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Mayor Welcomes Visiting Teams at Port Elizabeth

A MAYORAL welcome to the soccer teams participating in the South African Indian soccer tournament at Port Elizabeth preceded the opening of the tourney.

In the city hall, which was full with visitors as well as officials of the European soccer organisations, the Mayor, Mr. A. Schander, welcomed the guests.

He said:—

"Here at the very tip of the great African continent we represent an outpost of Western civilisation. On the other side of that ocean lies your former motherland, with its teeming millions of people. There lies a subcontinent in which every problem to which humanity is subject can be seen and studied in a form that is made vivid and clear by the vastness of the country and its population. Between the two of us lie the waters of the Indian Ocean—a great divider and yet at the same time the great connecting link between this land and the lands beyond.

"Across this highway of the seas can come and go mutual influences for good or for evil, currents of friendship and goodwill or currents of discord and hatred. In a world of aggressive sectional doctrines it is for us and our neighbours across the ocean to decide whether the great Indian Ocean shall hammer a message of peace and reconciliation on our shores instead of a message of misunderstanding and mutual distrust.

THE FUTURE

"I am one of those who believe that the future holds in store for all of us blessings which we are not even competent today to foresee. None of us here, nor even the wisest of men anywhere, can foretell the shape of things to come. But of one thing I am convinced—that with the passing of the present period of world aggression the hearts and hands of mankind will be released to take up afresh and with new power the tasks of human progress and of civilisation.

"We do not know the goal towards which mankind is striving; we do not know the destination towards which we make our long journey as a world community of nations. But one fact we do know, that we will go forward towards greater liberty, greater self-respect, mutual respect, greater tolerance and to a wider recognition of the rights of man.

"In the achievement of our progress in these directions I fully believe that there is a place for the Indian people to play its part, in its own way, and along the lines for which its history and its culture have suited it and prepared it, the Indian people, along with all other people, will have the privilege and the opportunity of making its own contribution towards a better and happier life for all mankind.

"Let us take new hope and new courage for the days that lie ahead. For the present we have only one duty—to help the war effort by every means that lies in our power. I am fully aware of the wonderful way in which your community has responded to the call for active service."

Other speakers included Mr. J. D. Bhayat, president of the South African Indian Football Association; Mr. S. M. Mossalay, president of the Eastern Province Indian Football Association; and Mr. Scott, president of the Eastern Province Coloured Football Association.

The finals in the tourney, it is expected, between Natal and Transvaal will be concluded today.

The annual meeting of the Moonlighters Tennis Club will be held at Moonlighters tennis court, Sydenham, tomorrow at 10.30 a.m. sharp.

TRANSVAAL SOCCER

"We are Confident of Victory"

Mr. Willie Ernest, life vice-president T.I.F.A., writes:—

With reference to soccer in the Transvaal, you say in your last issue that "current reports point out that all is not well with the sport in the Transvaal." I do not know what you mean and the source you get your information from.

The team selected to represent the Transvaal for the present tourney has been one hundred per cent. unanimous by the appointed selectors and wholeheartedly approved by the council of the T.I.F.A. There were no divisions or dissensions whatever, and in the Transvaal soccer at the present time good harmony prevails between the affiliated districts of the T.I.F.A.

Mr. Editor, in the history of soccer throughout South Africa differences of opinion have always existed and Natal is no exception, only we do not understand why the Transvaal should be singled out in this matter, especially at a time when good fellowship exists throughout our associations.

Regarding the tourney at Port Elizabeth, we in the Transvaal are also confident of a Transvaal victory and if our boys only play the game at Port Elizabeth, as they know how to play the game in the Transvaal, they may yet repeat the history of the year 1934 when we wrested the coveted trophy from Natal. Transvaal has had its days; we have produced a team in the soccer field equal to the best Natal has produced.

Mr. Editor, I hope I have not been harsh in my remarks, and as an old Transvaal official I can vouch for the above and in these statements I carry the confidence of the officials of the T.I.F.A.

FIVE-A-SIDE AT NEWCASTLE

Win for Glencoe Team

At the five-a-side football tournament held at Newcastle on Sunday, H. B. Narrandes' five, of Glencoe, were successful in capturing the M. H. Shaffee floating trophy in the junior (under twenty-one) division.

The following represented Narrandes' five: Patrick Bagwadeen, B. Rajkumar, Cassim Bhijlee, Harilal Babes, Jadoray Naidoo.

In the final, the most exciting match of the day, Narrandes' five played Rangers, of Newcastle. It was a real treat to watch the boys of both teams perform some wonderful team work.

A few minutes after the play started Bigjee and Babes worked the ball in and gave it to Johnny, who scored a beautiful goal. Half-time score, 1—0 in favour of Narrandes' five.

When the game was resumed, things became exciting. Time and again Babes harassed Valoo Jimmy, the Rangers custodian, with stingers. Valoo, if looked after properly, will be the centre Northern Natal goalkeeper. He saved some wonderful shots.

The Rangers forwards at times carried the ball so neatly that there was a danger that the score would be equalised, but Surpersadh Beharie (Rangers) kicked wide.

The final whistle went with the score still 1—0 in favour of Narrandes' five.

WEEKEND SOCCER FIXTURES

DURBAN (Today)

JUNIOR LEAGUE COMPETITION

2.15 p.m.: Stars vs. Warwickshire. Referee, Mr. S. K. Reddy.

3.30 p.m.: Stella vs. Jacobs. Referee, Mr. M. S. Badat.

JUVENILE RAMAN BROS. CUP

2.15 p.m.: Aces vs. Sastri College. Referee, Mr. D. A. Pather.

3.30 p.m.: Warwickshire vs. Central. Referee, Mr. Y. S. Mulla.

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

3.00 p.m.: Stars vs. Stella "B." Referee, Mr. P. B. A. Reddy.

DURBAN (Tomorrow)

(Durban Indian Sunday League)

BODIA'S CUP DISTRICT FINAL

3.00 p.m.: Silverton (Sunday League) vs. Riverside (N.C.I.F.A.). Referee, Mr. S. K. Reddy.

MARITZBURG (Today)

JUVENILE LEAGUE

2.15 p.m.: Hill View vs. Young Colonials.

3.30 p.m.: Schools vs. Plessislaer.

JUNIOR BACHRAM'S CUP (Final)

2.15 p.m.: Britannia vs. Young Colonials.

SENIOR CORONATION CUP (Replay)

3.30 p.m.: Royals vs. Young Natalians.

(On Sunday)

3.15 p.m.: Europeans vs. Maritzburg Muslims.

In the semi-final for M. R. Naidoo's trophy Dundee beat Glencoe 5—0 on Sunday last. R. Singh, J. B. Lally, S. Joseph and A. G. Khakie were the goal-scorers for Dundee.

In a friendly match on Wednesday last, at Maritzburg, Imperial F.C. beat Norfolk F.C. 5—1.

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At a meeting of Sydenham soccerites the Tagore F.C. was formed and the following were elected officials: President, Mr. M. M. B. Singh; vice-president, Mr. Billy Naidoo; treasurer, Mr. Ruthnam; secretary, Mr. S. B. Maharajh; assistant secretary, Mr. Paul; captain, Mr. P. Maane; vice-captain, Mr. Nundkoomar; manager, Bajroo M. Singh; trainer, Mr. Clan.

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1d. a Day Living Allowance for Indian Teachers

THE Education Department is prepared to subsidise the aided school teachers' "war and cost of living allowance" at the rate of penny per day.

All teachers in the aided schools who hold a third-class post will be given an allowance of a penny per day for the period January-September, 1941, and a penny-halfpenny after September. No provision is made for a teacher holding a third-class post she may be married.

Teachers in the first and second-class posts will receive ten shillings and seven and sixpence respectively for the period January-September and thereafter fifteen shilling and ten shillings.

"The allowance is even below the minimum Government grading, as far as the third-class men are concerned, and they constitute 45 per cent. of the teaching profession in Natal," the secretary of the Natal Teachers' Union, Mr. I. C. Meer, told The Leader.

"The minimum of eight shillings and eight pence decided upon by the Government has been found totally inadequate and has been objected to by the whole trade union movement. How much more objection then should come from the teachers who earn only five pounds a month?

"We have also been informed that these rates are on the basis applicable to officers of the Public Service, but how many Public Service officers receive five pounds a month? Even the unskilled labourer on the railway receives an allowance of three-pence per day."

NEW SALARY SCALES

The Department has further made known the terms of the new scales. The terms are totally inadequate and teachers from all over the province have protested. The salary scale makes no substantial change on the one which is in operation now. In the early part of the year a salary scale offered by the Department was wholly rejected by the Natal Indian Teachers' Society.

Even since 1930 the teachers have been agitating for a decent salary scale and the removal of the much-hated post system, which does not allow teachers any great chance of promotion by keeping the numbers fixed in the first and second-class posts. The new salary scale still embodies the post system and even goes further, stating that the minimum salary to be paid to teachers in the third class is £4, whereas the rule today is £5.

The Natal Teachers' Union is fully determined to investigate the reaction of all teachers to the living allowance and the new salary scales and take a decision on October 18, at a general meeting.

Air Commando Incident Inquiry

THE inquiry into the alleged maltreatment of non-Europeans at the Air Commando display in Maritzburg recently, will open, according to an intimation received by the Natal Indian Association, Maritzburg Branch, at the O.C. Troops' Office, Dribi Camp, Maritzburg, on Monday, October 6, at 10 a.m.

The Court will hear the evidence from all those who have either been assaulted or have been eye-witness to the incident on that day.

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numbers of employment, which were formerly open to the Coloured and Indian youths, and thereby steadily depressing the level of the non-Europeans. This white attitude will have one good result. That is, it will unite the various non-European groups against their common oppressors. We know that it is taking shape in the form of the non-European United Front.

The Parliamentary vote has been denied to every white man and woman who has qualifications: that they reach the age of twenty-one and have a clean criminal record. The Municipal and the Provincial vote has certain property and renters qualifications. The Parliamentary vote is denied to the non-Europeans of Natal, Transvaal and the Orange Free State. In the Cape it has been granted to all the non-Europeans, provided they can fulfil extra qualifications. They are that the non-European is not only twenty-one and has a clean criminal record but that he has a defined minimum property or income and has a defined minimum education. These qualifications are not demanded of the whites. There are then in the Cape about thirty-seven thousand non-European voters against the eight million non-Europeans of South Africa.

"The Municipal and the Provincial vote is also denied to the non-European of the three provinces. It is open to them in the Cape, if they can fulfil the above extra qualifications.

"This is supposed to be a democratic country and as such we are entitled to frame the laws of the country. Actually what do we see? We see all the trapping of the parliamentary government for the whites side by side with absolute autocratic rule over the non-Europeans.

Non-Europeans and the Vote

MISS B. GOOL, B.A., of Cape Town addressed the Liberal Study Group on "Non-Europeans and the Vote," on Sunday last.

"Some time ago General Smuts declared in England," said Miss Gool, "that the people of South Africa numbered only two millions, he completely ignored the eight million Africans, Coloureds and Indians. Heaven alone knows what we are then? A kind of human livestock, I suppose! Actually it is not surprising to find our very existence thus ignored if we are excluded from political and military power and have no preferential educational and economic privileges such as are enjoyed by the whites in this country.

"Three groups form our multiracial community, the Bantus, the Coloureds and the Indians. The Bantu form the largest group and they suffer the most in every sphere of life, political, social, educational and economic. In addition to those discriminatory laws from which the various non-European groups suffer, special laws, such as the Pass laws, the Curfew regulations and the Liquor laws are exclusively applied to the South Africans, to further restrict their liberties.

In the economic field we have a separate picture. The skilled trades are closed to the vast majority of the non-Europeans, and they are only allowed to do unskilled, hard and unpleasant work at a low wage on which to maintain a low standard of life. They are forced to remain in a position where they have to take orders and do as they are told. African Trade Unions are not recognised and they suffer the attendant disabilities.

"Socially the non-Europeans are outcasts. Segregation is practised everywhere. This insistence of group distance between them and the whites has the aim of preserving the white group's integrity. The present day 'White Labour Policy' is closing many

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Natal Retains Sam China Cup

NATAL by its 4—1 victory over Transvaal on Saturday last, in the concluding match of the tourney, retained for the sixth time in succession the Sam China Trophy. Since 1930 Natal has held the trophy without a break. In 1935, however, she had to share the honours with Transvaal.

A brief survey of the matches shows that 89 goals in all have been scored in fifteen matches, making very nearly an average of six per match. The worst sufferer has been Frontier.

From the log below it is evident that Natal and Transvaal constitute the two most powerful forces in South African Indian soccer. Even the number of goals registered against the other teams by Natal and Transvaal prove their power. The disparity between the remaining four teams is not so very great.

This lopsidedness of the tourney may be avoided if Natal and Transvaal are divided into two soccer centres each, for the purpose of selecting teams for the Sam China tournament. Two teams from Natal will not weaken Natal to any appreciable extent and the same may be said of the Transvaal, as direct result would be greater attraction and a chance of winning for the other participating centres. And, what is much more important, the result will not be a foregone conclusion. There are still another two years before the next tourney and the soccer heads may well experiment. The next tourney will, incidentally, be held in Durban the stronghold of Natal Indian soccer.

The division of Natal into two will also obviate Northern Natal's and Midlands' objection to a team selected to represent Natal, which, in their opinion, is representative of Durban alone. A combined team from Northern Natal and the Midlands is quite capable of extending a team representative of Durban and the adjacent districts.

RESULTS IN DETAIL

Saturday, 20th: Griqualand West 0; Eastern Province 0; Transvaal 11, Frontier 0.

Monday, 22nd: Natal 10, Frontier 1; Western Province 3, Griqualand West 2.

Tuesday, 23rd: Natal 7, Griqualand West 0; Eastern Province 4, Frontier 0. (Match abandoned second half—rain and gale).

Wednesday, 24th: Natal 4, Eastern Province 0; Transvaal 6, Griqualand West 0; Western Province 8, Frontier 0.

Thursday, 25th: Transvaal 5, Western Province 2; Griqualand West 3, Frontier 3.

Friday, 26th: Natal 4, Western Province 0; Transvaal 6, Eastern Province 4.

Saturday, 27th: NATAL 4, TRANSVAAL 1; Eastern Province 1, Western Province 0.

THE LOG

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Natal	5	5	–	–	29	2	10
Transvaal	5	4	1	–	29	10	8
Eastern Province	5	2	2	1	9	10	5
West'n Province	5	2	3	–	13	12	4
Griqualand West	5	–	3	2	5	19	2
Frontier	5	–	4	1	4	34	1

Natal Draws First Blood in Final

(From our Special Correspondent)

A huge crowd filled the stands at the Oval, Port Elizabeth, last Saturday to witness the great clash between the two rivals, Natal and Transvaal, both remaining unbeaten throughout the four matches played by each side during the week.

Natal drew first blood; D. Ganas opened the score by beating the Transvaal custodian with an excellent shot (1—0). Fast play now ensued, both areas being visited in quick succession, and splendid combination by both sides was now witnessed. George Singh cleared a dangerous situation and A. Joseph obtained from Rajoo Pillay to put Natal's second goal which was met with thunderous applause.

Half-time arrived with Natal leading 2—0.

On resumption Transvaal pressed strongly, keeping Harrinarain and Singh busy. Jack Govindasamy cleared some dangerous shots and his efforts were applauded. A spectacular move by the halves Punsford Govindasamy, N. C. Naidoo, and Narainsamy saw the ball being well worked into their opponents' area; and A. Joseph made good use of obtaining and scored the second goal to put Natal 3 up (3–0).

The game now developed rapidly, the Transvaalers were kept busy defending. In the concluding stages of the game Transvaal scored the only goal when B. Moodaley beat the custodian with a good shot.

D. Ganas was rather unfortunate in being injured in the early stages of the game, otherwise the score would have been different. Transvaal also sustained great loss when one of their backs suffered injury and had to keep out of the major part of the game. They had to defend with ten men in the closing stages.

The final whistle saw Natal run out winners of a well-deserved game. (Rajoo Pillay also scored Natal's fourth goal with an excellent header just before the Transvaaler, Moodley, scored).

The trophy was then presented to the winning captain, Nalas Padayachee, by Mr. J. Neil-Boss, patron of the E.P.I.F.A., who congratulated the team on its success. Mr. M. S. Naicker, who deputised for the captain, suitably replied.

The tournament proved a huge success and the officials of the S.A.F.A. and E.P.I.F.A. must whole-heartedly be congratulated on the excellent manner in which all arrangements were carried out in connection with the tourney to such a successful conclusion.

The winning team was as follows: (Referee, Mr. I. D. Bhayat), Jack Govindasamy, G. Singh, R. Harrinarain, Naraisamy, P. Govindasamy, N. C. Naidoo, Mohamed Khan, Rajoo Pillay, D. Ganas, A. Joseph, and B. Moonsy.

Three of the team players were able to participate owing to injuries sustained during the previous match, being N. Padayachee, M. S. Naicker and D. Eman.

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UMBAN: To Mr. and Mrs. Freddie R. Sambra, a bonny daughter at 67 Gardens Road, Manor Gardens, on September 27th.

Mrs. F. S. David and son, of Maritzburg, are spending a short holiday in Durban. They are staying with Mrs. Solomon, of Warwick Avenue.

The engagement took place on Sunday last at Maritzburg of Miss Theresa Anthony, of Maritzburg, to Mr. Tel Matthews, of Durban.

Mr. and Mrs. Sewraj Singh, of Newcastle, were on a short visit to Durban this week.

Mr. Nursee D. Soni, of Dundee, visited Stanger and Durban last week.

Messrs. J. M. Soni, Gopaul D. Soni and Vajjee Rajoo, all of Maritzburg, were the guests of Soni Bros., Dundee, last weekend.

Mr. Nanjee D. Soni, of Dundee, and a member of the firm of Nursee D. Soni, jewellers, paid a visit to Johannesburg.

Mr. Solly Akoob, a well-known Pretoria sportsman, is spending a fortnight's holiday at Port Elizabeth.

The Union Department of Education has officially appointed Mr. P. G. Moodley, headmaster of Government-aided Indian School, Esperanza, as a local secretary for the National Commercial and Technical Examinations for the non-European candidates. The examination centre is Esperanza Indian School.

Young Hindu Society Officials

The Young Hindu Cultural Service Society, of Ladysmith, held its sixth annual general meeting on Sunday last in its hall.

The joint secretaries' report revealed that the Society had enjoyed a very successful year under the presidentship of Mr. R. Narrandas.

The secretaries were unanimously re-elected for the following year. Mr. H. R. Singh, who has been elected for the sixth time as a treasurer, has rendered many useful services to the society ever since it was founded.

The following officials were elected for the ensuing year: Patrons, Messrs. Uthal Lala, T. Rama, G. C. Chetty, K. Naidoo and S. Chotai; president, Mr. R. Narrandes; vice-presidents, Messrs. L. Sewgolam, M. V. Achary, C. P. Naidoo, S. C. Mahilar and K. R. Singh; joint secretaries, Messrs. R. Kallie and M. Govindasamy (re-elected); hon. treasurer, Mr. H. R. Singh (re-elected); hon. auditor, Mr. M. S. Achary (re-elected).

Management committee, Messrs. G. K. Nalliah, C. C. Pillay, L. K. Naidoo, A. Singh, R. Paray, D. Vithal, N. S. Rajbansee committee, Messrs. M. Govinder, R. Kallie, G. P. Naidoo, M. V. Achary, S. Ramdeen.

During first year of war trade between India and the U.S.A. nearly doubled. The U.S.A. is now India's third largest customer, taking as much as one-sixth of the annual exports.

To Keep Lemon Handy

Here is a useful recipe to keep lemons for a long time—

Take an earthenware pot and dump in plenty of soft sand. Put the lemons deep into it, but take care that they do not touch each other. Then cover well with sand. There they will remain ready to hand and in perfect condition for a very long time.

Incidentally, don't forget if you have a stale hard lemon pop it into boiling water before use and it will give more juice. Indeed, this is a good plan to adopt with all lemons.

Isipingo Indian Society

The 23rd annual meeting of the Isipingo Indian Society was held on Sunday last at the Indian school, Mr. B. Mahabeer presided.

The report of the secretary, Mr. R. G. Gupaulsingh, reflected that a great deal of good work had been done in the welfare of the district. The society was now in a position of owning its school and cemetery. It assisted in securing oldage pensions, mothers' grants, dealt with the payment and exemption of Personal Tax, registering of births, passes, etc.

The balance sheet showed a total asset of £2,300. The school has a roll of 408 children. English, Arabic, Tamil and Hindi are taught.

The following spoke praising the work of the society: Messrs. S. Powys, S. P. Naidoo, G. Badary, M. Gopaul, R. D. Chowthee, M. H. Keerath, B. A. R. Debidoo, S. Neerputh and R. N. Govender.

The officials elected for the ensuing year are: Patrons, Messrs. Hajee, E. M. Patak, A. I. Kajee, R. D. Chowthee, G. R. Ghoorahoo, B. Mahabeer, and S. S. Kanhie; president, Mr. M. A. Jadhary; vice-presidents, Messrs. K. Nowbuth, J. Vardon, S. Moonsamy, A. Raimau, B. Natalie, D. Debidoo, K. Ramnath, R. B. Richard, S. Gokul, S. Neerputh, S. Goordeen and S. Singh; secretary and treasurer, Mr. R. Gopaulsingh; assistant secretary, Mr. T. Subramany; auditor, Mr. N. Gangaa. Committee: Messrs. M. George, D. S. Cassim, H. Bindu, B. M. Seekumnan, S. Subhram, L. Baijoo, B. Mahabeer, jun., S. Powys and J. Armoogum.

Girl Skips for Over Two Hours

In spite of rain there was a large gathering at the Welbedacht Indian School ground on Sunday last for the sixth annual gala-day sports of the Pinetown and Suburban Indian Schools' Association. Children from the six affiliated schools, numbering over 1,000, keenly contested Mr. K. R. Nair's Victor Ludorum Floating Trophy, which was won by the Rossfontein Indian School for the second year. This school also won Mr. Hobart Middleton's Girls' Relay Race Floating Trophy.

Pheobathy Moodley, a twelve-year-old girl of Welbedacht Indian School, set a record of 2 hours 45 minutes for skipping to a finish. At the end of this time she was not out. There were 115 participants in the Fancy Dress Parade which formed the interesting item for the afternoon. There were five sections and six prizes in the Fancy Dress Parade. Abucou Indian School won four prizes in the Fancy Dress Parade which was judged by Messrs. P. R. Singh and K. R. Nair (who also presented the prizes).

The provincial conference of the Non-European United Front which should have been held tomorrow and on Monday has been postponed. It may be held in the second half of December.

Stuffed Green Papaw

One green pawpaw, 1 teacup minced meat, 1 tablespoon butter, 2 tablespoons fresh breadcrumbs, 1 small tomato, 1 small onion, green chillies, salt, and beaten egg.

Peel pawpaw, cut in half lengthwise, and remove the seeds. Boil in salted water 10 to 15 minutes. Drain well. Mince the meat, tomato and onion together. Heat the butter, add minced meat, seasoning, breadcrumbs and beaten egg to bind the mixture. Stir thoroughly.

Fill pawpaw with the mixture. Sprinkle the top with browned breadcrumbs. Bake in a moderate oven 20 to 30 minutes.

INTER-SCHOOL DEBATE

Dartnell C. Girls Beat Sastri Boys

In an inter-school debate, held in the College Hall on Friday last, Dartnell Crescent Girls' School defeated Sastri College by a narrow margin.

Miss Sashma Naidoo, of Dartnell Crescent, moved that "Education for the Indian girl is just as important as it is for the Indian boy."

She was supported by Miss Rookmonie Padayachee, Miss Theresa Lawrence and Miss Dewamonie Singh. They advanced some convincing arguments.

Sastri College was represented by Messrs. A. C. Naidoo, V. Nair, A. Limbada and G. H. Mayet.

The general standard of debating was high.

The adjudicators were Miss Maartens, of Dartnell Crescent, Mrs. H. Miller and Mr. P. R. Singh.

£1,000 School for Ballengeich

A new school for Indian children at Ballengeich has been erected by the manager of the S.A. Carbide Works, Mr. A. E. W. Smith, at an approximate cost of £1,000.

It is one of the finest Government-aided Indian Schools in Northern Natal.

Mr. A. E. W. Smith, who is also the manager of the school, Mr. K. Gardiner and Mr. Roux have done much for the Indian community of Ballengeich. Another tireless public worker is Mr. Sowmundan Mahabeer.

Hindu Rashtriya Patshala

The twelfth annual general meeting of the Hindi Rashtriya Patshala was held in the Patshala Hall, Clairwood, on Sunday last.

The following were elected office-bearers for the ensuing year: Chairman, S. M. Singh (re-elected); vice-chairman, D. J. Singh, R. Maharaj and S. Gopal (re-elected); hon. secretary, M. Ramlagan (re-elected); hon. treasurer, P. Seethal (re-elected); hon. auditor, R. Gopaulsingh (re-elected). Committee: P. Dhoopersad, R. Kalavia, R. Sewkaraj, A. Kesava, C. Ramgareeb, Lilhamber, R. Chowtilall, Ramlall and S. Harryram.

"Modern science is a blessing to man" was the subject of a debate between members of the Springfield Methodist School and a team of ex-pupils. The former team won by the big margin of 41 points. Those participating were, for the Springfield school team: R. Maskie, B. Gungaraidoo, S. Tebboo, and R. Khan, while R. Singh, D. Pillay, G. Lalla and H. Sandhee represented the team of ex-pupils.

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Burnside "A" beat Dundee United by 1–0 for the Bob Anand Memorial Trophy at Glenwood last Sunday. The Glenwood annual seven-a-side tournament will be held tomorrow at 9 a.m. In addition to Gopie Singh's trophy for the winners, there will be four other trophies awarded according to the order of merit.

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The New High Commissioner

THE appointment of Sir Shafa'at Ahmad Khan, whose name was mentioned nearly a month ago in the news columns of The Leader as the High Commissioner for India in the Union has now been announced in the course of a communique issued by the Government of India yesterday.

Sir Shafa'at will bring to his work in this country the experience gleaned from the public life of his country where he has played an important part. His special study of history will be an additional qualification to focus a proper appreciation of the position of Indians in South Africa—not that they had come here to seek "sanctuary," but as we said in these columns last week they were invited, nay, cajoled.

In our interpretation of the new status—the change from the functions of an Agent-Generalship to those of a High Commissionership, as defined by the last occupant of these two offices—we stated the opinion that the alteration involved a loss of its usefulness to the Indian community of South Africa. We also expressed the fear that with an official as High Commissioner the new interpretation would be too rigidly followed. Elasticity of thought and action cannot be said to be a strong point with the Indian Civil Servant, who, in other things, might be quite a useful fellow, but who would be inclined, because of the nature of his training, to be controlled too much by instructions. The post in this country is governed by local conditions and the man on the spot must make his own decisions and carry his Government with him. Our views found support in the Press of India and it was due to that that the Government of India decided to fill the post with a non-official. We do expect that the "one qua non of the appointment would be his earnest desire to work in cooperation with all bodies which are working for the welfare of the Indian community.

We trust that Sir Shafa'at will not delay his departure from India too long. We feel that his presence is urgently required here and that he must take a lead in bringing about unity in our community. Tomorrow's executive meeting of the South African Indian Congress, which is to consider the affiliation of the two Natal bodies, should be deferred until his arrival. For any decision made is bound to give rise to offence to one or the other party and will add to the bitterness that is so deep today. May we hope that the presence of the new High Commissioner, who will bring an unprejudiced mind to bear on the problem, will help in creating a more favourable atmosphere so that the talk of unity may lead to its practical realisation? Divided forces at their best are never effective and in the end it must hurt us all. It is in this spirit that we extend a hearty welcome to Sir Shafa'at Ahmad Khan.

Our Readers Speak

THE INDIAN FRANCHISE

It is regrettable that the native question should have figured so largely at the recent conference of the Congress.

The South African Indian question persists as the gravest and most involved of recent constitutional developments within the Empire. My hope of its solution lies in the question being rigidly confined as a definite and distinctive Indian issue. To associate it even remotely with the native or other race problem, therefore, is to render confusion worse confounded; and I am surprised that so patent a truth did not dawn upon the speakers.

I am even more amazed at the apparent levity and scant responsibility marking the treatment of so vital an issue by European participants in the conference. The Union Indian Franchise was far to be the test of Empire and it is imperative that those who would speak to it initially possessed themselves of a working knowledge of the subject.

The Indian community came in for censure at the hands of European speakers for its neglect of and disinterest in native affairs. Indian speakers disproved the indictment, but the following relevant item of history will be conducive of Indian interest in the native population.

I was reading as an undergraduate at Cambridge during the Natal native troubles of 1906. Moved by a sense of duty towards the people I was born among, I prepared an Open Letter to the Members of the House of Commons stating as best I could, in a booklet of some 20 pages, the case for the natives.

I had not the money to have the booklet printed, but a member of my church in London, a printer, accepted my few shillings and gave me 500 copies. Laden with these I journeyed in the House of Commons some 10 miles from my home by tram and bus. Arrived at Parliament Houses I sought the apartment of the great Speaker and further. That high official informed me that it was quite against the rules of the House to distribute any literature in the lobby. Nothing daunted I took up my position at the outer gate in inclement weather and before long handed out most of the copies to members passing into the House.

Mr. Gandhi, who read the pamphlet in London during the Transvaal Deputation, praised the effort but decried the merits; but Mr. Winston Churchill, then Under Secretary for the Colonies, sent me a personal letter stating that he largely agreed in all I had said in the booklet.

Indian efforts in fellow native interests are not always proclaimed from the house tops.

J. ROYEPPEN, B.A. (Cantab.)

EID - DAY SHOP CLOSING

May I appeal through your paper to the Moslem community who, I presume, will be observing Eid soon.

Moslems throughout the world observe this great day, and as a mark of respect they cover all connections with external mode of commerce on that particular day. There are, however, a few of this community in Maritzburg who, although they observe the traditional ceremony, do not show their mark of respect by closing down business for the day. When attending prayers at Masque on the Eid morning why don't they do the same for the whole day?

We all are aware of the fact that when there is a public holiday or so, every nationality observes it as a public holiday, and all business is closed; but why don't we do the same in observing our great festival — Eid-Durban Moslems can close business why shouldn't we in Maritzburg. I make an earnest appeal to the leaders of the Moslem community of Maritzburg to convene a special meeting to pass a resolution to the effect that all Moslem business be closed on that particular day, and if any Moslem is found guilty of contravening this resolution he shall pay a certain sum towards the Masque as a fine.

ISMAIL SADOOR.

Maritzburg.

SPRINGFIELD TENANTS' ASSOCIATION

I am a tenant of the Springfield Estate, Durban Corporation, and a bona fide lease-holder with the Estate's Manager, City Estates Dept., City Council, Durban, and one who has resided on Springfield Estate with my families now for 27 years.

I have patiently waited ever since my letter appeared in The Leader on March 25, 1941, re the Springfield Estate Indian Tenants' Association, to call up their annual general meeting which is overdue now thirteen months. The last annual general meeting was held on September 3, 1930.

I have been asked by the tenants of the Estate to write this letter and to ask, through the medium of The Leader, the Springfield Estate Indian Tenants' Association immediately to call the annual meeting, to have the annual election, and to report to its members as to how far they have settled with the Durban City Council about cultivating land and the housing scheme.

It has come to my notice that the Durban Corporation has commenced to erect houses for Indians along Alpine Road and also intend to erect houses next to the T.B. Hospital. This is the second matter for the Springfield Estate Indian Tenants' Association to take up and find out the particulars of these schemes.

The erection of these houses now will root the poor Indians a fortune, owing to the high prices of building material, etc., so my suggestion is that the Durban Corporation should discontinue the building of these houses at the present.

J. BHARUTH RAM.

CONGRESS AND CO-OPERATION

In times of war, the least the Government of this country expects from us is our loyal sympathy and heartfelt support. I am glad this request has been suitably responded to by the acting president of the Natal Indian Congress, Mr. A. I. Kajee, in his presidential address at its recent conference when he remarked: "And with all sincerity we offer ourselves to the Government, to the European community and to all others who may join in the quest of co-operation to free this world from poverty, from unemployment, from malnutrition, from slums, from colour prejudice and from disease, from all economic evils — poverty."

In practice, this indicates an expression which is simultaneously the subject of the Indian community in general, for a spirit of mutual goodwill, and the success of overcoming a spirit of self-preservation and dissension. If the Indian community will realise the Congress's policy of co-operation by educating the public and the public for a better understanding, let us be frank and more steadfast in our belief and throw our object to the community for a true mutual co-operation.

In extending to the officials and members of the Natal Indian Congress my best wishes, may I appeal to them to hold a conference of "Peace and Unity" amongst their strayed sons as an outcome of Congress's New Order of "Co-operation."

SOL D. ROYEPPEN

Johannesburg.

"India Would By Then Be Free"

MADRAS EX-MINISTER'S DAUGHTER IN DURBAN

Oxford Prepares the Political Propagandist

A DAUGHTER of a former Minister of the Madras Government, Dr. Subrayan, and Mrs. Subrayan, the only woman member of the Central Legislative Assembly, both of whom who have recently "done time" in prison as Congress "law breakers," is now in Durban en route for India.

She is still waiting to hear news concerning the fate of her brother, who has been tried as a Congress "law breaker." She thinks that he will get seven years, but she smiled as she said this to a Leader reporter.

"He — for the first time," she said, "for India would by then be free."

Parvati Rumaramangalam

MISS PARVATI KUMARAMANGALAM, for that is her name, was at Oxford. Adding to the study of the arts she has qualified in shorthand and typewriting so that she can be attached to the Congress Office as a useful worker. She is not afraid of the Indian gaol; if need be, she is quite prepared to carry on the family traditions of "doing time" if it is going to help her country to get her freedom.

"I can translate English into Tamil, and can help Congress to send out its messages to the whole of the Tamil-speaking province," she said, meaningly.

FATHER'S CRITIC

She is her father's political critic, but admires her mother's political approach. "There is no vacillating conservative Gandhi policy for me, we want the direct method," she added.

Miss Kumaramangalam is a young woman who knows her mind. She has checked up on her country's needs and will not rest until India secures an equal place with the other nations in the Commonwealth. She is not alone. But she is typical of the group of students, who have come together in England, where, under its free skies, have tried to ravel the tangled skein of India's political and other problems.

"The Hindu thinks he is culturally superior to the Muslim, who, in turn, thinks he is physically above the Hindu. Here is the seeds of discord. We must think ourselves as one," said one of the returning students.

They were thus formulating the solutions which they had reached to their problems in trying to create a national Indian outlook. They meant to be the new masters of the Indian household. They were not going to stand for any division.

"I have been interested in the South African Indian question since I was a child of 11," said Miss Kumaramangalam and she had continued her acquaintance with the subject even in England. She had met a South African Native there, a daughter of Professor D. T. Javabu, of Fort Hare; with her and others she had discussed the conditions existing in South Africa.

She, with some of her friends, had boarded a trolley bus in Durban. She was told to go upstairs. Not that she was dark in colour—for, if that was the criterion, she was fair enough to be admitted downstairs—but she had on a sari—the national dress of India. Today they feel that they must include in their programme of work to secure an equal recognition of and respect for the sari or the turban, as are accorded to the symbols of other countries within the comity of nations.

In them the South African Indian, too, will have their champions in the councils of the Dominions.

(Others in the party are Dr. Baksh, Mrs. Ilahi Baksh (social science teacher), Mr. V. P. S. Menon, (electrical engineer), Dr. P. Bhattacharya (animal genetics), Mr. K. A. P. Stevenson (economics, politics, Oxford), Mr. A. B. Saran (electrical engineer), Mr. D. Misra (agriculturist, Cambridge), Mr. C. C. Joshi (textile chemistry, Manchester), Dr. L. N. Rao (botanist, Cambridge), and Jamadar Mohamad Latif.

RAMADAN PRAYERS
To Continue During "Blackout"

Blackout in Durban during the month of Ramadan will not disturb Mohammedan worshippers.

On representations being made by the Natal Indian Association it was agreed to—according to a letter received from the Chief Area Commandant R. Ellis Brown, Durban Civilian Protective Society—that seven mosques in and around Durban would be allowed to keep lights in the prayer room during the blackouts.

"It is a condition of this exemption that all existing lights will be subdued as much as possible," writes the Area Commandant.

(CONTINUED FROM COLUMN 4)

Century, 1926; John Marshall in India, 1668-1672; The Indian Federation, 1935; Federal Finance, 1929; founder and editor, Journal of Indian History, Allahabad; numerous contributions to the Star, Islamic Culture, and other periodicals.

His recreations are walking and motoring.

He is the second representative of India to come from Moradabad, the first being Sayed Sir Raza Ali.

New High Commissioner for India Appointed

A Distinguished Historian

IN a communique issued by the Government of India yesterday the appointment of Sir Shafa'at Ahmad Khan, as its High Commissioner in the Union of South Africa, is announced.

His Career

SIR SHAFA'AT was knighted in 1938. He was officiating member, Federal Public Service Commission, Government of India, since 1940. He was born in Moradabad, United Provinces, India, 1893; he is a son of Saijad Amad Khan, Zemindar, Moradabad; he married in 1924 to Fahmida, the youngest daughter of the late Justice Shah Din, of Lahore; he has two daughters.

He was educated at the Government High School, Moradabad; Trinity College, Dublin; University of London, First Class Honours in History, 1914; Gold Medallist of Dublin University, 1914; Doctor of Literature, 1918; Assistant Professor of Indian Economics, University of Mysore, 1919-20; organised the publication of Allahabad University Studies in History; is member of the United Provinces Legislative Council from Moradabad, U.P., since 1924.

President, United Provinces Muhammadan Educational Conference, Allahabad, January, 1925; president, conference of Muslim members of local bodies and Legislative Council, 1926; chairman, Committee for All-Indians of U.P. Muslims, 1926; representative of U.P. Muslim Members of the Legislature in England, 1927; founded and [illegible] weekly newspaper in English, The Star, 1929.

Member U.P. Simon Committee, 1928-9; president, U.P. Simon Committee, 1928-9; president, Punjab Muslim Educational Conference, Lahore, October, 1929; president, Bengal Muslim Conference, 1930; U.P. Muslim Educational Conference, Allahabad, 1925 and 1929; Ajmer-Merwara Muslim Educational Conference, Ajmer, March, 1930; and Bengal Muslim Educational Conference, April, 1930.

Delegate to the three Round-Table Conferences in London, 1930-32; delegate to Parliamentary Joint Committee on India, May-November, 1933; hon. secretary to the Muslim delegation to the Round-Table Conferences, 1930-31; president of the Muslim Youth League, Calcutta, May, 1938; chairman, All-India Muslim Conference, 1938-9; president over All-India Modern History Congress, Poona, June, 1935.

Publications: The East India Trade in the Seventeenth Century in its Political Aspects, 1923; Anglo-Portuguese Negotiations Relating to Bombay, 1660-67; Sources for the History of British India in the Seventeenth

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Selections for Greyville

BY "STARLIKE"

First Race: 1, Zennoun; 2, Captain Lee; 3, China Blue.
Second Race: 1, Salmon Colour; 2, Golden Grain; 3, Chablis.
Third Race: County Ball; 2, Wintermere; 3, Al Borak.
Fourth Race: 1, Haiough; 2, Fatras; 3, Aegean Bine.
Fifth Race: 1, Inanda; 2, Piccadilly Jim; 3, Blue Streak.
Sixth Race: 1, Knight's Boy; 2, Maid of Memby; 3, Demolish.
Seventh Race: 1, Brawl; 2, Forest Ranger; 3, Magnot.
Eighth Race: 1, Ethelborough; 2, Connoisseur; 3, Sudeten.

SELECTIONS FOR CLAIRWOOD
(Monday)

First Race: 1, Corcobawn; 2, Beamend; 3, Russophil.
Second Race: 1, Ominous; 2, B.E.F.; 3, Tanager.
Third Race: 1, Tiny Tim; 2, Surf; 3, Dredger.
Fourth Race: 1, Devastate; 2, Copper Bottom; 3, Flor Fina.
Fifth Race: 1, B.S.A.; 2, Rakish; 3, P.T.
Sixth Race: 1, Glenbyre; 2, Chaceley; 3, Texas.
Seventh Race: 1, Kildonan; 2, Arna; 3, Millet.
Eighth Race: 1, Gun Shy; 2, Conjuge; 3, Mishap.
Ninth Race: 1, Donatel; 2, Live Wire; 3, Austerlitz.

Johannesburg Spring Handicap
(Today)

LENIN	1
Nuffield	2
Cairn Rua	3
Noble Peer	4

MARITZBURG'S NEW MOSQUE

On Sunday last in the presence of over 2,000 Muslims from all parts of the Union the new Mosque, built by Mr. Tayob Latiff, in memory of his late father Latiff Osman, of Durban, was officially opened.

After the president's (Mr. Adam Habib) speech and the garlanding and presentation of a tray to Mr. Tayob Latiff, lectures were delivered by Messrs. Hajee Ebrahim Hansa, of Dannhauser, Ismail Osman, of Durban, Zada Osman, Sarabjee Rustomjee, Mahomed Essack, I. A. Moosa, Councillor Mr. Dollie, of Capetown, and others.

In accordance with the Tenets of Islam (Wakaf) Mr. Tayob then made a formal offering of the building. The Hamdaney Mosque, to the Pietermaritzburg Musjid and Islamia School Trust.

Mr. Hafiz Hoosen Mahomed, donor of a piece of land for the erection of a Madressa, was also garlanded.

Moulana Syed Mahomed Lout then opened the door and a verse from the Holy Koran was recited by the Hafiz of Bopal, followed by Syed Mahomed Lout, Moulana Molvie Chapadith, of Glencoe Junction, Moulana Molvi Abdool Kadar, of Verulam.

At noon the first call to prayers, Allah O Akbar, was recited and the Mosque was crowded with worshippers when Moulana Lout conducted the services.

Special accommodation was provided for over 500 ladies.

Strike Continues

The Indian workers at the Five Rivers Tea and Coffee Works and at Messrs. Clenton and Mitchell, who went out on strike two weeks ago, are still out. No agreement has been arrived at between the employers and the workers. Over two hundred workers are affected.

The workers have determined to stay out until the employers accede to their demands. They are receiving help from the general public and the trade union movement.

Mickenhouse juveniles were beaten by Bells 3—0 at Balgowan last Saturday. The goal-scorers were Ramsulla, Moses, Mahmood and John.

POSITION OF NATIVES DIFFERENT

Mixing Indian Problem Not Easy of Solution—Sir Rama Rau

SOUTH AFRICA would undoubtedly be brought into closer relations with India after the war, said Sir B. Rama Rau, lately High Commissioner for India in South Africa, speaking at the Servants of India Society, Poona, when he was entertained to tea by Pandit Hridayanath Kunzru.

The thinking section of South African Europeans were beginning to realise that the Indian problem was no parochial one, he said, and that if it was not solved on a friendly basis it would develop into an international issue full of potential dangers.

Referring to the general colour problem, Sir B. Rama Rau said if the Indian problem was mixed up with that it would not be easy to find a solution. While having the greatest sympathy for the natives, he thought that their position was fundamentally different.

The political, economic and social system in South Africa, he said, was designed to ensure that the large non-European popalation was kept in the country but at the same time was prevented from acquiring any political, military and economic power that would endanger the European mode of life.

The Indian problem was primarily economic, although racial consiserations did influence the situation.

Turning to the war, he said that the Indian war effort had produced a great impression, particularly on the British section. The war had demonstrated that no country, small or great, could remain in isolation under modern conditions.

There are only 34 towns with a population of 100,000 and over in the whole of India and nearly three-quarters of the population is agricultural, living in about 750,000 villages.

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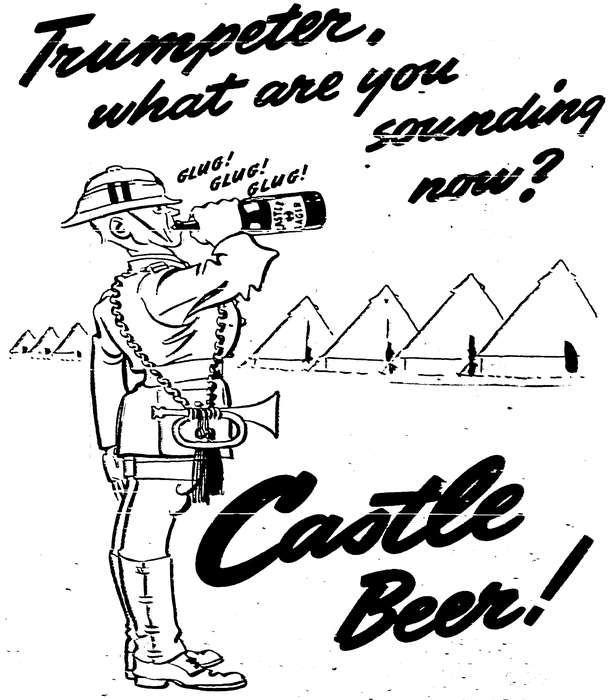
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Aryan Benevolent Home

The 29th annual meeting of the Arya Yuvak Sabha was held at the Aryan Benevolent Home, Cato Manor.

Mr. D. G. Sayadaven, who was the president of the Sabha for the past 29 years, thanked the members and heads of the committee for their willingness in doing the various duties entrusted to them.

The secretary, Mr. A. Dalip Singh, dealt at length with the work of the Sabha. His report showed that the society's work was divided into three spheres, namely, duty, education and service, and that more work had been done in the third sphere.

The following were elected officials for the ensuing year: Mr. R. Ramklass, president; Mr. R. Sitahpaul, hon. secretary; Mr. Ramesh Singh, assistant hon. secretary; Mr. R. Rajkumar, treasurer; Mr. M. Norman, auditor. Committee: Messrs. A. Naidoo, D. G. Satyadeven, S. L. Singh, S. K. Maharaj, V. C. Nayanaraj.

ARYAN BENEVOLENT HOME

In his annual report of the Aryan Benevolent Home, the hon. secretary, Mr. A. Dalip Singh, said that at present 65 destitutes and orphans were given shelter, food, clothing, and education at the home.

Since the outbreak of the war the number of the inmates was increasing steadily and now the wards and the children's dormitories were full up to capacity.

The following are the officials of the committee: Mr. V. C. Nayanaraj (chairman), Mr. S. L. Singh (hon. secretary and treasurer), Messrs. R. Pratap, A. Dalip Singh, C. Sakraj, S. K. Maharaj, R. B. Ramperssadh, R. Serpersadh.

Mr. C. R. Naidoo, a leading member of the Pentan's Hill Youth Club, who had been ill for the past two years at his home in Hazy Road, Pentan's Hill, is now back at work.

Football at Currie's Fountain

There were no senior fixtures at Currie's Fountain on Saturday last owing to the fact that many of the best players of the teams were away at Port Elizabeth for the tournament.

In the junior league competition Warwickshire were unable to field a side against Stars, while Stella only beat Jacobs after a hard tussle. They scored their two goals in the last twenty minutes. Stella's victory has probably decided the league log, for Stella and Jacobs were the two unbeaten teams in the league competition.

Stella made their pressure felt early in the game, and the Jacobs half-line had to defend hard to prevent Stella from breaking through.

For twenty minutes the Jacobs' goal was under fire but the defence lived up to it. Jacobs only relieved the pressure for the Stella forwards to come foraging again. The inner left missed a good cross from the outside right. The ball was travelling too fast.

At half-time there was no score.

On the resumption there was nothing spectacular about the soccer and each side was obviously trying to get the winning goal. In the last twenty minutes of the game Stella scored twice.

Other results were:—

JUVENILE (Raman Bros. Cup)

Aces 2, Sastri College 1; Warwickshires 2, Central 0; Crimson League 3, Chatsworth 1; Stella B 4, Stars 0.

Indian Drama League

As the result of a few meetings and investigations the Durban Indian Drama League has come into being. On Monday evening a meeting of all those people who are interested in dramatics was held at Sastri College, Mr. C. R. Warriner was in the chair.

After some discussion it was agreed to abide by the rules and regulations which had been drawn up by a provisional committee. These rules have been by no means adopted by the League. They are only temporary.

The aim of the League is primarily to cater for all those artists which the Association and the various schools discover. The need of such a body has long been felt among the Indian community.

Transvaal Coloured Cricket Union

The thirty-seventh annual general meeting of the Transvaal Coloured Cricket Union was held at Roy's Cafe, Johannesburg, on Thursday last. All the clubs were fully represented.

The treasurer submitted his financial statement which reflected a good credit balance after all expenses had been defrayed.

The following officials were elected for the ensuing season: Patrons, Messrs. Sulliman Nana, Mahomed Jajbhay, and Ebrahim Jamal; life vice-presidents, Messrs. G. Z. Sallie and Sol. D. Royeppen; chairman, Mr. Gasant Rasdien; vice - presidents, Messrs. Gamat Sallie Rasdien, Hajee Abdool Sallie, Hajee Mogamat Abrahams, Amien Cassim, and Himdad Khan; joint hon. secretaries and treasurers, Messrs. Dawood Chatta and Hamid Noorbhai; hon. auditors, Messrs. S. D. Royeppen and G. Z. Sallie.

Owing to the present conditions it has been decided it is not practicable to stage a S.A. tournament for the Barnato Trophy this season, but towards the close of the season the affiliated clubs will arrange private tours to the Cape and Natal.

AVALON'S SECOND BIRTHDAY

Avalon celebrated its second birthday on Monday last when a record crowd of over a thousand had a share of the cake. The photo shows Manager Mr. Peetz with his genial staff.



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THE FIGHT AGAINST T.B.

F.S.A. Appeals for Help

The Friends of the Sick Association was started by the Society of Servants in South Africa in Durban some eight months ago to combat T.B. among the Indian people in Natal. Its efforts have met with some splendid support. A great deal of literature and all the books of the society have been printed free by eight Indian printing houses—the total value of this work is estimated at £50.

Some 150 workers, mostly young men, have joined the association. Every "Friend" is (or shortly will be) befriending one person suffering from T.B. and his family.

A small number of generous merchants are now providing groceries to the value of £30 monthly to help to supply sufferers and their families with adequate food. Area Care Committees have been formed in Clairwood, Sydenham, Central Durban and are meeting weekly.

The Natal Anti-T.B. Association and the Durban Health Department are working with the Friends of the Sick Association and are giving valuable help and guidance. Two donors are supplying milk.

The Indian doctors of Durban are undertaking valuable work to examine and aid all suspect cases and contacts in Durban Indian schools.

The Government has provided an office for the association (shortly to be opened) at the African Indian Clearing Station, Beatrice Street, Durban.

There are, however, 1,500 cases of T.B. among the Indian people in Durban and what has been done is, in reality, only a small beginning. The association makes a general appeal for help. Special appeals will be made to all in course of time. The association immediately needs a good typewriter and a telephone.

Donors are asked to communicate with the Secretary, Society of Servants in South Africa, c/o 15 Bensley Grove, Durban.

ANSWER TO CORRESPONDENT

P.C.C. (Newcastle): Sorry to have to disappoint you. No log of the tourney was provided because the final was still to be played. We agree that "politics is not the only phase of Indian life." We appreciate the note from C.C.C.—he has a poor reputation among his friends for letter writing—even while you have signed the letter.

New School for Stella Hill

A mass meeting of the parents and residents was held at Stella Hill on Sunday last for the purpose of finding accommodation for about three hundred children of school-going age who are out of school.

As there was no more room for further extension to the existing Stella Hill school it was unanimously decided that a new school should be erected in the vicinity.

About fifty guineas was volunteered by some of those who were present to encourage this new move.

The following committee was elected to purchase a suitable site for the new school: President, Mr. M. N. Naicker; hon. secretary, Mr. R. L. Naidoo; hon. assistant secretary, Mr. C. Munsamy; hon. treasurer, Mr. C. Sugana; vice-presidents, Messrs. B. A. Naidoo, R. S. K. Singh, Amod Kajee, R. Bolram Naidoo, and C. R. Naidoo.

Committee members: Messrs. L. A. Naidoo, B. Venkatruthnum, A. J. Naidoo, L. Kris Naidoo, M. M. James, R. V. Naicker, R. Chellanah, R. C. Naidoo, C. M. Pillay, Gabriel Moodley, M. Appavoo, T. Manickum Govender, R. A. Naidoo, A. M. Jack, Lutchman Singh, A. Jagga Naidoo, B. Soome, B. A. Maharaj, Sewnarain, M. Chenamy, L. R. Naidoo.

Debating Society at Estcourt

As a result of representations made by several young men Mr. James Augustine, Secretary of the Estcourt Branch of the Natal Indian Congress, will convene a meeting shortly under the aegis of the Branch with a view to forming a Debating and Social Club. It is felt that the incorporation of this aspect of social service in the local Branch will be of immense value to local Indians.

Estcourt to Move for Vernacular

At a well-attended meeting of the Estcourt Sanathan Dharma Sabha it was unanimously decided to erect a suitable hall on the farm Zaalmager, near Estcourt. Several members expressed the opinion that the complete absence of any facility for vernacular education for the hundreds of Indian children living in Estcourt and district did not speak well of the town.

A move is being made to ask the Estcourt branch of the Natal Indian Congress to intervene in the matter.

Stella Hill School Win Natal Challenge Cup

The Stella Hill School football team, Durban and district finalists, met and defeated 3–2 the St. Michael's School football team, finalists in the South Coast and District Schools' Football Association, in the final of Mrs. S. Naidoo's Natal Challenge Trophy.

The game was extremely fast and thrilling throughout and it was dashing forward play by the Stella Hill schoolboys that won them one of the most coveted trophies in Natal school football. The Natal Challenge Trophy is competed for annually by all Indian schools in Natal.

That Transvaal Victory

Mr. Sol D. Royeppen writes:—

"Your correspondent, Mr. Willie Ernest, writing to The Leader of the 27th September in his capacity as life official of the Transvaal Indian Football Association, claims that his association is confident of a 'victory' in the forthcoming South African Indian soccer tournament, in treating your correspondent's views as 'foregone conclusions' after the defeat of the Transvaal team by 4 goals to 1 by its opponent team Natal Province, may I be permitted to endorse your report and add to your remarks the following: 'Current reports should testify that all is not well and never will when there is a big split among the soccerites in the Transvaal.' Whoever has furnished you this information you were justified in disclosing facts.

"Under the present existing conditions there is nothing to gain or lose in a Transvaal victory, and much is expected from the officials of his association to wipe out the memories of the past misrule. It had been brought to the attention of our sportsmen time after time that it was high time that our old crocks gave way for the younger generation as an inducement in the administration and upliftment in sport.

"As a retired sportsman I carry the confidence of a certain section who will definitely agree with those principles. Let me remind Mr. Ernest again that Natal is the 'cradle' of soccer and who will yet claim superiority if Transvaal will not get rid of her 'obstacles.' Perhaps Mr. Ernest will join me in extending to Natal our heartiest congratulations.

DURBAN MUNICIPAL WORKERS

Wage Increase of 10-20 Per Cent.

After a hard and arduous struggle for over a year the Durban Indian Municipal Employees' Society has been granted the stop order for the collection of its members' subscriptions. The Durban City Council has passed the necessary resolution.

Twice refused the D.I.M.E.S. persevered and their never-die policy has now won the day.

The membership of the D.I.M.E.S. is now rapidly nearing the 2,000 mark. What the stop order system means to them can thus be easily visualised.

Members are rapidly joining up, 20 [illegible] in April, 60 in May, 134 in June, 106 in July, 77 in August, 105 during the first two weeks of September.

The D.I.M.E.S. plans to have a mass celebration of workers on its reaching the 2,000 mark.

From August 1 all Indian graded workers of the Durban Municipality were granted increases ranging from 10 per cent. to 20 per cent. of their previous wages.

These are the highest increases ever to be received by these workers.

The increases range actually from 12/5 in the case of the more highly paid men to £1 2s. in the case of the worst paid.

These increases are the results of strong representations made by the D.I.M.E.S.

Creamery Hotel I.F.C.

At a meeting held in the Victoria Lounge the Creamery Hotel United Football Club (Pietermaritzburg) was formed for the purpose of playing soccer amongst the hotel employees. The following members were elected as office-bearers: Patrons, Messrs. W. Burkimsher, E. Turnbull, Cooke, A. Hudson, W. Adam, E. W. Wright, W. O'Meara.

President, Sunny J. Ramsing; vice-presidents, Messrs. M. Solomon, M. Karrian, T. Razakumar, K. Sergee, Jimmy Francis, Tommy Karrian, G. R. Naidoo, Jack Naidoo; auditor, Mr. E. Turnbull; manager and trainer, Mr. R. A. Moodley; capt., Mr. Freddy Pillay; vice-capts., Mr. S. K. Freddie; secretary and treasurer, Mr. James Michael. Colours: Gold and Green.

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ORIBI INQUIRY CONCLUDED

Alleged Ill-treatment at Air Display

The inquiry into the alleged ill-treatment of non-Europeans who attended the display by the Air Command at the Mar[illegible] [illegible] on August 25 was concluded before a military court at Oribi on Wednesday. The proceedings were held in camera.

On Tuesday and Wednesday evidence was given by the Natal Indian Association on behalf of the Native, Indian and Coloured communities of Maritzburg, 32 witnesses being called by the association.

The court was presided over by Lieut.-Colonel S. C. Hart, of Pretoria, with Major G. S. Smyth and Captain [illegible] Cheke, of Maritzburg, as members.

The Natal Indian Association was represented by Dr. M. R. Peters, Messrs. R. R. Naidoo (who led the evidence), M. Gopaul Naidoo and S. Mungal.

EXPLOSIVE POSSIBILITIES

By "The Man on the Spot"

THREE barristers appeared before the S.A.I. Congress Executive which concluded its proceedings in Durban this week.

It was truly a situation pregnant with explosive possibilities and its successful end was due not only to the moderating influence of the chairman but the assistance rendered by every member who tried to avert a breach.

The decision, if desired, could have come in favour of the Natal Indian Congress, but this would have resulted in the cessation of a South African Indian Association, a body parallel with the South African Indian Congress.

Every member of the executive, however, tried to avert this possibility and eventually succeeded in formulating a compromising resolution. But it was not so throughout. At one stage of the proceedings things looked stormy and it was thought that the issue would go in favour of the Congress, but on Tuesday the position improved and the feeling began to grow that the present position best remained undisturbed, and that the feeling would improve in time.

Some felt that the presence of an outsider, for instance, the new High Commissioner, might help in bringing the two bodies together; the door interpreting to unity should not be barred for all.

The feeling between the Natalians is apparently still estranged for at the meeting there was a lack of any degree of cordiality between the representatives of the two groups. But this did not go on. The executive's decision leaves enough scope for bridging the gulf. May this come soon!

(Report appears on page five.)

The Young Men's Muslim Association have issued a booklet of Eid greeting stamps. The proceeds are being devoted to the propagation of Islam. The leader page article, "The Spirit of the Crescent," which appeared in our issue of September 20, was contributed by the above body.

INDIA ENTERS THIRD YEAR OF WAR

With Her Material Resources Developed

INDIA enters the third year of war with her material resources developed and her defence forces expanded to a degree unprecedented in her history. Not only in volume but in character is India's development remarkable. Men have left their ploughs and bullock carts in order to learn the use of the most modern mechanical weapons of war. The agriculturist has become a skilled technician in a modern mechanised army.

On September 3, 1930, the strength of India's army was some 237,000 of all ranks. Today it has reached 1,700,000 and it is significant that in the past 12 months alone it has increased by no fewer than 460,000.

The outbreak of war saw India just about to convert her army from an animal to a mechanical basis, to increase her local naval defence forces and her air forces, and to augment the defences of her coasts and ports. Stocks and reserves of all kinds were, however, low and from many aspects, of which her industrial position was one, the position was not an enviable one from which to embark on the great effort that obviously was required of her.

Training schools of all kinds have increased both in type and numbers and range from staff colleges and officers' training schools, through artillery, fighting vehicles, infantry, frontier warfare and platoon commanders schools, to schools which deal with chemical warfare, camouflage and intelligence and for training dogs and pigeons.

The Royal Indian Navy has expanded from a very small force used mainly for coastal patrol work into an ocean-going fleet. Since Italy came into the war India's vessels have been continually at sea. The R.I.N. has reached a high standard of efficiency. Many of the smaller ships are now built in India.

The Indian Air Force was only initiated in 1932 and had been slowly expanding until 1939. The rate of expansion has increased greatly, and volunteers largely exceed the numbers required. Factories for the assembly of aeroplanes are now functioning and soon others will be producing machines made in India. The training of pilots, ground staff, mechanics, and skilled hands for work in factories had to start from nothing.

The manufacture of parachutes on a large scale, it is understood, is to be attempted in India shortly. The first factory for the purpose has produced its first parachute, which has already undergone successful trials.

Since September 15, 1941, the Indian Territorial Force has, to all intents and purposes, ceased to exist for the duration of the war; the overwhelming majority of the men have become members of the regular army.

The immediate effect will be the addition of 24 new battalions to the Indian Army. When these new regulars have assumed their obligations of service it will be possible to undertake certain regroupings of personnel which will have the effect of adding two further battalions.

Kynoch Temple

The Kynoch Shri Emporumal Festival, Umbogintwini, celebrated its annual festival last Saturday afternoon, when the manager, Mr. Scully, of African Explosives and Industries, Ltd., Umbogintwini, and the compound manager, Mr. McLeod, were both garlanded. There was a large number of people present when Mr. K. Gopaulsingh thanked the firm for its valuable assistance to the Indian temple. Improvements, he said, had taken place during the last three years under the secretaryship of Mr. T. Subramany.

The sixteenth annual general meeting of the Arya Pratinidhi Sabha (Aryan Representative Assembly), Natal, will be held in the R. M. Patel Hall, 71 Prince Edward Street, Durban, tomorrow, commencing at 10 a.m.

UNITY IN THE MUSLIM COMMUNITY

Mr. Anglia Refers to Kajee Groups Difference

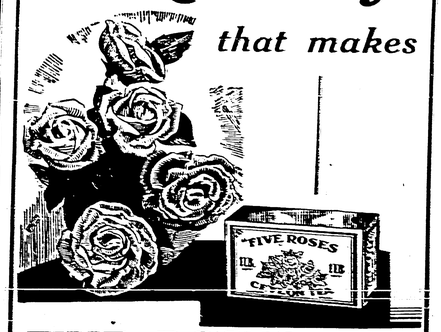
There was unity in the Muslim community of South Africa was the text of a motion moved by Councillor Ahmed Ismail, of Cape Town, at the Musjidaraja Society (including Society which met in the M. A. Jinnah Hall last week.

Mr. Ismail referred to the successful communal undertakings made by members of the Muslim community. "I have heard," he said, "of the movement of establishing a Muslim College in Durban. That shows that we are better united than before. We might not have 100 per cent. unity, but 75 per cent. unity at least. But unity should not only be on a sectional basis for its underlying purpose was to serve every section of the Indian community. We cannot, however, achieve this unless we have organised ourselves first."

For the purposes of the debate Mr. C. A. Anglia opposed the motion. He said there was division among them. In the Transvaal there was the Nana and the Dadoo groups, in Durban there was the Abdullah Kajee group versus the Sadek Kajee group.

A voice: They are both Kajees, therefore there is no disunity.

Mr. A. H. Rawat presided and after several speakers had their say the motion was put to the meeting and was carried.

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MY ABODE IN INDIA

By SWAMI BHAWANI DAYAL

MY long-cherished dream to see and pay homage to the place where the revivalist of Vedic religion and Aryan Culture, Rishi Dayanand, departed from this mortal world in the end of the last century, materialised in 1939, when I got an opportunity of visiting Ajmer, an ancient city of the Hindus, a place of pilgrimage to the Muslims, and a living witness of so many historical events of Hindustan.

I had then come out to India as an elected representative of the Natal Indian Congress, of which I was then the President, to apprise the people and the Government of India of the real implications of the servitude proposal brought forward by Mr. Smuts-Hofmeyr, then the Minister of the Interior, the main purpose of which was to segregate the Indians from the European residential and commercial areas.

By keeping myself busily engaged in rendering explanations to the people and the officials in Bombay, Delhi and Agra about the disastrous storm that was threatening the future of the South African Indians I impaired my health, which had already been shattered and weak, so much that it became imperative for me to take some rest before touring the other parts of India.

With this object in view, I went to Ajmer at the residence of my friend, Shri Mathura Prasad Shivaharе, but to my misfortune I fell a victim to malaria and had to go to the Victoria Hospital for necessary medical treatment. After being discharged from the hospital, on a hot afternoon in May, I visited Adarsh-Nagar, a new model town, situated near Ajmer and brought into existence by the continual and untiring efforts of Shri Mathura Prasad Shivaharе.

About ten years ago, the idea of the creation of a model town with small garden houses was mooted by Shri Mathura Prasad Shivaharе, and later on the late Professor Lalji Shrivastva and Professor Deoki Nandan Sharma joined him to fulfil his long-felt desire. So Adarsh-Nagar as a model town based on modern ideas of town planning came into existence. It has considerably grown up during the last few years by the exertions and cooperation of the middle-class people. The scheme was a great success, and about two hundred people enrolled themselves as members of the Adarsh-Nagar Co-operative Building Society. I was really delighted to learn that its membership was not reserved to any particular section of the Indian nation.

The town was excellently laid out after mature consideration with help, guidance and advice of the local civil and municipal authorities. Col. Russel, the town planning expert who planned New Delhi, was also consulted in the matter. The town has a strikingly beautiful large gate, drawing the attention of the passersby on the Nasirabad Road.

The beauty of Adarsh-Nagar is that every house has, at least on one side of it, a road of 40 feet width and a service lane of 12 feet. A public park, recreation ground, sites for school, dispensary and religious temples are some of the amenities available. All the dwelling houses are separated from each other, and nobody is allowed to erect three-storied buildings; thus enabling every house to have a flood of light and an unobstructed flow of air. In strict conformity with the regulations of the scheme a prescribed area in each plot has to be left open.

With much insight and wisdom the scheme has now assumed a practical shape, though it is not yet complete, as only sixty bungalows and sixteen shops out of 200 houses and 60 shops have been built. Even at this early stage the demand for new membership is so great that the society is thinking of acquiring more land to extend the town. Some of the existing sites which the Society provides to its members are excellent. It advances loans at six per cent. interest to the members for the erection of their houses. It has made ample provision for water by digging wells and has laid out its own roads. Recently electricity has also been installed in the town.

As it was my desire to settle permanently somewhere in India I immediately selected this place for my future abode. I acquired a piece of land on which I intend to build my "Pravasi Bhawan." The compound and out-houses have already been constructed under the supervision of Shivaharеji himself and now I wish to erect the main building consisting of my personal library. It would be ready by the middle of 1942. Though the Bhawan would be my private and personal concern, and not a public institution, yet I am going to make full use of it for the service of Indians overseas.

Firstly, I wish to write and publish a series of books from this Bhawan on the problems of Indians abroad. The beginning in this direction had already been made. Secondly, I intend to train a number of young men who may come forward to study the question concerning our countrymen settled in various parts of the world. Thirdly, I desire to open the Indian Office of the Natal Indian Congress of which I have been appointed the Agent, during its third Conference held in Durban recently, in the Bhawan to keep our people and the Government of India informed of the real situation and further developments in the Union of South Africa. "Pravasi - Bhawan, Adarsh - Nagar, Ajmer, India" would be my future address.

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THE WOMEN'S WORLD

Mainly About People

Mr. S. M. Nana returned to Johannesburg on Wednesday.

Other Transvaalers, namely, Messrs. M. E. Vahed, I. I. Hassane, Z. V. Parekh, M. Abed, Parshotam Bijla Patel, left Durban on the following day.

Councillor Mr. Ahmed Ismail left for the Cape, via Johannesburg, by Thursday's mail train. He desires, through the medium of The Leader, to thank all those who entertained him.

Mr. S. P. Joshi, of Johannesburg, was in Durban this week.

Mr. M. I. Bahai visited Howick on Wednesday. He returned on the same day.

Mr. C. Vadival, of Durban, visited Umhomaas during the weekend.

Mr. R. Mahabeer, treasurer of the N.I.E.A., and his nephew, Mr. H. Motichid, who spent a short holiday at Port Elizabeth, returned home on Saturday last. While in Port Elizabeth they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Chetty, and Dr. and Mrs. S. V. Appavoo.

Mr. T. Padayachee, well-known secretary of Maritzburg, spent the last weekend in Durban.

Sergeant L. Chetty, of the Indian and Malay Corps, Ladysmith, spent the last weekend in Spinners Transvaal. He stayed with Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Naidoo and Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Naidoo.

Mr. M. S. Mall, of Waschbank, was in Durban last weekend.

Mrs. Krishnasamy, Mr. and Mrs. K. Thambi, Mrs. K. Narayanasamy, Mr. and Mrs. K. G. Moodley and Mr. R. Govender, of Johannesburg, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Moodley, of Milton Road, Durban.

Mr. E. M. Moola, one of the directors of the firm of Messrs. M. M. Amod and Co., Ltd., of Ladysmith, visited Dundee and Vryheid on Monday last. He travelled by car.

Mr. Ahmed Seedat, of Newcastle, was in Durban for a short holiday last week. Mr. M. A. Seedat, also of Newcastle, is spending some time in Durban.

The wedding took place on Saturday last at Christ's Church, Springfield, of Miss Pareshlin Nathoring, the youngest daughter of Mrs. P. Moongra, and Mr. George Samuel, the eldest son of the late Mr. Lazarus, of Springfield.

Mr. Mahan Singh, of Teheran, Iran, has returned to Durban after a short holiday in Cape Town and is staying at Peter's Lounge. He will be leaving for India shortly by the S.S. Tilawa.

Mr. I. Rahim, of Johannesburg, is down at the coast for a holiday.

Mr. Parsoo and son, and Mr. Murilla, of Umtata, Transkei, spent a fortnight in Durban, where they had booked at Peter's Lounge.

Mr. D. Cabral, of Baltimore, U.S.A., is spending a month in Durban. He is staying at Peter's Lounge.

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New Ways with Tomatoes

Tomatoes are in abundance just now and the following way of preparing them would [illegible] to the menu:

Skin and slice three tomatoes, simmer them in a saucepan with a little butter and seasoning, stir in a beaten egg and cook until it thickens. This makes a nice "on toast" dish for a light lunch or breakfast.

STUFFED TOMATOES

Choose good sized tomatoes, cut a slice off the top of each, scoop out seeds and pulp, put in pinch of salt and stand the cases upside down for a while before filling. Mix the tomato pulp with chopped cucumber, bean and mayonnaise, fill the cases, and serve cold with lettuce.

Fill the tomatoes with grated cheese and boiled rice, dot with butter and bake in a [illegible]

WITH LEFT-OVER MASHED POTATOES

Line a greased pie-dish with breadcrumbs, cover with sliced tomatoes, season with salt and pepper and add a layer of mashed potatoes. Cover with two whisked eggs add more tomatoes and seasoning, and finish with another potato layer. Dot with butter and bake for twenty minutes.

WITH MINCED MEAT

Mince the last scraps of a joint of meat, and heat with gravy and plenty of seasoning. Serve on hot toast, bread buns or muffins, with a grilled tomato on top of each portion. Incidentally, grilled tomatoes on potato cakes are delicious.

Five Hundred Scouts Take Part in Rally

On Monday last the Natal Indian Boy Scouts and Girl Guides Association held its seventh annual rally at the Albert Park.

In all over five hundred Scouts, Guides and Rovers took part in the rally. Messages of good wishes were received from His Excellency the Governor-General, Sir Patrick Duncan, the Minister of Finance, Mr. J. H. Hofmeyr, Inspector R. A. Benke, the Director of Education, Natal, Councillor Rupert Ellis Brown, the mayor of Durban, and the Natal Indian Congress.

Captain J. A. Middlehurst, a visiting Scoutmaster from England, who presented the trophies to the winners, said that to be fit citizens of a country people should attempt to overthrow the systems which bound them by their dictatorial policies.

The following were the results: Panday Shield for Scouts' First-Aid work: 1, Clairwood Senior Boys' School; 2, Stella Hill School; 3, Chatsworth Indian School.

R. A. Naidoo's First-Aid Shield for Rovers: 1, Chatsworth; 2, Stella Hill; 3, Sydenham United.

The Thirwood Junior Girls' School won the Subhag Memorial Shield for all-round work for Guides, while the Woodcroft Rose Shield for Guides' First-Aid work went to the A.V.S. School.

Mr. R. Regnath, president of the Natal Indian Boy Scouts' Association, thanked all those who had helped to make the rally a success.

Nizamia Increases Membership

The joint secretaries of the Maritzburg Nizamia Muslim report that during the month over a hundred new members has been enrolled from the country districts, making the total membership of 620. The following executive committee members are touring the Union for membership: Messrs. M. Kaiker, A. C. Bhimjee, V. Osman, Adam Ismail.

The Nizamia bulletin is now registered as a newspaper at the G.P.O.; the annual fees are 12/6.

The treasurer begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations: H. Hoosen, £2; Hajee Omar Dawa, £2; Mrs. Nowshad, £1; Estate Fatoo Mahomed, £2/10/-; T. Mia, £1/11/-; S. M. Osman, £5; O. Osman, £1/1/-; H. C. Patel, £2/2/-; Sheik Anwar, £1/1/-; Essop Cara, 12/6; M. Khan, £1/1/-; M. Ebrahim, £1/1/-; Lilla, 2/6; Kader, 10/6.

Owing to the month of Ramadan there will be no monthly meeting of the executive committee.

Bharathi Women's Association

The Kalaimagal celebration was held at the M. K. Gandhi Library Hall on Sunday last under the auspices of the Bharathi Women's Association.

The president of the association, Mrs. V. V. Pillay, outlined the work done by the association during the last five years. In the course of her speech she also emphasised the value of unity amongst all Hindu women and further appealed for greater support for the Bharathi Women's Association, the chief object of which body, she said, was to improve vernacular education amongst women.

The second speaker, Mrs. Arthie Iutchmee Chetty, secretary of the association, spoke on "Saraswathie," the Goddess of Education. Other speakers were Messrs. S. M. Pillay, K. R. Naidoo, G. R. Naidoo, and V. M. Naidoo.

Mr. K. N. Pillay was the supervisor. Pupils of several vernacular schools, the M. K. Gandhi Southamil School, the Railway Barracks Tamil School, the Sydenham Tamil School, the Dravidian Tamil School, and the Balar Sangeethe Sabah participated in the celebration.

Stanger Literary Society

The last debate held under the auspices of the Stanger Literary and Debating Society was, "Are we Indians in South Africa happier than the Indians in India." Mr. R. Seeparsad, supported by Messrs. C. V. Naidoo, Dr. Williams, D. Padayachee and Miss Narayanama Naidoo, spoke for the motion.

The opposition was led by Mr. C. G. Augustine, supported by Messrs. K. V. Naidoo, A. E. Naidoo, S. Orr and Miss Manormma Naidoo. The opposition won by 17 votes to 9.

The topic for next debate will be, "Can Water be Absolutely Pure?"

The mock trial and impromptu speeches held recently were a great success.

The Boys' Social Club of the Government Intermediate Indian School, Maritzburg, held a quarterly social at the school hall on Friday, October 3. There was a large number of boys and girls attended but unfortunately the attendance of the teachers was not up to the mark, writes a correspondent.

An interesting programme was arranged, the central attraction being the Zulu impersonation by Sookhali Naiker. In the Zulu dance he was assisted by Mr. K. M. K. Reddy, David Govindsamy, and Goolam Kader. An Anglo-Indian play, "What Price Happiness," was acted by Sookhali Naiker and Goolam Kader.

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S.A.I.C. Executive's Decision

THE decision made by the executive of the South African Indian Congress this week to defer its decision in regard to the applications for affiliation from the two Natal bodies till December 14 and in the interval to explore the possibilities of unity will be welcomed by the Indian community as a whole. For, as pointed out in The Leader a fortnight ago, any other decision on this score at this stage would have tended to widen the gulf that unfortunately exists in Natal.

The meeting, which was spread over three days, must have studied all aspects of the situation with meticulous care. It speaks highly for the good sense of the members and the consciousness of their public responsibilities that the widely divergent views were brought together into a unanimous resolution which, even though of innocuous effect, would do nothing to worsen the present position. Sympathies were subordinated to the common good and if they desired to divert it in support of one or the other body they would have succeeded but they would have failed as leaders of the community. Every man on that executive, with whatever view he went in, accepted in the end the larger view, that the interests of the community counted more than the position or prestige of one or the other body.

These delaying tactics do not mean, if we may speak for them, that they are prepared to run away from the issue, but that they know there is nothing of importance to disturb the present position. On the contrary there are agencies, and they are quite willing to throw in their own lot with them, so that the gulf is narrowed. The time must come when the Natal leaders will have to get together. They cannot maintain an attitude of division in the community, for this would be inconsistent with the cause that they are serving. Lip profession to it is not enough, there must be a change of heart. What is more valuable to the community today is to secure unity rather than a legal exposition on the subject of the proper constitution of the one or the other organisation. For to pursue the latter course would be the pursuit of the shadow rather than the substance.

There is enough bitterness without adding further to the rancour of our public life. It would be difficult were it only confined to the political side but it is not. It permeates nearly everything and this partisan and coloured view is brought to bear on every individual move so that practically every action is distorted and suspect and misconstrued. To live in suspicion is to deny one's best and to stultify one's harmonious growth. We fear that these indications are present in the Natal body politic and these factors were recognised by the S.A.I.C. Executive when it decided to give Natal another opportunity to heal the breach. Now, who will take the lead?

Our Readers Speak

"EX UNITATE VIRES"

Speaking at a dinner given in his honour by the Mayor and Councillors of Queenstown, Field-Marshal Smuts made an appeal to South Africans "of both our races and of all colours to abandon the policies of the past for faith, for hope, for trust in each other." He enjoined them "to take each other's hands and move forward to the destiny which is yours." The Premier's moving appeal might well have been directed towards the Indian community. It is to our everlasting shame that every word of this appeal is a telling indictment against us. He asks us to abandon the policies of the past. Let us be frank with ourselves. Have we Indians played any faith, any hope or any trust in each other? Has it not been rather a case of every man for himself and the devil take the hindmost? Are there not many of us who look to self-government rather than to the common weal? The cement has been eaten with a surfeit of petty personal enmities and inveterate passions. And where are we? After almost a hundred years in the land of our adoption we are still clambering in the swamp trying to extricate ourselves by trampling on our fellow men and in turn being pulled down deeper into the mire. What an unsightly blight have we cast upon ourselves — we, a people of culture, going back hundreds of years!

If we are to raise our self-respect, maintain our honour and give substance to our claim for that freedom and independence to which we are rightly entitled, then it is high time we mended our ways. Let us examine our conscience unsparingly and unflinchingly. There are no mitigating or extenuating circumstances on which we can plead. We must forget the unpleasant memories of the past, and ancient wrongs, whether fancied or real. There is only one path for the Indians of South Africa to tread and along which we must go together, hand in hand, if we ever hope to achieve our lawful aspirations. With Senator the Hon. J. C. Smuts's recent views in favour of Franchise reform, there is a prospect — we cannot say a probability — of so we earnestly hope — a certain measure of success. But we feel sure that we do know that the whole Indian community stood together, united in a common front, Europeans their struggles in a solid mass, and fighting side by side for their share in that Government of the people, by the people, for the people," subscribed by Abraham Lincoln.

"VIVA."

THE TALK OF THE BAZAAR

Subash Bose in Burma? :: Training Ground for Politicians :: The 2nd of October :: The "Oribi Affair" :: Workers' Strike :: Education Subsidy

Subash Bose, of the Indian National Congress, believed in many circles to have been murdered, is probably, according to one of the batch of Indian students who passed through Durban last week, alive and in Burma. She refutes the assertion that Bose may be in the Soviet Union. Bose's nephew, who has just been called to the Bar in London, prefers to stay in London rather than return to India.

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Oxford and Cambridge seem to be the training grounds for the future politicians of India and there is no moderation or co-operation about these politicians. Two of them, young women, Indira Nehru and Parvati Kumaramangalam, who have passed through Durban, have expressed themselves in no uncertain terms. They are prepared to go through anything if it will serve for the cause of a free India. These students imbue their doctrines in England and when they return to India—action.

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Seventy-three years ago on the second of October was born the man who made the mighty British Empire tremble on the strength of his empty stomach. Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi also taught the world the power of non-violence. Gandhi, incidentally, is not the first man to have thought of civil disobedience. It is found in the works of the Concord philosopher, Henry D. Thoreau. It was in South Africa during the Passive Resistance Campaign and in India during the "Salt Raid" that Gandhi revealed in practice the power of the creed of non-violence.

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As a result of representations made to the Prime Minister regarding the attack of the military police on the non-Europeans at Maritzberg, an inquiry has been instituted, it opened at Maritzburg on Monday last. Unfortunately the inquiry is being held in camera. The findings will be forwarded to the Adjutant-General, Pretoria, who may issue a public statement.

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The "talk of the week," in fact the talk of the past three weeks, has been the strike in the tea and coffee industries in Durban. The Indian workers are determined to obtain higher wages and better conditions of working. Of late there has been greater and greater militancy among the workers in Durban. The law provides a powerful weapon and the workers, after all conciliatory methods fail, are not reluctant to use it—strike. The strike ended this week with an increase of 15 per cent. wages, no victimisation of the strike leaders, 100 per cent. of the striking workers to be taken back.

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The last issue of the Natal Teachers' Union Bulletin reveals a number of interesting things.

The education subsidy granted to Indians is not for only educational purposes, but is a "general purpose grant intended to cover any expenditure the province has to provide for." It is obvious that the full five guineas is never spent on Indian education.

It costs the State £9 9s. per unit to maintain an aided school while in Government schools the cost is about £7 5s. per unit. In a hundred aided schools there are six hundred teachers while in seventeen Government schools there are a hundred and fifty teachers.

Indian Commercial Travellers

It was brought to the notice of the Government of India that the immigration laws of the Union of South Africa, under which prohibited immigrants were not entitled to obtain a licence to carry on any trade or calling in the Union, prevented the admission of Indian commercial travellers into the Union.

Following the representations made to the Union Government by the High Commissioner for India, the Union Government has now agreed to issue temporary permits and the necessary legislation to bona-fide commercial travellers from India.

India Should be Independent

Miss Parvati M. Kumaramangalam writes: I have just seen in a copy of the current issue of The Leader that you had attributed one or two wholly incorrect statements to me. I am writing this so that you will correct the impression in your next issue. If such statements are publicised many of my friends and acquaintances and more particularly people who are interested in India and do not know much about the question will get a completely erroneous impression of my views on the situation in India and the international situation.

You stated in your report in The Leader that I set out my views as to the ultimate goal that should be achieved was that India should be given an equal position to all the other Nations within the Commonwealth. I did not say that nor do I hold that point of view. My view is that India should be an independent country on a par with all other Dominions and not within the Commonwealth. The Commonwealth as conceived by those people who direct the destinies of those within the so-called Commonwealth at the present day is, in my opinion, by no means a federation of free nations.

Elsewhere in the report you say that I was no whole-hearted supporter of the conservative and vacillating policy of Mahatmaji. That is quite true. The latter paragraph on the Commonwealth might be of benefit to people who think that I am even less progressive than Gandhiji. For the Indian National Congress does not stand for the complete self-government of India with the right to secede from the Commonwealth.

I do not think I need go further into the subject, but I hope very much that you will correct the impression that you have created.

PARVATI M. KUMARAMANGALAM.

"DANIELS" SIT IN JUDGMENT

ASSOCIATION-CONGRESS APPEAR BEFORE S.A.I.C. EXECUTIVE

18 Hours' Deliberation End in Delaying Decision

HAVING considered the letter from the Natal Indian Association, dated October 17, 1939, and having heard their representatives and the representatives of the Natal Indian Congress in reply, and having fully considered the facts and circumstances of this matter, this Executive resolves that a sub-committee, consisting of Councillor Mr. A. Ismail, Mr. M. E. Valod, presidents of the Cape and Transvaal Indian Congress respectively, and Advocate I. I. Hazaree be appointed to investigate, inquire and ascertain from the statements, facts and documentation so to whether there has been a genuine and amalgamation between the Natal Indian Congress and the Colonial Born and Settlers' Indian Association.

"It need be this sub-committee to take legal assistance and call for papers and records of the respective organisations the said sub-committee shall submit its report for discussion by the executive at a meeting that shall be held at Johannesburg on December 14, 1941."

In Camera Proceedings

THESE were the terms of the resolution which was unanimously adopted, after 18 hours' deliberation, at the executive meeting of the South African Indian Congress, which met in Durban on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday last.

The president, Mr. Y. S. G. Pather, presided, with him were the joint secretaries, Messrs. A. I. Kajee and S. R. Naidoo, and the joint treasurers, Messrs. B. M. Patel and S. M. Paruk, Transvaal: Messrs. M. E. Valod, W. Ernest, M. Abed, S. M. Nana and Z. V. Parekh, Cape: Messrs. A. Ismail, S. Cassoojee, Mahomed Ebrahim (proxy), M. A. H. Moosa (proxy), I. I. Hazaree.

The proceedings were held in camera. An attempt was made by Mr. A. Christopher and Swami Dayal for an open session, but the chairman ruled against it.

The first item, it is learnt, on the agenda was a resolution in the name of Mr. S. R. Naidoo questioning the position of the Transvaal Indian Congress, which is without a constitution.

"... It is contended by the Natal Indian Association that the attendance at the meeting of August 27, 1939, was roughly 2,500 (this is very much doubted because the capacity of the Town Hall, including the galleries, is at the most 1,700), but even if we allow the figure at 2,500 it still explains that half of the members of the Natal Indian Congress did not attend because the membership at that date stood nearer 5,000. The 2,500 members who did not attend Clause 32 of the constitution, but we contend that while in the substituted notice of motion the principle of amalgamation of the two bodies remained the same, nevertheless the amended notice very materially differed from the original in the following respects:—

(a) That the question of a name for the amalgamated body was to be left to Mahatma Gandhi, whose decision would be final; whereas the amended notice of motion had done away with the reference to Mahatma Gandhi and had referred to the name, i.e. The Natal Indian Association.

(b) In the original notice of motion nothing was said about the constitution of the amalgamated body; whereas the amended notice of motion provided for the adoption of a new draft constitution in place of the existing constitution at a meeting of the amalgamated organisations to take place on 26th day of September, 1939 (incidentally we might mention that this draft constitution was not ever read at the meeting on August 27, 1939).

(c) That it has more active branches all over the Province of Natal.

(d) That it has a larger and more responsible membership.

(e) That it has held regular annual meetings and provincial conferences in keeping with the requirement of organisations of its type.

(f) That its financial affairs are well conducted and accounts properly audited.

(g) That it claims to have done more practical good for the Indian community than any other political organisation.

"We therefore reiterate that from the facts we have given there can be no question of any continuance right as a constituent body of the South African Indian Congress."

"The formula as amended was adopted at the meeting by an overwhelming majority.

"... The newly-elected Congress executive ... [illegible] ... to convene several committee meetings and conducted the affairs of the Congress.

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to take part in the deliberations. The meeting adjourned for over an hour to give the chairman time to examine the objection, which was subsequently over-ruled.

The meeting then proceeded to consider the question of the dispute between the Natal Indian Association and the Natal Indian Congress, both bodies claiming to be the constituent body of the S.A.I.C.

Mr. Godfrey, for the Association, submitted a statement in support of its case. The Congress asked for an adjournment till the following day (Monday) to reply to the Association. The application was granted and the meeting adjourned. Meeting on Monday at 10 a.m. the deliberations lasted till 7.30 p.m., when both sides argued their case.

On Tuesday at 11 a.m. the executive sat to deliberate on the applications and at 4 p.m. adopted the above-mentioned resolution. The executive also added a rider that during the interim the sub-committee should examine the possibilities of bringing about unity between the two bodies.

THE CONGRESS

IN the Natal Indian Congress appeared Messrs. A. M. Moolla, C. M. Naglie, Hans Maglaraja and Swami S. Dayal and V. Lawrence.

In a replying statement the Congress "deny each and every allegation in so far as they seek to establish (a) that there has been a lawful and constitutional merger between our organisation and the Colonial Born and Settlers' Indian Association; (b) that by reason of such merger the Natal Indian Association takes the place and becomes its lawful successor as a constituent body of the South African Indian Congress.

"We also do not admit the correctness of the happenings preceding the alleged merger as set out in the statement of the Natal Indian Association in their entirety, but are of the opinion that the point is not relevant to our case.

Referring to the meeting of August 27, 1939, where the relevant motion was submitted, the Congress states:—

"Mr. S. R. Naidoo, who was responsible for introducing the notice of motion, found difficulty in reading the notice of motion as amended to the meeting, because of the excitement amongst members due to the changed form of the resolution, and it was only after the intervention of Mr. A. I. Kajee who, having undertaken to act for Mr. Naidoo, that the notice of motion as amended was read to the meeting.

"Mr. Abdulla Moosa, a member of the Congress, raised the point whether it was within the terms of the constitution to discuss at that meeting the amended notice of motion, which very materially differed from the original motion, without giving the members the requisite motion of such amendment, but was ruled out by the president, Mr. Sorabjee Rustomjee, on the ground that it was competent to amend the proposal without any prior notice. The effect was that what was put before the meeting was not an amendment but in substitution of the original notice of motion.

"It is our contention that as the substituted notice of motion purported to have been passed at the special general meeting of August 27, 1939, all within the four corners of Clause 32 of the constitution of the Natal Indian Congress, and as such before it could be moved and adopted at the meeting of August 27, 1939, it was necessary for the secretaries to receive 30 days' notice from the introducer in regard thereto.

"We submit that no such notices was given by the introducer to the secretaries. It may be argued that the substituted notice of motion did not materially differ from the original notice of motion and as such the notice given in respect of the original notice of motion could be deemed to be sufficient within the meaning of Clause 32 of the constitution. We would contend that while in the substituted notice of motion the principle of amalgamation of the two bodies remained the same, nevertheless the amended notice very materially differed from the original in the following respects:—

(a) That the question of a name for the amalgamated body was to be left to Mahatma Gandhi, whose decision would be final; whereas the amended notice of motion had done away with the reference to Mahatma Gandhi and had referred to the name, i.e. The Natal Indian Association.

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THE ASSOCIATION

THE Natal Indian Association was represented by Messrs. A. M. M. Jackhat, J. W. Godfrey, A. Christopher, P. R. Pather and Sorabjee Rustomjee. The following are extracts from the statement submitted:

"We have been directed to formulate our objections to the procedure adopted by the executive of the South African Indian Congress to go into the question of our status to participate as a constituent body of the South African Indian Congress in all its proceedings.

"(a) We claim that there has been a complete merger of the Natal Indian Congress with the Natal Indian Association, and that the amalgamation of the two bodies, namely, the Natal Indian Congress and the Colonial Born and Settlers' Indian Association has been constitutionally effected.

"(b) We further claim that by reason of the amalgamation the old Natal Indian Congress is defunct, and that therefore there exists no member of it having any locus standi.

"(c) We also claim that the Natal Indian Association has superseded the old Natal Indian Congress and has become its lawful successor, and that therefore the Natal Indian Association takes the place of the old Natal Indian Congress as a constituent body of the South African Indian Congress."

The statement proceeds to refer to the starting of the Colonial Born and Settlers' Indian Association in 1933. "The existence of these two bodies in Natal, with almost the same objects, tended to divide the Indian community, resulting in creating an atmosphere of hatred and ill-will. These two bodies worked as rival organisations, each claiming to represent the community and working in opposite directions.

"Intelligent opinion felt that a community with one set purpose working in two different camps was wasting its energies, and there was always a division in the community. It was also felt that these two bodies should unite, and at a public meeting that event would consolidate the position of the Indians and secure a greater measure of unity."

Other moves for unity are recalled. The final meeting of August 27 in the City Hall, Durban, is described in the statement as follows:—

"At the special general meeting the newly elected president, Mr. Sorabjee Rustomjee, presided. Mr. S. R. Naidoo was called upon to move the formula, but as he entered the rostrum to speak a crowd of about 50 members congregated together in a corner of the City Hall, out of 2,500 members present, exhibited unruly behaviour. Mr. A. I. Kajee came forward and read out the original formula and the subsequent conclusions reached, gave a short resume of the proceedings of the committees, and asked the meeting to accept the conclusions adopted by the committees. Mr. S. R. Naidoo, having accepted the amendment to Clause 4 of the original formula, moved its adoption, which was seconded by Mr. J. W. Godfrey.

"Thereupon Mr. Abdulla Moosa, a member of the Congress, objected to the formula, as amended, as no prior notice thereof had been given to the members. He quoted Clause 32 of the constitution. The president ruled that with the original formula, which had been circularised, it was competent for the meeting to amend the formula without prior notice and that Clause 32 did not apply.

"Mr. Abdulla Moosa insisted upon his objection and even moved for the adjournment of the meeting, but, on persuasion by Mr. A. I. Kajee and others, he withdrew his objections and consented openly that he resigned from the Congress."

(Continued in previous column)

Twelve Goals in Cup Final

STAR sharpshooters went berserk in the Natal Cup final at Currie's Fountain on Monday last. They found the net on eleven occasions against Moslems F.C., of Ladysmith. Asvat scored the only goal for Moslems. Weak keeping was responsible for such a big score against Moslems whose forwards, with the exception of Ismail and Dola, were also ineffective in front of the goal.

For the first fifteen minutes it seemed as if the match would be anybody's, but when Vadi Abrams found the net with an opportunist shot, followed it up with another goal within four minutes; and Yusuf scored the third within five minutes it was all up with Moslems. From then on, with the Star forwards on their mettle, the Moslem defence was powerless in the face of a steady barrage of shots.

Stars kicked off and Moslems got into possession but Dola kicked out of touch. With the ball thrown into play Yusuf crossed to Mahomed Khan who was robbed by the defence and the ball was brought along on the left for Stars to concede a corner. Mahomed Khan obtained possession and ran along the right wing and crossed to Vadi. The latter, however, kicked over the crossbar when he was placed well.

Play was confined in the Moslems half of the field for the next few minutes. They soon broke through and a hard drive at goal by their centre-forward, Cassim, was deflected by Timol. Play was fast all the time and there were speedy exchanges between the forwards as each side got the ball in turn.

Moslems found themselves in possession again and Asvat gave to Moola Abrams, R. Gafoor, who centred but the ball was travelling too fast for Cassim to connect. Stars opened their score immediately after when Vadi kicked weakly as goal and Khan let it trickle out of his hands into the net. Two quick goals followed. Vadi obtained the second and Yusuf the third.

With three goals down Moola on the Moslem right wing indulged in pattern weaving when he should have centred. The Star forwards obtained possession and came back again. Vadi gave to Mohamed Khan who crossed to Gafoor and finally Vadi kicked harmlessly past the posts with an open goal in front of him. A few minutes later Yusuf cannoned over the bar. Five minutes before the half-time Vadi scored the fourth goal.

Half-time score: Stars (Durban) 4, Moslems (Ladysmith) 1.

The second half developed into a riot of scoring. Vadi, Yusuf and Mahomed Khan finding between themselves the net on no fewer than seven times. Moslems' defence was unable to do anything in the face of shots from all angles. For Moslems Asvat scored the only goal in the second half.

Final score: Stars 11, Moslems 1.

THE TEAMS

Moslems: A. H. Khan; A. A. Moola, E. Deen; G. H. Shaik, E. Bola, Esop Bhikn; E. A. C. Moola (captain), G. M. C. Asvat, Ismail Cassim, E. Ismail, C. E. Dola, Manager, Mr. A. I. Bahadoor.

Stars: A. I. Timol; Ameel Khan, C. P. Francis; Hendry Dyer, V. Lutchi, L. P. Chetty; M. Khan, Abdool Gafoor, M. I. Yusuf, Vadi Abrams, R. Gafoor.

Glencoe Soccer

The annual eleven-a-side tournament, for the Gopi Singh's Floating Trophy, open to all affiliated clubs of the Glencoe and District Indian Football Association, was held at Glencoe on Sunday. The remaining old trophies which have not been competed for were awarded to the clubs in the order of merit.

At the end of the day Mr. S. Manoo Ram, the president, presented the following trophies to the captains of the various clubs: Dundee United, Gopi Singh's Trophy; Glencoe F.P.C., J. Khan's Trophy; Rangers F.P.C., Singh Bros.' Trophy; D.N.C., No. 3, N. G. R. Naidoo's Trophy.

M. R. Naidu's Trophy (final): 3 p.m., Burnside "A" v. Dundee, at Dundee. Referee, Mr. V. V. Naidoo.

Umbogintwini Five-a-Side

Last Sunday a large gathering of sportsmen met at Umbogintwini where 25 teams from all parts of Natal competed for Dr. E. C. Rose' Outright Trophy. After a whole day's game there remained three leading teams, namely, Chiswood Schools, Bridge of Chiswood, and Bindha's, of Isipingo, to complete the fixtures.

It has been finally decided to play these matches tomorrow at 10 a.m. Fixture: Bridge View versus Bindha's Five. Winners become finalists with Chiswood School.

No Soccer Trouble in the Transvaal

"There is no division in Indian soccer circles in the Transvaal," said Mr. Willie Ernest, a vice-president of the Transvaal Indian Football Association, when in Durban during the weekend.

Transvaal had sent its best team to Port Elizabeth last month and no outstanding player was excluded because of any alleged trouble.

The annual tournament for the Dass's Trophy will be held at the Esterort Indian Tennis Courts on Sunday, October 19.

ROYALS CRICKET CLUB
Function in Honour of Players

On Sunday an artistically-decorated hall, with blue and gold buntings and well-laden tables, greeted those who attended the function given by the Royals Cricket Club to honour its Provincial Caps, Messrs. Ted Chetty and J. Jack.

Since the inception of Indian cricket in this country the first Inter-Provincial Cricket Tournament was held at Durban during last Easter and Royals claims the distinction of supplying the Natal captain, namely, Ted Chetty.

The Royals Cricket Club presented a blazer and a cap to each of the two players.

Andrew and his Jazz Serenaders were in attendance.

Immediately after the function the forty-second annual general meeting of the above club was held with Mr. R. S. Pillay in the chair. The following officials were elected: Patron, Mr. T. Bajpai; life vice-presidents, Messrs. R. Seepaul, R. Gopaul, C. Jugwanth, R. Manicum, M. S. Williams, C. Rambilli Singh, G. R. Singh, T. Mahaleer, Z. Gabriel, E. C. David, and E. Jugdeep; president, Mr. R. G. Naidoo; secretary and treasurer, Mr. Prem Argaun; assistant secretary, Mr. E. S. Chetty; captain, Mr. T. V. Gopaul Naidoo; vice-captain, Mr. D. M. Pillay; manager, Mr. R. S. Pillay; hon. auditor, Mr. E. C. David; delegates to M.D.C.C., Messrs. R. G. Naidoo and D. Parkree.

END OF SOCCER SEASON

Play has had to be abandoned for the senior Tamboree and Thajmoon Cups competition. Among the games play for two cups—Woodlickers and Sookdeo—has also to be abandoned; but the juvenile fixtures have all been played to schedule. This afternoon Stella "B" will play Warwickshire in the final of the Raman Rose Cup and bring the soccer to a close.

Cricket will, in all probability, begin on October 25.

DURBAN (TOMORROW)

BOMBAY CUP FINAL

3 p.m.: Pirates (Mayville Dist.) v. Stars of India (South Coast).

Selections for Greyville

BY "STARLIKE"

First Race: 1, Secured; 2, Kyber Pass; 3, Zomotus.

Second Race: 1, Clerical; 2, Deccan; 3, Brazen Boy.

Third Race: 1, Sanbury; 2, Vin Blanc; 3, Real Desire.

Fourth Race: 1, Nino; 2, Swiss Miss; 3, Shangani.

Fifth Race: 1, Le Mutti; 2, Siwash; 3, Tipster. (Cheese Eye danger.)

Sixth Race: 1, Roll Up; 2, Pourboire; 3, Epworth.

Seventh Race: 1, Exhibit; 2, Sally's Pride; 3, Moon.

Eighth Race: 1, Halough; 2, Silk Yarn; 3, Fortunas.

The Michaelmas Handicap, 1 mile 1 furlong, 3.15 p.m., is an open race. The improved Le Mutti may win again from Siwash and Tipster with Cheese Eye, the Cape Candidate, danger.

Natal Golf Championship

The fifth Northern Natal Golf Championship was played at Dundee on Sunday last under the auspices of the Dundee Indian Golf Club. Fifteen players, most of them from Durban, participated.

M. N. Pillay, of Durban, played steadily throughout to win with a score of 69 and 71. The runners-up were E. Star and E. Coopsamy (Durban). In the play off, however, Star beat Coopsamy.

Mr. A. N. Chinnah, president of the Dundee Indian Golf Club, presented the S. C. Peer's Floating Trophy to the winner. Another trophy was presented to the runners-up, E. Star.

A council meeting of the Natal Indian Football Association will be held tomorrow morning at ten o'clock at the Pavilion, Currie's Fountain.

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Pageantry of India at the Avalon

ALL the colour and pageantry of India are caught in the spectacular climax of "The Rains Came," the great Louis Bromfield novel, starring Myrna Loy, Tyrone Power and George Brent, which will be showing at the Avalon theatre on Monday next. The scene shows the coronation as Maharajah of the high-caste Hindu, Rajer Rama Safti, played by Power.

TODAY AT THE AVALON

"Pardon," India's social epic.

In the glittering setting of a sumptuous palace, and includes fireworks, elephant manoeuvres and all the other features of this dazzling ceremony.

A great supporting cast helps the stars bring to life on the screen all of Bromfield's colourful characters.

Thrilling Drama

The mid-week change will be "Star Dust" and another feature picture making, with the supporting shorts, an extra double programme.

A story so real and thrilling that it might well be a chapter out of her own meteoric rise to fame brought lovely Linda Darnell to "Star Dust."

Production Chief Darryl F. Zanuck chose John Payne as her handsome and talented leading man, while others who score are Roland Young, Charlotte Greenwood, William Gargan,



A SCENE FROM "STAR DUST"

Although the Bromfield novel omits such as about to ascend the throne, the 20th Century-Fox film is meticulously faithful to the story. Zanuck added to add this stirring sequence in order to provide his production with a climax as thrilling as the many great spectacles which highlight it—the earthquake, the torrential rains, the tidal wave, the flood, the fire.

Myrna Loy plays the amorous Lady Edith in "The Rains Came," while George Brent is cast as the worldweary Tom Ransome.

Mary Beth Hughes, Mary Healy and Donald Meek.

Walter Lang directed this grand film of the adventure that is Hollywood, while Kenneth Macgowan was associate producer.

Mary Healy sings "Star Dust," that unforgettable Hoagy Carmichael-Mitchell Parish ballad, and Mack Gordon contributed two other hit tunes, "Secrets in the Moonlight" and "Don't Let It Get You Down."

On Sunday last Hillview F.C. beat Bogsat Temple F.C. 2-0. Both teams were from Tongaat. D. Chetty, a newcomer to Temples F.C., played well at centre. P. D. Naidoo and P. S. Naidoo were also in form.

The annual inter-club competition of the Durban Indian Golf Club will be held tomorrow at Currie's Fountain over 36 holes medal play. A club may send in as many teams as it pleases, but each team must consist of four players.

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Commercial Soccer League

A Commercial Soccer League has been formed in Durban to cater for soccer teams from the various factories in Durban. Ten teams have so far signified their willingness to affiliate to the league and many others are expected to do so. Previously soccer teams from the various industries have been functioning largely through the efforts of the employer.

The following were elected officials: President, Mr. Samuel John; vice-presidents, Messrs. Tomasy Pemps, Francis Sooben, T. Andrews, C. M. Pillay, A. N. Francis, C. M. Baker and Joe Lee; secretary-treasurer, Mr. K. R. Reddy; assistant secretary, Mr. R. Bobby.

The meeting was convened by Messrs. K. R. Reddy, C. M. Baker, Samuel John and R. Bobby.

The Eddel's Factory XI, which travelled to play in Durban on Sunday last against the Slippers F.C., beat the latter 5-2.

Moonlighters T.C.

At the fourteenth annual general meeting of the Moonlighters Tennis Club, held on Thursday last, the following officials were elected for the ensuing season:

Patrons, Messrs. Alfred David, Soorabjee Rustomjee, and J. S. Roopnarian; president, Mr. Mahomed Cassim; presidents, Drs. M. C. Naidoo and K. M. Sookai, Messrs. J. M. Sayed, J. C. Huber, A. G. Ayob, A. E. Shaik, M. I. Parak, R. Regnath, L. Lalman, and Shaik Hoosen; hon. secretary, Mr. R. Sookhdeo; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. D. Ramparian; hon. treasurer, Mr. S. Rajpaul; hon. auditor, Mr. R. Lutchman.

Councillors to Natal Indian Lawn Tennis Association: Messrs. T. Lutchman and R. Sookhdeo; "A" Division, Captain, J. S. Jugnath; vice-captain, D. Roopnarian; "B" Division, Captain, S. Hassan; vice-captains, R. Sookhdeo; "A" Division Manager, S. Rajpaul; "B" Division Manager, G. Narian.

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The Islamic Holy-day of Eid-el-Fitra

By Y.M.M.A.

MUSLIMS throughout South Africa together with their brothers in other parts of the world will celebrate Eid-al-Fitra on October 22 to signify the end of Ramadan, the month of fasting. To Muslims it will be a real holy day and a festival after a month spent in fasting from sunrise to sunset.

The word Eid means "recurring to happiness," and Fitra means "to begin" and "charity." It signifies that the one who fasts has returned to a natural course or has fulfilled the demand of nature and it is from that the name Eid-al-Fitra seems to have been derived because it follows the month of fasts and takes place on the first of Shawwal (tenth month of Islamic year and which begins on the 23rd inst.). All Islamic festivals are connected with the performance of some duty, in this case the duty of fasting.

One characteristic of the Islamic festivals, therefore, is that they have underlying them a deep spiritual meaning but they have another characteristic as well. In moment of their greatest joy, the Muslims of different ranks, colours and nationalities, gather in as vast a congregation as possible and fall prostrate before their great Maker, giving thanks to him that He has enabled them to perform their duty. The spiritual significance of Eid is thus brought out in the Divine service which is the chief features of the day of festival.

After the Divine service is over the Eid sermon is delivered by the Imam (the leader or the priest who leads the service). He begins with the kalima (shahada; or words speaking of the praise and glory of God and then goes on to recite a Quranic text which he expounds to the audience, who are specially enjoined to remain sitting and silent during the sermon.

As regards the Eid sermon, it is expressly stated that the Holy Prophet (of Islam) used to order the raising of an army, if necessary, in the sermon, or give other orders which he deemed necessary, in addition to admonitions of a general nature. All these facts show that the khutba or sermon is for the education of the masses, to awaken them to a general sense of duty, to lead them into the ways of their welfare and prosperity and warn them against that which is a source of loss or ruin to them.

While celebrating the great Eid festival a Muslim, not only remembers God (by attending the Divine service), but he is also enjoined to remember his poorer brethren. On this occasion every Muslim is required to give "sadaqa Fitra (lit. the charity)" which amounts to three or four pounds of wheat barley, rice or any other staple food of the country, per head of the family, including the old as well as the youngest members of the family, males as well as females. In South Africa it generally comes to 1/6 to 2/6 per head.

The payment is made before the service is held and it is obligatory. The charity was an organised institution during the early period of Islam, as expressly mentioned in a saying of Muhammed, the Prophet of Islam: "They gave this charity to be gathered together and it was not given away to beggars." The principle of gathering the Fitra charity, so clearly laid down in this hadith, has now been abandoned by the Muslims and the result is that a most beneficial institution of Islam for the upliftment of the poor and needy has been thrown into neglect and thousands of pounds which could strengthen national funds thrown away.

Besides this obligatory charity at the Eid, the Holy Prophet used to exhort the people in his khutba, on the occasion of the Eid to contribute whatever they could, voluntarily, for the national cause; and there is mention of women giving away their jewellery at such times. The Eid festival of Islam can thus be made a great occasion for strengthening the national funds and for the relief of the poor, if directions of the Holy Prophet be followed faithfully. And in this respect Islam is the only religion in the world to turn a festival into an occasion for the upliftment of the masses.

Thus a Muslim spends Eid-al-Fitra by remembering his Creator as well as His creations of all ranks and colours by praying with them and by helping them to be happy. Indeed it is a real Holy Day.

Celebration of Hindu and Muslim Festivals

NEXT week two national festivals—the Deepavali and Eid-al-Fitra—will be celebrated, the first on Monday and the second on Wednesday, by the Hindus and Muslims respectively. Before giving the significance of the festivals below, The Leader extends to all Hindus a happy Deepavali and Eid Mubarak to all Muslims.

The Significance of Deepavali

DEEPAVALI, a garland of lights, is a festival of national importance in the Hindu world and easily the most important festival of the Hindu year.

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The first day, Pratipada, is set apart as New Year's Day according to the Vikramera and its ritual and observances are intended to express and to sanctify the hope of all that the day might usher in a new era of happiness and prosperity.

Two customs traditionally associated with this great Hindu festival and of universal observance throughout Hindustan are ritual bathing and illumination. The former symbolises purification of soul and body, and the latter a proper attitude of receptivity and submission to the Divine will, obedience to which is the path of virtue as well as the sole avenue of that fulfilment which constitutes true happiness.

The Deepavali lamps, symbolic of the entry of the Goddess Laxmi, are lit in every household, where on Monday next may be the scene of rejoicing and feasting, the joy of reunion, and the human desire for prosperity and security from material misfortune.

(Messages of greetings on pages six and seven.)

The Surat Hindu Association will have its Deepavali celebrations on Monday. At 10 a.m. there will be a havan and in the evening a celebration meeting will be held in its hall, Victoria Street, Durban.

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Every service was an inspiring and convincing one, both to the sinner and saint. The power of God was felt and every service was followed by the divine presence of God.



Pastor J. F. Rowland (founder and pastor of Bethesda Temple) held and spoke the word of God on a night a great victory in Christ. The temple was filled with the descent of God's glory and the darkness radiant illumination was upon every meeting.

The dynamic and inspiring ministry of Pastor J. F. Rowland at the recent campaign will never be forgotten. Great crowds were enraptured in the mighty climax sermon, "Rose of Sharon," which was unique in nature, being preached in exact darkness (not to the blackout). In a house of 1,500 the pastor asked for all lights to be extinguished, and in total darkness, with windows wide open, without a single light, Pastor Rowland delivered one of the most memorable sermons ever heard in Durban. The crowds were reading them from the Bible. The huge congregation sang hymns and choruses from memory, and so the blackout provided an unique climax to Durban's greatest spiritual event of the year. The enthusiasm of the congregation in spirited singing in pitch darkness gave colour to unforgettable scenes of victory and triumph in the heart of every one that attended this meeting blackedout in the material, but gloriously ablaze in the spirit brought Durban's Back-to-the-Bible campaign to a close on the high tide of revival.

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Congress Comment

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centration and thought so that with all available material the Commission should have accurate information submitted to it.

In the Final Statement a bulky volumn, submitted to the Commission in May, 1941, whilst the three memoranda submitted by the Durban City Council were the subject of severe criticisms by the association, unchallengeable case was put forward before the Commission on the question of increase in the Indian population, lack of housing and civic amenities, entry of wives and minor children into the Union as the result of the provisions of the Cape Town Agreement, the acceptance of western standards of living, the breakup in the family system which was then in vogue and the entry of Indians, as a result of expansion and increase in population, in contiguous areas.

We endeavoured to establish in our final statement that the allegation that the value of European properties depreciated because of isolated purchases of properties by Indians for purposes of investments adjacent to or in the neighbourhood of Europeanowned properties was baseless; there was no exodus of Indians into predominantly European areas, as was made out against us, and the allegation of extensive "penetration" levelled against us was also baseless. We stressed the point that the tendency was for Indians to live among themselves as far as circumstances might allow. We emphasised that a noticeable feature characteristic of settlement of groups of people in different areas in this country, as elsewhere, is that usually groups of the same kind or class are drawn to and live more or less together. The concentration of different groups of people in different areas is a matter of social and economic adjustment.

In all our submissions to the Commission the Cape Town Agreement which the community accepted as our Magna Charta, was the sheet anchor upon which we built our case. It was established beyond doubt that the existence of the Cape Town Agreement provided a sense of security to the Indian community, which was accepted as a permanent part of the South African population. We were required to adopt Western standard of living and with it come progressive adjustment of social outlook and mode of living among Indians, with increased demands of life.

Judging by reasons, which the Commission has given in the report, the Commission found its verdict for the Indians. All points of submission have been accepted by it.

Although the result of the findings of the Commission has been satisfactory to Indians, it should not be thought that the trouble is over yet. The Union Government will consider the report and it may likely be debated before the Parliament when it meets in January of next year. The solution may take a different form, as does happen sometimes, and our community should be well prepared not to aggravate the position and thus give rise to unfavourable feelings towards us, especially in these times of world turmoil and trial.

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THE WOMEN'S WORLD

Mainly About People

On October 2 a son to Mr. and Mrs. Prakash Singh. Mrs. Singh is a niece of the late Mr. P. M. Singh and a daughter of the late Mr. Mithoo Singh.

Messrs. A. I. Kajee, Aboobaker Moosa and Yusuf Ebrahim left for Johannesburg by car on Wednesday. They will be staying at the Carlton Hotel. They expect to make the return trip on Monday.

The betrothal ceremony took place last Saturday of Mr. Cassim Lakhi, the youngest son of Mr. M. E. Lakhi, of Greytown, to the youngest daughter of Mr. Mahomed Ebrahim, of Durban.

Swami Bhawani Dayal Sanyassi, who sailed for India this week, was the guest of honour at a tea party arranged by Mr. A. I. Kajee at his residence on last Sunday night. There was a representative gathering of Hindu present, including: Messrs. K. Maghraji, B. Bachoo, C. M. Anglia, Babu Paruk, Yusuf Ebrahim, S. M. Paruk, R. Dupelia, Harilal Nathu Naran, Hans Maghraji, G. M. A. Mayat, Abdulla Moosa, M. I. Bohat, Mohamed Ebrahim, M. A. H. Moosa, P. G. Desai, Sol. Paruk, V. Lawrence, Aboobaker Moosa, J. Magandal Dayal Bros., Essop Kajee, Dr. P. Desai, Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Brown and Mrs. P. Morell.

Mr. V. R. Chetty, of Springbok Service Station, Durban, entertained on Monday last fifty of the Bevin boys who are in Durban en route to England under the Bevin Training Scheme. They were later taken sightseeing within a radius of a hundred miles of Durban.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Soobramoney, of Durban, who visited Mr. P. Moonsamy at Ixopo, returned on Friday last.

Miss Dolly B. Maharaj has joined the staff of the Waschbank Indian School. She succeeds Mr. S. K. Naidoo, who has been transferred to the Dannhauser Indian School. Her appointment is temporary.

Mr. V. B. Nagrani, of Bulawayo, has left for India. Mr. Nagrani is the secretary of the British Indian Association and also a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and Commerce, London.

Among the visitors to Maritzburg during the weekend was Mr. James Augustine, of Estcourt.

Mr. A. K. Naidoo, a member of the staff of the Indian School, Newcastle, is now enjoying his long leave of four months. He has left with a dramatic troupe, coached by Miss Visalatchie Pillay, of Dundee, and Mr. N. C. Naidoo, of Newcastle, to raise funds in the Transvaal for the new H.Y.M.A. Hall.

Mr. S. Nozbath, of Newcastle, paid a short visit to Johannesburg a fortnight ago.

Mr. D. H. Moosa, treasurer of the Islamia F.C., Maritzburg, spent his last weekend at Howick.

Mr. O. J. Christoper, of Newcastle, who has been in Durban for the past week, returned home this week.

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BY S. R. RADHA

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Method: Wash brains, remove skin and leave soaking in cold water for ½ of an hour. Put in cold water with onion cut in four sage leaves and boil for six minutes. Strain water out and chop up brains. Melt butter in saucepan, remove from the stove and add flour; stir till a smooth paste is formed, then add milk. Stir over a low flame until the mixture boils for three minutes. Add brains, salt and pepper to flavour. Turn on to a plate to cool. When the mixture is cold take small portions of it, roll in a little flour and form into cakes. Coat with egg and bread crumbs, shake well to remove loose crumbs. Fry a golden brown and drain on crumpled kitchen paper.

FISH CAKES

½ lb. of cold fish, ½ lb. of cold potatoes, 1 egg and few breadcrumbs, a teaspoonful of chopped parsley, salt and pepper, 2 tablespoonsful of milk, some fat and flour.

Method: Bone, skin and break up fish. Mash the potatoes, then add to fish with the parsley, pepper and salt. Mix well. Beat egg and add milk. Use part of this to bind the mixture into even pieces, and mould into shape, using very little flour. Dip in egg and then in breadcrumbs and fry in deep fat and drain and serve on a paper doyley. Garnish with lemon and parsley.

Red Cross Exam Successes

At the First-Aid examination held recently in the St. Aidan's Boys' School, Sydenham, the undermentioned passed the elementary examination of the S.A. Red Cross Society: J. Nadasen Naidoo, M. Jithoo, A. R. Naidoo, R. Vyhaburie, G. Simon, R. D. Naidoo, A. Bispath, R. T. Maharaj, W. Gabriel, D. Ally, M. Vambhi, H. Musthan, S. Cooper, L. James, P. T. Pillay, A. R. Singh and M. Abbai.

Eighteen sat for the examination, which was conducted by Dr. G. M. Naicker, and seventeen were successful.

Dr. A. R. W. Gabriel was the lecturer.

Books for Reading

In order to encourage reading among the Indians of Estcourt and district, Mr. James Augustine, the well-known secretary of the Estcourt branch of the Natal Indian Congress and other social organisations, has placed several hundred books at the disposal of the local Indians.

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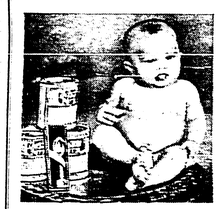
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"Let Us Now Go Forward"

THE abridged version of the report of the Indian Penetration Commission, so far the publication of which the Minister of the Interior is to be congratulated, was received by Indians with special satisfaction. It will be remembered that the Commission was appointed to investigate the extent of penetration of Indians into European areas since the Cape Town Agreement, and that it was called into being largely as a result of the pressure of Europeans in Durban, but also with the approval of representative Indian bodies, which at all times feel that the case for the Indians will bear the strictest scrutiny. It sat for many weeks, took a mass of evidence, listened patiently to anyone who felt that he had something to contribute to the issues involved, and visited, for these purposes, the chief areas of South Africa where Indians are domiciled. There can be no complaint, therefore, that it neglected evidence or was remiss in its approach to its tasks. On the contrary, one owes a word of gratitude and appreciation to the chairman, Mr. Justice Broome, and his fellow commissioners for their patient and competent handling of the whole proceedings. In particular we of the South African Indian community would have the commissioners know our keen sense of gratitude.

Even here in the European Press and in the statements made by Indian leaders the findings of the Commission have been analysed. In a word these findings reflect a situation which has been examined more than once in this column. We may hope that they will serve to place the position of the Indians in a proper perspective before the Europeans, and that some betterment will result in race relations. It would be superficial interpretation of the findings did they encourage in Indians a feeling that they have won a debating point over their European critics. We should not be human did we not rejoice at the conclusions pre-sented by the Commission, but we should be at serious fault did we, as a consequence, neglect the very real responsibility we have towards the social adjustments the report seems to imply. In a word, we must continue to rest our claims at all times upon logic and reason, upon human rights and democratic practice, reminding ourselves that in these ways is to be sought the only true progress.

Feeling thus we would specially pay tribute to those Indian leaders of the Congress and the Association who, at great inconvenience to themselves and without any reward whatever, so carefully and calmly presented the case for the Indians. Their satisfaction must be found, and if we knew it is so found, in the reward of work well done and in the esteem and gratitude in which we hold them. They have performed a service not only for Indians but for the whole of South Africa, and as a result of their labours we may believe that the public will be better informed of our situation, and in being so will be better able to judge the merits of the respective cases. Let us now go forward in the spirit to the persuasion of the Government to look upon us as worthy of true South African citizenship.

Air Commando at Klerksdorp

A correspondent, signing himself "Mailey," from Klerksdorp, writes:—

The Air Commando came to Klerksdorp on Thursday, when hundreds of people of all sections of the community turned to the new aerodrome.

I am an Indian. I also went with a friend to see the display. We were standing in the crowd, when there came a policeman, with a sort of stick in his hand (a tree branch). He shouted at us to clear out. While we were still puzzled as to whether he meant us, he raised his stick to hit us and shouted again at us to stand somewhere else. A few of our European friends nearby looked at us in pity.

This policeman insulted nearly every Indian, perhaps temporarily, and if we did not swallow this insult there might have been a second Pietermaritzburg affair. If this policeman was there to see that everybody was in his appointed place, he surely could at least have used some tact, rather than shout at people who had done nothing wrong, but just stood quietly.

"We were asked to close our shops; we were only too glad to do so. We were glad to welcome the Air Commando; but surely we were not asked to be insulted by a cheap policeman, just for nothing, in a bar crowd.

"I have also been informed that some of the prominent people of the Indian community were insulted at the Air Commando display, at Erasvlei, Verbarg, and Pietermaritzburg. If this is the case why not make it clear that the Air Commando shows are for European only.

Association, Congress Comment on Broome Report

The Association

IN a statement to The Leader Messrs. I. S. Rustomjee and P. R. Pather, Joint Secretaries of the Natal Indian Association, reviewing the main findings of the Indian Penetration Commission, as appeared in a summarised form in the daily Press, states:

As is well known the Indian community in South Africa has never escaped a periodic wave of agitation on this or that problem from time to time. The Asiatic Enquiry Commission (Lange Commission) was appointed in 1922 as a result of intense agitation against Indians on the question of land and trading. A scheme of segregation was then the pivot of the problem. This Judicial Commission, after investigating the position throughout South Africa, came to the conclusion that there shall be no compulsory segregation of Indians. Next in importance was the appointment of the Feetham Commission which concerned the Transvaal Province.

The most important commission appointed in recent years was undoubtedly the Indian Penetration Commission (commonly known as the Broome Commission). The terms of reference of this commission was simple, precise, yet elastic. It was charged with the task of inquiring into and report whether, and, if so, to what extent Indians have since 1st January, 1927, commenced occupation of or acquired sites for trading or for residential purposes in predominantly European areas in the Province of Natal and the Transvaal, and the reasons for such occupation or acquisition.

The Indian community demurred that the period of investigation should have gone as far back as 1927, which would place them in a disadvantageous position. But it was believed that the Union Government desired to ascertain the position as at January, 1927, because that was the starting point of the Cape Town Agreement.

It would be remembered by those who were intimately associated with what transpired at the First Round Table Conference between India and South Africa that that Conference had placed before its statistics and data on every phase of the Indian question. The question of acquisition of property by Indians was no less an important part of it. So it is reasonable to infer that the motive behind the Union Government was to ascertain what progress, if any, had been made by Indians, especially in Natal in the acquisition of properties, and at the same time to investigate the persistent allegation that Indians are penetrating into predominantly European areas.

When the personnel of the Commission was announced it was welcomed by all and Indians felt that the appointment of Mr. Justice Broome, eminent jurist, as chairman and two other important men, namely, Messrs. A. E. Chater and Nimrod Smit, as members on the Commission, infused confidence that whichever way the findings might go the case of the Indians would receive at their hands full justice.

The Commission commenced its sitting in December, 1940, and concluded public proceedings in May, 1941. The Natal Indian Association applied the whole of its resources, energy and machinery in the collection and data on every acquisition of property in Natal which was the subject of the Commission's investigation. Numerous schedules and plans of properties were prepared and it speaks well of all our branches in Natal and prominent members of our community who gave their time and work unsparingly in the collection, preparation and presentation to the Commission of facts and figures. A preliminary memorandum was presented to the Commission in July, 1940, and from then onwards the association presented numerous interim statements, schedules and plans to the Commission, all of which involved enormous work, greater degree of exactitude and unscrupulous and interested persons.

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BY A. I. KAJEE
Deputy President, Natal Indian Congress

The Congress

The Indian Penetration Commission's report was a vindication of the Natal Indian Congress case, for the exact figure of acquisition of property for investment purposes supplied by it had been accepted by the Commission.

It was a false contention to make that the exodus of Europeans occurred as a result of the purchase of properties by Indians. The report is a vindication of that principle that people of one affinity and one race live together and that there is no desire on the part of Indians to be amongst Europeans.

The report is a vindication of the fact that Indians have carried out the obligations under the Cape Town Agreement and that they have improved their standard of living and that their economic standard is such that it is no longer a danger to their fellow Europeans. The report is a vindication of the Congress contention that as a result of the sense of security that came into being when Indians, because of the Cape Town Agreement, were recognised as a permanent part of the population of South Africa that led both in Natal and Transvaal of investing their wealth in landed properties in Natal, particularly in Durban.

We are sure that the report will be a vindication of the Congress contention that wherever the 150 acquisitions had taken place in Durban and occupied by Indians themselves outside the area demarcated by the Corporation are acquisitions contiguous to those areas occupied by Indians from 1927. The report is both a vindication and a reiteration of the statement made by the Lange Commission in 1922 that there was no ground even for the extreme rabid European's point of view for compulsory or voluntary segregation or setting aside of areas for Indians.

Mr. H. G. Lawrence, the Minister of the Interior, when appointing the commission in Parliament, said that "the Government will not proceed on this question of Asiatic penetration without a proper appreciation and knowledge of facts."

Now that the facts have been ascertained by the commission of fair-minded and honourable men, headed by one of the outstanding jurists of this country, the Indian community will rely with confidence on the justice of its case that there is no longer any need for further like the Lawrence Commission for impelling voluntary segregation of Indians.

The findings of the report appear to me above all things of being an indictment against the local authorities for by reason of the neglect of the housing needs and the erection of the Indian areas, they have created friction between Europeans and Indians.

The danger of the agitation has not been passed. There should be no relaxation of vigilance by the Indian community as that even facts which are now favourable to the Indian community might be twisted for unfavourable and unreasonable ends by unscrupulous and interested persons.

The S.A. Press Views the Report

"AN EXPLODED FALLACY" SAYS THE STAR

"Laying a Bogey" Declared "Rand Daily Mail"

"IT is to be hoped the report of the Indian Penetration Commission, a summary of which has been authorised by the Minister of the Interior, will provide a final answer to the unreasonable charges of Asiatic penetration which have been increasingly vocal in certain quarters for a long time past," writes The Star under the caption of "An Exploded Fallacy," when commenting upon the report.

"Unfounded Charges"

It goes on:—

So far from their being any evidence of a tidal wave of encroachment in European areas in the Transvaal, in the past 14 years there were only 330 cases in all of penetration in the Transvaal: 240 of these being trade and the balance residential. Nearly half of these trading "encroachments" were in the unproclaimed part of the Johannesburg municipal area and, but for these, "the total number of cases in the Transvaal would not be at all appreciable." Actually, over the period under review the infiltration in the Transvaal, urban and rural, works out at less than 18 trading and seven residential sites a year. Moreover, in the bulk of the cases of "trading penetration" in Johannesburg (65 out of 77 cases) "the primary inducement appears to have been non-European trade."

The findings of the commissioners expose once for all of the unfounded charges that what penetration has taken place has been due to the Government's failure to enforce past and existing statutory restrictions against Asiatics. When these charges are made wildly by persons not familiar with the legislative position, it is bad enough for their result is to create the impression that the Government is unwilling to remedy a condition that the law does not permit. When, as the commissioners point out, a member of Parliament identifies himself with such allegations, it is surely time that the real position is set forth as unequivocally and finally as possible. Actually, what penetration has taken place has come about without any breach of the law and could not have been prevented by the enforcement of any statutory restrictions." This statement vindicates to the full the action of those Indians who are supposed to be illegally encroaching on European preserves; and disposes for ever of those too frequent charges levelled against a law-abiding and industrious element in the community, to the main finding that has not ousted the European. He has merely succeeded Em. Where trade ceased to be attractive to the European (a condition that makes itself clear in the lack of demand for European for trading sites) the Indian community has bravely followed as the European exodus, to stay only

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THE TALK OF THE BAZAAR

A HERO UNHERALDED

Dr. Yusuf Dadoo, of Johannesburg, ...ode quietly into Durban two weeks ...go. There was no fanfare of trumpets to herald his entry and neither did the Indian community go en bloc to meet him at the station. It was a different entry from the one he effected in 1930. Two years ago when he came to Durban the whole town was talking Dadoo. You heard it in the buses, in the taxis, in the trains and wherever Indians met the topic of the hour was Dr. Dadoo. When he addressed the Indians in the City Hall about passive resistance he had a great deal of popular support but the intervening time has wrought a world of change. According to his one-time supporters he is an extremist, while many of his ardent followers have voted for co-operation.

DIWALI AND EID

Monday and Tuesday will see the Diwali or Deepavali, call it what you will, in celebration. Hindus, the world over, will make merry over their "Festival of Lights." Either on Wednesday or Thursday, it all depends upon the moon, the month of Ramadan will come to an end and all True Believers will break their fast. Each section has advanced reasons about its celebrations. The latest one about why Moslems really fast is that it was during the month of Ramadan Allah handed over the Quran.

INDIANS VINDICATED

The revelation of the findings of the Broome Commission is a sad commentary on the white man's cry of "Penetration." The Europeans' cry was based not so much on actual fact as much as it may have been in his belief that he is superior. It was a right of colour. This finding of the Commission should be a warning to all those who were at one time prepared to accept what was tantamount to voluntary segregation.

SEEDAT IN THE NEWS

Seedat is once more in the news. His case has been put down for Tuesday. The counts against him allege that he has violated the conditions that were binding him. These conditions were embodied in a certificate of exemption from internment. If he is guilty then the alternative would be to intern him, but since he is a person of colour and, taking into consideration the colour bar in this country, probably he cannot be interned in the same camp. Is the Government going to build a separate internment camp for Seedat?

CITIZENSHIP RIGHTS FOR NON-EUROPEANS

Full citizenship rights for non-Europeans is referred to in a motion to be submitted to the Diocesan Synod of the diocese of Johannesburg, which will meet in October 20, by the Rev. B. L. E. Sigamoney.

The motion states: "That this Synod, recognising the sacrifices made and services rendered by the non-Europeans to the cause of democracy and in defending South Africa and other parts of the world, hereby pledges itself to agitate and educate public opinion for the removal of all legislative restrictions which today bar the non-Europeans from enjoying full citizenship."

Mr. Sigamoney's motion for full citizenship for non-Europeans will further ask that a committee be formed to seek the cooperation of other dioceses and public bodies for the furthering of this object.

In a second motion he asks "that no new social order be countenanced until the majority of the inhabitants of this country be given a say in the administration on equal basis with the minority."

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Ramportal Cup Final

On Sunday last I was present at the Stanger Indian sports grounds in the hope of witnessing the Ramportal cup final, to be played between Kearsney and Doornkop soccer teams; but instead I, with a few hundred enthusiastic soccer fans, was the witness of a very unsportsmanlike incident, the details of which I wish to furnish you, with a hope of its receiving publicity through the medium of your popular paper.

The Kearsney XI, on its way to Stanger, received news of the death of the daughter of its very popular captain, Sunkeran Nair.

As a mark of sympathy the Kearsney team decided to play, and appealed to the Lower Tugela Ind. Association for a postponement. The officials turned deaf ears, and declared Doornkop the winners, and consequently presented them with the much coveted Ramportal cup, to the utter disappointment and disgust of the spectators.

I was really ashamed to witness such an unsportsmanlike spirit on the part of the members of the Doornkop football team, and much disrespect for the dead on the part of the officials of the association.

It is no wonder that Indian soccer in the Lower Tugela district has made little or no headway.

SAMUEL MOODLEY.

INDIANS WIN AT CRICKET

A friendly cricket match between Chetty's XI and a Durban Ramta XI was played on Sunday last at the Sunteen Road sports ground. Chetty's XI won by 162 runs on the first innings.

SELECTIONS FOR CLAIRWOOD

By "STARLIKE"

First race: 1, Sine Mora; 2, in Fashion; 3, Shark.

Second race: 1, B.E.F.; 2, Ultimate; 3, Talk.

Third race: 1, Newcomer; 2, Forgetful; 3, Restraint.

Fourth race: 1, Corsbum; 2, Marchesa; 3, Eddie O'Brien.

Fifth race: 1, Butterscotch; 2, Striking; 3, Le Tonnere.

Sixth race: 1, Publication; 2, Fine Streak; 3, Nehka.

Seventh race: 1, Exhibit; 2, Florinda; 3, Iphigenia.

Eighth race: 1, At Break; 2, Sublette; 3, Swiss Miss.

Five-a-Side Soccer Shield for Stanger

At a tea-party organised by the Stanger Recreation Ground Committee, Mr. Thakor Soni presented a shield to the committee for a five-a-side competition, open to any five in the province. It is his wish that from the proceeds of the tournament water be laid on the grounds. This has been a long-felt want, and all sportsmen will endorse this urgent need.

The shield itself is the first of its kind in the district, and there is every indication that a record number of entries will be received from all parts. It is hoped that this will be an annual event.

The Thakor Soni shield will be a floating one, and there will be a trophy for the runners-up, as well as prizes for both.

Entries close with the secretary, P.O. Box 42, Stanger, at 8.30 a.m. on the day of the tournament, October 26, 1941.

N.I.C.U. MEETING
Ladysmith New Headquarters

The annual meeting of the Natal Indian Cricket Union was held at the Aryan Benevolent Society's office last Sunday. Representatives from Northern Districts, Durban, and Maritzburg were present.

The secretary, in presenting his report, stated that the first South African Indian Cricket tournament for the Christopher's trophy, which was held in Durban during the Easter holidays, was won by Natal under the captaincy of Mr. Ted Chetty.

The final of the intertown competition held at Maritzburg was lost by the Northern Districts, Maritzburg being the winners.

The Panday's Shield was won by Young Muslims C.C., of Durban, who defeated the Orientals C.C., of Maritzburg, in the final.

Referring to the Panday's Shield, the secretary said that unfortunate circumstance had arisen in the replacement of the Panday's Shield. During the latter part of 1940, at a council meeting of Natal it was agreed to accept the offer of Dr. M. R. Peters to replace the Panday's Shield. Accordingly letters were written to Dr. M. R. Peters thanking him for his offer and of the council's decision. On receipt of the trophy (Peters' Shield), a council meeting was convened and the shield was placed before the meeting for acceptance.

The council felt that the effigy on the shield was not appropriate to the game of cricket and decided to adjourn the meeting for a while to enable a delegation to wait on the donor.

Owing to the attitude adopted by Dr. Peters the council had unanimously decided to return the shield.

The following officials were elected for the ensuing season: Patron, Mr. A. Saidoo; president, Mr. H. R. Singh; vice-presidents, Messrs. R. Sewpaul, K. J. Chetty and H. R. Singh; secretary and treasurer, Mr. R. Kallie.

The headquarters for the ensuing season will be at Ladysmith.

Durban Soccer League Log

SENIOR "A"

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Warwickshire	5	4	1		8
Stars	5	3	1	1	7
Stella	5	2	1	2	6
Avondale	5	2	3		5
Collegians	5	2	2	1	5
Daffodils	5	1	4	1	3

SENIOR "B"

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Shamrocks	5	5			10
Schools	6	4	2		8
Afritex	6	3	2	1	7
Sydenham	6	3	3		6
Queens	6	1	3	2	4
Pirates	6	1	5		2
S.A.F.	5	1	2	1	3

In the final for the league Shamrocks beat Warwickshire.

Stars won the senior Natal Cup competition while Stella won the junior competition. Durban won both inter-town matches—senior and junior.

Stella won the junior league competition. In the juvenile "A" rank Warwickshire finished off at the top in the league and also won the Raman Bros. Cup. The juvenile "B" league went to Riversdale.

Cricket will begin on Sunday next.

The death occurred at Estcourt last Thursday of Mary, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Samuel. A large number of friends and relatives were present at the funeral.

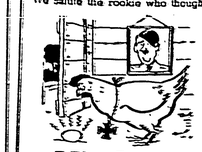
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AGENT-GENERAL'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1940
Points of Differences—"Personal Rivalries"

APART from personal rivalries, which are unfortunately intense, the main difference between the two sections is in their attitude to the Lawrence Committee. The 'revived' Congress continues to refuse to co-operate with the Committee and indeed seems to have thrown as many difficulties in the way of its effective working as it possibly can. The Indian members of the Lawrence Committee are all prominent members of the Association. Both bodies profess to be in favour of the Indian community assisting the Union Government's war effort, but whereas the Association's support has been effective and sustained, the contribution of the Congress has been negligible. Both bodies have co-operated with the Broome Commission on Asiatic penetration and have submitted memoranda to it. The Agent-General has made it quite clear to the officials of the Congress that his advice and assistance were always be available to any individual Indians or groups of Indians to whatever party they belong provided they are working in agreement with the policy of the Government of India.

"Partly as a result of the impasse the South African Indian Congress has practically ceased to function. The Congress has not met since February, 1935, and there has not been a meeting of even the executive committee since May, 1939."

Thus states the Agent-General for India in the Union of South Africa, Sir B. Rama Rau, in his annual report for the year ending December 31, 1940, which is now released for publication.

Be report, in the course of its 22 ages, deals with various questions, th the change of status, the Agent-General says, inter alia, "Since appreshension was expressed in the Indian Press lest the change in status would weaken the High Commissioner's position as champion of the interests of the Indian community in this country. This arises from a misunderstanding of what the functions of the Agent as the representative of the Government of India in the Union were originally intended to be." (Italics are ours.)

Referring to the question of Indian education in Natal the report states that "among the definite setbacks which fall to be mentioned in this report is the failure of the Natal Provincial Administration adequately to respond to the appeal of the Agent-General to make a substantial provision for the development of Indian education and for the free education of girls. One out of every two Indian children in Natal never go to school and of those who do very few reach the secondary school. Until this state of affairs is remedied it is clear that the community is bound to remain in a state of economic subjection.

"The only substantial advance during the year has been the introduction of a minimum wage for unskilled labourers in Durban and for employees in certain trades. The determination of the Wage Board together with the implementing of the findings of a committee on the wages of the railway staff will undoubtedly result in a substantial rise in the standard of living of a large section of the poorest classes in the Indian community. . . ."

On the Lawrence Committee the report states: "The Agent-General, who visited Durban in order to be present at their meeting, referred to the committee as the initiation of a great experiment and one on which depended to the solution of the Indian problem . . . the Indian representatives on the committee submitted a memorandum complaining that nothing had been done by the council to provide land for residential sites for Indians. The matter was remitted to a small sub-committee presided over by the mayor which inspected three areas which the Indian representatives considered suitable for housing schemes. Unfortunately the inspection led to an outburst of criticism from the Ratepayers' Association and the Burgesses' Association and the recommendations of the subcommittee had to be withdrawn. As a result the Indian members completed their resignation from the committee. The Minister, however, intervened and appealed to the European section to co-operate and it is hoped that as a result of this intervention an attempt will be made to find alternative sites where Indian occupation would arouse less criticism.

The following proposals, which are the most important in the report, were made to the Provincial Executive Committee by the Agent-General:—

"Firstly, the principle of compulsory education should be accepted and a test area should be selected, preferably urban, where present facilities are almost adequate and the cost of extensions would be small.

"Secondly, the Department should adopt immediately a scheme for extending existing schools in those areas where the need is greatest, and in addition to the usual grants for buildings, loans be advanced to school managers or school committees. He urged that a special grant be made for the purpose. He incidentally drew attention to the fact that although in 1934-35 the Administration promised the then Agent-General that a sum of £10,000 would be voted to Indian education in addition to the Union Government subsidy, a sum of £200 only was actually spent.

"Thirdly, facilities should be provided for secondary education in Northern Natal.

"Fourthly, education for girls should be made free and when any new school is built, it should be considered whether the school could be reserved for girls only.

"Fifthly, he pointed out that 45 per cent. of the assistant teachers in aided schools were paid a fixed salary of £5 a month. The Wage Board has recently recommended a minimum wage of £4 6s. 8d. even for unskilled labour in Durban. There should be, therefore, a substantial increase in the rates of pay, particularly in respect of lower grades of Indian teachers.

"Lastly, a scheme should be devised for medical and dental inspection and for physical culture in Indian schools

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REALISTIC "BLITZ" TRY OUT IN INDIA
Countryside Resounds to the Clatter of Arms

THE first of a series of defence exercises in which the military and civil defence services took part were held throughout North-West India from October 7 to 11. As a realistic try-out an attempt was made to reproduce as many actual "blitz" conditions as possible; it was designed to test the state of preparedness, not only for the military and civil defence services but also of the ordinary men and women of the country.

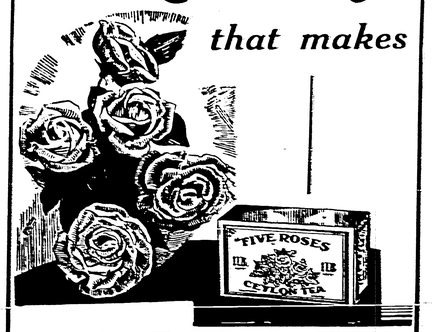
For eight days the Punjab and the North-West Frontier Province was subjected to a "blitz" on an unprecedented scale, with planes continuously attacking and bombing, engaging in dog-fights and parachutists landing and being tackled by land troops. The countryside resounded to the clatter of machine-guns and to the crash of bombs and to the rumble of transports as they carried soldiers to strategic points and positions.

These exercises gave an opportunity to the public to see their own army training for the security of the country against aggressive air action on a war scale. They also demonstrated that the training of the rapidly-expanding forces of India was never-ceasing and that the troops were being prepared for the day when a vast offensive movement would be launched against the enemy.

All departments of the Government, and not merely the fighting services, played their part in these exercises, which also trained the civilians against panic, and in giving full co-operation to the armed forces.

Trial arrangements for "black-outs" during the period of eight days were made to get the public accustomed to certain inconveniences which were inevitable in wartime, and the authorities in charge of the manoeuvres and the A.R.P. organisation were taking steps to educate the people to be prepared in every way and thus ensure their co-operation.

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Decision Taken at Natal Aryan Meeting

The sixteenth annual meeting of the Arya Pratinidhi Sabha (Aryan Representative Assembly), Natal, was held in Patel's Hall, Prince Edward Street, Durban.

Well over a hundred delegates from Durban, Maritzburg and other centres participated.

The following institutions have affiliated to the Sabha for the ensuing year: Arya Samaj (Durban), Arya Samaj (Wentville), Arya Samaj (Springfield), Arya Samaj (Springfield and district), Arya Samaj (Sydenham), Arya Samaj (Riverside), Arya Samaj (Ladysmith), Arya Samaj (Mount Partridge), Arya Samaj (Dannhauser), Yuvuk Arya Samaj (Clairwood), Arya Yuvuk Sabha (Durban), Arya Mangoe Mandal (Durban), Arya Mitra Mandal (Sydenham), Nagri Pracharni Sabha (Springfield), Hindu Anugatan (Candella Estate), Shri Hindi Paatshala (Durban), Veda Dharma Sabha (Pietermaritzburg), and Arya Yuvuk Mandal (Sea Cow Lake).

Mr. R. Ramklas presided in the unavoidable absence of the president, Mr. R. Bodasing.

The secretarial report, presented by Mr. D. G. Satya Deva, made reference to a good year's progress, particularly in the direction of liquidating all liabilities on the Sabha's property situated at 21 Carlisle Street, Durban. The property purchased for £2,000 six years back was now completely free, he added.

The question of the erection of a Vedic Temple on the property was deferred for discussion to another meeting in the near future. It was unanimously resolved that arrangements be made for the holding of a Vedic Conference shortly.

The report also revealed that negotiations were still proceeding in regard to the bringing out of Vedic preachers from India to this country.

The secretary eulogised the manifold services of the president, Mr. R. Bodasing, and his other co-workers.

The following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year: Patron, Mahatma Nanaswami (India); president, Mr. R. Bodasing; vice-presidents, presidents of all affiliated bodies; hon. secretary, Mr. D. G. Satya Deva; assistant secretary, Mr. Sankraj Chotai; hon. treasurer, Mr. M. Moonoo; hon. auditor, Mr. S. L. Singh; trustees, Mr Jugasur (J. H. Daniel) and Harrising Bodasing (vacancies caused by the death of Mr. R. Bodasing and resignation of Swami Bhawan Dayal Sanyasi). Delegates to Arya Sarvadeshik Sabha (International Aryan League), India, Messrs. D. G. Satya Deva, S. L. Singh, R. S. Singh, R. G. Kapitan and Pandit R. B. Maharaj.

At an Umpires' Board meeting at the South Coast Mr. S. T. Ankum was elected chairman and Mr. K. Seedat secretary.

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Ramportal Cup Final

A Reply

As secretary of the Lower Tugela District Indian Football Association, which was in for much criticism by your reader, Samuel Woodley, in last week's issue of The Leader, I crave your indulgence for a little space in your popular weekly to clear you readers of a number of misconceptions as put forward by him in connection with the Kearsney-Doornkop unplayed cup final.

[illegible] and unselfish co-operation, [illegible] states that the officials of the association turned a deaf ear to the Kearsney appeal for postponement. Your reader is one of the select band of ignoramus who feel that I, as secretary, am "the association," and this silly idea has been expressed dozens of times. To his "natural" way of thinking he expected a decision from me, I suppose, on the spur of the moment. This I could not do and I steered the only course left open to me, as it was impossible for me to call up even an emergency executive meeting. I assert the position that the only hope of a postponement lay in the two captains mutually agreeing to a postponement. It must also be understood that all this took place on the ground at the advertised hour of the match and that Doornkop had travelled a distance of 14 miles to participate in the fixture at some expense.

The Doornkop captain refused to entertain any idea of a postponement especially considering the fact that Kearsney had about 16 registered players, thus giving them a number of reserves to fall back upon. The employer of the Kearsneyites was present and it seems he also advised them to play, because after consulting him the officials approached me for a grace of time in which to prepare. With the consent of the Doornkop captain, who was sporting enough to agree, they were allowed 30 minutes. In the meantime the officials decided not to play and "definitely scratched" in favour of Doornkop." This naturally closed the matter and the cup was presented to Doornkop, who had a walk-over.

The "disappointment and disgust" of the spectators, except of course the outstanding Samuel Moodley, was not in any way at the attitude of the association but at the stubbornness of the Kearsney Club.

In conclusion I must state that the dead earn my fullest respect, much more than living hollow vessels.

V. AUGUSTINE,
Hon. Secretary
Lower Tugela District Indian Football Association.

U.S. Generosity to India

The International Council for mentally and physically defective children of New York has agreed to present to India a fully equipped "Braille" printing plant at half the cost and to train three Indian youths in the modern technique of "Braille" printing of maps and charts.

Mr. Amal Shah, who has become a member of the council, has been invited to represent India at the next convention of the council at California.

Mr. H. I. Singh, president of the Newcastle Hindu Temple and Newcastle branch secretary of the Natal Indian Congress has presented a Hindi Varnamala (Illustrated Hindi Alphabetical Chart) to the Leuchars Indian School as a Deepavali gift.

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THE WOMEN'S WORLD

Mainly About People

Mr. and Mrs. Asmall, of Johannesburg, spent a few days at the coast last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Specter, of Cape Town, arrived in Durban last Tuesday and are staying at Peter's Lounge.

Mr. Rebello, of Lobombo, Zululand, is visiting Durban for the first time in forty years and has booked at Peter's Lounge.

Mr. Robert Anton, of Johannesburg arrived in Durban last week. He is on a fortnight's holiday.

A baby son to Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Chetty, of Walmer Road, Port Elizabeth, on Sunday last, October 19. Mother and son doing well.

At a dinner provided by Mr. R. Mahabeer, the retiring president of the Inter-District Cricket Union, among those present were Messrs. E. M. Chin, A. Sukdheo, J. M. Soobrai, F. S. Pillay, Kitty Samuels, A. R. Ramsh, P. R. Pather, S. Rajpaul, C. B. Boulton, J. Gungiah, H. Jathoo, R. P. Naicker, R. R. Pillay, B. S. Reddy, A. Moonilal, R. Ramasamugh, R. Reuben, M. Moonilal, Pavlai Naidoo, Jack Nadasen, R. Gabriel, R. R. Pillay, M. Harricombe, J. M. Francis, M. K. Naidoo, Charles Pillay, B. Naicker, R. S. Pillay, T. Naidoo, J. Moodley, jun., R. Mothilal, H. Seeraj and N. G. Reddy.

Sir Girja Shankar Bajpai, who until recently held the portfolio of Education, Health, and Land in the Viceroy's Executive Council and who has been appointed Agent-General for India in the United States of America, is expected to be in Cape Town today. He is accompanied by Lady Bajpai.

Dr. S. R. Dasmahapatra, L.R.C.P. (Lon.), M.R.C.S. (Eng.), son of Mr. S. R. Naidoo, has arrived in the Union from England. He held the position of resident medical officer at Sunderland Hospital, England. He qualified at King's Medical College, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Mr. A. M. Bawa, who has qualified as Barrister at Law, is expected in Durban this week.

Staff-Sergt. N. P. Parmanand, of the Indian and Malay Transport Corps, who was recently ill, is now convalescing in Maritzburg.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Govender, of Umzinto, spent their Deepavali holiday with his father-in-law and brother-in-law in Maritzburg.

Messrs. R. D. Chowthie, H. B. Maharaj, R. B. Pandey, of Sawoti, and Mr. Jonathan, of Umzinto, spent a weekend in Maritzburg. They were the guests of Mr. B. Bookhan.

The Maritzburg Sewa Samaj members had their first annual picnic at Table Mountain last week. Mr. J. Sewnarain presented a trophy for the fishing competition. Landing the heaviest fish Mr. S. Cherry won the trophy.

Mr. Hassim Manjee, of Messrs. M. Keshavjee & Co., Pretoria, together with his wife and family, left for Lourenco Marques on Wednesday, where he will represent the Pretoria Khoja community at the opening ceremony of the New Khoja Jamath Khana. They hope to return to Pretoria towards the end of the month.

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Mrs. P. Morel, B.A. (Wit.), of the Dartnell Crescent Indian Girls' High School, has been appointed its vice-principal, which is a newly created post.

The school has a roll of 500. She has been associated with the school from the time it was inaugurated, due to a large extent to the untiring efforts of the Kunwarani Lady Maharaj Singh.

Apart from her keen interest in the education of Indian girls, Mrs. Morel has been the joint secretary of the Indo-European Joint Council, a trustee of the Motala's Lads' Hostel for Indian Delinquents at Wynbank, and hon. secretary of the S. J. Smith and Indian Congress Seaside Holiday Camp for Indian children.

Among her many activities she conducts a soup kitchen at the school where 100 children are daily provided with free meals.

Farewell to Mr. S. M. Naicker

A farewell reception was accorded to its secretary, Mr. S. M. Naicker, who is leaving Maritzburg to establish his business as an estate and general agent at Stanger, by the Maritzburg Indian Unemployment Relief Committee on Thursday last. Mr. Naicker was the recipient of a wallet and tobacco pouch. Mr. Naicker was a keen social worker.

During the week he was also entertained by the Hindu Youth Club, of which he is the founder and retiring president, the Maritzburg District Indian Cricket Club, of which he is the secretary and treasurer, and by the Royals Cricket Club, of which he was an ex-secretary and a vice-president. The Royals Cricket Club presented him with a fountain pen set.

Mr. Naicker carries with him the good wishes of his many friends.

H.Y.M. Social Club

The annual meeting of the Lennoxton Hindu Young Men's Social Club was held on Sunday last at the Hindi Pracharni Sabha Hall, Lennoxton, Newcastle.

After the reports of the secretary and treasurer were adopted, the following officials were elected for the ensuing year: Patrons, Messrs. L. L. Singh, O. J. Christopher, R. Ramasroop, J. A. Singh and E. M. Nursey; president, Mr. A. R. Singh; vice-president, Mr. M. K. Singh; joint hon. secretaries, Messrs. Jairam M. Singh, and H. Bridgemohan; assistant secretary, Mr. J. J. Singh; treasurer, Mr. N. R. Maharaj.

Committee: Messrs. Gangaram M. Singh, B. J. Singh, H. I. Singh, S. J. Singh, and Lutchman Gager.

Isipingo Tamil School

Last Sunday the Isipingo Tamil School children celebrated a happy day. The boys and girls, numbering 48 in all, were beautifully dressed in green and white, and gave a housie-housie display of the Kerala dance.

Mr. R. Rowedee, of Isipingo, kindly placed his motor lorry free for the day at the disposal of the school, which enabled the children also to travel to Reunion, Umbilo and Mahanas. The following persons kindly entertained the children and party at their residences: Messrs. A. P. Chetty, N. M. Harry, S. Neerpath, Kafir Maistry, K. Gopaulsingh, T. Subramany, M. M. Goorge, Jack Peters, R. Rowedee, Ramsunder Debeloo and Mrs. K. N. Moodley, of Isipingo, and Messrs. P. Moosamy Naiker and Mastie Naidoo, of Umbogintwini.

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Mahomed Ebrahim Lakhi

WE profoundly regret to report the death of Mahomed Ebrahim Lakhi, benefactor of his nation and people, friend of all and wise counsellor of Indians. He came to Natal some forty-six years ago and settled in Greytown where, by dint of industry and ability, he built up a flourishing business. Prosperity in material affairs, it is said, permits a good man to do the things he has set his heart upon. So, indeed, it was Mahomed Ebrahim Lakhi. Of all men he was among the most generous: the list of his benefactions which we publish in this issue is but a part of that whole-hearted concern for his fellows that cause his name to live forever in the hearts of his fellowmen. His works are his greatest memorial. For the advancement of the education of Indians he donated huge sums to such institutions as Sastri College. For their spiritual comfort he raised mosque and madressa. For their physical refreshment he gave the playing fields and sports grounds. For their healing in sickness he presented a ward at Grey's Hospital. All these and more did he do, and in the doing exemplified that gracious spirit that is the fount of good citizenship.

Nor was his interest confined only to those of his own race. He scattered the largesse of his possessions over all sections of the community, granting land and site to the municipality of Greytown when he felt that such historic objects as the birthplace of General Louis Botha should be preserved in public trust, and transferring ground for the sole use of Europeans. Natives, too, were not forgotten. They are the recipients of his charity and the objects of his interests. Perhaps, indeed, his greatness lies in just the universal humanity that was his, caring naught for distinctions of class or colour or creed but caring all for the brotherhood of men.

We may dwell on his life, today, as we mourn his passing from it. There is fine example in it of public spirit and noble citizenship. It is impossible to measure the extent of his influence in the present and the future. Any young Indian who would seek an example to follow might well choose him whose name is Mahomed Ebrahim Lakhi. He might pattern his ways and life upon this man. He might place before himself every day the shining worth and merit, and strive to emulate one of his own race who has so richly deserved our esteem and regard. In that way he will come to know the value of right citizenship and social responsibility, for few have known it so well and demonstrated it so fully as Mr. Lakhi. It is in these examples before us of devoted service that we must find ways to increase and establish their good works, and thus advance our own worth and the welfare of our fellow Indians and Europeans.

While the passing of such a life must bring us sorrow, the life also raises within us a sense of pride and joy and thanksgiving. May these things bring comfort to those who are bereaved today even as they bring encouragement to all Indians who are the better for watching a life nobly lived and unselfishly practised.

A Militant Movement

"Today it can be safely said that the non-European trade movement is the most active and militant movement in this country and it will become more so as the movement spreads. Also all the above factors applies to the Africans in a greater degree because when the Africans begin to organise and learn of their rights then they will become a menace to the existing capitalist system," said Mr. E. J. Burbeck, national secretary of the Street Workers' Union when he addressed the Liberal Study Group on "Non-Europeans and the Trade Unions" on Sunday last.

TRANSVAAL VIEW ON THE BROOME REPORT

A summary of the report of the Indian Penetration Commission has been released.

The published summary indicates that the report is a refutation of the allegations of penetration so assiduously sponsored by prominent anti-Asiatics in the Transvaal, and that it clearly exposes the "penetration bogey" which led to the introduction of repressive legislation against Indians in

By S. M. NANA,
Secretary, Transvaal Indian Congress

1930. While it would obviously be undesirable to discuss in detail the Commission's findings before the full text of the report is available, some of the figures quoted in the summary require a few brief comments.

The Commission has reported 330 cases of penetration in the Transvaal, but it should NOT be assumed that these cases represent penetration in the generally understood sense. The nature of the occupation in the 330 cases is examined and analysed, it will be observed that a substantial proportion of such occupation has taken place in areas which were neither exclusively European nor predominantly so on January 1, 1927.

The following examples support this viewpoint. Of the 77 cases of trading occupation in Johannesburg, the Commission report that "at least 67 were in areas where the primary inducement appears to have been pure European trade."

It was conceded by representatives of the Johannesburg City Council that Indian shops in Wemmer, Webster and Bertrams "served" native locations or were situated in native occupied areas. Apart from Johannesburg the Commission report penetration with double figures in only four cases, viz. Pietersburg (rural) (28); Kliptown (17); Pretoria (13); Pietersburg (municipal) (12).

It is common knowledge that most of the Indian shops in the Pietersburg rural areas are situated in native reserves, on land purchased by the South African Native Land Trust. The case of Klipdown very remarkably illustrates the type of occupation reported as "penetration" by the Commission.

Any person conversant with the area knows that the Indian stores, far from being situated in a European area, are located in the section of Klipdown almost exclusively occupied by natives and coloured persons. The also was the position in 1927. The figures of 330, therefore, should be viewed in the light of the above considerations.

As one who had the privilege of accompanying the Commission on behalf of the Transvaal Indian Congress throughout its itinerary in the Transvaal Province, I can unhesitatingly say that the great majority of the cases of occupation referred to by the Commission has taken place in areas such as those described above, or in areas adjacent to sections of town occupied by Indians for very many years. It is important, therefore, to draw a distinction between the term "penetration" as used in popular parlance and as defined by the Commission. The number of real cases of penetration in the popular sense will be found to be infinitesimal.

The Pretoria Ratepayers' Association convened the Anti-Asiatic Conference on Penetration in 1939 and played an important part in the agitation then prevalent on this question. It is significant that the Commission found only seven cases of trading and six of residential penetration within a period of fourteen years, averaging one case per year.

The Commission report that trade constitutes the main avenue of employment for Indians in this province, the licences issued to Indians in the European areas of the Transvaal are the surest and safest indexes to the extent of penetration.

The Broome Commission supported the findings of the Murray Commission that there has been no disproportionate increase in the number of licences held by Indians in 1940 when compared with the number held in 1927.

THE TALK OF THE BAZAAR

A GENEROUS GIVER

THERE died in Durban on Monday an Indian, under the shadow of whose name European sportsmen of Greytown play every weekend. He is responsible for the Lakhi Sports Ground and Pavilion for Europeans at Greytown. He was an Indian but first and foremost he was a humanitarian; no charitable appeals whether by Bantu, Indian or European were turned away by him. He gave generously for the building of schools and in the largest individual donor towards Sastri College Building Fund and the building of the Indian School, Greytown. He gave towards hospitals and the Lakhi Indian Ward at Grey's Hospital, Maritzburg, cost him £2,250. He has always been liberal towards the building of public institutions.

Mahomed Ebrahim Lakhi died at the comparatively early age of 58 but he has left his mark in the country.

THE latest reports from India show that the "extremists" Abdul Kalam Azad and Rajagopalcharia are still in prison, while a number have been released. Azad is a very interesting figure. He received part of his early education at Cairo and at the age of sixteen lectured on mystic poets three or four times his age. Today when the division of India into two parts, one for the Moslems and the other for the Hindus, is being demanded by Jinnah and the Moslem League, Azad is opposed to that scheme of Pakistan or communal division. He maintains that the national liberation of India must come to a united India. It is pleasing to note here, in this country, communalism, as far as the progressive elements among the Indians are concerned, has had its days.

A QUESTION OF INTELLIGENCE

Both the chief magistrate, Mr. G. W. Evans, and Head-Constable Mandy were emphatic that Seedat was an intelligent person during the latter's trial on Tuesday. The chief magistrate declared that "he was quite intelligent and capable of talking about a lot of things," while Constable Mandy said that, to him, Seedat appeared to be "an educated person," but went further to say, "However, he had a habit of saying the wrong things in the wrong way." Lack of knowledge, on the part of the control officer (who is also the chief magistrate) about the activities of various organisations led to the listing of, virtually, the Natal Indian Congress as a suspect organisation. Seedat was prevented from attending meetings of the Nationalist Bloc of the Natal Indian Congress.

"FOR ALL RACES AND COLOURS"

Said General Smuts at Bloemfontein, in the middle of the week during the course of an announcement on social and economic planning, "Our ultimate aim, our target, is to provide as far as possible fruitful employment, housing and the necessities of life, in clothing food and clothing, for our whole community, of all races and colours." These words are fraught with significance for it is the first time during this war that General Smuts has made what is tantamount to a promise. Promises can be and have been broken, but whether this one, which provides for social and economic security "for all races and colours" in this country, will be broken depends to a large extent on the attitude of the European towards the colour question in this country after the war.

CHIEF MAGISTRATE AS WITNESS IN SEEDAT CASE

Accused "Quite Intelligent and Capable of Talking"

Dawood Ahmed Seedat, of Durban, appeared before Mr. F. C. Silk in the Durban Magistrate's Court on Tuesday in a prosecution under the Emergency Regulations. It was alleged that he had contravened two conditions imposed upon him in a certificate of exemption from internment issued by the Control Officer on July 30 in that he attended a meeting of the Liberal Study Group on August 31 and failed to report at the Aliens' Registration Office, Maconic Grove, in the forenoon of every Saturday.

Seedat pleaded not guilty and Mr. H. S. Broom (instructed by J. Brighton), of Johannesburg, appeared for him.

Mr. E. P. White prosecuted.

Mr. G. W. Evans, chief magistrate of Durban, and also a Control Officer under the Emergency Regulations, said that on July 30 Seedat had been called to his office. Certain conditions were imposed upon him. The conditions were read out to the accused and he was definitely warned of the pains and penalties attaching to a refusal to sign. He was also warned that there would be prosecution.

Seedat denied that he had been warned about the prosecution.

Witness admitted he might have said, "You'll probably be interned." There was quite a lot of discussion and witness finally remembered saying, "Here's the conditions and you'll refuse to comply at your peril." The question of internment was uppermost in witness's mind, and he maintained that he had good reasons for reminding Seedat that he would be interned if he refused to comply with the conditions.

The signature required on the document was purely administrative to facilitate procedure. He did not see that there was any necessity for it. Replying to Mr. Broom, witness said that there was no question of asking the accused to sign, but "I think I tried to tell him it would be wise for him to accept the conditions."

The conditions were drawn up by Head-Constable Detective S. D. Mandy and issued by the Control Officer. All control work, witness said, was done in consultation with the deputy police-commissioner.

Witness knew nothing of the organisations listed on the certificate but "had some literature on the subject." He remembered asking the police what particular organisation he (Seedat) should be prevented from attending.

Replying to the question that the second condition imposed, that of reporting to the Aliens' Registration Officer, was useless, for, if the accused were engaged in spying activities or was a fifth columnist, that would not prevent him from carrying out his work, witness said that it was merely a procedure to keep in touch with Seedat. It was done in every case where people had to be controlled. Replying to Mr. White, witness considered it desirable that accused should attend no meetings whatsoever.

In reply to the magistrate, witness said that the accused was quite intelligent and capable of talking about things generally.

Head Constable Mandy, the next witness, said that on July 30 he was present with Mr. Evans when Seedat was called to Mr. Evans' office. Notwithstanding Seedat's refusal to sign the conditions, a copy was served upon him and Mr. Evans explained that unless he abided by the conditions he would probably be interned or prosecuted. Witness himself advised accused of his own accord to abide by the conditions. They had a long conversation about various matters affecting the issue.

Witness said that during the period the conditions were imposed upon Seedat, and until he had been summoned he had done nothing to displease the authorities. The document was served upon him as a result of his past activities and was imposed as a protective measure on his future conduct.

Replying to Mr. Bloom, witness said that at the time it was realised that no such body as the Nationalist bloc of the Natal Indian Congress existed.

Mr. Bloom: Did you suspect subversive work at all these organisations at that time?—Not that they are suspect, but with a view to preventing him from smashing them up.

Mr. Bloom: Are you able to point to the similarity?—I wouldn't class the Natal Indian Congress with the others.

Witness knew that the objects of the Left Book Club, which was a world-wide organisation, were to hold debates and discuss books, but remembered that discussions of a subversive nature had taken place on one occasion, but there was no prosecution.

It was not desirable that Seedat should attend May Day Unity Committee meetings, as there was a gathering in front of the city hall. Further, witness said that he had quite a few dealings with Seedat, who appeared to him as an educated man.

Sergeant J. A. Lourens, Aliens' Registration Officer, said that Seedat had not on any occasion whatever reported to him.

Sergt. E. C. Corp said that he attended a meeting of the Liberal Study Group on August 31. Seedat was among those present. There was a lecture on Zionism. The meeting was quite orderly and nothing of a subversive or inflammatory nature had taken place.

At this stage the case was postponed provisionally to November 18.

FORT HARE'S ACTION AGAINST "STRIKING" STUDENTS

Fine of £1 and Letter of Apology

FORT HARE is to take action against all those students who recently went on strike. Each of them who was absent from classes on September 18, 19 and 20 must submit a letter of regret and apology, together with a fine of £1, before November 4.

The question of the fine, states a correspondent, raises an important issue whether the college or, as a matter of fact, any college has the power to impose a fine on students for the breach of its disciplinary regulations. Legal opinion, it is learnt, is being sought to clear up the position.

Competent Advice Ignored

FIVE principal, Dr. A. Kerr, has addressed the following to all parents of the students.

"I regret to have to inform you that ——— was concerned in a movement of students to absent themselves from classes without, in the unanimous opinion of the Senate, due cause, and against the warnings repeatedly tendered by senior members of staff, who were entitled by the length of their service and their knowledge and experience of college organisation to give such advice.

"The Senate, supported by the Executive Committee of Council, has therefore determined to mark its disapproval of such unwarranted and unconstitutional behaviour by

"(a) Expelling the instigators of the so-called 'strike' if their complicity can be established now or in the future.

"(b) Expelling the senders, under assumed names, of scandalised and inflamed reports to the Press if their identity can be established.

"(c) Requiring a letter of regret and apology from each student who was absent from classes on September 18, 19 and 20 last, together with a fine of £1 each, these to be received before November 4 next.

"If these conditions are not complied with by the required date the student will be held to have withdrawn himself or herself from college for all purposes.

"I am informing you as the guardian of the student so that you may be aware of what is at stake in the event of the non-compliance of the student with the terms of the indictment.

"I much fear that the student in refusing to listen to sound advice and grave warnings and in taking precipitate action will find that the quality of his or her work for the year has been adversely affected."

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and a start made in schools where inspections could be carried out by doctors working in an honorary capacity or for a nominal fee."

As a result of these representations "the only notable advance is the formation of a seventh standard in the school at Ladysmith as a first step to the provision of much-needed secondary education in Northern Natal. In addition a small sum of £1,224 per annum has been provided for the improvement in the scale of teachers' salaries. The Agent-General's representations with regard to the introduction of compulsory education, the provision of free education for girls and the medical and dental inspections of school children were all turned down. It is hoped that the High Commissioner will have another opportunity to raise these vitally important questions at a conference to be held in 1941 between the Union Government and the Provincial Administration."

During 1940 36 males, six females (adults, Indian-born) and six Colonial-born (two female adults, two male and two female children); total 48, returned to India under the Assisted Emigration Scheme.

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India's Cultural Unity—A Heritage of Both Hindus and Muslims

—SAROJINI NAIDU

"I BELIEVE that when all is said and done—and so much is said and done that should not be done—the real valuation of India and the real appraisal of India of her achievements of centuries will be just this: That her history, although made by such varied and conflicting races and elements, nonetheless has produced a common Indian culture out of the diversity of contributions," declared Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, addressing the Muslim Students' Union on "The Cultural Unity of India."

Any traveller, Mrs. Sarojini Naidu said, who visited Hyderabad (Deccan) and the Arts College there would go away with the consciousness that there was a real illustration of Indian culture.

Indian culture was not born out of quarrels, out of vulgar frictions of political conflict, out of anything that meant disharmony or isolation, but out of the common heritage of both Hindus and Muslims.

Culture could not be evolved in a day by the passing of a resolution, but it was the work of the Time-Spirit, toiling through centuries, fecusing together human sympathy and human fellowship through centuries of conflict, that could evolve a common culture.

After all, the history of India was not the history of one homogeneous unit or race. The various dynasties, empires, armed hordes that overran the country and finally settled down here, in spite of themselves evolved a common culture.

The culture of India today was the evolution of modes of life and modes of living, and no race had been able to live by itself in isolation and still survive.

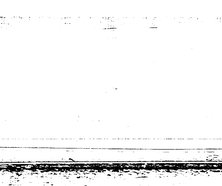
Adjustments and readjustments, the speaker continued, had to be made from day to day. Out of the impact between the metaphysical Hindu genius and the dynamic Islam that came to this country, a new culture was born.

The Mughals who invaded this country when they finally settled down here, desired to be the people of this country and not mercy conquerors. The fusion that they achieved was basically not of compromise but of unity.

Since then culture had grown, it had expanded and altered from its original source and was thus enriched. Thus it would seem that after centuries of coalescing it was simply impossible for anyone to untwist that twisted knot that had grown together.

Proceeding, Mrs. Sarojini Naidu said that today there was a tendency for separatism and a yearning for a separate culture. But that was not to be. Culture was a thing born out of knowledge and experience, an inheritance from the past handed down to the present generation. The function of culture was to bring into realization the oneness of humanity.

Concluding, the speaker asserted that the great ideal of liberation and freedom was before India. India has embarked on the task of creating her own destiny. Conflicts remained, "but," she added, "we have endured and no matter what we are, whether toilers in the fields or in the cities, India remains indivisible, one in its cultural outlook, and it is this that would sustain freedom when it is won."



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Glencoe Indian Branch's Good Work

The Junior Classes First Aid examination was held on September 24, when 17 candidates presented themselves for examination, all passing. The examiner was Dr. Horne, of Dundee.

Full marks 100, pass marks (3): S. Maharaj and M. Jakoet, 88; K. M. Singh, 86; S. Ameen and H. Nath, 82; A. Dockrat, 80; M. S. Bagwandeen, G. H. Desai, M. Hansa and E. Ince, 78; K. Ince, R. Lotan, A. H. Mall, A. Singh and R. O. Singh, 76; E. M. Dockrat and M. Naidoo, 74.

The Women's Detachment's Home Nursing examination was held on October 8, when eight candidates presented themselves for examination, and all passed. Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Stead, registered nurses, of Glencoe, were examiners.

Full marks 200, pass marks 100: G. R. Maharaj, 188; G. D. Maharaj, 179; D. Gangadeen, 176; G. K. Maharaj, 173; L. Narrandes, 163; V. S. Bagwandeen, 158; S. M. Ince, 152; R. Bagwandeen, 138.

All the candidates did exceedingly well, and with perseverance will do even better in the future. Special praise must be given to the words, as Home Nursing is a very difficult subject, and needs very careful study. They are now entitled to wear the Red Cross on their uniforms. These crosses will be presented at a special ceremony in due course.

It is hoped to start another First Aid course in November. Intending candidates, men, women and juniors, should apply to the following: Sister Teear, S.R.N.S.C.M., 27, Biggar street, Glencoe; Mrs. Kirkwood, 1262, Biggar street, Glencoe; Mr. D. V. Naidoo, Government-aided Indian school, Glencoe; Mr. Naiketh, Box 1, Dundee.

Inquiries are welcomed from the district.

Obituary

Mahomed Ebrahim Lakhi

The news of the death of Mr. M. E. Lakhi, of Greytown, a well-known merchant and a public benefactor, on Sunday at Durban, came as a rude shock to the community.

Mr. Lakhi was ailing for some months and the end came sooner than expected.

Born in India he came to Natal and settled in Greytown. He founded the well-known business of M. E. Lakhi, Ltd., with which are attached a number of branch stores. Of his many public charities may be mentioned: a largest single donation by him to the Shastri College Building Fund, and his contribution to the erection of Lakhi Ward attached to the Grey's Hospital. He built a pavi-



M. E. LAKHI

lion and donated it to the European sportsmen of Greytown.

He acquired a site, the birthplace of the late General Louis Botha, and presented it to the Municipality of Greytown. He donated liberally to schools and religious institutions, both here and in India. He was a close friend of the Right Hon. V. S. S. Sastri and was an ex-treasurer of the South African Indian Congress, with which he was associated for a number of years.

Having cultivated the spirit of being a true South African, he contributed the best part of his charities to the advancement of public causes in South Africa. He was as generous as he was modest.

At his funeral, which took place on Monday, the Indian public of Natal was well represented, which was a testimony to the high esteem in which he was held. He died at the age of 50.

MR. RUSTOMJEE PAYS TRIBUTE

Mr. Sorabjee Rustomjee writes to The Leader:—

"Mr. Lakhi's public activities were as numerous as they were varied. Unobtrusive, never for a moment seeking for public eulogy, he has done a great deal to better the lot of the less fortunate.

"He gave freely and his benefactions were many. He was the embodiment of charity in its freely accepted sense . . . .

"He knew no colour distinction nor communalism. He was first an Indian and cultivated in many ways to the fullest his influence and his wealth in the upward direction of assisting causes which touched his heart. He was a benefactor and was liked and loved by all. No better tribute can be paid to his memory than that of a man who lived his life well and contributed in many ways to the fulfilment of noble ideals of life—benevolence to causes which would aid society to greater, nobler and happier destiny.

"The vast concourse of people representative of the Moslems, Hindus, Parsees, Christian Indians and Europeans that followed the funeral was a striking testimony to the esteem and respect that he was held by all."

The Nizamia Muslim Society writes: "His loss is irreparable; he was the type of Muslim of whom the Muslim community could be justly proud."

James Christopher

The death of James Christopher in Durban on Monday last marks the passing of the few surviving early colonial-born Indians.

Born in Durban in 1870, where the Berea Road Railway Station now stands, he was one of the first Indians who was admitted to the Boys' Model School in the eighties—the others being Ranjit Singh, Bissessar and Anthony Peters, all of whom predeceased him.

He was interested in church work, was a churchwarden at St. Aidan's in the early days of the late Dean Baskett.

He was well known in football and cricket as a player of distinction. Angling was his hobby in his later life.

In the early days of the Transvaal he travelled by train and wagon to Johannesburg, but he did not remain long there and returned to Durban.

He became a law clerk and there after entered business as a merchant at Dundee. He gave up business after some years and joined the Civil Service, from which he retired a few years ago.

He married Jane Emma Godfrey, who predeceased him. The surviving children, Oswald (of Newcastle), Kathleen, Agnes and Beatrice are in Natal, but Leonard, who recently qualified in Glasgow as a doctor, is now practising at Bolton, Lancashire.

The funeral took place from his residence at North Street, Durban, proceeding to St. Aidan's Church, where a short service was held, and from there it proceeded to the General Cemetery, where the interment took place, The Rev. Father Satchell conducted the service.

The pall-bearers were Oswald Christopher (son), Dr. E. L. Godfrey (nephew), Advocate A. Christopher (brother), Robert Christopher (brother) and F. M. Charles (cousin).

There was a very large attendance of friends and relatives at the graveside, and there were a large number of wreaths and messages of sympathy received.

Ajam Hoosen

The death occurred in Durban last week of Mr. Ajam Hoosen, father of Mrs. Mohomed Abool. He was 77 years old. He carried on a large wholesale business at Charlestown, Ladysmith and Port Elizabeth. He retired from business in 1920.

He is survived by his widow, two daughters and many grandchildren.

Death of Miss V. Maharaj

The death took place at the residence of Mr. R. B. Maharaj, Topham Road, Maritzburg, on Tuesday last of his daughter, Vidyawathee Maharaj. The deceased had been ill for a considerable period.

Her remains were cremated at the Maritzburg Indian Crematorium at Mountain Rise. A large concourse of people were present at the cremation.

Veda Dharma Sabh

A Deepavali service was held in the Sabhas Hall on Monday last, a large gathering being present. Mr. A. Valjee (Sir—vice-president) presided. After the Haven ceremony speeches were delivered by Pandit Jagnath Sinoth, Messrs. R. Bunwaree, D. Valjee, Ravichand Maharaj, E. Moodley, G. R. Singh, G. Jugwan and E. G. David.

At the conclusion each person was handed a packet of sweetmeats.

The service terminated with the Deepavali greetings.

The officials and members of the Young Hindu Cultural Service Society of Ladysmith will hold their Deepavali sports tomorrow, beginning at 2 p.m. There will be prayers, music, lectures, and sports will follow.

Three Big Pictures at the Avalon

AVALON has three feature pictures, "The Return of the Cisco Kid," "Pier 13" and "The Drums of Fu Manchu," for next week's opening programme. They should meet all tastes.

New York's excitement teeming warehouse, where things happen faster and funnier than anywhere else is the background for "Pier 13."

Pier 13 tells the thrilling story of Lynn Bari's efforts to extricate her sister from the clutches of clever crooks. She is torn between love for her sister and loyalty to her police officer sweetheart, Lloyd Nolan, and what she does about it affords entertainment that is said to be loaded with fun and thrills.

Lovely Lynn Bari has the leading feminine part. Her role affords her an excellent vehicle for dramatic and comedy acting. Others in the cast include Joan Valerie and Douglas Fowley.

TODAY AT THE AVALON

"Ambikapathi," a great Tamil talkie.



Strange and tense drama unfolds in this scene in "Pastor Hall," starring Wilfrid Lawson and now showing at the . . . Theatre. The film is being presented by James Roosevelt and is released thru United Artists.

"Pastor Hall" the Man Who Defied Hitler

Pastor Hall will be the Avalon Cinema's midweek change of programme. "Pastor Hall" embodies the experiences of the Lutheran pastor, the Rev. Martin Niemoeller, the sportsman who refused to bow to Hitler when he cracked the whip against the established churches in Germany, and in so doing became the living symbol of religious resistance to Nazi aggression.

Wilfrid Lawson, one of the screen's greatest actors, portrays the character modelled after the Rev. Niemoeller, and the cast also includes Nova Pilbeam, Seymour Hicks, Marius Goring and Hay Petrie.

When Lawson was assigned the role of Pastor Hall he immediately began a study of every scrap of information he could obtain on Rev. Niemoeller, who was the pastor of a suburban parish.

As a submarine commander during World War I, Niemoeller received the Iron Cross for heroism. In 1933 Hitler came into full power, and after destroying parliamentary forms of government, the labour unions and other democratic forums, he turned his attention to the churches.

In December, 1935, Niemoeller was arrested by the dread secret police, the Gestapo, for preaching a sermon in which he opposed "Nazification" of the Protestant church.

Not until February, 1938, was Niemoeller brought to trial, and then behind closed doors, despite the demand of the churches for an open hearing. Sentenced to seven months' imprisonment he was technically released on the ground that his time served cancelled his sentence.

But on leaving the gaol he was seized by secret police, taken to Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp and placed in solitary confinement. He is allowed to see his wife twice a month, the visit being conducted through a heavy screen, in the presence of a warden. He is forbidden to discuss politics or the church. They are allowed to exchange two letters a month.

The motion picture, "Pastor Hall," is a tribute to Martin Niemoeller, who is not sitting in a concentration camp merely as an individual but for all who are fighting for freedom and justice.

Ladysmith School C.C.

At the inaugural meeting of the Ladysmith School Cricket Club held on Tuesday last at the local school it was unanimously agreed to form a cricket team to be composed of teachers and students as far as possible with the intention of affiliating to the Klip River District Indian Cricket Union.

The following office-bearers for the ensuing season were duly elected: Messrs. Inspector Messrs. Fourie and Toit, Messrs. I. A. and E. Reola and M. Thomas; president, E. C. K. Nulliah; secretary-treasurer, Mr. P. Viranna; delegates to the K.R.D.I.C.U., Messrs. R. Jamabahadun and P. Narrandes; captain, Mr. C. K. Nulliah; vice-captain, Mr. S. Moonsamy.

In the Umbumbulwini five-a-side, held last Sunday, Bridge View beat Sindha's Five Lads for Dr. E. C. Rose trophy, in the final. Clairwood school were runners-up.

In a return bridge match Durban Indian Bridge Club beat Sastri College Old Boys by five matches to one. In the last meeting Sastri College Old Boys beat D.I.B.C. by five matches to one.

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N.D.I. Cricket Union Officials

The annual general meeting of the Northern Districts Indian Cricket Union was held at the Gujrathi Hindi School Hall on Saturday, the 18th instant.

The following clubs were represented: Ladysmith I.C.C., Modems I.C.C., Ottamans I.C.C., and S.A.R. I.C.C.

After the secretary, Mr. R. Kallie, had read his report Messrs. E. I. Chuptey, M. Govinder, K. R. Singh, M. S. Achary and A. Seedat spoke in glowing terms of the good work rendered by Mr. H. R. Singh as president and Mr. R. Kallie as secretary and treasurer of the union, and they were heartily congratulated on their appointment as Natal president and secretary and treasurer respectively.

The following officebearers were elected for the ensuing season: Patrons, Messrs. R. A. Pillay, C. S. Asmal and A. C. Moola (re-elected); hon. life vice-presidents, Messrs. M. K. Reddy, S. N. Pillay, A. Aiden and P. G. Pillay; president, Mr. E. I. Chuptey; vice-presidents to be nominated by each club; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. M. Govinder; hon. auditor, Mr. M. S. Achary; record clerk, Mr. K. R. Singh; delegates to Natal Indian Cricket Union, Messrs. E. I. Chuptey, M. Govinder and K. R. Singh (alternative, Mr. M. S. Achary).

Selection committee: Messrs. H. R. Singh, E. I. Chuptey and R. Kallie; sub-committee, Messrs. R. Kallie and H. R. Singh; nominee to Natal Board, Mr. E. I. Chuptey; delegates to sports associations, Messrs. M. Govinder, E. I. Chuptey and A. I. Seedat.

A meeting of the Natal Indian Tennis Association will be held tomorrow at 10.30 a.m. at 11 Saville street, Durban.

The Natal Factory football club "A" and "B" teams will participate in the five-a-side tournament to be held on November 2 at Pinetown. Mr. G. H. Matter, a vice-president of the club, will be in charge of the teams.

Officials N.T.U.F.C.

The following were elected officials at the inaugural meeting of the Norfolk and Clubs United Football Club, Maritzburg: Patron, Mrs. A. Norton; president, Mr. Henry Jacobs; vice-presidents, Messrs. W. S. Munro, H. S. Brown, R. Gilbert, W. Stonhouse, A. Anthony, A. R. Naidoo, S. Vallo, S. Rathnaum, L. K. Naicker, S. Samidass and M. S. Williams; delegates to the M.D.L. and C.T.F.U.F.A., Messrs. N. S. Pillay and A. N. Marie; captain, Mr. N. R. Pillay; vice-captain, Mr. S. Rustomjee; manager, Mr. B. Bobby; hon. joint secretaries and treasurers, Messrs. J. Peters and R. N. Moodley.

Inter-district Cricket Union

The third annual general meeting of the Inter-District Cricket Union was held at the residence of the president, Mr. R. Mahabeer, Sydenham, on Saturday last.

In his report, the secretary, Mr. R. P. Naicker, stated that the Union had had a very successful year.

On the whole the inter-district fixtures had evoked much interest, South Coast won Dr. Rochfort Wade's Memorial Shield, while Stellas won the Shell Cup.

Through the initiative of the president, the Umgeni and District sports Association had intimated that they were willing to affiliate with the Inter-District Cricket Union. Once this is done the Union will have drawn all suburban cricket into its fold.

South Coast District, Mayville District and County District have affiliated with the Union for the fullest [illegible] The headquarters have reverted to the South Coast and the following have been elected officials for the ensuing season: Patron, Mr. F. M. Chin; president, Mr. Paradai R. Pather; secretary, Mr. G. M. Pillay; treasurer, Mr. K. R. Pillay; auditor, Mr. M. R. Reuben.

The Sydenham District Indian Sports Association will be holding their annual Deepavali sports tomorrow morning at the St. Aidan's Indian School Grounds.

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SELECTIONS FOR SCOTSVILLE

By "STARLIKE"

First race: 1, Shuttle; 2, Prater; 3, Dornkop.

Second race: 1, Miller's Choice; 2, Free; 3, Ownermilk.

Third race: 1, Fareham; 2, Cup Final; 3, Vin Blanc.

Fourth race: 1, Royal Request; 2, Cocaine; 3, Ultimate.

Fifth race: 1, Corodown; 2, Effendi; 3, Tishy.

Sixth race: 1, Rakish; 2, Woodcast; 3, Cape to Cairo.

Seventh race: 1, Fordsburg; 2, Nehka; 3, Scherm.

"MET." FORECAST

My forecast for the £4,000 race is as follows:—

Miliza (H. Wright)	1
Bois Belle (R. Stumke)	2
Royal Chaplain (S. Amos)	3
Danger Zone (F. Beyman)	4

Rovers C.C. Officials

The following have been elected officials of the Rovers Cricket Club for 1941: Patron, Mr. P. S. Reddy; president, Mr. Johnnie Naidoo; vice-presidents, Messrs. E. Limalia, A. M. Jack, S. P. Pillay, P. D. Naicker, S. Iarideen, A. R. Naidoo, Rajoo Naidoo, C. S. Reddy, H. Mourgan, Johnson Naidoo, Dhuraval, M. J. S. Naidoo; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. K. Naidoo; delegates to County Indian Cricket Union, Mr. C. K. Naidoo and Mr. V. Moodley.

A special meeting of the Durban Indian Drama League will be held in the M.K. Gandhi Library on Monday evening at 8 o'clock, when election of officials will take place and discussions for the immediate future.

Deepavali Sports

Esperanza with the support of the parents, friends and well-wishers of Umzinto and district, the Esperanza Indian school held its first annual Deepavali sports on Monday last, at the Indian school ground, Umzinto.

Among those present were Mr. and Miss Adams and Mr. Waring.

An interesting item included in the programme was a fancy dress parade, in which eight children took part. Mr. B. N. Adams, who distributed the prizes to the winners, was judge of the fancy dress parade.

DEEPAVALI CELEBRATIONS

At Glencoe over 70 people, including children, were present at a Havan, performed by Mr. R. Patak at the Indian school, Glencoe, on Monday last at 6.30 p.m., to celebrate the Deepavali Festival held under the aegis of the Arya Samaj.

After the Havan, Mr. Patak gave an interesting survey of the origin of the Festival.

The secretary, Mr. B. Maharaj, thanked all present for the cooperation they had shown in bringing the celebrations to a success.

Appropriate musical items were rendered by the girls.

Athletic Union Officials

The following have been elected officials of the Durban Indian Athletic and Cycling Union for the ensuing year: Patrons, Messrs. T. Raghubar, Kuppie Marrie and R. Ghoorahoo; president, Mr. R. L. Boodhan; vice-presidents, Messrs. R. Perumal, G. K. Singh, A. D. Pillay, G. M. Nair, C. C. Pillay, S. R. Box and K. Bachoo; secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. Gokool; record clerk, Mr. R. Boodhan; auditor, Mr. K. Bachoo.

Sports Items in Brief

DURBAN ATHLETIC MEETING

ATHLETICS: The annual meeting of the Indian Athletic and Cycling Union was held on Sunday last at Cricket Fountain. During the course of the year three sports meetings had been held. One of these was the Durban Athletics Championship meeting, which was highly successful. The union has a balance of £3 11/-. The following officials were elected for the ensuing year: Patrons, Messrs. Kuppie Marrie, T. Raghbar and R. Goorhahoo; president, Mr. R. L. Boodhan; vice-presidents, Messrs. R. Perumal, G. M. Nair, G. K. Singh, A. M. Box, A. D. Pillay, K. Bachoo and C. C. Pillay; secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. Gokool; record clerk, Mr. R. Boodhan; auditor, Mr. K. Bachoo.

The union will hold its next sports meeting on November 16, and is also making arrangements to take a team of athletes to the Cape during the Christmas vacation. If the negotiations are successful the team will be selected from those participating in the meeting on November 16.

N.I.F.A. MEETING

Soccer: At a council meeting of the N.I.F.A. on Sunday last at the Pavilion, Currie's Fountain, a few items of importance were discussed. The manager, Mr. S. L. Singh, of the Natal team that went to Port Elizabeth presented his report. The expenses incurred was £190. Two appeals, one from the Springboks F.C. and the other from Riverside Rangers, were held over until November 9.

SOCCER BANQUET

The "winding-up" meeting of the Durban Football Association was held on Tuesday last. Immediately after the meeting there was a banquet and the presentation of the trophies to the successful teams.

BODHA CUP FINAL

The final for Bodha's Cup, played at Mayville on Sunday last between Pirates F.C. (Aywood and Stars of India (South Coast), resulted in a goalless draw. A strong wind blowing across the ground made play difficult.

INTER-CLUB GOLF

Golf: Seven teams took part in the annual interclub competition of the Durban Indian Golf Club on Sunday last. The teams were one each from Kloof and County and the remaining five from Durban. The final results, arrived at by taking the best ball of each pair over 36 holes and adding the scores of both pairs, were: M. N. Pillay, M. A. Rajoo, R. Sam and M. John (Durban), 277; D. E. Ally, C. M. Muthoo, E. Star and A. M. Cooper (Durban), 278; H. Alladin, J. Nathan, J. M. Pillay and E. Coonsamy (Durban), 281; Valayathan, Manickum, M. A. Sam and Dasgamy (Country Club), 282; Ram, Sewpersad, Paparam and M. P. Moodley (Kloof), 285; T. S. Perry-Naidoo, D. James and J. M. Maharaj (Durban), 301; K. S. Frank, R. S. Singh, Ram and S. R. Singh (Durban), 306.

The competition for Sondhith's Trophy has been postponed till November 2. Originally it was laid down for next Sunday but the cricketers require the ground.

A NATAL CUP WIN

Soccer: Sea View School Old Boys, County, defeated Pentrick Schools 3—2 at Pentrick to retain for the third time in succession, the Natal Cup (Sunday play) on Sunday last. The game was fast and clean throughout. The home team opened the score after about fifteen minutes' play, but did not enjoy the lead for long. Kader equalised ten minutes later. Immediately after he followed it up with another goal to put Sea View Schools ahead. In the second half Sea V... schools scored again. In a desperate last-minute bid to reduce the lead Pentrich scored to make the final result 3—2.

PINETOWN ATHLETICS

Athletics: A sports meeting to commemorate the opening of the new sports ground and tennis court at Pinetown has been arranged by the Fairplay Sports Club, Pinetown, for November 2. Items on the programme include five-a-side soccer, tennis doubles, stalls, etc. Sportsmen wishing to participate may communicate with Mr. G. M. I. Ebrahim, P.O. Box 48, Pinetown.

Cricket Fixtures

DURBAN TOMORROW

LEAGUE COMPETITION "A" DIVISION

Sastri College v. Ottoman (main ground). Umpires: Messrs. G. M. Nair and Y. S. Mulla.

Kismet v. Sparks (No. 1 ground). Umpires: A. I. Jeena and A. Hafejee.

Stars v. Young Muslims (No. 3 ground). Umpires: P. N. Pillay and P. Moosa.

Play to commence at 9.30 a.m. and to terminate at 6.30 p.m., or failing light.

SOUTH COAST (TOMORROW)

Junction C.C. v. Jacobs United. Umpires, Messrs. L. K. Ganesh and K. Seelat.

Dundee Wins Tennis Trophy

The Dundee Indian Tennis Club are now the victors of Burkus' Trophy, thus winning for the first time the second round of the Northern Natal Indian League championship. The first was for Singh's Bowl.

The finals were to have been played against Ladysmith "B" at Ladysmith, but the Dundee team met with a disappointment by the former not putting in an appearance. The Northern Natal Tennis Union decided to award the match to Dundee, thus gaining a walk-over victory.

A great deal of enthusiasm is displayed by the Dundee Club. The following participated in the various matches: I. M. Ayub, D. Dorasamy, N. R. Nainey, T. A. Emmanuel, S. Naidoo, I. C. Gangat, R. R. Singh.

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A. I. Kajee on 'Parish Pump Politicians'

COMPOSITION OF THE HEALTH COMMITTEES

Indians and Other Non-Europeans Know to Their Cost"

THE appointment of the Local Health Commission was a matter of great importance to the large Indian and non-European communities residing in areas outside of the borough and township of Natal, said Mr. A. I. Kajee, the Natal Indian Congress spokesman, in a statement made to The Leader.

"The Commission will control," he declared, "the fate of over a quarter million non-Europeans."

Health Commission

"THE Commission," proceeded Mr. I. Kajee, "is definitely an improvement upon the Health and Malaria Commission. We go as far as to say that for Indians the Commission is an advance upon the Local Administration Boards all of which have been nothing but taxing and rate levying institutions, and outlets for exhibition of colour prejudice by retired European of a poor quality with tendencies to becoming parish pump politicians with what result the Indian and other non-Europeans know to their cost.

"Of course, the fundamental crime and fault of these boards and committees was the denial to the non-Europeans of a voice in the affairs of this somewhat sketchy forms of local government.

"The Natal Indian Congress, as representing the Indian community, has as an alternative from time to time stressed the need for the creation of a strong local rural authority under the direct jurisdiction of the Provincial Administration, assisted by nominated or elected advisory committees of representatives of all races. This was the corrective suggested by the Congress in 1940 to the Provincial Council when it was proposed to solve this problem of black belts by giving arbitrary powers of extending borough and township boundaries, and thereby establishment of this Commission is the cause of much satisfaction.

"This problem of what is wrongly called the 'black belts' on the periphe... of the towns of Natal is in the main due to the economic condition of the impoverished non-European people who live there and whose cheap labour the towns use.

"The true solution and corrective lies in the improvement of the economic condition of these people and the development of a sense of civic responsibility among them.

"The Commission's task is a formidable one. It has to start from scratch. The strongest point of the Commission is its personnel. Mr. T. M. Wadley, the chairman, is a man of wide experience with a sympathetic and liberal outlook on non-European affairs.

Mr. H. C. Lugg, who will shortly retire from the important post of Chief Native Commissioner of Natal and become a member, is a man whom both the Bantu and Indian communities know with gratitude from experience gained at his hands in the many judicial posts held by him for a long number of years in Natal. Mr. J. C. Boshoff is also a man with magisterial experience and is the son of a jurist of renown.

"The sanitary conditions, the water supply and the control of the passing of plans of residential and business premises are all matters to deal with which the Commission will have to create a permanent machinery.

"Without the wherewithal nothing will be possible. Rates will have to be levied. The Commission has ample powers to this end. The essence of success depends upon how far the Commission will be able to keep taxation within the limits of the means of the inhabitants. The tyrannous form of taxation levied by the local authorities and their neglect of lighting, water and sanitary services in areas predominantly occupied by non-Europeans have been responsible for the migration of these impoverished people to the slums shacks and unhealthy hovels which constitute the problem with the solution of which the Commission is faced.

"In reply to the Natal Indian Congress' request in August of this year for the establishment of advisory committees composed of members of all races, the Provincial Executive Committee of Natal, through the Minister of the Interior, stated that the Local Health Commission would be expected to provide its own machinery for maintaining contact with the residents in each local health area either by advisory committees or in any other way and must act as necessary in its discretion with regard to the widely differing circumstances in the various areas.

"We respectfully urge that the Commission will lighten its work and will do a service to the Indian and non-European communities who will be their charge if it adopts this suggestion and creates advisory committees. If this eventuates one of the promises of the Capetown Agreement will also have been fulfilled.

"To the Indian residents in the areas coming under the jurisdiction of the Commission, to the various Indian local bodies we would urge that they offer every cooperation to this Commission.

"The community has reason to be resentful and dissatisfied with the treatment meted out to us by the municipalities and townships where Indians are ratepayers, but yet are denied any form of representation in the affairs of these civic authorities. This gross betrayal of democratic ideals will remain a blot on the name of this so-called free form of local government.

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