Around The Cinemas

AVALON: A mystery mobster, "Charlie Chan at Treasure Island," featuring sydney Toler; a Western cowboy thriller, "Song of the Buckaroo"; and a melodrama, "I See a Dark Stranger," are the pictures of the coming week.

ALBERT: A mythological film, "Uttara Abhimanyu," with Ashok Kumar and Shanta Apte, will be shown during the coming week.

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TALK OF THE BAZAAR

By the "Faqir"

I STUMBLED over a bit of queer propaganda the other day. It is an organisation which has more words in the name than members—this last is a presumption from observation. Everytime I have known the organisation to hold a meeting I have never seen more than a few members present. The meetings are held regularly, discussions are taken and, I am told, work is being done, inasmuch the number of members who attend a meeting can be counted on the fingers of one hand. The other day purely by chance I got within seeing and hearing distance of one of the meetings, but I think it was my first remark which made the good women ask me whether I could tell their more congenial climate—"for the duration." I saw the first members come in and a few more were later a second one called in. A family affair? I couldn't help asking. I was told firmly that it was a family meeting by any means. It was an important meeting. When the meeting was held solemnly, I also believe that more matters were taken down in the hours that were spent. To council of the proceedings there was the secretary of ten cups more round.

HE DISCHOES

NOW that the Medical Tax Y is the news I am reminded of a story in connection with this tax. I do not claim copyright for it. S.H. from Maritzburg might. He told me all about it. When legislation was first enacted providing for a levy on employers of Indian labour a number of medical practitioners were appointed to assess the amount. By Maritzburg, I am told, there was one rather cynical and merciless white, of course who felt that he could not get more as Indian with a view to escape. That would mean

Racing Selections

By DIPLOMAT

The following are my selections for the Clairwood races' meeting (on today) tomorrow:

First race, 12.45, Galloway and Pony Handicap, (1st Section), 6½ furlongs.
1. SUNCHART.
2. Grand Parade.
3. Sin-ha.

Second race, 1.15, Maiden Handicap, (1st Section), 5½ furlongs.
1. ST. CHORIC.
2. Cartwheeler.
3.

Third race, 12.45, District Handicap (2nd Div.), nine furlongs.
1. SLAYTON.
2. Lisset.
3. Lucky Dennis.

Fourth race, 1.50, Novice Handicap (2nd Div.), nine furlongs.
1. FLUTTER.
2. Dunois.
3. Rotes.

Fifth race, 2.5, Maiden Juvenile Handicap, six furlongs.
1. SUVLA BAY.
2. Rockfield.
3. Bouquet.

Sixth race, 2.40, Natal Countryside, 11 miles.
1. SANTA CLAUS.
2. Gold Tassel.
3. Aviation.

Seventh race, 3.15, Provincial Handicap ("B" Div.), five furlongs.
1. ACCUMULATE.
2. Hayden.
3.

Eighth race, 3.45, Maritzdale Handicap ("C" Div.), five furlongs.
1. WAVEN.
2. Miss Sally.
3. Hector and Dry.

Ninth race, 4.30, Maritzdale Handicap ("A" Div.), five furlongs.
1. HAYSTING.
2. Wedding.
3. Pleasingbet.

GREYVILLE RACE MEETING

The following are my selections for the Greyville races' meeting (on today) tomorrow:

First race, 11.30, Galloway and Pony Handicap (2nd Div.), six furlongs.
1. LUCITES.
2. N.W.E.
3. Laughing Girl.
4. Grand Parade.

Second race, 12.5, Galloway and Pony Handicap (1st Div.), five furlongs.
1. ABOVE ALL.
2. Impressive.
3. Mocks.

Third race, 12.40, Greyville Handicap ("B" Div.), nine furlongs.
1. CUZON.
2. Lucky Dennis.
3. Last Riding.

Fourth race, 1.15, Flying Handicap (2nd Div.), six furlongs.
1. R.M.S.
2. Silvere
3. Palmeto.

Fifth race, 2.5, Steward's Handicap, six furlongs.
1. STATESMAN.
2. Superbody.
3. Pelory.

Sixth race, 2.50, Easter Handicap, one mile.
1. SHAWE ELECT.
2. Pendulet.
3. Pigskin.

Seventh race, 3.25, Flying Handicap (2nd Div.), six furlongs.
1. ACCUMULATE.
2. Kenyamah.
3. Amabaddon.

Eighth race, 4.0, Flying Handicap (2nd Div.), five furlongs.
1. MEWAWAY.
2. Ion.
3. Quandoon.

Ninth race, 4.35, Greyville Handicap ("A" Div.), five furlongs.
1. PRINCESTAL.
2. Rosemount.
3. Star Rose.

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Our Readers Speak

Congress Is On Right Road

By Jan Hind

IN your editorial "S.A. Must Decide" you say: "If the N.I.C. succeeds in consolidating itself into a real force, it will be the best thing that could happen to this country."

Further, the Congress is bound to call for elections:

(1) Are office on a round-table conference have been made?

(2) The N.I.C. must state its policy: (a) Whether any good can come from a round-table conference.

As to the office of an ex-officio Minister and Board of Trade at a date mentioned in your editorial, dated March 19. This is a step in the right direction, but it is not enough. The Round Table Conference has given their answer to this effect, dated March 19. This is what it says: "There must be a substantial appreciation of Indian difficulties, and a determination to remedy grievances in accordance with those difficulties by the representatives of Western civilisation in South Africa."

It is necessary for Indians living in a backward and uncivilised country to have a knowledge of the laws of the High Commissioner.

Now, if the Natal Indian committee and Assembly declare that holding a round table conference with Smuts would be to legitimise communalism and to lend support to the Nationalist Party, with whose views Smuts has associated himself, then the N.I.C. must not be called on the basis of the 1936 United Nations resolution, in fact this talk of a round-table conference is due entirely to the policy of resistance of the N.I.C.

What does that body propose? It is not content from her support and sympathy. That is why we have to appeal to world opinion. We have to appeal to the United Nations Assembly against the policy of racial discrimination and segregation practised by the Government of the Union of South Africa.

Indian friends of the United Nations Assembly will be disappointed to learn that General Smuts is not going to attend the session of the United Nations Assembly in April next year, if South Africa is represented by a delegation headed by Dr. Malan.

It will mean that she will have to throw all her prestige in the world for the sake of gaining what appears to be a doubtful advantage. What has Dr. Malan to say to the resolutions of the Assembly last session?

The third question in case any of the points is raised is the constitutional position of the Union. It will be asked that the Union has violated certain rights as a member of the United Nations Assembly. Will the Union Government be prepared to withdraw from membership of the United Nations? Will the Union Government be prepared to withdraw from membership of the United Nations?

We must remember that our people are not just the creation of treaty or governmental agreement. They have come to stay as Indian residents. It is not just an Indian problem, it is a problem which raises vital questions of human rights and freedom.

Therefore, we must not limit our claim to the broader foundations of human rights and freedom.

I appeal to the Indian Government to take up the matter with the United Nations Assembly and to ask for the Indians' case to be heard. I appeal to the Indian Government to take up the matter with the United Nations Assembly and to ask for the Indians' case to be heard.

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Without farewell he fell asleep.
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We think of him daily and will to the end.
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SOLOMON: In loving and treasured memory of our beloved father, C. Solomon, who was called to rest on April 3, 1941.
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Loved and loved for always,
As time rests the seventeenth sad year.
Though your smile has gone for ever,
And your hand we cannot touch,
We shall never forget you,
Till the end we will cherish
Memories of you dear wife, children and grandchildren.
Nahal, Inderjit and family, Durban.



MAHARAJ: In loving memory of Pandhumun Maharaj, who passed away on March 31, 1946.
Two years we've had to part,
With sorrow in our hearts,
Your memory none can destroy,
Planted deep in our dearest treasures.
Sadly missed by his loving wife and children, mother and father.

APPRECIATION

The officials and members of the Tamil Friendship Association, Pondicherry, gratefully acknowledge the receipt of £50 from Mr. E. E. Vakeel, Ex-officio, as a donation for the erection of the Association's Building Extension Fund.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Alexander, of Constantia, were here returned from a visit to the Cape and the Transvaal. Much all friends and relatives who made their holiday a pleasant one.

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NURSE-AIDES

THE question of Indian women and nursing has cropped up once again. It is a subject which does not seem capable of being disposed of quickly, but, on the contrary, shows up when least one expected. Recently we published a report in our news columns that the interest of Indian girls in the nursing profession (whatever that may be) was flagging, and from an anonymous stark last year the number of girls in training had fallen considerably. A number of reasons have been advanced for this, and despite them all it is quite clear that the Indian girl has no natural, or particularly Indian, antipathy towards nursing.

It is important, however, that the Indian people realise that to-day, with such a notion of the South African economy constantly moving more and more attention for women, it is inevitable that Europeans must nurse Europeans, Africans, Africans and Indians should nurse their own kind. This is not due to any refusal on the part of either African or European to accept Indian nurses, but is simply a question of supply and demand, and when the demand arises in time it is not likely that he has no one to nurse his sick.

If such a state of affairs arose, the Indian would hardly be blamed because just as many of his girls are willing to go forward in life they are being absorbed, especially by the more attractive returns for very little more work than the girls are in need to-day that the prejudice against the Indian girl who is prepared to enter the nursing profession has gone, which the long-standing prejudice against nursing has very little foundation in fact, and that moreover, should not debar the Indian girl from the benefits of a skilled and well-paid job of any kind.

Any Indian girl who has the necessary matriculation for nursing and for the purpose of making a living is not to be debarred from so doing because of the prejudice of a section of the community which has no foundation in fact. There is no sense in suffering humanity, in South Africa, did something to break down that prejudice. It is this way that the Indian woman can build up an occupation in times of service to her own people. Given time, as in all such movements, that the Indian generally has not had to do, the prejudice will disappear. They have been considerably broken down by the beneficent conduct of the community with the kind of nurses and opportunities they at their disposal.

The position is far from satisfactory at the present moment as the numbers of Europeans are overcrowding the Nursing Training Centres. More and more Indian girls are coming forward for this work which will be made available, but if there are not enough across to meet these levels it will be useless having jobs.

The more trained nurses we have in the more hospital help will be allowed us. The results are obvious, and in the case of the Indian people's parent and every Indian girl who is to be called to prosperity by doing a patriotic duty.

DANGEROUS

AT tomorrow's meeting of the Natal Indian Congress with the executive of the provincial committee of five to consult with the executive of the provincial committee of five to consult with the executive of the provincial committee of five to consult

£42,000,000 SCHEME TO CONTROL FLOODS

From DOON CAMPBELL

NEW DELHI (by mail): The Indian Dominion Parliament has just given the green light for work to begin on a £42,000,000 pioneer public enterprise that will take ten years to complete along the lines of the multi-purpose Tennessee Valley Authority.

Legislators, giving a lead to Asia in a piece of total planning calculated to control notorious river floods threatening 5,000,000 peasant farmers living round the Ruhr of India and make a national waterboard and defence agency out of 10,000 square miles of paddy, desert and malarial swamp, cheered the Damodar Valley Corporation Bill through the House.

THE Corporation will establish and maintain laboratories and experimental and research stations to carry out its functions of promoting the agricultural, economic and health development of the area. One-third of this area and half the population are in Bengal and the rest in Bihar, southwest of Bengal.

The Damodar Valley Corporation has greater potentialities than any one of the 30 old hydro-electric projects India intends to set up at an estimated aggregate cost of £250,000,000.

The scheme, surveyed and engineered by the Central Waterways, Irrigation and Navigation Board, the Central Technical Power Board, American experts and Army technicians since the Damodar River Flood Enquiry Committee was appointed by the Government of Bengal in 1941, will generate 230,000 kilowatts of electricity to provide cheap power for industry, mills and factories and light for thousands of cottages, more than candles and lamps.

Flood Situation

It will save the precarious situation in the Damodar and two other projects, the Mayurakshi and the Kosi, are expected to produce annually an extra £100,000,000 worth of riches for India's hinterland.

This first major undertaking of the Government of free India will turn a nightmare into a heritage for a race numbering 40 millions.

Unbroadly the machinery has already been ordered from the United Kingdom and the United States; there will be a chain of technical personnel to supervise the construction and management of dams, canals and power-houses.

Government accountants have been given that aboriginals including 300 villages in parts of Bihar affected by the project will be rehabilitated.

Mr. N. V. Gadgil, Minister for Works, Mines and Power, who opened the Bill through the House following the adoption by Bihar and West Bengal provincial legislatures of resolutions authorising the Central Legislature to assume the necessary powers, said it is "the first of its kind in the right direction to eliminate poverty in this country, which is really the fundamental problem."

He said that as a result of this project, prospects were dawn red on the Provinces of Bihar and Bengal but will spread from the waters of the Hooghly and the Damodar to all quarters of the land, and that in the not distant future India will become self-sufficient in many National Utilities. Capitalism, Socialism, Nationalism, Private Enterprise, Water-Power, Productive and Coal to Socialised Wealth, Rural Reconstruction, Nationalised Electricity.

In the underlying effects the people of more than one province will see and the administration of a whole can be better handled by an autonomous body, the Government have rightly decided to create an independent corporation which will be run by persons chosen for their special abilities.

The new scheme to meet through the present should have the effect of a yoke, the end of a practical administrator, and not, Gadgil.

The control of the erratic River Damodar which has wrought immense havoc in the Hooghly district by frequently changing its course, by the formation of the scheme. The Corporation will be empowered to control the flow of water in the river.

Damodar Valley early in 1946 and that same year leading engineers of the Tennessee Valley Authority came to India to advise on plans. The Standing Finance Committee sanctioned a grant of £200,000 to cover preliminary investigations.

The Bill for the setting up of the Damodar Valley Corporation was introduced in the Indian Parliament in November, 1947, and referred to a select committee.

The Bill which has now been passed sets up a statutory corporation consisting of three members to be appointed by the Central Government. The two provincial Governments will be consulted with reference to the appointment of two of the members. Besides the main purposes, the Corporation has been entrusted with the promotion and control of navigation in the Damodar River and its tributaries, the construction, maintenance and control of soil erosion in the Damodar Valley and the promotion of public health and agricultural, industrial and economic well-being in the valley.

REMOVAL OF SOCIAL DISABILITIES

THE Government of India have extended the provisions of the United Provinces Removal of Social Disabilities Act, 1947, to the payment of Ajmer-Merwara, says a Press Note issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

This Act provides that a member of a community shall not be ineligible for an office under any authority and shall have equal rights with any other member of the community in any river, well, watertap, bathing place, conveyance, road, school, place of public entertainment, educational institution or place of public amusement or public convenience.

A member of a Scheduled Caste will be entitled to enter any temple or to worship in any other worship thereto in the same manner and to the same extent as a person not of such caste, and no court shall, in adjudicating any dispute over such matter, recognise any custom or usage implying any social disability of any person on the ground that he belongs to a Scheduled Caste.

On the Bookshelf

ILLUSTRATED SPORTS NEWS

THE 13th annual number of the Illustrated Sports News is probably among the best sports publications, both in make up and content to come out of India. It is printed on fine art paper and is well illustrated.

Its contents range from test cricket played in Australia to Indian hockey chances in the forthcoming Olympic Games.

Among the contributors are Victor Richardson, ex-Australian captain who provides a fine cross-country on the third test at Melbourne where India was caught on a sticky deck; and H. M. Westfall, who discusses the future of Indian cricket.

Westfall has high praise for Amarnath, of whom he writes:—"Amarnath has been a most real draw card when India has come to the wickets. He has played some glorious innings in this country and there is not the question that he is among the best all-rounders in the world today, probably in the greatest all-rounder. As a captain of a touring side, his job is a very exacting one."

Other well-known contributors are A. G. Fenner (hockey); S. C. Mishra (hockey); C. S. A. Nasir (cricket and the Olympic Games); Wallbrook (Olympics and India); Barry Sarsfield-Hall, the Indian commentator four facets (hockey); and give a good account of himself in South African cricket and activities in India.

Illustrated Sports News, price Rs. 2, may be obtained from the publisher, 302/3, Corvalho Street, Calcutta. Review Copy from the

I.N.A. MEN BANNED FROM INDIAN ARMY

LONDON, Tuesday.

OFFICERS and other ranks of the Indian National Army, which was formed mainly of P.O.W.s, who traitorously elected to fight with the Japanese after capture in the Burma campaign, are not to be allowed to rejoin the Indian Army, said Pandit Nehru, speaking in the Dominion Parliament yesterday.

He indicated them would, according to the Times Delhi correspondent, lead to many complications, both practical and psychological, and the unity of the army might be affected.

However, the policy for the dismissal of all I.N.A. men, passed by the previous Government, would be superseded by an order for their discharge from the army.

The men would be allowed to join Civil Employment, State Forces, Armed Constabulary, the Police and Civil Service, and in some cases, Commissions. Provision would be made for the payment of gratuities wherever due.

There ends a controversy which has continued almost without break since it was unofficially decided to hold trials of the first I.N.A. men in the Red Fort in Delhi and, while the correspondent does not state it in so many words, it is implied that the Congress Nationalists to political martyrdom.

There have been frequent demands for the reinstatement of I.N.A. men in Indian Army, which senior officers, both British and Indian, have refused.

INDIAN TEA FOR BRITAIN

From Our Own Correspondent

New Delhi: It is understood that India had agreed to supply 300 million pounds of tea this year to the United Kingdom under the bulk purchase contract system.

This is an increase of 40 million pounds. Terms have been agreed to by India and the United Kingdom after shortage and irregularity supplies may upset the U.K. tea rationing system.

Meanwhile, tea production in India has increased that the U.K. will pay more per pound this year than last year.

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Afrikaner's Carving

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London in 1938 with five other South African artists. He is well known lecturer and writer on art has published in the South African Academy since 1937.

He at present engaged on designs for architectural sculpture in Johannesburg and Capetown.

To Elect

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Union Departments on all matters affecting the Indian community of Natal. The Committee shall not, however, be empowered to deal with political principles, and all representations shall be made through the Agent to the exception of the organisations.

The N.S.C. is further assisting arrangements for a round table in India, whose personnel has not yet been decided, by the Union Government; so far it is known that the Prime Ministers of India and Pakistan attend the round table conference.

Pakistan needs Coal badly

COULD GET IT FROM S. A. BUT—

From DOON CAMPBELL

KARACHI (by mail): Because coal supplies from the Indian Union to Pakistan have been much below requirements the railways of Pakistan are presently being maintained on a "hand to mouth" basis, and virtually no supplies of coal have been received by private consumers including public utility concerns, according to a review of the activities of his department during the first six months of its existence by a spokesman of the Pakistan Ministry of Commerce, Industries and Works.

PAKISTAN'S coal requirements are about 4,000,000 tons a year compared with a total yearly output from Pakistan's coal mines of about half a million tons, most of which is dust and unfit for use on railways. To get over her fuel difficulties Pakistan is now urgently endeavouring to import coal from countries outside and has ordered substantial quantities from the United States, and that country has sanctioned an initial export quota of 81,000 tons for Pakistan during February.

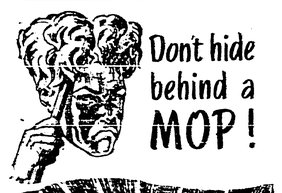
Supplies of imported coal could be obtained more cheaply from South Africa, the spokesman said, "but considerations of maintaining cordial relations with the neighbouring Indian Dominion have prevented Pakistan from availing herself of supplies from that source."

Concerning the difficulties of obtaining supplies from India, the spokesman added: "On notice formale improvement was widely expected in Indian commercial circles that Pakistan was either unwilling or unable to pay for coal supplies. To facilitate prompt payment for supplies of coal made by Pakistan Government concessions, of which the largest are the railways, a credit sufficient to cover the cost of supplies was placed at the disposal of the Government of India so that the collieries could be paid immediately on the dispatch of the coal.

"Notwithstanding these payment facilities, the supplies have been much below the requirements."

Essential consumers like electric power houses, cotton ginnery, textile factories, have been supplied partly by utilising indigenous coal resources and partly by diverting supplies from railway and port bunker stocks.

In order to make the best use of such poor quality coal as is found in Pakistan, the export of coal from the coal briquetting plant at Quetta to Baluchistan is being increased and negotiations are proceeding for the purchase of two additional and much larger briquetting plants. When the three plants are in full production they will supply about 250,000 tons of coal briquette a year.



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Junior Leader

My dear Children,—

In the past few months I have dealt with a very large number of letters, and there is one observation I would like to make. Most of you, my "chalkbox" friends, seem to be writing in a manner in which you would not speak to me personally. You appear to sit down and write at random and look up the meanings of words you have to use in your letters. You could "read" the dictionary for your vocabulary every day. Watch your vocabulary entries!

FOR PRIZEWINNERS

Lionel Goldsby (15), 422 [illegible], Durban, Natal; [illegible] Hall, [illegible], Durban, Natal; [illegible], Durban, Natal; [illegible], Durban, Natal;

Sensational Win for Y. Muslims

IN the last match of the season at Currie's Fountain, Young Muslims of Durban scored a sensational victory over Yuung Natalians of Maritzburg to win the Peters' Natal Shield. Young Muslims have now won the shield for the fourth time, having won it for three years in succession a few years ago.

[THOUGH Young Natalians were in a very favourable position after Laird was bowled by Minor, H. Minor took three for 2 and Ted Christy four for 27.

Ted Christy and Minor opened for Natalians with confidence, hitting out against Yusuf and Ismail. Christy was soon caught and bowled by Yusuf, and Minor and Schoon, too, fell (for 7). Both these batsmen were bowled by Ismail.

Christy was the first batsman, and in his stay at the wicket he scored a fast 26 before he was caught and bowled by N. J. Yusuf for his wicket by Hassan in the after (15-3-26). H. Major and Ted Christy then took chances and consistently entered the boundary hits, when Major was caught by Yusuf off Asmail for a well-played 16.

When Robert and Asmail opened for Young Muslims, the sky was cloudy, but later the weather improved slightly.

Wardens suffered a severe setback when three wickets fell with 19 on the board. The outgoing batsman was Hobel, who was adjudged leg-before-wicket to Hassan's first ball. Isaacs followed by Asmail and Parak, who were both dismissed by Minor.

The position was somewhat eased by Ismail Mahomed and N. A. Yusuf, who remained in the fourth wicket partnership, carried the score to 46, when the latter batsman was caught by Ted Christy off Jones for 16. Ismail Mahomed and Jones added a fruitful stand to carry the score to 80 when the former was caught by Ted Christy off Minor for 27. Jones was then run out through a fine piece of fielding by Ted Christy and Laird.

Ismail Mahomed, who batted very well for his 27, was bowled by Minor, and Ismail Yusuf was caught by Ted Christy off Jones for 7. Minor and Jones added a useful 20 for the last wicket, but when Jones was caught by Ted Christy off Minor for 10, the innings of Young Natalians closed in the next over for 167, when Laird was bowled by Minor. H. Minor took three for 31 and Ted Christy four for 27.

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STARS ENTER SEMI-FINAL

From Our Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG, Friday.

Playing on the Pietermaritzburg Oval on Sunday the Peters' Natal Shield semi-final match was played between Young Natalians of Maritzburg United and Stars in the double round competition for the Caterpillar and Jewel Cups.

Taking first knock, Stars collapsed for 61 runs, retired but no difficulty in getting their ten total, having to go in once for the loss of four wickets. They now enter the final

INDIAN TEST AVERAGES

THE following are the batting and bowling figures in the Test matches only of the Indian cricket team which has just concluded its tour of Australasia:

BATTING

	Innings	Not Outs	Total	Highest	Average
D. G. Phadkar	5	0	155	115	31.00
V. S. Hazare	5	0	254	116	50.80
V. S. Manjrekar	5	0	178	133	35.60
H. R. Adhikari	5	0	109	30	21.80
L. Amarnath	5	0	107	79	21.40
Gul Mohamed	5	0	80	47	16.00
Rajsingh	5	0	77	30	15.40
C. T. Sarwate	5	0	69	30	13.80
K. M. Mankad	5	0	69	30	13.80
Amir Elahi	5	0	68	30	13.60
S. W. Banerjee	5	0	67	30	13.40
S. Nazir Ali	5	0	67	30	13.40
C. S. Nayudu	4	0	47	30	11.75
Ismail	5	0	58	27	11.60
C. R. Rangachari	5	0	57	27	11.40

* Signifies not out

BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
L. Amarnath	6	1	24	3	8.00
D. G. Phadkar	5	0	23	2	11.50
V. S. Hazare	6	0	25	2	12.50
V. S. Manjrekar	5	0	26	2	13.00
C. T. Sarwate	5	0	27	2	13.50
Gul Mohamed	5	0	28	2	14.00
Amir Elahi	5	0	28	2	14.00
S. W. Banerjee	5	0	28	2	14.00
S. Nazir Ali	5	0	28	2	14.00
C. S. Nayudu	4	0	29	2	14.50
Rajsingh	5	0	29	2	14.50
K. M. Mankad	5	0	29	2	14.50
Ismail	5	0	29	2	14.50
C. R. Rangachari	5	0	29	2	14.50

AMATEURS TO BOX NEXT WEEK

THE association of the Non-European Amateur Natal Amateur Boxing Association will stage its annual championships this week-end at the City Gymnasium, and preliminaries have been received from outstanding amateurs known in the Province. Many of the contests are keenly anticipated, as the boxers concerned have been training hard for the championships.

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BILLIARD AND SNOOKER FINALS

THE Durban Non-European Billiards Association stayed its billiards and snooker finals last week at the Vida Billiard Saloon.

In the snooker final between L. Vadher and Peters, the latter won Vadher for the Kazee Brothers Floating Trophy.

Also Jacobs Wins

The Jacobs beat James Maharaj in the billiards final by 2,000 points to 1,000 points. The game lasting for two hours and 30 minutes.

The trophies were presented by the Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. J. Thomas, and A. Khan, president, and secretary of the Association, respectively.

It was also announced that as exhibition games, Jacobs, the present champion, and Appadu, the second champion, would play shortly.

SOCCER BEGINS AT SOUTH COAST

The South Coast District Football Association has announced the programme for the coming season. The first match will be between Ivan Jenkins and Ramsay Hall on April 17.

The following are the Referees:

Durban: Mr. E. W. Wyatt, F.W.R.A.; Mr. A. Bowyer, Mr. Bowyer, Somerbeck's Mr. Bowyer, Mr. Bowyer, Mr. Bowyer,

Around The Cinemas

AVALON: A comedy, "Track Fights Back," a Western cowboy thriller, "False Colors," and a melodrama, "Red House," featuring Edward G. Robinson and Lon McCallister, are the pictures of the coming week.

ALBERT: Mazhar Art Productions' "Pehli Nazar," a social picture, with Veena, Motilall and Bibbo, will be screened during the coming week.

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TALK OF THE BAZAAR

By the "Faqir"

THE race of Karachi is changing everyday according to information reaching this country from the newest capital in the world. Conflict over which has one's eyes till last August have given place to Jinnah caps, Lumbi shalwars practically prohibited Muslim prayers from mosques which are increasing rapidly in number. Recently a large Muslim deputation urged the Premier of Sind, Mr. M. A. Khuhro, to build a Juma Masjid to replace the old one at Delhi. The "burkha," which was scarcely seen till last June in Karachi is now common everywhere. Karachi is becoming an overwhelming Islamic city.

NO COLOUR BAR

Old "Sleepy Hollow" did exceptionally well over the long week-end—in fact, so much so that some sentiment developed in an "Old-time Hollow." Mr. Gallenger there who attended the Siva-chi-ng ceremony at the Hindu Temple on Good Friday (purely as a spectator) writes that, for once, Maritzburg, which has one of the most sophisticated reputations in the country about its Colour Bar, smiled its normal attitude to life. For a few hours at least a large number of the Colour Bar as they pushed and mingled with Indians, got mixed up with them as they stood in queues to get a view of the fire-walking ceremony. Hindu and Muslim, Jew and Gentile, European and Native, rubbed shoulders with one another without any signs of the Colour Bar operating. So far no European deaths from such contact has been reported.

RED TAPE

THE following story of red tapism comes from India. A clerk, who had rejoined the Government Secretariat after a month's leave claimed pay for his leave period. In reply he received a note from the appropriate department asking him to produce the requisite certificate that he was alive during the leave period, an order only subsequently to be followed by another asking for production of such certificate!

COST NOTHING

I OVERHEARD the other day a set of philosophy or attitude to life which South Africa is badly in need of. It was in a Durban trolley bus. The conductor was one of those rare people who treat Europeans and Non-Europeans alike. As he went round the bus collecting fares, he said "Thank you" every time he was handed a fare. One African stepped in and asked him where he did not get travel thanks for his money. "No," was the reply, "I suppose it was the way I was brought up. It costs nothing to be civil and decent to all people, irrespective of their colour." I was impressed by the Corporation's action in the case of this conductor and I, for one, shall, treating all servants "civilly" in future. Seriously, I never knew Durban had it. It is the happiest, full of relief to know that there are still some decent people, especially in the Municipal bus service, whose service is nothing to be proud of.

WORDS OF WISDOM

THE following words of wisdom are culled from the writings of Mahatma Gandhi:

Life is a perpetual triumph over the grave.

Medical science is the concerted record of human failure.

Golden letters are no less galling to a self-respecting man than iron bars.

Idiocy is a dense exacting heavy price from low morals.

Politics cannot be divorced from religion.

Smoking is in a way a gruesome commentary on the assumption that the various days and routine its end in nothing.

My ideal of a wife is Sita and of a husband Rama.

TRIED IN VAIN

THIS is a love story and has been passed on to me by a patient at the Non-European clinic. The lecturer had asked the "R. W. Husband" on some subject or other. The next lecture they were asked whether they had obtained the text book. They had not, our textbooks are hard to come by these days. Apparently the lecturer, too, could not get the text book. They have also lived hard, but I failed to get a Husband," the replied, "due to a Miss Snaddle." The student's answer was quite unsympathetic. They construed it as a confession.

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Second race, 12f, Maiden Juvenile Handicap, 5½ furlongs.

1. FEASTING.
2. Farewell.
3. Bentwalk.

Third race, 12f, April Handicap (2nd Div.), 1¼ miles.

1. TWO RIVERS.
2. Carburetter.
3. Aldebaran.

Fourth race, 12f, Flying Handicap (2nd Div.), seven furlongs.

1. ACCUMULATE.
2. Hurricane.
3. Inflammable.
4. Mystification.

Fifth race, 12f, Flying Handicap (2nd Div.), seven furlongs.

1. PAYLOAD.
2. Jade Carol.
3. Bandsboy.

Sixth race, Durban Gardens' Challenge Handicap, seven furlongs.

1. RYDAL MOUNT.
2. Tin Gee.
3. Jovial Val.
4. Prince Mahsam.

Seventh race, 12f, April Handicap (2nd Div.), about seven furlongs.

1. MORRISON'S ELECT.
2. Pop Boner.

Eighth race, 12f, Flying Handicap (2nd Div.), seven furlongs.

1. SAUCY DENNIS.
2. Hondo.
3. Square Boy.
4. Lodger.

Ninth race, 12f, April Handicap (2nd Div.), ten furlongs.

1. PENDENNIS.
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3. Star Rose.

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In terms of Proclamation No. 127 of 1948, published on the 19th July, 1948, under the powers vested in the Governor-General by Subsection 4 of Section six of Act No. 28 of 1946, all persons are required to apply for a determination to the Minister of the Interior before they can occupy any land or buildings which were unoccupied on the 22nd January, 1946, in the Borough of Durban. The public did not understand the position and continued to build and occupy houses without the Minister's determination. Now, however, a Bill has been introduced in Parliament, the Minister for the Interior stated, that the Government did not propose to institute prosecutions against such persons who had built houses for their own occupation, but stressed he does on the 22nd date, had to obtain the Minister's determination. The Minister also made it clear that he does not like the Act that statement, viz., 17th February, 1948, it was expected that every Indian family and municipality would comply with the provisions.

It is in the interests of the people who are affected by the Proclamation to obtain a Ministerial determination and they be encouraged to do so. Those who have been refused permission for occupation and Asiatics who have not applied for permission should APPLY AT ONCE TO THE INTERIOR.

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JUDGE SAYS COMPLICATED LEGISLATION

TENURE ACT

"ALTHOUGH we have heard very elaborate arguments from the Attorney-General on the one hand and counsel for defence on the other, I think the less said about this complicated legislation the better," said the Judge-President, Mr. Justice Hathorn, in the Supreme Court, Maritzburg, when giving judgment in an appeal by the Attorney-General, Mr. W. J. McKenzie, K.C., against a decision of a Durban magistrate who found a verdict of not guilty and acquitted Moosa Ally Mahamed, of 10 Southampton Road, Durban, who was charged with an alleged contravention of the Asiatic Land Tenure and Asiatic Representation Act.

In a judgment in the Durban Magistrate's Court last week the retrospective character of the Act was attacked, and judgment was given against the Crown.



The picture shows the Maharanee at supper on the English theme at Epsom, in Surrey.

THE charge against Mahamed Ali was that being the owner of No. 43 (by occupancy, however) he wrongfully and unlawfully allowed an Asiatic, Miss Kalli, to occupy the premises without the authority of a permit, it being alleged that the premises were not lawfully occupied by Asiatics at the fixed date, January 21, 1946. The charge further alleged that the premises were occupied by a European, T. A. Flitcroft, during the period November, 1943, to August, 1946.

During the course of his judgment the Judge-President said there was no doubt that the lease from the owner the premises were occupied by Asiatics at the fixed date. That was the position when the lease was terminated by the death of that lessee. The premises were subsequently occupied by Asiatics and were so occupied at the fixed date. He had listened to the arguments of the Attorney-General and was satisfied from that that the less said about this complicated legislation the better. He himself, said the Judge-President, did not profess to understand all the complications of this Act. It seemed to him that the provisions were directed to keep the premises in the occupation of the persons who were occupying them at the fixed date. That gave him very important rights, the right to occupy himself and the right to allow the premises to be occupied by another Asiatic. The appeal was dismissed with costs.

In a short concurring judgment Mr. Justice Selke said: "What I do not understand is why it should

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CUSTOM OFFICIALS HOLD UP UN REPORTS?

"APPARENTLY, in the opinion of the Durban Customs, some of the documents of proceedings of the UN Assembly are "objectionable" literature for the purpose of entry into the Union," Mr. A. I. Meer, general secretary of the Natal Indian Congress tells "The Leader."

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GANDHI'S ASHES FOR THE UNION

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CALLS FOR CO-OPERATION BETWEEN INDIA AND AFRICA

LONDON: Calls for closer co-operation between India and Africa were made here last night at a meeting attended by Indians and Africans and convened by the newly organised world movement against imperialism.

MR. A. FENNER BROCKWAY, former Political Secretary of the British Independent Labour Party, said that the military socialist organisations of the West should form an alliance with their socialist counterparts in Asia and Africa. Only a world federation of genuine socialists of the East and West, of all lands, could enforce peace.

Mr. Peter Abrahams, on behalf of the Pan-African Federation, said Africans had lost faith in the so-called Western socialism, including Britain's, he said, was planning the economic exploitation of the colonial countries. He called for a federation of Asian and African socialists.—Sapan Reuter.

INDIAN—MOSCOW CONTACT IN HINDUSTAN

New Delhi: The sending of communications to Moscow by the Indian Mission, according to a Press communique issued by the Ministry of External Affairs, is now Hindustan.

Authoritative telephonic would be established in Calcutta when a free supply which is supposed to set up by the Soviet Government for the purpose. Up to the present the Embassy which is being equipped with the wireless station, would commercially take time.

INDIANS SUBJECTED TO DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT

INDIANS are being subjected to discriminatory treatment by customs officials in the harbour area, Mr. A. S. Kajee, president of the Natal Indian Organisation, who went to meet some friends when the Amra docked recently, was "treated like a common criminal."

Mr. Kajee said that he did not mind being searched, but when the whole process was directed against an individual because he was not a European one had to revolt against such treatment. Customs officials only stopped and searched both the persons and cars of Indians. Europeans were merely asked whether they had anything to declare and then were allowed to pass on.

MR. KAJEE said that he had been met at the harbour by Mr. Kooverjee, who had returned from Pakistan, when the Amra docked. On his way home he was asked to pull up by customs officials. He complied with the request and was asked whether he had anything to declare. He said that he had not. That, however, was not the end of the matter, and he was asked to go into a bungalow, where he was searched. He was then allowed to proceed.

Mr. Kooverjee, who was driving the car, was asked whether he had anything to declare. He replied "No" to the stock query whether they had anything to declare.

Told to "Shut Up"

He then asked the official why were the Europeans allowed to pass without a search similar to that which he was being subjected. The man was told to "shut up," and warned that he had no right to ask questions. When Mr. Kajee insisted with his question he was told in more or more intensive search, during the course of which he had to take off his shoes and hat.

"By the time they had finished with me I was about had my trousers and shirt on.

After they had finished with my person and found nothing, I was told to go. They examined the car, the trunk and the hood but, nothing was found because of the use and search of the car and all the bookings on the check.

"I am sure that I really backed my against the procedure. Europeans were being allowed to pass and it was more and more convinced to me that we were being subjected to discriminatory treatment on racial grounds.

"I, however, refused to take off the cap and told the official that if he replied "Yes" to the question he would be searched. I previously

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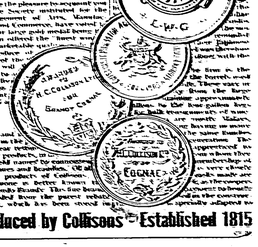
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UNIVERSITIES' ROLE IN BUILDING UP INDIA

NEW DELHI: The Delhi University at 2 special Silver Jubilee Convocation conferred honorary degrees on Governor-General Lord Mountbatten, Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, Maulana Azad (Education Minister), Rajkumari Amrit Kaur (Health Minister) and others distinguished in different walks of life in the country.

LORD Mountbatten, who is the Chancellor of the University, presided at the convocation, stressed the need of education and the development of character.

The Governor-General said:

"It is a curious fact to me my wife and myself a very intimate connection that Delhi University should be celebrating the Silver Jubilee of its foundation in 1922; for we were married in that year and have just celebrated our silver wedding. The connection between these two events may not be immediately apparent until I tell you that the room in which I married my wife is many sin in February, 1922, was Room No. 13, which is now the Registrar's office. I am afraid I cannot claim that — were both members of the University, by the University at that time had not been founded, and the building in which the proposed took place was then Viceregal Lodge.

The University of the capital city of one of the greatest countries of the world and indeed all the universities and educational establishments of India had a full share to play at this time in the future building up of India. The Government of India were now turning their attention to the future of this country. Their main object was to raise the standard of living of the millions of countrymen who were less favourably situated.

Development Schemes

"The great country of India," Lord Mountbatten continued, "has the greatest natural potential wealth of any country in the world. In the ground there is not only coal, iron ore, manganese and many other minerals which have only just begun to be tapped; but India, as you know, abounds in great rivers; and the schemes that are being carried out and have been started in the past are small compared with the schemes that are now under consideration to meet the future. Those schemes, when complete, will mean that the water from the rivers will be used to drive the hydro-electric turbines to generate electric power, which can be distributed at very small cost. After the water has done that, it will be used to irrigate vast stretches of land which is nothing but grass fit only for lack of water.

"Desert reclamation is another scheme which can save a large part of India. Tens of thousands of square miles of the deserts of Jodhpur and Bikaner can be reclaimed, which will mean that within the next 50 years the whole face of India will be changed. It will be among the most fertile in the world.

"So you see that there is every reason for the pride of the Government of India being made good," Lord Mountbatten declared.

He said that whatever plan I have formed seems to this last year in India that at any rate I have in my life."

New College for Women

Laying the foundation stone of the Miranda House, the Women's College of the University, Her Excellency Lady Mountbatten said that it marked a historic step forward in the education of women and fittingly commemorated the spirit of service of this great organisation.

Degrees and diplomas were already playing a great part in the public life of India, but in what other country of the world does the proportion of women in responsible and leading appointments so high? Women were a Governor, an Ambassador and on a Minister of Health; women were members of the Assembly and Senate, Harcourt Butler, Mrs. Pandit, Rajkumari Amrit Kaur and so many leading women were in the Services. It was time to all of us and most vitally, the education and training we can undertake and training, we can confidently expect a greater number of women to contribute in the years to come.

Lord Mountbatten laid the foundation stone of the new University Faculty building.

75 Years of Progress

Founded in 1922, the University of Delhi owes its existence to the report submitted by the Sadler Commission, which recommended that Indian universities should be reorganised and should be a unitary and residential type.

Following this recommendation, the University Punjab, which began to prepare its elsewhere, and the Government of India felt the necessity of providing an independent university for the students of the capital city.

Dr. Hari Singh Gour was the first Vice-Chancellor of the University.

The original idea behind the setting up of the Delhi University was the establishment and incorporation of a residential university at Delhi. The objective has, however, changed in the meaning up of a Federal University.

Tamil New Year Celebrations

Under the aegis of the Overseas Tamil Association, the Tamil New Year festival was celebrated with very keen enthusiasm at the Tamil Sangam Hall last week.

The principal speakers for the occasion were Mr. K. S. Pillay (Secretary of Indian Affairs), Mr. Kandaiah Pillay, and Mr. Ramaswamy Mudaliar.

Vocal and instrumental music, dancing, recitations and Bharata Natyam were performed by Miss Parvathi Ammal, Miss Kamala Ammal, Miss Kanagam Ammal, Miss Parvathi Ammal, Miss Vasu, Miss Devaki, Miss Vasu, Miss Kamala Ammal, Miss Kanagam Ammal and Shri Ramaswamy Pillai.

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"DISTRESS FAIR" SUCCEEDS

From Our Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG, Friday.

The Dominion of India Relief Fund benefited by approximately £100 last Saturday when the Manhattan Social Club held a "Distress Fair" as the People's Palace. Although there was a large attendance the response for the various stalls was not quite so appealing. Only half-a-dozen citizens faced the judges in the competition for the Best Dressed Lady. A similar number of children also received for the Baby Show.

The stalls of this gaudy and colourful fair were many and varied. An interesting feature was the exhibition of needlework and handiwork by the Magnet and Ostlerel Rover Crews.

In opening the fair Mr. D. K. Nani, the Maritzburg branch of the Dominion of India Relief Committee, expressed his gratitude to the Manhattan Social Club for their keen efforts to raise funds for this noble cause. He hoped that their interest will linger.

The winners of the competitions:

Best-dressed Lady: Mrs. S. Ramchandra.

Best baby: Bernard Charles, Children's Fancy Dress: Youngest Kaka and Dhoda Devi Arjun (as Radha and Krishna).

Cane band: Rhythm Dominoes.

SARVA NAMA SAMVATH!!

The Andhras celebrate their New Year (Ugadhi), known as Navasamvatsara Pachadi, on April 13 this year. Vasu, Sobhakrutu, 1869 today, Saturday.

Andhra Asoka Maha Sabha of South Africa will hold a special prayer meeting at 11 Leopold Street, Durban, at 2.30 p.m. Mr. V. C. Narasiah Raju will officiate.

On Sunday (11th April) a Prayer Festival Congregation will be held at the Andhra Mahabodhi Indian Hall, Cuthbert Street, Durban, commencing at 10 a.m.

Children attending the annual Vishwa Pathasala will participate in the competition and the prizes awarded. Lunch will be served.

The complete programme and arrangements for the celebrations will be announced in the Andhra Mahasabha notice in the Andhra Education Week of the Vedic Maha Sabha.

Tamil Religious Revival

THE Tamil-speaking community of Durban and District are showing great interest in the prayer meetings which are conducted under the auspices of Thiruvalluvar, the saint and sage of ancient days to promote spiritual knowledge in the community.

Mr. S. Ramaswamy Pillay, M.A., B.L., B.R. Pather, together with a band of workers, have been responsible for the inauguration of this movement and for the gathering of interested people each week. The meetings are held to assemble at the first Tuesday in each month at the Tamil Sangam, Buitenge on the lines of Tamil Nadu.

Learned Tamil scholars are invited to address the meetings on various subjects on this subject.

The meetings are attended by large numbers of people who bring their prayers and pack part in the singing of devotional songs, hymns, prayers and other meditations. This also has been a feature of the meetings in other centres, in which they have been established.

The public are cordially invited to join in the meetings which are held every Tuesday, which commences at 7.30 p.m. Mr. Ramaswamy Pillay is the organiser of the meetings and will be pleased to give any information required.

MUSLIMS IN INDIAN ARMY

New Delhi, Sunday: Babu Jagjivan Ram, Defence Minister, stated in Parliament that 253 Muslim officers and 333 N.C.O.'s had opted for service with India. A total of 1,107 Muslim officers and 3,426 N.C.O.'s had gone to Pakistan. As the vast majority of whom were concentrated in Punjab, where they have not succeeded to opt for India.

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MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION

New Delhi: All Provincial Governments have arranged the principle that the medium of instruction from primary and secondary education should be the mother tongue, the Chairman of the Board of Education and the Educational Conference said. He came to the conclusion that the change in medium of teaching should be gradual, so that the standard of education did not suffer. It was agreed that the change should be in spread over five years, and in the case of Urdu, the provinces should be in the Indian Union or in Pakistan would be the medium of instruction. The Federal Government, however, continues to be a central language and a subject for post-graduate studies.

Pakistan Minister's Warning

MONEY "GOING DOWN THE DRAIN" BECAUSE OF DISTRUST

KARACHI.—"Both India and Pakistan," said Mr. Ghulam Mahomed, Pakistan Minister of Finance, in a Press interview, "are spending heavily on defence—huge sums which could be spent on education, sanitation and housing. All this money was," as he expressed it, "going down the drain," and all because there was distrust.

A plea for good relations and co-operation between India and Pakistan was made in an interview with the "Statesman's" special Representative in Pakistan, by Mr. Ghulam Mahommad, Pakistan Minister of Finance. "Unless there is peace and understanding," he said, "the common man's cause will not be served anywhere."

Both India and Pakistan, he added, were spending heavily on defence—huge sums which could be spent on education, sanitation and housing. All this money was, as he expressed it, "going down the drain" and all because there was distrust.

Pakistan had made a very big gesture in India in not changing the time being, to forego the exercise of exchange control as from April 1, "Our exchange position is stronger than India's in view of our surprise reserves in jute, cotton and jute, and because India owes us more than we owe us. We want to retain the parity of values in order to help trade to develop between the two dominions."

TRADE AGREEMENT

They were also trying their best to arrange a meeting with the Government of India to discuss the renewal of some of the existing trade barriers. Pakistan would like to have a trade agreement with India so that the physical exchange of commodities might be as free as possible. India would benefit, as it needed food and raw materials from Pakistan. Far from wishing to hinder in any way Pakistan wished to establish good will.

Next week, Pakistan was going to declare in detail its policy to industries. They were going to welcome outside capital as long as it was directed from politics or imperialism. Anyone who was prepared, within these limits, to help Pakistan industrialise was welcome. No country could develop alone. Countries were interrelated and it was a pity they did not recognise this fact. Communism were, in fact, growing ever closer to economic matters, and the collapse of one involved the collapse of all the others.

Reverting to the need of peace and understanding between India and Pakistan, Mr. Ghulam Mohammad said that partition had been effected with the consent of both parties, who had pledged themselves to honour it. Now there were some who, through hatred and distrust, said that Pakistan must be finished. But, in order to avoid the ruin of both countries, India and Pakistan must work together.

Kashmir Issue

On the Kashmir issue Pakistan's position was clear and straightforward. They would be quite satisfied if there were a neutral administration in connection of up pensions and a free plebiscite. He could not understand how Sheikh Abdullah, as a citizen of the world, had condemned this.

In India, he continued, the Muslim National Guards were disarmed and the members imprisoned and ill-treated, whereas in Pakistan the non-Muslims were not disarmed and the Muslim National Guards, who formed a cordon round the Hindu Mandir, were imprisoned to allay Hindu women and children in the vulgar gallery. No one in India had dared to touch the Nikhs. Muslims were not allowed to belong to the National Guards, but the Nikhs said they would still have their portion.

"In the name of the common man let us look forward to an understanding between the forces of goodwill in both States. A cleansing of hearts is necessary and a great deal of reorganisation is required. We have only the next elections in mind, the countries will go to the dogs. The time is now."

True Muslims

Lahore: The Honourable Mr. Chaudhri Ali Khan, who presided over the Pakistan Shia Conference held recently in Lahore, said: "There is no room in the question of Shiaism, Sunnism or any other 'ism' before us. The need of the times is that we should be true Muslims and we should leave no stone unturned to consolidate our position in the new Islamic state of Pakistan."

Mr. Chaudhri Ali Khan, who is himself a Shia, called upon the Shias to forget their differences, historical or otherwise and consolidate their position with other Muslims.

He paid a tribute to the leadership of Quaid-i-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah, and said that they were played by the Shias in the achievement of Pakistan would be recorded in letters of gold by future historians.

Mr. Ghazanfar Ali Khan stated that it is high time that communalism, narrow mind-ness and sectarianism should be thrown overboard, as it would lead and should be relegated to the dust-bin. Pakistan, For Pakistan, By Pakistan. For them nothing is impossible.

VOTES FOR ALL

Johannesburg: Speaking at a Press Conference held in Johannesburg on Monday, Dr. A. B. Xuma, President General of the African National Congress, after reviewing the Union's colour policy and the general election, said:

"The Union Parliament and Governments of the future must be made truly representative of the whole population. Members of Parliament must be rendered responsible and responsive to all sections and colours alike. The authority of the State must be exercised in the interest of all and not for the powerful white minority. This can only come about if a common franchise is established for all.

"Indians, Coloureds and Africans must play their full part in the interest of future generations of white and black in South Africa, to save South Africa from committing national suicide. They must realise that democratic rights are not a free gift. They are to be earned. They must organise their resistance and unities for this campaign for rights and justice. They must fight injustice as Whites. They must fight the policy of discrimination and differentiation.

Men of Goodwill

"All men and women of goodwill of all races in South Africa must organise public opinion to such a degree that every citizen in South Africa respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms and will not tolerate them as to race, sex, language or religion."

Answering a question Dr. Xuma said that he supported the representation of Non-Europeans by people on matters of common interest. He said that the principle of franchise was involved in the matter, and that unless should enable the Non-European people to participate in the fullest extent possible to attain their objective for the vote for all.

In less than twenty-four hours of Dr. Xuma's call for co-operation among the Non-European people for full franchise rights, a working committee consisting of Indian, Coloured and African leaders has been formed in Johannesburg to campaign for votes for all.

FUNDS FOR ST. AIDANS

The Governing body of the St. Aidan's Indian Hospital in Durban, which is now predominantly Indian, aims to collect £35,000 for the purpose of adding extensions to the hospital buildings, to provide more quarters and training facilities for the nurses.

A committee, which was appointed recently, has already collected £10,000 from the public, including £5,000 from the E. K. Khan Hospital Deposit Trust, £7,000 from the Lovedat family, £1,000 from V. S. Naik, and £1,000 from V. L. Pather. To this the Provincial Council has added £5,000, bringing the present total to £28,000.

Four hospital produces about three tons and 3 bales of materials per month. During the past year alone about 30,000,000 patients, or over 60 per cent of the total, have been benefit from the extension. Additional land already acquired 30,000 more of Duba.

NURSING CAREER FOR S.A. INDIAN GIRLS

ARRANGEMENTS have been made with the medical authorities in England for South African Indian girls to take a course in nursing there.

This information was given to "The Leader" by Mr. A. I. Meer, general secretary of the Natal Indian Congress.

Continuing, Mr. Meer said that while he was in England he had discussed the matter of nursing facilities with the proper authorities, who were only too willing to send our girls to train as nurses.

Girls over the age of eighteen years, presented Mr. Meer, will only be allowed to take the course, which will be spread over a period of four years and which will include a course in midwifery.

The minimum qualification will be the Junior Certificate, while matriculants will get immediate admission.

Except for paying the fares to and from England, all other expenses, including food and uniforms, will be provided, added the secretary.

All those girls who are interested in nursing should contact Mr. A. I. Meer, Box 2534, Durban.

New Indian Organisation To Fight Communism

JOHANNESBURG, Wednesday.

A NEW Indian organisation—the Pakistan Leagueis shortly to be established in the Union for the purpose of fighting Communism and the present passive resistance movement. Another of its aims will be to secure the resumption of trade relations between South Africa and Pakistan.

Mr. S. M. H. Osmany, one of the founders of the new body, said that the Pakistan League would, from its outset, be a political body and would probably send a delegation to Pakistan to press for the appointment of a Pakistan high commissioner to the Union. This high commissioner would do his best to secure normal trade between the two Dominions.

The provisional plan is for Pakistan to import into the Union enough jute to meet the needs of agriculture. The Pakistan League will consist mainly of Modern business.



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At the gateways of the morning
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MAIDOO: In ever loving memory of Freddy, who was laid to rest a year ago.
Permanent memories of one so dear,
Words cannot express.
Memories of you we cherish,
Always will I love you.
Sadly missed by Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Vandoo, 46 Salisbury Road, Puntan's Hill, Durban.

APPRECIATION

Mr. and Mrs. S. Bendhavan and Messrs. P. the Hon. wish to thank all friends and relatives who attended the funeral of their daughter and sister respectively. The kindness shown to them during this week has left an indelible and enduring mark in their hearts. To all friends and relatives for the valuable gifts both in cash and in kind received.

Mrs. D. K. Naidoo and family, of 32 Prince's Hall Road, Durban North, wish to thank all friends and relatives for attending the funeral of their late husband Mr. K. Naidoo on April 7, 1948.

Mr. Jayaraman Chetty, of Waterval Boven and Mr. S. Moss (Red Dasher and family wish to thank their many relatives and friends for the kind sympathy shown to them in their recent bereavement.

Mr. Ismail Abrahim Moosa and Brothers of 42 Field Street, Durban, sincerely thank all friends and customers for their kind sympathy and support rendered in their recent bereavement.

The family of the late Mrs. Kitty Sarah Chetty, of Rustenburg, wish to thank all friends and relatives for their beautiful floral tributes and kind sympathy extended to them in their recent bereavement. 30, D. D. Pillay, of Mayondale.

In Memoriam



CHETTY, DAVID: In treasured memory of our dear blessed and only darling father, David, who passed away on April 9, 1947.
A father true and kind,
A father like none to hand to find,
A silent thought, a silent tear,
For one we missed so dear.
We tended you with loving care,
But could not make you stay,
Time has changed so many ways,
But one thing changes never,
Our memories of the happy days,
We have to you dear father.
Ever remembered by his loving wife, Sirimah, and children, Ram, Bobby, Anne, Angela, Arumugam and Velloomah, 26 Longmarket Street, Pietermaritzburg.



MAIDOO: In loving memory of our dear son and brother, who passed away on April 4, 1947.
As this cards the first and tenth,
Its our hearts you've always left;
Dear son and brother, you were
loved,
Not just today, but every day, in
particular.
Always true, sensible and kind,
You in this world has cared to find.
Mrs. V. S. Naidoo and brothers and sisters, Haig Road, Phoenix 3 (Natal).



MAIDOO: In loving memory of Mr. V. Naidoo, who passed away last year.
Two years ago we had to part,
With heavy hearts and sorrowful
hearts,
Beaten by no time month nor left,
Without farewell he fell asleep.
Deeply missed by wife and children.
We shall never forget and never
will.
To think of him daily and will be
true.
Ever remembered by Mrs. D. R. Naidoo of Pierpont Road, Frost Road, Durban North.

KIDDERBELLOO JACKS: In affectionate and loving memory of our dear son and brother, who passed away on April 11, 1946.
Not gone from memory, not gone
from love,
But waiting for you up above.
Sadly missed by mother, brothers
and sisters.

We, the undersigned, wish to express our deep appreciation of the kindness shown to us during the illness and death of our beloved husband, father and brother, Mr. D. P. Pillay, of Mayondale.

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PIN PRICKS

EVERYWHERE in this issue we publish a news report of how Customs officials in the Durban Point dealt with a prominent Indian. The Indian himself does not object to the fact that he was searched. That is a normal procedure and in keeping with the Customs laws of the country, but one cannot accept the fact that the law should be applied specially against the Indian, as it was being done in this particular case. While Europeans were being questioned and allowed to pass merely as a matter of routine, Indians were being dealt with as if they were a special class of criminal. That is the impression which the Indians in the Natal Indian Organisation got.

It is in the administration of laws that Indians, together with other Non-Europeans, usually fall foul of those in charge. This is a glaring instance. Nobody could reasonably object to all passengers being the luggage were subjected to examination and search. Why, should there be bias in the administration of the law when the law is laid down to be applicable to all people, or in the manner that all people are equal before the law is not understood.

These anomalies are today a part and parcel of South African life, and they are constantly and seriously hindering the Indian in his progress. They are the result of a system of patience and tenure of Non-Europeans by the European. Every Non-European is to be kept down, and the Europeans are to be kept down, and the Europeans are to be kept down, and the Europeans are

Manilal Gandhi Takes Up the Cudgels

MR. MANILAL GANDHI will lead a batch of resisters into the Transvaal tomorrow. In a statement issued on the eve of his violation of the immigration laws Mr. Gandhi states:—

"It is now over a month since Dr. Dadoo and Dr. Naicker went to prison and comparatively few have followed them. The day they were being tried the Court was fully packed by our people, and a great ovation was given when they were sentenced and taken away. But since then everything seems to have quietened down. One wonders what the meaning of that great demonstration was?"

THIS statement goes on:

"Was it merely out of curiosity or was it out of genuine sympathy for those who had gone out to suffer for human rights which Indians in South Africa are denied. From what has been exhibited within the last month one cannot resist the conclusion that it was all out of curiosity and nothing more. If it is so, the community has very little to be proud of, for it only goes to prove that it deserves a worse fate than to which it is now subjected. No community devoid of self-respect has a right to live.

No Faith?

"But they have no faith in the present leadership, it is argued. It is true we have no ideal leaders in our community. But anywhere ideal leaders are difficult to find. Whatever faults the present Congress leaders may have, whatever ulterior motives they may have, they have done no harm to the community in things that matter.

"After all, the present Congress leaders were duly elected by the people and are carrying out the mandate given them by the people. To put leaders into office and then turn out is in the hands of the people. It is futile, therefore, to quarrel over the leadership when the energy should be concentrated on the enemy.

If ever there was a time for Indians in South Africa to be prepared for the greatest sacrifice, the present is the time, the statement goes on.

The attitude of some Indians who are manoeuvring to negotiate a round table conference was deplorable. Such a backboneless attitude illustrated any self-respecting community.

"Nobody is against an honourable compromise if it is at all possible. But that is for the Government concerned to think. There is not the least justification for us to retreat from the step we have taken of applying the 'Ghetto Act.' Those who cannot fight may keep out of the struggle."

The Resistance struggle should go on and be conducted more vigorously than ever before.

AUTONOMOUS TAMIL STATE DEMANDED

The All-India Tamils conference recently demanded the constitution of an autonomous Tamil State and claimed for its northern frontier the river Penner, 100 miles north of Madras.

The conference urged the recruitment in large numbers of Tamilians in the army, navy and air force, and demanded that representation proportional to numerical strength of Tamilians should be formed in the three services.

THE WEEK IN INDIA

Bombay: The Government struck sharply at the Communist Party, and in a series of raids on Communist offices throughout the Dominion, hundreds of persons were arrested.

In Calcutta, police arrested 125 persons early after curfew restrictions had begun a week's mill and hunger strike in defiance of a warning by the Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, that strikers would be dismissed.

In Bombay today ten leading Communist Party leaders were arrested and a search is being made for four more key party men. Among those arrested, says United Press, are Mr. S. A. Dange, Labour member of the Central Legislature and President of the All-India Trade Union Congress; Mr. S. V. Ghate, President of the Bombay Provincial Trade Union Congress; and Mr. Baliprasad Tiwary, leader of the Railwaymen's Union.

The raids followed a statement by Pandit Nehru in the Legislative Assembly in New Delhi in which he said Communist activity in India was aimed at overthrowing struggle against the Western Powers.

Police raided the provincial party headquarters and the homes of Communist leaders in Madras, but all the leaders had fled.

Bombay police in latest figures 174 Communist sympathisers have been arrested in Delhi and Bihar, Bengal. The party's headquarters have been raided.

Karachi: Further steps in the total separation of the Dominions of India and Pakistan were taken with the introduction of new Pakistan currency and the raising of special rates to counters with foreign trade.

Bombay: Two Indian and Indian bills inscribed "Government of Pakistan" in English and Urdu.

The Finance Minister, Mr. Ghulam Mohammad, declared that there was no intention of depreciating the Pakistan rupee, which stands at present at par with the Indian rupee.

Hyderabad: About 100,000 Indian rupee notes have been sent by the Indian Government, at the request of the multimillionaire, the Nizam of Hyderabad, in payment of a two years' old debt of the equivalent of £100,000, it is claimed.

The debt was incurred in 1946 when the Nizam purchased 1,000 rupee notes from overseas speculators. The Nizam, ruler of this independent Indian state, surrendered all notes of these denominations in his possession, and has been waiting ever since for repayment.

N.I.O. PAVES THE WAY FOR SMUTS

"CONSIDERABLE misapprehension exists in regard to the proposal for the holding of a round table conference between the Union Government and the Governments of India and Pakistan. In view of the deliberate misrepresentations that are being made, I feel it incumbent to state again the factual position," states Mr. P. R. Pather, in a statement to "The Leader."

A South African Indian deputation, he continues, has been assured from the Prime Minister, General Smuts, certain assurances

JUDGE SAYS

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be necessary for the respondent to make application to the Minister for a permit saying that he desires to let, buy or lease premises at the fixed date. Nor do we understand why the effect of the proclamation should deprive him of his rights in respect of such premises.

"(a) Retrospective

"A contention that Section 4 of the Asiatic Land Tenure Act was not retrospective to January 21, 1946, was upheld by Mr. W. J. van Lingen, in the Durban Magistrate's Court last week, when he dismissed the case of the Indian, Hansaraj, who was charged with illegally occupying premises on January 21, 1946.

This contention was made by Mr. D. G. Pamnin, who appeared for Hansaraj.

Evidence was that Hansaraj took occupation of a house at 1, Centenary Road, Sea View, during March, 1946. This is not an exempted area.

Mr. Pamnin submitted that the Act was passed in June, 1946, and the alleged offence was committed in March.

He said, "neither by wording nor necessary implication is this section retrospective to January 21, 1946."

Section Four of the Asiatic Land Tenure Act reads:

"No European shall occupy, and no person shall allow any European to occupy any land or premises in the Province of Natal (other than land or premises in an exempted area) which is not lawfully occupied or is not lawfully occupied by him, and no person shall allow any European to occupy any such land or premises which was not lawfully occupied by him and is deemed to have been occupied, at a fixed date by an Asiatic, except under the authority of a permit issued under the Section."

has put the Natal Indian Congress on the carpet. The people are entitled to know what the Natal Indian Congress thinks of the Prime Minister's assurances.

"It is agreed on all sides that a round table conference between the three Governments is the only method by which an amicable settlement of the South African Indian problem can be arrived at. The question then arises, and it is quite simple, whether the Government of India and Pakistan should be prevailed upon to welcome the assurances. There is no need for any interim on such a simple issue.

"In my opinion, the N.I.O., T.I.C. and the Cape representatives have done exceedingly well in securing the assurances. And all that the deputation to India has to do is to obtain the readiness of India and Pakistan. If it is honourable, and I have not the slightest doubt that it would be, then it would be for General Smuts to call all leaders, and the two Governments.

"Conclusion: It is being said that the deputation will not be well received in India. As leading weekly journal has even gone to the extent of suggesting to India and Pakistan that the deputation should be 'sent packing.' Nothing can be more stupid—it is difficult to find words to express it in print, and need not dispute."

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The entries exceeded the number I received the last time. The prize goes to Miss Radhakrishnaseh P. Naidoo, P.O. Box 56, Verulam, Natal. A book prize will be mailed to her.

AIRPLANES

FOLLOWING the picture published a few weeks back of a model airplane constructed with bits wool and Japanese tissue by Tobias Naidoo, of 101 Railway



Road, Sea View, Durban, to my surprise I received several letters from Junior readers on the subject, both on track photography and model airplanes. Among the letters is one from M. Radhee, 8 Mercury Road, Martindale, Johannesburg. He writes: "I, being a new subscriber of your widely read paper, have found it to be very interesting and full of fun and knowledge and to be very pleased if you would send me as a member of the Junior the subject of twenty years of age, and would like to have pen friends all over the country, especially the Cape, interested in aeroplanes. I am interested in photography, flying, cycling, physical culture, classical music, weight lifting, collecting antique watches, and my hobby is gas model aeroplane building and flying.

"I have here herewith a photograph of my latest gas plane, which I have named 'The Zombie' and I have flown it for the last, and to my satisfaction. Also enclosed herewith are the results during flying tests."

PEN FRIENDS' CORNER

Sami Manaj (13), P.O. Box 84, Ranger, Natal, who is interested in keeping pets—rabbits, cats and birds, cycling, reading comics and books and jazz music, would like pen friends with similar interests to write to him.

S. Ram (17), 107 Gunter Road, Sea View, Durban, who is interested in reading, music, boxing and cricket, would like pen pals from the Transkeian and Natal Provinces.

S. Reddy (15), P.O. Merrivale, Natal, whose main interests are in reading and hiking, would like pen friends from India or America to correspond with him.

S. S. Reddy, 56, Temple Road, P.O. Red Hill, Durban, is interested in sporting and cultural activities and comics. He would like pen friends from the Cape Province and Kindly send in your completed forms.

C. C. Reddy (17), c/o The Post mistress, P.O. Illovo, Natal, who is interested in radiology, photography, cinema and songs, would like pen friends from the Cape Transvaal and the U.S.A.

A. S. Moodley (12), 106 Hillside Road, Sea View, Durban, is interested in photography, hiking, boxing, and soccer, and would like pen friends with similar interests from the Cape, Transvaal and the U.S.A.

M. Chunder Singh (12), 50 Hammersmith Avenue, Mayville, Durban, is interested in boxing, athletics and running. He would like pen friends from all parts of the world, especially the Cape.

M. Christopher (18), c/o Indian School, P.O. Box 21, Darnall, Natal, is interested in a variety of hobbies, and would like pen friends from all parts of the world.

P. W. Pillay (17), 70 Villa Road, Mayville, Durban, is interested in reading, physical culture, wrestling, and swimming, and would like pen friends with interests similar to yours from any part of the Union.

S. Dhanpat Chetty (12), N.M. Government Indian School, Umkomaas, Natal, would like pen friends from any part of the Union interested in especially sports and hobbies.

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Road, Sea View, Durban, to my surprise I received several letters from Junior readers on the subject, both on track photography and model airplanes. Among the letters is one from M. Radhee, 8 Mercury Road, Martindale, Johannesburg. He writes: "I, being a new subscriber of your widely read paper, have found it to be very interesting and full of fun and knowledge and to be very pleased if you would send me as a member of the Junior the subject of twenty years of age, and would like to have pen friends all over the country, especially the Cape, interested in aeroplanes. I am interested in photography, flying, cycling, physical culture, classical music, weight lifting, collecting antique watches, and my hobby is gas model aeroplane building and flying.

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PEN FRIENDS' CORNER

Sami Manaj (13), P.O. Box 84, Ranger, Natal, who is interested in keeping pets—rabbits, cats and birds, cycling, reading comics and books and jazz music, would like pen friends with similar interests to write to him.

S. Ram (17), 107 Gunter Road, Sea View, Durban, who is interested in reading, music, boxing and cricket, would like pen pals from the Transkeian and Natal Provinces.

S. Reddy (15), P.O. Merrivale, Natal, whose main interests are in reading and hiking, would like pen friends from India or America to correspond with him.

S. S. Reddy, 56, Temple Road, P.O. Red Hill, Durban, is interested in sporting and cultural activities and comics. He would like pen friends from the Cape Province and Kindly send in your completed forms.

C. C. Reddy (17), c/o The Post mistress, P.O. Illovo, Natal, who is interested in radiology, photography, cinema and songs, would like pen friends from the Cape Transvaal and the U.S.A.

A. S. Moodley (12), 106 Hillside Road, Sea View, Durban, is interested in photography, hiking, boxing, and soccer, and would like pen friends with similar interests from the Cape, Transvaal and the U.S.A.

M. Chunder Singh (12), 50 Hammersmith Avenue, Mayville, Durban, is interested in boxing, athletics and running. He would like pen friends from all parts of the world, especially the Cape.

M. Christopher (18), c/o Indian School, P.O. Box 21, Darnall, Natal, is interested in a variety of hobbies, and would like pen friends from all parts of the world.

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Message of the Stars

By "SWAMI"

THE Wheel of Fortune and 1946 birthday prospects for the people born under the twelve signs of the Zodiac for the period of April 10 to 16 are as follows:

April 10th: Your year will be pleasant, with surprises and much variation in employment in your monetary matters is indicated. Much happiness will ensue if all goes well.

11th: Deal confidentially with elders and Government officials. Safeguard your health and that of your family. Defer matrimony and marriages.

12th: Your year will be a happy one and you may expect unexpected gains. Do not be afraid to undertake responsibilities. Make changes if desired.

13th: Your affairs prosper well. Business, travel and intellectual activities are well signified, and all indications is that it is expected. Make hay while the sun shines.

14th: Unexpected beneficial changes are indicated, with improvement in financial matters, but avoid impulse of extravagance, safeguard health and changes should be made.

15th: Refrain from useless worry, otherwise move forward with caution affecting the daytime. Defer changes and guard against accidents in movement. Your fortune will come your way.

16th: Some success is indicated. Cultivate thoughtfulness and enjoy the day.

ARIES (March 21 to April 20): Good, 14, 16; bad, 11, 15.

TAURUS (April 21 to May 22): Good, 10, 15; bad, 13, 16.

GEMINI (May 23 to June 21): Good, 10, 13; bad, 11, 12.

CANCER (June 22 to July 22): Good, 12, 14; bad, 13, 16.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22): Good, 14, 15; bad, 10, 16.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22): Good, 10, 13; bad, 11, 15.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): Good, 10, 13; bad, 11, 12.

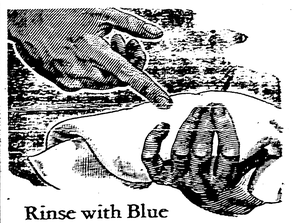
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): Good, 14, 16; bad, 11, 15.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 22): Good, 10; bad, 11, 14.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 to Jan. 20): Good, 14, 16; bad, 11, 15.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19): Good, 12, 15; bad, 10, 14, 16.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to March 20): Good, 10; bad, 11, 14.



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FIVE NEW RECORDS SET UP AT ATHLETIC MEETING

FIVE new records were set up at the sports meeting staged by the Durban Indian Athletic and Cycling Union at Currie's Fountain on Sunday last.



H. R. S. REDDY (PREGOOYL) who won three athletic track events, and was a member of the Naysmith Harriers team which set up a record for the 880 relay. Reddy is also a prominent footballer in local sporting circles.

SOCCER GETS OFF THE MARK TODAY

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OWING to lack of playing fields it will be impossible to play a match on each of the grounds every week-end. Consequently, the Association has decided that only six matches will be played on each ground every week-end. This will mean that each club will play only 18 matches during the season. The question of transfers is also causing the Association a headache, as many players are changing the allegiance of their clubs. The Association would like to see the end of the Durban Indian Central League, and has done their level best to put this through. The following are the fixtures for today:



HAMONED KHAN, the all-Natal soccer star who has been chosen to represent Natal in the Currie Cup competition. He began his career with the Star of Peace F.C. and is now playing for Hellenic.

SENIOR "A": Defiance v. Rangers, Albert Park, main, 3.30 p.m.; Hellenic v. Defiance, Hellenic, main, 3.30 p.m.

SENIOR "B": Phoenix v. Shamrocks, Albert Park, No. 1, 3.30 p.m.; Hellenic v. Rangers, Hellenic, No. 1, 3.30 p.m.

JUNIOR "A": Greyville v. Warwick-shire, Albert Park, No. 2, 3.30 p.m.; Natal Indians v. Durban Indians, Natal Indians, No. 1, 3.30 p.m.

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JUVENILE "B": Warwickshire v. Rangers, Albert Park, No. 1, 3.30 p.m.; Greyville v. Durban Indians, No. 2, 3.30 p.m.

TOMORROW

JUNIORS: Central League: Asiatic, main, Mr. F. Naidoo, 2.15 p.m.; Rangers, No. 1, Mr. R. Pillay, 2.15 p.m.

SENIOR: Central League: Asiatic, main, Mr. F. Naidoo, 2.15 p.m.; Rangers, No. 1, Mr. R. Pillay, 2.15 p.m.

JUVENILE: Mr. Warwickshire v. Stanford Hill, No. 1, Mr. M. Moodley, 2.30 p.m.; Mr. Greyville v. Mr. Rangers, 2.30 p.m.

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GIRLS' SPORTS GROUND

TOMORROW—JUVENILE LEAGUE

2.15 p.m., Reserve Rangers v. Tinsley, Reserve Tinsley v. Rovers, 3.30 p.m., Temple Tilton v. Rovers.

STARS WIN

FORT ELIZABETH: In the A.S.A. Football Association match played at Port Elizabeth on Saturday between Transvaal and Eastern Province, the Transvaal team won by 10 goals to one. The Transvaal team was composed of the following players: Goalkeeper, Bell; backs, Hall and Hunter; halves, Stars, Wilson and Hall; forwards, Stars, Wilson, Hall, Hunter and Bell. Eastern Province: Goalkeeper, Hall; backs, Hall and Hunter; halves, Stars, Wilson and Hall; forwards, Stars, Wilson, Hall, Hunter and Bell.

HILLVIEW F.C.

At the 5th annual general meeting of the Hillview Football Club held recently the following officials were elected: Patron, Mr. Ben Reddy; president, Mr. A. Naidoo; vice-presidents, Messrs. A. Reddy, S. Govender, M. Reddy and P. Vandayar; committee, Messrs. A. Naidoo, M. Reddy, S. Govender, V. Pillay, P. Vandayar, S. Reddy, A. E. Rose, I. D. Sheriff, J. Russell, P. Chinsian, P. A. Govender, P. R. Naidoo, L. Reddy, G. Vandayar, V. Vandayar, V. Under, A. D. Reddy, M. Reddy, R. Reddy, S. Reddy, secretary, Mr. A. Vandayar; assistant secretary, Mr. G. Vandayar; treasurer, Mr. A. R. Naidoo; delegate and Mr. G. Vandayar; assistant delegate, Mr. P. Vandayar; auditor, Mr. V. M. Moodley and I. Hulley; delegate to S.P.F.L. Reserve Association, Messrs. I. Jinnah and M. N. Reddy; substitute delegate, Messrs. V. M. Moodley, A. D. Pillay, N. R. Naidoo, G. G. A. Ali, M. N. Reddy, secretary, Mr. A. Vandayar; assistant Cape Guide, Messrs. Indian Chairman (Transvaal) and Mr. K. Chinsian (Transvaal); delegate to S.A.F.A., Mr. A. Vandayar; assistant delegate, Mr. P. Vandayar; Reserve Committee, Messrs. A. Naidoo, M. Reddy, A. Rose, P. Vandayar, S. Reddy, V. M. Moodley, I. Hulley, P. Chinsian, P. R. Naidoo, L. Reddy, G. Vandayar, V. Vandayar, V. Under, A. D. Reddy, M. Reddy, R. Reddy, S. Reddy, A. Naidoo, M. N. Reddy, A. R. Naidoo, G. G. A. Ali, M. N. Reddy, A. Vandayar, P. Vandayar

FIVE NEW RECORDS SET UP AT ATHLETIC MEETING

FIVE new records were set up at the sports meeting staged by the Durban Indian Athletic and Cycling Union at Currie's Fountain on Sunday last.

Outstanding performances were recorded by Mr. Soobien (Alpines); R. Ngoni (Alpines); N. Anthony (Comrades); M. A. Hassan (Durban College); C. Kannigapen (Avondale) and M. Pillay (Rovers).

Soobien equalled Raleigh Pillay's (Sportsfolk) record when he did the 100 yards recently in the time recorded.

R. Ngoni beat his own two-minute record for the half mile by one second, while N. A. Anthony also beat his own record of 2m6 1s for three miles.

In the junior section M. A. Hassan, of Durban College Athletic Club, was the best sprinter of the day when he won the 100 and 220 yards events. He breasted the tape in 10.5sec. in the 100 yards to beat D. Nundalall's record.

The 440 yards event was smoothed owing to there being only one entrant in M. A. Hassan, C. Kannigapen clocked Denis, 55.5sec, in the three miles flat and bettered his own record.

Women's Section

In the women's section the 100 yards event was won by N. Pillay, of the Durban Indian Girls' Club, in the good time of 13.5sec. Miss Pillay and Miss Soobien were prepared for the senior and junior performances.

C. John (Woodstock) and the Pillay brothers (Fontville) were outpaced in some thrilling duels in the cycling events, while Ivan de Lange (Rosebank) held his own and so got well rewarded in the junior division, securing both supporting runs behind Soobien (Woodstock) and J. Sutton (Avondale).

Only one spill marred the cycling events, when four cyclists were involved in the first event. Fortunately, none were seriously injured, however, some were shaken and bruised and only D. Govender's shorts were torched.

Presentations

Trophies will be presented at a meeting of the Durban Indian Athletic and Cycling Union, to be held shortly.

Mr. A. L. Singh, patron of the South African Amateur Athletic and Cycling Board of Control, officially presented the Kathleen Pinning Trophy to Mr. C. C. Pillay, manager of the Natal team, which won the aggregate score in the junior section at the recent S.A. Championships held at Natal.

The following are the results in detail:

SENIOR

100 yards: 1, D. Soobien (Alpines); 2, D. Nundalalls (Rosebank); 3, R. Ngoni (Alpines). Time, 10sec, equals record.

220 yards: 1, D. Nundalalls (Rosebank); 2, D. Soobien (Alpines); 3, C. Kannigapen (Avondale). Time, 25sec.



MR. K. S. REDDY (PRESIDENT), who has been elected hon. record secretary of the Maraville District Indian Football Association for the 1948 season. He holds similar positions in other sporting bodies.

440 yards: 1, A. Hassan (Durban College); 2, D. Soobien (Alpines); 3, C. Kannigapen (Avondale). Time, 55.5sec.

880 yards: 1, R. Ngoni (Alpines); 2, D. Nundalalls (Rosebank); 3, A. Hassan (Durban College). Time, 2m6s.

One mile: 1, R. Ngoni (Alpines); 2, D. Nundalalls (Rosebank); 3, A. Hassan (Durban College). Time, 5m1s.

Three miles: 1, N. Anthony (Comrades); 2, D. Nundalalls (Rosebank); 3, A. Hassan (Durban College). Time, 16m.

Three miles walk: 1, D. N. Anthony (Comrades); 2, C. C. Pillay (Avondale); 3, R. Naidoo (Rosebank). Time, 30m.

Three miles cycling: 1, M. Harrypersaud (Rosebank); 2, C. Soobien (Alpines); 3, R. N. Harrypersaud (Rosebank). Time, 7m 20s.

Hurdles, unclassified.

Cycling (Sportsmanship): 1, C. Jaffe (Rosebank); 2, C. H. Pillay (Fontville); 3, C. Pillay (Fontville). Time, 2m 30s.

Half-mile: 1, C. Jaffe (Rosebank); 2, C. H. Pillay (Fontville); 3, A. Soobien (Fontville). Time, 1min 15.5sec.

One mile: 1, C. Jaffe (Rosebank); 2, C. H. Pillay (Fontville); 3, C. D. Pillay (Fontville). Time, 2min 2.5sec.

Five miles: 1, C. H. Pillay (Fontville); 2, C. D. Pillay (Fontville); 3, C. Jaffe (Rosebank). Time, 10min 3sec.

100 yards: 1, M. A. Hassan (Durban College); 2, N. Rambally (Avondale); 3, D. J. Singh (Alpine). Time, 10.5sec. (record).

220 yards: 1, M. A. Hassan (Durban College); 2, N. Rambally (Avondale); 3, D. Nundalall (Avondale). Time, 24.5sec.

440 yards unclassified.

880 yards: 1, K. P. Govender (United College); 2, D. Kanney (United College); 3, D. Kanney (United College). Time, 2m 5sec.

One mile: 1, K. P. Govender (United College); 2, D. Kanney (United College); 3, R. Ngoni (Alpines). Time, 5m 10sec.

Three miles: 1, R. P. Govender (United College); 2, D. Kanney (United College); 3, R. Ngoni (Alpines). Time, 16m 30s.

Three miles walk: 1, D. N. Anthony (Comrades); 2, C. C. Pillay (Avondale); 3, R. Naidoo (Rosebank). Time, 30m.

Three miles cycling: 1, M. A. Hassan (Durban College); 2, C. H. Pillay (Fontville); 3, C. Soobien (Alpines). Time, 7m 20s.

High jump: 1, N. Naidoo (Avondale); 2, Roger Pillay (Alpines); 3, Ramdhin. Height, 5ft. 2in.

Medley relay unclassified.

Long jump: 1, Ivan de Lange (Rosebank); 2, Bobby Naidoo (Avondale); 3, Sutton (Avondale). Distance, 18ft. 6in.

Half-mile: 1, Ivan de Lange (Rosebank); 2, C. Soobien (Alpines); 3, J. Sutton (Avondale). Time, 2min 2.5sec.

One mile: 1, Ivan de Lange (Rosebank); 2, C. Soobien (Alpines); 3, J. Sutton (Avondale). Time, 5min 10sec.

Three miles: 1, Ivan de Lange (Rosebank); 2, C. Soobien (Alpines); 3, J. Sutton (Avondale). Time, 16min 30sec.

WINNER

70 yards: C. H. Pillay (Rosebank); 2, N. Pillay (Fontville); 3, A. Pillay (Fontville). Time, 8.5sec.

Three-legged race: 1, A. Pillay (Rosebank); 2, C. H. Pillay (Fontville); 3, M. Pillay (Rosebank). Time, 10sec.

Relay race unclassified.

Quartermile medley. Prem Singh exhibition ride, only entry.

TENNIS FIXTURES

The following are the tennis fixtures for tomorrow:

"A" Division, Section 1: Durban Y.M.I. Rangers at Pioneers' Clubhouse; v. Sharpe at Pioneers'; Woodlands v. Fairbridge at Avoca; Woodlands v. Fairbridge at Woodlands; Durban Y.M.I. Rangers at Natal College at Central; Crusaders v. Natal College at Crusaders.

"B" Division, Section 1: Durban Y.M.I. Rangers at Pioneers' Clubhouse; Sharpe v. Durban at Sharpe; Durban v. Fairbridge at Durban; Crusaders v. Fairbridge at Crusaders; Natal College v. Woodlands at Natal College; Durban Y.M.I. Rangers v. Woodlands at Pioneers'.

"C" Division, Section 1: Durban Y.M.I. Rangers at Pioneers' Clubhouse; Sharpe v. Durban at Sharpe; Durban v. Fairbridge at Durban; Crusaders v. Fairbridge at Crusaders; Natal College v. Woodlands at Natal College; Durban Y.M.I. Rangers v. Woodlands at Pioneers'.

SOCCER FIXTURES

The following are the fixtures of the coming Durban Indian Football Association for tomorrow:

SENIOR "A" LEAGUE
2.30 p.m., Pioneer v. Rockpoint A.C.

SENIOR "B" LEAGUE
3 p.m., Pirates v. Rangers; 3 p.m., Sparrows v. Rockpoint A.C.

JUNIOR "A" LEAGUE
3 p.m., Pirates v. Rangers; 3 p.m., Sparrows v. Rockpoint A.C.

JUNIOR "B" LEAGUE
No. 1, 2.30 p.m., Rockpoint A.C. v. Pioneer; No. 2, 3 p.m., Rockpoint A.C. v. Pioneer.

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Of the ten clubs playing in the senior section only twelve matches every week on the present programme. Each club will play nine matches, and the top club will be declared the champion team.

The title must then each club will be in a position to play ten or 11 matches a month. The new season promises to be a very keen one, and the public is expected to be attracted in large numbers. Last season, however, proved fruitful, the part being that of Port Durban United who had won the title.

The new season includes 12 for the addition of only five more, the clubs having to be content with finishing with five matches for the year. V. M. Pillay then pointed out that the Association had been affiliated to the Natal Indian Soccer Federation.

Results and scorers will be telephoned to the Durban Indian Football Association's headquarters at Currie's Fountain, Durban, by 5 p.m. on Saturday.

The following are the fixtures for tomorrow:

SENIOR "A": Rockpoint A.C. v. Pioneer, 2.30 p.m., Queen's v. Stella, mats. M. Ramdhin, 2.30 p.m.

SENIOR "B": Pirates v. Rockpoint A.C., 3 p.m., Sparrows v. Rangers, 3 p.m., Railway v. Clairwood Schools, No. 1, 3 p.m.

JUNIOR "A": Rangers v. Stella, No. 1, 2.30 p.m., Rockpoint A.C. v. Stella, Railway v. Durban College, No. 1, 2.30 p.m.

JUNIOR "B": Pioneer v. Warwick, No. 1, 2.30 p.m., Rockpoint A.C. v. Pioneer, 2.30 p.m., Railway v. Durban College, No. 2, 2.30 p.m., Rangers v. Mafia, No. 2, 2.30 p.m., Sparrows v. Rockpoint A.C., No. 2, 3 p.m.

JUVENILE "A": Pioneer v. Warwick, No. 1, 2.30 p.m., Rockpoint A.C. v. Pioneer, No. 1, 2.30 p.m., Rangers v. Mafia, No. 1, 2.30 p.m., Railway v. Durban College, No. 1, 2.30 p.m., Queen's v. Stella, No. 2, 2.30 p.m., Rockpoint A.C. v. Pioneer, No. 2, 3 p.m., Rangers v. Mafia, No. 2, 3 p.m., Railway v. Durban College, No. 2, 3 p.m.

JUVENILE "B": Pioneer v. Warwick, No. 2, 2.30 p.m., Rockpoint A.C. v. Pioneer, No. 3, 2.30 p.m., Rangers v. Mafia, No. 3, 2.30 p.m., Railway v. Durban College, No. 3, 2.30 p.m., Queen's v. Stella, No. 3, 2.30 p.m., Rockpoint A.C. v. Pioneer, No. 4, 3 p.m., Rangers v. Mafia, No. 4, 3 p.m., Railway v. Durban College, No. 4, 3 p.m.

TOMORROW

JUNIORS: Clairwood League v. Stella, mats., M. Ramdhin, 2.30 p.m.; W. United v. C. Rangers, No. 1, mats., M. Ramdhin, 2.30 p.m.

SENIORS: Clairwood League v. Stella, mats., M. A. G. Thajoonis, 2.30 p.m.; C. Rangers v. P. Wanderers, mats., M. Ramdhin, 2.30 p.m.

JUVENILES: W. Rangers v. Hazelhill, No. 1, Mr. W. E. Minty, 2.15 p.m.; Hazelhill v. Tin City Lads, No. 1, Mr. T. Govan, 2.15 p.m.; Shell Oil v. Tin City Lads, No. 2, Mr. J. P. Peters, 2.30 p.m.

JUVENILES: Rangers v. Mansfield Hill, No. 2, Mr. M. N. C. Parker.

TENNIS RESULTS

The following are the results of the Natal tennis matches played last week-end:

Durban Y.M.I. Rangers beat Durban, 5-1; Diamond Jubilee beat Sharpe, 5-1; Durban beat Fairbridge, 5-1; Woodlands beat Durban, 5-1; Diamond Jubilee beat Fairbridge, 5-1; Sharpe beat Durban

Around The Cinemas

AVALON: A mystery picture, "Lodging Number," a Western thriller, "Oklahoma Terror," and Darryl Zanuck's "Forever Amber," a romantic drama in technicolor, are the pictures of the coming week.

ALBERT: Flora Films' "Main-Kya-Karoon," a social picture featuring Surayya, Hansa Walkar, K. Asif, movie and Shah Nawaz, will be screened throughout the coming week.

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TALK OF THE BAZAAR

By the "Fagir"

A PPARENTLY "Kismaan (now A of the N.I.O.) has a penchant for getting into trouble and being roughly treated. The last time he fell foul with him he and a few malcontents failed to see eye to eye on certain matters. The upshot of it all was that the Municipality decided to amend a by-law to bar getting trapped by Mr. Kismaan has put his foot into something else. This time I am told, he was found (the news reaches me) he has fallen foul of a Customs official, but the latter certainly made a mistake for Kismaan rarely gets angry. In fact I don't remember when he last got angry. I don't think he ever gets angry or loses his temper, much to think of it. The Customs official, however, got Kismaan on a sore point, and the president of the Natal Indian Congress has made himself felt. The matter will not be allowed to rest wherever it is at the moment, but possibly higher ups going to be told what Kismaan thinks of the whole thing. Don't blame me if I sometimes recall that some are more important people fell foul of the law instead of poor unimportant me.

OFFICIAL'S ANTICS

EXCEPT for a fight now and then when players get hot up or disagree violently with an umpire or the referee, soccer and cricket are fairly placed affairs without the machinations of politics and political manoeuvring. But occasionally a fellow with a politician's flair for manoeuvring, back-biter dealing and general oppressive bossiness a sports administrator and also attaches himself to a particular club. It is at this stage that the fun begins. During the cricket season most ended one fellow found in the Municipal Council position to the annoyance of other cricket clubs. It may be recalled that Mr. Kismaan has put his foot into something else. This time I am told (the news reaches me) he has fallen foul of a Customs official, but the latter certainly made a mistake for Kismaan rarely gets angry. In fact I don't remember when he last got angry. I don't think he ever gets angry or loses his temper, much to think of it. The Customs official, however, got Kismaan on a sore point, and the president of the Natal Indian Congress has made himself felt. The matter will not be allowed to rest wherever it is at the moment, but possibly higher ups going to be told what Kismaan thinks of the whole thing. Don't blame me if I sometimes recall that some are more important people fell foul of the law instead of poor unimportant me.

STAGGERING SPEED

AT various times various people have called the civil service and the civil servants various names. The other night I heard a civil servant referred to as the lowest form of animal life and that speed and efficiency were not strong points of the civil service. During the week-end I was told of an instance in which the service acted with amazing speed. An Asiatic that is a fellow of the same species of humanity as I, telephoned the head office of the Land Tenure Board asking for an application for the determination of an area and a particular house. The enquiry was made at 12 noon. Precisely at 2.15 p.m. an inspector from the Board personally delivered the form. And just you apply for a permit to go to Vodies Bay and you have to hang around for a whole day. The civil service is certainly popping things up.

Racing Selections

By DIPLOMAT

The following are my selections for the Clairwood race meeting run on Wed., 28th:

First race, 12.30, Handicap (Local, Dist.), 6 furlongs.
1. CIRCLET.
2. Tattersall.
3. Fighting Force.

Second race, 12.50, Handicap (Open Dist.), about 7 furlongs.
1. FELLSIDE.
2. Four Times.
3. Silverdale.

Third race, 1.20, Maiden Handicap (Local, Dist.), 7 furlongs.
1. TWO RIVERS.
2. Miss Carina.
3. Mafeta.

Fourth race, 1.50, Novice Handicap ("B" Div.), 6½ furlongs.
1. MERCI.
2. Knotted.
3. Rex.

Fifth race, 2.20, Juvenile Handicap, 6½ furlongs.
1. FEASTING.
2. Slavery.
3. W.E.S.

Sixth race, 2.55, Maiden Handicap (Top Div.), one mile.
1. ROYAL ABUNDANCE.
2. Pentonic.
3. Dominion.

Seventh race, 3.25, Novice Handicap ("B" Div.), 1 mile.
1. HIRSTON.
2. Infinity.
3. Greatsave.

Eighth race, 4.30, Novice Handicap ("A" Div.), 1 mile.
1. WAY OUT.
2. Vindaloo.
3. Tradition.

Ninth race, 5.0, Novice Handicap ("A" Div.), one mile.
1. PAYLESS.
2. Four Leaf.
3. Samandale.

CONGRESS: NOW ORGANISATION

The Bank Branch of the Transvaal Indian Congress at Boksburg especially called for the purpose of:

(a) That a Congress needs from the Transvaal Indian Congress affiliations with Transvaal Indian Organisations.

(b) That the name of the Congress will henceforth be Transvaal Indian Organisation (Bank Branch).

(c) That the constitution is hereby amended and a clause is inserted reading:

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INANDA WELFARE SOCIETY

At the sixth annual general meeting of the Inanda Indian Welfare Society, held at Phoenix, the following officials were elected for the ensuing year:

Patron, M. K. Gandhi; President, M. Kajee; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Manilal M. Gandhi, K. Govindasamy, Mrs. Kajee, Mrs. Ramsamy, D. Ramchuran, D. Ramchuran, G. Ramchuran, K. Ramsamy, P. Chetty, P. Lallchuman, R. Seshamith, H. Bodasingh, Mrs. Govindasamy, Mrs. Bodasingh, Mrs. Daniel, president, Mrs. M. Manilal Gandhi; secretary, Mrs. Kajee; treasurer, Mrs. R. Ramchuran; auditors, Mrs. R. Seshamith, Mrs. Lallchuman, Mrs. Bodasingh, Mrs. Ramsamy, Mrs. Govindasamy, Mrs. Daniel, Mrs. H. Ramchuran, Mrs. Kajee, another, Mrs. K. Ramsamy; executive committee, all officials ex-officio, Mrs. P. Thumbadoo and A. Rawchuran.

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Government "Borrows" £100,000 And Indians Suffer

THE question of the repeal of the Indian Medical Tax focuses attention on the £100,000 which the Union Government "borrowed" in 1931-32 to subsidise the Indian repatriation scheme. The money has not yet been returned.

The tax is imposed on employers of both Indian immigrant labourers and their descendants and collected by the Indian Immigration Bureau. By 1931—32 over £100,000 had accumulated from this and other sources in the Bureau and was "borrowed" by the Central Government to send the Indians back to India.

INDIAN charities which had benefited from these accounts and land have today nothing to show from this source.

The Central Government "borrowed" £100 000 from this fund to the repatriation of Indians, and now there is less than £20,000 in the Bureau, which is a considerable Government Depart-

The Government has done nothing to repay this "loan," and the Indian community is thus suffering Indian births and deaths and the repatriation of Indians unwanted and their dependants, which resulted in the misery of the Indian people, is nothing unless limited means.

The fund which was started at the time of the advent of Indians to Natal was contributed to by employers to provide for the repatriation of Indian workers who desired to go back to India. When Indians did not return employers money went on increasing until the total amounted to about £320,000.

When this source the Protector of Indian Immigrants gave out sums of money for Indian charitable purposes.

In 1931 the authorities in Pretoria decided to use the money for repatriation of Indians.

One condition is that they had "borrowed" it. But it seems that there is no likelihood of it ever being repaid.

Suggestion: Hold over Weddings

IN view of the outbreak of infantile paralysis, Dr. M. G. H. Mayat, of McCord's Hospital, suggests that Indian weddings and mankool festivals should be held over until normal conditions return. It would be wise to do this, Dr. Mayat adds, because large numbers of Indian children gather at these festivities and there is also the danger of infection.

Godse Will Be Tried Next Month

NEW DELHI: The trial of Nathuram Vinayak Godse, the 25-year-old Hindu who is alleged to have assassinated Mahatma Gandhi on January 30, is expected to begin in New Delhi early in May.—Sapa-Reuter.

Bombay Millionaire Victim in Air Crash

LONDON, Thursday.

Sir Homi Mehta, the 77-year-old Bombay millionaire industrialist and Indian representative on the League of Nations, is now known to have been among the 30 people killed early today when a Pan-American Constellation air liner, bound from Karachi to New York, crashed at Shannon Airport, Eire.—Sapa-Reuter.

"I am investigating this incident, and I will take appropriate steps," he said.

Mr. John Lewis (Labour) asked whether the Minister would be prepared to say that if cases of discrimination against race, Colour or creed were brought to his notice, he would withdraw the Royal Honours of the restaurant concerned?

Mr. Strachey replied that there seemed to be no doubt that the incident took place, but that he had not yet been able to investigate it fully. "Before having done so, I must not arrive at any conclusions," he said.

Mr. Tom Bell, managing director of the restaurant concerned, said that at the time of the incident referred to he was not in any way influenced against Coloured people, and that most of his customers objected to them.

"In this particular instance a White man had booked a table for seven, and when 8.30 arrived South Africans, whose names I do not know, but who is a university professor, [illegible]

Busy Deputy Prime Minister



The picture shows Sardar Vallabhai Patel and his family on board a plane. The Deputy Prime Minister of India is a very busy man and even on a plane he transacts his affairs.

Commonwealth Interests Injured By Racialism —BRITISH MINISTER

MR. JOHN STRACHEY, the Minister of Food, said in the House of Commons today that he had already told Parliament that "he considered the interests of the British Commonwealth must seriously injured by racial discrimination." He was referring to an incident in which a London restaurant refused to serve a meal to a Coloured man.

MR. STRACHEY said that he had well known in his own part of Africa.

Mr. Strachey said he had already told Parliament that he considered the interests of the British Commonwealth must seriously injured by racial discrimination, of which this incident appeared to have been an example.

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MR. A. B. NAIDOO

News has been received in Durban of the death on Monday last, from heart ill, of Mr. Abdool Hameed Naidoo, of Johannesburg, formerly of Durban.

The late Mr. Naidoo sailed for India with his wife on March 14, 1948, on the S.S. Inchanga.

A condolence meeting under the auspices of the Andhra Maha Sabha of South Africa will be held today (Saturday) at the Natal Indian Congress Hall at 2 p.m.



MR. RAMDAS MOHAR

Mr. Ramdas Mohar, aged 60, who was ill for some time, died in Durban Hospital on Monday last. A brother of Mr. Ramdas Mohar, proprietor of Mohar's Bazaar, Durban, he arrived for the South African Exhibition for 25 years and retired to Durban about four years ago. He leaves behind his widow, seven children and many relatives to mourn their loss.



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India Aims At Adult Literacy Within 5 Years

NEW DELHI: The Education Minister, Maulana Azad, reviewing the blue print of India's future educational edifice in the Parliament, announced that the Government aimed at achieving universal adult literacy within five years. It was proposed, he said, that there should be some kind of conscription for five years, during which every literate man in the country would be expected to put in a period of service to the nation as a teacher.

THE National Government, the Education Minister said, had realised the temptation of being swallowed up by the past, and sought to create a traditionless society, a point of view and a way of attitude towards educational problems and their solutions.

The Education Minister announced that from April 1 this year the basic plan for universal compulsory education would begin to work in Delhi.

According to the original plan (Sargent Report), the adult education scheme was to be spread over a period of 40 years, but the people of India were not prepared to wait for all that time, he pointed. As a result, of the recommendations of the All-India Educational conference which he had called in January, it was decided that a target of five years should be fixed and the plan was so drawn that it also should be fully executed and carried out within a period of ten years.

It was proposed to introduce compulsory education in the primary classes. The finance involved would be Rs. 200 crores, and would be an additional expenditure of Rs. 40 crores per year for the next five years.

Technical Training

Expressing disappointment at the reasons given by the provincial Government for their inability to introduce Education Ministry and the capacity of wanting employment, he said that if they could be quickly expanded to meet the country's requirements they should have been centrally financed before sending out these scholars. The Overseas Scholarships Committee was set up by the Scientific Manpower Committee which he had appointed after he took charge, had now submitted their recommendations and a number of steps were being made in the light of these recommendations.

"From now on more money will be spent on the expansion of India's institutions, and only a few additional scholarships would be awarded. Facilities for such training abroad as Government expense," Maulana Azad said.

In the field of technical education, provisions had been made in the budget for improvement and development of existing technical institutions in order to bring them in step in this respect with the establishment of the centres and industries. Provision had also been made for the grant of scholarships to give opportunity to trained hands selected and a start made in regard to re-employment of experts shelf by them and abroad. Provision had also been made for the establishment of regional committees for the All-India Council for Technical Education.

National Cultural Trust

While emphasis on scientific and industrial training was important, he felt that a country like India, rich with the ageless traditions, could not ignore the humanities without jeopardising her natural culture and resilience. It was proposed, therefore, here again for the re-establishment of the Asiatic Society of Bengal and some similar institutions of Hindustani Music at Lucknow and Delhi, and the creation of a Central College of Kathakali (Dance-drama) in Kerala. More important, the establishment of a National Cultural Trust.

The Cultural Trust would have three academies to cater for arts, literature and drama, sculpture and dancing, which would serve to focus the artistic and cultural life of the nation at one common centre.

The Education Minister also announced that schemes had been formulated for the establishment of a Training College for Physical Education as well as for a training college for teachers in domestic science.

It was also proposed to expand training facilities at the Visva-Bharathi (Poet Tagore's University), where training would be provided in arts and crafts, dancing, music and in home education.

Provision had been made for establishing a Central Health Institute for the benefit of all India. With India's expanding contacts with all countries of the world, that part of her study of foreign languages had increased, and a Central Institute of Foreign Languages. Plans for setting up a National Bureau of Psychology, a National Central Copyright Library, a Central School of Indian Architecture and Regional Planning had also been considered, but had to be postponed due to financial stringency. He hoped this shortage would be made good tomorrow.

The Tata Institute of Science had been given grants and provision had been made for a fellowship of educational and cultural interchange between India and Israel for the establishment of a Weizmann Institute of Science and the capacity of wanting employment, he said that if they could be quickly expanded to meet the country's requirements they should have been centrally financed before sending out these scholars. The Overseas Scholarships Committee was set up by the Scientific Manpower Committee which he had appointed after he took charge, had now submitted their recommendations and a number of steps were being made in the light of these recommendations.

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Provision had been made for establishing a Central Health Institute for the benefit of all India. With India's expanding contacts with all countries of the world, that part of her study of foreign languages had increased, and a Central Institute of Foreign Languages. Plans for setting up a National Bureau of Psychology, a National Central Copyright Library, a Central School of Indian Architecture and Regional Planning had also been considered, but had to be postponed due to financial stringency. He hoped this shortage would be made good tomorrow.

The Tata Institute of Science had been given grants and provision had been made for a fellowship of educational and cultural interchange between India and Israel for the establishment of a Weizmann Institute of Science and the capacity of wanting employment, he said that if they could be quickly expanded to meet the country's requirements they should have been centrally financed before sending out these scholars. The Overseas Scholarships Committee was set up by the Scientific Manpower Committee which he had appointed after he took charge, had now submitted their recommendations and a number of steps were being made in the light of these recommendations.

"From now on more money will be spent on the expansion of Indian institutions, and only a few additional scholarships would be awarded. Facilities for such training abroad as Government expense," Maulana Azad said.

In the field of technical education, provisions had been made in the budget for improvement and development of existing technical institutions in order to bring them in step in this respect with the establishment of the centres and industries. Provision had also been made for the grant of scholarships to give opportunity to trained hands selected and a start made in regard to re-employment of experts shelf by them and abroad. Provision had also been made for the establishment of regional committees for the All-India Council for Technical Education.

National Cultural Trust

While emphasis on scientific and industrial training was important, he felt that a country like India, rich with the ageless traditions, could not ignore the humanities without jeopardising her natural culture and resilience. It was proposed, therefore, here again for the re-establishment of the Asiatic Society of Bengal and some similar institutions of Hindustani Music at Lucknow and Delhi, and the creation of a Central College of Kathakali (Dance-drama) in Kerala. More important, the establishment of a National Cultural Trust.

The Cultural Trust would have three academies to cater for arts, literature and drama, sculpture and dancing, which would serve to focus the artistic and cultural life of the nation at one common centre.

PAKISTAN ENVOY IN INDIA

"The Leader" Special Service

Karachi: The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Commonwealth Relations, Government of Pakistan, announced in a Press note the appointment of Khawaja Shahabuddin to act as High Commissioner for Pakistan in India, in Mr. Zahid Hussain, C.I.E., who is shortly relinquishing charge.

Khwaja Shahabuddin, who is the brother of Khwaja Nazimuddin, Premier of East Bengal, retired from Dacca. He was a Minister in the former Government of United Bengal and is now the Chief Whip of the Constituent Assembly of Pakistan.

TAMIL NEW YEAR CELEBRATED

The Overseers and Disabled Tamil and Telegu Protection Association celebrated the Tamil New Year on Wednesday night at the Kalmandapam.

Mr. S. Pichaymuthoo, chairman of the Association, welcomed the guests and the following spoke to the occasion: Mrs. Jamuki Naidoo (on behalf of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Natal Fraser Society), Mr. C. Subramoney, Mr. T. Subramoney, Mr. S. Govender, Mr. S. Chetty, Mr. Clairwood.

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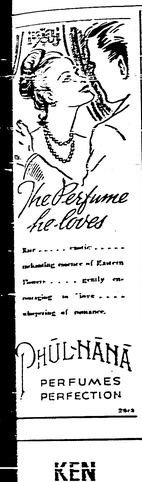
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MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE



MR. VADIVAL PILLAY, assistant secretary at the Durban Child Welfare Society, who has been appointed acting chairman at POSA during Mr. Sykes' absence.

Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Christopher, of Newcastle, were in Maritzburg last weekend, having come down to attend a wedding.

Mr. D. D. Moodley, of the staff of Messrs. Hyde Simon, Park Street, Natal, has returned home after spending his vacation in East London with Messrs. N. Yassen Bros., St. Paul's Road, East London.

Messrs. Bridghall Mayer, S. Sheppard and A. Bridghall, of Pietermaritzburg, spent their Easter vacation in Johannesburg, Pretoria and Germiston.

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WOMEN'S DELEGATION IN INDIA

The Leader Special Service.

New Delhi: A delegation of the Women's International Democratic Federation, headed by Madame Suzanne Bertrand has arrived in Delhi.

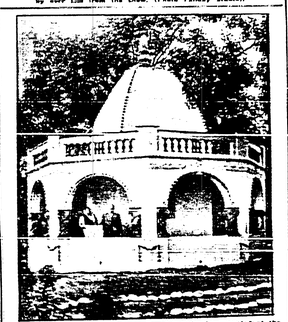
The Federation passed a resolution at Stockholm in September last to send an inquiry commission to various countries to study the life, problems and needs of, as well as the part played by, women in the struggle for freedom and peace.

Madame Bertrand in an interview said that the delegation would stay about a month in India and would meet Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Mrs. Sarojini Naidu. The delegation would also visit Pakistan, Burma, Malaya, Viet Nam, Indonesia and other places in South-East Asia, and hoped to organise a conference of women of South-East Asia.

Other members of the delegation are Dr. Pol Miles (Belgium) and Prof. Tamara Matsueva (Soviet Union).



The picture shows Councillor Mrs. A. Maytom speaking at the Avalon Theatre on Saturday, where the Indian film "Lal-e-Majnoo" was screened in aid of the Fountain Lane School, managed by Mrs. P. Sarmania on the right. It is reported that the school will benefit by over £200 from the show. (Photo: Fanday Studios).



The picture shows the new Sanjee Temple at Verulam, erected at the expense of Mr. Mahanlal Parekh, of Durban. The formal opening ceremony of the Temple was performed by Mrs. Parekh's parents. This was followed by a public celebration on March 31, when the Hindu community was entertained in the Verulam parish grounds.

INDIAN WOMEN IN AMERICA

An Association of Indian women in America was recently formed at Washington with the object of acquainting the American race with the accomplishments of India.

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MISS PADMINI CHETTY, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Chetty, leaving aboard her Matriculation examination this year at the Durban Indian Girls' High School, is now proceeding to England to study for Senior-Tutor Nurse at the West County Middlesex Hospital. She will be leaving Durban by train for Cape Town on April 18 and will travel by the Windsorian Castle, which leaves Capetown on the 24th instant. She expects to be away for about five years.

NAIDOO—PILLAY ENGAGEMENT

From Our Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG, Friday.

THE RUTA A. Hall, Maritzburg, was put last to overflowing on Sunday afternoon on the occasion of the betrothal of Miss Yanagee Pillay and Mr. Ramasamy Naidoo.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Sankaree Pillay, of Maritzburg, and a granddaughter of the late Mr. Ramasamy Pillay, of Durban, a well-known social worker of his time.

Mr. Naidoo is also a native of Durban, and is the younger son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Ramasamy Naidoo, of Durban.

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GOOMI DANCE AT WEDDING

The marriage took place of Warrapillay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warrapillay, of Mr. and Mrs. C. Valloo Pillay, of Maritzburg, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Valloo Pillay, of Hamilton Road, Wynnville, at Pietermaritzburg.

The bridegroom's immediate family joined with a great variety of friends from Mr. Vanara Pandaram officiated.

The marriage was conducted with Vedic rites, music and a sword-dance by Mr. Vanara Pandaram.

A MUDEN WEDDING

The marriage of Mr. Anjaneya Reddy, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Reddy, of Durban, to Miss Kamala Devi, eldest daughter of Mr. K. Pentamma, of Durban, took place at the bridegroom's residence, Dorn Road, Durban. There were a large gathering of all sections of the community and friends, Mr. C. S. Pandey officiated.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Gunner K. Govender and A. K. Rama Pillay, of Maritzburg, acted as bridesmaids.

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Pakistan Faces a New Threat: Provincialism

KARACHI (by mail): For months "communalism" has ranked as the most objectionable element in the life of the Indian sub-continent, but in Pakistan presently "provincialism" is rapidly rising to rival it in disfavour as the most condemnable quality in public life.

This feeling of provincialism has been criticised by Mr. Jinnah. Mr. Chaznafar Ali Khan, Minister for Refugees, has declared: "This virus of provincialism is not only against the teachings of Islam and in direct contravention to the principles in which we fought for the achievement of Pakistan, but is a deadly weapon which, if allowed to operate unchecked, would destroy the very foundations of our newly-born state."

THROUGHOUT this subcontinent there are areas where most provinces have their own language and many smaller divisions have distinct languages or dialects, and where populations vary in racial background and cultural development. Emigrants tendencies are bound to exist in some degree.

Under the British, local patriotisms had little incentive to develop, as the strongest political impulses were towards subcontinental freedom and the welfare and influences of the two great political groups, the Congress Party and the Muslim League, were all towards this end. Nevertheless, though subdued, local feeling remained strong, rooted as it was in language and local traditions.

Since the transfer of power, in fact almost from the moment the cause of independence was considered, local feeling has shown signs of resurgence and the local Pakhtuns, beginning with Quaid-i-Azam, Mohammad Ali Jinnah himself, have been sufficiently disturbed by such evidences of this as has come to the surface during the past six months, to comment on it, even in very strong terms.

Determined Effort

In the United and communal months before August last, when the partition of Bengal had been agreed to by both Congress Party and Muslim League, a determined effort was made by certain groups in the provinces to upset the part of the plan and to, "preserve the unity of Bengal and of Bengalees, speaking parts by declaring an separate independent state of Bengal—a Socialist Republic of Bengal.

Though prominent members of both big parties were concerned in the attempt which failed to secure the support of Sarat Chandra Bose, brother of Subhas Chandra Bose and Abul Hasi Pasha (Army of Peace, India) Bose, who ranks as a local leader in Bengal, and the support or opposition of the high commands of both Congress Party and Muslim League defeated the scheme.

About the same time the secession of the North West Frontier Province, solidly Muslim province shown signs of developing into an acrimonious issue between the governments of Sind and the West Punjab and the Central Government may have to intervene. It began when the West Punjab Government announced that 240,000 refugees would always more to Sind for resettlement; the Sind Government promptly declared that they had undertaken to resettle only 100,000. There had earlier been openly expressed opposition by intellectuals and newspapers to the proposal that Sind should receive more than 100,000 refugees. Now, the Pakistan Minister for Refugees, Mr. Chaznafar Ali Khan, declares that no province could take in more refugees and he expressed vigorously the attitude of the Government towards all local nationalisms.

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INDIA'S FUTURE STAMPS

From Our Own Correspondent

New Delhi: Fifteen designs were selected for the award of prizes of Rs. 250 each. Two of these were from Mrs. Pipersenia Kumar Ghosh (Calcutta); Mr. K. Pratap Ghosh (Calcutta); Mr. K. Sankar (Mayaliparam); Mrs. K. Sen (Delhi); Mr. D. De Talukar Das (Delhi); Mr. Victor Nirg Chawla (Delhi); Mr. Sarod Kumar Chandhury (Delhi); and Mr. V. M. Kothare (Bombay).

The judges were on the view that the remaining designs were not satisfactory, although many artists had been given the conditions prescribed for the drawings.

The panel of judges consisted of Mr. Ghulam Ahmad Bombwal, Director General, Posts and Telegraphs (President); Lt.-Col. E. C. G. Plamson, Master, India Security Printing Press, Nasik; Mr. D. P. Roy Chaudhury, Principal, School of Arts, Madras; Mr. Sadiq Ali, Deputy Director, Sir J. J. School of Arts, Bombay; and Mr. M. D. Patwardhan, Public Relations Officer, City of Bombay.

The competition was organised by the Institute of Art in Industry in India, for the Posts and Telegraphs Department.

INDIANS IN U.S.A.

Approximately 2,500 Indians have settled in the U.S.A. This includes immigrants from Pakistan, but excludes students and normal visitors which may be estimated at over 1,200.

Formerly Indian have been naturalised up to the end of 1946.

Our Readers Speak

REPLY (?) TO MR. PATHER

By M. P. Mather

UNDOUBTEDLY Mr. P. R. Pather's query as to whether Pandit Nehru is aware of the views of his Government, or the real views of Congress, is primarily aimed at agitating the Natal Indian Congress. Mr. Pather knows that we all know attending to such matters rather than to the views of Congress. Mr. Pather knows that we all know attending to such matters rather than to the views of Congress. Mr. Pather knows that we all know attending to such matters rather than to the views of Congress.

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And in order to discredit the movement is trying to use the Lenin Liberation Movement (throughout the country, the Congress hopes).

Why doesn't Mr. Pather ask the Congress leaders questions on local matters rather than on matters of the Government of Communism?

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A SIMPLE MARRIAGE CEREMONY

Hindu-Muslim unity: I happened to be witness to an impressive ceremony at Ahmedabad recently. Ahmedabad is approximately 50 percent Hindu and 50 percent Muslim. Both communities have vast and powerful organisations, but are not communal.

Hindu guard was engaged to Muslim bridegroom before the municipal building in the presence of elected persons, and the Deputy Mayor, a Muslim, was present. The bridegroom and bride were Hindu. The Hindu bridegroom was dressed in a white sherwani and churidar pyjamas and the bride in a white sari. Both were simply dressed and unadorned. Both were unemployed.

The Hindu bridegroom had brought a Muslim friend from one of the mosques to officiate at the ceremony. The Hindu bride had brought a Hindu friend from one of the temples to officiate at the ceremony. The Muslim friend read from the Koran and the Hindu friend from the Hindu scriptures. After that the Hindu bridegroom had put the Hindu bride's sari over the heads of the bride and bridegroom and the Muslim friend had put the Muslim bride's sari over the heads of the bride and bridegroom. Both friends then pronounced the marriage duly solemnised.

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"The heart of independent India is with you in your brave and rightful struggle for civil liberties. We all send you our best wishes and are confident that your efforts will ultimately be crowned with success."

This conference will be the biggest ever held in Natal, as an all-time representation is expected, according to Mr. M. P. Naicker, provincial organiser of the Natal Indian Congress.

All delegates will be elected representatives of their respective branches. Vital questions such as Passive Resistance, Franchise conference between the Congress and the people of Africa, Indo-Pakistan relationship, Indo-Pakistan relations, Indo-Pakistan Settlement, Indo-Pakistan Settlement, Indo-Pakistan Settlement

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SUNDAY, 25th APRIL, 1948,
commencing at 10.30 a.m.
All members are kindly requested to attend.

AGENDA

1. Minutes.
2. Presidential Address.
3. To receive and adopt Central Committee's Report.
4. Balance Sheet and Auditors' Report.
5. Auditors' Reports: Supplementary Payments, 1946-47.
6. Auditors' Reports: Non-European Fund, 1948-49.
7. Budget.
8. Resolutions (if any).
9. Any other competent business.

D. D. LALLA,
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NOTICE
Re Late Mr. N. RAIDOO

A PUBLIC MEETING will be held at the Clermont Tamil School Hall, Kerma, Reddy Road, Clairwood, on Tuesday, 27th April, 1948, at 7 p.m., for the purpose of:—

(a) Discussing and deciding on some form of perpetuating the memory of the late Mr. N. P. Naidoo.

(b) Appointing a Committee to carry out.

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APPRECIATION

Mrs. D. Judoo and family, of Westville, sincerely thank all friends and relatives who attended their recent bereavement by condolences and/or contributed in any way on the occasion of the marriage of Rook (daughter of Mrs. Judoo) to Ramah, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sookhoo Sookhai, of Newcastle, recently.

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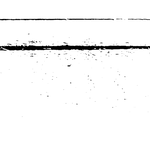
In addition to the basic salary, a suitable cost-of-living allowance is payable. The date for receipt of applications is 30/4/1948.

Applicants must be in possession of a University degree in Social Science or allied subjects, and should have linguistic qualifications to enable them to work satisfactorily with all sections of the Indian community. The duties include the social survey of the requirements of the Indian community in Johannesburg with particular reference to housing and social problems.

Canvassing for appointment in the gift of the Council is strictly prohibited. Proof thereof will disqualify the candidate for appointment.

Applications in the candidates own handwriting on special forms obtainable from the Central Staff Office, Room 33, Municipal Offices, endorsed "Application for post(s) of.....", must be placed in box in Room 33, Municipal Offices, not later than 4 p.m. on the 24th April, 1948.

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The Immigration Laws

THE time is currently long overdue for the abolition of the mass of anti-Indian laws retained from the early nineteenth century. These laws, directed against the Indian people at this country, while the more progressive agencies against the Indian people generally, they also affect specifically subjected to the applications of a set of laws designed for a period, long since dead, in the history of this country.

In the first place in the discriminatory laws which the Government regards as natural born Indians whom it regards as natural born, means the descendants of the indentured labourers, and the passenger Indians, the Indian who comes to this country on his "own steam", and not as an indentured labourer.

The maintenance of this distinction between the two categories is seen within a community which is more or less homogeneous and should be treated as one group. The Government, should bring all Indians under a common administrator and these passengers about impending orders of moderate duty.

The Indian Medical Tax mills taken unfairly against Indian workers, and the new attempt in the wood that it will be abolished by the Indian Parliamentary service. This tax, for which there might be a case when it was imposed upon the immigrant labour from India has still lasting, should have been abolished the day on which the latter was no longer immigrant labour from India. Instead, for almost forty years the tax has been a burden on the Indian community, and is used mainly to secure, for Central Government revenue, considerable sums of money which had accounts laid down that it was to be used for repatriation schemes.

The births, deaths and marriages registration of Indians and also came under the same new law of the country. At the time of the Union it could be said that the Indian people were "protecting itself" on the Indian people, which stand, as separate, and the Indian people have been subjected to the operation of the Immigration Act, the Indian Affairs Act, with this should be accompanied by the Indian Affairs Act. The Indian people have come for from the days of indentured labour, and their education and standard of living demands that they come under the common law of the country. But the Act gives very special laws to protect them, so they are not a protective or backward people.

The existence and the maintenance of the discriminatory laws is a factor against the full rights of the Indian in South Africa. While it may be claimed that the Indians are Union nationals, it is not always made clear that after this there are a number of laws enacted laws from Union days which curtail not only the rights which should accrue to Indians as Union nationals, but penalties must also be ascertained in the light of changed conditions and circumstances.

The Gandhi Trust

IN our last issue we carried a list of names of people who have been appointed by the Natal Indian Organisation to draw up the trust of the Mahatma Gandhi Natal Indian Trust, which is in danger of passing out of the control of the Indian people by prescription. It is understood that the Natal Indian Organisation did not publish, when announcing the appointments, that what they propose is almost the same as the trust deed which the last committee should have prepared, but which it did not do, to the disappointment of the community. The proposed trust deed is to be based on the old party policies, and an independent committee is to be appointed to be formed to decide what forms the trust should take.

In addition to the Natal Indian Organisation, there is the Natal Indian Congress, and if all the non-political bodies there is the Natal Indian Teachers' Society, the Women's Association, the Hindu Maha Sabha, and the Tamil Benevolent Society, it is to be expected that these bodies will have some justification when they say that the Natal Indian Congress is the only one which is still floating in, should have been left out. In any case, it is high time the matter was closed by inaugurating the trust deed, and the trustees should be named in the near future. Further delay is unjustifiable.

AMBASSADOR OF INDIA'S ART

RAM GOPAL, the famous Indian dancer, has been asked by Prime Minister Pandit Nehru to represent India at the International Festival in New York in October. Ram Gopal discussed this on an interview in Cairo, where he has been playing to crowded houses recently.

Ram Gopal was born in Bangalore, South India. His mother was Burmese; his father a well known Indian actor. Ram Gopal is a "mystic." As a child he led the life of any schoolboy, though he was obviously a boy with an unusually purposeful mind.

He started to dance at the age of six and ever since he was two months he has always had the desire to dance. He received years of his education in England and speaks English fluently. But he studied dancing under Uttayan Indian masters, soon not only versed in dancing, but also in philosophy, a lot would put their secrets away to those they did not deem worthy. To them Gopal very taught all they knew.

His professional career began in 1935, when the late Maharaja of Mysore and his brother the Yuvaraja invited him to dance at the Dussehra celebrations. They were so impressed that they gave him dresses, costumes, a little money and every encouragement. They told him that his mission in life was to spend his evening from the degradation into which it had fallen. This he set out to do and this he has certainly achieved.

IMPRESSIVE

HIS appearance on the stage is impressive as he glides his audience in the traditional manner by pursuing his hands together as if in prayer, the whole effect being heightened by the gorgeous tunic Indian costumes he wears.

Interesting aspects of his dress drapes he explained the difference between the four principal styles of dancing in India and Pakistan. In the South one finds Kathakali and Bharata Natya dancing. In the first of these, the Kathakali school, the dancers tell a story by means of gestures, facial expressions and an orchestral band and chorus which sings the story.

One might suppose that there is no room for originality, but in actual fact originality is encouraged as each exponent has his own instrument, but takes as their context, together with the dancers facial expressions. Bharata Natya, meaning that can only be called "dancing" proper with which Ram Gopal can make his hands speak whatever tongue, his or his, is amazing.

He followed a short lecture with demonstrations of the various moods, the erotic, the furious, the heroic, the disgusting, the comic, the pathetic, the marvellous, the terrible and the tranquil, and with the meditative, and with appropriate movements.

The dearth of ghat is the country is one of the saddest tragedies of all. Of prospective artists in all branches of the arts, and in this connection Ram Gopal has very interesting talk about the services are about to close for lack of stock.

DANCE OF THE SUN

THE programme ended with the "Dance of the setting sun," composed a glorious headdress of peacock feathers and a golden breastplate and a gilded and jewelled bow-stick. The dance that followed was inspired when Ram Gopal was in the Himalayas after a long illness, and witnessed the sun rise. The dancer, who is the sun, the great movements of the arms, the gradual rising of the sun, the rise of the sun, this, when the sun is in the zenith, the sun is in the sky, and was

IMPORTING STEEL INTO INDIA

The All-India Manufacturers' Organisation, Bombay, has sent to the Government of India a telegram protesting against the recent import of steel by private parties.

In a telegram to the Minister of Industries and Supply, the Organisation says that the decision has no "justification in the Government's declared policy of controlling bulk steel imports, especially when indigenous production should be permitted to import a part."

"The dearth of steel in the country is one of the most disquieting features of prosperous and in which private enterprise is playing its full part. Any relaxation in this vein in the interests of the country's industrial development."

Cow Slaughter Ban

Moradabad (Twain): Municipal Board of Moradabad has decided to ban cow slaughter in the city. Similar decisions have been taken by municipal boards of Meerut and Bareilly.

Four-Year Delay Visualised Before Tech. Is Ready

IT is unlikely that the S. L. Saltzn Technical College will be ready for occupation before 1952 according to the second annual report of Mr. E. M. Narbeth, chairman of the College Council. Mr. Nazbeth states that it is probable that the Argyle Road grounds will be ready in about two years, and consequently Currie's Fountain cannot be evacuated before that time. "Under these conditions the College Council is not likely to obtain possession of their new site before January 1950. If building operations cannot be commenced before that date our new buildings can hardly be ready for occupation before January, 1952."

REFERRING to the question of the Tech. building site Mr. Narbeth reported:

"Application was made in February 1942, to the City Council for a grant of land on which technical College buildings could be erected for the Indian community (by September 21, 1943, Council agreed, after consulting the Indian community (by September 21, 1943, Council agreed, after consulting the Indian community, to allocate to the Technical College Council, to have the transfer completed. Progress in the preparation of the Argyle Road grounds has been unsatisfactory, for there were complications which prevented our having access to the land.

"Your other institutions had been granted portions of the Currie's Fountain grounds, and if all were immediately allowed to commence building operations, considerable confusion would be due to the fact that the grounds which their lease extends to 1951, before other grounds were available to them.

"The Sports Association quite naturally insists that some of the monies should be admitted in their grounds until the Municipal authorities implemented their agreement to develop and hand over in a playable condition the 31 Argyle Road which they had undertaken to provide as a substitute for the Currie's Fountain grounds.

"The consequent delay which may amount to 21 years has held up the progress of Indian technical education. Every effort has been made by the Indian Technical Education Committee, followed by the Technical College Council, to have the transfer expedited

WEST INDIES TEAM FOR INDIA

"The Leader" Special Service

New Delhi: A representative West Indian cricket team is expected to visit India next winter for a three-month tour.

Negotiations to arrange such a tour, on a return basis, between Mr. R. Karl Nanu, president of the West Indies Cricket Association, and Mr. A. S. de Mello, president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India.

The tentative programme for the four successive 10 matches, including five Tests of four days each.

Announcing this, Mr. de Mello, in a statement, said: "I feel that the proposed tour will be much higher than any similar venture India has so far sponsored. It will entail an expenditure of roughly Rs. 150,000 for a party consisting of 14 players and a manager. The tour will last three months, during which 10 matches should be played in India and two in Ceylon.

"In order to devise the most mutually beneficial programme, I feel that we should have a full consideration of five matches, which will be played at Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi, Madras and Baroda. I have chosen Baroda as a Test venue, so that none of the matches may be played on a rotating basis. This will be a great treat to our visitors, who are accustomed to such arrangements.

Mr. de Mello added: "If these four centralians, it will serve as a splendid preparation for the M.C.C. tour the following winter. Many of the West Indies players taking part in the Tests against the M.C.C. this winter will be experienced, and the tour will certainly include George Headley, the greatest West Indian batsman of all time, and a dozen second only to Headley.

"The team must be considered to have every opportunity of playing all week, not only in regard to cricket which may be a small thing but for friendly relations between the countries.

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HIGH PRAISE SHOWERED ON INDIAN CRICKETERS

DON BRADMAN, the Australian Cricket Captain, in a personal letter to Mr. A. S. de Mello, President, Board of Control for Cricket in India, declares that the Tests with India were the "happiest series ever played in Australia." The Indian cricketers completed their tour with a record of five matches won, seven lost and eight drawn.

HE. A. S. DE MELLO, in a statement, said: "I am completely satisfied with the team's performances and with the manner in which it was handled by the organize, Amarnath, who fulfilled an arduous and responsible task with competence, skill and dignity. If we failed to win a single Test match, we certainly made Australia fight all the way to most of them, and against the best sides we fairly held our own.

"The results were not conquerable in our favour, but there were undoubted potentialities for the future, so that none of the matches may be played on a rotating basis. This will be a great treat to our visitors, who are accustomed to such arrangements.

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Prince Duleepsinhji, Ranjitsinhji's nephew and a former Sussex and Cambridge cricket team in Australia, declared on his arrival in India:

"The Indian team have the outstanding achievement to their credit—they made themselves more popular all over Australia by their batting and their behaviour off the field.

"The Australians say that with their bright batting they brought a great draught of fresh air into Australian cricket, which was needing, to borrow a tennis and cricketing game.

"The Australians . . . have been unanimous in their praise of the Indian cricket and, in a way, met them half-way.

"The Australian public had a great liking for the team, and it would be no exaggeration to say that towards the end of the tour many Australians were, like me for an Indian victory in the Test.

"The Indian team were most thoroughly at home and they made friends wherever they went."

Indian Press on Tour

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"We can find two reasons; one is that the cricketing people, with no one to appreciate his Napoleonic qualities and resourcefulness as a body of men, the good humour of Arthur and his skilful captaincy, since Warwick Armstrong swept that board that is going to the end after World War I.

"If," the paper adds, "there were doubts after the conclusion of the Indian tour of England that the team as to our potentialities as a Test combination, they were set at rest now. We are still backward and take years to attain national cricket.

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"Only the super-optimist, the person public, could have hoped to win, and an Indian team of amateurs, who have had only a few days to the bewildering ground of Australia, could not be expected to result in several innocents who have failed to make a single run in exactly the same circumstances. Vijay Merchant, writing in the Sydney Morning Herald, on the Indian batsmen: 'Their batting was not good enough to win a Test match.' If you took the three best batsmen in any team and subtracted the runs they made from the total, you will not have much left. They are lacking, too, in experience which, on the spectator look for a month's batting against England proved against Australia.

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Indian Press on

SOCCER BEGINS AT CURRIE'S FOUNTAIN

Opening Games Disappoint

STELLA OUTPLAY QUEENS

THE opening games at Currie's Fountain were not of the high standard which was anticipated. While teamwork was unattractive and disappointing there were some outstanding individual performances. Stella, last year's league champions, outplayed Queens, who were without four of their regular players in the main match of the afternoon.

THE early game between Warwick shire and Daffodils, who have been promoted to the "A" Division, ended in a win for the former by three goals to nil. In this match D. Gamas (Flaky) netted three times to get the first hat-trick of the season.

In the Junior "B" section, Shamrocks and Railway annexed contests while wins over Pirates and Clairwood Schools, defeating them by 5-1 and 4-0 respectively.

Stella 7, Queens 1

The Stella-Queens match was rather slow and unimpressive on the whole, and did not turn out as expected.

After fifteen minutes of play, Stella set their combination going and Chetty, who shortly beat the defence to send in a sizzler which beat Sam, the Queens' custodian, fairly to look.

Seeing note action by this action, Queens fought back immediately and Raleigh Pillay outpaced the Stella defence but Ramsa did well to cut a powerful groundier.

Stella "opened up" play, Sadik and another goal through Goodall and Chetty. Lighton found and passed to Goodall, who was not to be denied.

Queens rallied and replayed with total advantage for a while, but without success. Good defensive play by Patty and Danger prevented any goals.

Before interval Stella went further ahead when Goodall registered his second and Stella's third goal when he headed himself in from a corner.

Half-time: Stella 3, Queens 0.

On the resumption Queens were unable to fight back immediately and they had done so the first half, while Stella outmastered their opponents in all departments of the game.

Stella went further ahead when Lighton, playing at centre right, moved the fourth and Lighton the fifth goal after ten minutes' play.

The Queens forwards made a few good moves but finished badly each time.

Teague, playing on the right half, worked the ball in, a short followed by a long one, and Stella continued to press. Lighton failed to clear the goal but it mattered one of the players was deflected into his own goal.

Before the end Stella got two more goals through Lighton and Naicker to make the final tally seven goals to one.

Final score: Stella 7 (Lighton 3, Goodall 2, Ramsa 1, Naicker 1); Queens 1.

Friday Match Trick

D. Gamas (Flaky), the Warwickshire captain, scored a hat trick to celebrate the opening of the season against Daffodils.

Daffodils, with an improved pound team, put up a very creditable performance, but in the second half were completely overpowered by Warwickshire, who ran out winners by three goals to nil.

Gamas (Flaky) opened the scoring in the second minute, and Warwickshire continued to press. Daffodils, however, settled down and Ramsamy and Naicker were prominent in the attack.

Warwickshire, however, were the more dangerous side and Gamas (Flaky) scored his second goal after 25 minutes' play.

Daffodils, with an improved forward line, were by no means disgraced by the defeat

Around The Cinemas

AVALON: "Old Barn Dance," featuring Gene Autry, "Troubled Waters," a mystery thriller, and "Once a Crook," a mystery melodrama, are the features of the coming week.

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TALK OF THE BAZAAR

By the "Faqir"

WHAT is worse—the toothache or the dentist? (N.B.: I don't think I can honestly say "ache" for the dentist.) Recently I have been the victim of toothache and, having suffered various other kindred and dreary aches and pains, I can assure you that a toothache is far more energy and moral fibre to stand up to than the others. When you have toothache you also have to bear in mind the dentist. The second thought is no unpleasant (with luck until you get into a dentist's surgery) that the pain disappears. A few weeks ago I found myself compelled to seek a dentist (that toothache must have been bad), but, somehow, when I got into the dentist's chair the pain disappeared. When the ogre perked up his pliers I told him that I didn't have any bad teeth, but had simply come in for a general check-up of my teeth. For a long while he looked at me, looked behind my throat, at the dentist, and the pain vanished. The other day I got toothache again and so did all the dentist's patients. I had to go to the dentist. I could have kicked myself when I got there. I had come about two days before he went on holiday. I should have gone three days later. There again, however, I managed to compromise. We found that the tooth which I think is troubling me is absolutely O.K. There's nothing wrong with it. The dentist feels that the tooth which I think is quite O.K. is the one which is really troubling me. The attendant (a sl. I mean no disrespect) pulling out a no also sure of this my action will be seen over the dentist soon on holiday. I have had inductions in the last few days. Oh, the joy of living!

MR. ROONDOO

MR. AYARANNI BONDIROO, of the "grunion" days, called on me during the week. His public career seems had been pitted by the unsentimentally treatment meted out to Nkomati. He told me clearly he is no friend of Nkomati or Nkomati's politics, Moderation and all that does not appeal to him. He is a man for direct action. Of course, he ignored my questions as to what he would have done had he been asked to seek treatment. As an Indian moderate, he said me, should throw up nothing and retire to their hinterland. They should use the Durban Municipal tennis courts and bowling greens. The next week they should use the Non-European bus service. For a week also they should go to the post office themselves, buy their own stamps and post their own letters; for a week they should queue up at the bank with their deposits; for a week they should travel in the suburban trains—that is, if they live in the suburbs; for a week they should do their own shopping personally and not use the telephone; for a week they should go personally to the Durban station to buy their railway tickets. Mr. Roondoo tells me, will be well worth it.

MORE QUESTIONS

WITH that I thought Mr. Roondoo would leave for his interview retreat, but he had other political questions registering his mind. He had dealt with the Moderates, but now he had a few questions for the extreme gentlemen (or gentlemen-bumpkins, as exploited (contemporary A. S. Nayar, Father Grunt, former) Mr. Roondoo wanted to know. Recently he had occasion to call on the Congress Offices. It was during the morning during the week. He found a youngster who appeared to be the office boy apparently in sole charge of the office. "Are you a big shot?" Mr. Roondoo asked him. "No, sir," the lad replied, "I am a small shot." "Well, show me to the big shot." The reply disturbed Mr. Roondoo's balance. The "big shot" himself apparently received their own interviews routine, which is quite understandable. He could not find

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Plea For Private Marriages Only

By Amod Sahib

IN the first issue of "The Leader", Dr. H. Mayet, of Durban, suggested to the Indian people as they propose their weddings and other festivities.

Now, I propose to add a part of it, which I feel can be extremely helpful to the Indian people in this country, and especially to the poor. Indeed this is for no other reason because of this deadly disease, for the simple reason that if only the Government saw any medical man should promptly penalise the person who this offence is likely to end.

Therefore, I would suggest that section of the Indian people inviting hundreds of guests to their weddings and festivities should be penalised or fined, and those who cannot afford to pay the fine should get married privately in their homes, thereby escaping the potential danger of contamination from polio and also saving a tremendous amount of money which other wise is totally wasted.

This money, or even a part of it, could be utilised for the benefit of the leading, clothing and housing the poor, the money so saved in the above manner can be found in the Indian community. Perhaps by this kind of the community, the Almighty God may look at us sympathetically and prevent the deadly polio disease from gaining a stronghold in South Africa.

To waste money freely and lavishly on weddings and other frivolous and unnecessary things, when so many are in need of the bare necessities of life, does not show a true sense of appreciation of a blessing, but on the contrary, it is a sign of a spoilt child of the community immune to the hardships which the other less favoured and progressive communities, in this country, have to undergo. I hope the weddings are stopped, and I am confident that the majority of the sensible members of the community, who are not interested in spending on wedding days,

Wandsbeck.

N.I.O. MEMBER COMPLAINS

By "Ameer"

KINDLY permit me a space in your valuable "Leader" in order to bring to the notice of the supporters of the N.I.O. and the Indian public in general the manner in which the officials of the Organisation are treating their honorary members.

On February 9, 1948, I wrote a couple letter to the Secretary of the N.I.O., explaining to the said letter, but although both the letters were duly received by the said official wrote to the people of Northern Natal with a view to enrolling them as members of the Organisation.

By fair, unfortunately, I have not received a reply. But on March 3 the Secretary forwarded to me membership cards dated March 1 and they seemed that my first letter to which I made reference did not reach their hands, and therefore they responded that I should post them a copy of that letter, with the necessary fee, but although both the letters were duly received by the said Secretary, P.O. Box 308, Durban, I have not heard anything from them.

Through the medium of The Leader I wish to inform the N.I.O. that we have had enough of this indecent and attitude from the same group of people even in the South African Congress and, the late Mr. A. I. Kajee. But to communalists and reactionary members from the general public, I would like to say that such a policy is only a suicidal policy and will definitely prove detrimental to the progress of the Indian Congress and to the Organisation as a whole.

We do not want Parties to come into ever so and our shield also, hold weight. It is time the N.I.O. decided their superiority over the Congress and showed a true spirit of the brotherhood in an equal way, if it wishes to be a real Organisation. I therefore, on behalf of the people of Northern Natal, call upon the Secretary of Durban to hold an informal meeting of the Executive, as well as a public meeting in Northern Natal, Wandsbeck.

INDIAN NURSE-AIDES

By V. M. Naidoo

RECENTLY your correspondent "Nurse Aide" gave some information to the public in connection with the new nursing scheme. Furthermore, I wish to appeal to parents to encourage their daughters to join the nursing profession. There is a great shortage of nurses in our country and unless sufficient nurses are trained, many sufferers will be deprived of the necessary attention.

Through the medium of this letter I wish to inform the Natal and Zululand public that the Durban Indian Nurse-Aides Association is doing valuable work in this direction.

At present there are only three ladies able to do the visiting work and another thirty-seven are required to enable us to make up a share of twenty. Parents should remember they matter, and encourage their daughters to join the scheme.

I wish to emphasise the necessity for more helpers, when they are trained and I wish them all the success.

NOTICE

I, JUGDHARIE JAWHAIR SINGH, trading as J. J. Singh, at Glencoe and Newcastle, wish to make it known to the public that I am not the one J. J. Singh against whom an judgment was granted for £3 on behalf of O. Pardini, of Newcastle, which appeared in the Union's Gazette of the 13th December, 1947, has no connection with my business whatsoever.

ONE MILLION NON-MUSLIMS STRANDED IN W. PAKISTAN

"The Leader" Special Service

NEARLY one million non-Muslims are still stranded in West Pakistan and a large majority of them desire evacuation to India. The number of non-Muslims left in Sind is about 500,000. There are also about 50,000 in West Punjab and about 25,000 in the N.W.F.P., besides a large population of non-Baluchistan, where there is Muslims, including those who have been forcibly converted, awaiting evacuation.

EVACUATION from Sind has been considered after the recent attacks on non-Muslims in some parts of Western Pakistan. Between January 1 and February 15 nearly 180,000 persons were evacuated.

The Directorate - General of Evacuation proposes to evacuate about 15,000 by sea and between 3,000 and 4,000 by rail a week.

Arrangements are also being made with the Rail Government for running special trains from Karachi to Delhi within the prescribed time limit.

It has been estimated by the Indian High Commissioner that about 600,000 Muslims in Sind, nearly 600,000 desire evacuation to India immediately. The total non-Muslim population of Sind was estimated to be 1.4 million in 1947. Since partition, non-Muslims in small numbers have left the province and crossed over to India. It is estimated that until the first of January nearly 470,000 had already come over to India as refugees.

Non-Muslims in Bannu

The bulk of non-Muslims from Bannu and D. I. Khan, in the North-West Frontier Province are expected to be evacuated to India according to Major H. K. Kapur, the Government of India's representative at Peshawar. Three or four trains are expected to run every day from Bannu and one from D. I. Khan in the first week.

About 19,000

The number of non-Muslims awaiting evacuation from Bannu and D. I. Khan is about 19,000. Nearly 2,000 more are stranded in the various towns in the province. In addition, there is a large number of abducted women and non-Muslims who have been converted, both in the Frontier Province and in tribal territory.

While trains are being arranged for non-Muslims from Bannu and D. I. Khan, available civil aircraft are being pressed into service to lift non-Muslims removed from "pockets," specially women and children. The planes will touch Peshawar, Risalpur, Kohat, Bannu and D. I. Khan.

The N.W.F.P. Government has agreed to the evacuation of non-Muslims from Bannu and D. I. Khan, but negotiations are still in progress regarding the evacuation of non-Muslims from the various stations in the Frontier Province.

There are nearly a thousand non-Muslims at Peshawar, and about the same number in Kohat, Thal and Chitral. From each of these places about 400 non-Muslims, evacuation will have to wait for a few months, the Pass is closed, due to heavy snow.

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A DISAPPOINTING RATIONALISATION

IT was disappointing to note that a large number of officers in the R.A. Army who have come into contact with Indian soldiers in North Africa and Italy and have developed a new attitude towards people of this country and come back to South Africa. They had rationalised themselves out of the situation. The Indian front

In South Africa.

This statement was made at a meeting of the Indo-European Council of Action held at the International Club by Mr. K. Kirkwood, of the N.C.O. lecturing staff, who was a captain in the South African Regiment in the war and had come into contact with Indian troops.

Mr. Kirkwood, in his observations on South African contributions, said he should never overlook the Indian contribution to the Allied victory. For the Indian soldier, we owe them a deep debt of gratitude.

Referring to the accusation made against the South African Indian about what he had done in the war Mr. Kirkwood said this was a very unjust allegation. "If I had been an Indian I would not have joined the army under the conditions which the Indians were being enlisted. They were given no opportunity for promotion. I never met an Indian officer, even when they fight as fine troops."

ESTCOURT INDIANS CONCERNED

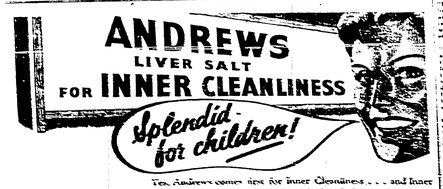
From our Own Correspondent

Following the appointment of a Natal Indian as a member of the Executive Committee of the Natal Provincial Council, the Estcourt Indians have decided to organise a public meeting to express their appreciation of the step taken by the Natal Provincial Council. The meeting will be held on Sunday, 25th April, at 3 p.m. in the Town Hall, Estcourt, when there is expected to be a large attendance.

"Kaalmeer" is a privately-owned estate, about 30 miles from Durban, belonging to a number of people for the purpose of a week-end resort. Indians for a number of years have been trying to purchase a piece of land, but without success. Recently a piece of land was purchased through the Land Board, and it has been developed by the "Kaalmeer Syndicate" which is situate on the Umhlanga Rocks Road, and is known as "No. 29, about three miles from Durban.

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The following were elected officials:—Mr. Moosa Ismail, Chairman; Mr. Ismail Moosa, Secretary; Messrs. A. Ismail, R. Ismail, A. Ismail, M. Ismail and T. Ismail, Committee members. Mr. Moosa Ismail is a member of Rhoda Peace Council, and Mr. A. Ismail is a member of Rhoda Peace Council.



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Pakistan Language Controversy Condemned

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KARACHI: At the Punjab University Urdu Conference recently Sir Abdul Qadir called for a thorough nursing of the "bleeding" Urdu language, which had had its own share of post-partition tribulations, and expressed the hope that Urdu would emerge triumphant from the present turmoil despite all the machinations of its enemies.

SIR ABDUL QADIR expressed gratitude to the Pakistan Government for championing the cause of Urdu by declaring it the State language of Pakistan. The Hon'ble Khwaja Nazimuddin, the Premier, he said, was a friend of the Pakistan Urdu Conference, but he was also the author of the Urdu language.

Similarly Akbar Bah Nishtar, the then scribe at the request of the organisers, made a fielding speech in defence of Urdu as the only language which had the right to be the lingua franca of Pakistan.

Damage Prestige

He said that a national language was the sole medium of preserving the cultural heritage of a nation, while a bilingual State would do nothing but damage the prestige of a nation.

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Sardar Nishtar regretted that Urdu was being patronised to-day in its very homeland in India—and, more unfortunately, under the regime of a Muslim Minister for Education, who claimed a place of pride in Urdu literature.

Continuing, Sardar Nishtar urged the necessity for more immediate efforts towards enriching the Urdu language so as to enable it quickly to assimilate its only rival — the foreigner's English.

Dr. Maulvi Abdul Haq (U.P.) in his distinguished presidential address.

Probing deep into the history of the Indian achievements, he sought to prove that Urdu was born in the Punjab, and with the subsequent establishment of the Islamic empire, spread into other parts of the country.

The speaker paid tribute to the Punjab's contribution to the cause of Urdu. It had been foremost in all the processions of India in agitating Urdu literature.

PROTEST AT DISCRIMINATION

The secretary of the Karachi Urdu Teachers' Institute against its refusal to let non-Karachiites participate in the Matriculation examination.

Such discrimination, he said, was a violent negation of the Urdu language.

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RAM NAUMEE AT SHALLCROSS

Ram Naumee was celebrated on Saturday last at the Shallcross Hall under the auspices of the Shallcross Ramayan Sabha. Rabbi (Shallcross), at middle of the ceremony was performed by Pandit Swamy, of Rochdale. The Shree Satyanarayan Bhajan followed by Ramayan Parayan and Hindi singing.

Mr. H. S. Nahoral, the chairman of the Sabha, in his welcome address to Mr. Singh, the conductress of the Ramayan Parayan, Mrs. Mayan Mahabir, and congratulated Mr. Singh on his achievement in the field of Hindi. Mr. Singh then introduced Mr. Mahabir, who is the vice-president of the Council of Shree Sanathan Dharma Sabhas.



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The figures are not absolutely correct, but the information offered by the people who carried out the survey does not hold good today.

It might have been true in the very early days of immigration when custom was still powerful. Today the ban on the remarriage of Hindu is failing by the wayside.

While in some cases this ban may be the cause of no remarriage, in many cases other reasons and real reasons have to be taken into consideration.

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AGENDA:
1. Minutes.
2. Presidential Address.
3. Secretarial and Acting Central Committee's Report.
4. Balance Sheet and Auditors' Report.
5. Auditors' Report: Supplementary Payments, 1942-43.
6. Auditors' Report: Non-Extra Zone Fund, 1942-43.
7. Budget.
8. Resolutions (if any).
9. Any other competent business.
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THANKS

We, and Mrs. R. Pandaram and family, of 19 Chancellor Avenue, Malvern, Durban, all friends and relatives for their kind messages of sympathy and the beautiful floral tributes sent in their recent sad bereavement.

We, C. Govind & Son and family, of Parkhurst, Durban, wish to express our sincere thanks for the kind messages of sympathy and the beautiful floral tributes received in their recent sad bereavement.

The family of the late Mr. P. Chinnayer (P.C), of Inkanyi Estate, wish to thank all friends and relatives for their kind messages of sympathy and floral tributes received in their recent bereavement.

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CHAGOURIES In loving memory of our beloved son and our dear brother, Ahpsan Chagouries, who was called to rest on April 19, 1937.

As time rolls the first and years, In our hearts you are always near; Memories of you fondly we call, To the one we lost and loved so well. We do not forget you and never will.
We think of you daily and not to the end.
Always remembered by his loving Dad, Kasu Chagouries, sisters, Rose Lily, Amy, family and friends, 79 Umgeni Road, Durban.

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SOONDRUM In loving memory of father, who passed away on April 24, 1941. Always remembered by his children, friends and relations.
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ATHIMOOLAM In loving memory of Athimoolam, who passed away on April 25, 1940.
Dearest we see thee smile no more, Nor hear thy cheerful voice; Thy memory we shall ever keep, And never make a choice.
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Ever remembered by wife and grands, 36 Madras Road, Durban.

MADDEN In fond memory of our dearest husband and father, who passed away suddenly on April 26, 1941.
Treasured memories we have of you, Loving husband and respected father.
Thankfully, sullen and kind, A beautiful memory left behind.
In our hearts you will always be, Of the sweetest memories we have.
When time shall from heart to heart convey,
In God's own time, dear one, we shall fondly meet and fondly record by Wife, Children and Family, Durban.

The Leader
12 Post Street, Box 362, Durban.
P.O. Box 36, Pietermaritzburg.
SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 1943.

Mr. BOYD BACKS OUT?

MR. BOYD has now notified his offer of a "new deal" to the Indian community when he became Mayor of Durban. Many thought that he was making an empty gesture but the reception of the Indian residents and were prepared to meet him. We do not know what has happened but now we find our foolish hopes dashed to the ground. The Natal Municipal Association last week, he denounced all talk of a round table conference with India. The Indian problem was South Africa's domestic affair and should be dealt with in this country. He pronounced India's interference, in the internal affairs of the Union as pedestrian from the Gogvalle incident and of Durban in the matter of the segregation bill. In fact the qualifications to be Indian ceased to be worth a dime and now, Indians, it is estimated, was only millions of pounds worth, to pay Rs. 20 million to get them. "Pay stamps." Pooh! Nobody wants your stamps. Keep them. Your national life or some event of national importance, and for that we should call in the aid of the stamps.

He was interested in philately at one time in his life, he said, and added: "Some days ago, when I was a young Englishman I used to buy stamps, simply because I knew to-day that they were the only way given to me to express myself. Until the Prime Minister, by the way of Simla, and the Indian people have to decide that they want to be treated as Indians, and not as Asiatics, they will only write letters to their friends in Asia, and they will only buy stamps to put on the letters."

Mr. Boyd's denouncement of a round table talks should be followed up by the Natal Indian Organisations, for the greater is in accord with the wishes of the majority of the Provincial Government and the Union and the Indian people know to their cost that they can only rely on the given word of the Prime Minister, by the way of Simla, and the shades of Jallianwalla Bagh will only write letters to their friends in Asia, and they will only buy stamps to put on the letters."

The number of Indians are today languishing in prison. Their sufferings are to feed the hunger satisfied the Prime Minister that they were not to be treated as Asiatics, but as a peaceful, persistent way, but the majority of Moslem Indians in the country were not to be treated as Asiatics, but as an international agreement which was to be treated as Asiatics, but as an international agreement which was to be treated as Asiatics, but as an international agreement which was

DECK TRAVEL: IMPROVEMENTS ANTICIPATED

As a result of representations made by the Natal Indian Organization to Sir William Currie, C.B.E., Chairman of the British India Steam Navigation Co., and the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Co., a number of improvements will be made in regard to conditions on "deck." Sir William said that in future new boats would be designed with a type of third-class cabin accommodation. It would not, however, be possible to abolish "deck passage" at once. That would have to be done gradually.

IN future when a boat docked N.I.O. will be so regulated as to allow a sufficient number of people to see their friends and relatives on board as passengers who are unable to leave the boat because of the inability of the immigration officials to clear them quickly. This will be done when the Tairea, the next boat expected in Durban, arrives.

The quality of the food will be improved.

In regard to permission to relatives and friends to visit boats in the harbour, the issue of port passes, with the assistance of the Consular Immigration Immediately your boats reach the port of Durban. If the Department is in operation and the organisation by the Immigration Officer is in progress, you will be given every facility to ensure that passengers experience no difficulties. This you will agree, is totally fair and extremely just to both parties concerned. The immigration officials are not at any time desirous of causing inconvenience to passengers, but they are compelled to comply with the Immigration Laws in force and in the interests of the State they would urge that differentiation be made in regard to the treatment of the rich and poor.

The comfort of passengers should be the keynote of the popularity of the passenger boats between India and the ports of South Africa for many years. Your companies are no doubt aware that competition and freight services between India and South Africa are increasing by leaps and bounds. It is needless to say that it is, therefore, all the more incumbent that passengers who travel by your boats should be treated with the utmost courtesy and consideration.

We would like to point out that the Indian public is keen to know and appreciate the efforts that have been made by the Indians in the interests of South African trade and development. Indeed many Indians have made South Africa their home.

We have always demanded for the Indian public the right to travel by sea as before, we introduced a deputation to the Government of India. The Government was at that time in communication with the Government of South Africa in connection with the unsatisfactory conditions of the Indians leaving and returning to South Africa. We are under that the days of the deck passage will be numbered in the near future. There is no justification for the existence of this class of accommodation. In place of the deck passage there should be a class of passage intermediate and third class accommodation.

You are no doubt aware that the Indian public in South Africa like to be associated with Immigration Officers and Officials. The local Immigration Officers are desirous of rendering every possible assistance to the Indian public. Any complaints that may arise should be brought to the notice of the Immigration Officer at the port of Durban. Any complaints that may arise should be brought to the notice of the Immigration Officer at the port of Durban. Any complaints that may arise should be brought to the notice of the Immigration Officer at the port of Durban.

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LAST MINUTE WIN FOR ACES

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In the "B" division, Stars beat Railway 3—1, Cosmopolitan swamped Technical College ten nil, while Overport United recorded an easy win over Sydenham Unity by 4—1.

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Woodley received the ball on Henry on right half, who returned the ball to centre forward to Billy Naidoo. Billy tried to shoot but was beaten by good tackling by Sonny Naidoo in the left back.

Recovering the ball to the other end the Aces forwards swept down the field through Jimmy Oliver outplayed the opposing defence and scored a goal. Ismail scored over the bar.

Rangers Score

The Rangers' forwards immediately failed to break at the half way line, but Scottish dribbled past the halfback line and passed to Billy Pyne on centre-forward in front of the Aces' goal mouth. The centre-forward scored a brilliant shot and the ball went past Joggie.

After Rangers had scored Aces enjoyed territorial advantage but were unable to get the equaliser.

Half-time: Rangers 1 (Obermuller-Ismail, Aces 0.

Immediately on the resumption Aces attacked and Jimmy Oliver at centre worked the ball in and passed to Cassim on the right wing, he tested a powerful shot, but Woodley saved second.

Aces Equalise

Sailly Maistry, at left wing, crossed accurately to centre on the ball to Ismail who headed on the ball to Vic Sealey who took the honour.

With both sides striving hard to take the lead, Rangers forwards swept down the field through Dickey Maharaj, who passed on to Scottish who scored a goal, giving Woodley no chance.

Final score: Aces 2 (Jimmy Oliver, Cassim Ismail); Rangers 1 (Obermuller, Scottish).

Stars 3, Railway 1

In an early match on the main ground Stars, who had relegated Railway last year a lesson in soccer.

After Stars had scored a goal through Ismail, Railway equalised but Stars forwards were not to be denied and Ismail scored three goals to win.

After five minutes' play Chinsamy headed the ball over Woodley's head from close quarters to equalise.

After a further fifteen minutes' play, Jeewan Singh netted a penalty to put Stars in the lead.

Ten minutes before the final whistle Stars scored again through Chinsamy and Ismail completed the Railway misery by scoring the last goal of the game.

The ball was the best.

Teams: Stars, 3 against 1, but were unable to score.

OTHER RESULTS

Junior "A": Sastri College 4, Rangers 1; Aces 9, v. Dalbridge 0.

Junior "B": Sastri College 4, Technical College 1; Wentworth 5, Railway 1; Juvenile "A": Sastri 3, Stella 1; Aces 4, Wentworth 2; Rangers 3, Magnolia 0; Stars 3, Railway 0; Technical 1, Umpqua 7, Tenniscoat 0.

BATTLE OF GIANTS

THE afternoon at the stadium will be full of all Curry's Fountain Soccer Festival at Wentworth on the main ground. Both teams are in full strength and Aces supporters should witness the game.

Wentworth: Ramsay, Mackenzie, Mitchell, Mathews, R. C. Naidoo, Ismail, R. Naidoo, M. Naidoo, A. "Pinky" Gomes (captain), M. Govender.

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MARITZBURG, Friday.

THE comparative silence of the Indian sports grounds during the summer will be broken today when soccer makes its bow. If the keenness of the clubs in practice games is any indication a very good season may be expected.

THE first Clermont eleven, following Rangers and Hillcrest, will occupy the ground in the early game. Both teams are evenly matched and a thrilling game should be witnessed.

Britannia, who won promotion to the "A" division, will be out to defend the crown, and a very young team should give Clermont a good game.

Although it will be without the services of R. S. Moodley, a team of veterans of the "A" division will be fielded by Hillcrest. They should be a match for the Clermont eleven.

Of the other clubs, Natalians will field the same side that swept the board in the Durban Indian Soccer League competition. Kenilworth, who made a brilliant debut last year, are expected to go one better towards the end, but they require a little more experience to be a really powerful side.

The other senior club, Orient, has been promoted from the second division. Orient's victory should assure the club of a place in the first division.

Wentworth, the Natal champions of the N.D.F.A., and "The Rovers" of Pietermaritzburg are expected to be in top form to-day, having had the week-end to clear their fixtures. Wentworth are the holders of the N.D.F.A. Challenge Shield.

Appeal for Referees

Mr. R. S. Moodley, president of the Referees' Board, has issued an appeal to old players to take up the duties of referees in the Indian soccer world. "There is a considerable scarcity of referees in the City and players should try to put their experience to good use by officiating in matches," he said.

It was also intended to arrange a series of lectures by well-known referees.

STELLAS WIN 3—0 AT ESTCOURT

From Our Own Correspondent

Estcourt: The Stellas, Durban Indian Girls' section of Estcourt on Sunday, defeated the Estcourt Indian Girls' team by three goals to nil. The game was played in a friendly spirit throughout.

Playing with the wind in their favour, Stellas made the most of the first half. Their forwards were in fine form and scored three goals. Stellas made full use of the wind and their forwards were outstanding combination made by Thangam (3 goals), Pillay and Govender (2 goals) delighted both spectators and supporters. There was no scoring in the second half, as the wind was against Stellas. They were unable to penetrate the Estcourt defence. The Stellas team was captained by Miss Govender. Miss Pillay, who played a fine game with Miss Govender, Miss Pillay, who played a fine game with Miss Govender, Miss Pillay, who played a fine game with Miss Govender,

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Maudley cleared the ball to Hood on right half, and Hood passed to Billy Naidoo, Billy Naidoo made a dash but the goal kick was taken by Jimmy Naidoo in his own defence.

Returning the ball to the other end of the field, "Chick" Morgan raced down and crossed neatly to Bowerbank, but James Oliver misjudged and headed over the bar.

Rangers Leave

The Rangers' forwards repeatedly failed in front of the goal and the defence before interval they took the lead, Scottish dribbled past the half-line and passed to Billy Pitts on the centre-stage in front of the Aces' goal. Ismail Dharmalingam swung his boot to collect the ball and shoot past Jacobs.

After Rangers had obtained a second territorial advantage but were unable to get the equaliser.

Half-time: Rangers 1 (Dharmalingam), Aces 0.

Immediately on the resumption Aces attacked and James Oliver centre worked the ball to and passed to Cronk on the right wing, he took a powerful shot, but Maudley again saved.

Aces Equalise

Billy Naidoo, at left wing, centred accurately to centre-forward Oliver (sidney Maharaj) Rangers 1 (Dharmalingam).

Stars 3, Railway 1

In an early match on the main ground, Stars, the new entrants in the "B" Division, beat Railway by 3—1 on a home ground.

The game was even in the first half, neither goalkeeper had much to do as forwards at both sides were not able to round off their good moves.

At the end of the first half Railway took the lead after the first kick-off by centre-forward Moore.

In the second half both sides played better soccer and Stars scored three goals to win.

After five minutes' play Chinsamy lobbed the ball over Moodley's head from close quarters.

After a further fifteen minutes' play, Bunter Singh netted a penalty to put Stars in front.

Stars increased their lead whilst Moore, centre-forward for Railway, was off the field, when caught the Railway side with a set of positions and slammed the ball into the net.

Railway put up a spirited fight, but were unable to score.

OTHER RESULTS

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Junior "B": Mybill 3, Technical College 1; Wanderers 4, Railway 1.

Juvenile "A": Dalbridge 3, Sastri 0; Aces 4, Wanderers 1.

Juvenile "B": Sastri College —, Nashville —; Dalbridge —, Technical —; Mybill —, United 1; Umgeni 2, Treherne 0.

BATTLE OF GIANTS

THIS afternoon the giants will be the "old 11" at Curry's Fountain when they meet the Wanderers on the same ground. Both teams are in full strength and this should be a close game. The home side's victory should assure the League. The teams are:—

Wanderers: Miller, Lazarus; M. Chinsamy, M. Hood, Naidoo; Moodley, Michael, Maistry, N. Chinsamy, M. Hood, Naidoo; Pillay, Pillay, Game (captain); M. Govender.

Aces: Jacobs; H. A. Naidoo, J. Naidoo, S. Cooley; R. Jacobs, G. Nixon, N. Govender; Nixon, Aiken, Lighter, Billy, Reddish.

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THE second division clubs, Schools 2 and Harrisons, will oppose the main ground at Nathan Avenue. Both teams are evenly matched and a good game is anticipated.

Britannia, who won promotion to the first division from the second division at the season's end, are a very strong side and should be in the running for good games.

Albert, will be without the services of K. S. Moodley, who is nursing a leg injury, but with the inclusion of three players they should hold their own.

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TALK OF THE BAZAAR

By the "Faqir"

MY office-boy has been around a bit since the sensational disclosures on Sunday. First thing on Monday morning he bought a copy of that famous book, "How to be a Detective," in ten easy lessons. He got through all the lessons in a matter of a few hours, bought himself a magnifying glass and went in search (a) of the "haunts" and (b) the wealthy Indian woman who has promised to pay the fines of Tar and Feather Club members. After two days of shouting he reported to me on the result of his ramblings. He has found (a) the "haunts" and (b) the wealthy Indian woman. Actually he suspects that the "haunts" referred to above is the home of an Indian professional. Beyond that he has been unable to go. As for the wealthy Indian women he has discovered a number of things. She is hardly an Indian today. Her ornaments are all factory-made (that should provide the Tar and Feather Clubmen with their first victim). Some are in fact imitations and some drive taxis. She has lost her Indian identity; she has even got an English name now, does her hair in the French fashion, talks with an English accent, dresses in the English manner and looks down contemptuously on Indians. My office-boy has been elated by his successes. He has taken a few more days off. In the meantime I shall use the office table myself in the mornings.

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Racing Selections

BY DIPLOMAT

The following are my selections for the Greyville race meeting (on Saturday (today):

First race, 12f, Galloway and Pony Handicap (2nd Div.), one mile:
1. CIRCLET.
2. Fighting Fresh.
3. Generic.

Second race, 12.30, Umbilo Handicap (2nd Div.), one mile:
1. SILVER SPOON
2. My Lad Sal.
3. Carburetter.

Third race, 1.0, Galloway and Pony Handicap (1st Div.), seven furlongs:
1. CASABLANCA.
2. Four Times.
3. Sweet Mist.

Fourth race, 1.30, Flying Handicap (2nd Div.), five furlongs:
1. CRIN.
2. Seamer.
3. Pinkery.

Fifth race, 2.0, Stewards' Handicap, six furlongs:
1. BEN VENUE.
2. Bridal Rosset.
3. Undaunted.

Sixth race, 2.30, Umbilo Handicap (1st Div.), five furlongs:
1. HOLY HORN.
2. Ivy Leaf.
3. Verdict.

Seventh race, 3.0, Flying Handicap (1st Div.), five furlongs:
1. Chieftain.
2. Punkah II.
3. Gunner Mac.

Eighth race, 3.30, Flying Handicap (2nd Div.), five furlongs:
1. IRRAWADY.
2. Gunner Mac.
3. Victory Boon.
4. Ivy.

Ninth race, 4.0, Umbilo Handicap (2nd Div.), 11 miles:
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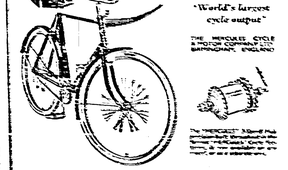
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Smuts Will Not Issue R.T.C. Invitation

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NO CHANGE IN ATTITUDE

"The Leader" Political Correspondent

GENERAL SMUTS will not issue a direct invitation to India and Pakistan to engage in round table talks on the Indian question here. "The Leader" learns from a highly placed source. The reason is simple: He has not changed his stand that the issue is a domestic one.

The Prime Minister does not recognise the right of India to interfere with what he considers a domestic issue. If, then, he were to issue an invitation directly to Pandit Nehru he would be recognising, in fact, the right of another country to interfere in the internal affairs of the Union. It will be recalled that India's "interference" has at all times been a sore point with the Premier.

He has made further disclosures to "The Leader" that the Prime Minister has agreed to talks not because of the Union not because of the Passive Resistance movements in the Natal Indian Organisation, but because of representations made by the United Kingdom from Commonwealth standpoint and because of the stated United Party policy that the Commonwealth should remain intact.

The Indian people must not lose sight of the fact that the Prime Minister has not shifted his stand. He has only made some political moves in the debate. There is also the danger, "The Leader" has been told, that the Indian question may possibly become a minor issue in view of the speech-making moves on the chessboard of international politics.

The Union Government has also made some adjustments to the details of the Asiatic Bill.

He is dealing with Indian questions daily. Whatever the results or negotiations carried out by the Indian people, General Smuts will not in any way be responsible for having asked India to a conference. He wants to be in the position where he can say that he only acceded to the request made by the local Indian community that the course adopted was the best way to meet the impasse.

His spokesmen elsewhere on the question of round table conferences have always given the impression that the Premier is not enthusiastic about it. It is not sufficient, it appears, for any Indian delegation to mean that he will not issue any direct invitation to Pandit Nehru simply because he dislikes the idea. Let make no mistake that the Indian question is a domestic one. By inviting India to a round table conference he would be recognising the right of India to interfere in the internal affairs of the country. This he has determined he will not do.

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"RECOGNITION" A PHANTOM

India and C'wealth: "Various Factors"

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

IN association with the British Commonwealth nations, are backing up with a particular set of partners against any other set, then I think such an association would be harmful to us," Pandit Nehru, the Prime Minister, told Press conference in Bombay yesterday, when he outlined India's post-war policy.

"Inevitably, for geographical and economic reasons, India will have to co-operate actually closely with various Asian countries. But, in carrying on that policy, we are not acting as a friendly way with the British Commonwealth. We have no objection, provided it does not come in the way of our friendship.

He, personally, would like the closest relations between India and Britain and the British Commonwealth and other nations, but not the Indian Constituent Assembly had still to decide the form which would ultimately depend on the world situation and various other factors. — N.S.P. Reuter.

NO PASSPORTS NECESSARY BETWEEN INDIA AND PAKISTAN

KARACHI: A Press Note of the Pakistan Ministry of Foreign Affairs states: "The attention of the Government of Pakistan has been drawn to a Press report that passports are necessary after March 31, 1943, for Indians to visit Pakistan and vice versa. The visit Pakistan and vice versa. The reports is unauthorised and no such restrictions have been imposed by the Government of India or Pakistan. Under arrangements effected between the Governments of India and Pakistan on August 15, 1947, and by the Government of Pakistan on September 26, 1947, complete exemption is granted to persons domiciled in Pakistan who wish to visit India, and persons domiciled in India who wish to visit Pakistan, from taking out passports, and these notifications were not limited by any period. They will continue in force unless revoked, and the Government of Pakistan are not aware of any proposal to repeal them."

Persian Envoy to India

TEHERAN.—Mr. Ali Motamedi, Persian Charge d'Affaires in India, has been appointed Persia's first Ambassador to India, it is officially announced here.

Pakistan Scheduled Bank

From Our Own Correspondent

KARACHI.—The Bank of Bhawalpur, Ltd., has been declared a "Pakistan Scheduled Bank" for the purposes of the Pakistan Money Loan Scheme and Reserve Bank Order, 1947.

Do Women Rule Pakistan

KARACHI.

DO women rule Pakistan today? That is at least most Mr. M. N. Gandar made the Sind Assembly believe when he told the members recently that wives of Pakistan officials had developed such a fascination for Karachi that they would not rest till the Central Government asked Sind to shift its headquarters elsewhere.

The mere words of the Sind Legislature were equally determined in their resolve to stick to Karachi and voted unanimously to resist any such proposal. It remains to be seen who won in this battle over the capital.

THE R.T.C. Congress's Final Verdict

THE responsibility for convening a round table conference between India and Pakistan, as the case stand, and South Africa on the other, rests with the Union Government.

This is the final verdict of the Natal Indian Congress on the subject, and is contained in a pamphlet on the round table conference published by the Passive Resistance Council.

The Council adds: "Any attempts to shift the onus is playing into the hands of those elements in the Union Government who are anxious to justify their own attitude to the Indian question, and who are out to have the United Nations, by dint of every pretext, to refrain from pressing for the Union to adopt a way of thinking that will spread the Indian view and consequently on the Union Government's attitude towards the Indian question.

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No War In Near Future

"The Leader" Special Service

NEW Delhi: Prime Minister Pandit Nehru said here that he was certain there would be no war in the near future.

Addressing a newspaper meeting in New Delhi, he said: "We stand for peace and shall do our utmost to preserve it. We have no designs on any other country, but we are determined to defend ourselves and maintain our independence."

Emphasising the role of India's Defence Forces as "Ambassadors of a Free Nation," Pandit Nehru said that the Indian Army had to be kept efficient and modern. "We have no intention of keeping a large army. It had become necessary as an independent India, and this change had placed tremendous responsibility on the personnel lower of the country.

India's Defence Forces were for the maintenance and not for the maintenance or threat to any particular country or for any power. They could show no partiality to any.

They want the entire people of India to make progress and the world should work towards that end."

SITUATION GRAVE

THE world has passed from one crisis to another, and it is just possible that in the near future some of such magnitude will attract the attention of the world that the Indian problem will be dwarfed. The situation is grave, and it is in the interests of the Indian people to see that the matter is kept within bounds of common sense.

It must be clearly borne in mind that Smuts has only allowed the Natal Indian Organisation to draw the attention of the Government of India to the fact that

SHARP DROP IN INDO-S.A. TRADE

Figures tabled in the House of Assembly recently, show a sharp drop in the Union's trade with India. Trade between the two countries in 1946, compared with 1945, declined from £7,000,000 in 1945 to £4,000,000 in 1946, a decrease of £3,000,000, compared with £7,100,000 during the same period in 1945. The total imports from India in 1946 amounted to £3,900,000, compared with £7,000,000 in 1945 and £17,000,000 in 1944.


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