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S.A. TENNIS TEAM TO TOUR INDIA

Proposal Made by Indian High Commissioner

PREPARED TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH INDIA ASSOCIATION

Speaking at a reception, held under the auspices of the Transvaal Indian Tennis Association, in honour of the participants in the South African tournament held in Johannesburg during Easter, Sir Rama Rau, the retiring Indian High Commissioner, said that on his return to India he would endeavour to arrange with the home association to entertain an Indian tennis touring team from South Africa.

Under the auspices of the Transvaal Indian Lawn Tennis Association a reception in honour of the visiting tennis team was given at the Springbok Hall, Johannesburg, in the evening of Easter Monday, when His Excellency the High Commissioner for India, Sir Rama Rau, was present, and made the presentation of trophies to the winners in the South African Indian Tennis Tournament and the interprovincial competitions.

The hall presented a brilliant appearance, and all sections of the non-European community, likewise Europeans, were present. Among those present were Messrs. P. G. Mesner, F. Maher, I. Mackay, W. J. Agge, J. H. Sutton, Miss M. Sutton, Messrs. S. M. Nana, Mahomed Jajbhay, S. Paimat, president of the South African Lawn Tennis Association, I. I. Hazaree, Hoosen Jajbhay, Z. V. Parekh, M. Vahed, Himlal Khan, Hajee brothers of Natal, Terry Pillay and S. D. Royeppen, and many leading Indians and members of the coloured community.

A toast list was prepared and the speakers included the High Commissioner, Sir Rama Rau, Messrs. Hoosen Jajbhay, S. M. Nana, S. Rajpaul, Mahomed Jajbhay, C. R. M. Das, R. Jithoo, S. Singaram, I. Bramdaw, S. S. Maharaj, Wesley Thomas, G. R. Kekale, P. Pillay and H. Jithoo.

After the usual toast was proposed to His Majesty the King and Emperor of India, His Excellency the High Commissioner, speaking on India's culture and tradition, said the dear "old lady" with her children, numbering over three hundred million, was keenly wateaing their interests in india and outside the motherland. He referred to the great part played by India in the present war. The Indian troops, he said, were fighting side by side with the South African troops in Africa. Never, before the Europeans in this country have not yet come to an understanding on the Indian question. He hoped, however, that the national problems will after the war receive considerable attention.

He praised the Jajbhay brothers for their keenness in sports and particularly their hospitality on various occasions, and congratulated the Transvaal team on its success in the recent South African tennis tournament.

His Excellency continued that when he returned to India he would make all necessary arrangements to entertain an Indian touring team from South Africa to visit India shortly.

Mr. Hoosen Jajbhay, in extending thanks to the High Commissioner on behalf of the Transvaal Indian Lawn Tennis Association, and to the members of the committee for the success of the tournament and the evening's function, announced his intention to retire from sports.

Mr Hoosen Jajbhay, who has held an unbeaten record in South Africa for the last seven years, is the proud holder of 58 championships within that period, competing against the Western Province, Natal, Transvaal coloured and the Interrace Tennis Association. His sudden and unexpected retirement from sports will be a great loss to the South African Indian sportsmen.

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Durban Soccer Results

The Durban Indian Football Association opened their season on Saturday last and were unable to complete the matches owing to rain. Five matches were decided and the remaining one was abandoned.

The Stars, winners of all the local trophies and Natal Cup last year, met the Old Collegians, the newly-promoted club in the "A" division. The match was evenly contested up to the half-time; the score was one all, Stars scoring two more after interval without reply.

There will be no matches today on account of the motor cycle races.

Detailed scores:

SENIOR LEAGUE, "A" AND "B"
Stars beat Old Collegians, 3—1.
Schools beat Sydenhams, 4—1.

JUNIOR LEAGUE
Stella drew Centrals, 1—1.

JUVENILE "A" AND "B"
Warwickshire beat Natal, 3—1.
Stars beat Spitfireyde, 4—1.

NORTH COAST INDIAN SOCCER

The following are the results of the above matches played on the Cuneni Indian sports grounds on Sunday last:

November 5, Temple "A" nil.
Coronation 5, Cuneni School 0(6) Boys: 1.
Merlot 4, Temple "B" nil.

The following are the fixtures for tomorrow:

1.30 p.m., Rivers vs. National Paper Factory; referee, Mr. A. D. Pillay.
2.45 p.m., Merlot vs. Prospect; referee, Mr. G. K. Singh.
4 p.m., Temple "A" vs. Daffodil Stars; referee, Mr. S. K. Reddy.
All matches will be played on the Cuneni Indian sports ground.

S.A. TENNIS RESULTS

Transvaal by defeating Natal by four matches to three won the South African tennis trophy at the tournament played in Johannesburg during the Easter week. The following are the detailed results:—

DOUBLES

H. Jajbhay and W. Thomas beat D. Roopnarian and E. Yusuf 6—3, 6—1.

I. Bramdaw and S. S. Maharaj beat M. Jajbhay and Y. Mall 6—0, 6—3.

H. Jajbhay and W. Thomas beat I. Bramdaw and S. S. Maharaj 6—2, 6—4.

D. Roopnarian and E. Gany beat Y. Mall and M. Jajbhay 4—6, 8—7, 6—4.

SINGLES

S. S. Maharaj beat W. Thomas 8—7, 6—4, 6—2.

H. Jajbhay beat D. Roopnarian 6—2, 6—1.

W. Thomas beat D. Roopnarian 3—6, 8—6, 6—4.

H. Jajbhay and S. S. Maharaj (match abandoned owing to insufficient light).

S.A. Singles Championship Competition for Mutaphia's trophy was won by Mr. H. Jajbhay.

SEMI-FINALS

M. Jajbhay beat D. Roopnarian 6—3, 6—3, 5—6, 6—3.

S. S. Maharaj beat W. Thomas 6—2, 6—4, 6—0.

FINALS

M. Jajbhay beat S. S. Maharaj 6—4, 6—1, 6—2.

S.A. Doubles Championship for R. Sudesmeg's Trophy.

H. Jajbhay and W. Thomas beat S. S. Maharaj and I. Bramdaw 6—3, 6—4, 6—2.

The Depot Road Old Boys' Football Club travelled to Johannesburg during the Easter holidays and played two matches. They won one and drew the other.

Table Tennis Union

At the annual meeting of the Durban and District Table Tennis Union the following were elected as office bearers for the year 1941-1942: Messrs. E. H. Ismail, president (re-elected); Ahmed S. Randeree, secretary; H. M. Vahed, treasurer; J. M. Patel, records clerk; I. S. Amin, auditor.

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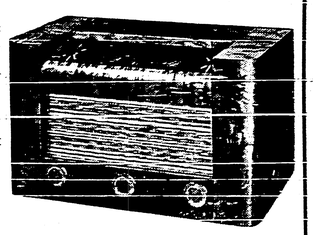

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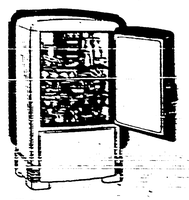

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TONGAAT TEMPLE ELECTIONS

Mr. R. Kassie Reelected President

A general meeting of the congregation of the Vishwaroop Temple and Dharmsamaj, Tongaat, was held at the Gokhale Memorial Hall on Sunday. There were present about 100 persons of whom 61 were registered members of the congregation. The chairman, Mr. R. Kassie, presided and on the platform with him were Messrs. V. P. Desai, G. Hurbans, K. P. Desai, D. R. Maharaj, S. D. Maharaj, Sukru Chotoo and R. Timmal.

In the course of his remarks the chairman stressed the importance of the new trust deeds which have replaced the old one. He pointed out that whilst the old one provided for hereditary rights the new one was drawn up on a democratic basis. "It does not matter," he said, "any greater right to anyone on the Board of Management whether he be a trustee, an official or a committeeman."

The secretarial report, which covered the activities of the institution for the last 18 months, was warmly received. It disclosed, amongst other matters, the endeavours that were put in furthering the cause of Hindi education. The report revealed that a decision had been taken to bring a teacher out from India and the matter had been temporarily deferred owing to the presence of a greater pause the perfection of the deeds.

The treasurer, Mr. K. P. Desai, presented the financial report which showed that the institution was in quite a happy position.

In the election of officials a very keen contest was seen between Mr. R. Kassie and Mr. S. D. Maharaj for the chairmanship. Mr Kassie was returned by 61 votes to 57. Interest in the stand particularly because the forthcoming year was regarded to be a period of intense activity. Mr. G. Hurbans conducted the elections. Mr. R. Kassie was re-elected chairman by a big majority. The voting was: S. D. Maharaj, 57; R. Kassie, 61.

Another important contest was that between Mr V. P. Desai and Mr. S. Perumsamy for the position of a secretary. Mr V. P. Desai, who served the institution as a secretary for an unbroken period of 17 years, was chosen to be retained. Mr. V. P. Desai secured 57 votes as against 7 for his opponent.

The election resulted as follows: Chairman, Mr R. Kassie (re-elected); vice-chairman, Mr. M. Hurbans; secretaries, Mr. V. P. Desai and G. Hurbans, F.F.C.S., (Eng.), A.F.R.A. (S.A.); treasurer, Mr. K. P. Desai.

Members on the committee: Messrs. K. M. Singh, S. Bala, N. Hurbans, R. Kassie, H. Sidhu, Rajaram Maharaj, Budrinath Gossai, S. Paramunsee and Maunder Singh.

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DEPARTURE OF MR. N. SMIT

Newcastle Workers Say Farewell

The following were present at a farewell reception given by the [illegible] workers of the Isaac Furnace, Newcastle, in honour of Mr. N. Smit, Plant Furnace manager, leaving Newcastle for Vereeniging on transfer, namely, Mr. Nimrod Smit, Mr. I. Cutsinger, Mr. D. C. Marshall, Mr. K. Taylor, Mr. D. J. E. Boshoff, Mr. G. Rees and Miss R. Noakes, together with a large number of the Indian workers.

Mr. S. Bagwandeen, who has now joined the African Metals Corporation, on behalf of the Indian workers, made a speech highly deplored the unfortunate departure of Mr. Smit and wished both Mrs. Smit and Mr. Smit [illegible] wealth and prosperity in their new venture. As a mark of appreciation he presented to them jointly an alarm clock and a smoking set complete.

Women Raise Large Sum of Money

The Glencoe Muslim women, on behalf of the Glencoe Mosque and Madrassa Trust, in half a day collected a sum of £188 0s. 6d. in cash from the following local Muslim women: Mesdames Hajee Cassim Peer and family, £60; Late Amod Ameen and family, £250; Hajee Mamojee and Hajee Ebrahim Hansa, £15; M. E. Docrat (fancy), £12 12s.; E. I. Kajee, £10; M. I. Kajee, £10; M. Jawoodeen, £5; E. S. Cotwal, £5 5s.; E. C. Joosab, £5; Sayed Mahamed, £4 18s.; D. Motala, £4 12s. 6d.; Dr. Deen Mohamed and family, £2 2s.; A. J. Khan, 10s. 6d.; A. Wahid, 10s.; S. M. Razak, £1 1s.; E. S. Sayed, £1 1s.; M. Ismail, £1 1s.; E. S. Mosdan and family, £1 1s.; M. Burmania, 5s.; Y. Khan, 5s.; Sait Nizam Mia, £1 1s.; M. A. Timol, £1 1s.

A further donation of cement has been received towards the mosque building from the following staff of Messrs. Peer Cassim Ebrahim and Sons, Pty., Ltd.: E. S. Cotwal, 30 pockets; M. H. Rafaz, 20 pockets.

WASCHBANK MUSLIM MOSQUE TRUST

The foundation for the Waschbank Muslim Mosque was laid on Sunday last, when there was a representative gathering of local Muslims. Mowlana Mouiri Afrique Salah of Mayville, performed the ceremony.

The mosque will be ready shortly. An earnest appeal is made through the medium of this journal to all Muslims to contribute liberally towards the above fund.

Death of Poet Iqbal Commemorated

The Martizburg and District Radio Service League convened a meeting [illegible] the death anniversary of Dr. Sir Mohammed Iqbal, M.A., Ph.D. Bar-at-Law. The meeting was held in Iqbal Library, Pietermaritzburg, and very large number of Muslims were present. Mr. S. I. Rawat presided. Among those in the gathering were Messrs. Hajee B. E. Asmall, Hajee Moosa, S. M. Bagwat, C. I. Bagwat, G. H. I. Rawat, Vally Essop, Mahomed Jeewa, Moosa Essop, H. A. Bayat, A. H. Mia, Hoosen A. Moosa, Kasim I. Parak, Ayoba S. E. Rawat, Sayed Nizamuddin, M. I. Patel, A. M. Bayat, M. I. Patel, Y. Kasmi, Essop Moosa, S. M. Aga and others.

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RECEPTION IN THE CITY HALL

SINGH—MAGHRAJH WEDDING

LAST Sunday witnessed an event of great social importance in the Indian community, when that very popular daughter (Indira) of the well-known Indian personality Mr. B. A. Maghrajh was married to Sir. Parthab Singh, brother of Mr. Jasaraj Singh, Benoni, Transvaal.

The bride was the secretary of the Indian Women's Club and held many other official posts on various representative Indian Women's organisations. The wedding took place at the bride's residence 52, Sydenham Road, Durban, the ceremony being performed by Swami Bhawani Dayal Sannyasi in the presence of a large number of friends and relations. The Mayoress, Mrs. R. Ellis Brown, was also present.

An afternoon reception unparalleled in the social life of the community was held at the City Hall on the same afternoon. Swami Bhawani Dayal presided. The hall was fittingly decorated for the occasion and the palms and buntings in and around the tables added gaiety and colour to the function, the large number of prominent European and Indian guests bore testimony to the popularity of the bride in social circles.

Sir B. Rama Rau, recent High Commissioner for India in South Africa, paid a high and fitting tribute to the bride for her considerable contributions to the uplift and progress of the Indian women of the town. Continuing, he said:—

"It gives me a special sense of pleasure to be present here this afternoon to add my blessings to the married couple. Miss Indira Maghrajh, as only recently she was, has played a very active part in the welfare of Indian womanhood.

"I can still vividly remember what a tower of strength she was to Lady Rau in whatever little she has done in this country.

"Apart from this aspect, Mrs. Parthab Singh, as she now is, was ever ready to make the lot of my wife and two daughters a pleasant and happy one.

"I regret that my wife and daughters, who on account of the war and other unavoidable circumstances had to leave this country somewhat earlier than they had intended to, are not present here with me this afternoon.

"But for the fact that my ship sails a day later than was scheduled, I would have been unfortunately absent from so unique a function.

"I wish the bride and bridegroom the best of everything in life."

Swami Bhawani Dayal, on behalf of the Natal Indian Congress, then presented to the bride and bridegroom a silver tea set and tray.

Mr. V. Lawrence garlanded Mr. B. A. Maghrajh, and presented bouquets to the bride and bridegroom and to Mrs. B. A. Maghrajh and Mr. Hans Maghrajh on behalf of the Natal Indian Congress.

Mr. Lawrence referred to the valuable services rendered by Mr. B. A. Maghrajh for the last 50 years and said that Mr. Maghrajh was an official of the Congress right from its inception. He is presently a vice-president of the Congress and takes very keen interest in the work of the Indian community. Mr. Lawrence also referred to Mrs. Maghrajh's part in the work of the Indian women of Natal, and also the work of Mr. Hans Maghrajh (Secretary of the Natal Indian Congress).

Among other speakers were: Messrs. Sorabjee Rustomjee, Swami Bhawani Dayal, A. I. Kajee, J. W. Godfrey, Ashwin Choonilee, V. Lawrence, R. Sinclee (Pretoria), C. S. Moodley (Benoni), Shanker Singh (Benoni) and Mrs. Joseph.

Among others present and accepted invitations were: The Mayor and Mayoress, Mr. and Mrs. R. Ellis Brown, Mr. E. N. Brasier, Mr. L. Duncan, Miss E. Thanesian, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Byron, Mr. I. P. Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Lemeau, Mr. P. Dirksen, Mr. and Mrs. Muir, Mr. A. M. Mr. Lockhat, Mr. S. M. Paruk, Mr. and Mrs. B. Purmasir, Mr., Mrs. and Miss V. Lawrence, Mr. C. J. S. Robbins, Mr. J. K. Singh, Mr. and Mrs. J. Maganlal, Mr. T. M. Naicker, Mr. A. M. Moola, Mr. Hans Maghrajh, Mrs. H. Joseph, Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Singh, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Seethal, Mr. G. K. Maghrajh, Mr. H. J. Maghrajh, Mr. and Miss S. L. Singh, Mrs. J. Rustomjee, Mrs. Benny Singh, Mr. and Mrs. Ramdass Singh, Mr. Purabotam Keshen, Mr. J. S. Roopnarain, Sergeant P. B. Maghrajh, Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Dayal, Mr. R. Bhawani Dayal, Mr. and Mrs. M. Moonoo, Mrs. K. B. Singh, Mr. R. Bhugwan, Mr. P. Varma, Mr. Ashwin Choonilee, Miss Leela Maharaj, Mrs. Iareepersadh, Mr. and Mrs. D. Roopanand, Mr. and Mrs. Debi Singh, Mr. and Mrs. D. Sehrun, Miss Slatter, Miss Hammond, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Reim, Mrs. Leslie Leon, Miss E. F. English, Major Keen, Miss Keen, Miss P. M. Ashton, Miss Buckley, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Ramotar, Mrs. and Miss Ramdin, Mr. and Mrs. Anup Singh, Mr. and Mrs. Ramgit Singh, Mrs. and Miss Nutto Singh, Mrs. Nundoo, Mr. S. Rajpaul, Mr. A. Sookdeo, Mr. T. Baghbar, Mr. Harry Bodasingh, Mr. and Mrs. R. Bodasingh, Mr. J. K. Jokun, Mr. M. B. Lazarus, Mrs. A. Chetty, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Godfrey, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Singh, Mrs. Ashwin Choonilee, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Singh, Mr. and Mrs. Muna Bugwandeen, Mr. L. J. Pundit, Mr. R. Beehee, Mr. George Singh, Mr. R. Mahabeer, Mr. R. G. Reddy, Mr. R. Karpath, Mr. R. B. Bhoosun, Misses Osman, Mr. N. J. Ramloree, Mr. A. S. Khan, Mr. A. E. Shaikh, Mr. M. H. Moosa, Mr. H. A. H. Moosa, Mr. B. Hattia, Dr. N. P. Desai, Mr. C. Anglia, Mr. I. M. Dhooma, Mr. M. A. Jadwat, Mr. and Mrs. G. V. G. Naidoo, Mr. and Mrs. D. Kalideen, Mr. R. K. Naidoo, Mr. G. H. Kathrada, Mrs. Sujeeth Singh, Mrs. B. Maharaj, Mr. S. R. Naidoo, Mr. Gungabisoon, Mr. S. R. Maharaj, Mr. Ramlal Lachraj Singh, Mr. Choonilal, Mr. L. Bodasingh and others.

Mainly About People

Sir Rama Rau, the retiring High Commissioner for India, left Durban homeward bound this week.

Mr. Hussin Sarcoo, a well-known Maritzburg personality, who accompanied his father to Durban for the week-end, has now returned home.

Mrs. S. Bhagwandeen, of Glencoe, who recently came out of hospital, accompanied by her two daughters, is convalescing in Durban.

The marriage of Mr. Andrew Ebenezer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Ebenezer, Maritzburg, to Miss Catherine Sebastian, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian, of Barberton, took place at the Methodist Indian Church, Maritzburg. At a reception held at the R.Y.M.A. Hall, congratulatory speeches were made by The Rev. A. J. Cousins, Rev. R. Chinnery, Mrs. Reid and several others.

Owing to sudden illness, Maulvi M. I. Seedat, of New Hanover and Editor of the Crescent, has been confined to the Grey's Hospital, Maritzburg. He exceedingly regrets that he is unable to reply to his many correspondents.

Mr. V. Chinsamy, of Howick, with his mother and sisters, spent the weekend in Durban.

Mr. S. S. Maharaj, the Natal tennis ace, and Mr. Jithoo, manager of the Natal tennis team, on their return from Johannesburg visited Dundee. He played some of the members of the Dundee Tennis Club.

Mr. M. N. Naidoo, of Amatikulu, who spent his fortnight's leave at Tongaat, has now returned home.

Mr. Dumesior Vithal, of Ladysmith, spent his week-end with Mr. Naran Ambhas at Dannhauser.

Mr. Manuel Tommy, well-known Durban soccer player, is at present staying in Newcastle and he will be playing for the Schools Football Club of Newcastle.

Mrs. G. S. Maharaj, Mr. J. R. Maharaj and family and J. J. Maharaj, of Carolina, spent the weekend at Johannesburg and Pretoria, where they were the guests of Messrs. Ramchal Singh and C. B. Pillay respectively.

Mrs. K. Moodley, of Durban, and Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Moodley, of Umzinto, were the guests of Mr. G. L. Naidoo, of Dundee, during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Soobramooney have returned to Durban after spending their honeymoon at Maritzburg, and have taken up permanent residence at 69 Montpelier Street, Durban.

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Children Without School

ATTENTION is drawn in our news columns to the need for an extension of the Indian school at the Durban Corporation barracks so that over 300 children of school-going age may find accommodation. Representations had been made to the Town Clerk, but from whom no reply had yet been received. We cannot account for his silence unless the application had been regarded as a minor matter and had been put away in his pending file to receive attention in the future.

In the meantime these children, both boys and girls, are running about in the not too healthy grounds of the barracks, and picking up a farm of information totally dangerous to their future well-being. Surely we do not believe that the Town Clerk and those associated with him in the municipal government of Durban consider this state of affairs desirable. You cannot produce a civic-minded community from those whose books are the byways and the alleyways of the Magazine barracks.

Both the Indian municipal employes and the community, as evidenced by the offer of the Moosa Hajee Cassim Charitable Trust made by Mr. A. I. Kajee, are alive to the danger of allowing a community to grow up without any education. But the body which should be the first to welcome and assist in producing the decent citizen has not, so far, even by the slightest gesture, shown that it is willing to help. Is it just an oversight? At the moment we should like to believe it is.

Sir Charles Smith

INDIANS join in the general expression of regret at the death of Sir Charles Smith, which occurred in Durban last week. His association with the members of our community dates far back to the period when cane planting in Natal was in its infancy. They helped him in his greater enterprise and Sir Charles continued, right up to the time of his death, to show by his good will and in more tangible form, that he had appreciated their services.

Sir Charles Smith had contributed willingly to certain deserving causes, particularly for the purposes of education. We do know that those who follow him will continue to manifest the same interest in the welfare and progress of the Indians as displayed by Sir Charles.

To Lady Smith and the other members of the family we extend, on behalf of the Indian community, its deepest sympathy.

How India Treats Its Internees

On the outbreak of war with Germany, and later with Italy, it became necessary to restrict the movements of Germans and Italians in India. These aliens have either been interned in the internment camps at Ahmednagar, under the supervision of the military authorities or have been restricted to parole centres under the supervision of a small civil staff.

No women have been interned at Ahmednagar. At the end of the first year of the war there were 819 Germans and Italians in the internment camp, 505 (men and women) in parole centres and 1,680 (mostly women and missionaries) at liberty.

Parole centres have been established at Satara and Purandhar, in Bombay Presidency; Naini Tal, in the United Provinces; Hazaribagh, in Bihar; Kalimpong (near Darjeeling), in Bengal; Shillong, in Assam; and Yercaud (District Salem) and Kodaikanal, in Madras. The entire cost of the maintenance of these aliens in these camps is borne by the Government.

The maximum scales of allowances are Rs. 150 for married couples, Rs. 70 for single men or women, and Rs. 30 for children with Rs. 3 in addition for minor comforts where this is considered necessary by the superintendent.

THE INTERNMENT CAMP

The internment camp is a vast open space in the Ahmednagar Cantonment area where a British garrison stays permanently throughout the year. There is plenty of room for sports and the facilities and amenities provided for the troops stationed there are also available to the internees. Situated on a plateau 2,000 feet above sea level, Ahmednagar has a mild climate throughout the year and includes some of the most beautiful natural scenery in the Deccan.

The barracks previously used by the British troops now house the internees, but those who prefer them are given tents. Subject to the restrictions which are inevitable in a wartime internment camp, the internees run their own affairs. They have their own committees to look after their food, kitchens, games and library, and their instructional classes for which facilities are being allowed.

Those who pay for their meals run a mess of their own and eat whatever they like. Those, however, who are not well enough off to join the mess are provided for by the Government of India; they are given tea, bread, butter, jam, eggs and porridge for breakfast; meat, vegetables and bread for lunch; tea, bread and jam for tea; soup, vegetables, bread and meat for dinner. Internees draw British troops' ration and ration allowance. A canteen has been provided for the internees.

Facilities are provided for games. Football, handball, basketball, tennis, badminton, athletics and some typical German games are the usual recreations and there is water-polo in the modern swimming pool, complete with chlorinating plant. Some of the internees have garden plots where they grow flowers and kitchen vegetables.

EDUCATIONAL CLASSES

Internees have educational classes of their own. The organisation is in the hands of an internee committee who prepare weekly programmes. Classes and lectures are given in English, French, Italian, German, Hindustani, Persian, Gujrati, Sanskrit, Japanese and Chinese, and other subjects. They have their own library, consisting partly of books supplied by Government and partly by others.

There is a hospital in charge of an officer of the Indian Medical Service, assisted by qualified doctors provided by Government and by volunteers from amongst the internees themselves. There is also a dental surgery run by qualified internee dentists.

Arrangements have been made to allow the internees to visit the local garrison cinema thrice weekly. The internees have set up committees to organise concerts, plays, etc. Singsongs are held on most evenings and the camp band plays two or three nights a week. The internees also have a choir and an orchestra of their own; and religious services are held for those who wish to attend them.

Excursions are allowed outside the camp once a week, and the internees avail themselves of the facility thus given in groups and parties throughout the week.

There is no bar to anyone writing or receiving letters, except the usual censorship inevitable in wartime, and not infrequently they receive visits from friends from outside.

Our Readers Speak

THE INDIAN PROBLEM

In recent months the Indian problem in South Africa has been very much in the forefront. Firstly, the Europeans tried to inaugurate a scheme to expel the Indians from South Africa by what is known as "Repatriation." Owing to various factors and circumstances the scheme became unfeasible and subsided. Then came the question of "segregation." Obviously this was another device to confine all Indians to exclusive areas. This failed mainly not only because of the uncompromising attitude and opposition of the Indians but through its very impracticability. The project having now failed to a great extent the European community are still making another determined attempt to give the Indians no respite, hence the so-called "Penetration" into European areas being investigated at present.

Why all this acrimonious action? Cannot those who are in opposition to the Indians living in this country employ themselves in a more profitable way? Presumably they will appreciate the following: Speaking in the old Natal Assembly in 1906, Sir Lege Hulett said:—

"The condition of the Colony before the importation of Indian labour was one of gloom; it was one that then and there threatened to, extinguish the vitality of the country, and it was only by the Government assisting the importation of labour that the country began at once to thrive. The coast had been turned into one of the most prosperous parts of South Africa. They could not find in the whole of the Cape and the Transvaal what could be found in the coast of Natal, 10,000 acres of land in one plot and in one crop, and that was entirely due to the importation of Indians. Durban was absolutely built up on the Indian population."

Consequently, by their introduction in 1860, the labouring Indians and their offspring have played the game by the Colony. Notwithstanding that their future in this country is being threatened today. How long must they practise tolerance? Whatever the many problems that beset the Indian people, the response to the Empire's call for support at the outbreak of war was spontaneous and keen. Surely, with this in mind, an ounce of sympathy could be conceded to them in preference to the cry "Away with the Indians."

Moreover, since it is accepted as a gospel today that the British Commonwealth is an association of free peoples striving for the ideals of democracy, for the protection of minorities, for freedom and liberty, the writer suggests that South Africa as one of the partners in the great Commonwealth of Nations should contribute her share by doing less quibbling over the Indians in her midst and by adopting a more reasonable attitude towards a community whose race has proved its worth in the defence of the Empire in all parts of the world, in every battle front, from Flanders to Hong Kong, for the past century and more, and which today is protecting British lives and property in many a far-flung outpost of the Empire which is not even on the map.

E.M.E.I.R.

A WHITE SOUTH AFRICAN'S BELIEFS:

1. That Christianity is a universal and the best religion.
2. That this religion knows no colour bars.
3. That all human beings are a brotherhood to each other.
4. That one's sufferings is directly or indirectly everyone's sufferings.
5. That the religion teaches honesty, purity in thought and action, and fair play.
6. That there is only one God.

THE BLACK SOUTH AFRICAN'S INTERPRETATION

1. That it is a religion only for the whites.
2. That it is full of racial barriers, colour bars, segregation in all spheres.
3. The blackman's sufferings is nothing; God wants them to be voiceless, peaceless, no aid should be given to them to make them smile, and to be happy.
5. That the religion may teach purity only in thought but not in action or practice.
5. That there are two Gods, the superior One for the whites and the inferior One for the blacks.

Undoubtedly there are hundreds of whites who are evangelists, and God bless those who have taken pains to serve His cause, and those who are fighting for the widen of true Christendom.

B. S. KAY.

BRAVO "NEW GUELDERLAND"

Some time ago I wrote in the columns of your most valuable paper an article "Modern Slavery," and wanted to form a "Hindu Youth Club." Now I am proud to announce that such a club is formed in my own district, New Guelderland.

The following officials have been elected for the several year: President, Mr. H. Beekrum; secretary, Mr. Harry M. Singh; committee, Mr. Jairam Singh, Mr. Ramkaran, B. Godfrey, Mohamedsah and J. Beekrum.

J. BINDASING.

Indian Seaman's Strong Words

FEELING THE STING OF THE COLOUR BAR

Independent India Must Regard it as "Hostile Acts"

"SOUTH AFRICA'S policy, in regard to colour bar, if not modified, will determine largely to what extent India must remain within the Empire."

This was the viewpoint of an Indian naval officer, who is in one of His Majesty's boats now in Durban. His boat was sunk in the Mediterranean and he was one of the small number of the crew saved. This did not deter him from rejoining and he is glad to be doing his duty. He is the only Indian of a crew complement of nearly 800 Britishers, and is never treated any differently to the other naval men on board. Here there is no colour bar.

The Worst Country in the World

Discussing the colour bar in South Africa he could not see the logic in its operation.

"There are three bars, based on education and status, but not a bar that makes absolutely no discrimination between one man of colour and another," he declared.

"In no country in the world, except to some extent the Southern States of the United States, have I seen anything to compare with the colour bar of this country.

"A stranger (a man of colour) coming to Durban will starve without food because all the restaurants in the neighbourhood of the Point will refuse to serve him.

"NO HUMAN VALUE

"The effect of the colour bar on me was that there was no value on human beings.

"Before I went aboard I was called by my superior officer and told about the funny thing, called colour bar, in South Africa. I was told to wear my uniform before going into the city for this might save me from insults. He had never asked me to do this before.

"I am very pleased to acknowledge the courtesy of a European gentleman who gave me a lift in his car to the town.

"It was," he went on, "to the benefit of South Africa to keep good relationship with India, which could come to her assistance in times of trouble. But we who come here and see what your policy is in this country can only go away with a feeling of hostility towards this land.

"If India becomes independent we will regard these things by inaction as hostile acts. It will be a pity that the best of relationships can be lost by way of this indiscriminating senseless act of the colour bar."

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER AND MUNICIPAL WAGES

Determination "Well on its Way" Before His Representations

"THERE has been much mention made by the High Commissioner for India in his farewell speeches with reference to work done by his office for the upliftment of the Indian working masses. He has mentioned the Wage Board particularly.

"In the first place," writes a correspondent who is intimately connected with the workers, "the Wage Board was established not through the High Commissioner's intervention but by the Government as an intermediary between employer and employee.

"Regarding Determination 72 of the Wage Act as the first place representations were made by the Durban Indian Municipal Society and it was only when things were well on the way that the High Commissioner made certain representations on behalf of the workers.

"Without decrying one important aspect of this Determination, viz., that it now gives the official stamp to the wages of the unskilled worker, the Determination has brought many disadvantages in its trail.

"Prior to the Determination there were in Durban workers employed by the Durban Corporation, e.g., as cleaners and sweepers who were given their Saturday afternoons off. Today these men have to work from Mondays to Saturdays inclusive for 8 hours a day the whole year. This is permissible under the Determination.

"Again there are Indians working for the Corporation on wages which are more than the minimum laid down in the Determination. Such men have had their wages reduced to the minimum.

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"Again workers working on casual holidays, e.g., Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Sundays, etc., do not get overtime as in the case of other industries but merely get time off.

"Of course the most glaring injustice done to the Corporation Indian workers by the Determination is the fact that the task system, a relic of the bad old feudal days and the '60's, has been perpetrated. Where is the justice when a worker gets 9/- worth of rations for a 15/- deduction? Work has to be done for the other 6/-? We are told that goes to administration expenses each man's month? Yes, the High Commissioner would have such to have a number of men had to worked for the abolition of this system."

BARRACK CHILDREN WITHOUT SCHOOL

TOWN CLERK IGNORES APPLICATION

Mr. A. I. Kajee Makes a Generous Offer

There are over 300 Indian children, the boys and girls of Indian workers of the Durban City Corporation, who are without any school to go to, although they are all over 6 years old, the schoolgoing age.

Miss B. Parker, headmistress of the Temple Grove-aided Indian School turned away 167 this year. She communicated with the Barracks Superintendent and the Town Clerk, but has had no replies yet.

There is a Drama Hall at the Barracks, built by the Corporation primarily for adult entertainment. Miss Parker wishes to use this hall for a school. She is prepared to provide the teachers, a caretaker, etc. She intends to use this hall for the 300 or so Barracks children who are at present not going to school at all.

The Durban Indian Municipal Employees' Society took the matter up towards the end of March this year. The only response from the Town Clerk is a letter dated April 1st, 1941, which reads: "In reply I have to advise you that the matter is being investigated and as soon as investigations are completed, I shall advise you further."

Despite the urgency of the whole affair, there is still this departmental delay, to a very urgent appeal.

In any case Miss Parker does not require the sole use of the hall; she merely wishes to use it from 8 to 12.30 on school days.

The matter received publicity in the Dimes, the official organ of the Society. As a result Mr. A. I. Kajee, writing from the Natal Indian Congress, made a generous offer on behalf of the Moosa Hajee Charitable Trust to put up a school provided the Corporation gives the land and contributes one third the cost of the building.

This appears to be a most permanent way of dealing with the problem. In any case the use of the Drama Hall, though meeting an urgent and immediate necessity, will not be the best way out and will not be a satisfactory solution to the problem from an educational point of view.

There are 5,800 people housed in the 25 acres called the Magazine Barracks. The Corporation has done nothing for these people in the way of education.

There is no library room, no club rooms for the workers, save the Drama Hall. And even this can hardly be used for library purposes as the people themselves conduct vernacular classes every evening except Sundays.

Now the Society at a mass meeting held on Sunday decided to accept Mr. Kajee's offer, and in consequence the Corporation is being asked to give the necessary land. There should be no hesitancy about this as there is much vacant land adjoining the Barracks.

There has been very sad neglect on the part of the Corporation towards its 3,000 Indian workers.

[We refer to this subject in our editorial columns. — Editor, The Leader.]

SOME PUBLIC NUISANCES

By "Radio"

"Radio" writes:—

We have complaints against some clerks, bodies of people or certain prominent individuals in Durban. Some are public nuisances. We will choose two at random for this week. These two fall into the category of "Public Nuisances."

(1) Protectors' Office: there has been age-long complaints against some of the Indians employed in the Protectors' Office. Believe it or not, they treat those poor Indians who come from the Estates in a manner we treat our "Dogs." Even those who are socially advanced are treated likewise. These people are made to wait hours and sometimes days to have their matters settled.

(2) Indian Bus Drivers and Conductors: Our apologies go to those who are exceptions to these complaints.

Some of these drivers and conductors behave in a manner that is demoralising to the entire Indian population. Their language, their dress, their behaviour, etc.—well, it degrades us in the eyes of the white man. Their influence is felt in schools because children are apt to learn the bad habits before they learn the good habits.

Why on they case the fairer sex—Indians, Natives and Coloureds—without charging them, we fail to understand? It does not speak well for them when we know that most of them are married men.

(The Leader does not necessarily associate itself with the views of the writer.)

Newcastle H.Y.M.A.

The following are the officials of the Newcastle H.Y.M.A. for the ensuing year: President, Mr. C. V. Abbos; vice-presidents, Messrs. M. P. Chetty, D. Pachai, B. L. Singh, N. R. Naicker, K. P. Naicker; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. T. M. Padayachee; assistant secretary, Mr. S. V. Abbosa; executive committee, Messrs. O. J. Christopher, P. Pachai and David Pooroomoy; trustees, Messrs. O. J. Christopher, P. Pachai, David

Licensing Law Amendment

A Gazette Extraordinary published on Saturday contains proposed amendments to the Rural Licensing Law Amendment Ordinance of 1932. The proposals will be submitted to the next session of the Provincial Council.

One of the proposed amendments gives Rural Licensing Boards power to take evidence under oath and provides authority for a witness to be charged with perjury if he does not tell the truth.

The amendment comes as a result of decision of an appeal when the Natal Supreme Court, in giving judgment, held that the proceedings of a Rural Licensing Board were not judicial proceedings and, as such, conflicting statements made before a Rural Licensing Board could not be labelled as perjury.

B.Econ. for "Indian Problem"

The first Indian to do "The Indian Problem" as a degree subject is Mr. K. P. Naidoo, of Sastri College teaching staff, who has been awarded the B.Econ. He will graduate at Durban on May 10.

Besides "The Indian Problem" the other subjects taken were: English I, Psychology I, Ethics I, S.A. Criminal Law, Economics (2 courses), Economic History, Politics I, Personal and Public Hygiene (2 courses). Reading subjects were: History of Poor Relief and Industrial Legislation, Rural Sociology and Agricultural Economics, Applied Psychology and the Poor White Problem.

He expects to do the M.A. degree in Social Science at Cape Town University next year.

Mr. Naidoo matriculated at Sastri College in 1933; obtained B.A. and Fort Hare Diploma in Education in 1936; began studying for the B.Econ. degree in Social Studies in 1937. He is the first Indian in the country to get the B.Econ.

"DISREGARDED HIS DUTY"

Criticism of Catholic Priest

Mr. S. D. Booyeppen, of Johannesburg, writes: With a view to paying my last respects to the remains of a well-known Indian and a member of the Indian section of the Roman Catholic Church, I was very disappointed at the conduct of a Catholic priest who was invited to perform the funeral ceremony at the graveside recently.

In all Christian burials, a Minister, either an Anglican or a Roman Catholic, is robed and precedes the corpse to the graveside. This privilege in the first place was denied to the deceased person. As the coffin was drawn from the hearse by the pallbearers to the burial place, an unusual scene prompted my attention to observe why the usual burial service was not performed, and in the absence of which the Catholic Father concerned, in an extraordinarily unhappy mood, lecturing his grievances to his solemn assembly.

After a short prayer which lasted but a few seconds, the Minister left the corpse unattended, and walked away abruptly with the following remarks: "And that is all I can do," so to say, let the dead bury the dead.

The action of the priest has been strongly resented by the Christian section. However disappointed a Minister may feel over a member of his congregation he could have exercised his temper at a solemn ceremony and fulfilled his obligations. The Minister having disregarded his duty, and left the most important part of the ceremony to be performed by an unofficial member of his congregation, has created a feeling that no regard or respect was given for the dead by a white Minister.

There were many non-Christian Indians at the funeral, who have expressed similar surprise at the abrupt manner in which the solemn ceremony ended. I am writing this letter without prejudice, and not to involve any criticisms against the Roman Catholic Churches, but the Minister who is individually responsible for his action.

This unfortunate incident is felt to be very serious from a Christian's standpoint, and detrimental to the good name of the Roman Catholic Indian section.

Muslim Women's Celebration

The Maritzburg Muslim Women's Committee, organisers of the celebration of Moulood-un-Nabbie and Wayen, celebrated the festival on Saturday and Sunday last.

Over 300 Muslim women assembled at the balcony of Messrs. Amod Bayat on Saturday evening where Moulood-un-Nabbie Sharif was held by the women.

On Sunday morning a very large crowd of Muslims gathered at the Surti Masque to hear Wayen by Moulana Sayeed Mahommed Essat.

The Moulana spoke on the life of Holy Prophet Mahomad Peace of Allah be upon him. Special arrangement was made for the ladies to hear the Wayen at the second floor of the Mosque.

Moulood-Sharif dinner was served to all men at the surti Masjid Mosque Yard and for the ladies at the premises of Messrs. Amod Bayat.

The following constituted the Reception Committee: Mrs. Hajee Hoosen Mahomad Bhaba, Mrs. Ismail Bayat, Mrs. M. I. Moolla and Mrs. A. K. I. Bayat.

Property Purchase Confirmed

A committee meeting of the Natal Muslim Society was held on Tuesday last; Mr. Adam Mahomed Patel presided. The following were present: Messrs. A. G. Bense, Y. I. Deedat, S. M. Dawreskim, A. R. Chapell, M. Haniefl, S. M. Kader, Y. Suliman, A. Khan, Shaik Yusuf, A. R. Deenally, and others.

The secretary reported that Jumma Masdoon Ahmed Cachalia had joined the society. This made the membership 500.

The purchase of property 539 Pietermaritz Street for the sum of £1,200 was unanimously confirmed.

A 'Naming' Ceremony

Mr. and Mrs. Koopie Murrie were the host and hostess at St. Aidan's Hall, Durban, on Sunday to over three hundred guests. The occasion was the "Naming Ceremony" of their grandson Thavapragasen—baby son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Perumal.

Amongst those present included Sir Rama Rau (who was garlanded), Mr. and Mrs. Chinsamy Chettiar, Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Pather, Mr. and Mrs. J. Rustomjee, Mrs. Phiroze, Mr. Soraljee Rustomjee, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Godfrey, Mrs. J. M. Sundram, Mr. A. Christopher, Mrs. D. P. Nundoo, Mr. and Mrs. V. Vindee, Mr. Nyna Rajh, Mr. S. L. Singh, Mr. S. R. Pather, Rev. A. J. Choonoo, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Pather, Major and Mrs. H. A. S. d'Almaine, Mr. A. E. Shaikh, Mr. V. S. C. Pather, Mr. S. R. Naidoo, Mr. A. S. Kajee and several others.

Marriage of Mr. A. H. Hyder of Pinetown

The marriage of Mr. A. H. Hyder, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Hyder Ramatnula, of Pinetown, to the youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ajim Ismail, of Gillitts Road, Mayville, will take place tomorrow. The Nikah ceremony will commence at 2 p.m.

Mr. A. H. Hyder is a well-known sportsman and has been a player of the Shamrocks C. and F.C., which are under the jurisdiction of the County Indian Football Association. He represented the County Indian Football Association as a goalkeeper on many occasions.

As an invitation has been extended to the Shamrocks Sporting Club the secretary will be very pleased if members and officials would attend the function.

Dundee Teacher Engaged

The betrothal of Mr. Theodore Alphonso Emmanuel (on the staff of the Government Indian School, Dundee), the eldest son Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Soobroyal, of Pinetown, to Miss Gladys Dorothea (on the staff of Indian Girls' School, Clairwood), second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Lawrence, of Maritzburg, and niece of Mr. and Mrs. E. Thomas, of Durban, took place at the Methodist Indian School Hall, Maritzburg, on Saturday last.

The Rev. C. J. Lander, of Durban, officiated. A number present were Mrs. C. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lutchman Singh, Mr. C. E. Thomas, Miss P. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. C. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. E. Rayeppen, Messrs. S. Chetty, F. Pillay, B. Rampal, S. Narayadu, S. S. Naidoo, and many others.

£2,000 DONATION FOR MARITZBURG MUSLIMS

A Durban Man's Gift

A donation amounting to £2,000 is available for the Maritzburg Muslid and Islamic School Trust. The donor is Mr. Tayob Abdool Latif Osman, of Durban and Lydenburg. He has given this amount in memory of his late father. He will build the mosque, including outbuildings, and equip it at his own expense.

At a special meeting to consider the offer Mr. Dada Osman, on behalf of Mr. Tayob Abdool Latif Osman, made the offer. Mr. I. A. Haffejee proposed that the offer be accepted, seconded by Mr. H. Mahomed and carried unanimously.

Mr. Dada Osman, in thanking the officials and members of the Madressa Trust in accepting the offer said at the same time congratulating the donor, said it was humanitarian work of this nature that deserved their admiration. Thanks to the generosity of Mr. Osman the new mosque erected and equipped will be a picturesque one.

Mr. Aswad Meer, in congratulating Mr. Osman, stated that it was a record in South Africa when an individual Muslim was to build and equip a mosque at his own expense. This would ever be remembered with a feeling of gratitude by the Muslim community of Maritzburg.

The chairman, on behalf of the officials and members of the Madressa Trust, thanked Mr. Tayob Latif Osman for his help and encouragement. He has rendered great service to the trust by undertaking to erect the mosque, which is the pride and glory of the Muslim community, at his own expense. He had no ambitions to occupy official positions, but this act of charity revealed the precious qualities of his heart.

"In concluding," he said, "it was the earnest prayers of those who have assembled here that the almighty Allah may shower the blessings upon you and your family that you may be given long life and prosperity to still carry on the noble work you have undertaken," he added.

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Selections for Today

1 p.m.: INGOGO HANDICAP, Top Division, six furlongs: 1, Runaway; 2, Insolence; 3, Fiona Macdonald.

1.30 p.m.: MAIDEN JUVENILE HANDICAP, seven furlongs: 1, Lee Metford; 2, Night Flight; 3, Lambeth Boy.

2.10 p.m.: INGOGO HANDICAP, Bottom Division, six furlongs: 1, Groomed; 2, Straight Flush; 3, Captain Lee.

2.50 p.m.: ROSSBURGH HANDICAP, "C" Division, one mile: 1, Diamantier; 2, Siwash; 3, Lumberjack.

3.10 p.m.: ROSSBURGH HANDICAP, "B" Division, five furlongs: 1, Lady Member; 2, Donated; 3, Adawa.

3.50 p.m.: ROSSBURGH HANDICAP, "A" Division, five furlongs: 1, Waiter II; 2, Dark Renown; 3, Bolt.

4.25 p.m.: ROSSBURGH HANDICAP, "D" Division, five furlongs: 1, Apple Pie; 2, Cape to Cairo; 3, Woolwich.

5 p.m.: STEWARDS' HANDICAP, one and a quarter miles: 1, Solotex; 2, Seville II; 3, Iron Mask.

Natal Schools Soccer Association

The annual meeting of the Natal Indian Schools Football Association was held at the Methodist Indian School, Maritzburg. Delegates from the different affiliated centres were present.

The secretary's annual report showed that the season was a successful one. The financial statement reflected a credit balance of £5 3s. 3d.

The headquarters this year are at South Coast.

The following officials were elected for the ensuing year:—

Patron, Mr. M. K. Naidoo; president, Mr. R. G. Pillay; vice-presidents, Messrs. I. Anthony, K. R. Naiz, G. I. Harris, H. S. Pindhan and P. Pulchan; hon. secretary, Mr. C. O. L. Joseph; hon. treasurer, Mr. C. T. Arrikum; hon. record clerk, Mr. R. D. Pillay; hon. auditor, Mr. A. Aiden.

Park View Juniors

The Park View Schools Junior Football Club has elected the following office-bearers for the ensuing year:

Patron, M. Earnest; president, P. M. Johnny; vice-presidents, N. Ganas, R. Arthur, R. S. Naidoo, M. Sunny, G. G. Harry, A. S. John, P. Ganas, A. Chinatharie and N. Seshagoneey; joint hon. secretaries, N. R. Ramoo and R. S. Naidoo; treasurer, T. M. Harold; manager, P. S. Freddy; captain, T. M. Harold; vice-captain, S. N. Naidoo; delegate to the C.F.A., R. Arthur. Colours: Red and blue.

Tamil Teachers' Conference

The long contemplated Tamil Teachers' organisation was brought into fruition on the Tamil New Year's Day, with the members of the following officials: President, Mr. T. M. Naicker; vice-president, Mr. P. Abbey Naidoo; hon. secretary, Mr. D. Somasundrum Pillay; hon. treasurer, Mr. Soobramoney Govender, and a representative committee.

The officials of the Natal Tamil Teachers' Society with the support of several institutions, will hold a conference of Tamil people in Durban on May 31 and June 1.

Arrangements are being made to hold the following sessions: Educational, general upliftment, women's session and children's assembly.

Prominent Tamilians will deliver addresses and the movement is arousing great interest.

The first Tamil Conference was contened some years ago by the Young Men's Vedic Society, but this will be the first Tamil Teachers' Conference. Those interested are requsted to communicate with the officials, 39 Leopold Street, Durban.

Glencoe Elects Soccer Officials

The association elected the following officials for the ensuing season:—

Patron, The Mayor of Glencoe; life vice-presidents, Messrs. N. G. R. Naidoo, Bob Narrandes, P. W. Samuels, Gopie Singh, B. Sookoo and S. Manickum; president, Mr. S. Manickum (re-elected); vice-presidents, Messrs. N. K. Naidoo, N. B. Naidoo, P. M. Govender, Cyril Imes, Fred Kallie, S. Hitlesee, M. R. Naidu, H. Styles, G. R. Maharaj and H. A. Turner; secretary and treasurer, Mr. M. N. Naicker (re-elected); assistant secretary, Mr. D. V. Naidoo; record clerk, Mr. H. Baloo (re-elected); auditor, Mr. Morar Ratanjee (re-elected).

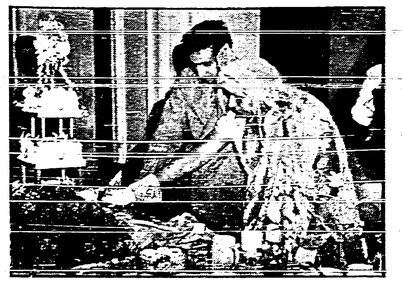
Delegates to Natal Indian Football Association: Messrs. S. Manickum and S. M. Naicker.

Delegates of affiliated clubs: Burnside "A", Messrs. S. L. Pillay and B. Maharaj; Burnside "B", Messrs. R. S. Naidoo and R. Jagour; Dundee United, Messrs. R. Misra and A. G. Khaki; D.N.C. No. 5, Messrs. A. S. Padyachee and D. S. Naidoo; G.I.F.C., Messrs. H. B. Narrandes and B. Rambeen.

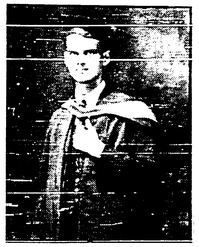
Sydenham Royals F.C.

The following are the officials of the Sydenham Royals F.C. for the ensuing season:—

Patrons, Messrs. Natson Pillay and R. Ramroop; president, Mr. M. Rajah; vice-presidents, Messrs. V. S. Reddy and Rathinam Naidoo; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. Billy Naidoo; captain, Messrs. D. R. Sowpersadh and Jack Singh.



Mr. and Mrs. Singh cutting their wedding cake at the reception in the City Hall on Sunday. (See story on page 9).



Mr. K. P. Naidoo, B.Econ., the first Indian to graduate with this degree from the University of South Africa. (Story on page 6).

Mr. Tayob Abdool Latif Osman, who has donated the sum of £2,000 to the Maritzburg Muslid and Islamic School Trust. (Story on page 6).

Pineapples, Gooseberries, Sweet Potatoes for Cane Lands

An appeal was made to growers to embark upon better methods of cane, and adopt modern methods of cultivation which will be more economical.

Planters were assured that all matters connected with the market in season on account of shortage of sugar and crop.

Price of cane, it was stated, had increased, and owing to the increase in the cost of fertilisers, agricultural implements, oil and labour the industry is seeking a comparatively higher price for sugar.

The experiment station was encouraging growers to produce, so that an export surplus cane could be discovered. Amongst other things alcohol for motor fuel, glycerine and cellulose have been considered.

The industry is also considering other possibilities such as pineapples, Cape gooseberries and sweet potatoes to be planted on land purchased for cane. It has been acknowledged that a higher price had been paid for cane land.

These were some of the works reviewed at the annual meeting of the Natal Indian Cane Growers' Association, held at Stanger.

Mr. N. Bodasing presided. Other speakers were Messrs. S. Christopher, G. Harrison, E. Koop-Jacob, S. Naidoo, police and S. Mahadeva.

The following officials were elected: President, Mr. N. Bodasing; vice-presidents, Messrs. S. Ramgoorak, S. Roopsingh, S. V. Naidoo, R. Parmeswar and S. Ramgoolie; secretary, Mr. D. D. Lalla; treasurer, Mr. T. P. Sam.

Panday Bowl Tennis

The doubles competition for the Chick Panday's Bowl was continued on Sunday last at the Mountlighters' Tennis Court, Sandra Road, Sydenham, under the patronship of J. S. Jugnath. The semi-final was played between N. Bhijay and R. Sookloo v. S. Baharat and Osman, resulting in a win for S. Baharat and Osman, 6—3, 6—3.

The competition was well contested, there being twelve couples. Results:—

G. Naiker and N. J. Pillay lost to S. P. Naiker and S. Maharajh, 6—4, 6—4; S. Baharat and Osman beat Naidoo and Chetty, 6—1, 6—1; C. Rupatlall and N. Harry lost to S. Kadwa and Natalia, 6—2, 6—1; D. P. Soni and A. V. Rajoo lost to R. Sookloo and N. Bhijay, 7—5, 6—4; Lalljee and Omar beat Bismilla and Mohamedy, 6—2, 3—6, 6—1; H. Sulliman and R. Jairam beat Nairadoo and L. Lalbia, 6—2, 6—0; S. Maharaj and S. Naiker lost to N. Bhijay and R. Sookloo, 6—4, 1—6, 6—3; Lalljee and Omar beat H. Sulliman and R. Jairam, 6—3, 6—0; S. Baras and M. Osman beat S. Kadwa and Natalia, 6—2, 6—4.

The final to be played between S. Baharat and Osman v. Lalljee and Omar.

Reunion F.C.

At the second annual meeting of the Reunion Football Club the following were elected as office bearers: Patron, Mr. Adam Fayers; president, K. Ragwan; vice-president, Ismail Lazar; hon. secretary, G. H. Esoop; assist. secretary, R. Ramchander; vice captains, A. S. Ally; captain, Kishore Hookyeet; reporter, M. H. Careem.

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Seedat Sentenced

Dawood A. Seedat was charged with lese majesty, or alternatively making a subversive statement and also with deviating a public meeting in the City Hall, Durban, on March 2. He was found guilty of making a subversive statement and was fined £30 or three months' imprisonment, and of disturbing the public meeting, for which he was fined £10 or 14 days imprisonment.

A Council meeting of the Natal Indian Football Association will be held at the Pavilion Indian Sports Ground, Durban tomorrow, commencing at 10 a.m.

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DURBAN WIN PANDAY SHIELD

Muslims Decisive Victory in Maritzburg

The cricket match between Durban Muslims and Maritzburg Orientals for the Panday Shield final attracted a large crowd at the Indian sports Ground, Maritzburg, on Sunday last.

Durban Muslims won the toss and sent Orientals in to bat.

Orientals were all out for 134, of which A. I. Rawat scored 37, being cleaned bowled by Asmay; A. H. Rawat, 25; R. Gopaul, 21; I. S. Cassimjee, 13 and Adam N. Mohamed 12 not out.

The Muslims' fielding was keen indeed. Asmal captured four wickets for 27 runs; M. I. Yusuf took three wickets for 40 runs; H. Hendricks, one for 39; A. Roojee, one for 3; and G. Mohamed, one for 18.

Muslims went in to bat just after lunch, scoring 226 for three wickets, when their appeal for bad light was upheld.

G. Mohamed, their captain, contributed 104 undefeated; E. V. Mohamed retired with 61 and M. I. Yusuf scored 45, being caught by A. H. Rawat off E. S. Adam.

Orientals' attack was opened by A. I. Rawat, but he was out of luck. E. S. Adam was the only bowler of the seven who did well, getting two wickets for 23 runs, bowling 6.2 overs.

Thus the Durban Muslims are the holders of the Panday Shield.

Today's Soccer Fixtures

DURBAN TODAY

SENIOR LEAGUE "A"

2.15 p.m., Avondale vs. Stella. Referee: Mr. G. K. Singh.

3.30 p.m., Stars vs. Daffodils. Referee: Mr. M. S. Hafaji.

SENIOR LEAGUE "B"

2.15 p.m., Queens vs. Arrivee. Referee: Mr. P. Moosa.

3.30 p.m., Pirates vs. S.A.P. Referee: Mr. A. K. Hayath.

JUNIOR

2.15 p.m., Warwickshire vs. Daffodils. Referee: Mr. R. L. Bwalhan.

3.30 p.m., Crown vs. Jacaba. Referee: Mr. K. M. Pillay.

JUVENILE "A"

2.15 p.m., Stella vs. Aces. Referee: Mr. P. R. A. Reddy.

3.30 p.m., Warwickshire vs. Central. Referee: Mr. V. S. Mudlia.

JUVENILE "B"

2.15 p.m., Riverside vs. Mayville. Referee: Mr. D. V. Naidoo.

3.30 p.m., Natal Royals vs. Sastri College. Referee: Mr. D. A. Pather.

MAYVILLE TOMORROW

The following are Somerset's fixtures at Mayville:—

2 p.m., Pirates vs. Mayville. Referee: Mr. R. Vawer.

3.15 p.m., Westerns vs. Sydenham United. Referee: Mr. K. Reogparsan.

2 p.m., Cato Stars vs. Manor United. Referee: Mr. R. Reuben.

3.15 p.m., Moonlighters vs. Mayville Rangers. Referee: Mr. C. A. Tommy.

The Association will commence their junior fixtures as from next week.

SEA VIEW TOMORROW

JUNIORS—LEAGUE CUP

11.45 a.m., Shamrocks v. Clifview Royals. Referee, Mr. T. R. Jack.

1 p.m., Stars v. Schools (2nd Boys. Referee, Mr. A. K. Patrick.

Isipingo Football Association

The 22nd annual meeting of the Isipingo District Indian Football Association was held at Jairaz's Hall, Isipingo, before a large number of sportsmen. Mr. K. Gopalsingh presided.

The secretary, Mr. T. Subramany, submitted the yearly report which reflected the association's activities. He stated that the Ground Committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. Adam Fayers, succeeded in providing a new sports ground for the district, which would be opened next month. The cost of laying out the ground amounted to £200 to £1.

The following officials were elected for the ensuing year:—

Patrons, Messrs. C. Platt, A. I. Kajee, H. Ward, G. King, A. H. Sookoonar, R. Mahabeer, M. Jadwat, S. Neerpath, R. Debiclow, L. Twemearne, M. M. George and Willie Chinsamy; president, Mr. K. Gopalsingh; vice presidents, Messrs. Adam Fayers, J. Verdian, H. Bindlia, B. Sookmanan, Surabjit Singh, A. S. Ally, C. N. Harry, K. Ramnath, B. Natalie, Rowsalow, L. Bevjou, M. Ruthenasamy and A. David; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. T. Subramany; hon. assist. secretary, Mr. S. Gokul; committee, Messrs. D. Raguvan, A. Jimmy, W. E. Ally, M. H. Carrim, A. P. Chetty, D. Reogparsan, G. H. Essop and K. Ramphal; record clerk, Mr. M. George; hon. auditor, Mr. V. S. Pillay.

Mayville Soccer

Thrilling soccer matches were played at Mayville on Sunday last before a large number of spectators. The first match between Manning Rangers and Mayville was interesting although the former was not quite prepared for the season and accepted a defeat of 3 goals to nil.

The match between Cato Stars and Sydenham United—the latter being a newly affiliated team—provided real thrills. The newcomers gave the spectators a surprise by equalising every goal scored against them by the Nelgena team. The final score was 5 all, thus terminating in a draw match. Mr. A. K. Hayath officiated as referee.

Glencoe Results

The following were the results of the matches played at Glencoe on Sunday last:—

League Trophy: Burnside "A" beat G.E.F.C., 5—0; Dundee United drew with D.N.C. No. 3, 2—2.

Maritzburg Results

Maritzburg soccer results last Saturday were:—

Seniors: Stella walkover; Young Colonials scratched; Eagle beat Scouts, 6—1.

Juniors: Young Natalians drew with Shamrocks, 1—1; Young Colonials beat Hill View, 2—0.

There were no juvenile matches as the ground was not ready for play.

SENIOR LEAGUE CUP

2.15 p.m., Eagles v. Ravens. Referee, Mr. V. Moodley.

3.30 p.m., Shamrocks v. Clifview Royals. Referee, Mr. S. G. Cleery.

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2.15 p.m., Schools v. Shamrocks.

3.30 p.m., Stars v. Muslims.

OFFICIAL COMPLAINS OF "RAW DEAL"

League Championship Won by "Protest"

Schools' Football Club held their fifth annual general meeting in one of the classrooms of the Newcastle Indian School last Monday evening.

In his presidential speech, Mr. Assad E. Sadan strongly criticised the unsportsmanlike methods employed by the Northern District Indian Association whose members," he said, "have not been impartial and our club has received many raw deals."

"In fact," he continued, "I bluntly state that we had to win the League Championship by protest. I have no qualms about admitting it."

Officials for the ensuing season elected were: Patrons, Messrs. G. M. A. Vawda, A. M. Ephraim, Jack Napier; life president, Mr. A. K. Sadan; life vice president, Mr. N. G. Sulliah; president, Mr. S. Sasbach; vice-presidents, Messrs. Yusuf Vawda, N. P. Naidoo, N. C. Naidoo, A. Rowley, Sew Gajee, E. M. Bawa, S. M. Ali, S. A. Moola and George Mathias; secretary, Mr. N. G. Naidoo; record clerk, Mr. D. T. Maistry; captain, D. T. Maistry; vice captain, R. Baloo.

Delegates: D. T. Maistry, S. M. Vawda, E. M. Bawa and Sew Gajee; nominee to the executive of the Association, Mr. S. M. Vawda; selection committee, president, captain, vice-captain and Mr. George Mathias; auditor, Mr. S. P. Naidoo; manager, Mr. Matthew Lurkrajsingh.

Ladysmith Soccer

The Klip River District Indian Football Association opened their season on Saturday last.

Shamrocks met Stars in the first match of the season, which resulted in a narrow win for Shamrocks, 1—0.

Schools met Muslims in the second match. This provided plenty of thrills. Muslims gained an early lead within the first five minutes of the start. At half-time Muslims led 2—0. On resumption both sides scored one each, Muslims winning 3—1.

A meeting will be held at the Pavilion, Indian Sports Ground, Durban, tomorrow at 9.30 a.m. for the revival of the Natal Indian Referees Association.

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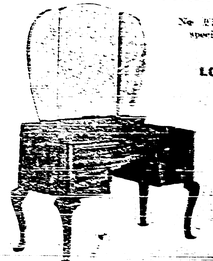

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Medical Tax—Relic of Indentured Days

MR. A. WANLESS, M.P.C. DEFERS ABOLITION MOVE

Certain Indian Bodies Raise Objections

A MOVE for the abolition of the Natal Medical Tax, an imposition of £1 a month on Indian employes, who are descendants of Indian immigrants, has been deferred because, it is learnt, that certain Indian bodies have been unable to agree as to the disposal of the accumulated funds, amounting to £35,000.

Mr. A. Wanless, M.P.C., who was to have moved a resolution in the Provincial Council this week, had to withdraw his motion because of these objections. He was prepared, according to a statement made to The Leader, to introduce a modified motion for the abolition of the tax this session, if the Indians might themselves find grounds of unanimity.

Mr. Wanless' motion was:—

That, as a matter of almost exclusive interest to Natal, His Honour the Administrator be requested to make representations to the Central Government along the following lines—

(1) The abolition of that section of Act No. 15 of 1891, as amended, which imposes a medical fee on employers for each Indian employed, also the abolition of the Depot Hospital, Durban.

(2) Alternatively, the accumulated unexpended funds from such fees, together with the fees accruing, be ceded to the Provincial Administration for the part costs of King Edward VIII Memorial and for future Indian hospitalisation.

Mr. E. C. W. Haig, M.P.C., in the course of an interview with The Leader, said that it was his intention, owing to the complexity of the subject, to move for the institution of a Provincial Commission, to inquire into the whole question. As the motion has been withdrawn he would not do this to do this.

He has, however, brought the matter to the notice of the Provincial Executive, who have already started an inquiry office.

Stigma on Indians

MR. WANLESS, who said, upon the Depot Hospital, condemned it as an old and it insults all Indians, physicians, chemists, and even office at Hospital Hill. There is also no other doctor.

When I saw it, there were 17 in a single room where there was only room for one bed, and generally make the King Edward VIII Hospital their choice.

As to support, for it is based on the grounds of race. All employers are entitled to their hospitals in which to have their employees treated, whether they contribute to the hospital or not. Indians are compelled to contribute to the hospital whether they use it or not. It is discriminated.

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The tax is a relic of indentured days. Indentured labour died out in 1911, but the tax still remains. It is made by the Indian employer, and not by the employee. The tax, and it is the employer who pays it. Therefore, that would result in the abolition of the tax. At the present time nearly collected from Indians, and the Indian Hospital Board is entitled to the Indian community.

"Act 25 of 1891, Natal, provides for a special tax on employers of Indian labour, the proceeds of which are applied to the provision of medical facilities for indentured Indians and their descendants. In December, 1939, The Natal Chambers of Commerce and Industries appointed a sub-committee to inquire into the question of this tax. The Joint Chambers of Commerce and Industries thereupon recommended to Government that the relevant clauses of Act 25 of 1891 should be repealed.

"The grounds on which this was urged are that the Provincial Administration has now taken over responsibility for providing medical facilities for all sections of the community.

"Further, the number of hospitals maintained by the medical tax fund has in recent years been reduced from 14 to 5.

"The proceeds of the fund have been utilised for the purpose of repatriating Indians under the Assisted Emigration Scheme.

"Statistics show that more Natives than Indians have been treated at these hospitals as out-patients.

"And finally, the tax obviously falls indirectly on the employee, inasmuch that the poorly paid Indian labourer has his wage correspondingly reduced, or

"Alternatively, the tax acts as a bar to the employment of Indian labour."

OTHER OBJECTIONS

The Asiatic Board, in one of its parts, raises the Provincial Council

already entirely the large number of small-scale employers who employ a limited number of Indians.

"The tax is a relic of the system (forced labour) and there exists no reasonable reason for maintenance. The abolition of these enactments, who had at that time no right to protect themselves, are now receiving an immense number of the community as taxpayers, should not be subjected to the new burden. If employers, for payment of the tax, should cease to be employed.

"Even the workers themselves, the trade concerned, are opposed to medical treatment, and forward with hospital treatment with the private practitioner and are liable to be affected of Indians and there certainly is a necessity to provide such a medical system which the Indians do patronise the present time.

"The other point made by the Indian Immigrants Service such as the repatriation of Indians and deaths, and so on, should be the charge of the Union Government, and not the proper Provincial Administration for the part costs of King Edward VIII Memorial and for future Indian hospitalisation. All of the other services of the community should be by proper means which is to control the well-being of Indians of the province as a whole and not by the members of trades and deaths."

WOMAN'S LEAP FROM BUILDING

Indian Takes Impact of Fall

A Maritzburg Indian had an unique experience the other day when he served as a buffer for, and at the same time avoided almost fatal results to, a native woman who jumped out from a window of the second storey of a ward from the Grey's Hospital.

The Indian, Mr. T. R. K. Singh, who was returning in the evening after visiting his son, who is a patient, while still in the hospital grounds, saw an object coming towards him. He stretched out his hands to halt it but the impact was so heavy that he was knocked unconscious.

When he came to he saw a crowd round a native woman on the floor.

The Isipingo Sentamil Valibar Nadaga Sabha will present tonight the play "Thirumanam" in the Isipingo Indian School Hall. The proceeds will be in aid of Vishnu Temple, Isipingo Estate.

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INDIANS TO EAST AFRICA

Restrictions of Passport

It was brought to the notice of the Imperial Indian Citizenship Association that the authorities had placed certain restrictions on the return passages from India of Indians domiciled in the East African Colonies (Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika, and Zanzibar) in certain cases such permits were refused.

It was also stated that under no circumstances would authorities allow women and children to proceed to East Africa.

The Association wrote to the Passport Officer to the Government of Bombay and received the following reply: "In view of the existing international situation passport facilities for British territories bordering on the Italian colonies in Africa are not granted without special examination of particular cases.

"It is not true that women and children are prohibited from sailing to Africa. As a rule they are discouraged from proceeding to India. There are, but exceptions are made in the case of the families of persons who are normally resident in East Africa and also of persons who are employed by the Colonial Governments or by private firms, or who are proceeding there on Government duty."

An inaugural meeting for the formation of a tennis club will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at 100 South Road, Overport, Durban. All those interested are kindly requested to attend.

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THE TEACHER & THE TAUGHT

Mr. Srinivasa Sastri Gives Advice

Addressing a body of teachers at Madras the Rt. Hon. V. S. Srinivasa Sastri said that, although the spirit of reverence on the part of the students towards their teachers was giving place to movements of a distinctive character undermining discipline and destroying the ethical relationship between the teacher and the taught, the teachers should not forget that the spirit in which they should meet the pupils, namely, the spirit of love and service, should not be repelled by any ugly things that might be encountered.

They should remember that if they had taken their pupils through the prescribed curricula, but done nothing more, if they had not touched the hearts and souls of the pupils, they had not done the best part of their work. They should themselves be good, honourable and useful lives and teach the pupils what life was and what it all meant.

Continuing, Mr. Sastri said: "Be good men but also teach the pupils what goodness is. Teach what elements go to make up a really noble character, teach them the virtues of generosity, of bountifulness, of patience, of forgiveness, of gentleness in dealing with others, of courtesy and chivalry. Teach them these things. Do not be ashamed of preaching these virtues every now and then."

These things required to be taught and be entered and dinned into the ears of the pupils. A teacher who gave five minutes to this each did far more for his pupils than he who spent hours and hours in teaching them the symbols in chemistry or the formulae in mathematics, valuable as those were.

Mr. Sastri added that he was aware of the material aspect of life, but while performing their duties for the sake of emoluments, teachers should not forget the ideals of their profession and should remember the greatness of their task.

They should develop in a religious spirit the higher aspects of the profession and dwell in them constantly. They should never cease to be pupils themselves, so that they should become better and better themselves and their institutions also.

SURAT HINDU ASSOCIATION

Election of Officials at Annual Meeting

The 33rd annual meeting of the Surat Hindu Association was held last week at the association's hall, Victoria Street, under the chairmanship of Mr. M. B. Naik.

After prayers the minutes of the annual meeting, the annual report of the secretary and the report of the treasurer were submitted and passed.

The following new officials were elected for the commencing year: Chairman, Mr. M. R. Naik; vice-chairman, Mr. I. N. Bhoola; secretary, Mr. L. B. Patel; assistant secretary, Mr. C. K. Mehta; treasurer, Mr. B. Bhoola; auditor, Mr. M. N. Bhoola.

The Tinley Manor tennis players F.C. held their annual meeting at the sports ground, Tinley Manor, last week-end. The following officials were elected: Secretary, Mr. Pandy; assistant secretary, Mr. R. Pandy; treasurer, Mr. Ramsamy; committee, Messrs. Govender, Pillay, Naidoo, Govender, Pillay, Naidoo, Govender, Pillay, Naidoo,

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Indian Medical Tax

IT is unfortunate that no decision could have been taken on the motion, which appeared in the Provincial Council for the abolition of the Indian medical tax. He withdrew it on the grounds of certain Indian objections against the second part of the resolution referring to the accumulated unexpended funds from such fees, together with the fees accruing, being ceded to the Provincial Administration for the part costs at King Edward VIII Hospital and for future Indian hospitalization.

While there might be some difference of opinion in regard to the disposal of the funds, it was a pity that the principle of the abolition of the tax was left undecided.

The tax is antiquated. It was passed in 1891 in the Natal Parliament to provide for medical facilities for indentured Indians and their descendants. The legality of the tax as applying to the descendants of the indentured Indians was challenged up to the Privy Council but the decision went against the Indian community.

Its repeal was urged two years ago by the Joint Chambers of Commerce and Industries on the ground that the Provincial Administration had now taken over responsibility for providing medical facilities for all sections of the community and the number of hospitals maintained by the medical tax fund had been reduced. The tax also acted as a bar to the employment of Indian labour.

The tax had also been condemned at several conferences of the South African Indian Congress. It no longer serves the purpose for which it was intended, for its usefulness has now been outlived.

Hospitalisation has been provided both by the Province and by certain private enterprise and Indians are no longer dependent upon a very inadequate and inefficient service provided by the "Protector" of Indian immigrants. Mr. Wanless has drawn attention, in our news columns, to the lack of facilities at the Dopie Hospital, if it may be called a hospital. We know of other names for it; certainly not complimentary. In cases where the service is provided outside of the Durban area very few take any advantage of it. Most of the Indians, who are entitled to it and for whom their employers have paid, choose to consult and pay a fee to a private medical practitioner.

Indians on the whole are against the medical tax on the grounds already indicated. It is furthermore a relic of the indenture period and the perpetuation of a system for which there is absolutely no necessity today. The essential department, under the "Protector," such as births, deaths, must be separated and should form part of the general public service and be a charge on the Department of the Interior. The medical tax, which is now regarded by most employers of Indian labour as "extortion," should not provide the wherewithal to run a very necessary public service which should be paid for by Government.

We trust that the fullest degree of unanimity may be reached among the Indians themselves on the question of the accumulated funds and thus support Mr. Wanless, who is deserving of the gratitude of the Indian community as a whole, in his effort to get the Provincial Council to declare itself also for the abolition of this obnoxious tax.

A Bar of Banana

Because of the risk of being caught in an air-raid and spending several hours in a shelter, with possibly a long delay before the next meal, many people in Britain have formed the habit of carrying "iron rations" with them always. Concentrated, convenient packed foods are favoured. Several new concoctions have been devised. One is the banana tablet, about the size of a bar of chocolate, made of dried banana, and sweet malt. It can be eaten dry, or it can be taken with water as a drink.

SUGAR INDUSTRY IN INDIA

"The sugar industry in India is, indeed, a miracle wrought by the policy of protection adopted by the Government of India. Almost unknown a decade ago, this industry is now a feature of the industrial life of the country, providing at one end employment for the cultivator and at the other end satisfying the needs of a consumer who knows more scarcely industry should think of establishing itself as a secure basis with the minimum tariff aid," observed Sir Misra Ismail, Dewan of Mysore, when laying the foundation stone.

INDIAN SOLDIERS' LIFE IN BRITAIN

THEIR MAJESTIES LIKE "CHARATTIS"

The story of the Indian contingent's life in Britain was recounted by the contingent's Commandant at an Indian House meeting.

The Commandant stated that after its evacuation from France and arrival at English ports the contingent was split up, some units going to Derbyshire and others to Yorkshire and another to Scotland.

Speaking of the last unit the Commandant said: "The men made great friends with the Scotch. The Scotch like them a lot. Both sides thought a lot of the religion of other people, and our men did not play games on Sundays, which was very much appreciated by the rural Scot.

"Those in Yorkshire were helping to look after animals which had been taken over from the French or had been bought in the French. Our men also did a lot of agriculture while we were reorganising and being re-equipped, and they enjoyed that a lot.

"I think that I am correct in saying that General Maspratt had a letter to say that our men did more in five days that the usual farm labourer does in three weeks. They helped a great deal and it kept them interested, but there was one reaction to agriculture. Not one man would admit that he had learned anything from Western methods.

"They had a certain amount of bombing, et cetera, but nothing to hurt anybody, just enough to remind them that there is still a war on. We left our various camps in the middle of October. I cannot tell you how many letters I have had from the people quite gratuitously saying how well the men behaved and how much they admired them.

THE KING'S INSPECTION

"Our highlight," continued the Commandant, "came when the King-Emperor and Her Majesty came to Derby. His Majesty inspected the Indian contingent and was much impressed by the fact that practically every man had one, if not two, French ribbons. Her Majesty's chief reaction was the fact that as the men could not turn their heads, their eyes went as far right and left as they could. His Majesty spoke to every British officer and to every Viceroy's commissioned officer, all of whom were presented to him.

"Their Majesties inspected the camp and His Majesty was much interested in the way we dug our beats down as we used to in Waziristan to avoid snipers' bullets. He walked about the place, taking a real interest in all the arrangements shown to him, both technical and administrative. Her Majesty was very interested in the conditions, et cetera. She came over our messes and had tea and pattie back for the Princesses.

"Our sick were being looked after in the city hospital at Derby, and I arranged for them to be brought in by coach, so that they could see the parade and their Majesties. There was one [illegible] there who was very ill and was going to die. There was no question about it, and the doctors said that if he came to this inspection he certainly would die. He said he was not sure, so I put his name down. I was far too ill to get out of the coach in which the sick were. I told the King about this, and he said, 'I must go and see this man.' He went in and shook hands with the poor old man, and that man has now gone back to India. He [illegible] owing to for a good many years. This is entirely due to the fact that his Majesty had been gracious enough to go to speak to one of his subjects.

"We are, as you know, in the south and west of England. We are very comfortable and we have no grouse at all. We are getting wonderful supplies from India House, for which we are very grateful. We have excellent accommodation for the men; as one of barracks, with iron and cold showers and sweetshops. We could possibly wish for. I was told that our men's tastes had been repeatedly brought to the notice of training battalions and training units as an example of what a soldier should look like, and they are extremely good.

"We were invited by His Majesty to spend a party to visit his farm at Sandringham and a representative party of every district in India from where the contingent was [illegible] went to His Majesty's home farm. They had soup and cakes in the room where His Majesty had had luncheon just before the outbreak of the war and that was a thrill. They saw His Majesty's Red Deron cattle. Having been over the farm they saw the model cottages. The occupants let the men go all over their houses. It was a filthy and wet day. Goodness knows how much mud they had to clean up afterwards! I think that this shows that your race host in England rather appreciates to your Royal host in India for whom them is no better. They were very kind to us.

"We have a fine welfare officer, Dr. Chandra from Ceylon, whom many of you know has done wonderful work for us.

"He arranged a Christmas party in each place where the men were placed that they could see what happens to people in Britain at Christmas time. They had a Christmas tree, and every man received a present. They themselves gave a display of Punjabi dancing, sword dancing and physical training. They impressed the British troops very much by their physical training because they are very good at it.

"This is just an illustration to show that the men have really made friends where they have been. As to the future we are training hard. We have demanded that we shall be in the expeditionary force which goes overseas, and I shall keep on worrying the people until we are allowed to go, and do our best to push the Germans back."

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BY C. L. MAHARAJ

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To keep us far and far away.

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To make us look and make us run.
Stop us enter many a gate,
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WARRIORS DESCEND UPON DURBAN

GENERAL JOLLY-BUOY LEADS THE ATTACK

By Our War Correspondent

Like a bolt from the blue "warriors" of the Castri Section of the University, after weeks of organised planning at the first signs of clear weather, according to plan, launched their invasion in pincer-like manner from the weakest end of the city upon a "voteless, voiceless, defenceless people" on Friday and Saturday last.

For the time was opportune—maximum chance in this quarter after having for a whole year sold "rice mixed with mire," "meat favoured with sweetmeat," "100th grade marsala that had the effect of cascara," "soft" goods instead of goods of value, "corporation water from iron taps instead of [illegible] water supply," "[illegible] impudent and wealthy, their pockets weighed down with coin—an untenable position—their "British" in danger —so to save them from this direful there descended upon these [illegible] heavy armed with wooden boxes, with Nurlei-leaflet propaganda leading the attack.

The enemy, led by Cap-i-tan, a Lock-Hat, with countless More-ta-las, reinforced with Cas-Jees, fierce as geese, with a vanguard of choice timber from the fields of "Whose-Hen" gathered by (Suleman) Sour-se-lemon making life for our first regiment a real "Deep-hell-ia." But our commander-in-chief, a real Jolly-Buoy, claiming descent from the heroic lineage of Sohrab and Rustom, ordered immediate fire. So terrific was the onslaught that in spite of the overwhelming numerical supremacy of the enemy, whose rear-guard action was highly commendable, after 48 hours of ceaseless firing they succumbed to our superior tactics; among the prisoners captured and the ransom paid were the following:—

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Half-guineas from: S. M. Naidoo, Alfred Chetty, B. Parmarsir, W. S. Seethal, M. Nayak.

Further booty came from the wooden boxes, making a grand total of £88 15s. 6d.

The victory was celebrated with the allies, when a procession of the conquerors, strengthened with "an Oriental wedding" colourful and gay, in the midst of another era "Brave New World," symbolising Peace, Justice and Truth, paraded West Street.

Discrimination Alleged Against City Council

"This area is urgently in need of essential services such as roads, postal services, sanitary removal and facilities for sports. Although representations were made to the City authorities and assurances were given by them two years ago that something will be done in the matter, no amenities are as yet provided in this area with the exception of provision of water to some extent. Even this service [illegible] share of the actual requirements," said Mr. N. [illegible] Chetty, Secretary of the annual meeting of the Merebank Ratepayers' Association at the Merebank Indian School on Sunday last.

He continued: "It does make one feel that in so far as the provision of amenities are concerned the City Council is guided by colour. There are instances in this area where attempts have been made to improve conditions in sections where Europeans are predominant.

"For the purpose of making this point clear I will quote one of several instances. In one part of Myrtle Road there are three European buildings with a total property valuation of £650, and the road is treated with tarmac. In the Indian part of Myrtle Road there are ten buildings with a total property valuation of £2,550 and the road is treated with chavey type [illegible]."

The result of the elections were: President, Mr. J. Pawzy; vice-presidents, Messrs. A. V. Pillay, K. Lalla, S. Rugbeer, J. Harras, R. R. Richards; hon. secretary, Mr. N. S. Chetty; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. M. R. Veeran; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. K. Govender; hon. auditor, Mr. R. P. Naicker; committee, Messrs. S. M. Maharaj, M. M. Moodley, M. Moosamay, M. Nain, T. R. Moonsamy, M. S. Naicker, B. Jugnath, K. Reddy and S. Chetty.

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NATAL ARYA SAMAJ

At the last monthly meeting of the Aryan Representative Assembly (Natal) held in Durban under the chairmanship of Mr. R. Bolasingh, the secretary, Mr. Satya Deva, reported that there was now only a small balance of £160 outstanding on the property of the Sabha, purchased some time back for a sum of £7,000. The property is situated at 21 Castle Street, Durban.

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Indian Medical Tax

It is unfortunate that no decision could have been taken on the motion, which appeared in the name of Mr. Alex Wanless, in the Provincial Council for the abolition of the Indian medical tax. He withdrew it on the grounds of certain Indian objections against the second part of the resolution referring to the accumulated unexpended funds from such fees, together with the fees accruing, being ceded to the Provincial Administration for the part costs of King Edward VIII Hospital and for future Indian hospitalisation.

While there might be some difference of opinion in regard to the disposal of the funds, it was a pity that the principle of the abolition of the tax was left undecided.

The tax is antiquated. It was passed in 1891 in the Natal Parliament to provide for medical facilities for indentured Indians and their descendants. The legality of the tax as applying to the descendants of the indentured Indians was challenged up to the Privy Council but the decision went against the Indian community.

Its repeal was urged two years ago by the Joint Chambers of Commerce and Industries on the ground that the Provincial Administration had now taken over responsibility for providing medical facilities for all sections of the community and the number of hospitals maintained by the medical tax fund had been reduced. The tax also acted as a bar to the employment of Indian labour.

The tax had also been condemned at several conferences of the South African Indian Congress. It no longer serves the purpose for which it was intended, for its usefulness has now been outlived.

Hospitalisation has been provided both by the Province and by certain private enterprise and Indians are no longer dependent upon a very inadequate and inefficient service provided by the "Protector" of Indian immigrants. Mr. Wanless has drawn attention, in our news columns, to the lack of facilities at the Depôt Hospital, if it may be called a hospital. We know of other names for it; certainly not complimentary. In cases where the service is provided outside of the Durban area very few take any advantage of it. Most of the Indians, who are entitled to it and for whom their employers have paid, choose to consult and pay a fee to a private medical practitioner.

Indians on the whole are against the medical tax on the grounds already indicated. It is furthermore a relic of the indenture period and the perpetuation of a system for which there is absolutely no necessity today. The essential department, under the "Protector," such as births, deaths, must be separated and should form part of the general public service and be a charge on the Department of the Interior. The medical tax, which is now regarded by most employers of Indian labour as "extortion," should not provide the wherewithal to run a very necessary public service which should be paid for by Government.

We trust that the fullest degree of unanimity may be reached among the Indians themselves on the question of the accumulated funds and thus support Mr. Wanless, who is deserving of the gratitude of the Indian community as a whole, in his efforts to get the Provincial Council to declare itself also for the abolition of this obnoxious tax.

A Bar of Banana

Because of the risk of being caught in an airraid and spending several hours in a shelter, with possibly a long delay before the next meal, many people in Britain have formed the habit of carrying "iron rations" with them always. Concentrated, conveniently packed foods are favoured. Several new concoctions have been devised. One is the banana tablet, about the size of a bar of chocolate, made of dried banana, sugar and dried milk. It can be eaten dry, or it can be taken with water as a drink.

SUGAR INDUSTRY IN INDIA

"The growth of sugar industry in India is, indeed, a striking example of how the policy of protection adopted by the Government of India, Almost unknown a decade ago, this industry is now a feature of the industrial life of the country, providing at one end employment for the cultivator and at the other end satisfying the needs of the consumer. We have now reached a stage when those interested in the industry should think of establishing it on a secure basis with the minimum tariff aid," observed Sir Mirza M. Ismail, Dewan of Mysore, when laying the foundation stone.

INDIAN SOLDIERS' LIFE IN BRITAIN

THEIR MAJESTIES LIKE "CHAPATTIS"

The story of the Indian contingent's life in Britain was recounted by the contingent's Commandant at an India House meeting.

The Commandant stated that after its evacuation from France and arrival at English ports the contingent was split up, some units going to Derbyshire and others to Yorkshire and another to Scotland.

Speaking of the last unit the Commandant said: "The men made great friends with the Scotch. The Scotch like them a lot. Both sides thought a lot of the religion of other people, and one unit did not play games on Sundays, which was very much appreciated by the rural Scot.

"Those in Yorkshire were helping to look after animals which had been taken over from the French or had been bought for the French. Our men also did a lot of agriculture while we were reorganising and being re-equipped, and they enjoyed that a lot.

"I think that I am correct in saying that General Monpreit had a letter to say that our men did more in five days that the usual farm labourer does in three weeks. They helped a great deal and it kept them interested, but there was one reaction to agriculture. Not one man would admit that he had learned anything from Western methods.

"They had a certain amount of bombing, et cetera, but nothing to hurt anybody, just enough to remind them that there is still a war on. We left our various camps in the middle of October. I cannot tell you how many letters I have had from the people quite gratuitously saying how well the men behaved and how much they admired them.

THE KING'S INSPECTION

"Our highlight," continued the Commandant, "came when the King-Emperor and Her Majesty came to Derby. His Majesty inspected the Indian contingent and was much impressed by the fact that practically every man had one, if not two, Frontier ribbons. Her Majesty's chief reaction was the fact that as the men could not turn their heads, their eyes went as far right and left as they could. His Majesty spoke to every British officer and to every Viceroy's commissioned officer, all of whom were presented to him.

"Their Majesties inspected the camp and His Majesty was much interested in the way we dug our tents down as we used to in Waziristan to avoid snipers' bullets. He walked about the place, taking a real interest in all the arrangements shown to him, both technical and administrative. Her Majesty was very interested in the cookhouses, et cetera. After that they came to our mess and had tea and chapattis. The Queen took some chapattis back for the Princesses.

"Our sick were being looked after in the city hospital at Derby, and I arranged for them to be brought in by coach, so that they could see the parade and their Majesties. There was one man there who was very ill and was going to die. There was no question about it, and the doctors said that if he came to this reception he certainly would die. He said he did not care. It was his right. He was far too ill to get out of the coach in which the sick were. I told the King about this and he said, 'I must go and see this man.' He went in and shook hands with the poor old man, and that man has now gone back to India. He is going to live for a good many years. This is entirely due to the fact that His Majesty had been gracious enough to go to speak to one of his subjects.

"We are, as you know, in the south and west of England. We are very comfortable and we have no grouse at all. We are getting wonderful supplies from India House, for which we are very grateful. We have excellent accommodation for the men; at one place we have the very latest type of barracks, with hot and cold showers and everything we could possibly wish for. I was told that our men's rations had been repeatedly brought to the notice of training battalions and training units as an example of what a soldier should look like, and they are extremely good.

"We were invited by His Majesty to send a party to visit his farm at Sandringham and a representative party of sixty distract in India from where the contingent was recruited went to His Majesty's home farm. They had soup and cakes in the room where His Majesty had had luncheon just before the outbreak of the war, and that was a thrill. They saw His Majesty's Red Devon cattle. Having been over the farm they saw the model cottages. The occupants let the men go all over their houses. It was a filthy and wet day. Goodness knows how much mud they had to clean up afterwards! I think that this shows that your rural host in England rather approximates to your rural host in India than whom there is no better. They were very kind to us.

"We have a fine welfare officer, Dr. Chandra from Ceylon, whom many of you know has done wonderful work for us.

"He arranged a Christmas party in each place where the men were so placed that they could see what happens to people in Britain at Christmas time. They had a Christmas tree, and every man received a present. They themselves gave a display of Punjabi dancing, sword dancing and physical training. They impressed the British troops very much by their physical training because they are very good at it.

"This is just an illustration to show that the men have really made friends where they have been. As to the future we are training hard. We have demanded that we shall be in the expeditionary force which goes overseas, and I shall keep on worrying the people until we are allowed to go over and do our best to push the Germans back."

EUROPEANS ONLY

BY C. L. MAHARAJ

Europeans Only is a sign
Common to non-European minds:
It is too well that I should say
To keep us far and far away.

Much is done and being done
To make us fool and make us run.
Stop us enter many a gate,
For they wish not be a mate.

You'll find Europeans Only
In trams and trains most freely.
Offices, where we must see them
We keep on looking other's face.

What is done and being done
To keep us far to find fun.
Could they it invade all and out,
They'll take, take all the sun.

WARRIORS DESCEND UPON DURBAN

GENERAL JOLLY-BUOY LEADS THE ATTACK

By Our War Correspondent

Like a bolt from the blue "warriors" of the Scouts Section of the University, after weeks of organised planning at the first signs of clear weather, according to plan, launched their invasion in pincer-like manner from the weakest end of the city upon a "voteless, voiceless, defenceless people" on Friday and Saturday last.

For the time was opportune. merchants in this quarter after having for a whole year sold "rice mixed with mice," sweets flavoured with sweetmeat," "160th grade marsala that had the effect of cascara," "soft" goods instead of goods of value, "corporation water from iron taps instead of mineral water from sprinkes," were complacent and wealthy, their pockets bulging with coin—an untenable position—their "helots" in danger —so to save them from this dire peril there descended upon them infantry armed with wooden boxes, with Scouts leaflet propaganda leading the attack.

The enemy, led by Cap-i-tan, a Lock-Hat, with countless Moresta-las, reinforced with Caa-jees, fierce as geese, with a vanguard of choice timber from the fields of "Whose-Hen" gathered by (Suleman) Sour-e-lemon making life for our first regiment a real "Peep-boii-ia..." but our commander-in-chief, a real Jolly-Buoy, claiming descent from the heroic lineage of Sohrab and Rustom, ordered immediate fire. So terrific was the onslaught that in spite of the overwhelming numerical supremacy of the enemy, whose rearguard action was highly commendable, after 48 hours of ceaseless firing they succumbed to our superior tactics: among the prisoners captured and the ransom paid were the following:—

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Half-guineas from: S. M. Naidoo, Alfred Chetty, B. Purmarsir, W. S. Seethal, A. M. Mayat.

Further booty came from the wooden boxes, making a grand total of £38 13s. 6d.

The victory was celebrated with the allies, when a procession of the conquerors, strengthened with "an Oriental wedding" colourful and gay, in the midst of another era "Brave New World," symbolising Peace, Justice and Truth, paraded West Street.

Discrimination Alleged Against City Council

"This area is urgently in need of essential services such as roads, postal services, sanitary removal and facilities for sports. Although representations were made to the City authorities and assurances were given by them two years ago that something will be done in the matter, no amenities are as yet provided in this area with the exception of provision of water to some extent. Even this service falls far short of the actual requirements," said Mr. N. S. Chetty, the Secretary at the annual meeting of the Merebank Ratepayers' Association held at the Merebank Indian School on Sunday last.

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A reception was held in their honour. There was present a large number of European and Indian. Mr. C. S. Moodley, who presided, took the opportunity of introducing the married couple to the audience, as ardent and social workers of the community. The bride, he said, was connected with various women's associations in Durban and has rendered valuable service in the upliftment of Indian women activity in Durban. He hoped that she would continue with the good work in Benoni.

He also, on behalf of the Benoni Hindu Young Men's Association and as president of all the sporting organisations, wished them every success and happiness in their lives.

Other speakers were Messrs. S. Bethal, Dr. A. Pattasi, M. Grolman, H. Maghraji (Secretary, Natal Indian Congress), K. A. Munshi, C. S. Patal and S. E. Patal.

Telegrams of unavoidable absence and blessing were received from Mr. E. M. Parak, on behalf of the Natal Indian Congress, Mr. A. I. Kajee (Secretary, S.A. Indian Congress), Mr. A. Choondee (President, N.C.C. non-European section), Mr. Pon-nampe (Secretary, Natal Indian Association), Mr. J. Rustomjee, Dartnell Crescent East students' Union, Mr. G. K. Maghraji, Mr. R. Bhagwan, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Maghraji, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Moosa, Mr. and Mrs. J. Maganlal, and others.

The reception terminated with musical items contributed by Mr. Surender Singh, of Lourenco Marques, Miss Annie Maghraji and Sergeant P. R. Maghraji, both of Durban.

Messrs. Hans Maghraji, M. A. Vyasi, H. J. Maghraji and Sergeant P. R. Maghraji were from Durban, who attended the function.

Howick Madressa

A special general meeting of the Howick Mosque and Madressa Trust was held on Sunday in the Madressa Hall, Howick. Mr. A. D. Bangila, the vice-chairman, presided.

Among those present were Messrs. I. M. Asmal, A. H. Mia, D. S. Desai, Mahomed Desai, Mahomed Essopjee, A. M. Sianaris, I. E. Bolia, A. E. I. Hayat, A. E. Mouin, M. H. Abdoorahman, H. G. Mahomed, Amod Mahomed, Suleman Hayat, M. D. Desai, Munshi Abdoorahman, Ismail Nakooda, A. D. Rangila and many others.

The minutes of the general meeting held on March 23 last were read and confirmed unanimously.

On the request of the Trust, Mr. Amod Mahomed (who was in charge of the Mosque and Madressa) submitted the available financial results of the income and expenditure for the attention of the newly appointed committee of the trust.

The following were unanimously elected trustees: Messrs. Mahomed Essopjee, I. M. Asmall, and Essop M. H. Abdoorahman and Amod Mahomed.

Muslim Debating Society

The annual meeting of the Maritzburg Muslim Youth Debating Society was held at the Sir Mahomed Iqbal Library and Mahomedan Institution Hall. A full quota of members was present. More new members were also enrolled.

After the completion of formal business, the following officials were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. A. H. Rawat (re-elected); vice-presidents, Messrs. A. M. Bayat, A. H. Mia and C. E. Bayat; secretary, Mr. Husna Hafee; assistant secretary, Mr. A. M. Kadwa; treasurer, Mr. D. E. Bayat; committee members, Messrs. M. I. Carrimjee, A. D. Hassan, M. E. Parak, M. E. Patel and Essop A. Moosa; auditor, Mr. A. H. Mia.

The chairman, Mr. Rawat, stated that the society would continue to debate on social, religious, educational, political and social subjects, and to invite lecturers and entertain distinguished guests from all parts of the Union and overseas.

Stanger Teacher's Betrothal

The betrothal took place of Mr. Amod Akbar, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Akbar, to Miss Sahura Bi Bi, the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Bux, of the Stanger Picture Palace, on Sunday last.

The ceremony, which was performed at the residence of the bride-to-be, was attended by a representative gathering of the Indian community of Natal.

Mr. Amod Akbar is on the staff of the Stanger Indian School, to which he was transferred from Newcastle at the beginning of the year.

Amongst those present were Messrs. A. Rai (headmaster, Depot Road Indian School), S. Sham (Umbilo Indian School), G. H. A. Kathrada, A. Kathrada, G. H. Mather, S. M. Ismail, Hyder Bros., Dr. and Mrs. V. T. Williams, E. M. Moola, Ramraj Ramchran, A. K. Subrati, A. K. E. Bux, C. N. M. Khan, A. D. Bux, Ismail Cassim, M. Yusuf, M. M. Khan, S. Mahideen, M. M. Moolley (Indian Interpreter, Stanger), A. M. Hoosen, Kader Hoosen and A. Rhaiman (both of Dannhauser).

Speeches were delivered by Messrs. Moorti Bhayat, Dr. V. T. Williams, S. Mohideen, M. Yusuf and E. M. Moola, president, N.I.A., Stanger branch.

Mr. Moola referred to the valuable services rendered by Mr. A. G. Bux, who took a very keen interest in the Indian community.

Refreshments were provided on the lawn in front of Mr. A. G. Bux's residence.

The treasurer, Mr. A. K. E. Bayat, of the Maritzburg and District Muslim Service League, acknowledges with thanks the sum of £5 from Mr. Mahomed Ismail Patel, Maritzburg. This sum will be used for the relief of the poor Muslim children in accordance with the wishes of Mr. Patel.

The newly formed Newcastle Debating Society held its first meeting of the year in the Parish Hall last Tuesday. Mr. A. Ismail presided over a large attendance. Mr. Ismail Mahomed was elected secretary.

GIRL OPPOSES FATHER'S CHOICE

In the magistrate's court at Kalyan the Taluka magistrate heard an interesting petition by an assistant mistress acting as one of the schools of the Thana District Local Board, and issued orders tendering advice both to the petitioner and her father.

The petitioner stated that her father had arranged to celebrate her marriage but that she was against the marriage as the bridegroom-elect was unemployed. She said she wanted to continue her studies before marrying. She requested the court to accord her protection against the proposed marriage, and threatened to commit suicide if she was forced into the marriage against her will.

The father of the girl, who was summoned to court, remarked that he had never known a girl to come to court that his daughter was opposed to the marriage.

The court issued orders advising the schoolmistress not to attempt suicide as that was an offence under the Penal Code, and assured her that her father would not force her to marry against her will. The father was warned not to force his daughter into a marriage not to her liking.

The police have been directed by the Magistrate to keep watch in order to prevent any untoward developments.

A CLAIRWOOD ANNIVERSARY

Celebration by Literary Society

The seventh anniversary celebrations of the Clairwood Library Society, together with a wedding reception in honour of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Chetty and Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Bille, were held on Saturday last. The presence of numerous women added colour to the occasion. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. S. Gopal, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Maplamoney (Cape Town), Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Singh, Mr. and Mrs. D. Seebran, Mrs. E. R. Nair, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Pillay, Mrs. Vas Pillay, Mr. N. P. Dixon, Mr. N. P. Naidoo, and members of the society.

Toasts on "Our Society," "The Newly Weds," "Our Motherland" and "Our Lady Friends" were proposed and appropriately replied.

The table was well decorated and a banquet was provided, and all those present enjoyed a very fine evening.

Musical items were rendered by the members of the society.

The following are the new officials: President, Mr. C. D. Pather; vice-presidents, Messrs. S. Gopal, N. M. Pillay and M. A. Naidoo; joint secretaries, Messrs. D. R. Pillay and E. N. Pillay; hon. treasurer, Mr. V. Thumbie Pillay; members of the committee, Messrs. M. Ramlagan, L. S. Persadh, M. C. Govender, M. J. Govender, K. M. Govender and K. S. Naidoo.

A Lecture in History

Mr. J. C. Loudon, M.A., of Greyville High School, will address the Liberal Study Group on "Trends in the Development of South Africa," at the Group Hall tomorrow evening at 8.30.

This is the second lecture of the new series: "The History of South Africa."

BAG WEIGHT OF RICE SHORT

Government to Take Action

The fact that Government action is contemplated regarding Siam rice, which sometimes arrives in the country below the standard weight, is revealed in a letter from the Superintendent of Agents to the Association of Chambers of Commerce of South Africa.

The Superintendent states that it has come to his notice that Siam rice frequently arrives at Union ports below the standard net weight of 160 lbs. Instances are known where the deficiency from 160 lbs. was as high as 10 lbs. Usually importers make up the weight of any short bag, and, in the absence of any form of redress, bear the cost themselves.

In terms of the Weights and Measures Act, states the Superintendent, it is an offence to import a bag of rice weighing less than 160 lbs. net, and it would be competent for the customs authorities to impound such bags until the importer makes up any deficiency found.

The Superintendent considers that this is the best method of ensuring that future consignments from Siam meet the legal requirements. However, as its enforcement immediately may cause considerable hardship to importers, he has first asked the Association of Chambers to bring the matter to the notice of importers.

The Superintendent of Agents proposes to defer action until October 1.

Lectures on V.D.

A series of lectures on tuberculosis and venereal diseases are being given by Dr. C. N. Dhlamini, of the Public Health Department, to the inmates of the Indian Magazine Barracks.

On Sunday Dr. Dhlamini spoke on the signs and symptoms of tuberculosis and gonorrhoea at the Dharma Hall, laying great emphasis on the need for better understanding of these subjects with a view to effectively combating these diseases.

He maintained that the tremendous incidence of these diseases amongst the Indians, Coloureds and Africans was creating a major social problem that could only be solved by the education of the masses on these questions.

The lecture being delivered in English was translated into Hindustani by Mr. Athmanand Maharaj and into Tamil by Mr. Perumal. Mr. S. Patchay also spoke.

Dr. Dhlamini will speak at the same venue tomorrow, the subject being Syphilis.

Bride From Harden Heights

The wedding which took place on Saturday last of Miss Ailsamal Govender, the second daughter of Mr. Isaconoo Govender, of Harden Heights, to Mr. Arcoomoogam Reddy, the fourth son of Mr. Perumal Reddy, of Merrivale.

The "pandal" at the bridegroom's residence was beautifully decorated by [illegible]

Among the guests were: Mr. and Mrs. A. T. S. David (Harden Heights), Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mc. and Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. Mr

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Officials of Burnside Sports Club

At the annual meeting of the Burnside Indian Sports Club, the secretary, in reading the committee's report, pointed out that the year 1940 was a most outstanding one for its football team. The team had played 14 matches, won 12 and lost 2. The treasurer's financial statement showed a credit balance of £3 11s. 3d.

The following officials were elected: patrons, Messrs. H. F. Gillett, H. Williamson, and W. N. Shum; president, Mr. W. N. Shum; chairman, Mr. N. K. John; vice-presidents, Messrs. V. Wood, D. F. Peckham, S. P. Parkinson, N. Schweelan, G. Singh, D. Todd, and P. M. Govender; hon. life vice-president, Mr. S. P. Bobby; hon. secretary, Mr. S. L. Pillay; hon. assistant secretary, Mr. S. R. Naidoo; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. H. Shum; managing committee, Messrs. R. V. Naidoo, B. V. Govender, R. S. Moodley, M. M. Mathoo, L. V. Govender, R. Jagesur, P. S. Jagesur, C. N. Govender, M. S. Moodley, H. S. Singh, and T. C. Govender; captain "A" team, Mr. S. R. Naidoo; vice-captain, Mr. R. V. Naidoo; captain "B" team, Mr. T. C. Govender; vice-captain, Mr. M. S. Moodley; the junior captain, Mr. G. R. Govender; vice-captain, Mr. V. C. Govender; delegates to the Glencoe and District Indian Football Association, Messrs. S. L. Pillay, R. Maharaj, R. Jagesur and R. S. Moodley; delegates to the Junior Football Association, Messrs. R. S. Moodley and M. S. Moodley.

Maritzburg Soccer

On Saturday last at the Indian sports ground, Maritzburg, Natalians beat Royals 4—1 and Yorks defeated Stellas by 7—1. S. M. Kadoo, the intertown centre-forward, scored 5 goals.

In the junior match, Britannia had a lucky win over Yorks by 1—0.

In the juvenile rank, Hill View and Tedis drew 2 all.

On Sunday Maritzburg Muslims "A" and "B" travelled to Richmond to play Richmond Indian "A" and "B" teams.

Muslims "A" beat Richmond "A" by 5—1. Richmond "B" in turn defeated the Muslims "B" by 3—0.

SENIOR LEAGUE
2.30 p.m., Stella v. Royals.
3.45 p.m., School v. Colonials.
JUNIOR LEAGUE
3.45 p.m., Natalians v. Colonials.
JUVENILE LEAGUE
2.30 p.m., School v. Shamrocks. (Sunday)
3.15 p.m., Muslims v. Rocks.
2.15 p.m., Muslims "B" v. Islamia "B."

Glencoe Soccer

The following are the soccer results at Glencoe:—

League Cup: Dundee United beat to Burnside "A" 3—1; Burnside "B" beat to D.N.C. 6—2.

TOMORROW'S LEAGUE FIXTURE: G.U.F.C. v. Dundee United. Referee: Mr. N. S. Naidoo.

Burnside "A" v. D.N.C. Referee: Mr. N. S. Moodley.

Ladysmith Soccer

The following were the results of the matches played at Ladysmith on Saturday last: First Round Leaguers: Schools beat Shamrocks 3—2; Muslims drew with Stars 1—1.

Fixtures for today: 2.15 p.m., Schools vs. Stars. Referee, Mr. P. Narrandes; 3.30 p.m., Muslims vs. Shamrocks. Referee, Mr. R. Kalla.

Indians Beat Bantus at Tennis

The members of the Natal Indian Tennis Association, who had recently taken part in a tournament in Johannesburg, played against the Bantu Sports Ground Centre on Wednesday and Saturday last week.

The teams were—Natal Indians: I. Bramlaw (captain), S. S. Maharaj, V. Gany, J. Jeenia, D. Roopnarain, G. Jumoo, B.Sc.-C.: A. P. Khotlang (captain), S. S. Xorile, J. Giphaat, D. Makoe, M. Kambule, J. Matabie and Kopane.

On the first day play was of a high standard and after a thrilling day Natal won by 7 sets to 6, and 74 games to 66. On the return day play was very keen especially when Maharaj played Xorile in a singles duel, which was won by Maharaj (3 sets to 1). Natal won on the day's play by 7 sets to 3, and by a lead of 15 games.

At the end of play the visitors were thanked by Messrs. A. P. Khotlang and G. B. Xorile. Mr. H. Jarbus suitably replied. The arrangements were made by Mr. H. Jarbus.

Sydenham Unity F.C.

At the 46th annual meeting of the Sydenham Unity F.C. held recently the following were elected officials for season 1941: Patrons, Messrs. V. M. Maistry, J. S. Roopnarian and M. Rippon; vice-presidents, Messrs. Olivier and W. L. Kistensamy; president, Mr. M. K. Naidoo; hon. secretary and treasurer, K. Thumbadoo; delegates to the D.D.F.A., Messrs. K. Thumbadoo and R. Sam Naidoo; captain (Juniors), Victor Naidoo, vice-captain (Juniors), Moses John.

This club has no connection with the newly resuscitated Sydenham United F.C., which as reported in last week's Leader, is to become a unit of the Mayville District Indian Football Association.

The Sydenham Unity F.C. has been a member of the Durban Indian Football Association for the past 46 years and is still a member of this association.

Northern Natal Schools

At the annual meeting of the Northern Natal Indian Schools' Football Association held at Ladysmith on Sunday it was unanimously decided that the headquarters for the season 1941 be at Dundee.

The following officials were elected: Patrons, Inspectors J. Macleod, P. Fouche, P. J. Du Toit and Mr. J. Botha; president, Mr. K. M. Joseph; vice-presidents, Headmasters of all affiliated schools and Mr. A. N. Chetty; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. T. A. Emmanuel; record clerk, Mr. M. N. Naicker.

Mid-Illovo F.C.

An annual meeting of the Mid Illovo Indian F.C. was held at the farm "Fair View" on Wednesday last. The following officials were elected: Patrons, Messrs. V. T. Smith, G. R. Evans, F. Barman, A. R. F. McCullough, M. K. Beeram and Col. J. W. T. Montgomery; chairman, Mr. S. M. Allyy; vice-chairman, Mr. R. Singh; sec. and treasurer, Mr. A. E. Patel; capt., Mr. Billy Singh; vice-capt., Mr. E. S. Cassim; manager, Mr. B. Bhikhan.

End of Cricket Year Celebrated

At the winding up meeting of the Inter District Indian Cricket Union held at Peters Lounge, Durban, on Thursday the following were present: Messrs. E. M. Chin (patron), E. Mahabeer (president), R. P. Naicker (hon. secretary), B. Reuben (hon. treasurer), K. Samuels, P. S. Reddy, M. K. Naidoo and J. Naidoo (County Cricket Union), C. D. Boodhoo, J. Ghanniah, J. Ramen, and Henry Allen (Mayville Inst. Cricket Union), A. E. Ramith, P. M. Pillay and P. E. Parker (S. Coast Dist. Cricket Union).

Mr. Mahabeer congratulated the Union on its third year of existence and predicted a great future. He extended his special thanks to those through whose initiative and untiring efforts the Union came into being.

A letter from the Umgeni Indian Sports Association was read, which was contemplating to affiliate its cricket union with the inter district.

Opening of Ground at Isipingo

The Isipingo Football Association's new ground will be opened by Mr. C. Platt, J.P., tomorrow at 2 p.m.

The new ground, which is situated on the main South Coast road, near the Prospection Sugar Mill, will be one of the finest grounds in the South Coast district.

The following teams will play after the opening ceremony:—

Curtain-Raiser: Kynoch F.C. vs. Reunion F.C.

Main Match: Derby F.C. vs. Isipingo F.C.

Referees: Messrs. M. George and Jimmy Verdan.

The following players will represent Isipingo: L. Bayjoo, M. George, Mannie, Gopaul, A. David, W. E. Ally, T. Seshiramany, Sonny Naidoo, M. Govindmoney, S. Madray, and Ram. Reserve, S. Gokul.

Soccer at Maidstone

About two hundred spectators at Maidstone saw their home team, Estates "A." beat Battling Moonlighters, a visiting team from Durban, by the odd goal in three. Mr. M. C. Naidoo was the referee.

In the "B" team match the home team suffered a reverse and was beaten by 2—1.

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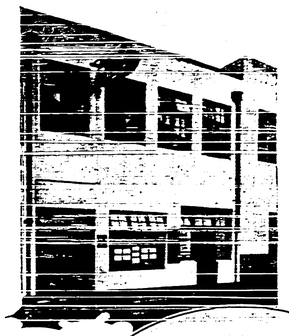

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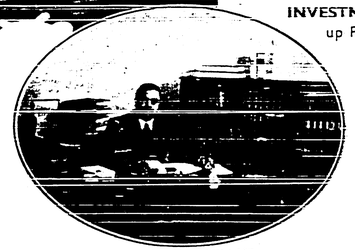

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Miss Frances Jothie and Mr. Mannie Peters whose marriage will take place at Christ Church, Sydenham, on May 22. Miss Frances Jothie is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Govender of Kloof. Mr. Mannie Peters is the second son of Mr. and the late Mrs. Peter Mariemuthu of 7 Queen Avenue, Greyport, Durban.

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Farewell Party to Capetown Couple

A farewell reception, prior to their departure, was given at the residence of Mr. Harold Maslamoney, Flora Road, Rossburgh, to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Maslamoney, of Capetown.

The couple were recently married at the St. Mary Cathedral, Capetown, and spent their honeymoon in Durban. Mrs. Maslamoney, in responding to the toast, spoke eloquently of the hospitality extended to them during their short stay in Durban.

Among the other speakers were Messrs. Leo Maslamoney, C. B. Pather, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Moodley, Messrs. R. Reddy, M. Sigamoney, the host Mr. Harold Maslamoney, and others.

Turkey and the Crisis

The Maritzburg Muslim Youth Debating Society held a weekly meeting at the Sir Mohamed Iqbal Library and Mohamed Alli Jinnah Hall, on Tuesday last. A large number of members took part in the debate on "That should Turkey take part in the present crisis?" The mover was Mr. C. I. Bayat and the opposer Mr. M. I. Mather.

Before the meeting commenced the society observed a minute of two minutes and prayers were offered in memory of the death of Hazrat Yusuf Asmail.

LIBRARY OPENED

The Sir Mohamed Iqbal Library and the Reading Room, Maritzburg, was opened to the public free of charge as from this week. The hours of opening are: Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., 2.30 p.m. to 5, and 6.30 to 9.30 p.m.; Sunday, 1.30 to 5 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. On Tuesdays the library will close at 6.30 p.m. for the Maritzburg Muslim Youth Debating Society to have their weekly debates.

Sawoti Sanathan Sabha

At a general meeting of Sawoti Sanathan Dharma Sabha, held at the Chowtree Government-aided school, the following were elected officials for the year 1941: Patrons, Mr. H. Kissoon (Chairman), Mr. K. Gopaul (Sahib (Pilgrim)), Mr. Labooisa (Cambila Estate); president, Mr. [illegible]; vice-presidents, Messrs. H. S. Maharaj, Ramanarain Singh, [illegible]; Messrs. [illegible] joint secretaries, Messrs. H. G. Gobind, C. Rabbaith, treasurer, Mr. M. Rajaram, committee, Messrs. Maabarat, Gopi, Hubbo, Mahan, Ramnarah, Harri, Gokul, Ramsuther, Jugpersaid Maharaj, Bhawan, Jaman, Ramji and Ross.

The Esther Payne Smith School will hold its annual fete-cum-sale [illegible] on May 22.

THE WOMEN'S WORLD

Mainly About People

Among the objectors to several draft ordinances before the select committee of the Provincial Council this week were: Messrs. A. M. Lockhat, S. Bastompee, F. E. Father, S. R. Naidoo, A. S. Kajee (representing the N.I.A.), A. I. Kajee, V. Lawrence, Hans Maghraib, S. M. Paruk and M. I. Bobat (representing the N.I.C.)

Messrs. W. S. Seethal (Durban), H. Kissoon Singh, D. Ramsaur and R. G. Singh, all of Umsinto, returned from Pretoria this week.

Mrs. D. Bramdaw (sen.), of Durban, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Bramdaw, spent the last fortnight with [illegible] and daughters-in-law, Mr. D. Bramdaw, editor of The Leader, and Mrs. Bramdaw, in Maritzburg. Mrs. R. Bobasing joined them during the week-end.

Miss Ayesha, a daughter of Mr. M. E. Haffejee, of Estcourt, is a patient at Grey's Hospital, Maritzburg.

Mr. I. E. Haffejee, of Estcourt, has been the recipient of numerous messages of congratulations on his luck at Greyville last Saturday. He got a "double" which brought him £750 and before the conclusion of the last race he had increased the sum to £950.

Mr. M. P. Lucknaj Singh, of Newcastle district, was a visitor to Durban this week.

Rev. Jacob Christopher David, sometime on the staff of St. Paul's Indian School, popularly known as "Ebby," was married to Jessie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Nandam, of Negombo, Ceylon, at St. Steven's Church this week. Mr. David, who left Maritzburg four years ago to train for the Anglican Ministry at Bishop's College, Nazareth, Southern India, will shortly return to Natal for work in the Diocese of Natal.

Mr. R. Kuschai, the well-known tennis player, soccerite and angler, of Tongaat, has now returned home after a three weeks' holiday in the Transvaal. During his stay there he [illegible] Dr. Dadoo on his release.

Mr. Edward Benjamin, Mr. Frank Pyman, Mr. S. Pillay, Mr. E. Chetkanan, all of Howick, spent last weekend camping at Shaftan Grange.

Mr. F. Jacobs, a prominent Natal soccerite and member of the Maritzburg Rangers F.C., who has joined the Army, left on Monday last for the training camp at Kimberley.

Mr. I. C. [illegible], a well-known Maritzburg spice merchant, who spent the week-end at Durban, has returned home.

Mrs. G. S. Maharaj has returned to Maritzburg after visiting her relatives at Caroline, Dundee, Glencoe, Newcastle and Van Reenen.

Mrs. Jane Soni, of Pearren, and Mrs. R. V. Pallaychee have returned to their respective homes after a month's holiday with their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. M. Francis, of Carolina, Transvaal. They also visited Ndapratt and Barberton.

Mrs. Snell Describes the Greatest Woman of India

The monthly meeting of the Indian Women's Association was held at the Pietermaritzburg Indian School, Maritzburg, on Thursday.

A large number of women and girls assembled to hear a speech given by Mrs. Snell, who had recently returned from India and is now residing at Michaelhouse, Balgowan.

She briefly gave an outline of her travels in India, and described some of the people she had met.

In the literary sphere, the thing she said that had greatly appealed to her was Rabindranath Tagore's poetry. From her childhood she had acquired a great taste for this author's writings.

Then, she gave a vivid account of the life of one of the greatest women of India, Sarojini Naidu, the founder of the Women's Institute Movement, in India. Through her influence and arduous efforts Mahila Samitis or Women's Institutes sprung up at different places in Bengal, in order to awaken the women of India, especially against the evils of the purdah system.

She believed that the duty of all women was not only to their home and their relations but also towards the welfare of their community.

The President, Mrs. Gabriel Xavier-Dada, presided.

Bride Thanks Guests at Wedding

The marriage was solemnised on Sunday last of Mr. P. M. Harry, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Punian Pillay, of 69 Houghton Road, Chatsworth, to Miss Yellammall (C. Rockmonie), daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. C. Pillay and sister of Mr. C. Govendasamy Pillay, also of Chatsworth.

A huge canopy was erected and gaily decorated for the occasion at the bridegroom's residence.

A large gathering of Indians and Europeans were present. The bridegroom is a well-known and popular figure, identifying himself with all activities in the welfare of the Indian community, particularly in the Trade Union movement, and is a leading official of the Natal Sugar Industry Employees' Union.

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All those interested are welcome.

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In conclusion, he wished the festival "the greatest possible success."

The audience then listened to songs in English and music and song in the vernacular.

Colour Bar at Graduation

SEPARATION OF INDIAN GRADUANDS

Despite the slashing attacks made ture, the N.U.C., who do not allow by Sir Rama Rau before his departher non-European students to wear their colours, added to their display of colour prejudice when degrees were conferred on the basis of segegation at the graduation ceremony last Saturday.

In the Bachelors' Degree list, the non-European names were read separately after the "privileged" group had received theirs in alphabetical order.

Major Leif Egeland, M.P., president of the Past N.U.C. Students' Union, when after shaking the hands of one or two of the Non-Europeans, he thought better of it and simply "gowned" the remainder.

The following Indian students were capped: Ashwin Choudree, B.A., distinction in Politics; Manikum Moodley, B.A.; Kanabrum Pillay, B.A.; Manmoe H. Keerath, B.A.; and Kanan P. Naidoo, B.Econ.

At the luncheon held at the Hotel Royal separate tables were provided for the non-Europeans but a few liberals, among them Mrs. Mabel Palmer, Mrs. F. M. MacDonald, Miss Sneddon, and Mr. Leslie Rubin, joined the non-Europeans.

Among the guests present were Messrs. Geo. Singh, B.A., LL.B., Dhalbhoy and Sorabjee Rustomjee, M. B. Naidoo, Miss P. Govindsoo, P. R. Pather, Miss Maxwell and Mr. Hans Mograph.

N.I.A. Maritzburg Branch Meeting

The annual meeting of the Natal Indian Association (Pietermaritzburg Branch) will take place at the Federal Hall, Longmarket Street, Maritzburg, on Sunday, May 25 at 2.30 p.m.

Members only will be admitted to the meeting.

Mrs. Jack Perumal, of Pretoria, and others were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. Chinnasamy, of Howick, on Sunday last.

SOME PUBLIC NUISANCES

By "Radio"

This week I give the third and the fourth of our public nuisances:

(3) Indian Prostitutes. What a menace they are, all of us know. They infest both Grey Street and Pine Street. At one time only one or two made up this troop. But look at it today. Women of all ages are fast joining up the colours.

Are we to let this continue and allow others to fall victims. Surely not. In the name of Public "Health" something ought to be done.

Come you men who belong to bodies who work for the Social Upliftment of the community. If you could get rid of them then you have done something.

(4) Teachers: There are many Indian teachers today doing teaching on one hand and having businesses (like buses, tea rooms, stalls, farms, etc.) on the other hand. Their income from the latter far exceeds the former. Why then do they teach? Do you think they do justice to the child? Do they not know that ones they vacate their post their places will be filled by men whose only source of income is through this so-called noble profession.

Many, many thanks are due to some teachers who recently sacrificed their teaching career and have taken up farming, business, etc. We expect others to follow suit.

RADIO.

Death of Mr. S. S. Naicker

The death occurred in Maritzburg last week of Mr. Subbiah Saravanan Naicker, the eldest son of Mr. K. Subbiah.

He was ill for a while and passed away at an early age of 27 years.

The late Mr. Naicker was associated with his father's motor transport business. He was also associated with the activities of several social bodies in Maritzburg.

He leaves behind a widow and a large family to mourn their loss.

A lecture, in aid of the Maritzburg Indian Unemployment Relief Committee, at 10 a.m.

meeting, will be held in the H.F.M.A. Main Hall, on Thursday, May 22. A large number, it is expected, will support this very deserving object.

POLICE DEFIED: CHALLENGE TO INSTITUTE PROCEEDINGS
Non-European United Fronters on the War Path

Defying the order of the City police and challenging them to institute public proceedings against them, the Non-European Front, Durban branch, proceeded to hold a mass meeting last Sunday in order to protest against the imprisonment of Mr. D. A. Seedat.

Over a thousand people assembled to denounce, what the organiser stated, involved a principle which was opposed to all the tenets of democracy.

There was a cordon of police both in uniform and plain clothes planted at vantage points in the event of "trifles."

Banners, bearing the words "For Freedom of Speech, Press and Assembly," "Down with Segregation," "We Want Franchise," were borne, in some instances by little boys who must have hardly known the meaning of the words, leave alone realise their import.

At the outset Mr. Pemen, the first speaker, made the fact clear that the N.E.U.F. was not fighting for privileges the non-Europeans were not entitled to but were attempting to secure to the workers the right to live as human beings. They wanted to be treated as humans and to be reckoned in the light of men who also breathed God's free air.

They were no more pro-Nazi or Fascist that those men who were laying down their lives on the battle-fields up North. On the contrary they were opposed to all the "isms" which savour of Imperialism and its corpse-like exploitation of the workers.

The N.-E.U.F. as a body were determined to carry through the fight they had begun, no matter what happened to their protagonists.

"WE ARE VOICELESS"

"A thousand Dr. Dadoos or Mr. Seedats may perish but our convictions will not die," Mr. Pemen declared. "We are suppressed because we are voiceless, but the white men must remember they cannot for all time oppress with impunity a vast majority of people clamouring for their primary rights."

Mr. M. D. Naidoo outlined the steps which had necessitated the Government of this country to prosecute Dr. Dadoo.

Referring to the attempts of some of the Indians instrumental in getting Seedat convicted, Mr. Manilal Gandhi called their acts "treacherous and dishonourable compromises."

They, he said, were the "quad boys" in the books of the authorities and whatever they said against their own kin was accepted as the gospel truth.

A resolution strongly protesting against the set-up of the Government in trying into force the National Security Code and so curtailing the already limited rights of the non-Europeans in this country was passed.

Mr. Dladla interpreted the speeches into Zulu.

Mr. Philemon Cele was in the chair.

Dannhauser Muslim community had their Moulood Shareef at Dannhauser on Sunday last and people from all parts of Northern Natal spent an ideal day.

Waiz was commenced at the local Mosque and lectures were delivered by Moulana Ml. Glencoe, Moulana A. H. Ansarie of Dannhauser, A. R. Ansarie of Dannhauser.

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In welcoming the audience Mr. G. R. Warriner, the president, referred in gloomy terms to the poor support given by Durban. He referred to the successes of the Northern Natal sections held at Glencoe in March. Entries totalling almost seven hundred had been received but in Durban there was a feeling of apathy and the entries were very unsatisfactory.

"There is unrest among certain sections of the community who delight in spreading the seeds of discord and dissension," said Mr. West, in the course of his speech. He was referring undoubtedly to the previous Eisteddfod which was subjected to systematic boycotting by the very people who had in previous years made such a success of it because of the Eisteddfod Committee's war policy.

Continuing, Mr. West declared that the Eisteddfod had been successful because of the strength of the tradition of the Indian people, the glory of whose poetry, music, literature and legend was unparalleled.

In conclusion, he wished the festival "the greatest possible success."

The audience then listened to songs in English and music and songs in the vernacular.

Colour Bar at Graduation

SEPARATION OF INDIAN GRADUANDS

Despite the slashing attacks made ture, the N.U.C., who do not allow by Sir Rama Rau before his departher non-European students to wear their colours, adhied to their display of colour prejudice when degrees were conferred on the basis of segregation at the graduation ceremony last Saturday.

In the Bachelors' Degree list, the non-European names were read separately after the "privileged" group had received theirs in alphabetical order.

Major Leif Egeland, M.P., president of the Pietermaritzburg Municipal Union, when after shaking the hands of one or two of the Non-Europeans, he thought better of it and simply "frowned" the remainder.

The following Indian students were capped: Ashwin Choudree, B.A., distinction in Politics; Manikum Moodley, B.A.; Kanabrum Pillay, B.A.; Manne H. Keerath, B.A.; and Kanan P. Naidoo, B.Econ.

At the luncheon held at the Hotel Natal separate tables were provided for the non-Europeans but a few liberals, among them Mrs. Mabel Palmer, Mrs. F. M. McDonald, Miss Swallow, and Mr. Leslie Rubin, joined the non-Europeans.

Among the guests present were Messrs. Geo. Singh, B.A., LL.B., Chinsamy and Sorabjee Rustomjee, M. B. Naidoo, Miss P. Govindoo, P. R. Pather, Miss Mesneels and Mr. Hans Mograph.

N.I.A. Maritzburg Branch Meeting

The annual meeting of the Natal Indian Association (Pietermaritzburg Branch) will take place at the Town Hall, Longmarket Street, Maritzburg, on Sunday, May 25 at 2.30 p.m.

Members only will be admitted to the meeting.

Mrs. Jack Perumal, of Pretoria, and others were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. Chinsamy, of Howick, on Sunday last.

SOME PUBLIC NUISANCES

By "Radio"

This week I give the third and the fourth of our public nuisances:

(3) Indian Prostitutes: What a menace they are, all of us know. They infest both Grey Street and Pine Street. At one time only one or two made up this troop. But look at it today. Women of all ages are fast joining up the colours.

Are we to let this continue and allow others to fall victims. Surely not. In the name of Public "Health" something ought to be done.

Come you men who belong to bodies who work for the Social Upliftment of the community. If you could get rid of them then you have done something.

(4) Teachers: There are many Indian teachers today doing teaching on one hand and having businesses (like buses, tea rooms, stalls, farms, etc.) on the other hand. Their income be thought better of it and simply from the latter far exceeds the former. Why then do they teach? Do you think they do justice to the child? Do they not know that once they cannot their pupil their chance will be filled by men whose only source of income is through this so-called noble profession.

Many, many thanks are due to some teachers who recently sacrificed their teaching career and have taken up farming, business, etc. We expect others to follow suit.

RADIO

Death of Mr. S. S. Naicker

The death occurred in Maritzburg last week of Mr. Soobiah Sarawanna Naicker, the eldest son of Mr. S. Soobiah.

He was ill for a while and passed away on the [illegible] of 27 years.

He was connected with his father's motor transport business, [illegible] associated with the activities of several social bodies in Maritzburg.

He leaves behind [illegible] and a large family to mourn their loss.

A hamper, in aid of the Maritzburg Indian Unemployment Relief Committee, at 10 a.m. sitting, will be held in the H.Y.M.A. Main Hall, on Thursday, May 22. A large number is expected, will support this very deserving object.

POLICE DEFIED: CHALLENGE TO INSTITUTE PROCEEDINGS

Non-European United Fronters on the War Path

Defying the order of the City police and challenging them to institute public proceedings against them, the Non-European Front, Durban branch, proceeded to hold a mass meeting last Sunday in order to protest against the imprisonment of Mr. D. A. Seedat.

Over a thousand people assembled to denounce what the organiser stated, involved a principle which was opposed to all the tenets of democracy.

There was a cordon of police both in uniform and plain clothes planted at vantage points in the event of "trouble."

Banners bearing the words "For Freedom of Speech, Press and Assembly," "Down with Segregation," "We Want Franchise," were borne, in some instances by little boys who must have hardly known the meaning of the words, leave alone realise their import.

At the outset Mr. Ponen, the first speaker, made it [illegible] that the N.E.U.F. was not fighting for privileges the non-Europeans were not entitled to but were attempting to secure to the workers the right to live as human beings. They wanted to be treated as humans and to be reckoned in the light of men who also breathed God's free air.

They were no more pro-Nazi or Fascist that those men who were laying down their lives on the battlefields up North. On the contrary they were opposed to all the "isms" which savour of Imperialism and its corrosive exploitation of the workers.

The N.E.U.F. as a body were determined to carry through the fight they had begun, no matter what happened to their protagonists.

"WE ARE VOICELESS"

"A thousand Dr. Dadoos or Mr. Seedats may perish but our convictions will not die," Mr. Ponen declared. "We are suppressed because we are voiceless, but the white man must remember they cannot for all time oppress with impunity a vast majority of people clamouring for their primary rights."

Mr. M. H. Naidoo outlined the steps which had necessitated the Government of the country to prosecute Dr. Dadoo.

Referring to the attempts of some of the Indians instrumental in getting Seedat convicted, Mr. Manilal Gandhi called their acts "treacherous and dishonorable compromises."

They, he said, were the "good boys" in the books of the authorities and whatever they did against their own kin was accepted as the gospel truth.

A resolution strongly protesting against the act of the government in bringing into force the National Security Code and so curtailing the already limited rights of the non-Europeans in this country was passed.

Mr. Dladla interpreted the speeches into Zulu.

Mr. Philemon Cele was in the chair.

Phoenix Muslim community had their Moulood Shareef at Dannhauser on Sunday last and people from all parts of Northern Natal spent an ideal day.

Wain was commenced at the local Mosque and lectures were delivered by Moulana Ali, Glencoe, Moulana A. H. Ansarie of Dannhauser, A. R. Ansarie of Dannhauser.

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NO SITES, NO HOUSING SCHEMES FOR INDIANS

Slums Act Operates for Elimination

"WE should like to state that in all the evidence that has been so far led before the Commission, we have not heard of a single instance where Indian purchasers had purchased property for psychological reasons connected with an urge to demonstrate their equality in all respects with the European race.'

"It might as well be argued that because an Indian adopts the European mode of dress, walks in the same streets, or drives in a similar type of car, he is demonstrating his urge for equality with Europeans."

These statements were made in the final memorandum of the Natal Indian Association which was submitted to the Broome Commission in Durban last week.

Maintaining Western Standard

"In our evidence we have shown," proceeds the memorandum, "that there is an urge on the part of the Indian community to maintain Western standard of living as envisaged in the Cape Town Agreement. We deny that it is possible for the wealthy class among us to have centralised their purchases in areas where all the amenities of life obtain."

Giving the reasons for the purchase of new properties in predominantly European areas the memorandum states:

(1) The increase in the Indian population since 1927.

(2) The entry into Natal of wives and children of the domiciled Indians.

(3) The sense of security created in the mind by the terms of the Cape Town Agreement. The sending of money overseas discontinued to a great degree. Investments have had to be found for moneys that remained in South Africa. To the Indian the safest form of investment is in landed property.

(4) The setting up of Western standard of living for the permanent Indian population.

UNFASHIONABLE CENTRE

Referring to the fourth memorandum that the Council has dismissed as a general generalisation the theory that residential areas near the centre of a city tend to become unfashionable and are deserted for suburban areas some miles from the centre of a city, the association affirms: "It would be surprising if it were found that a development which is common to all cities which have existed for 100 years had not taken place in Durban.

"It was suggested that the Woodstock district of Cape Town was an area which was once occupied by comparatively well-to-do persons but which is not so occupied today. Many instances of the same tendency can be found in London.

"Another example which springs to mind is the old town of Edinburgh which is now one of the worst slums in Europe but which 150 years ago housed the best families in Scotland.

"Instead of being a dangerous generalisation it seems the merest commonsense to suppose that with the advent of more rapid means of transport, people who can afford to do so will leave the congested business quarters of a city and live in more spacious and airy surroundings.

"When it can be shown that such movements of population occur in cities where the people are all of one race and colour, it is at least reasonable to suppose that a similar migration would have taken place in Durban, if there had been no Indians here."

Making a comparison of the attention to roads given to European and an Indian area the association quotes Montclair, "a 100 per cent. European locality with Clairwood an essentially Indian locality."

"We are quoting these two areas as they are adjacent to each other and present a picture for ready comparison.

"In Clairwood, the Indian population numbers approximately 13,000 and the European population at Montclair numbers approximately 3,000. In Clairwood the mileage of roads is 23 and the mileage in Montclair is 41 in municipal 44 miles of roads have been hardened and macadamised, whereas in Clairwood only ½ mile has been so treated. Sydar Road and Jacobs Road were hardened and macadamised by the Provincial Government to serve the Marine Drive. All the roads between these two areas are really bad. . . . In Clairwood, with a large Indian population, the Council has spent £13,953 for the years 1932-1939, whereas at Montclair no less than £72,852 has been expended for the same period."

Dealing with a suggestion made by Mr. Maurice Webb to the Commission, namely, a planning board to be appointed on which Europeans, Indians and other racial groups are represented and to which would be added independent expert members, the association observed:

"Our community will collaborate with any Commission that has unfettered powers to plan such portions of the city of Durban as may be found necessary, but it would not only with bald fact co-operate with but would also resist such a Commission if it were vested with powers, inter alia, to create separate areas for separate races on the basis of compulsion.

"We desire to point out that the Indian community of Natal is at all times anxious to live in amity with the European community and would be not lacking to prove that since the Cape Town Agreement it has shown a keen desire to adapt itself to the ideal that that agreement has set before it. But once again we emphasise that our community will oppose any scheme which, by force of law, aims at separation of races, for that would be interfering with the inalienable rights that vest in persons to purchase landed property.

"Our submission is that in all the centres in Natal in which investigations was carried out by the Commission, no case of 'penetration' into what are regarded as predominantly European trading areas was alleged. In fact most of the urban centres admitted that they were able to continue the issue of trade licences to Indians and there was no complaint on this head."

The association asserts that "the Slums Act is being operated upon by the Council to the detriment of the interests of the Indian community. The slum clearances at Ocean Lane, Bell Street and Kirkwood Avenue are cases in point." Indians have been ousted from these areas.

The association, after complaining about the lack of Indian housing schemes and sites, states:

"This deprivation of the municipal vote has resulted in the Indian having no say in the administration of local affairs and being impotent to bring any influence to bear on the European councillors.

"The vote is the only weapon by which burgesses can exert their influence. The fact that there is a large disparity in the amenities in European localities and Indian localities, is an indication of the value that the vote possesses.

"We would emphasise that if the Indian people had the vote the conditions that exist at present would not exist. Slums would be abolished areas and in some parts of the old boroughs, where Indians reside, would not exist, and that is the provision of amenities in the European and Indian localities there would be no differentiation."

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CONGRESS BEFORE PENETRATION COMMISSION

"There is No Evidence That the Cry is Well Founded"

"WE maintain that there is no cause for any alarm on the part of the European community on this cry of Indian penetration, nor is there evidence that the cry is well founded or widespread and therefore this Commission has been welcome to us, so that the fallacies underlying the alarm should be established," states the Natal Indian Congress, in the course of its final memorandum, which was submitted to the Indian Penetration Commission in Durban last week.

"We maintain," the memorandum continues, "that the momentum of Indian acquisition of property, particularly for residential purposes, has gathered speed since the passing of the Cape Town Agreement. The reasons in our opinion are:

(a) The sense of security that has come with the knowledge that no Indian was not an alien but a permanent element of the population.

(b) The laudable tendency to live away from business premises.

(c) The march of education and the urge to fulfil the obligations of the Cape Town Agreement to conform to Western standards of living.

(d) The break up of joint family living system.

(e) The growth of population.

(f) The tendency to invest in the country of birth or adoption.

"In this regard it be pointed that there was always a general allegation that the Indian sent his money away to India.

"There are in Natal 11 boroughs, 18 townships, 17 administration and health boards, 23 health committees and 21 malaria committees, making a total of 80 local authorities. Only 20 of these 80 submitted written statements and gave oral evidence in support before this commission.

"The absence of presentations from the local administration and health boards of such places as Kloof, Malvern and Westville and from the health committees of such places as Isipingo Rail, New Hanover, Tongaat and Umzoto with their large Indian populations, has an important and significant bearing on the question of enquiry and lends support to our contention that this question of Indian penetration and the agitation it gives rise to is not well founded. The conclusion can rightly be inferred that the very great majority of the European population is not dissatisfied. Moreover Boards such as these did not complain nor make no allegation of penetration.

"MISLEADING"

"The schedule submitted by the Estates Manager in the 4th Memorandum of the City Council of Durban is misleading in that the increased values of the properties in Morningside and Stellawood districts, where there is an anti-Asiatic clause, prove nothing beyond the fact that the increases are normal capital increases over a number of years.

"If the same principles were to be applied in Indian residential localities such as Beatrice Street, Lorne Street and Carlisle Street, Durban, it could be shown that market values have risen by 50 per cent. to 100 per cent. since 1939 and sites sold by the Corporation itself for £250 to £300 have changed hands at £1,300 to £1,400 amongst Indians themselves.

"The facts placed by the Congress before the Commission in Durban, Pietermaritzburg and other centres visited will have established that the natural tendency of every group to acquire and occupy lands in its own areas has been truly followed by the Indian community.

"In other countries of the world, in the great cities of the East and in American cities, where there are cosmopolitan citizens, it is well known that peoples of the same race and affinities find it congenial and convenient to live together.

"It is a significant and social characteristic of the urban developments in the 'new' countries of the world that the rapidly increasing urban population is not stationary. Its group movement becomes more frequent. Possession of civic power, coupled with the growth of wealth of any group facilitates the opening of new areas; the provision of new and modern amenities changes the fashion and attractiveness of the residential areas.

NO CIVIC POWER

"A group (such as the Indian community in Natal) which has no civic power and thus unable to provide for itself, also needs room for expansion, not from a motive of 'penetration' but from the natural form of pressure for space which overflows its original confines and expands into the contiguous areas."

Referring to the acquisition of agricultural land by Indians Congress contends that "these cases definitely do not come within the purview of the terms of reference of the Commission."

Regarding Indian trading licences, the Congress asserts that the position has materially remained unaltered. "In fact, figures have been placed before the Commission by some local authorities showing that there has been a decrease in the number of Indian trading licences."

The Congress also complains of the lack of amenities and housing facilities.

"We desire to stress that the recommendations of the Housing Committee were not carried out by the Durban Corporation and the situation with regard to Indian housing and amenities was allowed to deteriorate.

"We suggest that racial consciousness and the absence of a voice in the civic life of the local authorities are the reasons for this past neglect, which we are afraid will continue so long as the necessity of representation is denied to us."

Soccer Fixtures at Durban Today

CURRIE'S FOUNTAIN TODAY

SENIOR LEAGUE "A"

2.15 p.m.: Daffodils v. Collegians (No. 1; Mr. P. Moosa).

3.30 p.m.: Stars v. Avondale (Main; Mr. A. K. Hayath).

SENIOR LEAGUE "B"

2.15 p.m.: Pirates v. Shamrocks (Main; Mr. K. Boomadien).

3.30 p.m.: S.A.P. v. Alvtex Rangers (No. 1; Mr. I. C. S. Mulla).

JUNIOR "A"

2.15 p.m.: Crown v. Sydenham (No. 2; Mr. S. S. Pather).

3.30 p.m.: Daffodils v. Sastri College (No. 2; Mr. R. Bijou).

JUVENILE "A"

2.15 p.m.: Stella v. Central (No. 3; Mr. G. H. Stella).

3.30 p.m.: Warwickshire v. Aces (No. 5; Mr. R. L. Boothway).

JUVENILE "B"

2.15 p.m.: Sydenham Royal v. Mayville (No. 4; Mr. D. A. Pather).

3.30 p.m.: Sastri "B" v. Riverside (No. 1; Mr. I. C. M. Pillay).

COUNTY INDIAN F.A.

TOMORROW'S FIXTURES

JUNIOR LEAGUE CUP

11.45 a.m.: Parkview Schools v. Glendale Royals (Mr. T. R. Jack).

1 p.m.: Malvern Schools Old Boys v. Cliffview Royals (Mr. A. K. Patrick).

SENIOR LEAGUE CUP

2.15 p.m.: Belfair v. Shaves (Mr. A. H. Kennedy).

3.30 p.m.: Riverside Trojans v. Cliffview Royals (Mr. P. S. Reddy).

Durban Indian Sunday League (Durban tomorrow):

3 p.m., Clare Estate vs. Silverton. Referee, Mr. M. S. Nasker.

3 p.m., Berea vs. Depot Rd. Old Boys. Referee: Mr. D. A. Pather.

Dannhauser Beat Newcastle

On Sunday last Dannhauser travelled up to Newcastle to play against Pirates in the League Championships of the Northern District Association.

Pirates, composed mostly of juniors, some of whom had just left the Primary School, were faced with stiff opposition, as the Dannhauser team was composed of experienced players.

Despite some really good defence they lost to a team superior in experience and older in age.

After the first half, especially, both sides battled hard, one to hold on to its narrow lead, the other to level matters. But two rapid breakaways by the visiting forwards put them three up.

Pirates made a desperate bid to reduce this lead; they were finally rewarded when they scored a few minutes from time.

The final score was 3—1.

TOMORROW'S SOCCER

(Dannhauser)

3 p.m., Dannhauser vs. Schools.

Games on the North Coast

The following are the soccer fixtures for tomorrow's League Rounds, to be played on the Umgeni sports ground:

1.15 p.m., Model vs. Coronation. Referee: Mr. A. D. Pillay.

2.30 p.m., Prospect vs. Rivers. Referee: Mr. S. A. Rasool.

3.45 p.m., Tongaat "B" vs. Umgeni Road Old Boys. Referee: Mr. G. M. Nair.

Glencoe Soccer

The following are the results of the league fixtures played on Sunday:—

Glencoe v. F. C. (now Dundee United) 6—0.

D. N. C. lost to Burnside "A" 4—2.

TOMORROW'S LEAGUE FIXTURE

Glencoe I. F. C. vs. D. N. C.

Referee: S. Manickum.

Dundee United vs. Burnside "B"

Referee: Bob. Norrandee.

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FROM SOCCER TO FISTICUFFS

In the Junior Division the Central-Star match at Durban developed into bouts of footcuffs, in which the third party attempting to separate the bare-knuckle pugilists came in for a sound drubbing.

Evidently one of the team could not accompany the idea of defeat.

"Indian soccer" was what many remarked when play was resumed.

Mayville Soccer

The Westerners vs. Moonlighters match was played on Sunday last at the Mayville Indian sports ground. Moonlighters, being only affiliated to the Association last year, played some very fine soccer, but the veteran team being a bit superior won the day by two goals to one. Westerners scored the first goal and then after a hard fight the score was equalised by Moonlighters. Many fine opportunities were missed by the Moonlighters forwards, and after a very close game Bobby Singh, the Westerners centre forward, scored, making the score 2—1 in favour of Westerners.

The following are the fixtures for tomorrow, to be played at Mayville Indian sports ground, Cato Manor:—

SENIORS

2.15 p.m., Manor United F.C. vs. Pirates F.C. Referee: Mr. P. Moosa.

3.45 p.m., Westerners F.C. vs. Cato Crest. Referee: Mr. A. S. Baijath.

2.15 p.m., Sydenham United F.C. vs. Manning Rangers. Referee: Mr. J. Raman.

3.45 p.m., Moonlighters F.C. vs. Mayville F.C. Referee: Mr. E. Rangasamin.

JUNIORS

Blue Bells F.C. vs. Cato Stars F.C. No. 1 ground. Referee: Mr. C. A. Tommy.

Lower Tugela Soccer

The Lower Tugela District opened its season with three matches on Sunday last and some very good soccer and keenly-contested matches were seen.

The best match of the day, between Stanger United and Kearsney, was played at Kearsney with Mr. V. G. Augustine as referee.

Both teams played brilliantly. G. Rix, captain of the United, saved numerous dangerous situations and was easily the best player on the field. The match ended in a goalless draw. K. V. Naidoo, S. V. Naidoo and P. S. Pillay were outstanding for the United, while S. D. Gopal, Sunkra (captain) and Rajoo played splendidly for Kearsney.

The Springboks-Stars match was also very evenly contested. Both sides lost opportunities of scoring. Springboks emerged victors by the only goal of the match. G. Thomas, Bodie Rajoo, S. D. Peters and L. Lavangee for Stars, and Chellan, E. Gnanyee and Manickum for Springboks played well.

Mr. P. M. Pilly refereed the match.

The third match, Victorians-Pirates, ended in a surprising win for Pirates. This newly-formed team comprises mostly youngsters and they did exceptionally well in their first match. Esoop Hoosen and Nasser Khan played well.

The score was one goal to nil.

Mr. M. C. Mahraj was the referee.

Lower Tugela District F.A. fixtures for tomorrow:—

2 p.m.: Stanger United v. Stars, at Stanger.

3.30 p.m.: Springboks v. Kearsney, at Kearsney (Mr. V. G. Augustine).

3 p.m.: Young Pirates v. Deerbhay, at Deerbhay (Mr. T. C. Packree).

Maritzburg Soccer

The weekend soccer at the Indian sports ground on Saturday between Royals and Stellas ended in Royals winning by 6—0.

Schools beat Colonials by 8 of which Abdulla Adam scored 5 goals in the second match of the afternoon.

In the junior division the Colonials and Natalians match ended in a goalless draw.

Shamrocks ran out winners in the juvenile match against the newly schools by 5 goals to 2.

ON SUNDAY

At the Coloured grounds Schools (Indians) beat Boxers (Coloureds) by 2 goals to 1 goal.

On the Indian sports ground, Maritzburg Muslim "B" had a very easy encounter with Usuma "B" by defeating them to the tune of 7—2. V. Jamal scored 3 out of the Muslims 7 goals.

WEEKEND FIXTURES

(Maritzburg Today)

JUVENILE

2.30 p.m., Yorks vs. Natalians.

3.30 p.m., Plessislaer vs. Colonials.

JUNIOR

2.30 p.m., Hill View vs. Yorks.

3.45 p.m., Shamrocks vs. Britannia.

SENIORS

2.30 p.m., Royals vs. School.

3.45 p.m., Yorks vs. Natalians.

(Tomorrow).

3.30 p.m., Maritzburg Muslim "A" vs. Rangers (Natives) at the Mental Hospital ground.

Ladysmith Soccer

The following matches were played at Ladysmith on Saturday last. A good number of spectators were present for the first time this season.

In the final round of the league fixtures (Arnold's Cup) Schools met Stars. Both the sides provided plenty of thrills and excitement; at half time Schools was leading 2—0. On resumption the play became faster, the match finally ending in a 4—1 win for Schools.

In the second match of the afternoon Moslems met Shamrocks. Moslems took the lead after fifteen minutes' play. Shamrocks pressed hard and equalised and at interval they led 2—1. On resumption the play was keen, Shamrocks took further lead 3—1 at this stage. Moslems were losing ground but suddenly the tables were turned and Moslems equalised by scoring two goals in quick succession. Shamrocks made every effort to hold their opponents for a draw but failed and lost 5—3.

Moslems thus won the league championship of the Klip River District. Mr. R. Narrandes presented the cup to the winning side.

LEAGUE LOG

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Moslems	5	2	0	1	9	5	5
Schools	5	2	1	0	8	6	4
Shamrocks	5	1	2	0	8	9	2
Stars	5	0	2	1	7	11	1

Weekend Fixtures (Pillay's Cup Knockout):—

2.15 p.m., Shamrocks vs. Stars. Referee: Mr. R. Narrandee.

3.30 p.m., Schools vs. Moslems. Referee: Mr. R. Kalle.

To-day's Selections at Scottsville

1.20 p.m., Maiden Galloway and Pony Handicap (Five Furlongs)—1, Kenthaven; 2, Golden Grain; 3, Iron Spot.

1.50 p.m., Juvenile Handicap (Five Furlongs)—1, Dreamgirl; 2, Breach of Promise; 3, Hennessey.

2.25 p.m., Galloway and Pony Handicap (Five Furlongs)—1, Gamester; 2, Flora Macdonald; 3, Chrysanthemum.

3.10 p.m., Maiden Horse Handicap (Five Furlongs)—1, Ashborough; 2, Vera; 3, Consistent.

3.35 p.m., Scottsville Handicap (Second Division), Six Furlongs—1, Little Swank; 2, Simple Star; 3, Klopper.

4.10 p.m., Scottsville Handicap (Third Division), Seven Furlongs—1, Deputy Forest; 2, Rakish; 3, Wintermere.

4.45 p.m., Wembley Handicap (One Mile and one Furlong)—, Rash Lass; 2, Sumac; 3, Steel Boy.

5.15 p.m., Scottsville Handicap (First Division), Six Furlongs—1, First Home; 2, High Priest; 3, Indaba.

Golf Results

Good weather favoured the competitors in the Coastal Golf Championship played at Currie's Fountain over 36 holes on Sunday. Mr. J. Seapersadh, who played consistently throughout the day, won with a score of 135.

The following were the leading scores: J. Seapersadh 135, C. Coopen 136, J. H. Pillay 143, E. Starr, C. M. Mather and J. Nathan 146, S. C. John 149, and N. Pillay 151.

The first round of the Ramsden's Planting Trophy (Knockout) will be played tomorrow, commencing at 8.30 a.m.

Greytown Football Association

The twelfth annual meeting of the Greytown and District Indian Football Association was held last Sunday. The following officials were elected for the ensuing year: Hon. patron, Capt. W. T. Wainer; patrons, Messrs. M. E. Lakhi and F. Pillay; life vice presidents, Messrs. A. C. Alwar, M. Subhan, A. R. Alwar, S. C. Narainsa; president, Mr. R. Bheekie; vice presidents, Messrs. H. Hindu, G. Palaniyandi, L. Alwar, M. Bheekie, R. Chain; consul clerk, Mr. C. Palaniyandi (re-elected); auditor, Mr. G. G. Vanmare (re-elected); ground committee, Messrs. S. F. Pillay, T. Karsan, K. Hindu; secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. V. Ramiah (re-elected); asst.-secretary, C. Andi.

Nizamia Muslim Society

At a committee meeting of the Nizamia Muslim Society held on Wednesday last the secretary reported that the Madressa Talimul Islam, which amalgamated with the society, had made great progress in teaching, especially in the lower Urdu and Arabic classes.

The attendance during the last two months was most favourable in comparison with that of the last quarter. It was noted that nine new pupils were registered during the month, bringing the total to 179.

Puntan's Hill Youth Club Officials

The following were elected officers of the Puntan's Hill Youth Club for the ensuing year: President, Mr. K. Veeraswamy; vice-president, Mr. S. A. Naidoo; joint hon. secretaries, Messrs. S. Kannah and A. Ramaiya; joint hon. treasurers, Messrs. E. Naran and R. J. Rabbey; manager, Mr. A. E. Naidoo; band conductor, Mr. C. C. William; hon. examiner, Mr. A. S. Naidoo; committee, Messrs. A. V. Veeraswamy, Billy Naidoo, S. Mariasamy and T. G. A. Naidoo.

The Estcourt tennis "B" won the Greytown "A" at Estcourt on Sunday. Estcourt proved the better side and defeated the Ladysmith team by a good margin. Simon Martin and Bhagwan played an out-standing game for Estcourt.

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ISIPINGO SPORTS GROUND

Mr. C. Platt Performs Opening

Nearly 400 people attended the opening of the new football ground at Isipingo on Sunday by Mr. C. Platt, J.P., who on opening the ground said, "I have pleasure in cutting the ribbon and letting the spectators and teams enter. Play a good and clean game as all sportsmen do."

The opening ceremony continued with the garlanding of Mr. C. Platt (donor of land), Mr. Dennis Platt, and Mr. Scully (manager of African Explosives and Industries Ltd.). Miss Platt and Miss King were presented with a bouquet of beautiful roses. Mr. Adam Fayers (ground committee chairman) was also garlanded.

The garlanded guests thanked the Isipingo Football Association for their kind invitation and the many nice things said about them.

A tulip was installed and Mr. R. Gomat Singh, who acted as M.C., called upon various speakers. Those who spoke were as follows: Messrs. C. Platt, Scully, Adam Fayers, T. Sadasivanay, A. Ramith (president S.C.D.I.F.A.) and S. Gopaul (Clairwood).

At the conclusion of the ceremony four teams participated in the afternoon's play, resulting in Reunion vs. Kynoch draw, Isipingo beat Derby 5 nil.

Amongst the spectators were Messrs. R. Debidien, M. Jadwat, Ramsamy Naidoo, Bindhu, N. Seupersadh, S. Fayers, J. Fayers, Bhola, W. Chinsamy, Gokul, R. Sunker, J. Singh, John Shadrach, S. Seedram and R. T. Naidoo.

RECEPTION IN SCHOOL HALL

In the evening a reception was accorded to the various teams and sportsmen in the Isipingo School Hall, where over 100 people were entertained by the association.

The secretary of the association then gave a brief outline of their struggles in securing the new ground and thanked the many donors, monetary and otherwise, for the interest in sports.

Mr. R. Gopaul Singh, who presided, called upon the following to speak: Messrs. Adam Fayers, McMaster, M. H. Careem, S. Gokul, W. E. Ally, S. Neerputh, J. Venkan and S. R. Khanay.

NATAL REFEREES ASSOCIATION

At the Natal Referees' Association meeting convened by the Durban Indian Referees' Association last Sunday for the purpose of forming a Natal Association the following were present and unanimously agreed to its formation:

Durban: Messrs. M. S. Badat and R. E. Boolkan.

South Coast: Messrs. A. R. Rasseth and S. T. Arrimuar; Port Shepstone: Messrs. E. L. Naidoo and P. Reddy; Mayville: Messrs. C. D. Bulbon and R. Rouben; Newcastle: Messrs. C. J. Christopher and A. Harry.

Durban Sunday League: Messrs. D. Pillay and E. R. Pillay.

Klip River, R. Kalla.

Weenen and Wasbank: Messrs. were not represented.

The following were elected office bearers: President, Mr. M. S. Badat; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. R. E. Boolkan; council, Messrs. M. S. Badat, R. E. Boolkan, P. S. Reddy, A. R. Rasseth and C. D. Bulbon.

COLLEGIANS HOLD STELLA AT CURRIE'S FOUNTAIN

THE second match of the afternoon at Currie's Fountain on Saturday last was productive of a few thrills, especially towards the closing stages, when Collegians, playing against an admittedly superior team, were desperately trying to hold on to their lead.

Collegians provided the first thrill of the afternoon when Govind, from the outside left, surprised the crowd and Stella by scoring within a few minutes of the opening with a fast shot which James failed to hold.

The game then developed into a ding-dong tussle, with the ball remaining in the Stella half of the field. Stella were hard put to it to keep the lead down.

On the resumption the crowd were prepared to reconcile themselves to a victory for the Collegians, but Bertie Vinden, breaking away from a melee in the centre of the field, scored with a classic shot.

Things began to liven up then and within a few minutes of equalising, Vinden with a testor [illegible] put Stella ahead.

Stung by this sudden reverse of fortune Collegians rallied and Govind, from the outside left, drove home a ground shot to level matters. Stella were obviously fighting to hold matters, but Collegians drove ahead. About ten minutes from the end, however, Stella equalised, the final whistle frustrating a possible 6—5 victory for Collegians.

'SHIRE GO PICNICKING

On the main ground at Currie's Fountain, Warwickshire made merry at the expense of Avondale, and it often had scored every time instead of dallying in front of goals and making circles round the defence, Avondale would have had about a dozen to ruminate over the week.

The 'Shire forward line, still young blood, played with sound combination, but the match lost much of its glamour because of its one-sidedness.

The regular successors of goals in the first half (41) drove most of the crowd, except 'Shire supporters, to the adjacent grounds.

The final score was 6—0.

Other results were:—

Shimmerdale Schools 2, Sydenham 2, Queens 0.

JUNIORS

Stars 2, Portual 2.
Stella 2, Warwickshire 0.

JUVENILE "A"

Area 4 Stella College "A" 1.
Enfields 2, Stella "A" 0.

JUVENILE "B"

Stars 4, Junction 1.
Stella 1, Mayville 0.

MIDLAND SCHOOLS SOCCER TEAM TO VISIT THE TRANSVAAL

At a Council meeting of the Midlands Indian School Football Association, Mr. R. Dookran, Headmaster of the Esther Payne Smith School, reported that negotiations were taking place with head teachers of Indian schools in the Transvaal for the purpose of taking a soccer team from the schools in the Midlands District to the Transvaal.

He thought that a representative team consisting of school boys from the various Indian schools would materially benefit by such a tour. Apart from taking part in soccer matches the students would be enabled to see some of the sights in the Transvaal.

It is expected that a team will travel to the Transvaal during the July holidays.

The annual five-a-side tournament will be held earlier this year on June 30.

Owing to it being a holiday period the Association expects a record number of entries from the Midlands District as well as from other Indian schools throughout Natal.

It is hoped to collect a further sum ing operations would commence.

The financial statement showed an income of 198 1s. 5d. with an expenditure of £153 7s. 8d. The Building Account Fund showed an amount of £55 18s. 6d. cash in hand.

The secretary made an appeal to sportsmen to present the association with ornamental trees which would be planted to beautify the grounds.

EXCESSIVE INTEREST

The secretary of the Maritzburg Indian Sports Association, Mr. Dhun Sorsaun, in his annual report presented at the annual meeting held on Wednesday evening, referred to the pavilion built at the Indian sports ground. He said that a sum of £500 had been borrowed from the City Corporation for building the pavilion. This amount was being repaid in yearly instalments of £42 15s. 5d. Still this amount, he went on, was interest. When payment of the loan had been completed it would be found that a sum of over £200 has been paid as interest.

The City Council had given grants in other centres of the city which catered for sport but the Indian centres had been left out. He urged the officials to make representations to the Council to either have the amount borrowed substantially reduced or else wiped off.

Owing to lack of proper sanitary facilities a move was made to raise funds for building lavatories, etc. With the help of the Ranger Tennis Club, the City Indian Musical Club of Durban, and other members of the public who contributed, a sum of £55 18s. 6d. had been realised so far.

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NATAL INDIAN CONGRESS ON EXPROPRIATION

Memorandum to Secretary of Public Health

"We submit that to disturb this permanent Indian settlement and change it over to another section of the population is grossly unjust and would add to the existing maladjustment of the Indian housing problem," states the Natal Indian Congress, in the course of a memorandum dealing with the Durban City Council's attempt to dislodge Indians from Riverside, Sydenham, and the other areas where Indians have been resident for the last sixty years or more.

The memorandum, which has been prepared by Mr. A. I. Kajee, has been submitted to the Secretary of the Public Health Department, Pretoria.

"THE Corporation of the City of Durban (whom we shall hereinafter for the sake brevity refer to as "The Corporation") proposes to acquire under the Housing Act No. 35 of 1920 land owned by Europeans and Indians as follows:

Area.	Acres.	Europeans.	%	Indians.	%
Riverside	603	279	46	325	54
Merebank-Wentworth	1,285	656	51	629	49
Sydenham (Sparks Extension) ...	73	30	41	43	59
Springfield Extension	129	36	28	93	72
Sydenham (European)	35	29	82	5	14
	2,125	1,050	49	1,095	51

The principal reasons advanced by the Corporation in support of these land acquisitions are:—

(a) The urgent need for more housing accommodation for all races resident within the city.

(b) The need for suitable land upon which major housing schemes may be constructed.

(c) The built-up conditions of the old borough necessitating the Council having to go to added areas for suitable land.

(d) The very unsatisfactory housing conditions and development works existing in the several areas now proposed to be acquired.

(e) Upon acquisition the Corporation proposes to utilise the land for the housing of the different classes as follows:—

Area.	Total Acres.	European Acres.	%	Indian Acres.	%	Coloured Acres.	%
Riverside	603	603	100				
Merebank-Wentworth	1,285			1,050	82	235	18
Sydenham (Sparks Extension)	73					73	100
Springfield Extension	129			129	100		
Sydenham (European)	35	35	100				
Total	2,125	638	30	1,179	55	308	15

Although the percentage of Indian ownership under the proposed acquisition is 51 per cent., a much higher percentage is under Indian occupation, and this fact, in respect of the Riverside area, was admitted by Councillor Mr. Harris at the interview the representatives of the Corporation had with the Central Board in Pretoria on December 12, 1939.

On the general summary it is contended by the Corporation that the Indian while losing 1,090 acres will actually gain 1,179 acres resultication. On the surface this would appear to exhibit an advantage in favour of Indians, but we contend that the land at Riverside with beautiful surroundings, very close proximity to the town, central position, and other advantages [illegible] be compared with any measure of equality with that [illegible] Merebank-Wentworth and parts of Springfield. The Riverside land is the only Indian-owned land of any kind in the very proper [illegible] described as a choice residential area, having an open access to the ocean.

The Indians have owned and occupied the land at Riverside for the last 60 years and, therefore, it is not unnatural they should use every effort to oppose the action of the Corporation in its attempt to dislodge them from the northern boundaries of the old borough of Durban and to settle them some four miles from the southern boundary of the old borough of Durban.

At the interview of December 12, 1939, Indians returned to the Corporation Medical Officer of Health in answer to a question by the chairman of the Central Board replied that the Indians had expressed their willingness to live elsewhere, provided accommodation was available. This is very far from the truth, for the Indians are very firmly opposed to any scheme which will involve their removal from an area where they have been permanently settled for an hour.

The reasons advanced by the Council for allocating the Riverside area for European housing are:—

(a) That the area constitutes an ideal thickly populated and well developed European suburb.

Durban North already served by an excellent sewer-bridge constructed by private European enterprise.

(b) That owing to fairly high value it is unsuited for Indian housing.

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Bevin Boys in Durban

"MEAT at one end and starvation at the other" is the prospect in view of a large number of the Bevin boys from India who are proceeding to England under the scheme provided by Minister Ernest Bevin, for the purpose of furthering the technical training of Indians. What these vegetarians would choose is obvious, for life is sweet, some of them laughingly told a Leader representative in conversation, who are on their way to England in Durban this week.

This was the second band of 50 who are to undergo training in England and there has been a representative selection from the Indian provinces, Bombay, Punjab, Madras, Bengal United and Central Province.

Private enterprise in India, such as steel works, railways, leather industries, has also sponsored a scheme for giving it workers a training in English workshops. India is anticipating a tremendous industrial change in the near future and is preparing to meet that position. In fact she has become the arsenal of the East.

"Each one of us will do our best to learn what there is to learn," said one of the earnest band of these technicians, the future munition makers of India.

"I feel like a martyr," one of them said when referring to the stifling colour bar restrictions in this country.

In outlining his scheme for Indians Mr. Bevin said:

"I have asked the Secretary of State for India in the Cabinet to allow me to bring several hundred Indians from workshops in their country to this country to be trained to live in the homes of our people. After this they will be sent back again with the knowledge of trade unionism and other organisations in this country.

"This is a great pressure for the Indian races and does for the first time extend real equality. The men will be paid the same pay as our own tradesmen from the Ministry of Labour, and their wives in India will be paid allowances by the Ministry, according to the arrangements we are making. This is forging a new industrial link between the East and the West.

"I want to raise the conception of the standard of living in the East. If you do not do that, you cannot get equilibrium in the West. If India is to be industrialised I would rather begin now to industrialise it with a good Trade Union conception from this country than leave it and then have the job of trying to alter it afterwards."

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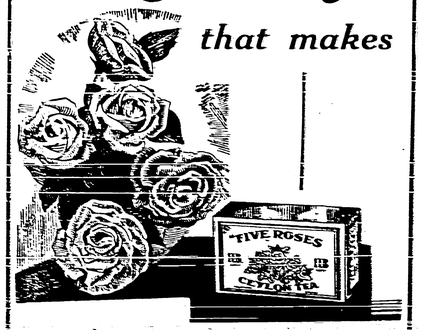

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Officials and members are kindly requested to attend same without fail.

AGENDA
1. Minutes.
2. Annual Report & Financial Statement
3. Election of office-bearers
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Child Welfare

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The Mayor, Mr. R. Fitt Brown, will open the proceedings.

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A- to the reason it is also apparent that on the other side the adjacent area is largely under Indian occupation. In respect of the second reason to say that the Council has no ground to conclude that the land is suitable, economically, for Indian housing.

The only reason on which the Corporation could therefore base its claim for housing Europeans on this Indian-owned area is that it is served by a bridge that was constructed by a private European enterprise. This area is also effectively served by a nearby bridge known as "Queen's Bridge" which was not constructed by private European enterprise.

Immediately adjoining the northern boundary of the Durban North area there is a piece of ground in extent of approximately 490 acres known as Virginia Estate, which land is of the same type as the Durban North land. This land is available for purchase and is unoccupied save and except a small section which is cultivated by some 60 Indian market gardeners. The council could easily acquire, by private arrangement, this land, or otherwise under the Housing Act and thereby meet the said proposed need. If such need exists of the European population. Similarly large tracts of land, both Corporation and private owned, are available in other parts of Durban suitable for this purpose. We say, "If such need exists," because we believe that the housing needs of the European community have been well catered for during the past years, and in our opinion the suggestion, at the time being, should not receive attention exclusively in the housing of Indians and other non-European people of Durban.

With regard to the 79 acres of land at Sydenham, of which 43 acres are owned by Indians, the Corporation intends to use this land for Coloured housing. This area is very thickly populated by Indians of the artisan, commercial and clerical classes, who desire to live not far away from their place of employment in the central part of the town. One objection against this expropriation is that it will affect a large number of small owners of residential sites, which sites are of the same quarter acre in size and on which houses have been built. The settlement of Indians in Sydenham extend over 50 years.

We submit that to disturb this permanent Indian settlement and change it over to another section of the population is grossly unjust and would add to the existing maladjustment of the Indian housing problem. There are other tracts of land unpopulated in Spencer and Clare Road in the Sydenham district which can be purchased by the Corporation for Indian and Coloured housing.

Coming to the Morebank-Wentworth area, whilst we admit that Indians will on surface ultimately to benefit to the extent of about 421 acres, regard must be given to the deduction for the purpose of roads, drainage and that portion which is by natural contour unsuitable for housing.

This must reduce the margin in favour of the Indian by almost half.

The Morebank-Wentworth area [illegible] Indian owned to a very large extent in small building sites approximately numbering one thousand, which have been built [illegible] varying sizes for personal occupation and it would be equally unjust to remove them to some other parts even if they are within the same area.

We submit that the true intention underlying the Housing Act was to confer powers to expropriate large pieces of unoccupied land for the purpose of urgent needs. In our opinion the Act did not even intend to confer the right of interference with owners of [illegible] sites for housing purposes, such as the Corporation now intends to do under the proposed scheme.

Apart from approximately 200 acres in the Wentworth-Westwood area owned by the Corporation it also owns approximately 2,840 acres on the west side of the South Coast main road. Portion of the latter land is at present used for a military camp.

THE WOMEN'S WORLD

Mainly About People

Mr. M. A. Motala and Mr. S. M. Jhaveri visited Johannesburg on business this week.

Pte. O. Shivrathan, who has been admitted into the orders of Vedic purochits, will be accorded a reception under the auspices of the Arya Samaj Mount Partridge and districts, in its Samaj Hall, tomorrow at 1.30 p.m.

The residence of Mr. Bhoodhal Pentrich, was the scene of a wedding last Saturday night when his eldest daughter was married to Kumar Sahadeo, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Sookoo, of Mount Partridge.

The decorated "Pandal" was filled with over 400 relatives and friends from all parts of Natal.

The betrothal of Mr. Essop Osman, a well-known sportsman of Richmond, to Miss Rahia B. B., eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Karim, formerly of Durban, took place at the home of Mr. S. M. Karim at Richmond on the evening of Friday last.

The ceremony, which was performed at the residence of the bride-to-be was attended by a representative gathering of the Indian community of Natal.

Mrs. S. Bhagwandeen, together with her daughters, has returned to Glencoe, after visiting Durban, Maritzburg, North and South Coast, where she has been overlooking for nearly a month.

Congratulations are extended to Patrick S. Bhagwandeen, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Bhagwandeen, of Glencoe, on being the first Indian at Glencoe to pass the First Aid Examination held under the auspices of the South African Red Cross Society (Glencoe Branch).

Mr. I. E. Haffejee, who is reported to have won a large sum of money at Greyville, writes to say that "no such amount was paid as mentioned in your paper."

Mr. E. D. Bayat, a well-known Maritzburg businessman, who spent the week-end at Tugela, has now returned home.

A son to Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Singh Rai, of Estcourt. Mr. Rai is a prominent member of the Estcourt Branch of the Natal Indian Congress.

A son to Mr. and Mrs. K. A. Salla, of Estcourt.

The marriage of Mr. Billy Naidoo, eldest son of Mrs. and the late Mr. P. Pranarang Naidoo, to Miss Guna Rama, second daughter to Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Naidoo, both of Durban's Hill, Durban, will take place at Mr. V. S. Naidoo's residence on Sunday, June 1.

Mr. Mahomed Essop, an old assistant of the firm of Messrs. Ismail Bayat, and a popular soccer player will be leaving shortly for India.

Mr. Farook Ismail, the Maritzburg secretive, will be on a holiday trip to Northern Natal for the week-end.

The Importance of Sleep to Babies

Sleep is very important to a baby, especially during the first six months of his life. For the first month, a baby should sleep practically all the time, just waking to be fed. As he grows older his waking periods will become longer.

A baby can be trained into good sleeping habits, as he can into other regular habits. He should be put into his cot at six o'clock in the evening and should settle down to sleep at once.

At 10 o'clock he will probably wake, and he should be lifted out and given his last feed, then back to bed and to sleep until 6 a.m. A healthy, well-trained baby will not wake and cry during the night.

After his bath and his breakfast he will go to sleep again, this time in his pram in a sheltered corner of the garden if weather permits. Then comes his midday meal, followed by another nap.

Probably the afternoon will be his most wakeful time, and he should be given opportunities for play and exercise as he grows older. Bath time is a favourite time for babies to take their exercise in kicking and stretching.

A baby's brain is slowly developing during the first five years of his life, and if he is to grow up with strong nerves his sleep in that period must be deep, long and undisturbed.

Six o'clock bedtime should be the rule until he is six years old, or better still, seven, and then it should be only half-an-hour later.

Even when a child is 10 years old bedtime should not be later than eight o'clock, and up to the age of 15, nine o'clock is quite late enough. As far as possible the household should be arranged not to disturb the children after they have gone to bed, and their bedrooms should be quiet and well ventilated.

Brain specialists say that at the end of the first hour's sleep slumber becomes deep and dreamless, but at the end of the second hour it is not so sound.

Then onwards until the end of the fourth hour it grows deep again, after which it gradually grows lighter until the sleeper wakes up. Dreams occur during lighter sleep.

BUILDING SOCIETY'S FINE GESTURE

J.B.S. Appoints Indian Agency

The appointment of Mr. Hans Maghraji, of Messrs. Hans Maghraji & Co., estate agents, as an agent of the Johannesburg Building Society, will give pleasure to all those who know him, and they are legion. The Johannesburg Building Society in providing such a service, to cultivate thrift and to assist Indians in owning their own properties, deserves the thanks and support of all Indians. And to add to that service by appointing an Indian agent they have done far more than any other institution operating among the Indian community.

This signal gesture, it is believed, will be appreciated by those to whom it is directed and recognised accordingly in the measure of the support that should be forthcoming.

In making the choice the J.B.S. could have made none better, for Hans Maghraji has practically single-handed won for himself a premier place among those Indians engaged in the real estate agency business of this country.

Women Doctors for Indian Army

A certain number of posts in the British Military Medical Services in India are to be opened for British women medical practitioners.

Candidates will be attached to the Royal Army Medical Corps as medical officers with a military rank but without commission.

The first appointment will be as medical officer with the relative rank of lieutenant.

Transfer of Stanger Teacher

A farewell reception was accorded to Mr. Vadival Thomas at Naidoo's cafe, Stanger, on Saturday last. Mr. Thomas, who was a resident of Stanger for a number of years and a member of the staff of the Stanger Government Indian School for the last eight years, was recently transferred to the Depot Road Government Indian School, Durban.

The reception was given by his ex-club mates, the Stanger United Football Club, and a large and representative gathering was present. Among the speakers were Mr. D. E. Moola (president, United [illegible]), Mr. [illegible] Padayachee (secretary, United F.C.), Mr. A. C. Rua, Mr. D. D. Lalla (secretary, N.I.C.C. Ansaar), Mr. E. M. Moola (president, Natal I. Ansaar, Stanger branch), Mr. V. C. Augustine (hon. sec. L.T.D.F.A.), Mr. H. A. Naidoo (Durban), Mr. G. R. Rua (captain, United) and Mr. Geo. Le Gallie.

They spoke on the long standing of the Thomas family with the district and intimated their departure will be an irreparable loss to the district.

Mr. D. E. Moola presented Mr. Thomas, on behalf of the Stanger United F.C., with a leather cutlery toilet set.

A Greytown Wedding

There were many people present at the farm "Hartebeestekloof," Greytown, where the marriage of the two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Bhagwantha to the two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Munoosar Ram of Pomeroy was solemnised last week.

Kumar Mahabhay was married to Kumari Saraswan and Kumari Rama-patheo to Kumar Ramsay.

Among the guests were Mr. Singh (Durban), Mr. and Mrs. Ramdeen, Mr. and Mrs. G. Bijoo, Mr. and Mrs. Ramiah, Mrs. Ramiah (senior), Mr. and Mrs. R. Maharajh, Mr. and Mrs. M. Sukhan, Mr. A. Rama, Mr. A. P. Jairam, Messrs. Bradley and Sons (Pomeroy) and Mr. Pillay (Dundee).

State Boy Scouts and Rovers of the Maritzburg Indian Boy Scouts' Association will be active these evenings for three days at New Hanover. They will be in charge of Mr. R. Dookran, District Commissioner.

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Shaikh-Vawda Wedding

A GREAT SOCIAL EVENT

An outstanding social event in the life of the Indian community took place at Durban on Saturday last when the marriage of Miss Ayesha, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Shaikh, to Mr. Mahomed, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Suleman Cassim Vawda, of Dundalkaan, took place at Durban last Saturday evening.

The nuptial ceremony was performed before an overflowing congregation at the West Street Mosque.

On the following day a reception was held at Mr. Shaikh's residence, "Palm Villa," Umgeni Road, where a representative gathering was present.

Mr. Shaikh is a vice-president of the Natal Indian Association and a well-known athlete against the late Cassim Vawda of Delhi and was the groom's father, Mr. Vawda's mark of public service in which both the contracting families are engaged.

Congratulatory speeches were made by prominent leaders of the Indian community.

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Exchange Swindle

IT is generally accepted that the Indian problem, as it is miscalled by Europeans, converges upon Durban. It is in Durban that a large Indian community congregates. It is in Durban that progress inevitable upon expanding port facilities has attracted scores of industrial and commercial enterprises. It is in and around Durban that more land must be found to serve the interests of progress. These things are admitted by all intelligent men. Durban is marked out as a future metropolis in a young but expanding country. The promise should fill all of us with pride.

To meet the conditions of the present and to prepare for the promise of the future the Durban City Council has appealed to the Government for permission to expropriate certain areas now in possession of Indians and to compensate the Indians by providing land elsewhere. The reason advanced by the City Council is just that one already mentioned, that more land is needed for European and Indian housing. It is backed by many a facile argument, and, on the face of it, the request looks fair and reasonable. In a word the City of Durban proposes to take over lands in some areas and give the Indians in return even more land, a few acres more, in another place. But it is only on the face of it that such fair treatment appears. Below the surface it is full of disturbing characters. The first will appeal to everyone. Some of the land wanted by the City Council has been in the occupation of Indians for 60 years. Durban itself is not so much older than that. There is here no question of the Indians having penetrated into European areas. The area is just plainly, flatly, and downrightly Indian in character. It is the only Indian territory that has free access to the Indian Ocean and the only land that possesses the peculiar amenities accompanying such a site. In return the City Council proposes to hand over land the value of which, by nature of its contours and its soil, cannot be held in comparison. So what we have in this proposed deal is:

(1) A complete absence of the complaint of Indian penetration.

(2) An exchange swindle intended to uproot a 60-year-old Indian community in a good residency and put it in a bad one.

Here, we maintain, is an outrage which cannot be supported, and would not be, by any forthright, honest, English-speaking South African. The City Council could, of course, use the land it proposes to hand over to the Indians. It does not do so for the single reason that such land is unsuitable for its purpose, and it has made up its mind to turn out Indians where they occupy land that is suitable. Having made up its mind to do this it uses the machinery at its disposal to accelerate the deal. The Durban City Council is a powerful body, having a hundred political weapons at its hand in members of Parliament and industrial interests. It represents, as it were, the accumulated European opinion of a vast city. Against this phalanx of political power what can the Indian do? Where does his strength lie? He has no representative on the Council. He has no member of Parliament to whom he can turn. He is bereft of political significance. This is bad and damaging enough. But there is something far worse. In the City Council of Durban there is no man or woman who can or will look at this exchange swindle as a matter that touches every instinct of democratic thought. This issue is not only a matter of whether the Indians are to be protected against the insatiable demands of the Council. It is a question also of whether anyone is prepared to stand for an elementary type of justice, which, though all Indian experience seems to deny it, is not the prerogative of the European.

All that the Indians can do is protest as strongly and as respectfully as possible. That protest takes the form of a declaration to the responsible Minister. He decides in the end what shall be done. We would not accuse him at this stage of a neglect of those things attendant upon justice. What we fear is that commercial and industrial interests will sweep away the common rights of communities, whether they be Indian or English, if they do let no man say to Indians in this country that South African Durban democracy is any better than a mild fascism. Year after year we have watched with growing cynicism the denial of justice to Indians and other non-Europeans behind a facade of democratic flag waving. It will be a sad reflection upon the Government of General Smuts if one of his Ministers condones a policy of Durban City Council that must bring so much distress to groups of Indians.

Indian Eisteddfod

THE Indian Eisteddfod, which is now in its 25th year of existence, is a body that no Indian would like to see in existence, during the period of its comparatively short term it has more than justified its purpose.

Its existence as a cultural institution which provides a platform for the expression of Indian talent and gives pleasure to a large number of Indians, has yet been unequalled. It would therefore be a great loss to the Indian community as a whole if anything were done to close its great work. We trust that differences on other subjects may not be allowed to enter into the cultural sphere and choke its utility. We should like to see the same support, if not more, from competitors as well as the community, as it has been in the past years, being extended to the session that are now being held in Durban.

THE CAPETOWN AGREEMENT

Sastri Writes His Reminiscences

THE Rt. Hon. V. S. Srinivasa Sastri, writing about his reminiscences in the Swadesamitran Weekly, reveals many interesting facts about some of the political missions on which he was engaged.

The following is a free rendering of one of these anecdotes as translated by The Hindu, Madras.

The following account regarding his work in South Africa as the Indian Agent may be read with interest:

Friends often lay against me a charge on the score of my having served the Government sometimes as its delegate and sometimes as its Agent in South Africa. Foremost amongst these was Rev C. F. Andrews. I remember an argument which I had with this esteemed friend in South Africa and in England. In the middle of the argument Mr. Andrews burst into sobs and tears as though in chastisement of one who had strayed from the path of virtue. I want my friends to ponder over that a little. No one could claim to be better acquainted with the lot of Indians overseas than Charlie was. He could converse with freedom and candour with the Viceroy, the Premier, the Archbishop and others similarly high-placed. He visited South Africa and Kenya four or five times and twice at least the other parts of the globe where Indian nationals have settled. No Whiteman evinced greater sympathy for the coloured people or more justly deserved the reputation of "Deenabandhu" than did Charlie. A great benefactor and friend of these nationals, he put up with many humiliations in the course of his work for them. Being a devout Christian and missionary, he wielded great influence with men of religion. He deliberately chose a life of poverty and dedication to the service of the suffering.

GANDHI'S BLESSINGS

The blessings of Mahatma Gandhi as well as of Charlie Andrews had to be secured for the Cape Town Agreement. For, without their approval, the people at large would not accept any agreement we might arrive at in regard to our nationals in South Africa. Realising the supreme need for getting his benediction, I approached the Mahatma privately with a copy of the agreement before it was published. It was only after he had approved of it that the agreement was made public. I remember a similar incident in connection with the Montagu-Chelmsford Reform proposals. Mahatma Gandhi was then travelling when he was shown a copy of the proposals in the train somewhere en route. The document was read over to him from beginning to end and it was only after he had pronounced that it was not so bad that it was published. After my meeting with Mahatma Gandhi, my friend Jamnadas Dwarakadas expressed him and strove in vain to persuade him against the Nonlego proposals. Later when we met, Jamnadas remarked to me, half in jest and half in regret: "You have stolen a march over me. We have lost."

Our Readers Speak

"RADIO'S" CRITICISM CRITICISED

In your issue of the 3rd instant there appears an article from "Radio" regarding public nuisances, and a complaint is levelled at Indians in the Protector's Office.

The writer states that the complaint is age-long, and it comprises of this, that poor Indians from the estates are treated like we treat our dogs, and adds that even those who are socially advanced are treated likewise, that people are made to wait hours, and sometimes days to have their matters settled.

I had no brief for those Indians against whom "Radio" levels his criticism. Do please, Sir, "Radio" disclose yourself to enable the public to judge whether your position holds you as a critic—I can prove that there is no foundation in your complaint.

S. PILLAY.

MEETING OF THE NON-EUROPEAN FRONT

In your last issue you reported that at the meeting, held under the auspices of the non-European United Front to protest against Mr. Sordo's arrest, banners bearing slogans were borne by little boys "who must have hardly known the meaning of the words, leave alone realise their import." This remark was singled out for. One smells your dislike of the non-European United Front in this remark, because it is obvious that you have tried to minimise the importance of the meeting by inserting this remark.

In this country, where racial hatred is at its highest, and where the ruling class of this country preaches it from Parliament and pulpit in the sacred name of civilisation, Christ and God, it is not necessary for the non-European children to understand the meaning of words such as "Down with [illegible]" and "Down with Colour Bar." They feel it. In schools and in playgrounds, in trains and in trams, on the streets and even in the lavatories, in fact everywhere, the non-European children see and feel the Colour Bar means. Perhaps they do not understand the meaning of these words, as you say. They don't have to. They not only feel but they also suffer the consequences of this racial hatred.

A. K. M. DOCRAT.

[To give the story, referred to, the lead and to base our contents bill as it does not support Mr. Docrat's statement that we "have tried to minimise the importance of the meeting."—Editor. The Leader.]

TO CORRESPONDENTS

R.P. (Kelhein Road): More rhyme does not make verse. The lines are all "wobbly," therefore unsuitable for publication.

J.R. (Nee Cuckforland): You have a "verse sense" but you must learn that this is not enough. There is a grammar of poetry as there is of prose. Have you heard of the "jambus," the dactyl? Your last but one verse is unmicable.

H. J. (Johannesburg): As there has been no communication to the effect you refer to, there is no purpose in publishing your letter.

I. S. (Johannesburg): We regret that we are unable to use the photo sent.

"Regular Reader."—You have not signed your name to your letter. Thank you, however, for your suggestion which we will consider.

F.S.M. (Tongaat).—The news does not seem to be quite right for us.

NOT TO BE HEARD AT BAR OF THE HOUSE

Provincial Executive Refuses Congress Request

MR. A. I. KAJEE, the Natal Indian Congress spokesman, is greatly annoyed at the Provincial Executive Committee, which has refused the request of the Congress to be allowed to appear at the Bar of the Provincial Council against the local Health Commission Ordinance.

The Provincial Executive Committee, according to the Provincial Secretary's communication, "is not prepared to make provision in the draft ordinance for the establishment of the desired Advisory Committee to serve under the Commission."

"These people," said Mr. Kajee to The Leader, "to the extent of 90 per cent. are inhabited by Indians and other non-Europeans.

"The Advisory Committee was envisaged by the Cape Town Agreement and to this end the Draft Ordinance should have been referred to a Select Committee or the Congress should have been given an opportunity to be heard at the Bar of the Provincial Council.

"Both these constitutional rights have been refused. It is a negation of the rights of all free institutions, particularly to a community which has no voice whatsoever in the legislative body.

"It would appear that the Cape Town Agreement is a dead letter as far as the Natal provinces is concerned.

"In this session of the Provincial Council there was an opportunity to establish for the city area of Durban, where [illegible] Indians live, an impartial licensing tribunal as an appeal board, but this opportunity has also been refused and a body predominantly of the City Council will be established.

"This is another death blow to the Cape Town Agreement.

"In former days the Government of India's representative in South Africa was to be found in the lobbies of the Provincial Council when such measures were before the Provincial Council.

"Since Sir Sayed Razi Ali's departure the Government of India's representative, he be the Agent-General or the High Commissioner, has been conspicuous by his absence or indifference," said Mr. Kajee in conclusion.

In the course of a letter to the Department of the Interior, Mr. Kajee wrote:

"We are directed to write and urge that the Hon. the Minister of the Interior, as the member-in-charge of the Department, were specially concerned with Indian affairs, will see his way to urge the Provincial Administration to give consideration to the request of our Congress to implement the two clauses of the Cape Town Agreement, namely.

(a) To take steps to appoint a Committee of representative Indians.

(b) To give a right of appeal in the cause of first applications and transfers as well as in cases of renewals, to the courts or to some other impartial tribunal.

SOUTH COAST AMENITIES

Durban Town Clerk Replies

In connection with the memorandum submitted to the City Council, Durban, regarding civic amenities for the South Coast Junction area by the South Coast Junction Area Indian Ratepayers Association, the Town Clerk has replied as follows:—

I have to refer to your letter of 31st March, 1941, relative to the above.

In reply I have to advise you that in view of the fact that the question of roads and stormwater drainage forms one of the items to be considered by the Broome Indian Penetration Committee, this matter cannot be commented on at the present time.

With regard to the removal of nightsoil, it is, of course, impossible to carry out a service of this nature at a time to please everyone, but the absence of complaints hitherto justifies the belief that it is generally acceptable to all sections of the community served.

Sewerage work on the Southern Areas is being carried out to cover an ultimate population of 125,000, of whom 122,000 are non-Europeans. It is a scheme of such magnitude [illegible] Expenditure is incurred in reconstructing the outfall works, such as sea outfall tunnels, outfall works, pumping stations and main sewers before the reticulation system can be laid and brought into commission.

The scheme is being pushed forward as rapidly as possible and from the figures it is apparent that the interests of the non-European section are being served.

In connection with your complaints re Street Lighting, I am advised by the City Electrical Engineer that where new electric line renewals [illegible] pole lines exist in the area, street lighting is already provided on the basis of one lamp for every two poles. I regret to advise you, however, that the City Electrical Engineer is unable to recommend, at this stage, that additional heavy expenditure be incurred for lighting those roads where poles do not, at present exist.

POPE'S EFFORT TO HELP INDIANS

His Holiness the Pope is helping to solve the problems of Indians who are anxious to know the fate of their relations in enemy countries, says an Associated Press message from Karachi. Every Tuesday evening, the Vatican radio has undertaken to give a half-hour broadcast to India on subjects of interest to Indians, such as the whereabouts of their kinsmen in Europe.

Recently the Apostolic Delegate, the Pope's representative in India, provided certain residents of Hyderabad (Sind), through the Roman Catholic chaplain, with information regarding three of their relatives in Europe.

The Roman Catholic Church authorities express the hope that all Indians interested, irrespective of caste or creed, will avail themselves of the offer, without obligation, by establishing contact with the nearest Roman Catholic Church.

Police Smile at Rand Law Breakers

THE Passive Resistance in Johannesburg has started but no official notice has been taken of it.

This was a statement made to The Leader by a Durban man who has returned from the Rand this week.

There are, he said, two passive resisters in front of the Law Court buildings hawking fruits without a licence, thus breaking the law.

The police look at them, smile, and then pass on.

The officials are at the moment unconcerned and do not propose to take action until the movement gathers numbers. They feel that the passive resisters will shortly tire of their efforts at breaking the law and will themselves call it off.

On behalf of the Nationalist group of the Transvaal Indian Congress, the body responsible for the Passive Resistance movement, Mr. I. A. Cachalia, in a statement, says:—

"In terms of the mandate obtained from our community at a mass meeting of the Transvaal Indians held at the Gandhi Hall on Sunday, February 27, 1941, we have decided to launch out on Passive Resistance at Johannesburg on May 12, 1941.

"The first batch of volunteers will consist of Messrs. M. H. Nagdee, N. B. Medel, Narainsamy Naidoo and Yusuf Saib Patel. These four volunteers will have without licences outside the Magistrate's Court.

"We appeal to our people to realise the gravity of the situation in which we are placed by the prolongation for a further period of two years of the Asiatic (Transvaal Land and Trading) Act, 1939. Furthermore, we should become conscious of the dangerous implication of the Transvaal Asiatic Land Tenure Act 1932. In the history of Anti-Asiatic legislation in this country it is the worst Act that has been enacted on the Statute Book. The Act of 1930 is the logical outcome of the 1932 Act and the Fascism Resolutions. Our existence is doomed to a state of helotry.

"We warn the community once again that only firm united action will save us. Let us act now before it is too late. Inaction today will spell doom tomorrow.

"It is your imperative duty to help us in the struggle that we have undertaken in the fight for our rights on behalf of the community as a whole. Let us make the Government realise that we are determined to agitate and suffer rather than submit to unjust and undemocratic restrictions, humiliation and National dishonour.

To justice comes a way for the oppressed people of the country.

"Rally under the banner of the Passive Resistance Council and avert disaster:

Seedat, one of our brave fighters is serving three months' hard labour in gaol for our cause. It is our duty to stand behind him as one man.

"Support our brave Passive Resisters who are willing to suffer and sacrifice all for us and our children.

EISTEDDFOD OPENS IN MARITZBURG

Mr. R. A. Banks on Indians' Two Cultures

A fairly large gathering was present at the City Hall, Maritzburg, last Friday evening, to witness the final concert held by the Indian Society for the Advancement of Music and Art.

Mr. D. R. Singh, president of the local council, in his opening speech, said that his council catered for six languages in the Eisteddfod. Although the number of entries were not as great as last year the session had been quite a success.

A telegram received from Mr. C. R. Warriner, chairman of the Durban Society, offering his wishes for a successful competition, was read.

Councillor Mr. A. T. Allison, mayor of Maritzburg, who was the next speaker, said that with the cultivation of more art and music the world would be a better place to live in.

Mr. R. A. Banks, Director of Education, expressed his great gratitude to Mr. C. R. Warriner, chairman of the Durban Society, for all that he had done and was doing for the advancement of music and art in the Indian community.

In dwelling on the origin of the Eisteddfod he said that the whole idea was the maintenance of one's national culture.

Indians here, he said, had two cultures. One was the culture from the land from which they came, and the other was Western culture, being the culture of the land in which they now live. He spoke on the development of the physical side, namely, in games, walks, etc. The mental and material side was one which was strengthened by going to school. Lastly the spiritual side of their nature which included first of all religion, then, music, art, and so forth. The holding of Eisteddfods enabled children and adults with particular talents an opportunity to express themselves. In this way, he said, humanity progressed.

"IMPROVE YOUR ENGLISH"

"If you want to advance in this country then one of the ways to do so is to improve your English," added Mr. Banks.

Miss Lawrence, vice-president of the Durban Society, conveyed greetings from the Durban Society. Mr. P. R. Singh, secretary of the Durban Society, was also present.

The programme, which included twenty-four items, was on the whole very entertaining. The national dance "Indian Nautch" staged by the pupils of the St. Anthony's School was very well done.

Some good singing by a small boy, Nadarajan Moodley, and a girl, Chonnaraya Beraji, Puralal Bherulal, Dulchand Deraj and Deckisan Karsandra.

A police officer alleged in court that the four men, along with two others and a woman, were engaged in importing minor girls of low-class families into Bombay and then in disposing of them. It was further alleged that on March 7 a low-caste girl, who had been brought to Bombay was sold to a Jain for Rs. 1,500.

Brown Slave Traffic in Bombay

Hindu girls of poor families living on the out-skirts of Bombay are being induced to enter the city, taught a smattering of Gujerati and Marwari and then given in marriage to high-class Hindus or sold for "immoral" purposes by a gang operating in Bombay.

The existence of the gang was revealed at the Esplanade Police Court, Bombay, when the Vigilance Branch of the City Police applied for the remand of Ramdrawanthie Neerothan, was heard. The missing by pupils of the St. Anthony School and the singing of the school choir of the Veda Dharma Sabha Hindi School was also good.

A distinct improvement over last year in certain items was noticed. A high standard was maintained throughout.

COUNCIL'S DUTY TO ITS WORKERS

Much to be Done Yet, Says Cr. Kinloch

The Dimes Youth Club was officially opened last Sunday evening by Councillor T. Kinloch, Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Durban City Corporation.

The opening took place at the Drama Hall, Magazine Barracks. Over 250 young men from the barracks were present, all workers of the Durban City Corporation.

Councillor Kinloch, in his address, referred to the deplorable and unhygenic conditions existing at the Barracks and said that as a result of his intervention a short while ago, a £35,000 block of new buildings was already in process of erection. This was not all that could be done. The Council yet had much work to do for the social, moral and educational upliftment of its poorest paid workers.

Councillor Kinloch also made mention of the fact that the new Youth Club which was being formed would fill a necessary gap in the lives of the young men at the Barracks. He wished it good luck and "God speed."

Other speakers were Messrs. S. L. Singh, T. S. John and George Singh.

Teas and cakes were provided by the Durban Indian Municipal Employees' Society.

A SOLDIER OF HINDUSTAN

Not a Moslem but a Mussulman

The beauty and the grace of the Hindustani language was brought home to me the other day while I was chatting with an Indian soldier from Egypt, writes a Leader reporter.

There is real music in the language most of us shall not or rarely, spoken by a son of Hindustan it has a lilt and accent which no South African born, I daresay, could successfully emulate.

He was a soldier in the Indian Army and was in Durban with Italian prisoners. For twenty-one years he had been with his regiment which was despatched to East Africa on the outbreak of hostilities.

As he spoke in touching terms of the gallantry and the courage of Hindustani soldiers fighting against the Italians he had a faraway look in his eyes, he was not with me but with his fellow countrymen in Egypt.

Rifles, machine-guns Lewis and Vickers and anti-tank guns he would wield them all with the ease and precision of any white Imperial soldier, this man with a wistful look in his eyes had a heart of infinite gentleness when that stern exterior has been tapped. He could not understand why Indian soldiers from South Africa only dug trenches and drove convoy horses and transport trucks. They were not in the front and firing line.

Far away on the central plains of India, somewhere under the broiling sun of Hindustan, his wife, four children, two sons and two daughters, and a brother awaited his return. This soldier had pledged his troth to the British Government and would fight until the Germans and Italians were destroyed.

He did not speak of India but of Hindustan; he was not a Moslem but a Mussulman.

Nizamia's Message to Gen. Smuts

The following message has been sent to General Smuts by the Nizamia Muslim Society, Maritzburg:—"With my humble duty I desire on behalf of the officials and members of the Nizamia Muslim Society, Maritzburg, to convey to your our warm greetings and congratulations on your seventy-first birthday."

The fifth annual general meeting of the Nizamia Muslim Society, with which is amalgamated the Madressa Talimul Islam, will be held on Sunday at the Madressa, Slow Street, Maritzburg at 2 p.m. The agenda will be, minutes, annual report, financial statement, election of office-bearers and general.

Members, officials and well-wishers are kindly asked to attend.

A Religious Lecture

Under the auspices of the Kemal Study Group a public lecture was held on Sunday. The Rev. W. H. Satchell was in the chair.

Mr. G. M. Jamal opened the proceedings with a prayer from the Holy Quoran.

The lecturer was then introduced by the chairman, who in the course of his introduction, referred to the various religious personalities and emphasised the fact that belief in God was the basic principle of every religion.

Mr. A. H. Dadat spoke at length on the subject of the afternoon, "The Message of Peace," or "The Life of the Holy Prophet Mohammed" (p.b.u.h.)

He strongly advised young Muslims to take up the study of the Holy Quoran as well as the Life of the Holy Prophet.

The chairman, in summing up, paid tribute to the Holy Prophet and the Quoran, and stressed the fact that belief in one God was common to both Islam and Christianity. He urged both the Christian and Muslim members of the audience to study the Islamic religion.

City Youth Club

A City Youth Club has been formed under the auspices of the Durban Hindu Youth. The following officials were elected: Chairman, Mr. P. S. Pather; vice president, Mr. R. V. Naidoo; hon. secretary, Mr. N. Kisten Chetty; treasurer, Mr. N. P. Pather; committee, Messrs. S. S. Pillay, M. Peter, C. P. Govender, Terry David, Harripersadh, Soobiah Tathoo and Ram Naidoo.

Mr. P. S. Pather, on behalf of the club, thanked Mr. Patel for his kind assistance and also for his keen interest towards the club. Mr. Patel gave a short speech on religion and asked the youths not to forget the traditions of their people.

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Maritzburg Soccer

weekend soccer in Maritzburg ...ted a large crowd. In the first ...e match Schools beat Royal by ...goals to nil.

...econd match, which provided ...spectators with plenty of thrills, ...between Young Natalians and ... ended in a draw, 2-2. P. ...Leggoy, the Natal centre half, ...always in the picture with fine ...ing and ball control.

...iew in the junior division were ...ssionate to lose to Yorks after ...ing 3—2. They went down fighting ...final whistle, 5-3.

...other exciting match was between ...nia and Shamrocks in the second ...of the junior rank. Shamrocks ... 2—0.

WEEKEND SOCCER FIXTURES

MARITZBURG TODAY

SENIORS

...5 p.m.: Young Natalians v. Young Colonials.

...p.m.: Stella v. Schools.

JUNIORS

...p.m.: Britannia v. Y. Colonials.

JUVENILES

...p.m.: Young Natalians v. Yorks.

LADYSMITH TODAY

(Pillay's up Replay)

...3 p.m., Moslem v. Schools. Referee, ... Narsingh.

TOMORROW

(At Stanger)

Fixtures for tomorrow afternoon: ... p.m., Pirates v. Kearsney at ...anger. Referee: Mr. Polly.

...2.15 p.m., United v. Doornkop at ...anger. Referee: Mr. Maraj.

...2.30 p.m., Springboks v. Victorians ...Stanger. Referee: Mr. Augustine.

COUNTY SOCCER

(Tomorrow)

JUNIOR LEAGUE CUP

...11.45 a.m., Cliff-Royals v. Shawcs. Referee: Mr. A. M. Moodley.

...p.m., Shamrocks v. Schools Old ...s. Referee: Mr. S. G. Chetty.

SENIOR LEAGUE CUP

...3.15 p.m., Rovers v. Cliff-View ...ls. Referee: Mr. T. R. Jack.

...Shamrocks v. Bellair. Referee: Mr. ...P. Joe.

Suburban School Games

On May 14 Alexcom Indian School's participants travelled to Pinetown Indian School's ground and the participants of Malvern Indian School travelled to Roosfontein Indian School's ground. The results were:

AT PINETOWN

Soccer: Pinetown v. Alexcom (seniors). Referee: Mr. S. Chotai. Pinetown won by 2 goals to nil.

Rounders (Girls).—Draw.

Debate (Vegetarianism (Alexcom) v. Meat-eating (Pinetown). Alexcom won by 60½ to 54.

AT ROOSFONTEIN

Soccer—Malvern "A" v. Roosfontein (juniors). Referee: Mr. V. K. Naidoo. Malvern won by 2 goals to nil.

Rounders (Girls).—Roosfontein won by 1 to nil.

Debate — Savage Life (Malvern v. Civilised Life (Roosfontein). Won by Roosfontein.

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Soccer at Stanger

Stanger United met Stars on the Stanger ground and in a slow game emerged winners by two nil. Box again showed that he is invaluable to his team in saving his team on numerous occasions. The goalkeeper, whenever called upon, did his clearing neatly. The Stars forwards, lacked thrust in front of the goal and missed many opportunities. (Referee: Mr. P. Kisten.)

The Springbok-Kearsney tussle was the best match of the day and was played at Kearsney. From the beginning, it was a ding-dong affair with both sides pressing. Springboks were by a penalty goal. Chota Omarjee defended stoutly. Perumal was the other outstanding player. S. D. Gopalan again played a sterling game for Kearsney. Springboks now head the League Log and look a tough proposition for the other teams. (Referee: Mr. V. G. Augustine.)

Young Pirates travelled to Doornkop and were again in good form to hold the experienced Doornkop side to a goalless draw.

Weekend Eisteddfod Programme

Today's Indian Eisteddfod programme at the Sastri College is as follows:

1.30 p.m.: Tamil and Telugu Children's Harmonium, violin and vocal solos, duets, trios and school choirs.

7 p.m.: Tamil and Telugu Vocal and Instrumental Solos (open class), adult bands, dhobi solos, own choice of instrument solos, children's sithar, veenai and violin solos.

Tomorrow's programme:

1.30 p.m.: Tamil and Telugu Folk Dancing (Kummie and Punthadi), children's school choirs, children's bands, open class vocal and instrumental solos.

The Asicolafrican

The Durban Asicolafrican League, which has been formed recently, is a cultural body embracing Asiatics, Coloureds and Africans. It is non-political, owing no allegiance to any particular organisation. The members of this organisation aim solely at a dispassionate approach to the various problems that confront the people of this land.

The officials are: President, Mr. S. Patchay; hon. secretary, Mr. George Humphries; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. R. Athmanand Maharaj, B.A.; committee, Dr. C. N. Dhlamini, Messrs. S. Reginald Joshua, P. Doraisamy, C. J. Nakasa.

Death of Mr. A. G. Patel

The funeral took place at the Brooke Street cemetery on Sunday last of the late Mr. A. G. Patel.

Mr. Patel, formerly of Kathor, Surat, was a well-known member of the Indian community of Durban. The funeral was largely attended. He is survived by his widow, six sons and two daughters.

Ladysmith's New Theatre

On Saturday last the new theatre, styled The Arkhaw Theatre, was opened by His Worship the Mayor, Mr. J. W. Sheddon at 8 p.m. The house was packed to its doors. Mr. Thomas, on behalf of the proprietors, extended the prayer.

The Mayor spoke in high terms of the building and complimented the proprietors for erecting such a spacious hall for the Indian community, and bestowed his blessings for its success.

Amongst the other speakers were the Magistrate, Mr. D. R. Donkhorst and Essop I. Cassim.

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Streamlined Brunette Stars at Avalon

Jean Parker, the streamlined brunette, Jane Lang, the glamorous blonde, and handsome James Ellison comprise the romantic trio whose conflicting heartinterests contribute to the comedy and hilarity of Hal Roach's new film romance, "Zenobia," which will have its showing at the Avalon Theatre next Monday. The remaining members of the top-flight cast read like a galaxy of Hollywood's best known celebrities and include such notables as Billie Burke, Oliver Hardy, Alice Brady, Harry Langdon and Stepin Fetchit.

The second part of the week's programme is a completely different type of picture, for Sonja Henie, in this 20th Century-Fox film Darryl F. Zanuck presents the famed skating star in a combined dramatic and comedy role. Sonja's amazingly developed acting ability makes her perfectly at home in the story and of course there are sequences in which Sonja distorts not only on skates but on the sheer, shimmering ski slides of the Alps. Although Sonja's role is essentially dramatic, light comedy touches are injected when Ray Milland and Robert Cummings, as two rival newspaper reporters, fall for her and fight for her love as well as for one of the biggest stories of the day. Directed by Irving Cummings with a deft touch, "Everything Happens at Night" is exceptional entertainment.

Jean Parker and James Ellison are headed for romance in Hal Roach's "Zenobia," the new film comedy which has its premiere showing through United Artists tomorrow.

Mooi River Board Grants School Site

As a result of representations made by Messrs. Peter Singh and James Augustine, of the Estcourt Branch of the Natal Indian Congress, the Town Board of Mooi River has offered a site for an Indian School at the lower end of Market Lane.

The terms and the conditions upon which the land may be used and the advisability or otherwise of a lease, have not been determined yet, but the officials as headquarters have taken up the matter.

Arrangements are expected to be completed within a fortnight.

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Tame Soccer at Currie's Fountain

On the No. 1 ground at Currie Fountain last Saturday afternoon, Daffodils held Collegians to a draw. Surprisingly enough, it was Daffodils who scored the first goal within a few minutes of the opening. Play continued under a slight drizzle, which made the ground and the ball heavy. Collegians by some good play equalised and then drew ahead.

Rajoo made many independent sallies against the Collegians' goals but was repulsed. His efforts were rewarded when he pushed in a ball which had rebounded after striking the upright.

Both teams now made concerted attempts to forge ahead, Daffodils having the better of the game, but the score remained two all when the referee's whistle called time.

ONE SIDED GAME

What was expected to be the star match of the afternoon fizzled out into a one-sided show in which Stars, expounding a new type of soccer at Currie Fountain—that of long passing—beat Avondale 5—1.

At the rate they are collecting goals, Stars will have a cricket score to boast of at the end of the season.

For half-an-hour Avondale had managed to keep the redoubtable Star forwards at bay, but once the latter had penetrated the Avondale defences they kept hammering at the goal. It was only some resolute keeping by the Avondale custodian that kept Stars from running riot.

Outstanding on the field was Mahomed's play on the outside right; he wasted no time with the ball, and the crowd enjoyed his magnificent solo runs on the touch line and his crosses.

For Avondale, Arumugam played well, but was hampered in that he had nobody to help him on the forward line.

Isipingo Royals

The sixth annual meeting of the Isipingo Royals Indian F.C. was held recently. The retiring secretary, Mr. D. Roopnarian, emphasised in his report for the foregoing year, the very successful season the club has had.

The following officials were elected for the coming season: Patrons: Messrs. L. Tremearne, Newhouse, W. Chinsamy, R. Donaldson, R. Gopaulsingh, J. Vardan, R. Rowden, N. Baboonram, S. Singh, K. Nowbuth, S. Rahaldan, S. Seerpaul, S. Rahaldan, R. Natalie, K. Ramnath; president, Mr. S. Gokul; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. Thompson, M. M. George, Bindhu, B. Arkhin, Mossa Jadwat, S. C. Daswani, B. Soobramoney, M. Honaram, R. Nowbuth, J. L. Singh and W. E. Ally.

Hon. secretary, Mr. H. Sewpersadh; assistant secretary, Mr. B. Barry; treasurer, Mr. D. Roopnarian; delegates, Messrs. V. Morgan and H. Sewpersadh; captain "A" team, Mr. S. Gokul; vice captain "A" team, Mr. S. Soobran; captain "B" team, Mr. M. George; vice captain "B" team, Mr. P. Nowbuth

Committee: Messrs. M. George, R. Gokul, M. H. Keerath, B.A., L. Rajoo, S. Nowbuth, P. Singh, R. Natalie, Ganas Vardan, S. Jimmy, C. Ganesh and M. Dasoamy; auditor, Mr. M. A. Keerath, B.A.

Greytown Pirates

At the tenth annual meeting of the Pirates Football Club, Greytown, the following officials were elected for the ensuing year: Patrons, Messrs. R. V. Ramiah, M. Subban and M. Bheekie; president, Mr. R. Bhola; vice-presidents, Messrs. M. Govender, T. Kurrian, and R. E. Alwar; secretary and treasurer, Mr. M. Bheekie; captain, Mr. R. E. Alwar; vice-captain, Mr. A. Moodley; manager, Mr. R. Bhola; delegates to the association, Messrs. C. P. Govender, R. E. Alwar, and R. R. Chain.

The club gratefully acknowledges the donation of half a guinea and a football from Messrs. R. Bhola and M. Bheekie respectively.

Sarmcol F.C.

At the third annual meeting of the Sarmcol Football Club, held recently, the following were elected officials for the ensuing year: President, Mr. M. R. George; hon. secretary, Mr. D. Sadaiay; assist. secretary, Mr. R. Chetkan; hon. treasurer, Mr. D. Sadaiay and Mr. R. Seeraj; captain, Mr. R. Chetkan; vice-captain, Mr. E. Sequeira; committee, Messrs. C. R. Peters, D. Sadaiay and M. R. George.

Move for Play Grounds

"There are seven schools under our jurisdiction and there are approximately 4,000 children attending these schools and I am sorry to say that none of these schools have any suitable grounds," said Mr. R. Nishaber, the secretary, at the meeting of the newly constituted Sydenham District Indian Sports Association.

It was decided to approach the City Council for recreation grounds in the Sydenham area.

The following officials were unanimously elected: Patron, Mr. E. M. Chin; president, Mr. R. Maharaj; hon. secretary, Mr. J. Nadasan Naidoo; hon. treasurer, Mr. M. C. Moodley; vice presidents, Messrs. K. R. Nair, A. Seedien, R. Ragnath, J. M. Sandyall, A. K. Hayath, J. S. Roopnarian, M. B. Iyalsa, H. G. Singh, R. Perumal, W. Raheelal, M. Jalim, S. Rajpaul, R. Gunga, K. Thumbadoo and S. B. Singh; committee, Messrs. R. D. Naidoo, Charles M. Pillay, Asaab Khan, Jack Raman, V. R. Nair, H. Jithoo and V. R. Chetty; subcommittee to Draft Constitution, the chairman, secretary, treasurer, Mr. M. C. Moodley and K. R. Nair

Coloured Beat Indians 9–1

"Spectator," Maritzburg writes: My attention is drawn to the result published of the soccer matches played between Coloureds and Indians at the New Coloured Grounds on May 17. Two matches were played and the news appeared about only one, that the schools (Indians) beat the Coloureds by 2 goals to 1.

The other match was played between Rangers (Indians) and Universals (Coloureds) and the result was that the Coloureds beat the Indians by 9 goals to 1.

Surely we, as spectators, should give credit to the better team and not be afraid of distributing the results to the outside soccer world.

Europeans Beat Indians at Soccer

A friendly soccer match was played between Indians (Brown I.F.C.) and Europeans (Godfrey's XI) at Currie's Fountain on Sunday last. It resulted in a win for the Europeans by 4—1.

The superior combination of the Europeans was responsible for their success. Credit to the Indian side goes to A.-H. I. Mahomedy, M. E. Jonas, the ordinary goal-keeper, and Jithoo, the goalie.

Sports Items in Brief

Ladysmith: At Ladysmith on Saturday last Stars met Shamrocks in the Pillay's Cup first round, when Stars won 3—2. Rough play cost Shamrocks the match and one of the players was ordered off the field.

Moslems, the league champions, met schools in the Pillay's Cup competition, which resulted in a draw of one goal each. Time did not allow the referee to continue with the extra half.

Play for Pop: Pleasislaer sportsmen witnessed a thrilling match on Saturday, when two tough teams, Pleasislaer United (captain, B. Athmaroo) met Sutherland Tigers (captain, E. Chellie) at Pleasislaer ground. After an exciting game the P.U. beat their opponents by 6 goals to 5, thus winning the bottles of pop from the defeated teams as had been prearranged.

School Sport at Estcourt: Under the aegis of the Estcourt Parents and Teachers Union, the annual school sports will be held on the school grounds, Estcourt, on May 31.

Isipingo Soccer: The following teams have affiliated in the Isipingo District Football Association: Derby Factory (Durban), Kynocha (Umbogintwini), Reunion "A" and "B" (Reunion), Royal "A" and "B" (Umbogintwini), Isipingo Schools (Isipingo), Prospection Sugar Estate (Isipingo).

The season will open next Sunday and play will be for the South African Breweries League Cup. This Cup was presented by the Isipingo Railway Hotel some ten years ago.

Duffs Road Sports Club: The third annual meeting of the Duffs Road United Sports Club was held on Sunday last at the Duffs Road sports ground at 3.30 p.m. S.

The following were elected as office bearers for the ensuing season: Patrons, Messrs. Woodlands Hotel, M. H. Dhooma, R. Ramsaur, G. Ramanthar; president, Mr. W. Cain; vice presidents, Messrs. M. S. Ramgobin, D. Ramharan, S. R. Roopnarian, Hari Persad, D. A. Dhooma, J. Ramsunan, F. Narandas, A. Razaak and M. Dhooma; chairman, Mr. I. M. Dhooma; vice-chairman, Mr. Lallu Persad; secretary and treasurer, Mr. Jack Cairn.

On Sunday last the Ladysmith Indian Angling Club had a successful outing. Mr. M. J. Khan being the winner of the trophy.

On Sunday at Maritzburg Islamia "B" lost to Market "A" by 8—2. The outstanding player for the Market eleven was Loggie Moodley, who scored 3 goals in succession.

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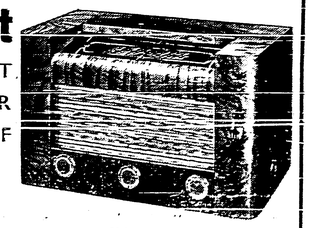

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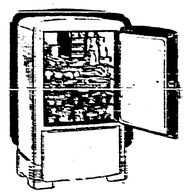

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The Klip River District Indian Football Association will hold its five-a-side tournament tomorrow at the Indian sports ground, Ladysmith, commencing at 10 a.m.

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The marriage of Mr. Mohsin Ally, the eldest son of Mr. Fidahusen Ally, of the Orient Music Saloon, to the daughter of Mr. Jivabhai Hasanbhai, a wealthy merchant of Indore, India, took place in Indore last week. His two daughters were also married in the same family.

Messrs. M. Abool, C. I. and A. H. M. Coovadia, after spending a short holiday in Durban, left for Johannesburg this week.

The following have now returned after holidaying in Cape Town: Messrs. S. M. Paruk, Ahmed Paruk, M. H. Coovadia, Yusuf Paruk, Md. Jadwat and Abdoola Moosa.

Mr. D. C. Maharaj, a teacher of the Isipingo School, left last night for Johannesburg where he will perform a marriage ceremony.

Messrs. D. R. Maharaj, S. A. Maharaj, and K. Gopal and family, all of Maritzburg, spent Ascension Day at Tongaat.

Messrs. R. J. Maharaj, A. E. Jina, J. J. Maharaj, E. Patel, A. Wadiwalla and E. Pocher have returned to Carolina, Transvaal, after visiting various places in Natal.

Messrs. I. M. Daddekhoy, C. H. Bhabha and A. Chotiah have left Carolina on a visit to Southern Rhodesia.

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Ramiah, of Greytown, returned home after spending a short holiday in Durban. Mr. Ramiah is hon. secretary and treasurer of both the G.D.I.F.A. and the Greytown I.T.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Juan, of Maritzburg, spent a short holiday in Estcourt, where they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. Augustine, sen.

Mr. M. R. Naidoo, son of Mr. J. M. Naidoo, of Tongaat, who is a clerk of the Moreland Estates (Pty.), Ltd., will celebrate his coming of age on June 12, 1941.

Mr. Amod I. D. Mia, of Kearsney, and Mr. M. Yusuf Bux, of Stanger, have returned to their respective homes after a six weeks' tour of South Africa, Johannesburg, Pretoria, Springs, Kimberley and Capetown were some of the towns they visited.

Mr. S. C. Saucham, of Richmond, who spent two months' holiday in Port Shepstone, has now returned home.

A TONGAAT WEDDING

Miss Kathija Khan, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Khan, of Railway Street, Tongaat, was married to Mr. Shaik Essop, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Shaik Sultan, of "Cotton Lands," Verulam on Sunday last.

Maulvi Ahmed Kasir, of Verulam, who officiated as the Nikah ceremony, delivered a lecture on the life of Prophet Mohammed. He spoke at length and pointed out the necessity of cleanliness of mind and body.

A concert was also provided on Saturday evening at the bride's residence by Messrs. Dawood Qawwal and party of Durban.

NATAL CHILD WELFARE CONFERENCE

A Natal Indian Council for Child Welfare was inaugurated at a fully representative meeting at Durban last Saturday.

"There are some problems which are common to all Indian children and for that matter with children of all races, but Indian children suffer from racial disadvantages. Such a council will be able to work as you will see from the proposed constitution on national lines representing all questions of Indian children to Government and other authorities and co-operating with the South African National Council for Child Welfare," said Mrs. G. Christopher, who presided.

"The conference will devote itself to the formation of such a council and discuss many aspects of Indian child life. But I ask the delegates, as I do ask friends, to remember the heart-rending conditions under which many children live owing to the unfavourable economic position of their parents who are paid a miserable rate of wages, badly housed, and given the rations which were given to the Indians who came to Natal under Indenture in 1860 during their lives in frail storm-tossed sailing ships, in the hope, like men and women of other races, to build a new home. They and their descendants have given of their best to this land of their adoption and birth, but many of them still live below subsistence level.

"We are still living in hopes and let us in the midst of the dreadful war that is raging consider human values and man's inhumanity to man, and when the war is over that in the New Order that we speak of let every human being be treated as such."

Other speakers were Mr. R. P. Das, the Mayor, Mr. R. Ellis Brown; Mr. D. R. R. Muir, secretary of the High Commissioner of India; Mr. D. G. Shepstone; Mrs. E. Benson; Mr. J. Brewin; Mr. P. R. Pather; Miss L. M. Mackenzie; Mrs. L. R. Tibbit; Mr. R. Miller, representative of Mr. G. M. A. Vawda, Newcastle; Mr. A. Christopher; Mr. T. M. Naicker; Chief Tuli; Dr. Friedlander, and Mr. S. L. Singh.

On resumption the conference adopted the constitution. The council, it states, is organised in the interests of the welfare of the Indian children of Natal, irrespective of state or politics or creed, and excludes from its programme party, political and religious questions of a controversial nature.

The following office-bearers were elected: Patrons, Her Excellency Lady Duncan, Hon. W. B. Madeley, Hon. F. H. Hofmeyr, Hon. Dr. Colin Steyn, Hon. G. H. Lawrence, and the High Commissioner of India; president, Mrs. G. Christopher; vice-president, Mr. P. R. Pather; secretary, Mr. M. B. Lazarus; treasurer, Mr. D. S. Chetty.

Addresses were made to the conference by Miss L. M. Mackenzie, organising secretary, S.A. National Council for Child Welfare, on "The Child we Serve"; Mrs. L. R. Tibbit, of Maritzburg, on Indian Child Welfare work in the community; Dr. V. T. William, on the care of the child; Mrs. G. M. Naidoo, on education for girls, and Mr. Miller, probation officer, on child protection.

Resolutions that were adopted by the conference referred to the Provincial Administration providing facilities for the training of Indian midwives, that State-aided institutions be extended to include Indians, that the Natal Education Department be requested to institute regular medical inspection of Indian school children, compulsory and free education, more nutritive rations for Durban municipal workers.

Other resolutions were: "That this conference strongly feels that the conditions prevailing in the Indian Immigration Hospital, commonly known as the Depot Hospital, are not conducive to the health of the Indian patients, and the maintenance of this hospital is not in the best interests of the Indian immigrants and their descendants. This conference is firmly of the opinion that the Depot Hospital and the Indian Immigration Hospitals in other centres have served their days and requests that these hospitals be abolished."

"That this conference also directs the Natal Indian Council for Child Welfare to investigate into the conditions affecting the life of Indian children on the estates, mines and other places of employment and to take such action as it may consider it advisable."

"This conference is much concerned with the difficulties that Indians experience as a result of the irregular registration of marriages between Indentured and Passenger Indians, and appeals to the Commissioner for Immigration and Asiatic Affairs to press for the regularisation of these marriages."

The following were delegates:—

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PRIZE DISTRIBUTION AT STANGER

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Class Ia, boys: 1, Ayob Mahomed; 2, Ghulam Hoosen; C. Durjee; 3, Yunus A. G. Bux; class Ib, boys: 1, Ayob Sid Ameed; 2, A. Satar Ismail; 3, Idris A. G. Bux; class Ia, girls: 1, Kadijah A. Bux; 2, Zaitboon Kallan; 3, Kulsoom Kassim; class Ib, girls: 1, Salimah A. H. Bux; 2, Saleema D. Khan; 3, Latifa Abdulla; std. Ia, boys: 1, M. Essack; 2, Yusuf S. Vawda; 3, Ismail A. Asmal; std. Ib, boys: 1, Dawood S. Vawda; 2, Ghulam Hoosen A. Rahim; 3, Md. Hasaim Abdulla; std. Ia, girls: 1, K. M. Khan and K. Kallan; 2, Z. Abdulla; 3, Hawa K. Hoosen; std. Ib, girls: 1, Rasool E. Badath; 2, Marnam Dawood; 3, Halima Osman; std. IIa, girls: 1, Safoora M. Khan; 2, Fatimah Y. Bux; 3, Marriam E. Badath; std. IIb, girls: 1, Hajra C. Rasool; 2, Zaithoon F. A. Bux and Zubaida Suliman; std. IIIa, boys: 1, Sayed Ali Sayed; 2, Dawood E. and M. Khan; 3, Ghulam Hoosen H. Suliman; std. IIIb, boys: 1, Noor-hoosen A. H. Bux; 2, Ismail A. Rahim; 3, Thasdic Musthan; std. IIIa, girls: Sarah A. Hassim; std. IVa, boys: 1, Ghulam Hoosen A. Lali; std. IVa, girls: 1, Hanifa Ismail Tayob.

Mr. Ismail Tayob, who presided, thanked those who had contributed towards the prizes and pointed out that it was with their assistance that the prize-giving was successful.

Thanks, it was stated, were due to Mr. A. G. Bux, the hard-working secretary of the Stanger Islamia Madressa Society. The result produced by the pupils of the Madressa reflect great credit on his part. The committee which organised the prize distribution, Messrs. S. Badsha, E. K. Ali, Essack Hoosen and Ismail Rahiwan, deserve the thanks of the Moslim community of Lower Tugela district for their untiring efforts in bringing the prize distribution to a success. Mr. M. H. Loonat distributed the prizes.

The Klip River District Indian Football Association will hold its five-a-side tournament tomorrow at the Indian sports ground, Ladysmith, commencing at 10 a.m.

THE WOMEN'S WORLD

Mainly About People

The marriage of Mr. Mohsin Ally, the eldest son of Mr. Fidahusen Ally, of the Orient Music Saloon, to the daughter of Mr. Jivabhai Hasanbhai, a wealthy merchant of Indore, India, took place in Indore last week. His two daughters were also married in the same family.

Messrs. M. Abed, C. I. and A. H. M. Cassadia, after spending a short holiday in Durban, left for Johannesburg this week.

The following have now returned after holidaying in Cape Town: Messrs. S. M. Paruk, Ahmed Paruk, M. H. Coovadia, Yusuf Paruk, Md. Jadwat and Abdoola Moosa.

Mr. D. C. Maharaj, a teacher of the Inanda School, left last night for Johannesburg, where he will perform a marriage ceremony.

Messrs. D. R. Maharaj, S. A. Maharaj, and K. Gopal and family, all of Maritzburg, spent Ascension Day at Tongaat.

Messrs. R. J. Maharaj, A. E. Jina, J. J. Maharaj, E. Patel, A. Wadiwalla and E. Pachee have returned to Carolina, Transvaal, after visiting various places in Natal.

Messrs. I. M. Dadabhay, G. H. Bhabha and A. Chotiah have left Carolina on a visit to Southern Rhodesia.

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Ramiah, of Greytown, returned home after spending a short holiday in Durban. Mr. Ramiah is hon. secretary and treasurer of both the G.D.I.F.A. and the Greytown I.T.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Jinan, of Maritzburg, spent a short holiday in Estcourt, where they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. Augustine, snr.

Mr. M. R. Naidoo, son of Mr. J. M. Naidoo, of Tongaat, who is a clerk of the Noreland Estates (Pty.), Ltd., will celebrate his coming of age on June 12, 1941.

Mr. Amod I. D. Mia, of Kearsney, and Mr. M. Yusuf Bux, of Stanger, have returned to their respective homes after a six weeks' tour of South Africa, visiting Johannesburg, Waterval, Springs, Kimberley and Capetown were some of the towns they visited.

Mr. S. C. Sangham, of Richmond, who spent two months' holiday in Port Shepstone, has now returned home.

A TONGAAT WEDDING

Miss Kathija Khan, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Khan, of Railway Street, Tongaat, was married to Mr. Shaik Essop, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Shaik Sultan, of Cotton Lands, Verulam on Sunday last.

Moulvie Abdul Kadir, of Verulam, who officiated at the Nikah ceremony, delivered a lecture on the life of Prophet Mohammed. He spoke at length and pointed out the necessity of cleanliness of mind and body.

A concert was also provided on the occasion, at the bride's residence by Messrs. Dawood Qasweal and party of Durban.

NATAL CHILD WELFARE CONFERENCE

A Natal Indian Council for Child Welfare was inaugurated at a fully representative meeting at Durban last Saturday.

"There are some problems which are common to all Indian children and for that matter with children of all races, but Indian children suffer from racial disadvantages. Such a council will be able to work as you will see from the proposed constitution on national lines representing all questions of Indian children to Government and other authorities and cooperating with the South African National Council for Child Welfare," said Mrs. G. Christopher, who presided.

"The conference will devote itself to the formation of such a council and discuss many aspects of Indian child life. But I ask the delegates, as I do ask friends, to remember the heartrending conditions under which many children live owing to the unfavourable economic position of their parents who are paid a miserable rate of wages, badly housed, and given the rations which were given to the Indians who came to Natal under indenture in 1860 during their lives in frail stormed-tossed sailing ships, in the hope, like men and women of other races, to build a new home. They and their descendants have given of their best to this land of their adoption and birth, but many of them still live below subsistence level.

"We are still living in hopes and let us in the midst of the dreadful war that is raging consider human values and man's inhumanity to man, and when the war is over that in the New Order that we speak of let every human being be treated as such."

Other speakers were Mr. R. P. Das; the Mayor; Mrs. R. E. Bruce; Mr. D. R. R. Muir, secretary of the High Commissioner of India; Mr. D. G. Shepstone; Mrs. R. Benson; Mr. J. Develin; Mr. P. Pather; Miss L. M. Mackenzie; Mrs. L. R. Tibbit; Mr. R. Millar, probation officer; Mr. G. M. A. Vawda, Newcastle; Mr. A. Christopher; Mr. T. M. Naicker; Chief Tuli; Dr. Friedlander, and Mr. S. L. Singh.

On resumption the conference adopted the constitution. The council, it states, is organised in the interests of the welfare of the Indian children of Natal, irrespective of class or politics or creed, and excludes from its programme party, political and religious questions of a controversial nature.

The following office-bearers were elected: Patrons, Her Excellency Lady Duncan, Hon. W. R. Madeley, Hon. H. Hofmeyr, Hon. Dr. Colin Steyn, Hon. G. H. Lawrence, and the High Commissioner of India; president, Mrs. G. Christopher; vice-presidents, Mrs. P. R. Pather; secretary, Mr. M. B. Lazarus; treasurer, Mr. D. S. Chetty.

Addresses were made to the conference by Miss E. M. Mackenzie, organising secretary, S.A. National Council for Child Welfare, on "The Children's Charter"; Mrs. L. R. Tibbit, of Maritzburg, on Indian Child Welfare work in the community; Dr. V. T. Williams, on the care of the child; Mrs. C. M. Naidoo, on education for girls, and Mr. Millar, probation officer, on child protection.

Resolutions were also adopted by the conference referred to the Provincial Administration providing facilities for the training of Indian midwives, that free-aided hostel scheme be extended to include Indians, that the Natal Education Department be requested to institute regular medical inspection of Indian school children, compulsory and free education, more nutritive rations for Durban municipal workers.

Other resolutions were: "That this conference strongly feels that the conditions prevailing in the Indian Immigration Hospital, commonly known as the Depot Hospital, are not conducive to the health of the Indian patients, and the maintenance of this hospital is not in the best interests of the Indian immigrants and their descendants. This conference is firmly of the opinion that the Depot Hospital and the Indian Immigration Hospitals in other centres have served their days and requests that these hospitals be abolished."

"That this conference also directs the Natal Indian Council for Child Welfare to investigate into the conditions affecting the life of Indian children on the estates, mines and other places of employment and to take such action as it may consider it advisable."

"This conference is much concerned with the difficulties that Indians experience as a result of the irregular registration of marriages between Indentured and Passenger Indians, and appeals to the Commissioner for Immigration and Asiatic Affairs to press for the regularisation of these marriages."

The following were delegates:—

Durban: V. Reddy, M. M. Naicker, M. M. Freddy, D. Jithoo, Mrs. A. Chetty, A. Christopher, R. Gopaul-singh, V. S. V. Pillay, S. T. Naidoo, T. S. John, Mrs. Gadija Christopher, R. P. Das, D. S. Chetty, S. P. Singh, K. M. Govender, V. A. Naicker, Mrs. A. N. Pillay, Mrs. G. Paul, Mrs. J. P. Singh, Mrs. A. Pather, Mrs. A. M. Seethal, Mrs. C. S. Nundoo, V. S. M. Pillai, Mrs. C. M. Naidoo, C. Munsamy, R. S. Ramnaidoo.

Verulam: S. Reginald Joshua (joint hon. secretary to conference), C. Kistan, T. P. Sam, V. Govindasamy, V. Subhan.

Tongaat: V. V. Naidoo.

Umzinto: M. M. Naicker.

Pinetown: Miss J. Batcham, M. N. Naidoo, N. Nesthee, E. Sheikh.

Stanger: R. C. Naidoo, G. V. Naidoo, R. Sewpal, D. D. Lalla (joint hon. secretary to conference), S. Mohideen.

Newcastle: N. Geo. Ellary, Mrs. A. M. Ephraim, G. M. A. Vawda.

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Her Excellency Lady Duncan (through her secretary): Her Excellency wishes me to send you her good wishes for the success of the conference and for the future work of the Indian Child Welfare Society in Natal.

Field-Marshal J. C. Smuts, the Prime Minister: The General hopes that your conference will be a success and that all the delegates interested will co-operate in the good work of assuring the welfare of the children.

The Hon. J. T. Hofmeyr, Minister of Finance: The Minister has been with great pleasure of the decision to establish a Natal Indian Council for child welfare. He is aware of the fact that there are several local societies doing good work in different parts of Natal. Co-operation through a council for the whole of Natal will however do much to increase the effectiveness of that work.

Mr. Hofmeyr desires me to convey to the new Council his best wishes for all success in its efforts.

Hon. C. F. Stallard, Minister of Mines: Nothing is more distressing than the ills which affect the infants and children of any community and I know from experience that in South Africa a great deal remains to be done, not only by parents, but by the State in this connection. I suppose it is obvious that parental influence is the most direct means of promoting the welfare of children, but we know only too well that from economic needs and from ignorance of the principles involved, parents are too often not in a position to do the best by the children they have brought into the world. The community, and especially the country in its organisation as a State, has a definite responsibility in this respect, and I trust that the transactions at your conference may lead to good results, particularly in putting it into the comprehension and power of parents and bearing and directing the efforts of the State towards a material advance in this connection.

I have noted with the greatest interest that the vital statistics show an enormous increase in the population of the Mother Countries of the Natal Indians during very recent years.

Hon. Mackay, Minister of Labour: He desires me to express his earnest wishes for a successful conference.

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The Newspaper for the Quarter Million Indians of South Africa

DURBAN, MAY 31, 1941

Indians in the Sugar Industry

IT is gratifying that Mr. Stuttaford, the Minister of Commerce and Industries, has directed the Board of Trade and Industries to carry out an investigation into the position of the non-Europeans in the sugar industry. This inquiry begins in Durban in the second week of June. The importance of this investigation to our people needs no stressing on our part. There are over 7,500 Indians engaged in the planting side of the industry, and there are over 850 Indians who are planters on their own account. This number, with their families, brings within the orbit of the inquiry the destiny of nearly 25,000 or 30,000 Indians. The investigation is a prelude to the main conference of the industry to be held at the end of the year to arrive at a new agreement.

In the 1936 agreement the small Indian and Bantu planter by no means received a fair deal. It was due to his own neglect. In fact were it not for Mr. Fahey, the chairman of the conference, and the efforts of the South African Indian Congress, the small Indian planter's position would have been worse than it is.

The absence of facts and figures and the silence of the big Indian planters at the 1936 conference would have brought ruination to some 850 small Indian planters had it not been for the increased consumption of sugar in the Union as a result of the introduction of second-grade sugar and other factors which enabled the industry to increase its production beyond the 488,800 tons laid down by the 1936 Sugar Act.

The terms of reference of the inquiry are very broad and cover every aspect affecting the position of the non-Europeans in the sugar industry. In the 1936 agreement the small European planter by his persistence and organisation obtained a secure and prosperous place for himself. Three thousand five hundred tons of sugar cane was the maximum he was permitted to rise to; by this a large number of the European planters were enabled to make new plantings. The small European planter also benefited in price for his cane from a fund known as the Equalisation Fund, to which the industry contributed over £50,000. Neither of these benefits came to the Indian or Bantu planter.

The small Indian and Bantu planter not only starved "pari" as at the tonnage of cane supplied by him to his mill at 1935-36, but a gross injustice was done to those who had planted cane prior to 1936, but which cane had not reached the mills and was not on its record. This cane remained homeless. This was the tragedy of the 1936 Agreement. It is estimated that there is from 15,000 to 30,000 tons of this homeless cane. This problem de-serves first consideration at the hands of the investigators.

The next important item is to provide and define the minimum quota tonnage of cane which an Indian or a Bantu planter can grow and supply to his mill. In this the board must be guided by the standard of living and other factors of the economic life of the small planter concerned.

It should, however, in the case of an Indian solely dependent upon sugar cane growing as his livelihood be not less than 500 tons, and in the case where cane growing is not the sole source of living 250 tons should be the minimum. It is only natural that the small Indian planter with his illiteracy and inability to speak for himself has found his interests neglected in the non-European mill group boards. A central board with Indian and native representation to deal with all questions of the non-European cane planter may, in our opinion, be a solution to the present unhappy state of affairs.

We hope the board will also take cognisance of the absence of non-European representations in the industry generally. Outside the non-European mill group boards the non-European has no representation in the secret and other conclaves of the sugar industry, to the prosperity of which the Indian has so materially, by the sweat of his brow, contributed.

Above all things, let the Natal Indian Cane Growers' Association, the Small Indian Cane Growers' Association and the Bantu Cane Growers' Association not let this opportunity go by default. The board of investigation consists of men of great integrity and impartiality, men who are economists, and if a proper and just case is submitted the report will, we are sure, be fair and just.

Dr. Rousseau, chairman of the Sugar Industry Central Board, at the annual meeting of the South African Cane Growers' Association early in May rightly sounded a note of warning to his European hearers of the great need for each section of the industry to lay its cards on the table more openly than hitherto. This warning applies in equal measure to the Indian cane growers. Let there be no default and neglect by the small Indian cane growers this time. The South African Indian Congress is to be congratulated on its persistency in briefing the inquiry. It was as it did at the last conference, enunciate broad principles for the protection of the Indians engaged in the industries. The details must be carefully submitted by those whose livelihood is at stake.

We are ardent readers of your widely read paper The Leader and we are highly indebted to you for its many appealing and fascinating articles which are of the greatest interest to the Indian community.

SARUBJITH P. JOE.

The treasurer, Mr. D. E. Asmall, of the South Coast Madressa Trust, of Marianhill, begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations: From Ismail Amod Omar, £5 10s.; Essop Joosab, £2.

Our Readers Speak

INDIAN EISTEDDFOD

I have read your second editorial in your last issue with interest.

I know your remarks must have been prompted by the growing unpopularity of the Eisteddfod in recent months, or the Eisteddfod in recent months, I contend that in asking the public to show greater interest you are, like the bad teacher, whipping the wrong boy. I have always followed the movements of the Eisteddfod closely and I am one of the many who feel that it is high time that those in charge of the Eisteddfod should reorientate their policies. Whenever the public shows a lack of interest we ourselves blame the public but should never blame the public but ourselves. This is always a better and saner manner of tackling any problem involving "public apathy."

I would also like to make two further comments on the subject. In the first place the activities of the Eisteddfod seem to have been unduly concentrated on the schools. Without minimising the importance of the schools I feel that there should be greater activity among the non-school section of our community as well. It is asking much of poorly-paid teachers to devote all their spare time to the Eisteddfod. And in the second place, I would like to see the Eisteddfod refrain from politics.

In your editorial you ask that the Eisteddfod should not be made a puppet in the hands of party politicians. I would go further and say: let not the Eisteddfod allow themselves to be used as puppets. In these remarks I have in mind a concert held up in Northern Natal recently. I feel that concert is responsible for more apathy than anything else the Eisteddfod has done. And again, I would suggest that if the Eisteddfod feels it has plenty of funds for distribution to charity let it do something in the way of obtaining more schools for the thousands of Indian children who today are schoolless. In this way it will be building up the foundations for a prosperous and sound future.

GEORGE SINGH

Undoubtedly the abolishment of the Eisteddfod would be of great loss to the Indian community and your appeal in the editorial article for support can be backed upon with appreciation.

Outside differences, I readily agree, should not be brought into this cultural institution but at the same time the organisers must act in a manner that is not contrary to the wish and desire of the public.

The success of the Eisteddfod depends largely on the public so why not respect their views.

I can only end by warning the organisers of the Eisteddfod not to delve in something the community is much against. If they do then they are looking for trouble and will suffer the fate they themselves would be directly responsible for and of a situation they are helping to create.

I hope this is a lively warning.

FAIR PLAY

TAMILS AND TELEGUS

About three years ago there was formed in Durban a Tamil Teachers' Society of which the chairman is Mr. G. Ramasamy Naidoo, and Mr. S. M. Pillay, vice-president. This body had collected money for Tamil education by donations and by staging dramatic plays, which funds we believe are being utilised for this good purpose.

Within recent months, there was formed in Durban another Tamil Teachers' Society, under the chairmanship of Mr. Thangavelu M. Naicker, and Mr. P. Abboy Naidoo as vice-president. We observe by circulars issued throughout the country, that this new body is convening a Natal Tamil Conference of Natal Tamil people on Saturday, May 31, in the Gandhi's Hall, Durban.

There are other well-known Tamil educationalists like Messrs. Sooboo Naidoo, K. R. Nayanah Naidoo, C. R. Naidoo, and D. Somasundram Pillay taking part in either one or the other Tamil Teachers' Society.

What is not possible for a plain blunt man like myself to understand is: Why should there be two separate organisations under the same name?

Why should a new body be formed with a similar title while there is one already in existence?

Which body should a plain blunt man like myself support or patronise, the former or the latter?

Dame Rumour tells us that the former body is not co-operating with the latter body in this conference, and at the same time the latter body deemed it not advisable to seek the co-operation of the former. Is this correct, and why so?

Will the Vidhvans of these two bodies enlighten us on these matters?

In my humble opinion, I believe that the real cause of these constant splits and disruption taking place in the Tamil community is through allowing some of the members of the Telegu community to take leading parts in the Tamil organisations. We find Naidoos in the first society as well as in the second, and there are several others mingling in purely Tamil organisations. We admire them as Telegus pos-sessing so much Tamil culture, we respect them for their service towards Tamil education, but when they pose as Tamilians we just shun them, for then they are not true to their own section. Can they not take the same cultural interest in their own group and advance their own Telegu peoples likewise? My contention is, if you cannot be a good Telegu, how then could you be a good Tamilian?

My firm belief is, they are a foreign element in Tamil society and therefore cause disruption, and they are not even quite at home with their own section, therefore they can safely be termed as "Telegu Quislings."

KRISHNAMURTHIE NAICKER.

Mt. Edgecombe.

THE CANCELLED FEAST

As Secretary of the Surti Soon Madressa and Mosque, Isaiah Street, I desire to contradict misstatements made by C.M.P. in The Leader of May 17. In the first place no consecration was effganised by the committee and nor was it cancelled by them.

A celebration at which poor were to be fed was advertised by a group of people on their own accord and was cancelled because of the tragic death of the young man, the late Mr. Hoosen Asmall, who gave a very eminent dunation towards the erection of the Madressa which is connected with the Mosque, and also because of the fact that the mourners after the burial gathered in the Hall, where meals, as usual, were served the same day when the celebration was to have been held.

Men as well as poor are fed on an occasion of this kind. It is a deliberate falsehood to say that the late Mr. Hoosen Asmall took very little interest in the Mosque affairs, but the fact is his munificence towards religious instructures belies C.M.P.'s assertion.

The organisers of the ceremony were wise to cancel it because they did not wish to waste money in serving on the same day, meals which are already been provided to the poor as well.

However, the celebration which was cancelled did take place in the Mosque premises a few days later.

Thanking you for the consideration for the one time of C.M.P.'s

A. M. EBRAHIM.

Hon. Secretary Surti Soon Madressa and Mosque.

I wish to congratulate the Burnside F.C. for the fine record they have put up for the year 1940 as per report in your widely read paper. Prior to my visit to India in 1936, I was on the staff of Burnside Government Aided school and also played for the Burnside team even at that time Burnside had a good record to its credit. Though I am not in Burnside today I feel proud of that splendid record and wish them every success in the coming years.

C. FRANCIS

GREAT WELCOME TO INDIAN REGIMENT

Military Tribute to its Discipline

THE officers and men of the 1st Rampur Infantry, who are now in Durban, were entertained during the weekend.

On Sunday the officers were the guests of honour of the Orient Club, and in the evening there was a reception and concert given by the Natal Indian Congress at the Avalon Theatre.

During this week the officers were privately entertained; a dinner was given at the Salisbury Club by Mr. Aboobaker Moosa and Mr. S. M. Paruk at his residence in Derby Street.

At the Orient Club Mr. M. A. H. Moosa said:—

"We are proud today to entertain the officers of the 1st Rampur State Infantry Regiment, which is out in this country on escort duty. We are also pleased to have as guests from the military and civilian population of Durban as well as our country members."

Proceeding Mr. Moosa said that while the Indians as a whole were pacifists at heart, they would do anything to help Britain to win the war.

Mr. W. Wanless, the deputy Mayor, said it was a very great pleasure to have met the officers and hoped that they would be happy here.

Hajee Rookmaneen said that in India the British had their best fighting machine.

He referred to the good behaviour of the soldiers who did not fail to observe their religious practices, for on Friday they all had attended the religious services in the mosques at West Street, Grey Street and Clairwood.

Colonel Sparks said that he was struck by the smart way the Rampur soldiers had carried out their duty. They gave no trouble and that was the hallmark of a well disciplined regiment.

"GERMANY COULD NOT WIN"

Captain D. Burnside, M.P., referring to the war, said that he was satisfied that Germany could not win and that democracy must come out on top.

"This was the war of the defence of the method of life, not of the British Empire only. I am satisfied that we will get a new order, and in so far as India was making its contribution, as well as Indians in this country, which could be considerably extended, they were laying up for themselves the right to share in the good things that will come to them after the war," added Mr. Burnside.

Captain Sharief Khan, on behalf of the officers, said that since their arrival here they had very good times. "I thank you for your hospitality."

Major Mould said that the Indian army was keeping up the British army traditions, which would be carried on into the dim distant future.

"It is a cause of pride that we have these officers in our midst. Those men are a symbol of the part that India is playing in the war. I am not a pacifist," said Mr. A. I. Kajee. "We trust that their coming here will lead to the improvement of the relationships between the European and the Indian, which is not of the best. If this happens we will remember that it came because of the presence of the Rampur Regiment."

Touching on the war and the inconceivable cruelties of the dictators, Mr. Kajee declared: "To us there is no choice. Indians must put every ounce of effort to meet the tyranny. I am not talking to the men who are doing their bit, but to those men who are still deciding."

Mr. Kajee concluded by saying that he hoped that the Rampur Regiment would return next time with German prisoners.

Among the officers were: Captain Sharief Khan, Captain Ramjee Ahmed, Captain Hamid Khan, Lieutenant Mahomed Baig and 8 other officers.

Those present were: Mrs. J. Daniel, Mrs. W. Wanless, Major and Mrs. Lloyd Rennie, Captain Ellwood, Mr. Fleming Johnston, Mrs. Cyrus, Messrs. E. M. Paruk (patron), Mahomed Ebrahim (chairman), Rookmaneen, M. A. Meer, H. E. Parak, A. B. Moosa, I. V. M. Jooma, F. M. Ally, M. I. Paruk, E. D. Timol, G. H. Ramjeree, G. M. Ajjee, Mahomed Chad (Johannesburg), Cassim Cassvalia (Johannesburg), A. H. Cassvalia (Johannesburg), A. H. Moolla, I. E. Omar, O. H. A. Jhaveri, Shaikh Himed, A. H. Moosa, Miss E. Meherer, Messrs. S. M. Paruk, Suleman M. Paruk, V. Lawrence, D. Bramdaw, O. E. M. Randeree, Mrs. P. Morel, Dr. and Mrs. Joseph, Messrs. Moosa Lockhat, S. M. Lockhat, I. M. Lockhat, A. M. Moolla, I. M. Lockhat, M. A. Moola (Ladysmith), D. Paruk, I. Dhooma, Cassim Anglia, Mr. and Mrs. Stoebel, Mr. and Mrs. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Gero, Messrs. A. J. Karodia, M. Y. Karodia.

INDIANS AS MEMBERS OF DURBAN CLUB

Four officers of an Indian infantry regiment, now in Durban, were made honorary members of the Durban Club. They are Captains Sharief Khan, Yamiar Ahmed, Hamid Khan, and Lieut. Mahomed Baig.

Commenting on the club's action Mr. A. I. Kajee, speaking at the Congress reception, said: "I know you have been honoured by the most select club in the country. We are proud of it.

"The Durban Club has shown by its action that the colour of one's skin should not matter, and as officers, enjoying the King's Commission, they are as good as any other soldier of the King. If the opportunity is given to the Indians of this country, we would rise to that status."

Congress Function

The Avalon Theatre contained nearly 2,000 persons on Sunday night when a welcome was extended to the officers and men of an Indian regiment by the Natal Indian Congress.

Mr. E. M. Paruk presided and Mr. V. Lawrence officiated. Mr. G. M. Angalia and Hajee Rookmaneen in Hindustani welcomed the visitors.

Returning thanks, Capt. Sharief Khan, speaking in Hindustani, said that what he saw before him reminded him of home. The gathering was an inspiration of love and affection. He was lacking in words to reply adequately.

Capt. Jamiar Khan said that there was nothing in his power to return "R.S." for the love shown to their brothers in this country.

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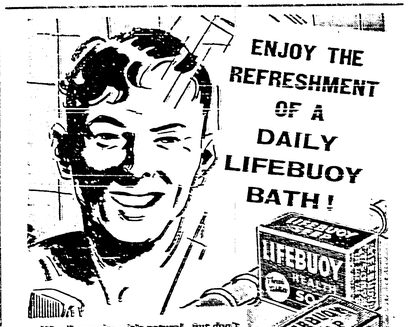

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Indians in the Sugar Industry

IT is gratifying that Mr. Scutt-ard, the Minister of Commerce and Industries, has directed the Board of Trade and Industries to carry out an investigation into the position of the non-Europeans in the sugar industry. This inquiry begins in Durban in the second week of June. The importance of this investigation to our people needs no stressing on our part. There are over 7,500 Indians engaged in the planting side of the industry, and there are over 850 Indians who are planters on their own account. This number, with their families, brings within the orbit of this inquiry the destiny of nearly 25,000 or 30,000 Indians. The investigation is a prelude to the main conference of the industry to be held at the end of the year to arrive at a new agreement.

In the 1936 agreement the small Indian and Bantu planter by no means received a fair deal. It was due to his own neglect. In fact were it not for Mr. Fahey, the chairman of the conference, and the efforts of the South African Indian Congress, the small Indian planter's position would have been worse than it is.

The absence of facts and figures and the silence of the big Indian planters at the 1936 conference would have brought ruination to some 850 small Indian planters had it not been for the increased consumption of sugar in the Union as a result of the introduction of second-grade sugar and other factors which enabled the industry to increase its production beyond the 488,800 tons laid down by the 1936 Sugar Act.

The terms of reference of the inquiry are very broad and cover every aspect affecting the position of the non-Europeans in the sugar industry. In the 1936 agreement the small European planter by his persistence and organisation obtained a secure and prosperous place for himself. Three thousand five hundred tons of sugar cane was the maximum he was permitted to rise to: by this a large number of the European planters were enabled to make new plantings. The small European planter also benefited in price for his cane from a fund known as the Equalisation Fund, to which the industry contributed over £50,000. Neither of these benefits came to the Indian or Bantu planter.

The small Indian and Bantu planter not only stayed "put" as at the tonnage of cane supplied by him to his mill at 1935-36, but a gross injustice was done to those who had planted cane prior to 1936, but which cane had not reached the mills and was not on its record. This cane remained homeless. This was the tragedy of the 1936 Agreement. It is estimated that there is from 15,000 to 20,000 tons of this homeless cane. This problem deserves first consideration at the hands of the investigators.

The next important item is to provide and define the minimum quota tonnage of cane which an Indian or a Bantu planter can grow and supply to his mill. In this the board must be guided by the standard of living and other factors of the economic life of the small planters concerned.

It should, however, in the case of an Indian solely dependent upon sugar cane growing as his livelihood be not less than 500 tons, and in the case where cane growing is not the sole source of living 250 tons should be the minimum. It is only natural that the small Indian planter with his illiteracy and inability to speak for himself has found his interests neglected in the non-European mill group boards. A central board with Indian and native representation to deal with all questions of the non-European cane planter may, in our opinion, be a solution to the present unhappy state of affairs.

We hope the board will also take cognisance of the absence of non-European representations in the industry generally. Outside the non-European mill group boards the non-European has no representation in the secret and other conclaves of the sugar industry, to the prosperity of which the Indian has so materially, by the sweat of his brow, contributed.

Above all things, let the Natal Indian Cane Growers' Association, the Natal Indian Cane Growers Association and the Bantu Cane Growers' Association not let this opportunity go by default. The board of investigation consists of men of great integrity and impartiality, men who are economists, and if a proper and just case is submitted the report will, we are sure, be fair and just.

Dr. Roussow, chairman of the Sugar Industry Central Board, at the annual meeting of the South African Cane Growers' Association early in May rightly sounded a note of warning to his European hearers of the great need for each section of the industry to lay its cards on the table more openly than hitherto. This warning applies in equal measure to the Indian cane growers. Let there be no default and neglect by the small Indian cane growers this time. The South African Indian Congress is to be congratulated on its persistency in bringing the inquiry. It can, as it did at the last conference, enunciate broad principles for the protection of the Indians engaged in the industries. The details must be carefully submitted by those whose livelihood is at stake.

We are ardent readers of your widely read paper The Leader and we are highly indebted to you for its many appealing and fascinating articles, which are of the greatest interest to the Indian community.

SARUBITH P. JOE.

The treasurer, Mr. D. E. Asmall, of the Surti Sooni Madressa Trust of Maritzburg, begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations: From Ismail Amod Omar, £5 10s.; Essop Joosat, £1.

Our Readers Speak

INDIAN EISTEDDFOD

I have read your second editorial in your last issue with interest.

I know your remarks must have been prompted by the growing unpopularity of the Eisteddfod in recent months. I ventured that in asking the public to show greater interest you are, like the bad teacher, whipping the wrong boy. I have always followed the movements of the Eisteddfod closely and I am one of the many who feel that it is high time that those in charge of the Eisteddfod should reorientate their policies. Whenever the public shows a lack of interest we should never blame the public but ourselves. This is always a better and saner manner of tackling any problem involving "public apathy."

I would also like to make two further comments on the subject. In the first place the activities of the Eisteddfod seem to have been unduly concentrated on the schools. Without minimising the importance of the schools I feel that there should be greater activity among the non-school section of our community as well. It is asking much of poorly-paid teachers to devote all their spare time to the Eisteddfod. And in the second place, I would like to see the Eisteddfod refrain from politics.

In your editorial you ask that the Eisteddfod should not be made a puppet in the hands of party politicians. I would go further and say: let not the Eisteddfod allow themselves to be used as puppets. In these remarks I have in mind a concert held up in Northern Natal recently. I feel that concert is responsible for more apathy than anything else the Eisteddfod has done. And again, I would suggest that if the Eisteddfod feels it has plenty of funds for distribution to charity let it do something in the way of obtaining more schools for the thousands of Indian children who today are schoolless. In this way it will be building up the foundations for a prosperous and sound future.

GEORGE SINGH.

Undoubtedly the abolishment of the Eisteddfod would be of great loss to the Indian community and your appeal in the editorial article for support can be looked upon with appreciation.

Outside differences, I readily agree, should not be brought into this cultural institution but at the same time the organisers must act in a manner that is not contrary to the wish and desire of the public.

The success of the Eisteddfod depends largely on the public so why not respect their views.

I can only end by warning the organisers of the Eisteddfod not to delve in something the community is much against. If they do then they are looking for trouble and will suffer the fate they themselves would be directly responsible for and of a situation they are helping to create.

I hope this is a lively warning.

FAIR PLAY

TAMILS AND TELEGUS

About three years ago there was formed in Durban a Tamil Teachers' Society of which the chairman is Mr. G. Ramasamy Naidoo, and Mr. S. M. Pillay, I presume, a vice-president. This body had collected money for Tamil education by donations and by staging dramatic plays, which funds we believe are being utilised for this good purpose.

Within recent months, there was formed in Durban another Tamil Teachers' Society, under the chairmanship of Mr. Thambiah Naicker, and Mr. P. Abboy Naidoo as a vice-president. We observe by circulars issued throughout the country, that this new body is canvassing a Natal Tamil Conference of Natal Tamil people on Saturday, May 31, in the Gandhi's Library, Durban.

There are other well-known Tamil educationalists like Messrs. Soobo Naidoo, K. R. Nayanah Naidoo, C. R. Naidoo, and D. Somasundram Pillay taking part in either one or the other Tamil Teachers' Society.

What is not possible for a plain blunt man like myself to understand is: Why should there be two separate organisations under the same name?

Why should a new body be formed with a similar title while there is one already in existence?

Which body should a plain blunt man like myself support or patronise, the former or the latter?

Dame Rumour tells us that the former body is not co-operating with the latter body in this conference, and at the same time the latter body deemed it not advisable to seek the co-operation of the former. Is this correct, and why so?

Will the Vidhwans of these two bodies enlighten us on these matters?

In my humble opinion, I believe that the real cause of these constant splits and disruption taking place in the Tamil community through allowing some of the members of the Telegu community to take leading parts in the Tamil organisations. We find Naidoos in the Tamil society as well as in the second, and there are several others mingling in purely Tamil organisations. We admire them as Telegus possessing so much Tamil culture, we respect them for their service towards Tamil education, but when they pose as Tamilians we just shun them, for they are not true to their own section. Can they not take the same cultural interest in their own group and advance their own Telegu people likewise? My contention is, if you cannot be a good Telegu, how then could you be a good Tamilian?

My firm belief is, they are a foreign element in Tamil society and therefore cause disruption, and they are as often quite at home with their own section, therefore they can safely be termed as "Telegu Quislings."

KRISHNAMURTHIE NAICKER.

Mt. Edgecombe.

THE CANCELLED FEAST

As Secretary of the Surti Sooni Madressa and Mosque, I wish to contradict misstatements made by C.M.P. in The Leader of May 17. In the first place no celebration was organised by the Mosque officials and nor was it cancelled by them.

A celebration at which poor were to be fed was advertised by a group of people on their own account and was cancelled because of the tragic death of the young man, the late Mr. Hoosen Asmall, who gave a magnificent donation towards the erection of the Madressa which is connected with the Mosque, and also because of the fact that the mourners after the burial gathered in the Hall, where meals, as usual, were served the same day when the celebration was to have been held.

Rich as well as poor are fed on an occasion of this kind. It is a deliberate falsehood to say that the late Mr. Hoosen Asmall took very little interest in the Mosque affairs, for the fact of his munificence towards religious institutions below C.M.P.'s assertion.

The organisers of the celebration were wise to cancel it because they did not wish to waste money in serving up the same food which had already been provided to the poor as well.

However, the celebration which was cancelled did take place in the Mosque premises a few days later. Waste then is the justification for the complaint of C.M.P.?

A. M. EBRAHIM.

Hon. Secretary Surti Sooni Madressa and Mosque.

I wish to congratulate the Burnside F.C. for the fine record they have put up for the year 1940 as per report in your widely read paper. Before my visit to India in 1936, I was on the staff of Burnside Government-Aided school and also played for the Burnside team even as late as that time. Burnside had a good record to its credit. Though I am not in Burnside today I feel proud of that little concern and wish them every success for the current year.

C. FRANCIS.

GREAT WELCOME TO INDIAN REGIMENT

Military Tribute to its Discipline

THE officers and men of the 1st Rampur Infantry, who are now in Durban, were entertained during the weekend.

On Sunday the officers were the guests of honour of the Orient Club, and in the evening there was a reception and concert given by the Natal Indian Congress at the Avalon Theatre.

During this week the officers were privately entertained; a dinner was given at the Salisbury Club by Mr. Aboobaker Moosa and Mr. S. M. Paruk at his residence in Derby Street.

At the Orient Club Mr. M. A. H. Moosa said:—

"We are proud today to entertain the officers of the 1st Rampur State Infantry Regiment, which is out in this country on escort duty. We are also pleased to have as guests from the military and civilian population of Durban as well as our country members."

Proceeding Mr. Moosa said that while the Indians as a whole were pacifists at heart, they would do anything to help Britain to win the war.

Mr. W. Wankiss, the deputy Mayor, said it was a very great pleasure to have met the officers and hoped that they would be happy here.

Hajee Rouknoodeen said that in India the British had their best fighting machine.

He referred to the good behaviour of the soldiers who did not fail to observe their religious practices, for on Friday they all had attended the religious services in the mosques at West Street, Grey Street and Clairwood.

Colonel Sparks said that he was struck by the smart way the Rampur soldiers had carried out their duty. They gave no trouble and that was the hallmark of a well disciplined regiment.

"GERMANY COULD NOT WIN"

Captain D. Burnside, M.P., referring to the war, said that he was satisfied that Germany could not win and that democracy must come out on top.

"This was the war of the defence of the method of life, not of the British Empire only. I am satisfied that we will get a new order, and in so far as India was making its contribution, as well as Indians in this country, which could be considerably extended, they were laying up for themselves the right to share in the good things that will come to them after the war," added Mr. Burnside.

Captain Sharief Khan, on behalf of the officers, said that since their arrival here they had very good times. "I thank you for your hospitality."

Major Mould said that the Indian army was keeping up the British army traditions, which would be carried on into the dim distant future.

"It is a cause of pride that we have these officers in our midst. These men are the symbol of the part that India is playing in the war. I am not a pacifist," said Mr. A. E. Kajee. "We trust that their coming here will lead to the improvement of the relationship between the European and the Indian, which is not of the best. If this happens we will remember that it came because of the presence of the Rampur Regiment."

Touching on the war and the inevitable cruelties of the battlefield, Mr. Kajee declared: "To us there is no choice. Indians must put every ounce of effort to meet the tyranny. I am not talking to the men who are doing their bit, but to those men who are still deciding."

Mr. Kajee concluded by saying that he hoped that the Rampur Regiment would return next time with German prisoners.

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INDIANS AS MEMBERS OF DURBAN CLUB

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Congress Function

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"WE have not assembled here TY with any intention of hindering your work, but we have gathered to work amicably. And so long as the Natal Indian Association pledges itself to carry out a militant struggle on behalf of the Indian community you will have the whole-hearted support of members of the Nationalist Bloc," thus said Mr. S. B. Mungal, at the annual meeting of the Natal Indian Association (Maritzburg branch) held at the V.D.S. Hall on Sunday last.

A very large gathering was present to hear what had been done. Aged Indians of the very poor class, who had presumably been enrolled by the Maritzburg Corporation, sat in the front rows eagerly listening to an interpretation in the vernacular of what the association had done for them.

Mr. P. R. Pather, official from Durban headquarters, was present.

After the secretarial report had been read the chairman, Mr. S. B. Naidoo, spoke on the penetration question. In drawing the attention of members to the book issued by the association, being a final statement on the question of alleged penetration, Mr. Naidoo said:

"In my long public career, and in the history of the community for the past 80 years I have never known Indians having to face such serious and critical issue as the question of penetration. It was a question which vitally affected the interests of all sections of our community and we had to face this grave issue with a united front. On the economic and social sides we still have plenty of work to do."

The treasurer, Mr. A. K. I. Bayat, of P. M. Burg and District Muslim Service League wishes to acknowledge with thanks donations from Mr. Essop Jugiat, £1, Anonymous (Warlburg) 10s. With reference to the £5 acknowledged in the last issue of The Leader, this donation was from Mr. A. M. Seedat, of 47 Church Street, being proceeds of a sale of a certain wrist watch donated by Mr. Seedat.

MR. ABOOBAKER MOOSA ENTERTAINS

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Certain other speakers, who also uttered warnings to the community to be wide awake and guard their interests, commented on the absence of members of the mercantile community at the meeting. Why should we put up a fight on the penetration issue which only affected the mercantile section when they will not attend our meetings, they said.

Mr. T. N. Bhoola, a prominent member of the Durban branch, who was present, said that he was grieved to hear such remarks. Being a member of that much-maligned section, the mercantile community, he had always responded to appeals for financial and other help, he said.

Before the election Mr. S. B. Naidoo, the retiring chairman, said that for the past 30 years he had devoted his life to public work but now owing to ill health and upon medical advice he was obliged to retire from public life. During this period his only reward had been abuse, but he had never regarded the task and ideal of the ultimate goal of the community and had continued to work.

He still had faith in the courage, grit and determination of his countrymen as shown by their continued struggle against oppressive legislation and laws for the past 80 years. He warned the audience that no one section was affected by any legislation but the whole community. They could not afford to be divided. He prayed that the community would unitedly face any adversity forced upon them.

Dr. M. R. Peters, speaking on the services rendered by Mr. Naidoo, said that the Indian community of South Africa owed a great debt of gratitude to Mr. Naidoo for his splendid and untiring work on behalf of the community. "Your work," he went on, "will always be remembered."

The following officials were elected for the ensuing year: President, Dr. M. R. Peters; vice-presidents, Messrs. S. B. Naidoo, R. N. Moodley, A. M. David, R. R. Naidoo, S. M. Dookran; joint secretaries, Messrs. M. Gopaul Naidoo and S. B. Mungal; treasurer, Mr. R. S. Naidoo; committee, Messrs. R. Maniecum, Z. Gabriel, T. Ramkalawan, D. R. Singh, M. D. Pillay, A. G. Pillay, P. Lalloo, R. Lalloo, K. S. Pillay, V. V. Moodley and H. Panen.

After election discussion ensued on the new Public Health Areas Control Ordinance, 1941. All were unanimous in their condemnation of the new legislation. The meeting resolved to ask the headquarters of the N.I.A. to make immediate representations to the Minister of the Interior to advise the withholding of the Governor-General's assent to the Ordinance.

Another resolution passed asked the National Control Supplies Board to regulate the price of rice which had "been deliberately inflated by certain rice merchants."

CARRYING THE SACK

Collection in Aid of the Poor

In commenting on the need for new members, the secretary, Mr. R. St. Moorgas, of the Aryan Benevolent Society, Maritzburg, in his annual report states young men of the present day feel that it is somewhat below their dignity and respect to carry a sack and go out for a house-to-house collection in aid of the poor. Had it not been for the work put in by a handful of older members with two or three young men the work of the Home connected for aged and indigent Indians would be retarded.

The report was presented at an annual meeting held last Sunday at the Aryan Benevolent Home.

Mrs. A. Reddy, Mrs. S. Pallayachee and Mrs. E. S. David, representing the Indian Women's Association, were present.

At the beginning of the year 1940, there were 10 inmates in the Home, and 37 inmates joined it during the year, totalling 55 inmates and 15 females. Of this 5 had died and 32 inmates had left to live with relatives, leaving 15 inmates at present residing. Shelter was afforded to 23 persons and in most cases meals were also provided.

Other work being conducted at the Home were distribution of foodstuffs to unemployed Indians by the Indian Relief Committee, a Soup Kitchen for feeding poor Indian school children, and an Indian Child and Mother Welfare Clinic conducted by the Indian Women's Association, reported the secretary.

Reporting on the scheme for building an Indian Orphanage, the secretary said that owing to the international situation the matter had not been proceeded with. "We had, however, negotiated for the purchase of a piece of land for building the orphanage in Pietermaritz Street, and hope to begin the work of raising funds for this project shortly," he said. He appealed to all to give their financial support to this scheme.

"Beggars are still being encouraged by householders who give them alms. The Home is open to all beggars, and the place of beggars is the Home," He asked that householders should inform all who solicited alms that they must go to the Home. "We will provide for them." The suggestion that there should be a co-ordination of all social bodies, on the lines of the community chest was made.

The following were elected as officials for the ensuing year: Patron, Councillor Mr. A. T. Allison; trustees, Messrs. S. B. Naidoo; life vice-presidents, Messrs. S. B. Naidoo, R. N. Moodley and M. S. Williams; president, Mr. R. Maniecum (re-elected); vice-presidents, Messrs. F. Satyapal, G. K. Naidoo, J. M. David, C. K. Lazarus, Dhoon Sanawan and P. T. Govender; secretary and treasurer, Mr. R. St. Moorgas (re-elected); hon supervisor, Mrs. N. P. Reddy; hon. inspector, Mr. R. N. Moodley (both re-elected); hon. physician, Dr. M. R. Peters; committee, Messrs. G. N. Padayachee, M. G. Naidoo, Vavanathan Suran, M. Rajoo, R. Dookran and Mrs. R. N. Moodley.

ASSAULT ARISES FROM LETTER TO EDITOR

"The Leader" Read in Court

In "D" Court, Durban, before Mr. J. E. v. d. Bosch, an assault case, arising out of a letter written to the Editor of the Leader, and appearing in its columns, was heard last week.

The first complainant called gave evidence to the effect that he had been assaulted early one morning. He heard a knock at the door, and before he could get to it, it was opened, and he was struck on the side of the head by one of the accused.

He fell unconscious and was removed to hospital, where he regained consciousness some time later.

He was cross-examined by Mr. Charmoy, defending counsel, who was trying to link up an assault case heard the previous day.

The Magistrate interrupted at this stage because he could not see why the previous day's case should be brought in.

Just before the Magistrate remanded the case the "famous article supposed to have caused all the trouble"—(Mr. Charmoy). was read to the Court.

The case was adjourned till June 10.

Clairwood Win Debate

The Merebank Indian School Hall was the scene of a brilliant social gathering last night when the Merebank Literary and Debating Society were at home to the members of the Clairwood Literary and Debating Society. An interesting debate of a high standard was held between the two clubs. The subject being: "Are Trade Unions Beneficial or Mischievous in Their Effect."

The Merebank team, comprising Messrs. S. Ramsunder, Cassim, M. Gerenter and K. Maharajh, spoke on the mischievous aspects, while the Clairwood team, comprising Messrs. C. D. Pather, S. Gopal, R. D. Pillay and P. G. Pillay, spoke for the beneficial side.

Very interesting arguments were brought forth from both sides, Clairwood team won by a margin of 23 points. They having gained 387 points to their opponents' 364.

The adjudicators, Messrs. George Singh, B.A., LL.B., P. R. Singh and S. P. Naidoo, commented on the high standard of the debate. In congratulating both teams on the fine research work done to make the debate interesting, they paid special tribute to Mr. R. G. Pillay, of the Clairwood team, who proved to be the outstanding member of the evening by gaining 87 per cent.

The audience of over 150 present, amongst whom were a few soldiers from India, were entertained to delightful music by the Saraswathi Hindi Musical Club. Special songs were sung by Messrs. Mohomed Khan (India) and P. R. Singh.

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NIZAMIA MUSLIM SOCIETY

Election of Officials

The fifth annual meeting of the Nizamia Muslim Society, with which is amalgamated Madressa Talimul Islam, was held on Sunday when the president, Mr. S. M. Badrudin, presided, supported by Mr. Adam Mahomed, the chairman. There were many members and officials present.

The secretarial report, read by Mr. E. E. Kader, stated that the membership of the society was now more than five hundred, an increase of 150 during the year. During the year medical aid was given to indigent Muslims; rations and rents in some cases were given to poor Muslim families; monthly rations were being still distributed regularly.

Other good work was recorded.

The treasurer's report showed that the membership fees amounted to £25 5s. 6d.; donations from general funds, £103 2s. 11d.; Garba Funds, £2 6s.; buildings funds, £27 13s. 6d.; cemetery funds, £19 15s. 6d.; total, £193 3s. 3d.

The expenditure was £129 11s. 11d., leaving a balance in the bank £243 2s. 6d. The total assets of the society amount to £305 12s. 6d., plus the £1,220 property purchased.

The following officials were elected for the ensuing year: Patrons, His Highness Nizam of Hyderbad, G.C.S.I., Sir Sayed Razi Ali, C.B.E., Moulana A. R. Ansari, Moulana Muhammad Hanief Adrebi, Moulana M. I. Seeppe, Messrs. A. I. Kajee, D. E. Bhayat, M. L. Sultan, I. Amod Cassimjee, Haje Shaik Abdool, Moulana Ameel Sahed, Adam Mahomed Patel, E. M. Eavat, Shaik Dawood Ismail, Balia Mia, S. M. Badrudin, E. M. Sayed, A. Rahoobee, El Haj Abdulla Rahoobee, M. E. Lakhi.

President, Mr. S. Abdulla Badrudin; vice-presidents, Messrs. A. Cassim Mahomed, S. O. Mahommed, I. Adams, A. B. Shar, Jamalooden Ahmed, Sayed Amod, Peer Burkan, A. G. Bemine, Ismail Manley, I. S. Cassimjee, Ally Khan, A. Khan, S. M. Kader, I. A. Haffejee, Shaik Ismail, E. E. Jasat, Amod D. Bhayat, M. I. Deedat, E. Khan, Sadik Badrudin, A. G. Badrudin, H. Peer, M. A. Goga, Adam Khan, M. Rahoman, A. B. Sahib, A. G. Randlia, Yacob Sulliman, Aziz Hashe, Shaik Ismail, S. M. Miah, S. E. Vawda, I. Dawood, M. I. Timol, Hajee Cassim, Hajee Ebrahim Mahomed, Gulam Essop, G. H. A. Kadir, Karim Khan, A. Kader, S. Subrathie, M. E. Minty, Haffia Sayed, S. A. Parak, C. H. Mitha, H. Ismail, I. A. Moolla, E. Hanes, M. Ally, S. M. Vawda.

Treasurers, Messrs. Shaik Yusuf and G. M. Tajudeen; secretaries, S. E. Kador and A. R. Deen Ally; hon. auditar, D. S. Jassat.

Executive committee, M. A. Desai, S. Zenul, I. Kader, Abdul Sathir, Ahmed Rahom, N. H. Khan, Hamid A. Gafoor, Shaik Mahomed, G. Esan, E. Moti, Advisers, Moulana M. Hanieff, Moulana M. I. Seeppe, E. Hanes, A. I. Kajee, M. E. Lakhi. Editors of The Nizamia, Mr. S. M. Kader and Moulana M. I. Seeppe.

The following members were elected: Hon. life members for service rendered to the society from its inception: Messrs. A. E. Dawally, S. E. Kader, A. D. Bhayat, Shaik Yusuf, E. I. Deedat, M. Rahaman, A. G. Bemine, A. Esan, A. R. Sheriff, Aziz Bacha, A. G. Badrudin, Moulana M. Haneef, Moulana M. I. Seeppe, Moulana A. R. Ansari, S. M. Badrudin, Adam Patel, S. M. Deedat, A. B. Shar, Sayed Amod, Shaik Ismail Dawood, S. Ebrahim.

Among those who addressed the meeting were: Moulana M. Haneef, Adam Mahomed Patel, Shaik Dawood Ismail, A. B. Shar, S. Ebrahim, A. B. Sheriff, S. M. Badrudin, S. Ebrahim and others.

Three Indian cyclists of Maritzburg spent Empire Day cycling to Hardes Heights—a distance of 35 miles in 2 hours. They were Messrs. M. Perumal Naidoo, Sammy Pillay and V. M. Pillay.

HOCKEY WIN FOR INDIANS

The Rampur Regiment hockey team defeated a European military team at the Drill Hall ground on Tuesday by 7 goals to 1.

The first half ended with the Indians leading 6—0.

After the interval the Indians met stronger resistance but never dangerous at any time. They were aggressive but finished their attack without scoring.

After the game the visitors were cheered by their opponents.

Tomorrow the Indians will play a Durban (European) side at the R.D.L.I. ground at 3 p.m.

Soccer at Bellair

The following are the results and reports of matches played at the Mayville Indian Sports Ground, Bellair, on Sunday last.

A representative team of the South Coast District played a friendly match against the Mayville District. The young South Coast team started off aggressively but were checked by the home team, which was composed of five Natalians. Mustapha, Mayville-District, scored brilliantly from the centre to open the score for the home team.

The forwards of the South Coast played with good combination, but only failed to score. Good passing by M. I. Yusuf to Mahomed Khan, who lobbed the ball into the South Coast goal, made the score 2—0 at half-time.

Play resumed fast and South Coast forwards made many attempts to score but the Mayville goalkeeper cleared easily. Towards the end Mahomed Khan from a corner headed the ball into the net, making the score 3—0 in favour of the Mayville District.

Jack Govindasamy, the Natal goalkeeper, was once again in good form and was easily the best player.

RESULTS OF OTHER MATCHES:

JUNIORS

Westerners beat Blue Bells, 8—1.

Cato Stars drew with Lombardy, 0—0.

Mayville Indian Sports Ground, Bellair, tomorrow:

JUNIORS

11.30 a.m.: Cato Stars v. Westerners, No. 1 Ground. Referee: Mr. C. A. Tommy.

12.45 p.m.: Manor United v. Stella Hill, No. 1 Ground. Referee: Mr. A. Thaver.

12.30 p.m.: Pirates v. Mayville, No. 2 Ground. Referee: Mr. J. Raman.

2 p.m.: Union Stars v. Lombardy, No. 2 Ground. Referee: Mr. A. K. Hayath.

SENIORS

12.30 p.m.: Mayville v. Manor United, No. 1 Ground. Referee: Mr. K. M. Gardiner.

3.15 p.m.: Pirates v. Westerners, No. 1 Ground. Referee: Mr. Thumbadoo.

3.15 p.m.: Manning Rangers v. Cato Stars, No. 2 Ground. Referee: Mr. K. Roopnamin.

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As I was cycling my way back to the Diamond Hotel, I heard a scream. Jumping off my bicycle, I sprang forward to rescue a girl from a band of villains. With one blow I brought the foremost of them to the ground.

A couple of "quick-lefts" and a well-aimed kick, and the others scattered away. I learnt later that Pundit Sevakram had arranged a coup d'etat in aid of Anti-Hitlerism Campaign and had presented his daughter in a dance recital when a band of villains tried to molest her.

The treatment we gave the ruffians enraged Kedarnath, who wanted to take vengeance on the whole town. He proposed a measure of taxation; and when I defied his power to tax us, he looked at me as though he would turn me to cinders. It was at this juncture I came to know that it was Kedarnath who had killed the father and mother of Dilo and cheated them their share of a mine which he had and Dilo's father had discovered. The next morning I was riding Punjabka-Beta. The fields were bright. The sunshine made me glad. I reached the waterfalls. Because I was absorbed in surveying the beauty before me I did not care to be disturbed by the chatter of horses' hoofs.

It was too late when I turned . . . to find myself surrounded by Dulna and his men.

I fought—delivering hard punches on their hard jaws—giving them the chase they will remember till their last days . . . but in spite of Dilo's help, it was all in vain. I was overborne by numbers and one long fanged mouth going down

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the chasm . . . down . . . down . . . and down . . . O horror! Who will save me? Will I live to see another day . . . if only to see the miscreants are brought to book? Will I ever see Dilo's face again? I am falling . . . falling into the chasm . . . O God will you let me come to an untimely end through the machinations of vagabond and cut-throats . . .

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EXCITING SOCCER AT CURRIE'S FOUNTAIN

Last Saturday afternoon the crowd at Currie's Fountain was treated to some thrilling soccer—probably the best of the season so far—when Stars met Stella in a league fixture.

It was a touch-and-go affair all the way.

From the kick-off Stars pressed into Stella territory, where they kept the ball for the first 10 minutes and looked like scoring any time, but the Stella goal remained intact.

Stella broke away and Ganas, their centre forward, scored with a grand shot which beat Timol all the way.

Stung by this score against the run of the game, Stars rallied the Stella goal. [illegible] scoring when he hit the upright. From the melee that developed the Stella left back kicked into his own goal (1—1).

Both teams were playing spirited soccer, but neither could make any headway, Stella defending stoutly, Stars doing everything but score.

Stella repeated their first breakaway and Ganas got the ball ahead when he slammed the ball into the net from a cross by Bobbie Singh (2—1).

Stars played like men possessed and their efforts were rewarded when M. I. Yusuf equalised with a header a minute from half-time (2—2).

In the resumption Stars kept the ball in the Stella half of the field, shooting at goal from all angles but failing to score. Jay had a pretty lively time between the posts. The Stella backs were called upon to clear time and again.

Stella managed to break away once again and forced Stars into conceding a corner. From the kick Ganas put his side ahead (3—2).

Vadi Abrams, however, equalised after hot exchanges between Stella defence and Star forwards.

Stella were fighting with their backs to the wall. Only exceptionally good keeping by Jay prevented Stars from scoring.

Final score, 3—3.

SHIRE BEAT COLLEGIANS

On the No. 1 ground Warwickshire played Old Collegians in the other fixture of the afternoon. Old Collegians managed to hold Shire—a superior team—until a few minutes from the interval. Half-time score, 1—0.

On the resumption Shire went on to score three more goals. Final score: Shire 4, Old Collegians 0.

Other results were:—

Senior "B": Schools 9, Queens 1; Shamrocks 2, Sydenham 0.

Juniors: Jacobs 3, Warwickshire 1; Stella 6, Sydenham 1.

Juvenile "A": Warwickshire 2, Durnville 0; Area 6, Central 1.

Juvenile "B": Mayville 9, Sastri College "B" 1; Junction 3, Stella 2.

League Soccer in Maritzburg

On Saturday last on the Indian sports ground, Maritzburg, Young Natalians had a walkover against Young Colonials in the Senior League fixture.

Schools beat Stellas by 4 clear goals.

In the junior Young Colonials drew with Britannia 1 all and in the juvenile rank Yorks defeated Young Natalians to the tune of 8 goals to 1 goal.

ON SUNDAY

Maritzburg Muslims played Rangers to a goalless draw. It was a fast and exciting match. The Rangers B lost to Maritzburg Muslim B by 2 goals to 1. A. M. Kadoo and Sayed Mohideen played a sterling game for Muslim B.

STANGER SOCCER

The following matches were played at Stanger on Sunday last in the first round of the Bodasingh's league trophy:—

Kearsney met Young Pirates and beat them 2—0. The losers gave the strong Kearsney side some anxious moments. At one stage excitement ran so high that two Pirates and one Kearsney player were ordered off the field. (Referee: Mr. V. C. Augustine.)

Stanger United were victorious against Doornkop. Within two minutes of the start K. V. Naidoo and D. E. Moods put United two goals ahead with brilliant goals. Thereafter exchanges were fairly even, with United having many opportunities in front of goal. C. V. Naidoo, the United centre-forward, was in great form and took the honours of the day for his splendid keeping. Play was again in fine form and D. E. Moods displayed a welcome return to form. Subbash Naidoo played a dashing game for Doornkop, but lacked support from his other forwards. (Referee: Mr. P. M. Pully.)

Springboks easily defeated Victorians by 2—0. Victorians lacked a better side than hitherto and the exchanges were even for the first 15 minutes. S. P. Father put in some useful work in the half line. (Referee: Mr. V. G. Augustine.)

Fixtures for tomorrow:—

LOWER TUGELA, TOMORROW

3.30: Stars v. Doornkop, at Doornkop. Mr. T. V. Puckree.

2.0: Pirates v. Springboks, at Stanger. Mr. H. C. Maraj.

3.30: United v. Victorians, at Stanger. Mr. P. M. Pully.

LADYSMITH KHAN'S CUP SOCCER TODAY

2.15: Schools v. Stars. Referee, Mr. R. Narranden.

3.30: Shamrocks v. Moslems. Referee, Mr. R. Kalloo.

NEWCASTLE LEAGUE CUP TOMORROW

3.30: N.I.F.C. v. Schools, at Newcastle. Referee, Mr. A. Harry.

3.30: Pirates v. Dannhauser, at Dannhauser. Referee, Mr. R. Loganathan.

DUFF'S ROAD UNITED GROUND TOMORROW

Stanmers and Thomas "A" and "B" v. Duff's Road United "A" and "B". Referee, Mr. Jack Cain.

Duff's Road United "A": Sanboomony, H. R. Singh, Chick, E. Blooma (captain), Moon, Sanasee (vice-captain), Billy, Sookraj, Raymond, Nadia, Chinnah.

SCHOOLS' FIVE-A-SIDE SOCCER

At the annual five-a-side of the Esther Payne Smith School Sports Club held last week on the school grounds, there was a record gathering of [illegible] spectators, and 240 players, representing the three days' [illegible] namely, Senior, Junior, Juvenile.

The competitions in the various divisions were keenly contested. Besides the players, the spectators, both young and old, enjoyed the day's festival.

The following were the divisional winners:—

Senior boys: Naidoo Trophy, I. Richmond School; 2. York Road School.

Junior boys: Joseph Memorial Trophy, I. F.P.S. School Pirates; 2. York Road School.

Juvenile boys: A. C. Pillay's Trophy, I. F.P.S. School Railway; 2. York Road School.

Ladysmith Soccer

In the replay for Pillay's Cup competition at Ladysmith on Saturday, schools met Moslem. Once again this match provided plenty of thrills and at interval schools led 1—0. On resumption both sides scored 2 goals each, leaving the schools winners by 3—2.

Schools will meet Stars for the final of Pillay's Cup competition at a later date.

Newcastle Soccer

On Sunday last schools met Pirates in the first round of the League Cup fixture of the N.D.F.A., and after a keenly-contested match the former won by 3 goals to 1.

The most interesting match for the afternoon was between N.I.F.C. and Dannhauser F.C., the latter winning by 2 goals to 1 after a fast and brilliant game.

The first round of the league has thus been completed with the log as follows:—

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pt
Dannhauser United	3	3	0	0	8	3	6
Newcastle	3	2	1	0	8	2	4
Schools	3	1	2	0	3	7	2
Pirates	3	0	3	0	2	9	0

Sons of India F.C.

Sons of India F.C. was formed at a special meeting held at Ladysmith on Sunday last and the undermentioned officebearers were elected for the opening season:—Patron, Mr. G. G. Chetty; president, Mr. M. Govinder; vice-presidents, Messrs. D. Vithal, H. R. Singh and I. R. Naidoo; secretary and treasurer, Mr. G. Samuel; assistant secretary, Mr. T. N. Govinder; captain, Mr. R. Manilal; vice-captain, Mr. G. Mugan.

Selection and executive committee: Messrs M Govinder, R. Manilal, G. Mugan and G. Samuel; hon. auditor, Mr. M. N. Achary.

The object of the club is to take part in friendly soccer matches at home and outside.

WEENEN F.C.

At the annual meeting of the Weenen Indian Football Club held at Weenen recently, the following officials were elected for the ensuing season:—President, Mr. S. M. Gangat; patrons, Messrs. S. Abdool, M. E. Gangat, M. Karsalia and Bantha Khan; vice-presidents, A. S. Sayed and M. M. Gangat; secretary and treasurer, Mr. T. S. Mahomed; assistant secretary, E. H. Kajee; captain, A. A. Sayed; vice-captain, Jack Bhagwandheen; committee, President, secretary, captain, grounds committee, K. M. Naicker, P. Reddy, Kamdia and S. Maharaj.

The club is open to play friendly matches on their ground. Letters should be addressed to the secretary, P.O. Box H, Weenen, Natal.

Plessislaer United

At the 12th annual meeting of the Plessislaer United F.C., held in the Sutherlands School Hall on Thursday, the following were elected officebearers for the ensuing year:—Patrons, Messrs. E. Hodden, H. Foster, C. H. Stuch, and L. N. Brooks; life vice-presidents, Messrs. G. Bowbouse, P. M. Seethal, C. H. Singe, R. Dookran and A. Pardesi; vice-presidents, Mr. G. Bowbouse; vice-presidents, Messrs. P. Harkoo, I. N. Brooks, S. Dookran, R. Chedie, R. Sobke, D. R. Singh, D. Chedie, R. Ramsay, and P. Arjoon; treasurers, Mr. P. Harkoo; joint secretaries, Messrs. R. Sobke and R. Chedie; team captain, Rakhendranath Dookran; vice-captain, Mr. T. Sirkeesoo.

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NATAL TENNIS FINALS

The finals in the Natal singles and doubles championships will be played at the Sastri College tennis courts tomorrow, commencing at 9.30 a.m.

The following are the matches to be played:—

"C" DIVISION SINGLES

S. S. Maharaj (Spes Bona) v. D. Roopnarain (Moonlighters).

"B" DIVISION SINGLES

D. Laljee (Sastri College) v. A. H. Bismillah (Sastri College).

"A" DIVISION DOUBLES

D. Roopnarain and E. Gany (Moonlighters) v. L. Narain and T. W. Moodley (Central).

"B" DIVISION DOUBLES

S. Barath and M. Osman (Moonlighters) v. D. Laljee and A. K. Omar (Sastri College).

DURBAN FIVE-A-SIDE SOCCER

There are no league soccer fixtures this afternoon—instead a five-a-side tournament will be held, commencing at 9 a.m.

A sports meeting will be held tomorrow at Currie's Fountain under the aegis of the Durban Cycling Union.

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SORDID CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH WORKERS LIVE

Investigators' Grim Report on Municipal Barracks

"OUT of a total of 1,662 children of school-going age (6—16 years) in the Durban Municipal Barracks, only 763 are attending school. With the exception of 284 children who attend vernacular classes and 75 who attend English classes at the Barracks Hall at night, the remaining 899 children do not receive any form of education whatsoever. Out of this number again 112 boys and 20 girls, all of school-going age, are in permanent employment—the former mostly as municipal employees and the latter as domestic servants. This leaves a total number of 767 children—268 boys and 499 girls—who are at present absolutely schoolless. But as all the schools in the vicinity are full to capacity these 767 schoolless children are filling their time in the slum conditions of the barracks. Most of the parents of these children complain that, in spite of repeated attempts, they are unable to find vacancies in any of the schools of the neighbourhood."

These are facts revealed as a result of an inquiry into the educational facilities and living conditions of the children at the Magazine Barracks, Durban, in a report by Mr. M. Moodley, B.A., in co-operation with other workers, including Mr. George Singh, secretary of the Durban Indian Municipal Employees' Society.

Mr. Moodley states: "An extensive research lasting five weeks was made to obtain first-hand information. Every family in the barracks was contacted and every block investigated. Special forms, all of which were carefully checked to ensure accuracy, were used to collect the facts and figures."

The report proceeds: Investigations were carried out to ascertain if there were actually any vacancies in nearby schools. It was discovered that all the schools within a radius of three miles of the Barracks were full to capacity. Mrs. Barker, headmistress of the Temple Indian School, a school near the Barracks, alone turned away 107 Barracks children at the beginning of the term for want of accommodation.

Within the Barracks itself there is no school. There is a Drama Hall in which English and vernacular classes are conducted in the evenings. The English class contains 75 children. As the hall is not partitioned the conditions under which the children study are very bad. There is a continuous hum which makes hearing difficult. Where parents can afford to send two or three children to school they obviously send their boys to school in preference to the girls. Hence the comparatively larger number of unschooled girls than boys. (See list appended.) This, of course, as mentioned before, results in no way on the parents who have naturally no choice in the matter. Where interviewed parents showed great keenness in sending all their children—boys and girls—to school, provided their economic position permitted.

The average wage of the Corporation Indian worker is approximately £2 per month, exclusive of a few skilled or foremen who get a little more. Of this amount £1 1s. 8d. is [illegible] rations and quarters, [illegible] the average worker will [illegible] approximately £2 15s. 4d. per [illegible] This sum he has to feed, [illegible] children and in some cases as many as 11 children. (The average number of [illegible] each family is 6.8.) From the [illegible] just quoted the [illegible] certain factors prevail [illegible] education [illegible] 0.

19 feet by 10 feet, have no cross ventilation. On an average there are five persons housed in each room. In one block, occupying two rooms, live a family of ten consisting of mother, father, three grown-up boys and five girls. In another block which contains 12 rooms there are no windows, except for wooden stable-shutters two feet by three feet; and when these are closed the rooms are as dark as prison cells.

In fact there are a few actual prison cells, still barred and windowless, relics of the old days (when there was a prison at the Barracks), which are being used to house families today. There is a family living in one of these cells which measures 7½ feet by 9 feet. In this family there are six persons. The parents sleep on a bed which occupies one-third of the floor space, while the children sleep on sacks laid down on the cement floor. At night some rooms with their closed stable-shutters and their foul filthy air, which forms as the result of overcrowding, remind one of miniature Black Holes of Calcutta.

The roofs are badly patched and on rainy days they leak profusely. When rain falls at night—[illegible]th the aid of flickering oil-lamps (for there are many blocks without electric light), beds have to be shifted to positions where the effects of the leakage can least be felt.

AGAINST BY-LAWS

Shame to say a wooden floor, even in the fairly new blocks, is conspicuous by its absence. In the new blocks the floors are concreted, which is in direct contravention of the Municipal's own bylaws, i.e. the old wood and iron blocks the occupants have encrusted the soft soil with a layer of cow dung. As the majority of the children sleep on the floor with sacks as mattresses, one is surprised that the death-rate at the Barracks is not higher than it is.

Even the newly-built brick blocks are unsatisfactory in many respects. Residents complain that on account of the narrow passages it is not possible to carry even coffins. This complaint, which was found to be a general one, is indicative of two things: (1) the unsatisfactory nature of the buildings, and (2) the matter-of-fact manner in which the frequency of deaths is spoken of.

The Barracks is a breeding ground for all types of vermin. Cockroaches in their million and rats in their thousands abound.

On account of the bad drainage system (there is practically none)

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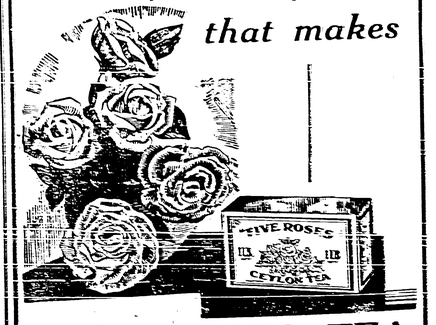

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