India to U.S.A. has been accelerated by about 30 hours. [illegible]

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New Pension Scheme

GOVERNMENT servants who were dismissed from service because of association with the national movement will get pensions and gratuities [illegible]

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Council for Industries

THE newly set up Central Advisory Council of Industries will advise the Government of India generally on industrial policy [illegible]

EXPLANATION WANTED.

By "INFORMATION PLEASE."

I was really astounded to read in last week's issue of "The Leader" that Mr. M. D. Naidoo was on the way to India as an emissary of the South African Indian Congress. [illegible]

[illegible]

Will somebody explain?

By "MONSTRO."

In the issue of "The Leader" of March 5, 1949, there appeared a letter by "Truth," a correspondent who deserves support.

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Backward Classes

THE Government of Madras have sanctioned the utilisation of Rs. [illegible]

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"Master Plan" for Refugees

THE details of what is described as a "master plan" for a refugee township at Kalyan near Bombay, [illegible]

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New Radio Plan

THE Government of India have decided on a programme of expansion of broadcasting and new broadcasting stations would be opened in Ahmedabad, Calicut and Rajkot [illegible]

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Sanskrit in Schools

THE C.P. and Berar High School Education Board has decided that Sanskrit should be made a compulsory subject in the high schools [illegible]

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Airport in Andamans

THE Government of India propose to construct an airport at a suitable place in the Andamans, [illegible]

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Radio Equipment

IT has been decided to establish in India a radio equipment factory, which will manufacture wireless transmitters, radio valves, radio equipment and radio apparatus, [illegible]

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Collecting Land Revenues

IN pursuance of the policy of ensuring "democracy at all levels" and decentralisation of administrative functions, the C.P. Government have now decided to entrust the newly-setup "Gram Panchayats" with the responsibility for collecting land revenue in their areas. [illegible]

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Tackling the Housing Problem

THROUGH a wide application of the co-operative principle, the Government of Madras have been striving to stimulate local initiative in taking over the housing problem. [illegible]

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THE Government of Bombay have sanctioned a scheme for extension of vegetable cultivation in the coastal areas of Kanara district, [illegible]

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EYE-WITNESS DESCRIBES LOOTING DURING THE RIOTS

ALLEGATIONS that Europeans took part in the looting during the riots, and that the South African Police could have protected Indian lives and property, but were not interested, were made by an Indian witness before the Riots Commission, when Mr. Ebrahim Mahomed Amin was called by the South African Indian Organisation to give evidence.

MR. AMIN said he saw many Europeans removing goods in their motor cars from his shop in the Point district.

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Indian Laundry Proprietor Leaves £20,582

Laurence Arthur Buckle, a 53-year-old director, of 176 Northway, Durban, who died on February 7, left £15,919 to his wife.

Sewath Appalsamy, a 60-year-old Indian laundry proprietor, of 279 Gale Street, Durban, who died on February 20, left £20,582 to his wife.

Repatriation Offer "Act of Meanness"

Mr. Manilal Gandhi, the son of Mahatma Gandhi, described the South African Government's offer of an increased bonus to Indians returning to India as "an act of meanness" [illegible]

Mr. Gandhi said it was a sad reflection on South Africa that a minority community, whose members had been born and brought up in that country, [illegible]

Recommendations To Avoid Further Disturbances

IN A 7-POINT MEMORANDUM THE CATO MANOR RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION HAS MADE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE RIOT ENQUIRY COMMISSION, WHICH IF ACTED UPON MAY AVOID FUTURE DISTURBANCES.

REPRESENTING the Cato Manor Ratepayers' Association, Mr. R. P. Naicker said: "We are at a loss to understand why the Africans chose us (the Indians) as a media to give vent to their feelings against the Government and local authority, for actually the opportunities in the field of commerce and so on are the responsibility of the authorities.

"The Africans must remember that our forefathers might have come here as labourers but our heritage can prove that we have culture and refinement, hence our economic progress in this country.

In comparison, although the African professes to live in a civilised country, his primitive instincts seem to revert to him and there is no better proof of that than what we have witnessed in the riots."

The Association's memorandum recommended that:

(a) The central Government be urged to assist in providing alternative accommodation for the entire African community in the Cato Manor area, which had a population of 14,000 Indians and 30,000 Africans;

(b) Recreational facilities should be provided in all building projects for Africans;

(c) That more beer halls should be built adjacent to compounds and locations;

(d) The police force at Cato Manor should be reinforced;

(e) No more shack dwellings should be built;

(f) That a 9 p.m. curfew be imposed on Africans in the Cato Manor area;

(g) Rehabilitation of riot victims should be given priority.

INDIANS WERE THE PIONEERS OF NON-EUROPEAN MOTOR TRANSPORT

THE FACT THAT INDIANS WERE THE PIONEERS IN NON-EUROPEAN TRANSPORT IS CONTAINED IN A MEMORANDUM SUBMITTED TO THE RIOT COMMISSION BY THE NATAL INDIAN ORGANISATION.

PRIOR to the introduction of motor vehicles to convey passengers, transport was provided by Indians [illegible]

[illegible]

LAUGHTER IN COURT

MR. P. R. PATHER, referring to the lack of opportunities available to Indians, said, when giving evidence before the Riots Commission, that no Indian was prevented from being qualified as an electrician and plumber because no European electrician or plumber will accept the Indian as an apprentice. In the same manner, difficulties arose if an Indian wanted to be an accountant, architect or surveyor.

The Chairman: Mr. Pather, that is very strange because this morning I noticed that an Indian repaired the lights in my room at the hotel.

Mr. Pather: My Lord, that is the anomaly in this country. The Indian can do the job but it must be under the counter, as it were. But what amazes me is that the Indian should have repaired the lights in the very presence of an Appellate Court Judge. (Laughter.)

COTTAGE INDUSTRY IN INDIA

THE Government of Mysore have placed the [illegible]

ALLEGATIONS OF OVER-CHARGING ON INDIAN BUSES DENIED

IN evidence before the Riots Commission this morning, Mr. P. Harry, secretary of the Indian Bus Employees' Union, totally denied allegations which had been read to the Commission about over-charging on Indian buses.

He described evidence of harsh treatment and exploitation of the Native passengers as fantastic and without any foundation at all. He also suggested that the evidence given by Natives was such as to indicate that it was not their own, but that there was a "master mind" behind the scene.

"If the African on his own were able to make such clever and cunning statements, and if that is his way of thinking," he said, "then we can safely say that he is fit enough to rule this country."

Mr. Harry said it was surprising that the Natives had not brought forward their grievances at the time to the authorities, to their chiefs, to their advisory board, or to their Parliamentary representatives.

It was amusing, he said, to hear Natives say so much of the non-European transport, and nothing of the harsh and rude treatment they received from municipal conductors.

It was also amusing to hear Natives complain so bitterly about the Indian buses and say nothing of their own behaviour, or of the advantages they took of the Indian buses. A common trick was to tender a 10s. or £1 note for the threepenny fare, knowing that it was unlikely that the conductor would have change. The conductor told them to wait until the bus reached the terminus, but they alighted before the terminus.

The conductor would be compelled to give them back their note, and they would thus get a free ride.

At weekends, he said, Natives returning from beer drinks at Cato Manor went to sleep in the buses, or stamped their feet and sang Zulu war cries and songs. The drivers and conductors had to risk their lives to collect the fares.

He suggested that to solve the problem of non-European transport the Municipality should withdraw its buses gradually. If this were done there would not be trouble.

The Commission adjourned until tomorrow.—Sapa.

NEW DELHI: The Government of India have decided to open a Cottage Industry Emporium in Delhi, with branches at all Indian Embassies abroad. Branches will also be opened in California, San Francisco, Montreal and in Switzerland.—P.O.C.

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NEW DELHI

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AGENDA: 1, Presidential Address; 2, Secretarial Report; 3, Joint Treasurers' Financial Statement and Balance Sheet; 4, Amendments to Constitution; 5, Resolutions; 6, Election of Officials and Executive Committee members; 7, General.

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Mrs. [illegible] and sons, of [illegible], thank all relatives who came from far and wide to take part in the funeral of her late son and their late brothers, [illegible] and [illegible], who died on January 14, 1949, and February 10, 1949, respectively, at their late residence, [illegible]. They also thank those who expressed their sympathy by letters and telegrams. Special thanks to Mr. [illegible] and [illegible].

NEW DELHI: The [illegible] Society of Bangalore has [illegible] planes, which would be available for use in flying clubs in India by next year. Government of India have asked the [illegible] to prepare plans for the manufacture of other planes for [illegible] purposes.—P.T.I.

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NEW DELHI: Kashmir Government has [illegible] a scheme to develop [illegible] acres of land [illegible] with the help of the Central Tractor organisation of the Government of India.—P.T.I.

NEW DELHI: One hundred village welfare centres are to be established in [illegible] to serve as the model of rural uplift work in the Province.—P.T.I.

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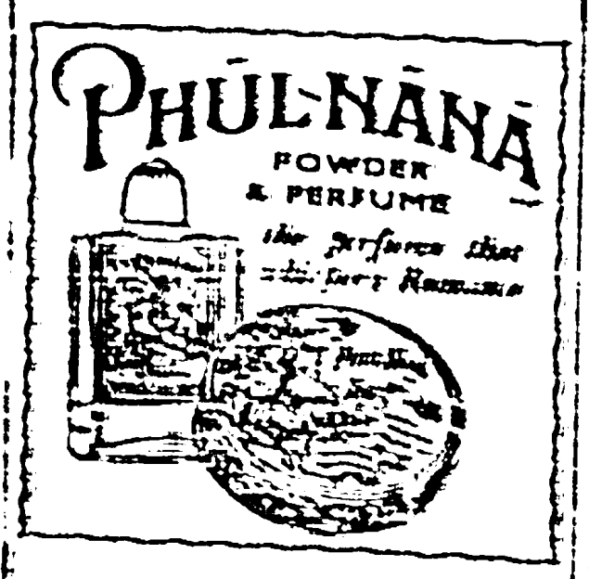
NEW DELHI: Provision for Rs. 30 million has been made in the Madras Budget for the next year for granting State loans to housing societies in the Province.—P.T.I.



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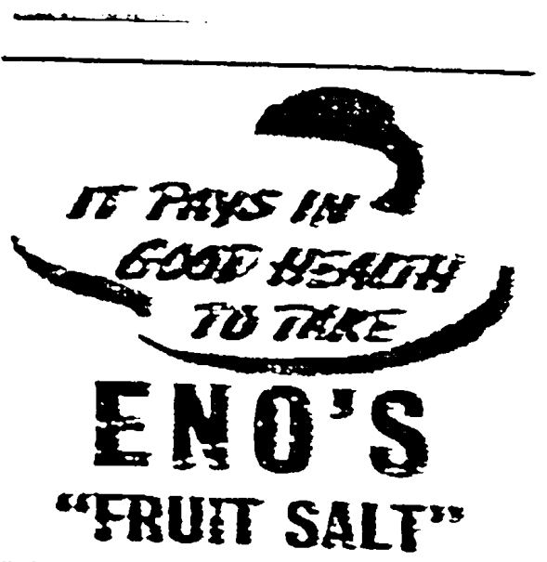

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IT was decided to commence fixtures on April 2, at the first annual meeting of the Durban Indian Football Association, held at Currie's Fountain on Saturday last. Decision was also taken to hold a joint five-a-side soccer tournament some time during May. For this purpose a committee comprising Messrs. K. Bijou (chairman), George Singh, Charles M. Pillay, A. P. Padayachee, K. I. Hallejee, K. M. Pillay and R. Lutchman, with powers to co-opt, were appointed.

Other committees were: Delegates to D.I.S.C.A., Messrs. K. M. Pillay, K. Bijou, George Singh, [illegible] and K. I. Moodley; appeals committee, Messrs. K. Bijou, [illegible] Singh, K. I. Hallejee and George Singh; disciplinary board, Messrs. K. M. Pillay, K. I. Hallejee (chairman), George Singh and G. Morgan; senior selection committee, Messrs. [illegible] (chairman), George Singh, [illegible], K. M. Pillay, [illegible] and alternate C. M. Pillay; junior selection committee, Messrs. [illegible] (chairman), G. Morgan and J. [illegible], alternate Mr. M. [illegible]; juvenile selection committee, Messrs. [illegible] (chairman), A. P. Padayachee, G. Morgan and A. G. Thompson as alternate; delegates to N.I.F.A., Messrs. George Singh, K. Bijou, [illegible], and [illegible]; [illegible] on Natal I.F.A. [illegible], Mr. K. Bijou.

Sunday League

The following draw in league fixtures in the junior divisions took place at the first annual meeting of the Durban Indian Sunday League: [illegible] v Lake City; Lake City [illegible] v [illegible] Rangers, [illegible] v [illegible], and [illegible] v [illegible]. The fixtures will commence during the first week in April, and there will be two rounds played on the same system, in view of the small number of teams.

The following committees were appointed: Delegates to D.I.S.C.A., Messrs. [illegible] Naidoo, M. I. Moodly and M. [illegible]; committee, Messrs. K. M. Pillay (chairman), [illegible]; [illegible] committee, Messrs. K. M. Pillay (chairman), K. M. Naidoo, R. I. Moodly and C. [illegible] L. Joseph (alternate); junior selection committee, Messrs. A. P. Padayachee (chairman), M. I. Moodly, A. K. [illegible], with C. [illegible] L. Joseph as alternate; [illegible] board, Messrs. K. Bijou (chairman), K. M. Pillay, K. [illegible], M. [illegible] and R. I. Moodly; referees' board committee, A. K. [illegible]; delegates to N.I.F.A., Messrs. K. M. Pillay, K. M. Naidoo, K. A. Pillay and P. N. [illegible] (the latter two from [illegible] F.A.); [illegible] on N.I.F.A. executive, Mr. K. M. Pillay; [illegible] committee, Messrs. C. [illegible] L. Joseph (chairman), A. P. Padayachee.

have not. It is often asserted by enemies of the South African Indians that they are buying up all the land they can possibly get hold of. The reverse is true. There are, according to the 1946 census figures, 232,317 Indians in Natal and the total acreage of land owned by them is only 150,000 acres, as against 1,000,000 acres for 1,700,000 Natives and nearly 13 million acres for 238,617 Europeans. These figures are the most conclusive argument against the so-called "land hunger" of the Indians in this country.

So, instead of rewarding the South African Indian community for having proved themselves to be good South Africans, the one harsh restriction after another was enforced on them. They remained without the benefits of direct representation, even on municipalities, living the humiliating life of a civilised community deliberately kept voteless by those who should have been the first to recognise their past services.

But even all these restrictions, which have roused sharp criticism in other countries, are apparently not yet enough. The Indian must be entirely eliminated from South Africa, where ninety years ago he saved a great industry. Intimidation has been tried, now followed by barely concealed bribery. Up to the present neither of these two methods have proved successful for the South African Indian will be neither intimidated nor bribed into leaving a country which is as much his homeland as that of those who now try to eliminate him. His past services alone should have entitled him to at least some consideration, but nothing in that line can evidently be expected from the present Government, who want to get rid of him, as one of its spokesmen said, "by hook or by crook."

The Leader
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SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 1949.

THIS IS OUR REWARD

THE present Government is doing its utmost to create the impression that the South African Indians are not wanted in this country, that they are not an indigenous part of the population and have not contributed anything to the welfare and progress of South Africa. To counter this policy of the Government and place the true facts of the matter before the authorities and people of this country, the Natal Indian Organisation has submitted certain facts in evidence to the Riot Commission and these facts tell quite a different story.

When Indian indentured labourers first came to Natal in 1860 the sugar industry, the mainstay of the Colony, was on the brink of ruin. Native labour was practically unobtainable and the planters found those Natives whom they could obtain so unreliable that further progress was becoming impossible. The Indian labourers saved the planters from ruin and ensured the prosperous future of Natal. They were, however, so badly treated that further Indian immigration was suspended in 1866 and only resumed in 1874, after repeated and urgent appeals and representations by the Natal sugar, tea and coffee planters. Even then the families of these Indian workers had to exist on almost next to nothing. The breadwinner of the family was only paid ten shillings a month, together with free quarters and rations, which only provided the barest necessities of life. Yet these Indian workers did not complain but performed their tasks with so much diligence that within a few years the sugar, tea and coffee industries in Natal were in a flourishing state.

From the very beginning it was evident that the majority of these Indian workers wished to make South Africa their home. They were, in fact, encouraged to do so by their European employers and by the Colonial Government. At the expiry of their indenture periods these Indians took up market gardening and became recognised members of the community. They purchased small tracts of land and swamp lands which no European would buy, improved that land and later sold it to Europeans, to repeat the process somewhere else. By reclaiming this waste land the Indians performed a most useful service to the community as a whole and played a major part in the development of the Natal coastal belt.

To cater for the needs of their compatriots in Natal, traders from India and Mauritius came to the Colony. These traders first confined their activities to trade with their own people, but soon went further afield and became the pioneers of the Native trade in the more remote districts of the country. Courageously enduring hardships that would have discouraged most others, these Indian merchants carried on and performed inestimable services to the people, both European and African, of the sparsely settled and often turbulent districts.

When roads and railways were built and extended Indians again played a major part in these developments. They were found to be hard and intelligent workers and without them the history of Natal would have been very different. The Indians were reliable and always courteous in their dealings with other sections of the community—in distinct contrast to the Natives, whose turbulent and quarrelsome disposition gave the Colonists many anxious moments. The Colonists of fifty years ago accordingly regarded the Indians as an indispensable part of the population of Natal and got on very well with them.

But what is the position today? Have the many services that the Indians have rendered to this country been adequately or even [illegible] recognised? No. They

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Riots Inspired By Politics

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against African natives that they should ask: "Isn't the White man funny? First he tells us to drive the Indians out of this country and when we do so he wants to kill us." This political meddling has influenced the ballot box in the case of the European, but with the Native it had been taken too literally, for he was not so removed from the days of Chaka and Dingaan.

The Indian has been damned with bell and book, yes, virtually excommunicated, by the politicians and vilified by the [illegible] Press of Durban, that he has hardly a friend or a champion left in the European community. Obviously even the Police did not escape this virus of anti-Indianism. For on Friday, January 14th, Native rioters, in battle array, were allowed to march from the Point into the heart of Durban, creating destruction on the way. From Grey Street to Victoria Road, into Field Street these hordes were allowed to assault Indians, ransack shops and even were encouraged because of the lack lack of firm action. It is hard to reconcile the fact that the police had taken adequate action to meet the situation. If West Street had received a similar visitation I am sure that not only tear gas would have been used against these frenzied mobs but they would have been mowed down by machine gun fire, but the police outlook at first was that it was "[illegible]" and therefore any thing done to them could not amount to much. This pervading anti-Indianism of the country will provide a sufficient cloak of protection. Overseas journals observers had noticed the tendency and had recorded it in their columns, much to the chagrin of people in this country. "The Times," of New York, published a picture of a Native [illegible] [illegible] an Indian-owned store with a European policeman as an unconcerned onlooker.

PUBLIC OPINION

No excuse can be advanced shed of public opinion and if that public opinion, day in and day out, as continued by the politician and in his Press, vitriolically opposed to this unpopular group—unpopular because of his [illegible], unpopular because he cannot easily be suppressed, for he still has some friends at court, [illegible] [illegible]. If this state of affairs is to continue when you, as a Commission, may again be asked to make further enquiries, but I cannot see the riots abating. It may take other shapes, but nevertheless it will be present. I was a personal witness to see the humiliating sight of my people being made [illegible], running with Natives following behind with [illegible] to the amusement of European bystanders.

If you desire to see peace in this country between all those who live within it then this political badgering of the Indians must cease, for this is the root cause of the riots.

The Indian in this country is now in the fourth and fifth generation. He has rightly earned his place in the life of this country, a country which was an integral [illegible] discovery in the quest for the land of his forbears. It was a share in this discovery that led to both the British and the Dutch rising to eminence. True, India's association in this country is as long as the original European inhabitants of this fair land, synchronising with the first invasion, circa 1652. To be told that the Indian is non-indigenous while the European is, then it is to hear the politician's credo. For to the European, Indian and the African, who know no other homeland than this, except to live as good South Africans, and to share peace together, fellow sharers in weal and in woe. It is the sacred duty, I feel, of this Commission to see the best way and way and [illegible] can be brought about.

NEW DELHI: The Government of India propose to manufacture every year 5,000 billion units of penicillin and 20,000 pounds each of sulphuric acid and sulpha drugs. The project is estimated to cost about Rs. [illegible].—P.T.I.

No Tension Between The Indians And Africans Before The Riots

CONSIDERABLE evidence has been led before the Riot Commission to show that prior to the disturbances there has been no ill-feeling between Indians and Africans. This is testified by the District Commandant himself who, in reply to a question, said that prior to January 13, 1949, the relations between Indians and Africans were not strained, and he was supported by the Police of every district. Many of the Africans have testified to the fact that the disturbances were not pre-arranged and to them they had come as a complete surprise, states the Natal Indian Organisation in a memorandum.

THE Broome Commission of 1949 of whose recommendations so much has been heard at this inquiry, is definite that at the time of issue of the report at the end of January, 1949, not a single complaint had been lodged against the Indians.

The question naturally arises as to what has happened since the Report of the Broome Commission a matter of 12 months to engender this hostility which the Native showed on the 13th, 14th and 15th January, 1949.

To us the question is not a difficult one to answer. The Indian in South Africa is in an extremely [illegible] position. He is the football of every politician in this country. From the aspirant to municipal honours most attack the Indian if success is to be achieved at the polls. Inflammatory speeches by politicians and municipal councillors against the Indian are every day occurrences, Durban in particular is the centre of these anti-Indian activities.

The taking away of the Parliamentary franchise in 1896, the municipal franchise in 1924, the passing of the Pegging Act of 1943 and of the Asiatic Land Tenure Act, 1946, are some of the reactionary measures that must be attributed to intensive agitation of the Europeans of Durban in particular and of Natal in general.

The Indian people of Natal have always entertained the fear that the inflammatory speeches and irresponsible statements made by Europeans would one day start an anti-Indian conflagration.

During the general election in May, 1948, the electioneering campaign plumbed a new depth when it came to deal with the Indians. The Durban Joint Wards Association, which is the fountain head of antipathy to the Indian, sent a circular to all the candidates in the election which contained, inter alia,—

> "Political power should not now be placed within the grasp of South African Indians who would, hereafter, through polygamous tendencies and by sheer weight of numbers, soon be enabled to acquire political supremacy to the detriment of western civilisation in South Africa. After many years' trial the Indians have proved to be unassimilable and are distasteful to all the other races in South Africa."

NEW DELHI: A Conference of [illegible] in Allahabad has formed a World Academy of Fine Thinkers. The object of the Academy, which includes Dr. Meghnad Saha, Dr. [illegible], and Dr. Arthur H. Compton, is to help the development of a balanced personality in man.—P.T.I.

...that the application was turned down, not because of the objection of the Indian, but because the premises were unsuitable. The figures he quoted were, he told the Commission, selected at random.

Ladysmith Elects New Football Officials

THE annual meeting of the Klip River District Indian Football Association was held on Wednesday last at Ladysmith.

Messrs. M. Govinder, G. M. A. Moodly and D. M. Moodly were appointed officials of the Association as President, Secretary and Treasurer and Hon. record clerk.

After this, the secretary's report was read, reviewing the activities of the Association, particularly the success of the [illegible] F.C. in [illegible] the Natal Cup, also [illegible] the honour of the Association's [illegible] with the [illegible] of the league cup, and Naidoo's Cup, which were won by the [illegible] F.C. and [illegible] F.C., respectively.

The chairman in moving the adoption of the secretary's report, paid tribute to the services rendered and appealed to the council for financial assistance during the current season. Other committees were Messrs. R. R. Singh, A. C. Naidoo and K. R. Singh.

The following officials were elected for the ensuing season: Patrons, Messrs. C. M. Aroud and I. A. Moodley; life vice-presidents, Messrs. M. R. Adam, V. Lawrence, M. Thomas, R. [illegible] and [illegible]; president, Mr. G. Govinder; vice-presidents, Messrs. C. Nair, A. A. [illegible], M. A. Moodly, R. G. Khan, G. R. Singh and M. C. Aroud; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. G. M. A. Moodly; hon. record clerk, Mr. D. M. Moodly; hon. auditor, Mr. R. M. [illegible]; delegates to Natal Indian Football Association, Messrs. M. Govinder, D. M. Moodly, R. R. Singh and G.M.A. Moodly; delegates to Ladysmith and district Indian [illegible] Association, Messrs. M. A. Moodly (V.P.), G. R. Singh and R. [illegible].

The season will commence in the first week in April.

Indians Not Objecting to Native Licences

THE myth that Indian traders had objected to applications made by Africans for trading licences, thus stifling their progress economically, was exploded by the chairman of the Durban Licensing Board when he supplied the Commission of Inquiry with facts and figures about applications made by Indians and Africans for trade licences, when he said that out of a number of thirty-six applications made by Africans only one was objected to by an Indian.

From another eleven such applications only one again was objected to by an Indian. He added

INJURED BY EXPLOSION

MR. P. N. R. NAIDOO, a well-known Maritzburg businessman, was seriously injured last week when a drum of tar exploded in the yard of his workshop. He is at present in Grey's Hospital.

One of his employees, Mr. Sonny Naidoo, was also scalded on the arm, but was allowed to go home after being treated at the hospital.

[illegible] K. Thambi, president of the Tamil Benefit Society, seen distributing clothes to the refugees at a Durban camp. The Society has spent £100 to provide the distressed with clothing and other necessities. In the foreground are Mr. V. S. V. Pillay, the well-known Durban social worker, and Mr. Willie Ernest, the sports pioneer.

DESCENDANT OF MOHAMMED IN S.A.

From Our Correspondent

CAPETOWN, Thursday.

THERE was considerable speculation at Capetown railway station yesterday afternoon concerning the identity of a stocky and swarthy man, dressed in flowing robes and wearing a multi-coloured turban, who walked briskly down the platform to enter a reserved compartment in the European section of the Port Elizabeth train.

The "mystery man" was Prince Sayed Hashim Omar Alwee, a descendant of the prophet Mohammed, and arrived in Capetown recently by air from Mecca.

This Arabic Prince, a spiritual leader of the Mohammedans, who is revered as a religious figure, has been giving a series of lectures on Mecca in Capetown.

The Prince told me his tour would last until late next month, when he would join a vessel in Durban in which he will return to Mecca.

MANY DURBAN FIRMS NOT EMPLOYING INDIANS

THE FOLLOWING INTERESTING FIGURES WERE SUBMITTED TO THE RIOT COMMISSION IN A MEMORANDUM ISSUED BY THE NATAL INDIAN ORGANISATION.

THE African population of Durban is 120,000, and of this number the male Africans in employment as at June, 1948, was 87,798, which shows that there was hardly any unemployment among the Africans. It is admitted that the majority comprise unskilled workers. On the other hand it is estimated that there are over 7,000 unemployed Indians in Durban alone. Many industries do not employ Indians. For instance, the Motor Assembly Works at Jacobs employ Europeans, Coloureds and Africans. The Indian is not accepted. Two large industries may be mentioned among others that do not take in any more Indians. The sugar mills, the railways and harbours and the Durban Municipality are other undertakings in which the Indian suffers from the same disability.

There is no evidence to show that the Indian has stood in the way of the African advancing as skilled and unskilled workers. It must be mentioned that industries do not discriminate between the African and Indian, but what weighs with them are efficiency and stability. No industry can afford to employ migratory skilled workers. Thousands of Africans are employed by Indian farmers, industries, transport and in their homes; they show no bias against the African. There have been no complaints against the Indian employer for ill-treatment.

CARELESS BUS DRIVERS

That Maritzburg's municipal bus-drivers on the Non-European routes appear to be becoming careless of Indian lives since the riots is evident from the number of complaints made to "The Leader."

Recently a well-known Maritzburg man was crossing the intersection of Berg and Retief Streets when an Edendale-bound bus swung out towards Berg Street from the direction of the Native Beer Hall. The pedestrian increased his pace to avoid the bus but the driver swung sharply to the right and the pedestrian narrowly escaped injury.

On another occasion an Indian woman moved out of the way of a bus into the traffic centre near a bus which she presumed would the municipal market, but without warning the bus shot past, and the woman escaped injury by a matter of inches.

COLOUR-BAR AGAIN RAISING ITS HEAD AT THE NATAL UNIVERSITY

WHITE NATAL CELEBRATED WITH SO MUCH POMP AND CEREMONY THE EMERGENCY OF ITS OWN UNIVERSITY ON WEDNESDAY. VERY FEW PEOPLE GAVE THOUGHT TO THE FACT THAT THE COLOUR BAR WAS AT THE SAME TIME WRITTEN DEEP INTO THE FABRIC OF THE PROVINCE FOR THE EMERGENCE OF THE UNIVERSITY HAS NOW LAID THE BASIS OF SEPARATE EDUCATION FOR NON-EUROPEAN. THIS IS IRONICAL, FOR NATAL ALWAYS CLAIMED TO DRAW INSPIRATION FROM THE BRITISH TRADITION AND SENSE OF FAIR PLAY AND JUSTICE. BUT NOW WHILE THE REACTIONARY NORTH STILL HAS A LIBERAL UNIVERSITY — THE WITS — WHERE EUROPEAN AND NON-EUROPEANS STUDY TOGETHER, THE UNIVERSITY OF NATAL WILL HAVE A SEPARATE NON-EUROPEAN CONSTITUENT COLLEGE.

The whole process of the conversion of the old N.U.C. to the new N.U. has been shot through with prejudice—rank colour prejudice—and the reasons justifying this have been legion. All functions arranged in honour of the birth of the University of Natal have made this fine distinction. There was, on the one hand, "the public of Natal" and, on the other, "the Non-European people."

"I," writes a "Leader" reporter, "have been invited to the City Hall, where special separate seats have been arranged for the Non-Europeans and a Non-European dance and garden party. The other twenty-odd functions were barred to me because of the colour of my skin."

Discussing this question with a "Leader" reporter, some prominent ex-students of the N.U.C., who are now members of the Convocation of the Natal University, said:

"The University Week" is a week of deep humiliation for the Non-European people of Natal for the inaugural celebrations connected with the granting of full status to the University of Natal emphasises the fact that the University is built on the foundations of "apartheid."

Not only will the University have complete segregation in every the academic field but the celebrations themselves have been organised in a way to parade Indians, Africans and Coloureds as inferiors.

Thus, before the altar of white supremacy, Natal's heroworship will sacrifice those high ideals of tolerance and equality for which universities have stood in all democratic countries.

A large number of functions arranged for this week's celebration have been labelled "Europeans only." Civic functions, University "at home," the Administrator of Natal's luncheon are some of the highlights of the celebrations for which Non-Europeans cannot qualify.

A rigid colour bar has been enforced in these celebrations in which students may take part. Special trains were arranged to take European students to Pietermaritzburg for the Academic procession. In this procession no Non-European students are mentioned in the official programme and therefore no "Jim Crow" trains were arranged for Pietermaritzburg.

Women Follow

The academic procession for Durban is timed for Saturday. The official programme lays down the strict order of precession with the principal at its head. The normal courtesy due to women students is dispensed with when it comes to Non-European women. In strict accordance with the laws of apartheid, European women students will be followed by European men students and then Non-European women students will be followed by Non-European men students to form the tail end of the procession. It is too much to expect from the heavenly males of University standing to show courtesy to Non-European women students of the same institution!

The Durban City Hall will be the venue for a "Students' Ball," but the term "Students" does not include the Non-Europeans, so Sastri College has been chosen as the venue for a Non-European dance.

Similarly the Principal, Council and Senate will be at home to "the public of Durban" in the spacious gardens of Howard College but the Non-Europeans, not being part of "the public of Durban," will have at the same hour a "garden party" in the grounds of Sastri College.

It is unfortunate that Non-European students are compelled to attend the segregated classes to obtain their university education in Natal. They have no alternative in the matter. But there is not the slightest reason why the students or the Non-European people should allow themselves to be publicly humiliated. The best course for them to follow is to refrain from taking part in these inaugural celebrations.

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INDIAN TRADER HAS NEVER RETARDED PROGRESS OF AFRICANS

THE ROLE PLAYED BY THE INDIAN TRADER IN THE ECONOMY OF THIS COUNTRY IS AN IMPORTANT ONE, STATES A MEMORANDUM SUBMITTED BY THE N.I.C. TO THE RIOT COMMISSION, BUT HE HAS NEVER RETARDED THE PROGRESS OF THE AFRICAN TRADER. IF THERE IS ANYTHING THAT MILITATES AGAINST THE AFRICAN IT IS THE POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES. THE FACT THAT SO MANY OF THE NATIVE DEALERS, TEAROOMS AND HERBALISTS ARE HOUSED IN INDIAN-OWNED PREMISES IS AN INDICATION OF THE HELP THAT THE INDIAN AFFORDS THE AFRICAN.

IT is relevant to quote from the Memorandum submitted to the Commission by the Department of Economics of the Natal University College:

"They established themselves not only in the coastal belt, but also in the remote places where no European could have made a civilised living and where the local Natives knew little or nothing about trade. The Indian trader was therefore useful and welcome and in most cases this is still the case. The Native usually patronises the Indian store in preference to the European store. In the former he feels more at home and he also finds the goods often lower in quality and in price. He can also indulge more readily in bargaining."

There is a mistaken idea prevalent that the Indians hold a very large number of licences. The same Memorandum explodes this idea, and we quote:

"In Natal in 1945-1946 the number of licences issued to Europeans and Indians were almost equal—some 8,450 each. But of the total 8,452 Indian licences 2,085 pedlars or hawkers on the average carry only £5 of stock, and 888 are fresh produce dealers carrying perhaps some £30 of stock."

The number 8,452 may appear to be large, but among these there are 632 [illegible] mineral water dealers attached to fresh produce dealers and 136 patent and proprietary medicines attached to the general dealers' licences. The large number does not therefore mean that there are so many separate dealers. No Indian trader is given a licence in the Native Reserves, and the Natal Rural Licensing Ordinance restricts him from trading within five miles of such Reserves. On the other hand an African requiring a licence in the Reserves is not required to be subjected to the usual formalities relating to licensing applications.

COMMUNIST PERIL IN INDIA

PURI (Orissa).

COMMUNISTS were trying to stir up unrest in India and were acting in favour of an [illegible] outside India, said the Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, at a meeting here, states a Sapa-Reuter message.

Mr. Nehru said that the Communists were fomenting a railway strike and his information made him believe that they wanted to wreck trains, cause mass starvation, create terror and dislocate national life.

He referred to the armed attacks recently at Dum Dum in which three Britons were burnt to death.

"Can anyone believe that those who were capable of such atrocities and of owing allegiance to a country outside India can do anything good for the people of this country."

"APARTHEID"

AN Indian lawyer commenting on the policy of separate universities for Europeans and non-European students advocated by the Nationalist Government, said that such a policy of apartheid in education would only be to the detriment of the non-European community.

To strengthen his contention, he cited the students body at Fort Hare which was constantly subject to interference by the Senate, and which in comparison with the Witwatersrand University, enjoyed very little freedom. This danger, he said, was making itself manifest in the Natal University College. Recently the Students Representative Council, in protest against the unfair treatment meted out to them in connection with the celebrations by the Natal University on its achievement of full University status, decided not to participate in the [illegible] to take part in the garden party.

However, certain members of the staff openly disregarded the decision of the Council, and summoning a meeting on their own, decided to participate in the programme also. As a result of this a misunderstanding arose among the students. To dispel any doubts that may have existed in the minds of the students about the decision of the Students Representative Council, the officials pinned a notice on the notice board, reaffirming their decision. The notice was pulled down by one of the lecturers of the University. A graduate commenting on the lecturer's action described it as highly injudicious, and [illegible]

MARITZBURG CLUB FOOTBALL PROMISES WELL FOR NEW SEASON

From Our Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG, Friday.

WITH ONLY A FEW MORE WEEKS LEFT OF KING WILLOW'S ANNUAL REIGN THE THOUGHTS OF SPORTSMEN ARE TURNING TO THE WINTER GAME—SOCCER. MARITZBURG CLUBS HAVE HELD THEIR ANNUAL MEETINGS AND ARE NO DOUBT LOOKING FORWARD TO A BUSY SEASON, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF THE SAM CHINA CUP TOURNAMENT WHICH IS TO BE HELD AT DURBAN THIS YEAR, BUT THERE ARE A FEW ASPECTS ON THE GAME IN THE CAPITAL ON WHICH A FEW REMARKS WILL NOT BE OUT OF PLACE.

[illegible]

No Improvement.

[illegible]

India's Budget Shows A Substantial Surplus

From Our Own Correspondent

NEW DELHI.

FINANCE MINISTER, DR. MATTHAI, HAS PRESENTED THE SECOND ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE INDIAN DOMINION IN PARLIAMENT. THE FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NEW PROPOSALS:—

[illegible]

REVENUE ... ... Rs.[illegible] million
EXPENDITURE ... ... Rs.[illegible] million

SURPLUS ... ... Rs.[illegible] million

[illegible]

TABLE TENNIS . . .

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Officials.

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AIRWAYS

NEW DELHI: The Government of India have dropped negotiations begun some time ago for the nationalisation of Indian National Airways. This conforms with the Government's declared policy of concentrating their resources on new enterprises and not dissipating them on existing ones.

The proposal to take over Ambika Airlines which went into liquidation did not progress beyond the preliminary departmental examination, for the same reason.—P.O.C.

ESTCOURT TENNIS CLUB OFFICIALS

The following officials were elected at the annual general meeting of the Estcourt Tennis Club:—

[illegible]

NORTHERN DISTRICTS FOOTBALL MEETING

THE 7th annual meeting of the Northern Districts Indian Football Association was held at Dannhauser on Sunday last. [illegible]

HOTEL EMPLOYEES ELECT SOCCER COMMITTEE

HOTEL EMPLOYEES SOCCER [illegible] At the annual general meeting of the Durban Liquor and Catering Trades Employees Indian Football Association, the following officials were elected: [illegible]

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EMBOSSED CREPE-DE-CHENE
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Junior Leader

My dear children,

It is a long time now since our regular "Quiz Corner" appeared, and many letters have come in during the past few weeks requesting for something "Quizzical."

Well, this week, I have something very different from the usual Quiz Competitions we used to have. I give below a passage in which are concealed the hidden names of the various Weights and Measures, twenty-four in all. They may be a word, part of a word, or part of several, the letters of the name again being used in the correct order and in sequence (Example: "Folks tell me that our Dramatic Society has been pronounced a credit to the village," drum. Three other words which you will find in the passage are "hand," "gill" and [illegible]

Food for Thought

Children are much nearer the inner truth of things than we are, for when their instincts are not perverted by the superfine wisdom of their elders, they give themselves up to a full, vigorous activity. There is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Friedrich Froebel.

[illegible]

Out of the twentyfour, I have already given you four words. Now all you have to do is to read through the passage carefully and find the other twenty words.

As usual, there will be no entrance fee charged, and the competition is open to all members of the Junior Leader. The closing date for the competition will be [illegible] Monday, March [illegible]. Envelopes must be clearly marked "Quiz Competition," addressed to Junior Leader, [illegible] Street, Durban. One [illegible] entering should [illegible] on one side of the paper.

THE PASSAGE

The following is the passage: "Folks tell me that our Dramatic Society has been pronounced [illegible] to the village. We have [illegible] all worked very [illegible] taking both men's and [illegible] parts this winter. Gideon, [illegible] variety of roles we played! [illegible] represented so different [illegible] Napoleon, a gallie [illegible] play, a footman, and [illegible] chained to the stake, [illegible] the "Midsummer Night's [illegible] stands out in my mind as [illegible] performance of the season. [illegible] the Squire's wife had promised [illegible] at home, to help us, [illegible] of the players indulging [illegible] and our Heroine being [illegible] altogether, made me tremble [illegible] the evening should be a failure. It is not easy to step into a [illegible] at merely a quarter of an [illegible] notice, even though one [illegible] knew the words, and for the [illegible] I was panicstricken. I [illegible] round anxiously to see if [illegible] someone else might [illegible] to the rescue, but no, I had [illegible]

"Our members said they were [illegible] at the way I got [illegible] each and all giving me [illegible] praise. I told them that [illegible] and remembered the [illegible] easily, but performing at short notice was a task not appreciated by me, at any rate.

"Although each evening throughout the season went well, the last one, when we got up a play on behalf of the League of Mercy, drew the biggest audience."

PEN FRIENDS CORNER ... ...

S. Sagathaladevan Naicker (13), P.O. Box 24, Chaka's Kraal, Natal, who would like to have pen friends from any part of the Union. India, is interested in cycling, hiking, fishing, and sports. His favourite hobby is collecting Press cuttings.

A. P. Jackie (13), c/o P.O. Box 3, Jacobs, Natal, who is interested in physical culture, boxing, swimming and jujitsu, would like to have pen friends from the Cape, Johannesburg and Lourenco Marques.

Ganas Moodley (17), P.O. Box 58, Port Shepstone, Natal, is interested in sports, the cinema and reading. His chief hobbies are collecting stamps and keeping a scrap-book. He would like to have pen friends from any part of the world.

Mahomed A. Cajee (Jnr.) 13, 14 Port Natal Street, Standerton, Transvaal, is interested in soccer, cricket, water polo and hockey. He would like to have pen friends from any part of the Union and India.

Mynawathie Devi (14), 72 Palace Road, Mayville, Durban, who is in her sixth standard at the Candella Estate School, is interested in sewing, reading, art, and Hindi songs and music. She would like to have pen friends from the Union and India.

P. R. Maharaj (17), P.O. Box 70, Newcastle, Natal, is interested in needlework, cooking, reading, tennis, songs and music. She would like to have pen friends from India, U.S.A. and England.

Mary Chetty (15), 100 Villa Road, Overport, Durban, is interested in sports, reading, the cinema and swimming. She would like to have pen friends from any part of the world.

Savithree Chetty (16), 125 May Street, Durban, is interested in the cinema, "Filmindia," songs and music. She would like to have pen friends from the Union, Lourenco Marques and England.

K. Heeralall (18), Candella Road, Mayville, Durban. Interests: Studies, hiking, film books, songs and music. He would like to have pen friends from any part of the Union and India.

J. R. Rajkumar (20), 13 Kina Lane, Durban. Interests: The cinema, Indian film books, songs and music. Collecting pictures is his favourite hobby. He would like to have pen friends from India, U.S.A. and the Union.

D. P. Harry (12), 72 Candella Road, Mayville, Durban, is interested in fishing, swimming, the cinema, songs and music. He would like to have pen pals from the Union and India.

R. G. Pillay (17), c/o Cranbrook Estate, P.O. Greenville(?), Natal. Interests: Cycling, reading and collecting stamps. He would like to have pen friends from India, U.S.A. and England.

S. V. Naicker (13), 116 Umgeni Road, Durban. Interests: Boxing, music and dancing. He would like to have pen pals from the Cape, Lourenco Marques and U.S.A.

Abdullah Vahed (16), 154 Queen Street, Durban, who would like to have pen friends from any part of the world, especially Australia, India and England, is interested in cricket, boxing, table tennis and soccer. He would be pleased to exchange pictures of sporting interest with those that correspond with him.

S. S. Deonarain (21), 13 Kina Lane, Durban, is interested in the cinema, reading, "Filmindia," songs and music, and would like to have pen friends from any part of the world, especially India, U.S.A., Australia and England.

Abid Housen (17), P.O. Box 29, Chaka's Kraal, Natal. Interests: Boxing, the cinema and studies. He would like to have pen friends from India, the U.S.A. and England.

Madesan Chetty (17), 533 Berg Street, Maritzburg. Interests: soccer, fishing, dancing and music (plays the Guitar). He would like to have pen friends from any part of the world.

Cookul Balee (17), 66 Glyn Road, Maritzburg, who would like to have pen friends from India, England, Australia and New Zealand, is interested in the cinema, studies, music and collecting stamps.

Sam Govender (15), 12 West Road, Overport, Durban, would like to make contacts with boxing fans from the U.S.A. and England. He himself takes a keen interest in this branch of sport.

FROM OVERSEAS

Now here are the members from overseas for you to write to: Marjorie Kemp, Railways, Kaitaia, North Auckland, New Zealand, Anne Bennett, North Loburn, Whitecraft, Rangiora, N. Zealand, Mary Hartley, Okaihu Bay, Banks Peninsula, N. Zealand.

Brenda Kay, Beech Bank, Bowden Rd., Altrincham, Cheshire, England. Patricia H. Aston, Ward 12, Cubicle 19, Cruly Rd., Sanatorium, Leicester, England. Kathleen Leyland, Cowes Bay, P.O. Waiheke Island, Auckland, N. Zealand.

Mary Kemp, Ashope, Otanui R. D. Taumarunui, N. Zealand. Beverley Jones, Pakaraka, P. B. Ohaewai, Bay of Islands, N. Zealand. Beryl Hume, Cornwallis, Auckland, New Zealand, Helen Kemp, Ashope, Otanui, R. D. Taumarunui, N. Zealand.

BOYS — Joseph Barham, 46, Castle Street, Fraserburgh, Scotland. Guy Hutchinson, 18, Gowan Street, Otahu, Auckland, S.E. 2, N. Zealand.

LAUGHTER CORNER ...

Father: "No Willie, I can't help you with your homework. It wouldn't be right."

Willie: "Probably not, Dad; but have a shot at it!"

Little Willie: "Say, Mr. Brown, is your head different from other people's?"

Mr. Brown: "Why, no, Willie."

"Well, I heard Pa say Mr. Brown was a blockhead!"

Dad: "How are you getting on at school?"

Son (feelingly): "Dad, need we always talk shop?"

Office Boy (removing his hat at 9.30): "Kragood morning, sir."

Boss (removing his hat): "Late again?"

Office Boy: "So am I!"

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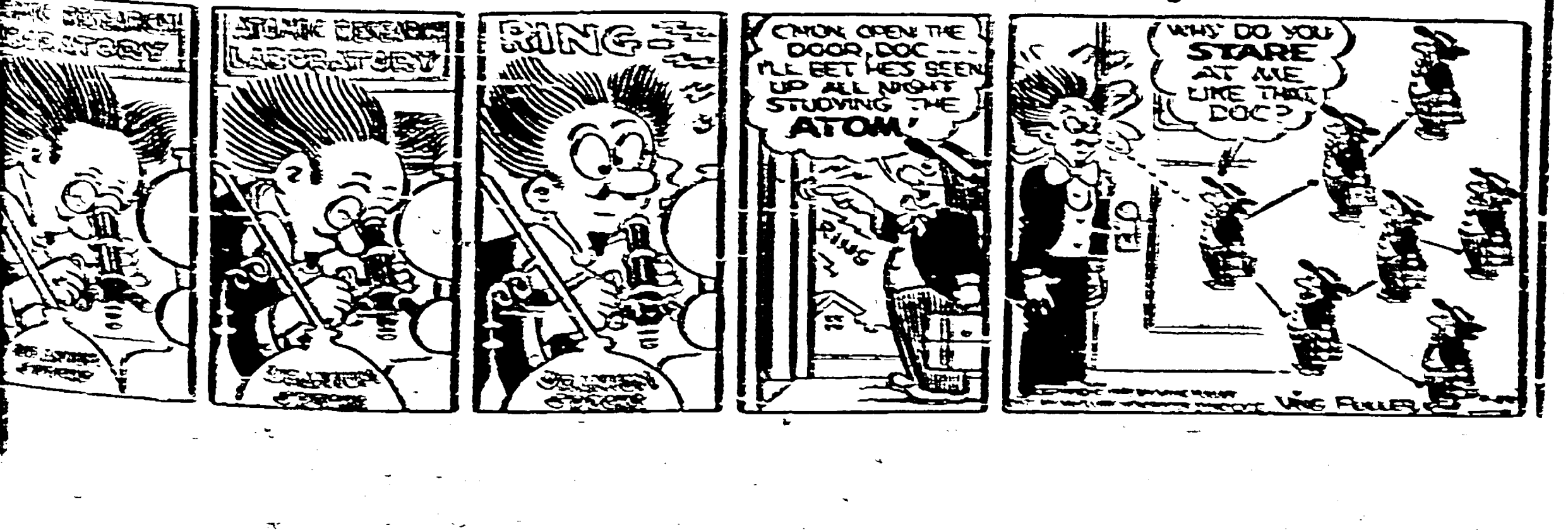
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C'MON, OPEN THE DOOR, DOC — I'LL BET HE'S BEEN UP ALL NIGHT STUDYING THE ATOM!
WHY DO YOU STARE AT ME LIKE THAT, DOC?
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Message of the Stars

By "SWAMI."

THE Wheel of Fortune for the period March 19 to 25, for people born under the twelve Zodiac signs are as follows:—

ARIES (March 21 to April 20): Good, 19, 24; bad 21, 23.
TAURUS (April 21 to May 22): Good, 23; bad 20, 24.
GEMINI (May 23 to June 21): Good, [illegible]; bad 19, 22.
CANCER (June 22 to July 22): Good, 24; bad 21, 23.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22): Good, 24; bad 21, 20.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22): Good, [illegible]; bad 19, 23.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): Good 23; bad 20, 24.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 22): Good, 19, 24; bad 20, 24.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 to Dec. 22): Good, 19, [illegible]; bad 21, 23.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 to Jan. 20): Good 21; bad [illegible]
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19): Good 20; bad 21, 24.
PISCES (Feb. 20 to March 20): Good 19, [illegible]; bad 20, 24.

The good days for buying, driving bargains, are March 19, 23; for selling, investments and new business ventures 19, 24; for recreation, travel, 19, 24; for love and pleasure 23; for travel and correspondence 23; for property deals, overseas or [illegible] and planning future 21; guard against accidents, quarrels and disputes on 19, 21.

Favourable days to plant or sow seasonal crops bearing fruit underground are from 20, from 11 a.m., to 22, whole day. Unsettled weather is indicated, changing from March 22 to 23.

The lucky numbers and colours to apply on the Turf on March 19 are: 2, 4, 6, 7. Colour: Purple.

Guide: "The castle has stood for six hundred years. Not a stone has been touched, nothing altered, nothing replaced."

Visitor: "Um, they must have the same landlord we have."

Labourer (shouting to foreman on top of building): "Don't come down that ladder, boss."

Foreman: "Why?"

Labourer: "'Cos I've just taken it away."

Till next week,

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ORIENTALS WIN IN MARITZBURG DISTRICT FINALS

From Our Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG, Friday.

ORIENTALS WON THE RIGHT TO REPRESENT MARITZBURG IN NATAL'S PREMIER CRICKET COMPETITION WHEN THEY HEADED ROYALS BY 37 RUNS ON THE FIRST INNINGS IN THE DISTRICT FINAL ON THE INDIAN SPORTS GROUND ON SUNDAY.

SCHOOLS WERE ELIMINATED FROM THE CASSIMJEE CUP, GOING DOWN TO ORTMANS ON THE DOUBLE INNINGS. THE STARS-UNITED GAME FOR THE SAME CUP WAS WASHED OUT BY RAIN ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

A rain-drenched ground and a [illegible] sky greeted the Royals and Orientals on Sunday morning, when they met to contest the district final of the Natal Cup, but by [illegible] the wicket had dried out sufficiently to enable a start to be made.

[illegible]

Scoreboard.

[illegible]

NATAL

MR. S. M. SINGH

Mr. S. M. Singh, also a well known Durban sportsman, who has been elected as President of the Natal Indian Football Association for the ensuing season.

DURBAN

MR. R. BIJOU.

Mr. R. Bijou, a well known Durban sportsman, who has been elected as President of the Durban Indian Football Association for the coming year.

NEW DELHI: Development schemes costing over Rs 27,000,000 were carried out in Assam during the past year in agriculture, communications and education.—(PTI)

ANGLING RESULTS

The competition for the "[illegible]" Floating Trophy, was held at Maydon Wharf, on Sunday, March 13, 1949. Competition was very keen and the fishing was good. The largest fish for the day was caught by Mr. R. M. Bayat, 30lb. 8oz.

The results were as follows: 1, [illegible] 30lb. 10oz.; 2, R. M. Bayat 30lb. 8oz.; 3, Osman Backer, 10lb. 6oz.

Reading from left to right, the following are the officials and delegates of the South African Indian Cricket Union (SAICU), who met in Port Elizabeth last week. Standing, top row: Messrs. S. Reddy (E.P.I.C.U.), [illegible] (auditor), W. M. Moonsamy (E.P.I.C.U.) and E. Mogan (W.P.I.C.U.). Standing, middle row: Messrs. M. Gounder (N.I.C.U.), [illegible] (T.I.C.U.), E. I. Haffejee (N.I.C.U.), D. M. [illegible] (W.P.I.C.U.) and R. Garda (E.P.I.C.U.). Sitting: Messrs. P. R. [illegible] (Vice-President), J. Reddy (E.P.I.C.U.), [illegible] (Hon. Secretary), [illegible] (President), [illegible] (Treasurer), and Rev. B. L. E. Sigamoney (N.I.C.U.).

GREENWOOD PARK INDIAN TENNIS CLUB MEETING

IN presenting his report at the annual meeting of the Greenwood Park Indian Lawn Tennis Club, Mr. E. M. Govender, the secretary, made a survey of the activities of the club for the past two years. "As you are aware," Mr. Govender said, "that the annual meeting last year had to be put off indefinitely, owing to the opening of our new tennis court, so, therefore, today I am presenting to you my report for the last two seasons." Mr. Govender said that the club underwent various difficulties since it had been given a notice to quit by the landlord from the last court. These difficulties, he said, bore the fruits of a grand achievement in the Indian sporting world by the opening of a new court by the club last year. He also mentioned that during the year 1947, the club had raised a substantial sum of £[illegible] for the Durban Indian Child Welfare Society.

The president, Mr. P. M. Harry, in his remarks, praised the members' faithfulness to the club, as they had to sacrifice many months of tennis, owing to the loss of a court.

Competitions.

Last year the club held its championships, and the following were the result: Men's "A" Division, singles championship, Mr C. N. Pillay; doubles championship, Messrs. A. K. Govender and N. N. Moodley; [illegible] singles, Mr. E. M. Govender. Men's "B" Division, singles championship, Mr. [illegible] Govender; doubles championship, Messrs. [illegible] Reddy and [illegible]; [illegible] championship, Mr. [illegible] Reddy. Women's Division, singles championship, Miss V. P. Naidoo; doubles championship, Misses [illegible] Christopher and G. Reddy; [illegible] championship, Miss [illegible] Christopher.

Trophies were presented to the successful winners by Mrs. G. Christopher, a patron, and Mrs. [illegible], a vice-president of the club.

Officials.

The following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year: Patrons, Advocate A. Christopher, Dr. K. N. Pillay and Mrs. G. Christopher; president, Mr. P. M. Harry (re-elected); hon. life vice-president, Mr. N. M. Moodley, and vice-presidents, Mrs. E. Kathleen (re-elected), Mr. A. K. Govender and Mrs. V. L. Naidoo; hon. secretary, Mr. E. M. Govender; hon. assistant secretary, Miss Gonam Reddy; hon. treasurer and court captain, Mr. V. R. Naidoo (re-elected); vice court captains, Mr. A. K. Govender (re-elected), Mrs. A. K. Govender, and Miss Gonam Reddy; hon. auditor, Mr. A. Thathiah; committee, Messrs. E. M. Govender, K. D. Pillay, M. V. Naidoo, G. G. Chetty, K. N. Reddy, N. K. Govender, V. V. Naidoo, T. Ramjugath, Mrs. K. N. Pillay and Miss V. P. Naidoo; delegates to N.I.L.T.A., Messrs. P. M. Harry, V. R. Naidoo and A. K. Govender.

In nominating the name of Mr N. M. Moodley as hon. life vice-president, an old but historical page from a minute book, dating back to [illegible] was produced. It was in this year that the club was founded and the old page reflected the name of the aforesaid as the club's first chairman. This information [illegible] the nomination, and Mr N. M. Moodley was elected unanimously.

FIXTURES FOR CURRIE'S FOUNTAIN

IN the main attraction at Currie's Fountain this weekend, Orientals, the Maritzburg finalists, will be travelling to Durban to meet Kismet in the semi-final of the Peters' Natal Shield competition. [illegible] will be played on Currie's Fountain main ground tomorrow, and play commences at 9.30 a.m.

This afternoon Ottomans meet Young Muslim in the Panday's Shield competition (60-minutes-aside). This fixture was set down for decision on Saturday last, but the teams could not find umpires to start the match. By this match not being played last week, there has been some disorganisation in the fixtures of the Union.

While the Central-Kismet league match is under enquiry, Ottomans will meet [illegible] in the last First Division league fixture on Currie's Fountain No. 1, tomorrow, in a full day match.

Asian Tour Proposed

[illegible] at a recent meeting of the South African Indian Cricket Union, held at Port Elizabeth. A suggestion from Natal was that the tour be accepted and each province pay the expenses of players selected from their province. The Transvaal delegates asked that the Union enquire from the Asian Sports Association in Nairobi (Kenya Colony) what percentage of the gate takings they are prepared to pay.

After a lengthy discussion on the various aspects of the tour, the following decisions were taken:

(1) To enquire from the Asian Sports Association whether they were prepared to arrange matches for weekdays and weekends (which would take about three weeks) or only weekends (which would probably take three months).

(2) Whether the Asian Association were prepared to pay full expenses of the players travelling from here, (3) Alternately, what percentage of the gate takings they were prepared to give to the South African Indian Cricket Union.

Discussing the tour, Mr. E. I. Haffejee, who represented Natal at the meeting, told "The Leader" that he strongly felt, notwithstanding the natural difficulties, and looking for our financial returns, that the tour come off. "In my opinion," said Mr. Haffejee, "we will be able to gauge the strength of South African Indian cricket and it is my hope that this will be a forerunner of tours to India and elsewhere."

Commenting on the recent tournament, Mr. Haffejee said: "The failure of the Natal side against Transvaal in the final was due to bad fielding. If Natal was not to improve its cricket with special attention to fielding, then I am afraid, it will never achieve the success that it has achieved in the first three tournaments. Natal lost the Christopher Trophy, but on and off the field they have been thorough sportsmen, and have won the hearts of the people of Port Elizabeth. The honours of the tournament went to Natal," added Mr. Haffejee.

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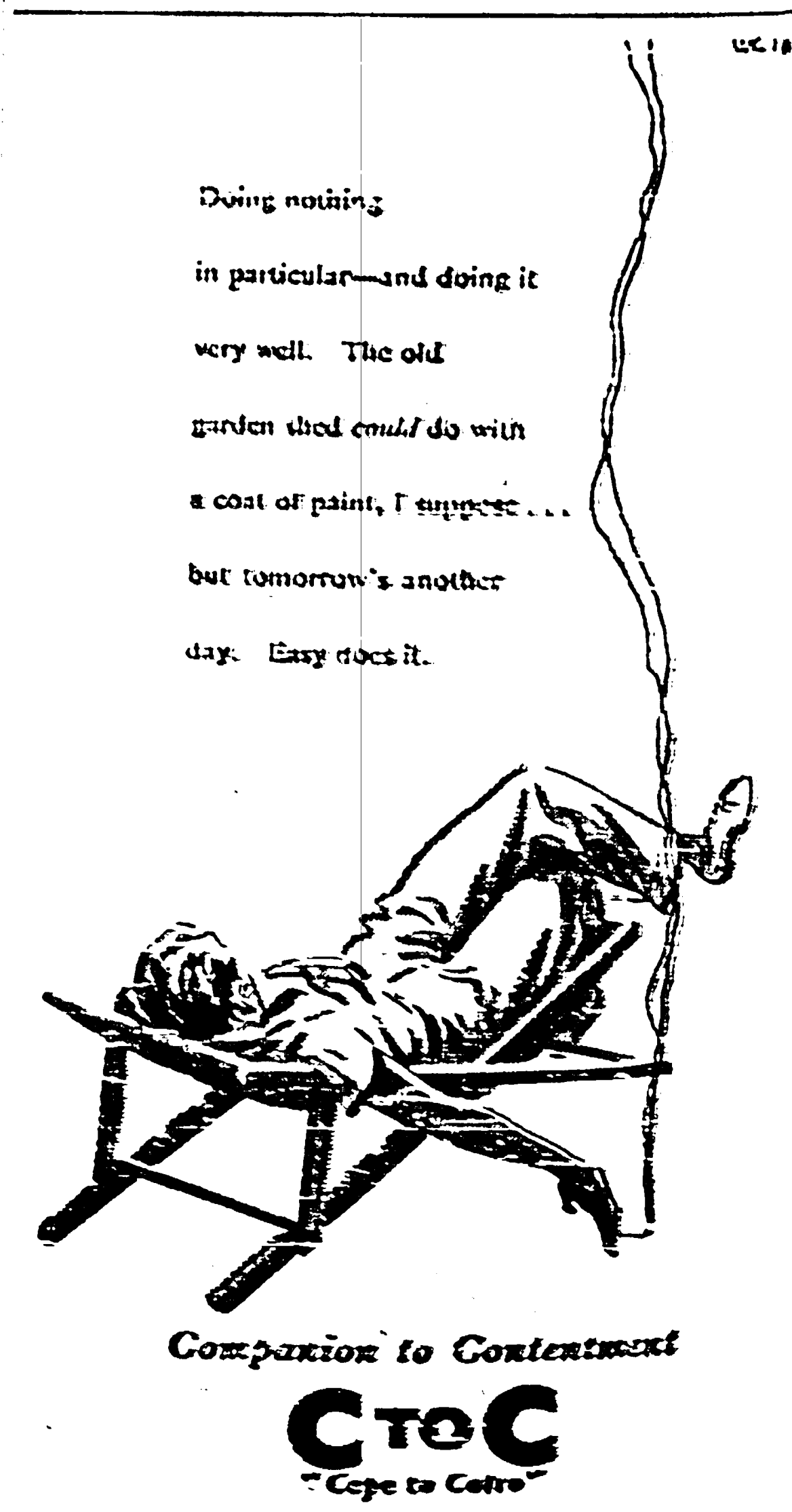

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THERE WAS A LARGE ATTENDANCE OF OFFICIALS AND DELEGATES AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NATAL INDIAN FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION HELD AT CURRIE'S FOUNTAIN ON SUNDAY LAST. THE CHAIRMAN, MR. GEORGE SINGH, SAID THAT A SERIOUS VIEW WOULD BE TAKEN OF ASSAULTS ON REFEREES. NO FINES WILL BE IMPOSED, BUT SUSPENDED SENTENCES WILL BE GIVEN ALL OFFENDERS.

BEFORE the meeting began, the house rose in silence as a mark of respect on the demise of [illegible]

[illegible]

Coach Scheme.

[illegible]

Selection Committee.

[illegible]

Inter-Race Soccer.

[illegible]

Competitions.

[illegible]

Affiliations.

[illegible]

Referees' Association

[illegible]

Officials

[illegible]

NO GOLF DURING THIS WEEKEND

OWING to cricket fixtures being played, the golf links will not be available for play on Sunday, March 20, 1949.

Possibly there would be no golf on Sunday, March 27, 1949. If Kismet wins through the semi-final in the Peters Shield competition tomorrow, then they will meet the Ladysmith finalists next Sunday, at Currie's Fountain.

GREYVILLE FINALISTS IN PANDAY SHIELD

GREYVILLE scored their second [illegible] win when they beat Orientals in the Panday's Shield competition. [illegible]

Easy Win.

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ALBERT: [illegible] "Din-Raat" and [illegible] "Shah Jehan" are the films of next week.

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AVALON: [illegible]

ALBERT: [illegible]

ATHLONE: [illegible]

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[illegible]

TALK OF THE BAZAAR

By the "Fakir"

A COLLEAGUE of mine told me that one morning when he was walking along West Street he saw a Native [illegible] [illegible]

Works of Art

IN the Committee room of the Durban City Hall, in which the Riots Commission of Inquiry is sitting, hangs a picture of the late Mayor of Durban, Mr. [illegible] [illegible] His Majesty the King to Durban.

During the past few weeks [illegible] Committee Room has been the scene of [illegible] [illegible]

The picture was painted by Mr. M. R. Pillay, of Durban, who is a well known artist in this country. [illegible]

The late Mr. M. R. Pillay was born in [illegible] [illegible]

His portrait of the late Mr. [illegible] [illegible] like himself, was an artist born.

Racing Selections

By [illegible]

[illegible]

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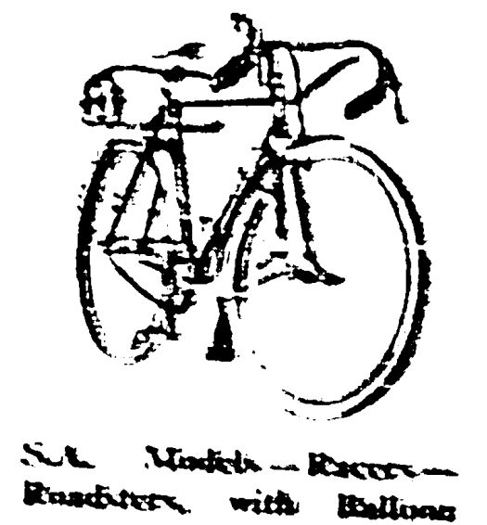

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Evidence Points to Riots Having Been Timed in Advance

"ONE MAY WELL ASK HOW AND WHY IT WAS THAT THE FLARE-UP WHICH STARTED IN DURBAN ON THE EVENING OF THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 1949, SHOULD SPREAD SO FAR TO PIETERMARITZBURG, ABOUT 57 MILES AWAY FROM DURBAN, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THERE WAS A PEACEFUL ATMOSPHERE AT THE TIME OF THE RIOTS IN PLACES OTHER THAN DURBAN?

THERE can be but one answer to this. The organisers or intimidators of these disturbances started their work of terror and bloodshed, taking opportunity of a psychological moment to create upheaval in other centres as well. They wanted to impress Indians that, although people may be governed by a civilised Government, Chaka's reign of terror could with impunity be introduced at their will to terrorise Indians," said Mr. S. R. Naidoo, when he gave evidence before the Riots Commission of Inquiry on Monday last.

"THE African is as discontented as the Indian is under the system of Government in which each is subjected and upon whom a number of disabilities are imposed. On the whole, non-European races of this country are generally bracketed together. Except that the Indian has by his own industry and perseverance risen to a limited extent in the scale of economic progress, full scope for trading and enjoyment of amenities of life is as closed to him as they are to Africans. Indians and Africans have been living together on friendly terms for more than 80 years," he continued.

"I remember in 1919 when the Lange Commission was appointed by the Union Government to inquire into land and trading rights of Indians, Africans gave evidence before that Commission in support of Indians, emphasising the benefits they received from Indian traders who as pioneers helped Africans in catering for their needs in outlandish places. No other racial group has been in close contact with Africans as are the Indians.

"I have heard prominent Africans say that they look upon Indians as their elder brothers.

"It may be asked that if this were so what was the reason for the estrangement of feeling on the part of Africans?

UNDERCURRENTS

"The reasons given to the Commission to support the African view are not tenable and do not square up with facts. One must go deep down to trace its undercurrents. It is astonishing that the Africans who, it is alleged, were burning with rage against Indians, would suppress themselves without showing outward signs of their anger or resentment all these years.

"I support the views already expressed before the Commission that the preaching of hatred and hostility against Indians who were described as foreigners and non-indigenous to the country, permeated the life of Africans and he was taught to adopt the same point of view. The evidence before the Commission by Africans and those who support these views, establishes a significant fact that Africans have been encouraged to share the same political views as expressed by anti-Indian elements among Whites.

"Just as an average European with colour prejudices feels that the Indian is a menace and that he should be hounded out of this country, the African is being made conscious of that hatred which is expressed against Indians. The African mind by this insidious propaganda has been poisoned to that extent to feel that Indians are his exploiters. He stands in the way of African progress. He lives in palatial homes, owns cars and buses and carries on business on an extensive scale. The Government and White people are against him and would be glad to get rid of him. If his presence is eliminated from the country, a bigger scope of progress is awaiting the Africans.

"The type of Natives that took part in these disturbances believed in what was preached to them, and were confident that their actions would be condoned or encouraged. He openly declared his vengeance against Indians, with deplorable results.

A LESSON

"One lesson of the riots demons-

(Continued on page [illegible]).

NON-EUROPEAN PASSENGERS WANT MORE PROTECTION ON TRAINS

THE Non-European Railway Passengers' Welfare Association will interview Railway Administration officials today in Durban.

Mr. Johnny Bugwandeen, secretary of the Association, told the "Leader", that the deputation will request for strong police protection on all local trains, to avoid any further disorders between the non-European passengers. Members of the deputation are as follows: Messrs J. Jarbandhan, Asad Kajee, M. [illegible], M. Y. Naicker, M. Gopaul Singh, Johnny Bugwandeen and K. M. Nair, joint honorary secretaries, and Mr. S. A. [illegible], treasurer.

Riot Casualties And Damage In Figures

THE following figures in connection with casualties and assaults, refugee camps, homes and dwellings, persons rendered homeless, business premises and motor vehicles, were submitted by the Natal Indian Organisation before the Riots Commission during the week.

Casualties and Assaults

	Casualties
Deaths	[illegible]
Injured: Cases treated in hospitals	[illegible]
Cases treated in the various Indian Refugee Camps by voluntary Doctors and not sent to Hospitals	[illegible]
	[illegible]
*Assaults	[illegible]

*This covers assaults on persons who were attacked on the streets. Such persons were not taken to Hospitals or attended to at the Refugee Camps.

Refugee Camps

	No. of Persons in Camp
NORTH COAST—	
Springvale	[illegible]
Briardene	[illegible]
Sea Cow Lake	[illegible]
Red Hill	[illegible]
CENTRAL—	
Centenary	[illegible]
Carlisle Flats	[illegible]
Kathiawad	[illegible]
Arya	[illegible]
M. K. Gandhi	[illegible]
Greyville School	[illegible]
Pine Street Madressa	[illegible]
Muslim Institute	[illegible]
Emmanuel Hall	[illegible]
Dartnell Crescent	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
SOUTH COAST—	
Isipingo	[illegible]
Wentworth	[illegible]
Merebank	[illegible]
G.S.S. Temple	[illegible]
Andhra Hall	[illegible]
[illegible] School	[illegible]
[illegible] Temple	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
MAIN LINE—	
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Ahmedia School	[illegible]
A.Y.S. School	[illegible]
Cato Manor	[illegible]
Candella	[illegible]
Sydenham School	[illegible]
Clare Estate	[illegible]
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PINETOWN—	
Pinetown	[illegible]
Total on the [illegible]	[illegible]

Homes and Dwellings

Area.	Completely Burnt.	Partially Destroyed and Looted	Looted Only.	Total
A, B, C, D	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
K, M, R	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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J	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Area	Completely Burnt.	Partially Destroyed.	Partially Burnt and Looted.	Business Premises Affected.
A, B, C, D	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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S	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Approximate value of goods looted, [illegible].

Motor Vehicles.

Description.	Burnt.	Damaged.	Total.
Buses	6	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lorries	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
*Motor Cars	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
	[illegible]	[illegible]	443

Approximate value of 443 vehicles affected, [illegible].

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AVALON: A jungle thriller, "White Pongo"; and two spy films, "Foreign Correspondence" and "Shanghai Gesture" are the attractions of the coming week.

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AVALON: "That Lady in Ermine."

ALBERT: "Jhoola."

ATHLONE: "Circus King."

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[illegible]

TALK OF THE BAZAAR

By the "Faqir"

Soap Box Orator

A COLLEAGUE of mine tells me that one morning when he was walking along West Street he saw a Native soap box orator denouncing Indian bus owners, and vociferously exhorting his fellow men not to "ride in the bus of an amakula." One sensible and witty youngster, who is apparently like the majority of his compatriots, not in support of the boycott of Indian buses, shouted back to the orator fellow: "Yes, where is your bus? Bring it along and we will ride in it—come on, hurry up!" to which the crowds of Natives who had surrounded him burst into fits of laughter. The soap box orator dried up and disappeared like soap bubbles do!

Works of Art

IN the Committee room of the Durban City Hall, in which the Riots Commission of Inquiry is sitting, hangs a picture of the then Mayor of Durban, Mr. Rupert Ellis Brown, welcoming His Majesty, the King, to Durban.

During the past few weeks Number Three Committee Room has been the scene of much activity and all sections of the community are present there daily. On entering the room, one is struck by the well executed picture in oils, but I am sure few have ventured to find out whose hand was responsible for this piece of work.

The picture was painted by Mr. M. R. Pillay, of Durban, who is a well-known artist in this country. Mr. M. R. Pillay had a twin brother, the late Mr. M. L. Pillay, who was also a brilliant artist. Miss F. Pillay, niece of the late Mr. Pillay, said that so forceful and real is the portrait of his mother that several old people were so taken-in by the work that they actually thought that his mother was there in flesh and blood. The painting of Mr. Pillay's mother is a life-size one, and is a magnificent portrayal of a typical Indian indentured woman. Mr. Pillay's mother had to pose for as many as 80 days for the painting to be completed.

The late Mr. M. R. Pillay was born in Verulam in 1890. From sketching, Mr. Pillay turned his attention to oils, in which sphere his artistic gifts made themselves evident. When in Capetown, he painted a bust of a Bantu from life. This painting was exhibited in the Natal Art Society's exhibition in Durban. Like most artists Mr. Pillay went to nature for his subjects, but he later drew portraits from life and made an outstanding success of it.

His portrait of the late Mr. Srinivasa Sastri, which was exhibited at Greenacres, was one of his masterpieces. Commenting upon his works on his death, a well-known daily paper said: "It is no small tribute to his ability that in portrait work in oils, he was entirely self taught and the merits, and demerits of his work can only be judged by one who, like himself, was an artist born."

Racing Selections

By "DIPLOMAT."

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

First race, 1.5, Juvenile Handicap (Fillies), Five Furlongs.
1. ATOMIC GIRL.
2. Increase.
3. Warm Hearted.

Second race, 1.35, Juvenile Handicap (Colts and Geldings), Five Furlongs.
1. HIPPOCRAS.
2. Balustrade.
3. Shemozzle.

Third race, 2.15, Galloway and Pony Handicap, Five Furlongs.

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1. WEE HAME.
2. Ice Pack.
3. Commotion.

Fourth race, 2.55, Scottsville Handicap (2nd Division), Six Furlongs.
1. COCA COLA.
2. Happy Eye.
3. Morning Glow.

Fifth race, 3.35, Galloway and Pony Handicap, One Mile.
1. BANSELLA.
2. Frisco.
3. [illegible]

Sixth race, 4.5, Stewards' Handicap, One and a Half Miles.
1. ESQUIRE.
2. Fabes.
3. Blot at Dawn.

Seventh race, 4.40, Scottsville Handicap (1st Division), Six Furlongs.
1. ETONIA.
2. Titan.
3. Ma-davay.

Eighth race, 5.10, Scottsville Handicap (3rd Division), Six Furlongs.
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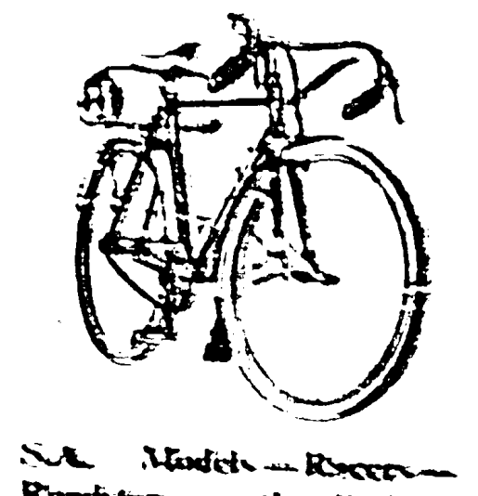

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Evidence Points to Riots Having Been Timed in Advance

"ONE MAY WELL ASK HOW AND WHY IT WAS THAT THE FLARE-UP WHICH STARTED IN DURBAN ON THE EVENING OF THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 1949, SHOULD SPREAD SO FAR TO PIETERMARITZBURG, ABOUT 57 MILES AWAY FROM DURBAN, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THERE WAS A PEACEFUL ATMOSPHERE AT THE TIME OF THE RIOTS IN PLACES OTHER THAN DURBAN?

THERE can be but one answer to this. The organisers or intimidators of these disturbances started their work of terror and bloodshed, taking opportunity of a psychological moment to create upheaval in other centres as well. They wanted to impress Indians that, although people may be governed by a civilised Government, Chaka's reign of terror could with impunity be introduced at their will to terrorise Indians," said Mr. S. R. Naidoo, when he gave evidence before the Riots Commission of Inquiry on Monday last.

"THE African is as discontented as the Indian is under the system of Government to which each is subjected and upon whom a number of disabilities are imposed. On the whole, non-European races of this country are generally bracketed together. Except that the Indian has by his own industry and perseverance risen to a limited extent in the scale of economic progress, full scope for trading and enjoyment of amenities of life is as closed to him as they are to Africans. Indians and Africans have been living together on friendly terms for more than 80 years," he continued.

"I remember in 1922 when the Lange Commission was appointed by the Union Government to inquire into land and trading rights of Indians, Africans gave evidence before that Commission in support of Indians, emphasising the benefits they received from Indian traders who as pioneers helped Africans in catering for their needs in outlandish places. No other racial group has been in closer contact with Africans as were the Indians.

"I have heard prominent Africans say that they look upon Indians as their elder brothers.

"It may be asked that if this were so what was the reason for the estrangement of feeling on the part of Africans?

UNDERCURRENTS

"The reasons given to the Commission to support the African view are not tenable and do not square up with facts. One must go deep down to trace its undercurrents. It is astonishing that the Africans who, it is alleged, were burning with rage against Indians, would suppress themselves without showing outward signs of their anger or resentment all these years.

"I support the views already expressed before the Commission that the preaching of hatred and hostility against Indians who were described as foreigners and non-indigenous to the country, permeated the life of Africans and he was taught to adopt the same point of view. The evidence before the Commission by Africans and those who support these views establishes a significant fact that Africans have been encouraged to share the same political views as expressed by anti-Indian elements among Whites.

"Just as an average European with colour prejudices feels that the Indian is a menace and that he should be hounded out of this country, the African is being made conscious of that hatred which is expressed against Indians. The African mind by this insidious propaganda has been poisoned to that extent to feel that Indians are his exploiters. He stands in the way of African progress. He lives in palatial homes, owns cars and buses and carries on business on an extensive scale. The Government and White people are against him and would be glad to get rid of him. If his presence is eliminated from the country, a bigger scope of progress is awaiting the Africans.

"The type of Natives that took part in these disturbances believed in what was preached to them, and were confident that their actions would be condoned or encouraged. He openly declared his vengeance against Indians, with deplorable results.

A LESSON

"One lesson of the riots demons[illegible]

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Riot Casualties And Damage In Figures

THE following figures in connection with casualties and assaults, refugee camps, homes and dwellings, persons rendered homeless, business premises and motor vehicles, were submitted by the Natal Indian Organisation before the Riots Commission during the week.

Casualties and Assaults.

	Casualties
Deaths	[illegible]
Injured: Cases treated in hospitals	[illegible]
Cases treated in the various Indian Refugee Camps by voluntary Doctors and not sent to Hospitals	[illegible]
	[illegible]
*Assaults	[illegible]

*This covers assaults on persons who were attacked on the streets. Such persons were not taken to Hospitals or attended to at the Refugee Camps.

Refugee Camps.

	No. of Persons in Camp
NORTH COAST—	
Springvale	[illegible]
Briardene	[illegible]
Sea Cow Lake	[illegible]
Red Hill	[illegible]
CENTRAL—	
Centenary	[illegible]
Carlisle Flats	[illegible]
Cathiawad	[illegible]
Arias	[illegible]
M. K. Gandhi	[illegible]
Greyville School	[illegible]
Pine Street Madressa	[illegible]
[illegible] Institute	[illegible]
Emmanuel Hall	[illegible]
Dartnell Crescent	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
SOUTH COAST—	
Isipingo	[illegible]
Wentworth	[illegible]
Merebank	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible] Hall	[illegible]
Dome Road School	[illegible]
[illegible] Temple	[illegible]
Malvern	[illegible]
MAIN LINE—	
Cato Manor	[illegible]
Ahmedia School	[illegible]
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SIXTEENTH DAY RITES.

The Sixteenth Day Rites of the late Mr. S. D. NAIDOO, eldest son of Mrs. [illegible] NAIDOO, of Laura Street, Tongaat, and son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Pillay, of 30 [illegible] Road, Clairwood, who passed away on March [illegible], at the age of [illegible] years, will take place at his late residence, Tongaat, on WEDNESDAY, MARCH [illegible], 1949, between 8 and 11.45 a.m.

Friends and relatives are kindly requested to attend.

OBITUARIES

The death occurred of Mr Veeram Maduray, who died at his late residence, at the age of [illegible] years, at his residence, [illegible] Umgeni Road, Stamford Hill, Durban, on March 17, 1949. The late Mr. V. Maduray, was formerly a well known resident in Springfield, Durban.

He leaves behind two sons seven daughters and a host of friends and relatives to mourn their loss.

His remains were interred at the Kenilworth Cemetery amidst a large gathering of friends and relatives.

MR. VEERAM MADURAY.

The sixth month memorial ceremony of the late Mrs. Surgee Bhugoo, wife of Mr. Pitam Birdia, of Kanpore, Calcutta, and mother of Mr. P. Loutan and Putam, who passed away on September 27, 1948, at the age of [illegible] years, will take place at her late residence, 4 Tulip Road, Springtown, Springfield, Durban, on Sunday, March 27, commencing at 9.30 a.m.

The late Mrs. Surgee Bhugoo, who came from Gorakpore, Calcutta, leaves behind two sons, two daughters and grand and great-grandchildren to mourn their loss.

MRS. SURGEE BHUGOO.

The death occurred on February [illegible], 1949, under tragic circumstances, of Mr. C. Ramdeen (Ram), eldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. [illegible], of Inanda.

Mr. Ramdeen died as a result of fatal head injuries and stabbings sustained when a mob of Natives attacked him while driving a bus in [illegible].

The late Mr. Ramdeen, who was [illegible] years old, was a pioneer Indian [illegible], and a veteran driver in Inanda. He was a popular figure among the [illegible] fraternity. By his charming and generous disposition, he had gained the love and admiration of both old and young of the Indian and African communities. He was always prepared to assist anyone as far as his means and ability would allow. The large and representative gathering at his cremation at Inanda on February [illegible], 1949, bore testimony to the great esteem he was held in by all those who knew and associated with him.

He leaves behind a wife, a brother, four daughters, two grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their irreparable loss.

Floral tributes were received from the following: Inanda Bus Company; Officials and Members, Bus Owners' Association; Inanda Bus Conductors and [illegible] Managers; [illegible] family; [illegible] and family; Principal, Teachers and Children, Inanda [illegible] Aided Indian School; Bus Owners' Association, Inanda Section; Officials and Members, Inanda Indian Welfare Society; [illegible] and many others without names.

Inserted by the Inanda Indian Welfare Society.

LATE MR. S. APPASAMY MAISTRY.

Owing to pressure of space, the following names were not published in the last issue of "The Leader," in which appeared the obituary report of the late Mr. S. Appasamy Maistry, proprietor Favourite Steam Laundry, Durban.

Mr. P. [illegible] Govender and family; Mr. [illegible] Naidoo and family; Mr. and Mrs. D. Maistry and family; [illegible] and several others without cards.

Mainly About People

ENGAGEMENT

The engagement has been announced between [illegible], of [illegible], and Halima, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mohammed [illegible], of Overport, Durban.

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Messrs. Morgan, [illegible] Joseph, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Morgan, and Baby [illegible], all of [illegible] Road, Mayville, have returned after spending a short holiday in Northern Natal and districts. They were the guests of Messrs. M. Joseph, of Vryheid; [illegible] and C. V. [illegible], of Newcastle.

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POPULAR SPRINGS WEDDING

One of the biggest weddings in the history of the Indian community of Springs was held recently at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Bandhu Gangadeen, when their granddaughters were married to the grandsons of Mr. and Mrs. K. Rajkoomar, of Durban, and sons of Mr. Rajkumar and Mr. and Mrs. B. Ramnarain, also of Durban.

The brides were the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. N. Bandhu and Mrs. and the late Mr. N. Ram. Amongst the large gathering there were a number of prominent Europeans and Indians. The huge crowd present bore testimony to the popularity of the parties concerned. The pandal which was beautifully decorated was a centre of attraction.

Mr. [illegible] Smith, of Newcastle, acted as M.C., and said that functions of this nature are more needed amongst the Indian community, so as to enable all sections of the community to meet in a happy atmosphere in a spirit of goodwill and harmony. Amongst the others who spoke were Messrs. [illegible] (Pretoria), Willy [illegible] (Johannesburg), [illegible] (Durban), Ismail [illegible] (Springs), [illegible] (Johannesburg) and K. Bandhu, the uncle of the brides.

Congratulatory messages were received from various parts of the Union.

INCREASE IN RENTAL

The Natal Indian Congress has requested the Durban City Council and the National Housing and Planning Council to reconsider their decision to increase the rentals of the houses at the Springfield Indian Sub-Economic Housing Scheme.

The Durban City Council at its meeting on the 9th February, 1949, decided, with the approval of the National Housing and Planning Commission, to increase the rentals from £1/10/- per month to £2 per month for three-room dwellings and from £1/15/- per month to £2/5/- per month for the four-room dwellings. In terms of this decision the tenants have been served with notices pointing out that the increased rentals come into operation as from June 1, 1949.

In its letters to the Council the Congress states that this increase will cause tremendous hardship to the tenants who come from low income groups. Congress adds that with increased cost of living and the withdrawal of family allowances to Indians the poorer section of the Indian community is finding it most difficult to make ends meet. The percentage increase in rental is very high and therefore it requests for a reversal of the decision to increase the rentals.

AN APPEAL FOR FUNDS

Attention has been drawn by the organisers of the Little People's Nursery School of the urgent financial assistance required by them to continue the important work they have been doing in the educational field. The Little People's Nursery School was started in 1946 as a pioneer in kindergarten education for Non-European children and deserves the fullest support of the Indian community.

The Natal Indian Congress appeals to Indian parents in a position to do so to send their infants to this school and also calls upon the general public to make generous donations to the school's funds. Full particulars of the nursery school may be obtained from the Organiser, 33 Argyle Road, Durban.

Did Not Make Such Statesments Says Major Bestford

MAJOR BESTFORD, commenting on an allegation made against him to the Riots Commission of Inquiry by Mr. Pettifer, who stated that Major Bestford had said: "None of these bloody coolies ever had their shoulders to a rifle," and that he had been biased in his attitude towards Indians, said that it was "a pack of lies." He vehemently denied ever having made such statements. "I was never at any time biased against the Indians," the major said. "Thousands of Indians owe their lives to me and my men. To say that I have been biased is untruthful."

Referring to a statement made by him when cross-examined by Mr. Milne, K.C., at a meeting of the Road Transportation Board, when he said that his attitude had changed towards Indians after "what they had done to me yesterday," Major Bestford said that that statement should not be misconstrued for he was not concerned with four or five bus owners "but more concerned with the lives and property of 1[illegible] Indians."

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MADRAS: The death occurred at his residence at [illegible], near [illegible], of Mr. [illegible] Mudaliar, M.L.C., Madras. Mr. [illegible] was for some time, President of the Tamil Nad Congress Committee, and a leading member of the Congress Party in the Madras Legislature.—FOG.

INDIA'S RAILWAY BUDGET

NEW DELHI: Parliament passed the Railway Budget for 1949-50 last week.

The Railway Minister announced during the debate that the Government were reorganising both scientific and economic research set up in the railways. On the scientific side, he said, the Government were associating representatives of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, engineers and other experts. Arrangements were also being made to obtain expert advice from London, if necessary.—F.O.G.

Mrs. Pandit Appointed Ambassador to U.S.

NEW DELHI, Thursday.

The appointment of Mrs. V. Pandit, the Indian ambassador in Moscow, as ambassador to the United States in succession to Sir Benegal Rama Rau, was announced in New Delhi today.—Sapa-Reuter.

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SAMAJ OFFICIALS

Amongst a large gathering of members, the [illegible] annual meeting of the [illegible] Arya Samaj was held last Sunday, at the Samaj's Hall, [illegible] Road, Clairwood, Durban. Report of the secretary reflected satisfactory progress in every sphere of the Samaj's work, especially the V.A.S. Hindi School, where at present [illegible] children are attending Hindi classes. To meet the high expenditure in running the Hindi School, the secretary, Mr. R. Mahadaw Singh appealed to the community for their financial support.

The following officials were elected for the ensuing year: Patrons, Messrs. [illegible] and [illegible]; president, Mr. C. [illegible]; vice-presidents, Messrs. [illegible]; hon. secretary, Mr. [illegible]; assistant secretary, Mr. [illegible]; hon. treasurer, Mr. [illegible]; committee members, [illegible]; school manager, [illegible]; auditor, Mr. [illegible]; bhajan mandal manager, Mr. R. Mahadaw Singh; band master, Mr. [illegible]; assistant band master, Mr. K. Gopal.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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I, the undersigned, S. M. B. LAZARUS, of 1[illegible] Archary Road, Clairwood, hereby give notice that I am not in any way whatsoever connected or interested in the marriage between Cassim, eldest son of Mr. and the late Mrs. [illegible] Imam, of Mount Edgecombe, Natal, and the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abdool [illegible], of 224 Pine Road, Clairwood, on 27th March, 1949.

I further repudiate any knowledge of the insertion of my name on the Invitation Card. This was done without my consent or prior consultation in connection with the aforesaid marriage.

Dated at Durban this 19th March, 1949.

(Sgd.) S. M. B. LAZARUS.

NOTICE OF MARRIAGE

The marriage of Krishna Rani, youngest daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. Dalip Singh, of Mayville, and A. B. [illegible], son of Mr. and Mrs. S. [illegible], of Durban, will take place at the Gandhi Hall, Lorne Street, Durban, today (Saturday), March 26, at 2.30 p.m.

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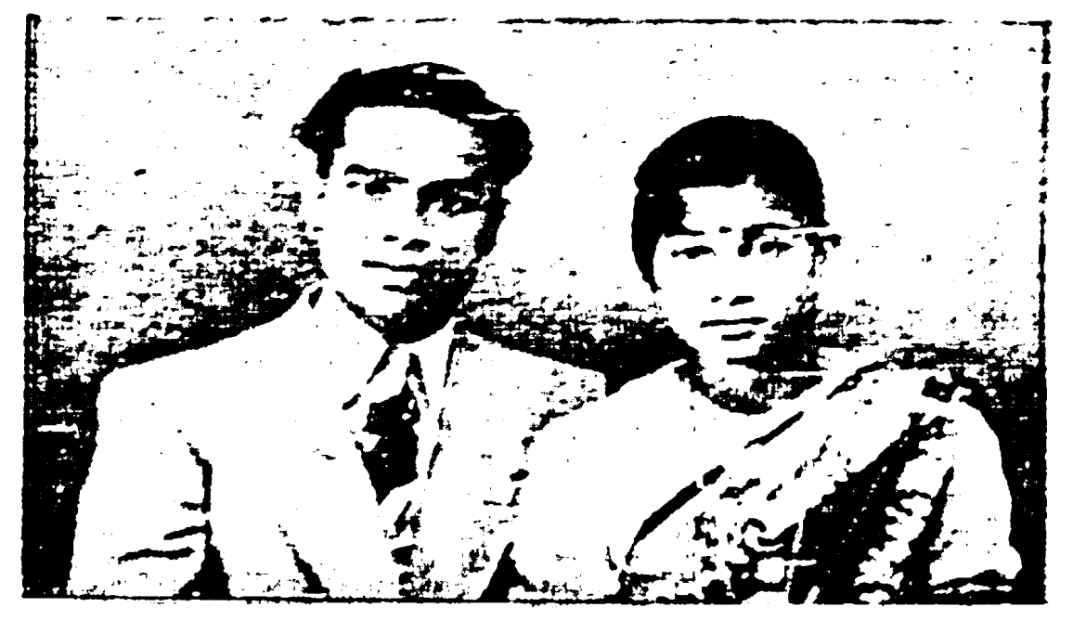
NEW DELHI: Three eminent Swedish penicillin experts have arrived in India. They are to advise the Government of India in the installation of plant to manufacture penicillin and sulpha drugs.—F.O.G.

Wedding Invitation

MR. and MRS. R. C. APPALSAMY
of Mitchell Village, Tongaat,
and
MR. and MRS. C. GOOCIAH,
of [illegible], Maidstone,
Request the pleasure of the company of Relatives and Friends,
on the occasion of the marriage of
G. NARAYANSAMY
third son of Mrs. and the late Mr. R. [illegible], and cousin of Messrs. R. C. Appalsamy Bros., of Tongaat,
to
C. NARASAMMA
third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. [illegible], of [illegible], Maidstone,
on SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 1949,
at the Bridegroom's residence,
Nuptial ceremony
[illegible] MITCHELL VILLAGE, TONGAAT,
between 10.42 and 11.[illegible] a.m.

Mainly About People

Mr. and Mrs. Kamalpershad Maharaj (K. Ramdutt), who were married recently. The bridegroom is the third son of Mr. and Mrs. Ramdutt Maharaj, of Darnall. The bride, who was formerly Miss Sushila Maharaj, is the elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harinarain Maharaj, of East Street, Overport.



APPANAH—NAIDOO

The marriage will take place on Sunday (tomorrow) of Venkatrayalu (A. Vengan), second son of Mrs. and the late Mr. M. Chilly Appanah, of 1[illegible] Sirdar Road, Clairwood, to [illegible], youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Chinniah Naidoo, at 10.30 a.m. Friends and relatives are cordially invited to attend.

MISS JOSEPHINE JOHNS

who has announced her engagement to Mr. S. Manikam (Thumbi). Miss Johns is the third daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. V. N. Johns, of Port Elizabeth. Mr. Manikam is the third son of the late Mr. and Mrs. [illegible], of [illegible] Loop Street, Maritzburg.

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Mr. Yusuf Kathrada (Kat), of Messrs. Kat Brothers, Durban, left on a six months holiday to India by the Kampala, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. [illegible], of [illegible], [illegible] after a week spent in Durban.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Bridgemohan, of Durban, who were recently married.

Chella, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Sooriah, of 3 Lucania Road, Puntan's Hill, Durban, who celebrated his first birthday on March [illegible], 1949.

MR. B. MANJEE

Mr. B. Manjee, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Manjee, of Victoria Produce, Durban, who left with his family on a holiday to India. Mr. B. Manjee, who is a keen cricketer, was a player of the Young Ottoman Cricket Club.

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Mr. [illegible] V. Mehta, of Universal Printing Works, and National Office Appliances, left on a six months holiday to India, by the Kampala, last week.

MRS. A. M. JACK AND CHILDREN

Mrs. A. M. Jack, of 12[illegible] Cliffview Road, Bellair, with her two granddaughters, [illegible] (right) and Kumba (left). Kumba celebrated her first birthday on March 6, 1949. [illegible] will celebrate her first birthday on July [illegible], 1949.

Dharamraj, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Naidoo, of High Street, Tongaat, who celebrated his first birthday on Saturday, March [illegible], 1949.

RANJITH AND SAVITHRI, youngest son and eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. [illegible], of [illegible] Road, Merebank, who celebrated their respective birthdays on the [illegible]. Ranjith being 7 and Savithri [illegible].

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Our Readers Speak . . .

EASTER FESTIVITIES AND FEARS OF RIOTING

By MR. [illegible]

[illegible]

INDIANS NOT TO BLAME

By MR. [illegible]

[illegible]

(By [illegible])

[illegible]

Fourteen Indian States Form New Union

From Our Own Correspondent

NEW DELHI.

GREATER RAJASTHAN, which will be the largest administrative unit in India, will come into being by the first week of April.

It will comprise 14 States—Jaipur, Jodhpur, Bikaner and Jaisalmer and the 10 States at present included in the Rajasthan Union, namely, Udaipur, Kotah, Bundi, Jhalawar, Banswara, Dungarpur, Shahpura, Tonk, Kishangarh and Pratapgarh. It will have an area of 121,000 square miles and a population of 12,100,000. The new union will yield an annual revenue of over Rs. 110 million.

It is expected that the administrative setup in the Union will be on the lines of the Provinces.

The rulers of Jodhpur, Bikaner and others who took part in the discussions have already signed the covenant. Others are expected to sign it shortly.

The decision to form Greater Rajasthan was announced by the Deputy Prime Minister, Sardar Patel, at Udaipur on January 14, who said that until administrative details are worked out, an interim Ministry would be in charge of the administration.

Congratulating the rulers on their decision, Sardar Patel said it was a decision taken in the larger interests of the country. He was particularly glad that the rulers concerned in spite of the long historic and distinctive traditions behind them had agreed to give up their separate identity and thus widened the boundaries of Rajasthan.

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MINERAL SPRINGS IN INDIA

India Marches On

ABOUT 300 MINERAL SPRINGS HAVE BEEN CATALOGUED BY THE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA. FOR REASONS OF ACCESSIBILITY, WORK HAS SO FAR BEEN LIMITED TO BIHAR, BENGAL AND BOMBAY.

SOME OF THE WATERS ARE COLD, OTHERS LUKEWARM AND STILL OTHERS NEARLY REACH THE BOILING POINT TEMPERATURE. THE FLOW OF INDIVIDUAL SPRINGS VARIES FROM 1,000 TO 10,000 GALLONS PER HOUR. THESE WATERS ARE AVAILABLE IN SUFFICIENT QUANTITY, IT IS STATED, FOR ANY SCHEME OF COMMERCIALISATION INCLUDING SPA ESTABLISHMENTS.

Medical Facilities For Workers

THE Madras Government have appointed [illegible]

Fine Potato Crop

POTATOES [illegible]

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Cotton Growing in India

THE world's [illegible]

Sugar Production

THE opening stock, production, [illegible]

India's Trade With Japan

THE [illegible]

Hundreds of Wells to be Sunk

TO irrigate an area of over [illegible]

Overseas Education

INDIA'S overseas educational programme in the United States and Canada [illegible]

Faculty of Gandhian Philosophy

A plan to open a faculty of Gandhian philosophy [illegible]

Fossils in the Himalayas

THE fossil of the [illegible]

Calcutta India's Telephone Centre

WITH automatisation of the [illegible]

Great New Bridge at Orissa

THE proposed [illegible]

Flax Industry in Mysore

ABOUT [illegible]

THE STORY OF INDIA'S TEA INDUSTRY

THE TEA INDUSTRY IS TODAY ONE OF INDIA'S MAJOR INDUSTRIES, PRODUCING NEARLY SIX HUNDRED MILLION POUNDS OF TEA A YEAR, CONTRIBUTING LARGELY TO CENTRAL AND PROVINCIAL REVENUES, EARNING LARGE QUANTITIES OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND GIVING EMPLOYMENT TO MORE THAN A MILLION AND A QUARTER PERSONS.

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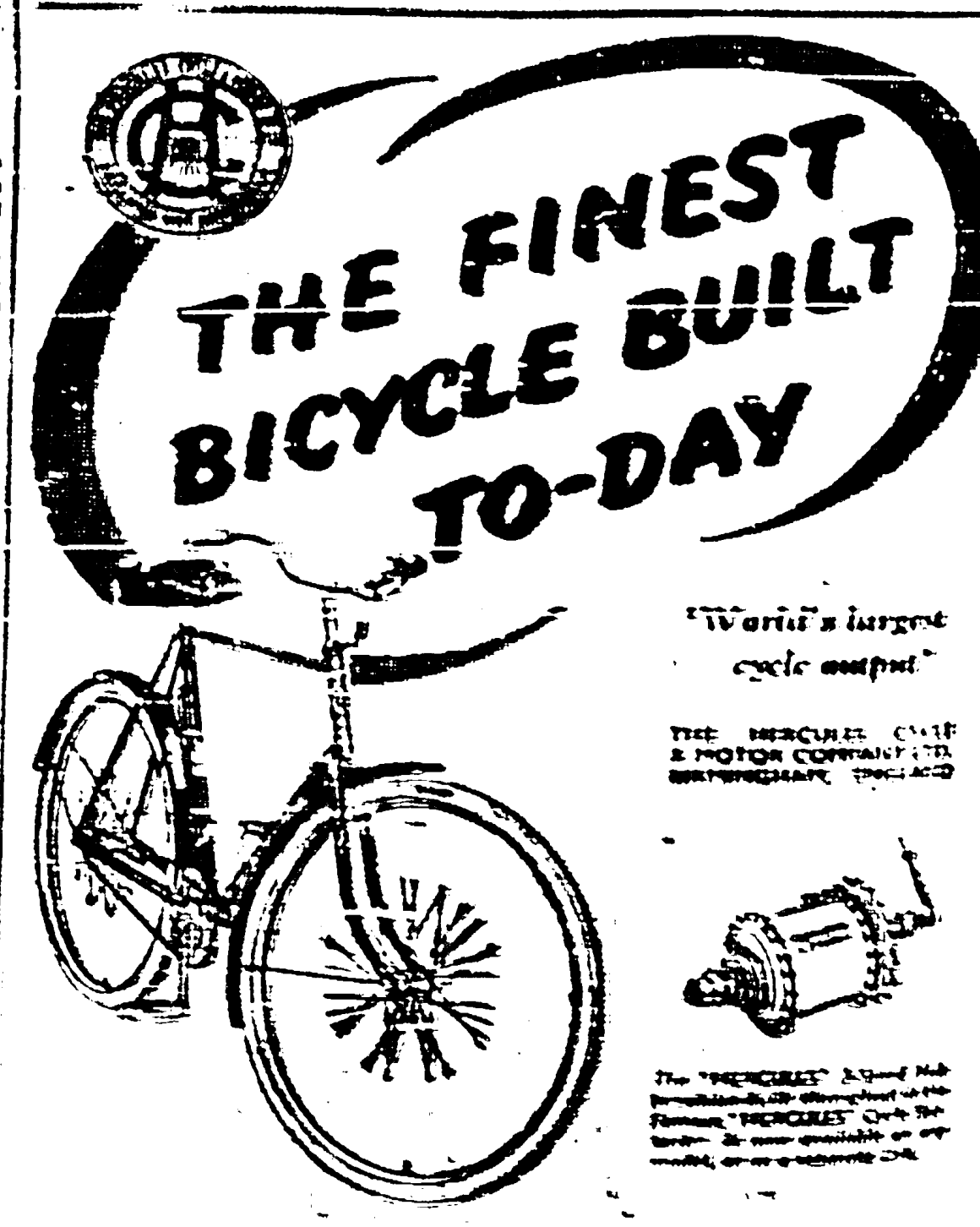
IT [illegible]

Progress In Reclamation Of Land

NEW DELHI: [illegible]



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Mr. E. M. [illegible]
Victoria Street, Durban
Phone [illegible]
Res. [illegible]

Indians Not Objecting To Applications For Native Buses

GIVING EVIDENCE BEFORE THE RIOTS COMMISSION MR. A. CHRISTOPHER, WHO PRESENTED A MEMORANDUM ON BEHALF OF THE BUS OWNERS' ASSOCIATION SAID THAT THERE WAS NO SUBSTANCE, IN THE EVIDENCE GIVEN BY MANY AFRICANS TO THE COMMISSION, IN WHICH THEY ALLEGED THAT EACH TIME THEY MADE APPLICATIONS TO RUN THEIR OWN BUSES THE INDIANS OBJECTED. "THE RAILWAYS OBJECT WHEN IT IS IN CONFLICT WITH THEIR ROUTE. THE DURBAN CORPORATION INVARIABLY DOES IT. WE ARE NOT THE ONLY OBJECTORS. WE HAVE BEEN SINGLED OUT AS THE PEOPLE WHO ALWAYS OBJECT. THIS IS ABSOLUTELY INCORRECT," MR. CHRISTOPHER SAID.

HE cited an instance when a Native applied for [illegible]

Remarkable Statement

[illegible]

Encouraged Natives

[illegible]

Statistics Of The Riots

THE Natal Indian Organisation have addressed the undermentioned letters to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister of India, and Nawabzada Liaquat Ali Khan, Prime Minister of Pakistan on March 22, 1949:—

"We have today despatched the following cables:—

"Please refer letter 26th February stop Losses Natal Distress Fund closes 30th June stop Loss sustained by Indian people enormous stop Statistics follow stop Extremely urgent you please make appeal as indicated if our people are to be rehabilitated."

"We enclose herewith copies of statistics which we presented to the Riots Commission yesterday, and which will graphically give the enormous loss sustained by our people. We shall in due course send an album of photographs depicting the sufferings that our people had undergone in those dark days. There are still 700 refugees in schools which are still being used as camps, in addition large numbers have sought refuge with friends and relatives. All these are people whose homes have been completely burnt down. For these homes have to be found, but the Natal Distress Fund will not be able to help them unless it is substantially augmented. There has been poor response from the Europeans. There is no likelihood of the response being improved. The burden will have to be borne by the Indian people and for that reason we respectfully ask of you to make the appeal as indicated in our letter to the 26th February.

"If the appeal were made we have no doubt that the people of India will respond generously."

NEW DELHI: A team of five Indian scientists is now visiting Australia, at the invitation of the Australian Government.—P.O.C.

INDIA ALSO RESTRICTING FOREIGN IMPORTS

NEW DELHI.

GREATER RESTRICTIONS WILL BE PLACED ON IMPORTS FROM DOLLAR AND HARD CURRENCY COUNTRIES UNDER THE REVISED IMPORT LICENSING POLICY FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY TO JUNE, 1949, SAYS A PRESS NOTE ISSUED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA'S COMMERCE MINISTRY, AFTER A REVIEW OF INDIA'S FOREIGN EXCHANGE POSITION.

ONLY minor adjustments have, however, been made in the import licensing policy for soft currency areas, the main lines of policy being the same as those during July-December, 1948.

As in July-December, 1948, the continents of North, Central and South America (with the exception of Brazil, Peru, Chile and Uruguay), and the Philippine Islands are dollar areas; Belgium and the Belgian colonies, Portugal and the Portuguese colonies, excluding Portuguese possessions in India and [illegible] are hard currency countries; and all other countries except the Union of South Africa, Peru, Japan and Switzerland, are soft currency countries.

Licences for the import from Peru of all commodities covered by Open General Licence 11, will be granted liberally provided payment is made in Peruvian currency.

Sweden has been brought into the category of soft currency countries. Separate instructions in respect of imports from Switzerland will be issued later, meanwhile licences will be issued treating it as a hard currency country.

The policy regarding imports from Japan will be reviewed shortly.

Licences for articles which are liberally licensed from dollar and hard currency countries will, however, continue to be granted liberally for imports from Japan.

Some articles, such as [illegible] brake fluid, synthetic resins, fan belts, radiator hoses, water heaters and other home electric appliances which are licensed on a restricted basis will not be allowed importation during the current period from dollar and hard currency countries.

EGYPTIAN JOURNALISTS ON TOUR IN INDIA

NEW DELHI:

A PARTY of six Egyptian journalists arrived in New Delhi on 8th March. Five of them represent leading papers of Cairo, and the sixth is Director of News of the Egyptian State Broadcasting Service.

The party, which is expected to stay in India for a month, is to visit places of historical, educational and industrial importance.

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EVIDENCE . . .

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strates that the African has learnt that violence is a more sure and speedier remedy to obtain his demands from the authorities.

"I put down the causes of the riots to an attempt on the part of anti-Indian element to bring the African group as is available to that element to align the African group in a vendetta which has been carried on for a number of years against Indians and thus make the position of Indians in this country intolerable and unpleasant. Therein, the anti-Indian element hopes to find an easy solution."

When asked by the Chairman of the Commission if it were not possible for the anti-Government statements made by many Indians to have been a possible cause of the riots, Mr. Naidoo replied: "No. I myself have made anti-Government statements on many occasions. It depends on the choice of words and the approach."

The Leader
323 Pine Street, Durban. P.O. Box [illegible], Pietermaritzburg.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 1949

Lessons From The Evidence

THE Riots Commission of Inquiry has now concluded its session in Durban, and its next task will be to consider the mass of evidence submitted and base its findings on that consideration. It is, at this stage, not yet possible to say when the Commission's findings can be expected to be made public, as rarely before in the history of this country has so much evidence been tendered on racial riots to a Commission of Inquiry. The final decision will be eagerly awaited by all sections of the Union's population.

Like guiding lights in the darkness certain points have presented themselves prominently from amidst all this mass of evidence. The most important of these points is that the riots were not a sporadic, entirely unforeseen outbreak, but the outcome of definite plotting and planning. The fact that clashes occurred simultaneously at many widely-separated points clearly demonstrates that a carefully planned timing factor was behind all these clashes. Whatever the main spring or dominating influence behind the riots may have been, it is certain that extreme care was taken to avoid any leakage of information that might have checkmated the plan. The plotters also made the best use of certain factors which might add fuel to their agitation, namely the virulent anti-Indian attitude of the present Government, the measures taken against Indians by municipalities and other local bodies and the alleged grievances of a certain section of the African population.

As regards these African grievances the plotters did their best to create the impression that the Indians were mainly responsible for them. We trust it has been proved to the Commission from evidence given that these grievances originated from factors with which the Indians had no connection [illegible] they [illegible], namely inadequate housing and a constant influx of Natives from the country into Durban, resulting in overcrowding and unhygienic conditions of life. It was easy to tell these dissatisfied Africans that the Indians were to blame for all their hardships and should be eliminated. They only had to point to the Government's uncompromising attitude towards the Indians to make the Natives feel that they were rendering the Government a service by attacking the Indian merchant, bus owner and worker.

The plotters were also helped by a general attitude of arrogance which has become increasingly apparent among the Africans during the past few years. The Indian merchant and bus owner who had always been regarded as a friend was now an enemy, a stumbling block in the way of African progress and enterprise. This idea was assiduously fostered by the plotters but the evidence led to prove these assertions did not bear out the arguments used to back them up. Indeed, it appeared more and more clearly from the evidence submitted to the Commission that the Indians had never stood in the way of African progress and that in their dealings with the Natives the Indians had always been scrupulously fair.

Indian witnesses from all walks of life made one point very clear, namely that previous to the riots there had been no sign of any ill-feeling or enmity on the part of the Africans. The racial clash had come suddenly and without any provocation. The reason given—an alleged assault on a Native boy by an Indian—was obviously of the same calibre as the "incidents" used by the Nazis to justify attacks on defenceless minority groups. The technique was the same and so were the methods.

The case of the Indians in South Africa can rest securely on the evidence submitted to the Commission. This evidence should once more establish the fact that they are the victims of a calculated policy of hatred and oppression which they have borne and are bearing with dignity and courage.

Refugee Housing Delay Serious Problem For Indian Schools

"THE delay caused in removing the homeless Indian refugees from the school premises now occupied by them has created a serious problem for thousands of Indian children attending these schools. At present there are over one hundred families housed in six schools in Durban and suburbs," says a statement issued by the Natal Indian Congress.

"THREE different schemes were submitted to the Executive Committee of the Natal Distress Relief Fund, by the sub-committee dealing with homeless refugees. This sub-committee, with Dr. English, at its head recommended the Natal Cannery School at Wentworth. This scheme was turned down by the Minister of Defence, despite strong support by the Administrator of Natal and the Mayor of Durban," the statement adds.

"The Executive Committee of the Natal Distress Relief Fund has also turned down the proposal to house the refugees at the Stove Ground barracks, at King's Park, where until last month African soldiers were housed.

After two months of delay, the Executive Committee of the Fund has now approved of the third scheme, to house the refugees in certain premises owned by the Durban City Council. Under this scheme the refugees will be removed to different premises in Sydenham, Clairwood, Sea Cow Lake Road and the Cato Manor Burial Farm. The scheme is now being considered by the Durban City Council.

In a letter addressed to the Fund, the Congress has expressed its regret at the inability of the Committee to rehouse the refugees at either the Cannery School or the barracks at the Stove Ground, particularly as these premises are habitable, and hence no unnecessary expenditure would have been involved.

The Congress [illegible] adds: "Our Congress, however, feels that the removal of the refugees from the schools is an urgent task, and since the Fund Committee has agreed to Scheme Three for their rehousing, this scheme should be put into operation as soon as practicable. It is submitted that the Homeless Committee's chairman, Dr. English, has the relevant data regarding the homeless refugees, and that their removal to the various premises depends only upon:

"(a) Putting the premises referred to in Scheme Three into a habitable condition by effecting repairs to them;

"(b) Arranging transport for the removal of the refugees, and;

"(c) Making available the bare essentials of bedding and kitchen utensils to enable the families to start home life again."

ARCHEOLOGICAL STUDY REVIVAL IN INDIA

PUBLICATION of archaeological memoirs in India, which was suspended during the war, would soon be revived, said Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Education Minister, addressing the ninth meeting of the Central Board of Archaeology.

Archaeological Department also proposed to issue short guides and translations of inscriptions and translations of inscriptions and albums of museums. Publications would also be undertaken in important Indian languages.

Maulana Azad urged that film should be utilised to present archaeological monuments to the people of India and abroad.

He asked the Board to prepare a long-term programme of expansion and development of archaeological study in India. He was glad a beginning had been made in setting up a properly equipped national museum for India.

Mr. S. A. A. Naqir, observer from Pakistan, expressed "deep sense of appreciation and gratitude of Government of Pakistan" at invitation to attend the meeting. He added: "I am sure such gestures of goodwill are bound to go a long way in creating that atmosphere of perpetual happiness and cordial relationship between the two countries." He gave a review of work done in his country and said Pakistan would welcome mutual cooperation between the two countries.

Dr. Tara Chand, Secretary, Indian Ministry of Education, speaking next, expressed appreciation of the efforts in Pakistan to preserve ancient monuments and said "Monuments in Pakistan are intimately connected and linked with the history of our country." He added: "There is no doubt in our mind that relations between India and Pakistan should continue to develop and it should be possible for the two countries to work hand in hand. After all the culture of Pakistan and India have a great many things in common and for a long time our history has been the common history of both Pakistan and India and nothing will give to people this side greater pleasure than to see these relations made stronger."

What Passive Resistance Really Stands For

AFTER Mr. P. R. Pather had submitted his memorandum on behalf of the Natal Indian Organisation last week, to the Riots Commission of Inquiry, Mr. Justice van den Heever, the chairman of the Commission, said: "Mr. Pather, the arguments you advance in your memorandum are very weighty and we would be pleased if you would give us time to consider it and question you later."

When he came up for examination on Friday of last week, Mr. P. R. Pather, addressing the chairman, said: "I want to make a statement regarding the passive resistance movement. No Indian in South Africa can condemn the Passive Resistance movement. It is a weapon that is to be wielded with extreme care.

The fundamental principle of the movement is soul force. The individual inflicts self-suffering on himself. The movement that was started two years ago in South Africa might have been wrong in its methods, but the movement as such cannot be condemned. If I were leading a movement like that, I must first of all search my heart as to whether I am the embodiment of truth. Any deflection from this path will constitute an attack on the principles of soul force. The next essential thing that Mahatma Gandhi did when he started the movement of 1906 was to get a body of European public opinion in his favour. It was then that he started the movement. Moreover, no such movement can succeed when hatred is sown against any other section of the population."

NEW DELHI: Dr. Frank Laubach, well known author of the Laubach system of adult education, will be visiting India shortly at the invitation of the National Christian Council, Nagpur.—P.O.C.

NEW DELHI: The Bihar Government have decided to make primary education in the Province entirely free. The number of primary schools is about 22,000.—P.O.C.

RIOTS OBVIOUSLY ORGANISED SAYS EUROPEAN EYE-WITNESS

GIVING EVIDENCE BEFORE THE RIOTS COMMISSION MR. CHARLES PETTIFER, AN AMUSEMENT CATERER (CALLED BY THE NATAL INDIAN ORGANISATION), SAID HE WAS AN IMMIGRANT FROM BRITAIN AND HAD BEEN IN SOUTH AFRICA 10 MONTHS.

HE maintained that the riots had obviously been organised. He had been present at the incident in Brook Street alleged to have started the riots—the assault by an Indian on an African.

The Natives present had immediately started throwing stones at the Indian Market—stones which they obviously had in readiness for an attack. He drove his car to a street near the Railway Station immediately afterwards, and there he saw Natives chasing Indians.

How could the Natives so far from Brook Street have known about the incident in Brook Street in so short a time? The only way they could have known was by telephone.

Mr. Pettifer alleged that eight Europeans were present near the Railway Station and three of them had shouted: "Kill the coolies; kill the Coolies!"

He had been summoned to the office of Major Bestford, District Commandant of Police, to make a statement. He had been prepared to make a statement at first, but refused afterwards because of Major Bestford's attitude.

Certain Remarks

Major Bestford had made certain remarks which showed that he was biased against the Indians. When Mr. Pettifer had remarked that the Indians had fought side by side "with our people," Major Bestford had replied: "None of these bloody Coolies ever had his finger on a rifle."

The chairman, Mr. Justice van den Heever, asked Mr. Pettifer why he had not taken earlier steps to assist the Commission. [illegible] had been sent him [illegible]. He had been asked [illegible] he feared victimisation and [illegible] to give evidence "in [illegible]" and to provide in camera the evidence he wished [illegible].

"I have had serious domestic [illegible]," said Mr. Pettifer. "My [illegible] child have been very [illegible] in hospital, and I [illegible] told that I must have [illegible]. That is sufficient [illegible] why I stayed back until [illegible]."

[illegible] Ebrahim Paruk, [illegible] of a subcommittee of the Natal Indian Organisation, [illegible] that 53 Indians were killed during the riots, 703 injured were treated in hospitals and 2,500 [illegible] housed at the various refugee camps—a total of [illegible].

[illegible] addition, 5,800 Indians were [illegible] and did not receive treatment in hospital or at refugee camps.

[illegible] January 17, there were [illegible] Indians in 38 refugee camps. Two hundred and sixty [illegible] homes and dwellings had been burnt completely, 1,121 had been partly destroyed and looted, [illegible] had been looted only—a total of [illegible] buildings.

The number of business premises completely burnt was 47, [illegible] were partly destroyed, [illegible] were partly damaged [illegible] the contents looted—a total [illegible] business premises.

[illegible] said that from evidence [illegible] from victims, Native rioters carried small tins of petrol [illegible] with which to set [illegible] alight.

No Complaints

[illegible] cars were seen travelling [illegible] and forwards supplying [illegible] or bottles to Natives. [illegible] were thrown into buildings. [illegible] bags containing cane cutting knives were also seen.

[illegible] H. C. Lugg, former Native Commissioner for Natal, called by the Natal Indian Organisation said that in the whole course of his magisterial experience in Natal he had never received any personal complaints of miscegenation between Indian men and Native women.

A Native chief had told him that there was a considerable amount of miscegenation. He had seen few Indo-African half-casts.

In his experience, said Mr. Lugg, the relationship between Indian storekeepers in the country districts and Natives had been cordial. He had received no complaints of overcharging.

He had been told that some of the younger generation of Indians were treating Natives with arrogance.

In a supplementary statement the Natal Indian Organisation maintained that the riots would never have occurred if the authorities:

Had not frustrated Natives "at every turn";

If the authorities had given them educational and economic opportunities;

Had made provisions to house adequately and ideally urbanised Natives;

Had made available adequate recreational facilities and amenities of life;

Had carried out a policy of equity and justice in regard to land holdings by Natives;

Had not indicated it was their intention to eliminate the Native representatives in Parliament.

David Ndhlela, who described himself as an unpaid "rank manager" at the Victoria Street bus rank, said that in the five years he had been controlling the rank he had received no complaints from passengers of overcharging.

BROADCAST BY FAMOUS TAMIL JOURNALIST

Mr. S. M. Pillay is a well known Tamil journalist, whose translation of the "Merchant of Venice" into Tamil will be broadcast from Durban studio in the Indian programme on Sunday, March 27.

Mr. Pillay has translated into Tamil some of the works of Shakespeare, Tolstoy and other famous authors. His work was highly commended by the Tamil Press of India. He is the South African correspondent to the Tamil Press of South India.

NEW DELHI: The suggestion that there should be a separate department for social service, both at the Centre and in the provinces, was made by India's Health Minister, Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, addressing the Second All-India Conference of Social Work, in Madras.

She added that these departments should not think in terms of building offices in Secretariats. It was not paper work but endeavour in the field that was needed. One medical man, one public health man, one nurse, one male teacher, one spinner, one weaver, one agriculturist, one doctor—each expert in his profession and filled with the spirit of service—would, she observed, be adequate to rejuvenate a village or a group of villages. She also urged making the children's fund a permanent feature of social service.

Explaining the object of the Conference, Rajkumari Amrit Kaur said that the Conference was aimed at coordinating, intensifying and guiding existing endeavour in social work. India, she held, could proudly count many of her sons and daughters as social reformers and workers of the first rank—the giant among them being Mahatma Gandhi. She concluded exhorting social workers to emulate their example.

The Conference was attended by about 300 delegates and observers from all over India.

Industrial Production

INDUSTRIAL production in India—one of the factors on which the Government depend chiefly for the process of disinflation—shows an upward trend, according to the production figures for 1948. There is a steady rise in the production of the textile industry. By the end of 1948, the Indian mills will have completed the target production of 4,[illegible] million yards of textiles for the year. The jute manufacturers' output for the third quarter was 274,000 tons, about 30,000 tons more than the production for the previous quarter. With the annual estimated export value of Rs. 70 crores, India is estimated to harvest 200 million pounds of tea. Sugar production for the year is estimated at over one million and eighty thousand tons, about 20,000 tons more than last year's figure. The heavy steel industry, which suffered a reverse in midyear owing to the breakdown of the sheet plant in Bengal, has also recovered its normalcy.

INDIAN WOMEN'S EVIDENCE OF EXPERIENCES DURING DURBAN RIOTS

MRS. H. COOLAM MOTALA AND MRS. B. N. SINGH, TWO WOMEN WITNESSES WHO GAVE EVIDENCE BEFORE THE RIOTS COMMISSION OF INQUIRY ON FRIDAY LAST, MADE HISTORY, FOR NEVER BEFORE IN THE HISTORY OF THIS COUNTRY HAVE INDIAN WOMEN WITNESSES APPEARED BEFORE A COMMISSION APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

MRS. MOTALA told the Commission that from the fourth storey of the building in which she lives, she saw European women inciting Natives and directing them to stone and destroy the "Amakula's house," with the result that the ground floor of her building was partially destroyed. The European women even danced with the Natives.

Asked by the Chairman if she could recognise any of the women who had incited the Natives Mrs. Motala replied that she could recognise them if she saw them. Recently she saw one of the women in the Indian market.

Mrs. B. N. Singh, who spoke in Afrikaans, told the Commission that from the balcony of her building she saw European youths collect stones and give them to Native youths. Together with the youths they stoned every Indian car or bus that passed their way.

Below her balcony stood two Europeans who when they saw her shouted to a gang of Natives, "Shya Amakula." The Natives then threw stones at her. She quickly took her children and ran into her room, in order to avoid being hit.

INDIAN VIOLINIST

FIFTEEN-YEAR-OLD Indian violinist Miss Olive Kailasam, described as a child prodigy, is shortly proceeding to the United States of America for further study and training as a violin concerto player.

Miss Kailasam, who hails from Tanjore, in South India, had her first lessons on the violin from her father, Flying Officer P. Kailasam, of the Royal Indian Air Force. At the age of five, using a halfsize violin, she surprised everyone by playing classical compositions like Beethoven's Minuet and "Ash Grove," when other children could hardly play the violin on open strings.

She appeared for the examination of the Trinity College of Music, London, at the age of six, and stood first with honours. Her record was the best for several years in the examinations of the Trinity College.

Dr. A. Mistowski, of the Trinity College, noticed her outstanding talent and suggested to her parents that she should be sent abroad for further training.

Starting her musical career at the age of eight, Miss Kailasam has given recitals in Mysore, Madras, Bombay, Jodhpur and Delhi. She has a remarkable memory and plays two concertos including the celebrated Tschaikowsky's concerto in D major without the aid of music.

Miss Kailasam produces her inspiring music on a cheap Indian manufactured violin, costing Rs. 5. She hopes to have a Stradivarius some day.

She is planning to leave for the U.S.A. towards the end of March. After taking some lessons under notable violinists, Miss Kailasam will tour the U.S.A. giving recitals. Accompanying her will be her father, who is an A.T.C.L., and her mother, who is also a talented musician.

KARACHI: The Government of Pakistan have sent an Anti-Locust delegation consisting of Mr. H. M. Abbas, Locust Technical Officer (London), Mr. S. [illegible] Ghakkar, Locust Warning Officer, Mr. Fazal Rahim, Assistant Locust Warning Officer and Mr. Muinuddin, Assistant Locust Warning Officer to Oman, which has certain areas favourable for locust breeding during spring. The delegation will survey the likely breeding areas and control the pest in its initial stages before it multiplies into swarms and takes to flight towards Pakistan and other neighbouring countries.

Apartheid in Universities Against All Human Laws, Says Visitor to S. Africa

"IN a University to place emphasis on colour rather than on brains is laughable—were it not so cruel—one feels more like weeping at man's inhumanity to man," states Miss Monica Whately, the well known English woman protagonist of democracy and freedom, in a letter to Dr. Mabel Palmer declining her invitation to the garden party at Sastri College on the grounds that it was a "further demonstration of the colour bar."

Her letter to Dr. Mabel Palmer reads: "It is with real regret that I write to decline your kind invitation to attend the garden party at Sastri College. I should have enjoyed meeting you and your friends—but when I saw that it was to be a non-European garden party I realised that once more this was to be a further demonstration of the colour bar. I do not believe in 'apartheid,' for I believe it to be contrary to the laws of Christianity and justice as well as being grossly uncivilised.

"In a University to place emphasis on colour rather than on brains is laughable—were it not so cruel—one feels more like weeping at man's inhumanity to man.

"Fascism displayed in the racial policy carried out by Hitler against the Jews in Germany can be seen again in the actions of Dr. Malan against the non-Europeans in South Africa—and in self defence we should do well to remember that though the attack may be directed against Africans, Indians and Coloureds today, tomorrow it can easily be Jews, Catholics, or the English, who fall under the ban and for whom apartheid will be demanded.

MISS M. WHATELY

"Since I have dedicated my life to the cause of democracy and freedom, I could not be a party to racial discrimination, even at a social function."

NEW DELHI: Awarded a Research Fellowship by the Federal Security Agency of the U.S. Public Health Service, Dr. V. N. Waravdekar, Assistant Research Officer of the Indian Research Fund Association, Government of India, is doing research in cancer at the National Cancer Institute, Bethesda, Maryland. His special field of study is the activity of enzymes in animal tumours compared with different compounds.

FAREWELL PARTY

The Nizamia School Hall was the scene of a happy function on Thursday, March [illegible] last when the Rev. I. Anthony was accorded a farewell party by the Natal Indian Teachers' Society (Pietermaritzburg branch). Rev. I. Anthony resigned from the teaching profession to become a minister of the St. Paul's Indian Mission, in Pietermaritzburg. He has been a teacher for the past [illegible] years, and has taught in several Natal schools, and whilst in Pietermaritzburg he held the positions of chairman, secretary and treasurer of the Natal Indian Teachers' Society, Pietermaritzburg branch. The function was attended by well over 70 teachers, and included such distinguished guests as the Bishop and Mrs. Ferguson Davies, and the Rev. Chesters.

On behalf of the Teachers' Society the chairman, Mr. M. G. Daniels, presented Rev. I. Anthony with a [illegible] their well-wishes, and conveyed to him the Society's good wishes. Mrs. Anthony was presented with a bouquet. The other main speakers were Bishop Ferguson Davies, Rev. H. Chesters, Messrs. [illegible], T. M. Sebastian, and R. D. Naidoo.

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MARICKUM: In loving memory of my dear wife and our darling mother, Violet Daisy, who passed away peacefully on March 25, 1945.

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Of you who have gone to rest,
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EVIDENCE . . .

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strates that the African has learnt that violence is a more sure and speedier remedy to obtain his demands from the authorities.

"I put down the causes of the riots to an attempt on the part of anti-Indian element to bring the African group as is available to that element to align the African group in a vendetta which has been carried on for a number of years against Indians and thus make the position of Indians in this country intolerable and unpleasant. Therein, the anti-Indian element hopes to find an easy solution."

When asked by the Chairman of the Commission if it were not possible for the anti-Government statements made by many Indians to have been a possible cause of the riots, Mr. Naidoo replied: "No. I myself have made anti-Government statements on many occasions. It depends on the choice of words and the approach."

The Leader

323 Pine Street, Durban. P.O. Box [illegible], Pietermaritzburg.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 1949

Lessons From The Evidence

THE Riots Commission of Inquiry has now concluded its session in Durban, and its next task will be to consider the mass of evidence submitted and base its findings on that consideration. It is, at this stage, not yet possible to say when the Commission's findings can be expected to be made public, as rarely before in the history of this country has so much evidence been tendered on racial riots to a Commission of Inquiry. The final decision will be eagerly awaited by all sections of the Union's population.

Like guiding lights in the darkness certain points have presented themselves prominently from amidst all this mass of evidence. The most important of these points is that the riots were not a sporadic, entirely unforeseen outbreak, but the outcome of definite plotting and planning. The fact that clashes occurred simultaneously at many widely separated points clearly demonstrates that a carefully planned timing factor was behind all these clashes. Whatever the main spring or dominating influence behind the riots may have been, it is certain that extreme care was taken to avoid any leakage of information that might have checkmated the plan. The plotters also made the best use of certain factors which might add force to their agitation, namely the virulent anti-Indian attitude of the present Government, the measures taken against Indians by municipalities and other local bodies and the alleged grievances of a certain section of the African population.

As regards these African grievances the plotters did their best to create the impression that the Indians were mainly responsible for them. We trust it has been proved to the Commission from evidence given that these grievances originated from factors with which the Indians had no connection nor were they responsible, namely inadequate housing and a constant influx of Natives from the country into Durban, resulting in overcrowding and unhygienic conditions of life. It was easy to tell these dissatisfied Africans that the Indians were to blame for all their hardships and should be eliminated. They only had to point to the Government's uncompromising attitude towards the Indians to make the Natives feel that they were rendering the Government a service by attacking the Indian merchant, bus owner and worker.

The plotters were also helped by a general attitude of arrogance which has become increasingly apparent among the Africans during the past few years. The Indian merchant and bus owner who had always been regarded as a friend was now an enemy, a stumbling block in the way of African progress and enterprise. This idea was assiduously fostered by the plotters but the evidence led to prove these assertions did not bear out the arguments used to back them up. Indeed, it appeared more and more clearly from the evidence submitted to the Commission that the Indians had never stood in the way of African progress and that in their dealings with the Natives the Indians had always been scrupulously fair.

Indian witnesses from all walks of life made one point very clear, namely that previous to the riots there had been no sign of any ill-feeling or enmity on the part of the Africans. The racial clash had come suddenly and without any provocation. The reason given—an alleged assault on a Native boy by an Indian—was obviously of the same calibre as the "incidents" used by the Nazis to justify attacks on defenceless minority groups. The technique was the same and so were the methods.

Refugee Housing Delay Serious Problem For Indian Schools

"THE delay caused in removing the homeless Indian refugees from the school premises now occupied by them has created a serious problem for thousands of Indian children attending these schools. At present there are over one hundred families housed in six schools in Durban and suburbs," says a statement issued by the Natal Indian Congress.

"THREE different schemes were submitted to the Executive Committee of the Natal Distress Relief Fund, by the sub-committee dealing with homeless refugees. This sub-committee, with Dr. English, at its head recommended the Naval Gunnery School at Wentworth. This scheme was turned down by the Minister of Defence, despite strong support by the Administrator of Natal and the Mayor of Durban," the statement adds.

"The Executive Committee of the Natal Distress Relief Fund has also turned down the proposal to house the refugees at the Show Ground barracks, at King's Park, where until last month African soldiers were housed.

After two months of delay, the Rehousing Committee of the Fund has now approved of the third scheme, to house the refugees in certain premises owned by the Durban City Council. Under this scheme the refugees will be removed to different premises in Sydenham, Clairwood, Sea Cow Lake Road and the Cato Manor Social Farm. The scheme is now being considered by the Durban City Council.

In a letter addressed to the Fund, the Congress has expressed its regret at the inability of the Committee to rehouse the refugees at either the Gunnery School or the Barracks at the Show Ground, particularly as these premises are habitable, and hence no unnecessary expenditure would have been involved.

The Congress letter adds: "Our Congress, however, feels that the removal of the refugees from the schools is an urgent task, and since the Fund Committee has agreed to Scheme Three for their rehousing, this scheme should be put into operation as soon as practicable. It is submitted that the Homeless Committee's chairman, Dr. English, has the relevant data regarding the homeless refugees, and that their removal to the various premises depends only upon:

"(a) Putting the premises referred to in Scheme Three into a habitable condition by effecting repairs to them;

"(b) Arranging transport for the removal of the refugees, and;

"(c) Making available the basic essentials of bedding and kitchen utensils to enable the families to start home life again."

ARCHEOLOGICAL STUDY REVIVAL IN INDIA

PUBLICATION of archaeological memoirs in India, which was suspended during the war, would soon be revived, said Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Education Minister, addressing the sixth meeting of the Central Board of Archaeology.

Archaeological Department also proposed to issue short guides and translations of inscriptions and translations of inscriptions and albums of museums. Publications would also be undertaken in important Indian languages.

Maulana Azad urged that film should be utilised to present archaeological monuments to the people of India and abroad.

He asked the Board to prepare a long-term programme of expansion and development of archaeological study in India. He was glad a beginning had been made in setting up a properly equipped national museum for India.

Mr. S. A. A. Nasir, observer from Pakistan, expressed "deep sense of appreciation and gratitude of Government of Pakistan" at invitation to attend the meeting. He added: "I am sure such gestures of goodwill are bound to go a long way in creating that atmosphere of perpetual happiness and cordial relationship between the two countries." He gave a review of work done in his country and said Pakistan would welcome mutual cooperation between the two countries.

Dr. Tara Chand, Secretary, Indian Ministry of Education, speaking next, expressed appreciation of the efforts in Pakistan to preserve ancient monuments and said "Monuments in Pakistan are intimately connected and linked with the history of our country." He added: "There is no doubt in our mind that relations between India and Pakistan should continue to develop and it should be possible for the two countries to work hand in hand. After all, the culture of Pakistan and India have a great many things in common and for a long time our history has been the common history of both Pakistan and India and nothing will give to people this side greater pleasure than to see these relations made stronger."

The case of the Indians in South Africa can rest securely on the evidence submitted to the Commission. This evidence should once more establish the fact that they are the victims of a calculated policy of hatred and oppression which they have borne and are bearing with dignity and courage.

What Passive Resistance Really Stands For

AFTER Mr. P. R. Pather had submitted his memorandum on behalf of the Natal Indian Organisation last week, to the Riots Commission of Inquiry, Mr. Justice van den Heever, the chairman of the Commission, said: "Mr. Pather, the arguments you advance in your memorandum are very weighty and we would be pleased if you would give us time to consider it and question you later."

When he came up for examination on Friday of last week, Mr. P. R. Pather, addressing the chairman, said: "I want to make a statement regarding the passive resistance movement. No Indian in South Africa can condemn the Passive Resistance movement. It is a weapon that is to be wielded with extreme care.

The fundamental principle of the movement is soul force. The individual inflicts self-suffering on himself. The movement that was started two years ago in South Africa might have been wrong in its methods, but the movement as such cannot be condemned. If I were leading a movement like that I must first of all search my heart as to whether I am the embodiment of truth. Any deflection from this path will constitute an attack on the principles of soul force. The first essential thing that Mahatma Gandhi did when he started the movement of 1906 was to get a body of European public opinion in his favour. It was then that he started the movement. Moreover, no such movement can succeed when hatred is sown against any other section of the population."

NEW DELHI: Dr. Frank Laubach, well known author of the Laubach system of adult education, will be visiting India shortly at the invitation of the National Christian Council, Nagpur.—P.O.C.

NEW DELHI: The Bihar Government have decided to make primary education in the Province entirely free. The number of primary schools is about 22,000.—P.O.C.

RIOTS OBVIOUSLY ORGANISED SAYS EUROPEAN EYE-WITNESS

GIVING EVIDENCE BEFORE THE RIOTS COMMISSION MR. CHARLES PETTIFER, AN AMUSEMENT CATERER (CALLED BY THE NATAL INDIAN ORGANISATION), SAID HE WAS AN IMMIGRANT FROM BRITAIN AND HAD BEEN IN SOUTH AFRICA 10 MONTHS.

HE maintained that the riots had obviously been organised. He had been present at the incident in Brook Street alleged to have started the riots—the assault by an Indian on an African.

The Natives present had immediately started throwing stones at the Indian Market—missiles which they obviously had in readiness for an attack. He drove his car to a street near the Railway Station immediately afterwards, and there he saw Natives chasing Indians.

How could the Natives so far from Brook Street have known about the incident in Brook Street in so short a time? The only way they could have known was by [illegible].

Mr. Pettifer alleged that eight [illegible] were present near the Railway Station and three of them had shouted: "Kill the Coons; kill the Coolies!"

He had been summoned to the office of Major Bestford, District Commandant of Police, to make a statement. He had been prepared to make a statement at first, but he refused afterwards because of Major Bestford's attitude.

Certain Remarks

Major Bestford had made certain remarks which showed that he was biased against the Indians. When Mr. Pettifer had remarked that the Indians had fought side by side "with our people," Major Bestford had replied: "None of these bloody Coolies ever had his [illegible] to a rifle."

The chairman, Mr. Justice van den Heever, asked Mr. Pettifer why he had not taken earlier steps to assist the Commission. [illegible] had been sent him [illegible] February. He had been asked [illegible] he feared victimisation and [illegible] to give evidence "in [illegible]" and to provide in camera [illegible] the evidence he wished [illegible].

"I have had serious difficulties," said Mr. Pettifer. "My [illegible] and child have been very [illegible] are in hospital, and I [illegible] been told that I must leave [illegible]. That is sufficient [illegible] why I stayed back until [illegible]."

[illegible] Ebrahim Paruk, [illegible] of a subcommittee of the Natal Indian Organisation, [illegible] that 53 Indians were killed during the riots, 708 injured were treated in hospitals and 2,500 were treated at the various [illegible] refugee camps—a total of [illegible].

In addition, 5,830 Indians were [illegible] and did not receive treatment in hospital or at refugee camps.

On January 17, there were [illegible] Indians in 35 refugee camps. Two hundred and sixty-[illegible] homes and dwellings had been burnt completely, 1,321 had been partly destroyed and looted and [illegible] had been looted only—a total of 1,955 buildings.

The number of business premises completely burnt was 17, [illegible] were partly destroyed [illegible] that were partly damaged [illegible] the contents looted—a total [illegible] business premises.

[illegible] said that from evidence [illegible] from victims, Native rioters [illegible] carried small tins of petrol [illegible] paraffin with which to set [illegible] alight.

No Complaints

[illegible] cars were seen travelling [illegible] and forwards supplying [illegible] or bottles to Natives. [illegible] were thrown into buildings [illegible] containing some substance [illegible] were also seen.

[illegible] H. C. Lugg, former Native Commissioner for Natal, called [illegible] the Natal Indian Organisation, said that in the whole course of his magisterial experience in Natal he had never received any personal complaints of miscegenation between Indian men and Native women.

A Native chief had told him that there was a considerable amount of miscegenation. He had seen few Indo-African half-castes.

In his experience, said Mr. Lugg, the relationship between Indian storekeepers in the country districts and Natives had been cordial. He had received no complaints of overcharging.

He had been told that some of the younger generation of Indians were treating Natives with arrogance.

In a supplementary statement the Natal Indian Organisation maintained that the riots would never have occurred if the authorities:

Had not frustrated Natives "at every turn";

If the authorities had given them educational and economic opportunities;

Had made provisions to house adequately and ideally urbanised Natives;

Had made available adequate recreational facilities and amenities of life;

Had carried out a policy of equity and justice in regard to land holdings by Natives;

Had not indicated it was their intention to eliminate the Native representatives in Parliament.

David Nkhlela, who described himself as an unpaid "rank manager" at the Victoria Street bus rank, said that in the five years he had been controlling the rank he had received no complaints from passengers of overcharging.

Industrial Production

INDUSTRIAL production in India—one of the factors on which the Government depend chiefly for the process of disinflation—shows an upward trend, according to the production figures for 1948. There is a steady rise in the production of the textile industry. By the end of 1948, the Indian mills will have completed the target production of 4,[illegible] million yards of textiles for the year. The jute manufacturers' output for the third quarter was 274,000 tons, about 30,000 tons more than the production for the previous quarter. With the annual estimated export value of Rs. 38 crores, India is estimated to harvest [illegible] million pounds of tea. Sugar production for the year is estimated at over one million and eighty thousand tons, about [illegible] tons more than last year's figure. The heavy steel industry, which suffered a reverse in midyear owing to the breakdown of the sheet plant in Bengal, has also recovered its normalcy.

BROADCAST BY FAMOUS TAMIL JOURNALIST

Mr. S. M. Pillay is a well known Tamil journalist, whose translation of the "Merchant of Venice" into Tamil will be broadcast from Durban studio in the Indian programme on Sunday, March 27.

Mr. Pillay has translated into Tamil some of the works of Shakespeare, Tolstoy and other famous authors. His work was highly commended by the Tamil Press of India. He is the South African correspondent to the Tamil Press of South India.

NEW DELHI: The suggestion that there should be a separate department for social service, both at the Centre and in the provinces, was made by India's Health Minister, Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, addressing the Second All-India Conference of Social Work in Madras.

She added that these departments should not think in terms of building offices in Secretariats. It was not paper work but endeavour in the field that was needed. One medical man, one public health man, one nurse, one male teacher, one spinner, one weaver, one agriculturist, one [illegible] expert in his profession and filled with the spirit of service would, she observed, be adequate to reform a village or a group of villages. She also urged making the children's fund a permanent feature of social service.

Explaining the object of the Conference, Rajkumari Amrit Kaur said that the Conference was aimed at coordinating, intensifying and guiding existing endeavour in social work. India, she held, could proudly count many of her sons and daughters as social reformers and workers of the first rank—the giant among them being Mahatma Gandhi. She concluded exhorting social workers to emulate their example.

The Conference was attended by about 500 delegates and observers from all over India.

INDIAN WOMEN'S EVIDENCE OF EXPERIENCES DURING DURBAN RIOTS

MRS. H. COOLAM MOTALA AND MRS. B. N. SINGH, TWO WOMEN WITNESSES WHO GAVE EVIDENCE BEFORE THE RIOTS COMMISSION OF INQUIRY ON FRIDAY LAST, MADE HISTORY, FOR NEVER BEFORE IN THE HISTORY OF THIS COUNTRY HAVE INDIAN WOMEN WITNESSES APPEARED BEFORE A COMMISSION APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

MRS. MOTALA told the Commission that from the fourth storey of the building in which she lives, she saw European women inciting Natives and directing them to stone and destroy the "Amalaita's house," with the result that the ground floor of her building was partially destroyed. The European women even danced with the Natives.

Asked by the Chairman if she could recognise any of the women who had incited the Natives Mrs. Motala replied that she could recognise them if she saw them. Recently she saw one of the women in the Indian market.

Mrs. B. N. Singh, who spoke in Afrikaans, told the Commission that from the balcony of her building she saw European youths collect stones and give them to Native youths. Together with the youths they stoned every Indian car or bus that passed their way. Below her balcony stood two Europeans who when they saw her shouted to a gang of Natives, "Shaya Amakula." The Natives then threw stones at her. She quickly took her children and [illegible] in order to avoid being hit.

KARACHI: The Government of Pakistan have sent an Anti-Locust delegation consisting of Mr. H. M. Abbas, Locust Technical Officer (London), Mr. S. C. [illegible], Locust Warning Officer, Mr. Fazal Rahim, Assistant Locust Warning Officer and Mr. Muinuddin, Assistant Locust Warning Officer to Oman, which has certain areas favourable for locust breeding during spring. The delegation will survey the likely breeding areas and control the pest in its initial stages before it multiplies into swarms and takes to flight towards Pakistan and other neighbouring countries.

INDIAN VIOLINIST

FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLD Indian violinist, Miss Olive Kailasam, described as a child prodigy, is shortly proceeding to the United States of America for further study and training as a violin concerto player.

Miss Kailasam, who hails from Tanjore, in South India, had her first lessons on the violin from her father, Flying Officer P. Kailasam, of the Royal Indian Air Force. At the age of five, using a half-size violin, she surprised everyone by playing classical compositions like Beethoven's Minuet and "Ach Steern" when other children could hardly play the violin on open strings.

She appeared for the examination of the Trinity College of Music, London, at the age of six, and stood first, with honours. [illegible] was the best for several years in the examinations of the Trinity College.

Dr. A. Mistowski, of the Trinity College, noticed her outstanding talent and suggested to her parents that she should be sent abroad for further training.

Starting her musical career at the age of eight, Olive Kailasam has given recitals in Mysore, Madras, Bombay, Jodhpur and Delhi. She has a remarkable memory and plays five concertos including the celebrated Tschaikowsky's concerto in D major without the aid of music.

Miss Kailasam produces her inspiring music on a cheap Indian manufactured violin, costing Rs. 5. She hopes to have a Stradivarius some day.

She is planning to leave for the U.S.A. towards the end of March. After taking some lessons under notable violinists, Miss Kailasam will tour the U.S.A. giving recitals. Accompanying her will be her father, who is an A.V.[illegible] and her mother, who is also a talented musician.

Apartheid in Universities Against All Human Laws, Says Visitor to S. Africa

"IN a University to place emphasis on colour rather than on brains is laughable—were it not so cruel—one feels more like weeping at man's inhumanity to man," states Miss Monica Whately, the well known English woman protagonist of democracy and freedom, in a letter to Dr. Mabel Palmer declining her invitation to the garden party at Sastri College on the grounds that it was a "further demonstration of the colour bar."

Her letter to Dr. Mabel Palmer reads: "It is with real regret that I write to decline your kind invitation to attend the garden party at Sastri College. I should have enjoyed meeting you and your friends—but when I saw that it was to be a non-European garden party I realised that once more this was to be a further demonstration of the colour bar. I do not believe in 'apartheid,' for I believe it to be contrary to the laws of Christianity and justice as well as being grossly uncivilised.

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"Fascism displayed in the racial policy carried out by Hitler against the Jews in Germany can be seen again in the actions of Dr. Malan against the non-Europeans in South Africa—and in self defence we should do well to remember that though the attack may be directed against Africans, Indians and Coloureds today, tomorrow it can easily be Jews, Catholics, or the English, who fall under the ban and for whom apartheid will be demanded."

MISS M. WHATELY

"Since I have dedicated my life to the cause of democracy and freedom, I could not be a party to racial discrimination, even at a social function."

NEW DELHI: Awarded a Research Fellowship by the Federal Security Agency of the U.S. Public Health Service, Dr. V. R. Waravdekar, Assistant Research Officer of the Indian Research Fund Association, Government of India, is doing research in cancer at the National Cancer Institute, Bethesda, Maryland. His special field of study is the activity of enzymes in animal [illegible] with different compounds.

FAREWELL PARTY

The [illegible] School Hall was the scene of a happy function on Thursday, March 10, 1949, when the Rev. I. Anthony was accorded a farewell party by the Natal Indian Teachers' Society (Pietermaritzburg Branch). Rev. I. Anthony resigned from the teaching profession to become a minister of the St. Paul's Indian Mission, in [illegible]. [illegible] has been a teacher for the past 21 years, and has taught in several Natal schools, and whilst in Pietermaritzburg he held the positions of chairman, secretary and treasurer of the Natal Indian Teachers' Society, Pietermaritzburg Branch. The function was attended by well over 70 teachers, and included such distinguished guests as the Bishop and Mrs. Ferguson Davies, and the Rev. [illegible].

On behalf of the Teachers' Society the chairman, Mr. M. G. Daniels, presented Rev. I. Anthony with a leather suit case, and conveyed to him the Society's good wishes. Mrs. Anthony was presented with a [illegible]. The other main speakers were Bishop Ferguson Davies, Rev. H. [illegible], Messrs. R. Dookran, T. M. Sebastian, and R. D. [illegible].

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Congress Opposes Apartheid In Universities

"THE STATEMENT MADE AT THE INAUGURAL CEREMONY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NATAL BY DR. H. R. RAIKES, VICE-CHANCELLOR OF THE WITWATERSRAND UNIVERSITY, THAT WITS WAS SURRENDERING THE TRAINING OF NON-EUROPEAN MEDICAL STUDENTS TO THE CARE OF NATAL, CONFIRMS THE FEAR EXPRESSED BY THE NATAL INDIAN CONGRESS AS EARLY AS 1947 THAT WITH THE OPENING OF A NON-EUROPEAN MEDICAL SCHOOL IN DURBAN THE DOORS OF THE UNIVERSITIES OF THE WITWATERSRAND AND THE CAPE WILL BE CLOSED TO NON-EUROPEANS," SAYS A STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE NATAL INDIAN CONGRESS.

"THE Natal Indian Congress most strongly opposed the setting up of a segregated University College in Durban. In August 1947 a Congress deputation interviewed the late Mr. J. H. Hofmeyr, the then Minister of Education. The Congress memorandum to the Minister objecting to a separate college stated:

"We have no hesitation in stating our fears that we foresee an inferior status in the new university. It is an open secret that the local Medical Council is most keen that partly trained non-European medical men be turned out by the proposed non-European medical school to cater for the crying shortage of medical attention among non-Europeans. Sooner or later the stigma of inferiority is bound to be attached to such a non-European institution," the statement continues.

"The memorandum also stated that the Congress feared that with the setting up of a non-European college the Universities of Capetown and Witwatersrand will be prompted to either close their doors to non-Europeans or follow the example of Natal by creating separate non-European colleges. We dread either of these eventualities."

"The Congress regards the statement of Dr. Raikes as a serious threat to higher education of non-European people. We lodge our protest at this new move to close the doors of the Witwatersrand University to non-Europeans particularly as Dr. Raikes himself admits there has been no friction at Wits by the presence of non-European students.

"We condemn the application of apartheid in universities. Dr. A. J. Stals has indicated that there will be a further extension of this principle. He anticipates 'that in due course the several non-European groups will each have its own institution of higher learning.' Where will this racial approach lead us to? It is reminiscent of the practices of the Fascists in Europe. Does Dr. Stals perhaps also contemplate setting up separate institutions for "higher learning" for the Jewish and the English students?

"It does no credit to the Province of Natal, which claims to have rejected apartheid in the Provincial Council elections, to be the first Province to establish a university based on the very same abhorrent doctrine of apartheid."

PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORD OF RIOT VICTIMS

THE following is the preface attached to the album of photographs, depicting the suffering undergone by the innocent victims of the Native impis, submitted to the Riots Commission of Inquiry, by the Natal Indian Organisation:

"During the black days of January, 1949, the Indian people suffered heavily. Inadequately protected by the Police, they were exposed to murder, rape, arson and plunder from an armed racial group, let loose by evil and insensate designs. These shameful acts will remain an indelible blot on South Africa's name.

"Within the pages of this album, an attempt is made to recapture some of the atrocities to which our people were subjected. A grim and sad tale of suffering, never to be forgotten, unfolds itself on each page.

"Our people have suffered all in silence. They are bewildered. Posterity alone can return retribution. To the evil mind that [illegible] the plot. One day justice will be done."

INDIANS NOT HAMPERED BY AFRICANS

THE following memorandum was submitted to the Riots Commission of Enquiry, by the St. Anthony's Catholic Men's Club.

"We submit that one of the deeper causes of the riots is the neglect of those concerned to provide proper housing for the Africans," the memorandum continues.

"The Bantu in his impotency to put things right with his rulers has turned and struck blindly. It happened that the Indian, living in close proximity to him has borne the brunt of his anger.

"We are of the opinion that of the thousands of Africans who took part in the riots only a minority were motivated by a sense of grievance against the Indian, the majority were caught in the general mass hysteria to riot, loot and plunder. Many, too, joined the rioters under compulsion.

"We submit that the legitimate aspirations of the middle class African have met with frustration. He seems to have no rights; he feels he has no opportunities to organise his newly awakened interest. In certain activities in which other [illegible] groups are engaged. We cannot agree however that the Indian is the stumbling block to the paths which the African wishes to follow. If it were so, then the middle class African in those provinces where there are no Indians or a mere handful would have those rights, would have those privileges and opportunities of which, it is alleged, he is [illegible] by the Indian. Our information is that he has not.

"The reasons for this sense of frustration must be sought elsewhere. Perhaps it may be found in the [illegible] towards mentality, in the attitude of mind which relegates all dark skinned peoples to an inferior position. It is in the soil of this position that both Africans and Indians are struggling and it is tragic that the African has turned on the Indian to use him as the scapegoat on which to vent the accumulated ire that he feels at his position of hewer of wood and drawer of water.

"We earnestly state then, that the just and rightful aspirations of the Africans be given scope for fulfilment.

"As Christians, who firmly believe in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man, we feel that only when the inhabitants of this our land are given the opportunity to develop to the fullest of their capabilities all their [illegible] talents, then, and then only, will hate and strife lessen and disappear, then only would we have a view of that commonwealth so devoutly to be wished, a happy, contented, prosperous God-fearing people as [illegible] all the fingers of a hand, but united in action and in love for this country as a closed set."

Ghastly Brutalities Committed On Indians During Riots

"IN the course of our investigation our attention has been drawn to the ghastly brutalities to which our people were subjected. We have had cases of rape being committed on girls of tender years, of death by strangulation, of stabbing, burning and knifing. Our hearts have been touched and we have been reduced to tears at the grim episodes of suffering and misery borne by our people," says a memorandum submitted by the Natal Indian Organisation to the Riots Commission of Inquiry, with facts and photographs depicting the horrors perpetrated upon a peace-loving people.

THE Natal Indian Organisation appointed a special committee, the Riots Investigation Committee, to make investigations into the losses and damages suffered by the Indian community in the recent riots.

The memorandum states: "During the days of January 13 to 20, 1949, the Indian people in Durban and its outskirts suffered untold injury. They faced a trial of mob rule—murder, rape, arson, loot and plunder reigned supreme. The pathetic story can best be pictured by photographs and figures.

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Junior Leader

My dear children,

I have received news of another musically-minded child prodigy from India. I am sure Junior readers will be interested to read about it. So far I haven't heard from our readers who possess exceptional music talent, and I shall be pleased to hear from them.

Fifteen-year-old Indian violinist Miss Olive Kailasam, described as a child prodigy, is shortly proceeding to the United States of America for further study and training as a violin concerto player.

Miss Kailasam, who hails from Tanjore, in South India, had her first lessons on the violin from her father, Flying Officer P. Kailasam, of the Royal Indian Air Force. At the age of five, using a half-size violin, she surprised everyone by playing classical compositions like Beethoven's Minuet and "Ash Grove" when other children could hardly play the violin on open strings.

She appeared for the examination of the Trinity College of Music, London, at the age of six, and stood first, with honours. Her record was the best for several years in the examinations of the Trinity College.

Dr. A. Mistowski, of the Trinity College, noticed her outstanding talent and suggested to her parents that she should be sent abroad for further training.

Starting her musical career at the age of eight, Olive Kailasam has given recitals in Mysore, Madras, Bombay, Lahore and Delhi. She has a remarkable memory and plays five concertos including the celebrated Tschaikowsky's concerto in D major without the aid of music.

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Food for Thought

There is music in the beauty, and the silent note which Cupid strikes, far sweeter than the sound of an instrument; for there is music wherever there is harmony, order or proportion; and thus far we may maintain the music of the spheres.

—Sir Thomas Browne.

ARITHMETICAL [illegible]

The number 142,857, multiplied by 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6, gives the same figures in the same order, beginning at a different point; but multiplied by seven gives all nines. Multiplied by 2 it equals 285,714, multiplied by 3 equals 428,571, multiplied by 4 equals 571,428, multiplied by 5 equals 714,285, multiplied by 6 equals 857,142, multiplied by 7 equals 999,999. Multiply 142,857 by 8 and you have 1,142,856. Then add the first figure to the last and you have 142,857, the original number, the figures exactly the same as at the start.

PEN FRIENDS CORNER

[illegible] Pillay (13), 81 Horseshoe Road, Clairwood, Durban, would like to have pen friends from India, China and the U.S.A., is interested in the cinema, cycling and swimming.

Sunny Pillay (12), 14E, Firwood Road, Red Hill, Durban, is interested in soccer, boxing and music, and would like to have pen friends with similar interests from any part of the world.

Kanna R. Naidoo (12), P.O. 16, Umzinto, Natal. Interests: Cricket, soccer and studies. Hobby: Stamp collecting. He would like to have pen friends from any part of the world.

G. Stephens (12), c/o Indian School, P.O. Tugela Rail, Natal, who is interested in fishing, reading, cycling and music, would like to have pen friends from any part of the world.

S. Rajavalu Naidoo (14), c/o Dunns Estate, Pinetown, Natal. Interests: Tennis, cricket and coin collecting. He would like to have pen pals from Lourenco Marques, India and England.

Rajamah Pillay (13), 121 May Street, Durban, is interested in the cinema, songs and music. She would like to have pen friends with similar interests from the Cape, Lourenco Marques and India.

R. Moonsamy (17), 71 Villa Road, Mayville, Durban, is interested in needle work, reading, songs and music. She would like to have pen friends from any part of the Union, India and the U.S.A.

T. Sandevi (16), c/o the Reliable Repair Shop, 53 Cooper Street, Stanger, Natal, is interested in knitting, reading, games, the cinema, and songs. She would like to have pen friends from any part of the world.

Visalatchee Moodley (13), requires a pen friend from any part of the world, preferably India. She takes a keen interest in tennis, netball, tenniquoit, and reading.

Jaya Achary (13), c/o Wyld Memorial Government Aided Indian School, P.O. Box 60, Verulam, Natal, who is in the VI Standard, is interested in cycling, reading, fishing, and poultry farming. He would like to have pen friends from any part of the Union.

S. Sivalingum Naidoo (13), P.O. Box 5, Pinetown, Natal. Interests: Reading, cricket, the cinema, songs and music. He would like to have pen friends from the Cape, Johannesburg and India.

R. S. Reddy (17), 138 Sirdar Road, Rossburgh, Durban, wishes to correspond with pen pals from any part of the world, who are interested in boxing, cycling, and stamp collecting.

S. Perumal (14), Felixton Indian School, P.O. Felixton, Natal, is interested in reading, studies, sports, songs and music. He would like to have pen pals from any part of the world.

K. Balwan Singh (14), c/o Mr. A. K. Singh, P.O. Box 21, Tongaat, Natal, is interested in reading, studies and sports. He would like to have pen friends from any part of the Union and India.

S. Naidoo (12), 128 Topham Road, Maritzburg, Natal. Interests: Cricket, studies, reading, sports and cycling. He would like to have pen friends from any part of the Union, especially Port Elizabeth.

[illegible] Reddy (13), c/o Indian School, P.O. Tugela Rail, Natal, who would like to make contacts with pen pals from any part of the Union especially the Cape, is interested in cycling. His favourite hobby is collecting stamps.

S. Ramsingh (13), 31 Etna Lane, Durban, is interested in cinema, "Filmindia," sports, reading and stamp collecting. He would like to have pen friends from India, U.S.A. and the Union, especially Johannesburg and the Cape.

L. Marie Reddy (15), 11 River Road, Bellair, Durban, is interested in reading, studies, modelling and sports, and would like to have pen friends from the Union, Australia, and India.

R. Lal Singh (12), 305 Kenilworth Road, Sydenham, Durban, you have forgotten to send in a covering letter stating your interests and from where pen friends are required.

F. Ahmed (15), c/o Indian School, Glencoe, Natal, who would like to have pen friends from any part of the world, is interested in reading, music and Indian songs.

LAUGHTER CORNER

Doctor: "You have got a hundred and three degrees of fever."

Sportsman: "What's the record?"

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New Office Boy: "I've added up these figures 10 times, sir."

Employer: "Good boy."

New Office Boy: "And here's the 10 answers, sir."

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Teacher: "What is the plural of man?"

Bobby: "Men."

Teacher: "And the plural of child?"

Bobby: "Twins."

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A boy made his fifth appearance before a county magistrate on a charge of petty larceny, his father accompanying him.

"I'm tired of seeing this boy here," said the magistrate. "Why don't you teach him better? Show him the right way."

"I've showed him the right, sir," replied the father, "but he always gets caught."

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Alick: "Daddy, should the maxim, 'Never put off till tomorrow what you can do today,' always be acted on?"

Father (without thinking): "Yes, yes, my son, certainly."

Alick: "Then I'd like to finish the cream buns now."

Till next week,

CHACHAJAN.

Message of the Stars

By "SWAMI."

The Wheel of Fortune for the period March 26 to 31, for people born under the twelve Zodiac signs are as follows:—

ARIES (March 21 to April 21): Good, 26; bad, 29.

TAURUS (April 22 to May 22): Good, 26; bad, 29.

GEMINI (May 23 to June 21): Good, 31; bad, 29.

CANCER (June 22 to July 22): Good, 31; bad, 29.

LEO (July 23 to August 22): Good, 28, 29; bad, 27.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22): Good, 28, 29; bad, 27.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22): Good, 31; bad, 29.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21): Good, 26; bad, 29.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 22): Good, 26, 29; bad, 29.

CAPRICORN (December 23 to January 20): Good, 31; bad, 26, 30.

AQUARIUS (January 21 to February 19): Good, 26, 31; bad, 28.

PISCES (February 20 to March 20): Good, 26, 29; bad, 27, 31.

The good days for buying, driving bargains are 29; for selling, investment and new business ventures, 28; for love and pleasure, 29; for travel and correspondence, 29; for remedial treatment, 29; for property deals, wills, research and planning future, 31. Guard against accidents, quarrels and disputes, 30.

Unsettled and rainy weather is indicated about the end of the month.

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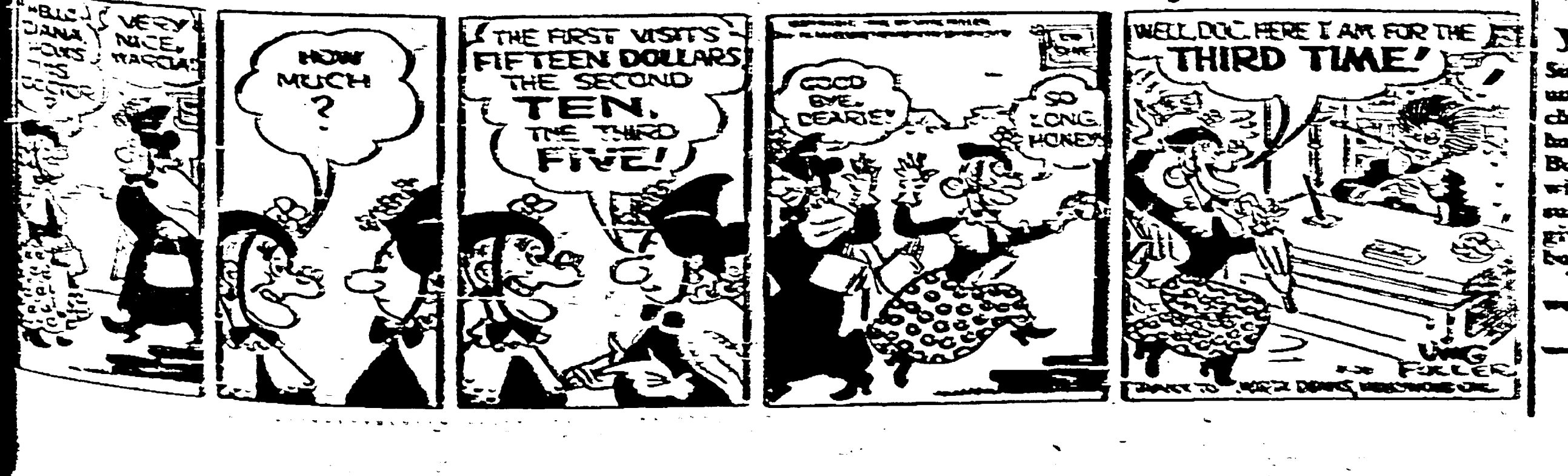
HELLO DIANA. HOW'S THE DOCTOR?
VERY NICE, MARCIA!
HOW MUCH ?
THE FIRST VISIT'S FIFTEEN DOLLARS, THE SECOND TEN, THE THIRD FIVE!
GOOD BYE, DEARIE!
SO LONG, HONEY!
WELL, DOC, HERE I AM FOR THE THIRD TIME!
VING FULLER

PETERS' NATAL SHIELD

Kismet Will Meet Railway in Final Match

KISMET ELIMINATED ORIENTALS OF MARITZBURG IN THE PETERS' SHIELD SEMI-FINAL AT CURRIE'S FOUNTAIN ON SUNDAY LAST WHEN THEY BEAT THEIR OPPONENTS BY 61 RUNS ON THE FIRST INNINGS. AFTER DISMISSING ORIENTALS FOR 108, THEY ENCOUNTERED LITTLE DIFFICULTY IN REPLYING WITH 169. KISMET WILL MEET RAILWAY (LADYSMITH) IN THE FINAL OF THIS COMPETITION TOMORROW.

THE Kismet-Oriental match commenced half-an-hour after the scheduled time. [illegible]

Kismet's Innings

[illegible]

Ottomans now meet Kismet in the semi-final of this competition, and the winners will meet Greyville in the final.

Ottomans In The Limelight

A First Division League match between Ottomans and Stars was scheduled to be played at Currie's Fountain on Sunday last. [illegible]

Grand Innings

[illegible]

INTER-SCHOOL FRIENDLY CRICKET

Last week Stella Hill and M. K. Gandhi Tamil Schools played a friendly cricket match at Currie's Fountain. [illegible]

GLENCOE SOCCER OFFICIALS

The following officials were elected at the annual general meeting of the Glencoe and District Indian Football Association, held at the Indian School, Glencoe, recently: [illegible]

DENVER STARS

At the fourth annual general meeting of the Denver Stars Football Club held at the residence of the secretary, [illegible], Johannesburg, the following officials were elected: [illegible]

It was resolved to affiliate with the Witwatersrand Indian Football Association.

FOOTBALL OFFICIALS

The annual general meeting of the Glencoe Stella Football Club was held in the Glencoe Madressa library last Thursday. The following were elected office-bearers for the ensuing season: [illegible]

DANNHAUSER

Mr. George Ellary has again, for the third successive year, been unanimously elected chairman of the Dannhauser United Indian Football Club, at the 13th year annual general meeting. [illegible]

S. A. R. BEATS GLENCOE

On Sunday last S.A. Railways met Glencoe in the Dr. Peter's Shield final at Ladysmith, the former won by an innings and [illegible] runs. [illegible]

DURBAN SUNDAY LEAGUE CLUB OFFICIALS

THE following Durban Sunday League club officials (Junior Division), have been elected:— [illegible]

TONGAAT GIRLS WIN FRIENDLY COMPETITIONS

Last week the Tongaat Indian Girls' School played friendly matches in netball and tennikoit with the Stanger Indian High School (Girls' Primary Section). [illegible]

The following were the results:

Net Ball

[illegible]

Tennikoit.

Division A: Tongaat Girls, 15 points; Stanger Girls, 10 points.

Division B: Tongaat Girls 15 points; Stanger Girls 2 points.

Division C: Tongaat Girls 15 points; Stanger Girls 5 points.

SPRINGBOKS FOOTBALL CLUB OFFICIALS

At the annual general meeting of the Springboks Football Club the following officials were elected for the ensuing season:— [illegible]

"CIRCLE-ITES" ENTERTAIN

Miss Beryl Priscilla Pillay, whose marriage took place on Saturday, [illegible]

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FINE OPENING SCORE BY STARS IN CUP-TIE

From Our Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG, Friday.

STARS SCORED THEIR HIGHEST TOTAL THIS SEASON WHEN THEY KNOCKED UP 165 RUNS IN THEIR FIRST INNINGS AGAINST UNITED IN A CASSIMJEE CUP-TIE AT THE INDIAN SPORTS GROUND ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON. THE MATCH WILL BE CONTINUED TODAY. M.I.C.C. SCRATCHED THEIR LEAGUE FIXTURE AGAINST ROYALS ON SUNDAY.

THE Stars' skipper, [illegible]

The match will be continued this afternoon.

A. I. TIMOL

Has been displaying good form. He scored 66—the highest in the Panday's Shield fixture this season—against Muslims, on Saturday last.

Frontier Football Club Meeting

At the third annual general meeting of the Frontier Football Club, the following were elected officials for the ensuing year: [illegible]

E. H. ISMAIL

E. H. Ismail, who was elected [illegible]

RENSBURGSDRIFT FOOTBALL CLUB MEETING

At the annual general meeting of the Rensburgsdrift Football Club, held last Saturday, the following officials were elected for the ensuing year:— [illegible]

RIOT RELIEF

THE Congress has been informed that the Executive is prepared to meet them on March 31. [illegible]

TRANSVAAL CONGRESS LAUNCHES RIOT FUND

THE monstrous riot that devastated Durban has passed, leaving behind it untold destruction, hardship and misery [illegible]

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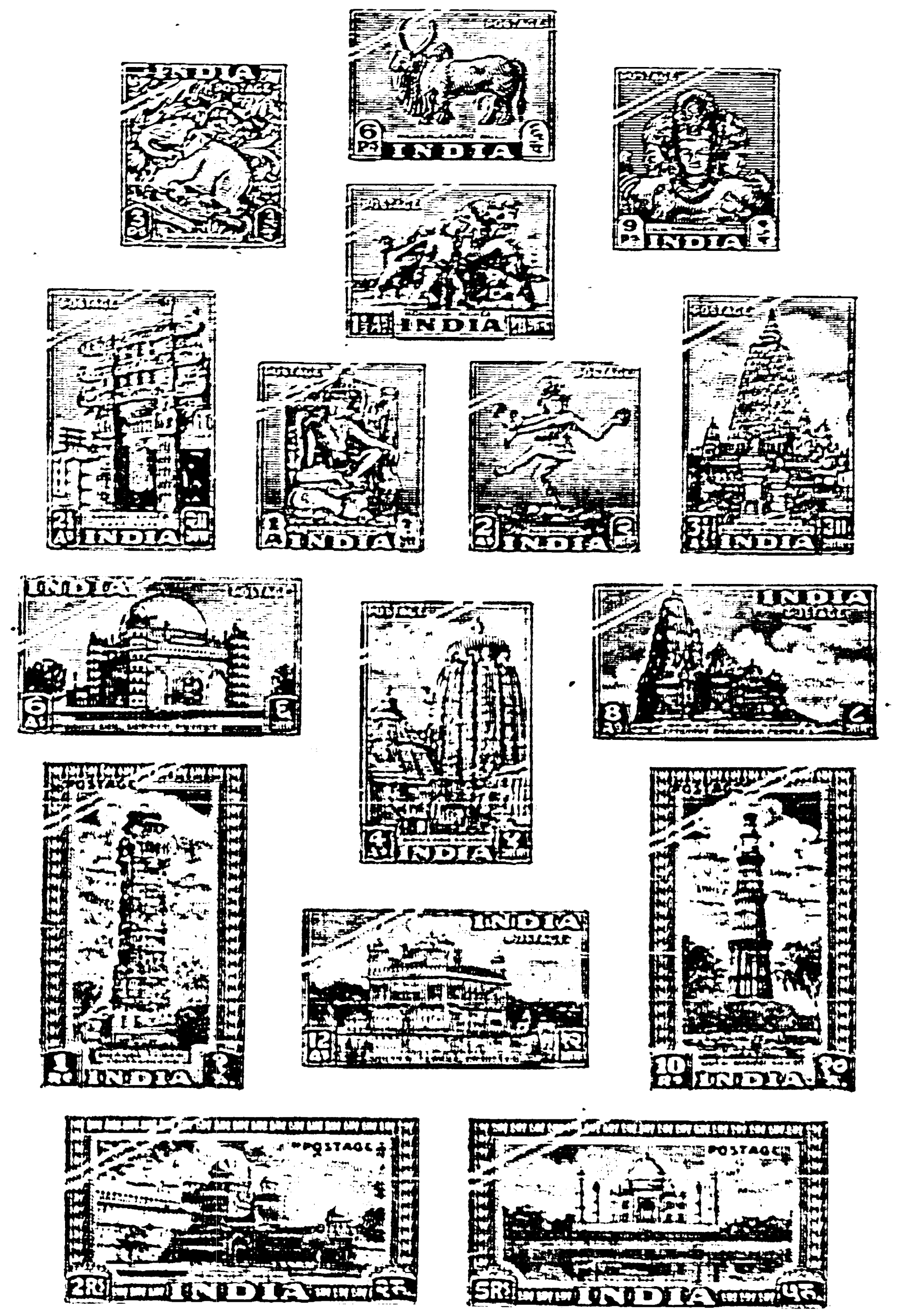

WITH the release of these archaeological stamps, an epoch will be reached in the history of India's postage stamps. Some of the stamps will be on sale to the public from April 1, 1949. The stamps contain illustrations of historical monuments of India, depicting her ancient glory in the domain of art and culture.

The Mohenjodaro Bull, Ajanta, Trimurti, Konarak Horse, Sanchi Stupa, Kandarya Mahadeva Temple and Bhuvaneswara on stamps of lower denomination take us to the farthermost era of Indian civilisation, while the imprint of more recent history can be seen in stamps of higher denomination, which are impressed with the Gol Gumbad of Bijapur, Victory Tower of Chittorgarh, Golden Temple of Amritsar, Red Fort and Taj Mahal. The Rs. 10 stamp has the imprint of the Qutb Minar of Delhi.—P.I.B.

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Around the Cinemas

AVALON: A musical "Vacation in Reno", a romantic film, "Leave Her to Heaven," and a comedy "The Woman on the Beach," are the main attractions of the coming week.

SHOWTIME

AVALON: "Shanghai Gesture."
ALBERT: "Shah Jehan."
ATHLONE: "Aga-Kadam."

ALBERT: A comedy-sentimental "Jawani," and a religious picture, "Shakuntala," are the pictures of next week.

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KARACHI: Mr. Fazlur Rahman, has stated in the Pakistan Parliament, that Pakistan was self-sufficient in the manufacture of ordinary type of electric bulbs and electric fans. However, there also existed capacity in the country for the manufacture of [illegible] engines and [illegible].—P.T.I.

TALK OF THE BAZAAR

By the "Faqir"

PEEP-SEE PEOPLE.

THE brighter side of a refugee camp story concerns the "peep-see people" who turn up at the camp during the day when very few others are about, I am told by a regular visitor to the camp. These people, my informant says, plant themselves or, rather, park their cars at vantage points and have a peep at the refugees. For some reason best known to themselves they are afraid to come to the camp. Immediately they are recognised they drive off—but they cannot suppress the urge to come again.

There are, I am further informed, two other classes of visitors to the camp. First is the genuine sympathiser, who regrets his or her inability to participate actively in the struggle for good reasons. The second are the ingenious people who try to carry favours on both sides. The world, however, still moves on.

THE COMMISSION.

The news today is the Riots Commission of Enquiry, which has fired the imagination of the people, Indians in particular, of South Africa, as a commission to right wrongs.

After the Commission ended after 20 days of sitting, I spent some time during the week at refugee camps and the orders were already "no visitors, do not let back." For one to stay behind the scenes and sponsor them, even after one has been [illegible], is no easy task.

As we are anxiously waiting for the Commission to report its findings, we could feel racial tensions (these are more than ever before) steadily and surely growing. These days one could see groups of Africans walking about the streets waiting for a suitable opportunity to strike. When the blow is struck, we believe we shall be once again the victim and the scapegoat. It does require a lot of courage to be an Indian.

"PIPE OF WISDOM."

A young gentleman has taken the pipe of wisdom and knowledge. No, this pipe is the same as the ones all pipe-smokers use. On close examination, the Faqir found no distinguishing mark about it, but all the same it has a knowledgeable air behind it. This young man, whom I know as a casual smoker, has now seriously decided to worshipping at the shrine of Madame Nicotine. It would have escaped my notice had this young man kept to casual cigarette smoking, but a pipe, no. Careful observation convinces me that a pipe does give one a [illegible] atmosphere. This reminds me of another budding lawyer who started with the special brand of "O.P.C." (other people's cigarettes). He, too, for obvious reasons has taken to pipe smoking.

HOLIDAYING?

Our politicians are giving the general public something to think over. A Congress Deputation (?) has gone to India, and the Indian community is beginning to think that one of the many leaders is having a holiday at their expense. This is quite possible, says the [illegible], because some of them have been able to get away for some time now. This is how it works out, says the [illegible]. The general member of the Congress has to pay a monthly/annual levy [illegible] the company goes out collecting for some important issue. The money is held in reserve for [illegible] until such time as an emergency such as the general ones arise. A political leader/leaders is packed off for a nice long holiday.

REOPENING OF CONGRESS HIGH SCHOOL

THE Congress High School, which was started last year to cater for secondary students who were not able to gain admission at Sastri College, was reopened last week at the Hindu Tamil Institute at the corner of Carlisle and Cross Streets, Durban.

The classes were held last year at the Greyville Indian School, but it was not possible to resume at this school because the school is presently housing over 300 Indian refugees rendered homeless by the recent disturbances.

Students who passed the Std. VI examination at the end of last year have not been able to find accommodation at Sastri College, the only boys' high school in Durban. There are between 400 and 500 students requiring accommodation in Std. VII classes this year.

Last year the enrolment at the Congress High School was 140, which dropped to 80 during the second term as a result of some students being transferred to Sastri College.

The total expenditure for running the classes last year was £[illegible] 7s. 6d., of which £[illegible] 10s. was contributed in fees, and £216 in donations collected by the Natal Indian Congress.

It is intended this year to increase the monthly fee from 10s. to £1 or £1 5s. per student, so as to make the classes self-sufficient.

It is also intended to increase the remuneration paid to teachers from 7s. 6d. to 10s. per hour.

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Racing Selections

By "DIPLOMAT."

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

First race, [illegible], Galloway and Pony Handicap, six furlongs.
1. FIRST FAVOURITE.
2. Commodore.
3. Boat Deck.

Second race, 12.20, Stewards Handicap (Maiden), five furlongs.
1. SANDY BAY.
2. [illegible].
3. Charred.

Third race, 1.10, Charity Handicap ("B" Division), eleven furlongs.
1. CORK.
2. [illegible].
3. Comedian.

Fourth race, 1.50, Benevolent Handicap (2nd Division), six furlongs.
1. FAIR LADY.
2. Super Lady.
3. [illegible].
4. [illegible].

Fifth race, 2.25, Stewards' Handicap, six furlongs.
1. MOLL.
2. [illegible].
3. Warm Hearted.

Sixth race, [illegible], King's Cup Handicap, two and a half furlongs.
1. ANTE.
2. [illegible].
3. Milan Pride.

Seventh race, [illegible], Benevolent Handicap (1st Division), six furlongs.
1. TAJ DAR.
2. [illegible].
3. Dr. Hamid.

Eighth race, 4.20, Benevolent Handicap (2nd Division), six furlongs.
1. DIAPER.
2. [illegible].
3. [illegible].
4. [illegible].

Ninth race, 4.55, Charity Handicap ("A" Division), 11 miles.
1. STAR ROSE.
2. [illegible].
3. [illegible].

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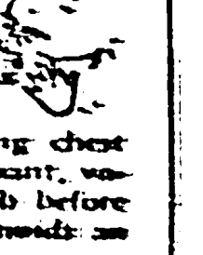

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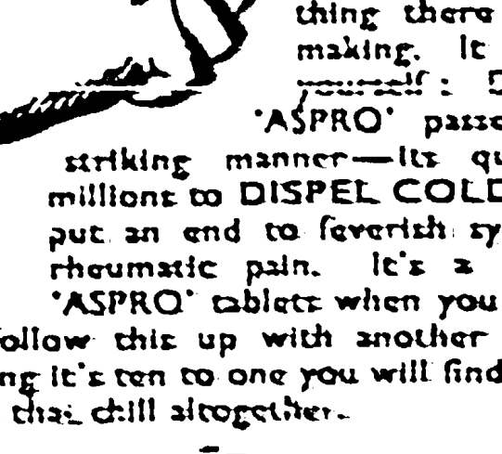

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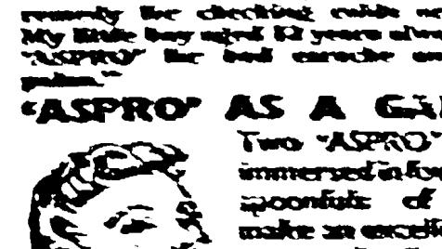

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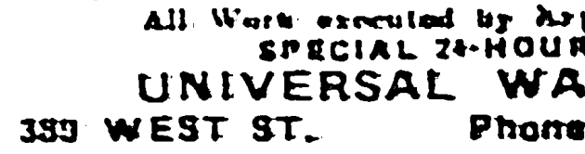

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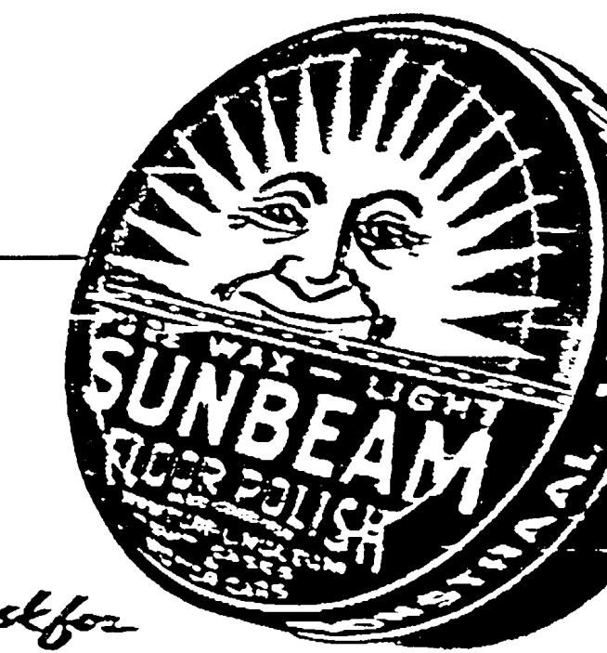

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Few Indians Availing Themselves of repatriation scheme

DESPITE the fact that Dr. Donges has increased the bonus to lure the Indian community to support his expatriation scheme, few Indians are taking advantage of it.

THIS IS APPARENT FROM THE FIGURES GIVEN TO "THE LEADER" BY THE PROTECTOR OF INDIAN IMMIGRANTS, WHO SAID THAT ONLY 16 INDIANS HAD LEFT FOR INDIA UNDER THE SCHEME, AND INQUIRIES AND APPLICATIONS HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM APPROXIMATELY 191 PEOPLE.

A WELL-KNOWN Indian politician in an interview with the "Leader" said that "there was no undue rush to take advantage of the scheme.

"If the Malan Government thinks that it can solve the so-called Indian problem by means of repatriating Indians to India with increased bonuses, then it is sadly mistaken," said Mr. Debi Singh, the General Secretary of the Natal Indian Congress, in an interview with the "Leader."

"Dr. Donges, the Minister of the Interior, had hoped," added Mr. Singh, "that thousands of Indians would rush to take advantage of the double bonus scheme, but so far the figures issued by the Immigration Department are not alarming at all. The Minister of the Interior informed the Senate last week that since May 26, 1948—the date when the Nationalists came into power—only 40 Indians had left for India under the Assisted Emigration Scheme and of these, 24 were born in South Africa."

SINISTER MOVE

Mr. Singh said that there was a sinister move on the part of the Government to force Indians to leave the country. Even in the election campaign for Parliament, the Nationalists put forward their plan to reduce the Indian population. On the Indian question, the Nationalists' manifesto read: "The Party (Nationalist Party) in collaboration with India and/or other countries will strive to repatriate or transfer elsewhere as many Indians as possible." Since the election of the Nationalists to power a number of Ministerial pronouncements have been made dubbing the Indian people as a foreign element.

"South African Indians, the Government must bear in mind," said Mr. Singh, "are Union Nationals. Ninety per cent. of them are born in this country. Their entire struggle for democratic rights in the Union depends on the fact that they are not [illegible] but a permanent section of the South African population. It is undignified for any Indian to accept a free passage under the Assisted Emigration Scheme, and thus be banished from his homeland."

No further negotiations had taken place between the Governments of the Union and Hindustan on the resumption of trade and the abandonment of the boycott by the Government of Hindustan, said the Prime Minister, Dr. D. F. Malan, in the Assembly, in answer to a question by Mr. F. W. Waring (U.P., Orange Grove) in the House of Assembly.

Asked whether he would have action taken in that direction at the next meeting of U.N.O., the Prime Minister said the Union Government could not commit itself to any particular line of action.

Extension to Tamil School Opened

AT the 32nd annual general meeting of the [illegible], the following were elected office-bearers for the ensuing year:—

Trustees, Messrs. [illegible], A. D. Chetty and A. G. Pillay.

Patrons, Messrs. S. R. Naidoo, [illegible], R. Peters and S. D. Chetty (re-elected).

President, Mr. K. N. Naidoo.

Hon. Life Vice-Presidents, Messrs. [illegible] and [illegible].

Vice-Presidents, Messrs. [illegible], V. R. David, [illegible] Chetty (re-elected), R. G. Pather, P. M. Naidoo, [illegible] Naidoo.

A PLEASANT CHAT

After the ceremony of presenting his credentials to the Governor-General of Pakistan, His Excellency Mohammed Ali Allouba Pasha, Egyptian Ambassador, is seen (seated on the left) in a happy mood exchanging words with Khwaja Nazimuddin (centre). Choudhury Mohammed Zafrullah Khan, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Commonwealth Relations is seen seated on extreme right.

DR. NAICKER REFUSED PASSPORT TO VISIT AMERICA

DR. G. M. NAICKER, PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN INDIAN CONGRESS, HAS BEEN REFUSED A PASSPORT TO PROCEED TO AMERICA TO ATTEND THE CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE FOR WORLD PEACE.

THIS CONFERENCE WAS CONVENED BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE ARTS, SCIENCES AND PROFESSIONS UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF DR. HARLOW SHAPLEY. PROMINENT PEOPLE WERE INVITED FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.

IN a personal invitation to Dr. Naicker, Dr. Shapley stated: "Believing that you are already deeply concerned with the issue to which we will direct ourselves, I hope it will be possible for you to put aside your work for a brief period in order to work with us for peace. Your participation will be invaluable, first in assuring that the conclusions we arrive at will represent the thinking of the intellectuals throughout the world, and second in participating as a leading intellectual in the most important and challenging job of our time."

The Durban Immigration authorities informed Dr. Naicker that they had been instructed from Pretoria to refuse the issue of his passport.

The refusal of a passport to Dr. Naicker, says the South African Indian Congress is yet another indication of how far the Nationalist Government is prepared to go to stifle any opposition that may come to it. When the Government last year refused the issue passports to Doctors Dadoo and Naicker, a storm of protest came forth from the democrats and a large section of the daily press. The present action calls for even a greater protest for Dr. Naicker to attend a cultural conference.

The Congress condemns the action of the Minister in refusing the passport to Dr. Naicker and calls upon all South Africans who cherish the ideals of democracy to protest against this new onslaught on the freedom of movement.

The South African Indian Congress has sent a letter of protest to Dr. T. E. Donges, the Minister of the Interior.

INDIA'S TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP WITH AFGHANISTAN

NEW DELHI.

A TREATY of commerce and friendship has been agreed upon between India and Afghanistan.

The draft treaty, which is subject to ratification by the two Governments, was signed in New Delhi last week by the Government of India's Commerce Minister, Mr. C. C. Desai and the leader of the Afghan Trade Mission, Sardar Mohammed Naim Khan.

It mainly covers import of cotton and fruit (fresh and dried) from Afghanistan and export of Indian cloth.

WILL REPRESENT S.A. INDIANS

THE following statement has been issued by the South African Indian Congress:

"[illegible] I. A. Cachalia and Mr. M. D. Naidoo, who are at present in India, have been appointed accredited representatives of the South African Indian Congress by the Executive Committee of the S.A.I. Congress.

The South African Indian Congress has requested them to acquaint the Governments of India and Pakistan of the full facts of the Indian question in the Union. The Congress representatives have already met Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the Prime Minister of India and have now gone to Karachi to meet the Hon. Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, Prime Minister of Pakistan.

RECENTLY an Indian, Mr. Mahomed [illegible] [illegible], was engaged in an elegy on his death, when the "Grim Reaper" struck with his characteristic swiftness.

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