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Kismet Win Cricket League

A splendid knock by Dr. Ismail won for Kismet the league cricket. Eight wickets down and about 16 runs to collect for a win I. Ramjaree kept his end up letting Dr. Ismail push the score ahead painfully slowly. With 4 runs to go Dr. Ismail hit a two and the next one he jumped out and thumped hard, and they ran three. After that Ramjaree, who had not even opened his score, went berserk and rattled up 27. Dr. Ismail had his wickets intact for 33 at the end of the innings.

The match was played on Tuesday. Kismet won the toss and sent in Muslims to bat. With three on board I. G. Asmal was caught behind the stumps off I. Ramjaree. Dawood Faruk and Hendricks then became associated in a partnership which yielded 66 runs before Hendricks was run out for 23. Dawood Faruk went immediately after for a well-played 43 putting his leg in front of a straight one from Manjoo, M. I. Yusuf was caught by Dr. Ismail off Manjoo for a 29 including one six. None of the other batsmen could get going in face of good bowling by Cowadia and Manjoo. The innings closed for 116 before lunch.

E. A. Manjoo with 5 for 44 in 15.3 overs, with 5 maidens, was the most successful bowler. Cowadia took 3 for 33. Roy Haffajee was in good form with the ball.

Kismet started off disastrously. Omarjee being caught off M. I. Yusuf for 1. After lunch Karolia went out lbw to Asmal for 7. With Manjoo lbw to M. I. Yusuf for 12 and Ramjaree stumped for 18 things looked black for Kismet. Roy Haffajee and Cowadia, however, became associated in a fruitful partnership which produced about 50 runs before Roy was bowled by Hendricks for a well-played 23.

When Dr. Ismail joined Cowadia it was left to these two to obtain the league honours for Kismet, but Dr. Ismail's overeagerness succeeded in getting Cowadia run out. Dr. Ismail, who has had a very successful batting season, stood for this and partnered by Jadwat, Kharwa and Ramjaree in turn pushed forward the scoreboard very, very slowly; each run off his bat pushing the league further away from Muslims. Late in the evening, with the light beginning to fail, Dr. Ismail, who had been doing the scoring while Ramjaree was content to keep his wicket intact, jumped out to one from Asmal and smacked it past midon and ran three. That hit secured the league for Kismet, who have played consistently well this season.

Scores: Muslims first innings, 116 (D. E. Parak 43, S. Hendricks 21, M. I. Yusuf 20).

Kismet first innings, 154 (A. S. Ramjaree 16, Roy Haffajee 23, A. H. E. Cowadia 23, Dr. Ismail 33 n.o., I. Ramjaree 24).

On the main ground Sastri College fielded the whole morning against Sparks and were unable to effect a separation between the Davidson brothers who put up 105 for the first wicket. This is the biggest stand for any wicket this season. Both the brothers Jimmy and Davidson — reached their fifty. Jimmy was caught by Selvan off Omar immediately he had reached his fifty, while Davidson went on to make 57 before he was caught off Mall. Immediately after lunch Sparks declared with 135 for 5. Sastri College lost four cheap wickets before Omar and Jadwat made a bold fifth wicket stand.

Jadwat went out when he had 29. Bramdaw hit a last 13. Partnered by M. A. Moola, Omar was bowled when he had 15. Essack did not stay long with Moola, who had 7 n.o. to his credit when the game ended.

Sparks won by 13 runs on the 1st innings and Sastri College will have to spend next season in the "B" Division.

On No. 1 Ottomans and Stars, sister teams, probably had made arrangements to spend the afternoon at the beach. It was a terribly hot day. Otto-

mans won on the double innings lunch. Stars 1st innings 31. Ottomans 1st innings 67 for 7 declared; second innings, 26.

SUNDAY'S GAMES

On the main Kismet beat Sastri College in the first innings.

On No. 1 Sastri College beat Stars in the first innings.

Ottomans beat Sparks on the first innings on No. 3.

Matches were continued from Saturday.

MARITZBURG CRICKET

The following is the result of a match between the Young Natalians' Club and the Town Gardens Club (Coloureds) played on the latter's ground on Sunday:

Y.M.C.C., first innings, De Cassimjee 36, H. M. Rawat 18, Mathir 17; N. Harvey 2 for 22, Woodruffe 5 for 12.)

Y.M.C.C., second innings, D. Hassan 17, G. H. Carsane 1, Mathir, and A. M. Hallow 12 not out, D. Woodruffe 4 for 7, N. Harvey for 16, O. Assy 2 for 20.

Thistle C.C., first innings, Lambert 26, Sherill 6 for 22, Cassimjee 3 for 19.)

Thistle C.C., second innings, (N. Harvey 97, D. Lambert 36, Hallman 19, G. M. Dhopat 6 for H. M. Rawat 3 for 9, A. M. Hallow 1 for 4.)

The the Thistle Cricket Club on double innings by 56 runs.

ORIENTAL C.C. v. M.E.C.C.

Oriental Cricket Club, first innings 253 for 8 wickets, A. H. I. Ba 124, A. K. I. Bayat 40, S. M. Ismail 28 and G. H. A. Bayat 28.

The match was drawn on account of no time. M.E.C.C. did not bat.

A. H. RAWAT XI v. DUNNETT XI

A friendly match between Rawat XI and Dunnett XI was played on Colonial ground on Dingaan's Day and the result was as follows:—

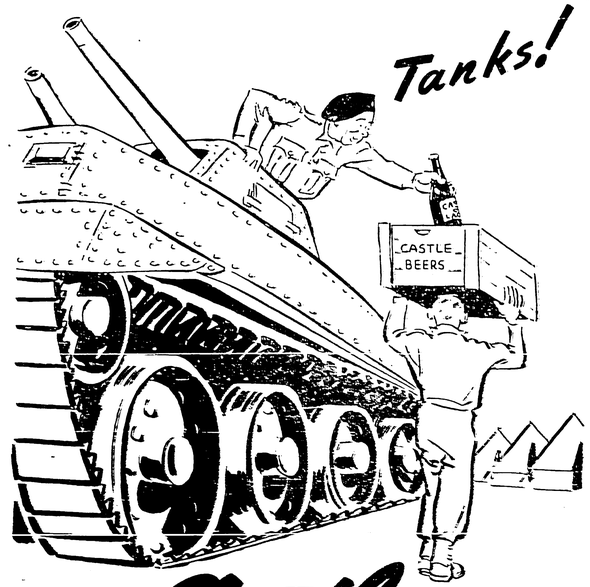
Dunnett's XI, first innings, 19, Brook 49, and V. Jolifee 27, Rawat, 6 for 47; and Moosa Omar 3 for 37.

Dunnett's XI second innings, R. Dunnett 45, L. Brook 31 and Duthye 28, G. Duthye 10 and K. Pillow 15.

Rawat's XI, 136. A. H. Rawat 70, V. S. Cassimjee 30.

Rawat's XI second innings, for 37. Thus Rawat's XI won on the first innings by five runs.

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RIGID CONTROL OF INDIAN TRADE

Helpless to Fight Inherent Injustice

—ASSOCIATION—

The administration of the ...ders Act (13 of 1897, Natal) ...ies and Townships of Natal ...ssential picture in so far as ...rade is concerned. Practically ...thorities in Natal have pur... of rigid control of Indian ...ess and of their curtailment. ...instances trade licences are ...to Indians with racial restric... with their own com... only. There are strings of ...decisions delivered by the ...Court containing strictures ...administration of licensing laws ...in relation to Indians."

...tement is made in the memo... submitted to the Rural ...Inquiry Committee by the ...Indian Association.

...memorandum proceeds: "The ...helpless to fight this inherent ...which is manifested by the ...ation of the licensing laws. ...hts of appeal are shut out to ...he can show that the deci... influenced by racial discrimi... ...excessive administration or ...

...made but one example of the ...pursued by a town council we ...repeat what Colonel Moly... ...a licensing officer for the ...Corporation in the course of ...ence before the Lange Com... stated:

'I use my discretion as to ...er an Asiatic should trade in ...particular street or area. It is ...seldom comparatively, that a ...pean licence is refused. A ...pean licence is granted almost ...as a matter of course, where... Indian licence is refused, as ...atter of course.'

...have given a picture of how ...ng laws are administered in ...and township to the hurt, ...and detriment of Indian trad...

ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

...thing on the economic position of ...the association states:

...desire to point out that econo... conditions prevailing in this country coupled with prejudice and manifestation of colour bar have limited the sources of livelihood of Indians. In the matter of trade and in almost every vocation the Indian is subjected to unequal opportunities. The industrial legislation, although having no colour bar, is administered detrimentally against the Indian. In the printing trade, although Indians are allowed membership to the Typographical Union they are not allowed to become journeymen. The Indian has no opportunities to acquire technical education. Whatever limited opportunities there are in Durban and in Pietermaritzburg in this direction they are not sufficient to equip him to take an equal stand with the European.

"The lack of primary education amongst Indian workers has militated against their being registered as apprentices in any designated trade or industry. On the question of primary education we would point out that there are approximately 20,000 Indian children of school-going age who cannot find accommodation in primary schools, and who are in consequence growing in enforced illiteracy. There is one other factor and that is the low wages of the unskilled labourer amongst Indians. Thousands of our people are engaged in this class of work and their wages can only be described as being below the 'bread level.' Even on the lands the Indian has not the help and financial assistance of the State which are available to the European farmers. The European farmers enjoy every benefit in the way of subsidies for their produce and in the way of receiving loans on the security of their farms at a cheaper rate of interest, but the Indian farmer is denied these benefits. He has to fend for himself.

"The limitation thus imposed on their legitimate livelihood has induced them to enter into petty trades and vocation which are open to them.

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Seeking Outlet for Economic Improvement

—CONGRESS

THE Natal Indian Congress, in the course of its memorandum to the Rural Licensing Inquiry, stated:

"To appreciate correctly the position of Indians in rural storekeeping and trading in Natal we have to emphasise that opportunities of obtaining and engaging in work are limited on racial grounds to the members of our community in Natal.

"The sphere of employment in the Union Government services is limited to us to that of policemen and interpreters and that also is further confined to the Province of Natal. In the Provincial services the only sphere of employment open is that of teachers in Indian schools. The local authorities of Natal employ Indians as unskilled labourers. The railway services where at one time some 3,000 Indians received employment, as a result of the white labour policy of the Government the number of Indians employed has decreased to some 400 and they are confined to unskilled work.

"The white labour policy has had its inevitable repercussion in the sphere of private employment, so much so that today the employment of Indians in the secondary industries of Natal is confined to that of semi-skilled and skilled positions, therefore the principle of equal pay for equal work enunciated in the Cape Town Agreement of 1926 is meaningless until there are equal opportunities of obtaining work.

"It is in this respect that the Indian community suffers its main disadvantages and this has led to Indians seeking outlets for their progress and economic improvement in the direction of agriculture and commerce, particularly small storekeeping in the suburban and rural areas.

"At this stage of our representation we feel that it would be assisting your committee if we made record of the comments of the Industrial Legislation Commission of 1935. This commission was composed of eminent economists and they made an exhaustive inquiry into all aspects of industrial legislation. In paragraphs 241 and 242 of their report the commissioners state:

"'Much evidence was submitted on the effect of this and other legislation on the employment of Indians and on their competition with Europeans. While not called upon to report especially on this subject or to express any opinion on State policy in relation to Indians it is nevertheless our duty to point out realities in so far as they fall within our terms of reference.

"'The greater the restrictions placed upon the free movement of Indians from one labour market to another; the greater the lack of educational facilities to enable them to qualify for skilled occupations; the greater the restrictions upon their employment, upon their trading rights and propertyowning rights, the more serious must their competition become in those spheres which are still open to them and in which they compete with Europeans. The imposition of any further restrictions, therefore, instead of leading to a solution of the problem would only lead to intensification of the competition in the further narrowed spheres of activities which are left open to them.'

NO SOLUTION

"The lesson of this profound dictum we trust will be learned one day by the rulers of this country. We urge upon your committee that in its report it lays emphasis that no solution of a problem can ever be achieved by the imposition of restrictions based upon the grounds of race.

"The Round Table Conference which met at Cape Town towards the end of 1938 laid down that the Union Government firmly believe and adhere to the principle that it is its duty to uplift by all possible means its Indian population to the full extent of their capacities and opportunities. We shall later on make reference to the licensing clause of this agreement also.

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HELPLESS TO FIGHT

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Apart from big Indian traders spread in small number in the main cities of Natal, Indians have in rural areas taken up trading as general dealers in a small way, and also engaged themselves as fresh produce dealers, refreshment room keepers, hawkers and pedlars."

The memorandum does not favour a rural licensing board of three magistrates. "The present licensing system and the control and issue of licences have in our firm opinion and as is borne out by evidence tendered before you, worked well within the limits of the principal ordinance and there has been no complaint against the present system. We support the view that there exists no justification for a change in the present system of appointing rural licensing boards. But we would urge certain amendments to the existing law to provide for appeals and other matters connected with the present licensing system."

"In dealing with the structure of shops in rural areas the association while it favours the erection of stores in brick, stone or concrete says that a period of five years after the war should be allowed to rebuild shops now constructed of iron.

"In several cases dwellings are attached to shops. This condition was induced by the fact that it is difficult for a shopkeeper to obtain permission to possess a firearm for the protection of his life and property. The number of Indian lives lost and property stolen are a sad commentary on the Government's policy to refuse the Indian permission to possess firearms. To be vigilant over his property almost in every instance an Indian shopkeeper has a combination of shop and dwelling so as to protect himself against burglary and theft. We may say that we are at one with the authorities to maintain and improve public health conditions and sanitation."

CLOSING HOURS

Other points are:

"In regard to hours of opening and closing shops in rural areas we urge that there should be a change as follows:—

Mondays to Thursdays (both inclusive): Open at 8 a.m.; close 6 p.m.

Fridays: Open at 8 a.m.; close 3 p.m.

Saturdays: 7 a.m.; close 1 p.m.

"We are against any powers being given to a local authority to influence the course of decision on any licensing application before a rural licensing board in respect of a store site within a radius of five miles of its boundary.

"There has always been a tie of friendship between the Indian and the Native. This is evidenced by the mutual respect that permeates between the Indian shopkeeper and the native consumer. There are a number of Indian shops in the Native Reserves and there has been no complaint against these shopkeepers. We believe that the native must be encouraged to the fullest extent to trade among his own people, but that this encouragement should not disturb vested interests of traders in or in close proximity to Native Reserves, and these traders should be allowed to continue their trade.

"As is well known there are different types of hawkers and pedlars. The foremost type of pedlar is one who hawks fresh produce and fruit. It is inconceivable that this type of pellar who has been a convenience to housekeepers should be deprived of his only means of livelihood. Moreover a large number of Indians, both men and women, are engaged in this kind of vocation and at the same time grow their own vegetables and fruit.

"Save for what we have stated in this memorandum we do not think we can put forward any further major suggestions. We feel that the principal ordinance in so far as the constitution of the board is concerned has worked well, but as we have urged there should be a right of appeal given to a higher court in the case of refusal of application for a new licence or transfer of a licence, as well as renewal of licences, which will certainly give certain measure of protection against unjust, unreasonable or arbitrary decisions."

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feeling and whimsicalities of racial prejudice exhibited from time to time by the European community.

"It is therefore the submission of our congress that there should be a right of appeal in all cases whether pertaining to new licences, transfers from place to place, and transfers from person to person as well as in cases of renewals, to the courts or to an impartial tribunal such as the present licensing board for Natal.

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"The points which we desire to establish from this historical background, the figures of population and the reference to the Cape Town Agreement are these:

(a) That the Indian community was induced to come to Natal, [illegible] were offered and given cheap land upon which to settle and they would be under no civil disabilities or discrimination on account of colour or race.

(b) The fear of the European population of Natal that its numbers would be swamped by the Indian population is a bogey that is to be dismissed for all time.

(c) The Round Table Conference in 1926 accepted the right of permanently domiciled Indian population of South Africa to an equal opportunity of employment and trade so that it may not be behind any other section of the population of the Union.

A SUGGESTED BOARD

Suggesting an alteration to the present ordinance the congress contends that the composition of the board should be three and not more than five, that only men with judicial or legal experience, such as magistrates, ex-magistrates and retired legal practitioners of seven years' standing be nominated on the board, that a magistrate of the district shall be the chairman.

"The control of health conditions and suitability of premises are matters which we admit require a substantial corrective in the present system, but that end our congress is of the opinion that the appointment of health inspectors by the Provincial Administration would be a progressive step in the right direction. This should allay the fears of local authorities that undesirable conditions would arise in their contiguous rural areas.

"We are unable to support the objections raised that the hawking of general merchandise or fruits and vegetables has been to the detriment of an established trader.

"On the question of restricting the licence for one premises our congress is of the opinion that this would be a hardship in the country districts.

OVERTRADING

"On the question of overtrading the general sense of the word our congress is emphatically opposed to any restrictive provision being made in this ground. Our study of the figures of general dealer and other licences for the period 1935 to 1941 as submitted to the committee by the various boards discloses no ground for overtrading.

"The provision for objections, under the present laws, by existing shopkeepers or any other interested person is sufficient to prevent overtrading.

"Moreover a community like ours has to contend with political, social and economic restrictions which tend to retard our communal development in nearly every profession and sphere of employment. So many avenues are closed to our people who, in consequence, are drawn more and more to rely upon agriculture and trade for their livelihood, that we cannot be a party to any statutory restriction in the sphere of rural shopkeeping.

"The question of appeals as is quite clear from the statements in the memorandum has been a question that has agitated both the Indian community and the Government of India. The safeguard of appeal to a high tribunal is self-imperative necessity in a community like ours which has even the semblance of political power. A community like ours is therefore opposed to manifestation of anti-Indian

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THE WOMEN'S WORLD

Mainly About People

D. Bramdaw, editor of The [illegible], and Mrs. Bramdaw are on a visit to Cape Town.

Gool (senior) and Miss Gool, of Cape Town, are on a visit to Durban, are staying with Mr. A. I. [illegible]

and Mrs. A. N. Naidu and [illegible], of Newcastle, are spending holidays at Maritzburg.

wedding has taken place of Miss [illegible], the eldest daughter of Dr. M. Seedat, of Durban, to Mr. D. Seedat, eldest son of Mr. M. Seedat, of Hampson Grove, [illegible]. The Nikah ceremony was performed at the Surtee Mosque, West [illegible].

Essack Peerbhai, of Maritzburg, spent his New Year holidays at [illegible].

marriage took place on Sunday at Dundee of Miss Mariam [illegible] to Mr. Suleman Saleh Ameen, [illegible], Transvaal.

and Mrs. M. R. Pillay have returned to Durban after spending holidays at Dundee, where they were the guests of Messrs. M. D. [illegible] Bros.

M. N. Naidu, interpreter, [illegible]strate's Court, Pinetown, and Naidu have returned home after spending their holidays in the Cape, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] and Naidu, of Wynberg.

[illegible] R. Naidoo, branch secretary of the S.A.I.C. (Durban) spent her Christmas and New Year holidays at Maritzburg.

[illegible]ahbi A. Sahat, of Glencoe, is on a visit to Johannesburg.

J. Nadasen Naidoo, of Durban, has returned home after spending a [illegible] at Grahamstown.

M. Gopaul Naidoo, of 486 Berea [illegible], left for Cape Town last [illegible]. He is expected to be away [illegible] about three weeks.

J. Lackan, of Sydenham, is visiting his New Year holidays in [illegible]burg and is the guest of Mr. B. [illegible]han.

M. E. Vaied, president of the [illegible]ered Indian Congress and founder of [illegible]anbeiton New Indian School [illegible] Park Drive Muslim Hostel—the [illegible] yet to be seen in any country [illegible] of South Africa—who was in [illegible] for several weeks, is well on [illegible]road to recovery. He has arrived [illegible] and will be at spending a fortnight's complete rest, Accompanying Mr. M. E. Limbada, of the [illegible] of Bachoopsan Trading Co., a well-known business man.

and Mrs. S. N. C. Varachhalia, who have recently arrived [illegible]ment, were accorded a welcome [illegible] by the Vedanayoo Temple, [illegible] Varachhalia, F.R.P. (Guardian), R.R.V. (Hindi), will [illegible] duties as a Hindi teacher at the Vedanayoo Temple and Dharamsala [illegible] Tongaat.

DEVELOPMENT OF GIRLS' EDUCATION

"WOMAN is a nation's chief asset. Upon her depends the whole future of a race, the more so upon a woman sound in mind and in body. One educated woman means a whole nation educated, but the Indian peoples at almost all stages of their development have chosen to neglect the education of their girls. They have at all times regarded that the girl has been predestined for the kitchen and the drudgery of life. The only strange thing is that Indian history does not record whether at any period the Indians have, in order to be rid of them, offered their daughters at the shrine of some Moloch.

Even in this country the Indians have at all times been very apathetic on the question of education for their girls, but today, despite this matter of ignorance and apathy, one sees that there is a very small number of girls who are writing the higher examinations.

Three Indian girls are at the Fort Hare Native College pursuing University education. One is at the Witwatersrand University and two are attending the Non-European classes of the N.U.C. conducted at Sastri College. Of the latter one has written her final B.A., while all the others are in their first year.

At Dartnell Crescent there are nine girls writing their Matriculation and thirty the Junior Certificate examination. At the beginning of the year there were twenty-nine girls in the T.5 Teachers' Training Class; about fourteen left in the middle of the year, having completed their studies.

Although the figures are so small they are nevertheless heartening, and the Indian who is interested in the future of his race may well choose to be optimistic, because the struggle to maintain even these figures has been one of toil and tears. It has been a struggle against age-old convictions and parents have had to be persuaded to send their daughters for higher education.

HIGHER EDUCATION

The history of the development of this higher education is bound up with the development of the Dartnell Crescent Indian Girls' School and the patient striving of a handful of people with a vision and the farsightedness of the Natal Education Department. The early years at Dartnell Crescent were fraught with much trepidation and there was a time when the Department, despite the heroic struggle of a few people, would have been justified in closing the school. During those years Mrs. P. Morel, B.A., the present vice-principal of the school, had to go from house to house with her handful of helpers begging parents to send their daughters to school. In those days the Government-aided schools only went up as far as standard four and education thereafter for girls was only possible by private enterprise.

There is a popular misconception that the Kunwarani was responsible for the founding of Dartnell Crescent Girls' School. It was opened in 1930 at the same time as Sastri College, but Mrs. Morel, recalling those days, told me with a smile that because Sastri College happened to be a boys' school the noise the Indian people made over it completely overshadowed the existence of the sister school. The Kunwarani, in 1933, however, was responsible for a great fillip in the enrolment. Indian parents, struck at the modernity of a woman who was one of them, began to take more interest in the education of their daughters.

The new domestic science extension at the school was due to the untiring efforts of the Kunwarani and in this extension are being developed mothers whose children will not know the horrors of malnutrition. Girls at Dartnell Crescent are writing domestic science for the matriculation, while those in the Junior Certificate classes are writing Afrikaans.

In 1939 the Department saw that the small roll at the school was due to the absence of a primary feeder, and in that year the Carlisle Street Boys' School was taken over and converted into a junior girls' school. There are over four hundred girls in the school and, because of this lack of accommodation, a large number of girls are being turned away. There is a definite need of a girls' school for beginners.

The following enrolment figures show how the senior school has developed: 1930, 41; 1931, 47; 1932, 55; 1933, 58; 1934, 51; 1935, 72; 1936, 58; 1937, 64; and 1938, 64.

UMZINTO AUXILIARY S.P.C.A. OFFICIALS

The fourth annual meeting of the Umzinto Indian Auxiliary S.P.C.A. was held in St. Patrick's Indian School.

The president, Mr. H. Kissoon, was in the chair.

After Mr. J. Samuel, the secretary and treasurer, had presented his annual report and financial statement the elections took place. Those elected to serve for the ensuing year are as follows: President, Mr. H. Kissoon; vice-president, Mr. C. N. Moollan; secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. Samuel; executive committee, the officials and Messrs. M. S. Beliem, D. Ramasar, K. N. Reddy, S. M. Pillay, S. R. Khan and M. A. Govender.

Inspectors, Messrs. S. R. Khan, D. Ramasar and S. M. Pillay; auditor, Mr. E. M. Naidoo.

Messrs. Dennis Chanoux, D. F. Moodley, Cyril Nurseo and A. Reuben, all of Fort Hare, together with Messrs. E. M. Pather, Sonza Pillay and K. N. Pillay, of the Witwatersrand University, are spending a week camping at Park Ryale.

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Death of Mr. S. M. H. Ebrahim

Saleh Mahomed Hajee Ebrahim passed away at Durban at the age of 45 years. Saleh Mahomed Hajee Ebrahim, who was a cousin of Mr. Abubaker Moosa, came to the country from Mossel Bay. After a long illness it was found necessary to operate on him. Although the operation was successful Saleh Mahomed passed away three hours afterwards.

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Free Primary Education

THE news that the Executive Committee of the Natal Provincial Council intends to put forward, at the next session of the Provincial Council, proposals for the gradual introduction of free primary education for Indian children in the Government and Government-aided Indian schools is timely and a good New Year beginning for the community.

This proposal, immediately it comes into effect, will remove an anomaly that exists in the body politic of this country: for while the Coloured and European children are receiving free primary education the Indian children are denied this although their parents are ill able to provide for even the barest necessities of life; let alone a decent standard of schooling to enable their children to fight their way through a world in which competition leaves behind people who have not obtained sufficient training, to join the great gallery of the poverty stricken.

"Education is our salvation," said Mr. Sastri, the first Agent-General in South Africa. These words are full of moment and meaning. Any community that desires to join in the forward march of people must have a sound background as far as education is concerned.

Indian young men and women just now, victims of a State whose Government refuses to recognise them as a living force in the population, must be soundly trained and taught to bear the status which, if the fight is successful, may be theirs soon—full citizenship.

With the exception of a negligible few the rest of the Indians in the province are barely able to make a decent living and the refusal of the province to bear the costs of primary education has resulted in the cutting short of the education of many promising young lives and this because they had to commence earning a livelihood at an age when children are considered still tender and incapable of much physical exertion.

The Indians in this country must build on a sound foundation of education which will better fit them for the struggle that lie ahead, the struggle for the recognition, fundamentally, of their status as citizens and the granting of the basic privileges of democracy, for the preservation of which practically the whole world today is engaged in a bitter fight.

Although the move has been a belated one the intention of the Executive is to introduce free primary education by a gradual process. This may not meet with the approval of the entire community, but we are not in a position to choose and we must accept with good grace that which is offered us. It may yet be the forerunner of many other concessions from the province.

The proposed improvement in the salaries of teachers in the Government-aided schools is welcomed because 55 per cent. of these teachers are paid a wage which ranks less than that which is paid by the Durban Municipality to its workers.

These proposed concessions may be signs that the province is beginning to recognise the existence of the Natal Indian as a permanent factor in the population of the country, whose improvement or regress will materially affect the progress and development of the whole country. A country cannot call itself progressive while part of its population is held in a state of semi-slavery and the remainder is conquered of free men. South Africa is in that unenviable position. The measure of the Executive Committee of the Provincial Council may be the germ of the ultimate removal of all the anomalies in the political, social and economic fabric of South Africa. We hope.

OUR READERS SPEAK

Why Muslim and Not Indian College?

I crave the indulgence of the columns of your most popular journal to marshall a few stray facts for the betterment of the Indian populace.

It is learnt that a plan is afoot for the establishment of a college as Lingange on sectarian lines for the privileged class only. This is a direct breach of the laws of common humanity and gives vent to the bigoted characteristics of a few. Instead of bringing about fusion and closer collaboration the germ of communal discord is eating into the very marrow of some people.

It is incumbent on an educationist to take things from a broader perspective and not sink to the loathsome depths of Mayor's "Slave Mentality." Education is invalid if the students' social aspirations are not diverted into the proper channel. An institution such as the Bantu Social Centre could easily provide ample scope for social amelioration.

A library fully equipped with world literature would serve as a useful adjunct to the youths to equip themselves intellectually and play the role of front benchers. Otherwise a college built with Indian finance should be accessible to all, regardless of class, schedule, creed or religion. Education is universal.

At a reception accorded to two sons of South Africa recently one member of the audience with pectoral facets capitalised on the paucity of Muslim boys at Sastri College.

Let our political parsons preach on collectivity on all aspects of our educational and social fabric and not tribal communalism.

C. T. MAHARAJ.

(The proposed college will be open to all Indians. Editor.)

T.I.C.'s Attitude of Exclusion

The recent welcome accorded to His Excellency Sir Shafa'at Ahmad Khan, the new High Commissioner for India, by certain officials and members of the Transvaal Indian Congress at the Carlton Hotel, Johannesburg, calls for attention to the conceited attitude of self-assertion, in that self-appointed officials, after they cease to hold office in the Congress, and with the knowledge of the Indian community in general, arranged a welcome reception, excluding the Tamilian and the Hindu sections.

Personally, I would refrain from criticisms of the Congress, but for the fact that the feeling has become very bitterly among the affected sections of the Indian community. I have been reluctant to request you to give publicity to my letter and I am aware the action of a handful of Indians who have styled themselves as officials of the so-called Congress. With genuine and whole-hearted welcome to His Excellency by the public and community of Johannesburg would be very appropriate, it is unfortunate that such an important function should be held at a hotel, and exclusively reserved for a specially selected number of the Congress only, within the jurisdiction of a dictator.

This discrimination by the so-called officials and members of the Transvaal Indian Congress has created a cynicism in the minds of our large Hindu sections that the Congress has come to His Excellency is not of the Indian community in general, to be sure, but from a handful of members of the mercantile section, whose policy of "divide and rule" is strongly resented from a communal point.

If the Transvaal Indian community has to overlook the great appointment done to the Tamil and Hindu sections by the so-called Transvaal Indian Congress' officials to use the Indian community's name to serve their purpose, I hope at any rate the latter will overlook His Excellency's small remarks to his countrymen at the Carlton Hotel welcome: "I have to contend with unconstitutionalism, but nor do I believe in illegal attempts. 'Better is an ass that speaks reason than a prophet that speaks ill.' On this occasion, I can assure you that section will oppose the Indian community's warm welcome to our new High Commissioner.

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No Lift Colour Bar in Durban Store

In the last issue of The Leader published a copy of the letter sent by Mr. T. S. Tambiree to a leading Durban business establishment in Durban when he and his wife were refused service. This firm has now replied as follows:—

"We exceedingly regret to learn your difficulty when in the store last week and hasten to advise you that the policy of the store has always been to give equal courtesy and attention to Indian and European customers.

"The unfortunate incident last week was due to the fact that both the lift attendant and shopwalker have recently joined our staff, but we assure you that there will be no cause for complaint in the future.

"Our regular staff know the liberal policy, but in these days with the shortage of our staff away on service we have sometimes sometimes to fill up with assistance sometimes to fill up. As we have many old Indian customers and friends in Durban and throughout the country we trust you will accept this explanation."

R.A.F. SCHEME TO TRAIN 2,000 INDIANS

Wanted as Aerodrome Ground Staff: Union Squashes Plan

A SCHEME for the recruitment of 2,000 South African Indians, to be trained for the R.A.F. aerodrome ground staff, envisaged by the Imperial authorities recently, The Leader learns was rejected in the Union.

A highly-ranked Imperial officer, who was deputed for the purpose was keen on recruiting South African Indians who could be trained for service at the aerodrome stations of the R.A.F. outside the Union.

The officer, who knew the Indians' skill in mechanics, felt that they would make a very efficient ground staff and was keen on Indian recruitment to start in Durban.

The attitude of those in the Union it is learnt was responsible for preventing the scheme developing.

FREE PRIMARY EDUCATION

Gradual Scheme Proposed for Indians

It is the intention of the Natal Provincial Executive Committee to introduce into the Provincial Council at its next session proposals to enable the gradual extension over a period of years of free primary education at Government and Government-aided schools for Indian children, making a commencement from the second half of the 1942 school year.

It is also the intention to place before the Provincial Council for consideration at the same session proposed improvements in the salaries of Indian teachers at Government-aided schools.

...AR'S TREATMENT ...F NON-EUROPEANS

"Serious Notice Will be Taken of Case"

With reference to the resolution passed at the recent third Provincial Congress of the Natal Indian Congress on the treatment of non-European railway passengers, the system manager, Mr. E. N. Brain, has replied as follows:

"With reference to your letters regarding the attitude of the ticket issuing staff towards non-European passengers, I can assure congress that the matter is engaging the Administration's attention, and serious notice will be taken of any cases where members of the staff are proved to have been guilty of discourteous or unreasonable treatment.

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INDIANS PROTEST AT MARKET TREATMENT

"Injustices, Insults and Discrimination"

A MASS meeting of Indians was held in Maritzburg last week to protest against alleged injustices, insults and discrimination against non-Europeans at the Maritzburg market.

Three resolutions were passed: the first protesting against the humiliating treatment; the second demanding an inquiry; and the third demanding that barriers and restrictions based on race or creed be removed.

It was alleged that the Maritzburg marketmaster assaulted an Indian at the market on December 29.

The chairman of the meeting, Dr. Peters, said that an inquiry into the treatment of Indians on the market was long overdue. Some people, he said, might think that Indians were making a mountain out of a molehill, but he assured the meeting that there had been complaints over a number of years.

Mr. B. R. Naidoo related how Indians were led to believe that Indian segregation on the market would not be enforced and floor signs with the words "non-Europeans" would be gradually stamped out by people attending the market. Since, this had been circumvented by the Europeans segregating themselves.

Indians were entitled to go anywhere inside the four walls of the market, said Mr. Naidoo.

Mr. P. Lalloo said that the meeting was the second held in three months in demonstration against unfairness to Indians. Indians contributed the major part of the market revenue. They wanted fair play and their share of equal democratic treatment.

The first resolution was one of protest against the humiliating treatment meted out at all times at the Maritzburg municipal market and the alleged assault by the marketmaster on an Indian on December 29. This was one of the many anti-Indian manifestations that had previously taken place there, it was alleged.

The resolution also stated that the existing demands in most emphatic terms that an inquiry be held forthwith into these incidents for the sake of racial harmony among all sections of the community and in the interests of democracy.

That this meeting demands that barriers and restrictions based on race or creed be removed.

A widely-circulated statement called attention to certain alleged shameful incidents within the last seven days at the Maritzburg municipal market, where Indians had received callous and unscrupulous treatment.

SOLAR ECLIPSE COINCIDENT WITH MAHABHARATA PERIOD

Hindus Flock in Thousands to Kurukshetra

THE solar eclipse in India in mid-week synchronised with a conjunction of stars similar to the one that accompanied the great battle of Mahabharata, some three thousand years ago. Hindu India performed a great act of renewal of faith when on that day it flocked in hundreds of thousands to Kurukshetra, in the Punjab, where the battle is reputed to have been fought, to refresh itself spiritually by a dip in the lake there and to recall with reverence the great truths exemplified by the heroic figures of the epic.

Sir Bertrand Glancy, Governor of the Punjab, in an address given during a visit to the town before the great day spoke words which were remarkably in harmony with the setting.

"I am conscious," he said, "that I stand at one of the sacred places of the earth. Since before the dawn of fully-recorded history Kurukshetra, the scene of the battle of Mahabharata, repeated to be the first halting place of the wandering Aryan tribes as they descended into the plains of Hindustan, has been held in reverence and made a place of pilgrimage.

"The Kurukshetra have some great and famous rulers, Asoka and Chandra Cupca, and to Kurukshetra, down the shifting sands of human history a multitude of humbler pilgrims, nameless and unnumbered, have bent their steps, seeking in its waters to cleanse their bodies, to purify their souls and to quicken and confirm their sympathy with the powers of good.

"I deem it a privilege to have been able to set foot on this hallowed ground on the eve of one of those occasions when a great gathering of pilgrims demonstrates in such striking fashion the continuity of tradition and the lively persistence of associations rooted in the remotest past.

"I have been greatly struck by the parallel between the mighty battle that took place here long centuries ago and the titantic war that is now raging over so many countries of the world. In both cases it is a struggle between good and evil, a conflict terrible in its slaughter and devastation, forced by the upholders of tyranny and aggression on those who have sought in vain the path of peace."

Under the aegis of the Andhra Debating and Study Group a very interesting lecture on the "Hindu Religion" in Telugu was delivered by Mr. R. Veerasamy Rao at the Andhra House, 61 Leopold street, Durban, last Wednesday evening. In the course of his lecture Mr. Veerasamy Rao touched upon underlying principles of the Hindu religion. There was a full house. Mr. S. R. Naidoo presided.

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Arising out of the no confidence resolution in the present officials and members of the committee of the Melrose Hindoo Temple, a mass meeting was held at the end of December, in the Gandhi hall, Fox street, Johannesburg.

Mr. R. S. C. Pillay, both in his capacity as trustee and chairman, presided. The meeting entered very cautiously into a formal discussion and thereafter agreed that the resolution should take immediate effect. Several people spoke in favour of the resolution. Dissatisfaction by a handful soon brought the meeting to a close.

The chairman very strongly resented the disgraceful behaviour of certain members, and the hooliganism at such an important meeting of the Temple.

It is reliably learned that the trustee or trustees will now exercise powers and suspend all meetings until such time to replace a deceased member of the trustees.

Newcastle Study Group

A Study Group has been formed at Newcastle to provide a channel through which the youth of Newcastle may be able to take an intelligent part in the affairs of the Indian and other non-European peoples in this country.

Although the response at the first meeting, held on New Year's Day at the H.Y.M.A. hall, was not as encouraging as it might have been, the conveners decided to carry on. The following temporary officials have been appointed to carry on the work begun: Chairman, Mr. Vijiah Aboo; secretary, Mr. L. S. Pillay; and a working committee of three: Messrs. G. M. Singh, Mariemuthoo Maistry and Baliram M. Singh.

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Cricket Tournament This Year

The second biennial cricket tournament of the South African Indian Cricket Union will be held this year during Easter instead of next year in order to avoid clashing with the Sam China football tourney. This was decided at the biennial general meeting of the South African Indian Cricket Union held at the Gandhi Hall, Fox Street, Johannesburg, on Sunday last.

In his report, the secretary, Mr. M. S. Badat, reviewed the steps that led to the formation of the South African Indian Cricket Union. The chief reason was the need of an Indian Cricket Union which would foster cricket in all the provinces where Indians are living. An inaugural meeting was held in March, 1940, at Johannesburg, where Natal and Transvaal were represented by their delegates, while an intimation in favour of affiliation was received from the Eastern Province Indian Cricket Union if the parent body was composed entirely of Indians. The meeting unanimously agreed to the formation of a South African Indian Cricket Union.

In January, 1941, the Northern Transvaal Cricket Union applied for direct affiliation, but this was refused as it would have defeated the policy of the Union of not enlisting more than one centre from a divisional area already defined in the constitution.

The result of the tournament played during April, 1941, was Natal 8 points; Transvaal 6 and Eastern Province 0. The standard of the games could have been higher. Mr. Badat considered.

The next headquarters of the Union it was decided at the meeting on Sunday, will be at Johannesburg and the following have been elected officials until the next biennial meeting: Patron, Advocate A. Christopher; president, Rev. B. L. E. Sigamoney; secretary, R. D. Pavdai; treasurer, Mr. M. R. Varachia; and auditor, Mr. A. H. Dadhabhai.

At the meeting Natal was represented by Mr. E. I. Haffajee and Mr. R. Manikum, Transvaal by Messrs. Solomon Ernest and R. D. Pavdai, Eastern Province by Messrs. I. Daya (proxy) and M. H. Varachia (proxy).

Mr. M. S. Badat was presented with a clock for his services.

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Swami Dayal Speaks of South African Wrongs in India

SWAMI BHAWANI DAYAL SANNYASI, Agent of the Natal Indian Congress, who has arrived in India, in a Press statement circulated by the Associated Press of India, says:

"More than two years ago, just before the outbreak of the war, I had occasion to make an exposition to the Indian nation of the segregation policy of the Union Government seriously confronting the Indian settlers in South Africa, and today I am here again to repeat the same story.

"The story of Indians in South Africa is a story of humiliation and inhuman sufferings. The racial discrimination pursued to the extremes by the Union Government and the serious disabilities to which our countrymen are subjected in South Africa have stirred the indignation of the people of India, and the future of our countrymen in South Africa is as yet far from being satisfactory.

"When I returned to South Africa in 1939 after awakening the Indian nation as well as the Government to a realisation of the great crisis that was impending in South Africa following the interim legislation discriminating against Indians, there was a great change in the political situation of the country.

"General Hertzog was suddenly defeated in the Union Parliament on the war issue and General Smuts once again attained his former position as the head of the Government. The Indians rightly entertained the hope that there would be internal peace at least for the duration of the war as the most important, wider and international issues would receive the attention of the Government instead of domestic affairs. But it was not to be, as subsequent events clearly proved, and whether there is war or peace in the world, it seems the anti-Indian war will continue in South Africa, irrespective of the international situation.

"Soon after the declaration of war an assurance was given by a section of the Indian community to the Union Government, at the instance of Sir Rama Rau, the then Agent-General for India, to persuade and prevent any Indian intending to acquire land in European localities, though this assurance was rejected by a vast majority of our people through the Natal Indian Congress, since in evidence it virtually amounted to the acceptance of the principle of segregation.

"A committee was created consisting of a few members of the Durban City Council and the newly-formed Indian Association to impose the conditions of the assurance on the entire Indian community without considering our protest. It was said that committee would solve the Indian problem on non-statutory basis, but the latter failure to attain its objective has been openly admitted.

WITHOUT A FAIR TRIAL

"Without giving a fair trial to the committee the Union Government decided to appoint a Penetration Commission, under the chairmanship of Mr. Justice Broome, which received all the attentions, time and space Congress leaders, who placed the Indian case before the Commission, a most dignified and able manner.

"It is moving to see the loyalty and bearing of the Indian settlers in the midst of all this humiliation and suffering. It was feared by many people that this attitude of the Union Government might produce disappointment and bitterness among the Indians, yet the Indian leaders stood out of their way, very often at considerable personal risk, to show their steadfast loyalty to the Union Government.

"They have been contributing their quota of men and money from the very beginning for the prosecution of the war without any considerations for their own sufferings in the shape of the Penetration Committee and Ghetto Bill.

"The report of the Penetration Commission is not yet out, but the summary of its conclusions appeared in the South African Press on the eve of my departure from there. The main finding of the commission is that penetration does not exist, that we all along opposed the segregation in principle, yet no human being of any race or colour likes to live in a solitary place of hostility; it is easy for any man to fabricate a barrel of his neighbours. In fact, the Indians have created their own activities in and around Durban, which are entirely neglected by the municipal authorities.

"The Indians are blamed because many of them are in a position to refuse to live in the slum conditions. According to the Natal Daily Mail, 'it is a shameful thing indeed that we can persist in this greater and more horrible neglect—sensing on the part of as an overdose—yet summon up enough energy to force the Government to investigate the extent to which Indians were moving out of the congested areas in search of better housing and better investments.'"

Mr. Willie Ram (boxer) and [illegible] of Maritzburg, who spent two weeks in Johannesburg and Pretoria during the Christmas holidays, have returned.

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Great Return Show at Avalon

[illegible]ON has three superb pictures [illegible] Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The Jones family in "Love on a Budget," "The Return of Frank [illegible] and the 12th chapter of the Drums of Fu Manchu." The change brings Shirley Temple [illegible]reen in "Young People," with [illegible]e and Charlotte Greenwood. [illegible]ing his heartaches . . .



SCENE FROM "THE RETURN OF FRANK JAMES"

Darryl F. Zanuck produced "The Return of Frank James," with Fritz Lang as director and Kenneth Macgowan as associate producer. The screen play was authored by Sam Hellman.

chronicle, the unforgettable "Jesse James."

Henry Fonda, who created the role in the earlier production, is again cast as Frank James. Featured are Gene Tierney, Jackie Cooper and Henry Hull, while the cast also includes John Carradine, J. Edward Bromberg, Donald Meek, Eddie Collins and George Barbier.

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"Wanted—a slim blonde, with legs exactly 43½ inches long."

That was the call recently issued by the 20th Century-Fox casting department in an effort to find a stand-in for Charlotte Greenwood, who is starred with Shirley Temple and Jack Oakie in "Young People," the new picture at the Avalon Theatre, opening Monday.

The reason for seeking a person with Miss Greenwood's exact leg measurements was that the stand-in would have to rehearse some of Charlotte's kick routines for camera angles in addition to her regular stand-in work.

After much testing, Ida Mae Johnson, a fashion model in a Los Angeles department store, was selected by the casting office.

Charlotte was amused to find that anyone had legs the same length as hers. Before the picture was finished the two became close friends.

[illegible]NK JAMES VOWS [illegible]O AVENGE JESSE

[illegible] James was shot in the back, [illegible]nder, and somebody's going [illegible] for my name's not Frank [illegible]

[illegible]peaker, of course, is identified [illegible]rds above. And it is with this [illegible] that "The Return of Frank [illegible] new 20th Century-Fox picture, [illegible]es Monday at the Avalon [illegible]

[illegible]d in spectacular technicolour, [illegible]burton is the colourful climax [illegible]daring exploits of the world's [illegible]mous outlaws, and the picture [illegible]to be even more stirring and [illegible]than the first chapter of their [illegible]

[illegible]20 Indian Boy Scouts drawn [illegible]various troops and crews in [illegible]and district left for Tongaat [illegible]esday last to camp for a week [illegible]Westbrook beach.

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[illegible]alute the rookie who thought [illegible]



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Friendly Cricket at Glencoe

In a friendly game at Glencoe on Sunday last, Wreckbank cricket club beat Stars of Glencoe by 39 runs on the double innings.

The following were the scores: Wreckbank, first innings, 61 (Hassoon Mall 28, Rasool 13). Glencoe, first innings, 33 (Persadh, 7 for 20). Wreckbank, second innings, 45 (M. Mayet 15). Glencoe, second innings, [illegible].

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TALK OF THE BAZAAR

By "THE FAQIR"

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Bank managers as a tribe, by reason of their positions, all over the Province got more presents over the festive season than anybody else. During the year a "yes" to an overdraft must have meant very much for the person overdrawing. It might easily have meant a property—quite apart from a number of other properties. Those services, then, in the nature of things, must be recognised, and the festive season is the most apt time to allay even the most suspicious of the bank manager brigade.

One client varied his gifts this year by giving Indian sweetmeats. I hope the recipients liked this variation.

THE RICH ARE FORTUNATE

The rich always seem to be fortunate. Chance favours them rather than the unfortunate ones. I quote an instance. Mrs. R. Bodasing, of Cato Road, was pressed to take a ticket in a raffle for a Christmas cake. She drew the winning number for the 12-pound Christmas cake made by the Durnell Crescent girls to be raffled in aid of their soup kitchen.

A £2,000 prize drawn for a war charity in the Christmas Handicap at Johannesburg passed by Mr. Aboobaker Moosa, secretary of the Natal Indian Congress, free way hoping to aid the winnings to the Moosa Hajee Cassim Educational Trust to erect some more schools, but the horse lost. The unfortunate always seem to remain unfortunate.

CASE OF CASTE SUPERIORITY?

Hitler's rantings about Nordic superiority seem to have affected the Singhs of Newcastle. Believing that they were a superior tribe—probably God's chosen—some of the Singhs decided that they would clean up the town, as some people were using the name without "sanction." Accordingly a petition was drawn up and all those who were opposed to the indiscriminate use of the highly revered name "Singh" were asked to sign. The result was not very satisfactory as far as the Singhs were concerned, for a number of people had much more important work to do than to go signing petitions which would do nobody any good.

It was also decided to hold a mass meeting at which "pukka Singhs" would be invited to address the ignorant Indian community of Newcastle—apparently on the advantages of being a Singh. The pukka Singhs did not turn up and there was no meeting.

When people don't have anything worth while to do they usually do something unnecessary. This seems to be the case with the Singhs in Newcastle. Now that their struggle has fizzled out let us have some good hard work for which the whole Indian community at Newcastle would be proud of the Singhs. Deeds—not words.

CASE OF SELF-HELP

While the Singhs have been trying to preserve their "purity" other people at Newcastle have been busy doing some real good work. They now have a hall of their own. It seats about two hundred and fifty people. Their library is almost completed. This is one instance where some Indian people have tried to help themselves and they have succeeded. They deserve the gratitude of all those who will benefit by the library and the hall and the praise of all the Indian people in the country.

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Cape Cricket Teams in Durban

Two cricket teams from Capetown, Hamedia CC. and Booklyns C.C., have arrived in Durban and are the guests of Kismet C.C. (this season's league winners) and Sparks C.C. respectively.

Both teams will play a representative Durban side before they leave.

The itinerary of the Hamedia C.C. is as follows:—

This afternoon and tomorrow v. Kismet C.C. at the Albert Park Oval; January 13 v. Sastri College at Currie's Fountain; January 15 v. Ismet C.C. at Currie's Fountain; January 17 and 18 v. Durban and District Cricket Union XI; January 19 leave for Johannesburg in the evening.

MARITZBURG SPORTS GROUND

Addition of New Building Improvements

The secretary of the Maritzburg Indian Sports Association, Mr. S. Bhow, reports that during this year a large sum of money has been spent in building and other improvements at the Indian sports ground, Maritzburg.

A donation of £100 was made by the City Council to the Sports Association. This sum, together with other donations subscribed by the public, has been utilised to build lavatories and other much-needed sanitary facilities.

Owing to the complaint that the ground for cricket was much too small the boundary being quite close, it was decided to make the ground larger. A sum of nearly £30 has been spent in laying out a new all-weather pitch on the No. 1 ground, besides which the boundary lines have been moved back, thus making the ground larger.

Mr. S. R. Naidoo, vice-patron of the association, has been invited to open the new cricket pitch. The opening ceremony takes place this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

After the opening a match will be played, the players being selected from the cream of cricketers in the city.

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LADYSMITH BEAT MARITZBURG

Undefeated Century for S. Ramdeen

The two days' cricket fixture between Ladysmith and Maritzburg in the interstown semi-final which started on Thursday last at Ladysmith ended in a win for Ladysmith by 81 runs.

Teams:—

Ladysmith: W. D. Nettasha's captain), A. L. Badhur, A. Meyer, G. M. C. Asmal, S. Ramdeen, E. I. Chapty, C. Essay, M. N. Naiker, D. M. Seedat, E. N. Mohamed and G. C. Govender.

Maritzburg: Rawat (captain), C. Rawat, C. Doorsamy, Ted Chetty, R. Padayachee, K. Moolla, I. S. Chetty, K. D. Reddy, S. S. Reddy, A. Solomon and H. Nanjee.

Ladysmith won the toss and elected to bat on a perfect wicket. A. Meyer and A. L. Badhur opened the innings but A. Meyer was bowled by S. S. Reddy with no score and at six runs Badhur lost his wicket to C. Rawat. Asmal and Ramdeen the latter has won his intertown cap for the first time stopped the rot by putting up 47 runs for the third wicket.

After Asmal's dismissal another two wickets fell with the addition of only two runs. D. M. Seedat (16 years) played brilliantly to bring the score to 117 before he was dismissed for 29.

With 130 on the board stumps were drawn after an appeal against the light.

Play continued next morning and with an addition of 51 runs Ladysmith were all out. S. Ramdeen was not out for 101.

The visitors opened their innings and at 11 Rawat was clean bowled by Naiker for three. The visitors fared badly against the good bowling of Essay, the young Natal bowler, who claimed five wickets for 11 runs, including the two Natal batsmen, Ted Chetty and K. Moolla. K. D. Reddy and S. Reddy stopped the rot by putting up 71 runs for the eighth wicket before Ramdeen caused the wicket of K. D. Reddy for 50.

Scores:—

Ladysmith, first innings, 181 (S. Ramdeen 101 not out, D. M. Seedat 29, G. M. C. Asmal 17, C. Essay 11, G. C. Govender 10; S. S. Reddy 4 for 40, Ted Chetty 3 for 38, A. Solomon 2 for 40, C. Rawat 1 for 11).

Maritzburg, first innings, 100 (K. D. Reddy 50, S. S. Reddy 21, C. Doorsamy 13, C. Essay 5 for 11, S. Ramdeen 3 for 0, M. N. Naiker 2 for 25).

Ladysmith, second innings, 113 (A. Meyer 36, D. M. Seedat 19, S. Ramdeen 17; S. S. Reddy 3 for 20, A. Solomon 3 for 28, Ted Chetty 1 for 28).

Maritzburg, second innings, 34 for two wickets (C. Rawat 17, K. D. Reddy 16; E. I. Chapty 1 for 3, E. N. Mohamed 1 for 0).

SUNDAY'S CRICKET

On Sunday last Ladysmith C.C. met N.A.R. C.C. in a league fixture, N.A.R. C.C. won by 33 runs on the first innings. Scores:—

Ladysmith, 93 (E. C. Govender 32, C. R. Moodley 25; P. M. Govender 16; E. E. Mohamed 6 for 27, R. Kallie 2 for 18, Narsoo 1 for 33).

N.A.R. 126 (S. Ramdeen 34, E. N. Mohamed 22, M. Govender 2 for 17, C. C. Govender 2 for 21, Parag 1 for 15, P. M. Govender 1 for 12, C. Moodley 1 for 2).

WEEKEND CRICKET FIXTURES

LADYSMITH (TOMORROW), DR. PETERS SHIELD

2.30 p.m.: Ottomans v. Dundee United (Glencoe). N.A.R. v. Moodley (Ladysmith).

THE DEGRADATION OF CRICKET

By "AN OBSERVER"

Now that the cricket League is over I have received some conclusions, but they are quite unpleasant. After seeing some of the matches this year and last year and the year before it seems as if the fair name of cricket is fast being degraded by some who dare call themselves sportsmen.

Four teams this year have helped to blot the sentiment of cricket at The Fountain. Sides that could easily have won their matches against particular teams seemed to develop a sort of lethargy that lost the game for them.

It is all worked to a formula and it never fails.

It has been going on for the last three years. Imagine a side that wins on the double innings before lunch. Imagine bowlers losing the ball on the ground and within the boundary — and allowing the batsmen to run eight before signalling "dead ball" and having another ex thrown in to make 14 runs for a single stroke! Ever heard of it before? Must be remarkable bowlers to lose the ball on the ground. Where did they think they were? In their bedrooms?

Chatting later with one of the officials I asked him his frank opinion of the whole thing. "Cut and dry" was his cryptic comment. It requires no explanation.

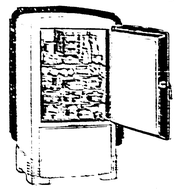
Last year and the year before the league had to be "fixed." It was never won, but this year matters were a bit different and despite the efforts of some of the teams the league was justly won. Last and the year before in the final games of the league fast bowlers became slow bowlers, wicket-keepers accustomed to stand back at the stumps stood umpires duties away; fielders overthrew the ball in general did everything possible to let the other side win. Bowling fixtures, of course, followed the league season.

This year while I was sitting in a restaurant one day not long ago I overheard two cricketers discussing how they were going to allow the other side to win! I was amazed, and if I had been I am sure I would have been unrecognised.

If men cannot play the game without bringing shame and discredit on it why don't they leave it alone? They may as well go fishing on Saturday afternoons and on Sunday mornings or play golf on the ground. Let those who, although they may not be so successful with the leather and the willow, can play the game without fear of degrading the game.

Why not get up on your own feet and out of your comparative lethargy? You have been content to ignore the mismanagement of affairs for the last three seasons; the time has come for action. Is cricket going to save the fair name that is played on four continents or is it going to be degraded by those who bring closer natures?

Messrs. L. N. Naidoo, I. Naidoo, R. Kondiah, R. Jagan, R. Applesamy and J. Govender, members of the Sastri Bowling Club, cycled to Maritzburg on New Year's Day and returned the same later.

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...ully, Dr. Grady has come to encourage ...the production or greater production of what India and other Eastern countries can supply, and his business will be considerably simplified by the easy approach now open through the Eastern Group Council to the problems involved.

The council knows exactly where supplies are available and what surpluses can immediately be released. But it is not only from surplus stock that we must be prepared to send to America. Her needs should rank equally with Britain's in the economic distribution of Eastern Group stocks for it is vital to war-policy that the American war machine should be brought rapidly to its full capacity.

For that reason and because of the many common interests of supply and production now existing between the Eastern Group and the United States we foresee a closer liaison between the two. It is unnecessary again to comment on the significance of this closer India-American collaboration, in the new order of the post-war world. Links of permanent value are being forged.

India has sent men to sell raw materials to the Americas, and the United States are coming to say what additional supplies India can send. That is all to the good of India's efforts when peace returns to establish herself in the great markets of the West.

"SPIRIT OF IMPERIALISTIC ARROGANCE"

Indian Press Comment on Churchill Declaration

"The spirit of imperialistic arrogance and a complete lack of that imagination and that understanding sympathy which are of the essence of statesmanship," states The Tribune, of Lahore, when referring to Mr. Churchill's declaration that the Atlantic Charter has no reference to India's constitutional progress.

The Tribune view is shared by the large section of the nationalist Press.

The Times of India, Bombay, expressing moderate opinion remarks that "there will be disappointment in India at Mr. Churchill's statement because Mr. Churchill reiterated Britain's pledge to this country of 'free and equal partnership in the British Commonwealth.' One of the principles in the Atlantic Charter to which Indians attach great importance is contained in clause three: 'They respect the right of all peoples to choose the form of government under which they will live.' Actually that right has been conceded to India.

"Speaking in the House of Commons on April 22 Mr. Amery declared that the essential policy underlying the offer of August 8, 1940, was that the framework of India's new constitution should be devised not by the British Parliament but by Indians themselves. That is a far-reaching and revolutionary announcement. It is recognition in advance of India's status as a dominion.

"Clearly then clause three of the Atlantic Charter does apply to India, since the right of devising their new constitution is laid upon Indians themselves, just as the Atlantic Charter says it should be. It is a pity that Mr. Churchill did not stress this point in his reference to India."

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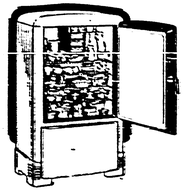
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EVENTS AFFECTING INDIA IN THE EMPIRE

Annual Review by Indian Government

A CHANGE in the status of the Agent-General for India to that of High Commissioner for India in the Union of South Africa, the appointment of the Broome Commission and extension of the provisions of the Asiatics (Transvaal Land and Trading) Act, 1939, for two more years, in South Africa, the Indo-Ceylon negotiations, the appointment of the Baxter Commission in Burma and the passage of the Land Tenure Bill in Fiji, are mentioned as some of the outstanding events in the Annual Review of Important Events Affecting Indians in Empire countries during the period ending March, 1941.

SOUTH AFRICA

The review, after dealing with the Broome Commission Report and the Feetham Commission recommendations, says that in April, 1940, the Agent-General made personal representations to the Natal Provincial Executive Committee and suggested a number of proposals for the provision of educational facilities for Indian children in Natal. The proposals were discussed in detail by the Provincial Administrator and the Executive Committee. Provision for a net additional expenditure of £5,300 was made in the Natal Provincial Budget for 1940-41. In the Transvaal, with regard to the question of compulsory education, the Administrator said the chief difficulty was the lack of suitable sites for schools. Both the Cape Town and Witwatersrand Universities have reached the welcome decision to admit Indians as internal students.

The Indian community in South Africa, the review says, were not slow to contribute their mite to the war funds when the Union intensified its war effort in June, 1940. The Union Government also decided on the suggestion of the Agent-General to raise an Indian Corps of three sections, consisting of mechanical transport, medical and hygiene and an ambulance section. A number of Indians who left South Africa found difficulty in returning to the country within the period of validity of their certificates of identity, owing to shortage of shipping. Arrangements were made with the Department of the Interior in the Union to extend the period of validity in such cases. The Union Government also agreed to the issue of permits to bona fide commercial travellers from India who were debarred from obtaining a foreign representative's licence to trade.

As a result of representations made by the Indian community and Agent-General's [illegible] the rates of wages of Indian railway employees were considerably increased. The Minister of Railways also decided to give greater scope for the employment of Indians in the railways and harbours. By October, 1940, the number of Indian employees, which had fallen from 2,844 in 1929 to 2,[illegible] 1939, rose to 3,338. The question of emigration was also discussed. Emigration traffic from the United Kingdom to India via the Cape [illegible] the landing of Indian passengers at Cape Town and other South African ports. The Union Government has appointed a liaison officer to make sure that Indian passengers received courtesy and attention during their stay in South Africa.

Mr. S. Ridley, I.C.S., secretary to the Agent-General in South Africa, was deputed to report on the question of Indians in Mauritius. Mr. Ridley was in Mauritius from March to July 3, 1940. His report is now being considered by the Government of India.

CEYLON

A ten per cent. increase in the rates over the previous rates was enforced in Ceylon from February 1941. Since the outbreak of the war a period of rising cost of living was chronised with a period of increasing industrialism, and the labourers' demand the planters should give a war bonus. As the payment of the bonus was entirely at the discretion of the superintendents and not any statutory obligation, the increase in wages was adopted on the recommendation of the Board of Indian Migrant Labour in place of the bonus.

Tightening up of the procedure in the registration of voters was carried out by the Ceylon State Council. As a result of all new voters for the State Council elections, [illegible] apprehension in the minds of the Indians in Ceylon had been caused in the question the Government of India has taken the matter up with the Secretary of State for India.

MALAYA

The Trade Unions and the Industrial Courts Enactments became law in Malaya during the period under review. Some of the major changes were the right of appeal to a court of law against the decisions of the Registrar suggested by the Government of India but were not accepted. The Malaya Government has informed the Government of India that when experience has been gained of the administration of the above legislation any amendments based on the results of the experiments. As a result of the representations of the Indian Trade Union leaders in this country was placed before the Council in June, 1939. Through the unfortunate outbreak of war, however, labour conditions and the needs of Malaya entailed the Government of Malaya to consult with their agent in Malaya and the Malayan Government's opinion whether a change should not be made.

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...rriage will take place to-(Sunday), at 500 Loop Street, ... of Mr. V. Kristy, a well-...blic and social worker of ...rg, to Miss Sargoonam, ...ley, of New Glasgow. Miss ... has been interested in Indian ...ation, being at one time a ...

... Jack Naidoo and Duck ... of Clairwood, are spending ...idays at Johannesburg and ...guests of Mr. A. M. T. ... of Boomfontein.

...ngagement has been announced between Bahadur, the fourth ... and Mrs. M. Ramkelawan, ...ton, and Dorothy, the eldest ... of Mr. and Mrs. Ramdass ...p, of Mount Edgecombe.

Ramdas Thamos Rai, of the ... Umzinto Sanathan ... Sabha, has resigned from the ...g to bad health.

...t Moonsamy and Miss Winnie ... of Sabie, Eastern Transvaal, are spending their holidays in ...burg with Mr. and Mrs. J. ...

...esh Dada, of Maritzburg, has ... home after a short business ... Northern Natal.

...Boorasamy Maistry, of Newcastle, treasurer of the Schools C.C., has returned home after spending a ... in Durban. He was the guest ... and Mrs. V. M. Naicker, of ... road.

...R. P. Das and Miss Kamala ... of Clairwood, Durban, are the ... of Messrs. P. G. Pillay and ...ly, of Ladysmith.

...and Mrs. K. S. Moodley, of ...wood, Durban, are spending ...idays with Mr. and Mrs. N. ...ddiar, of Ladysmith.

...rs. George Singh, B.A., and M. ..., B.A., have motored to the ...ast on a combined business and ... trip.

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HOT WEATHER AND BABY TROUBLES

Many babies and young children suffer from digestive troubles in hot weather, especially when it is sultry and thundery. Every year numbers of bottle-fed babies become ill from the weakening infantile diarrhoea during the "fly season."

The reason it chiefly attacks the bottle-fed baby is that the diarrhoea is due to contamination of milk by microbes, which multiply quickly in warm weather. As much of the contamination is carried by flies a brisk warfare must be waged against them by swatters and traps.

Flies carry the disease germs on their wings straight from dirt and dust bins, and when they alight on milk, bread and other food leave the germs behind.

A dirty bottle or teat is also a source of grave danger to a baby. All food must be covered with a fine wire netting or muslin and kept in a cool place. Digestive troubles are due either to overfeeding or wrong feeding.

CHINESE GIFTS TO INDIA

Some Replace Sanskrit Originals

The Visva-Bharati, Tagore's "university" at Santiniketan, recently received 50 volumes containing in all 420 different books, being a faithful reproduction of the rare copies of the San Ku Chuan Shu, which was compiled and edited by the Ching dynasty. The books have been presented to the Cheena-Bhavana Library by Dr. Chen Li Fu, Education Minister of the National Government of China, through the National Central Library of China who have published this edition.

Besides these books one extra copy of the Chinese Tripitaka out of the ten sets which were sent to Tan Yun Shan, Director of the Cheena-Bhavana, by Generalissimo Chiang-kai-Shek and Dr. Chen Li Fu, has also been received by Visva-Bharati. The remaining nine sets have been distributed to universities, research institutes, Buddhist associations and other cultural bodies. This Tripitaka contains 1,916 different books, including 8,416 facsimiles, most of which are translations from Sanskrit originals now lost in the land of their origin. They are bound into 414 volumes and packed with camphor boards into 40 bundles.

FOOD STORAGE

Good storage places are essential for food, otherwise it may be spoilt and be wasted. Cereals keep well if they are stored in airtight tins. Always keep salt in a closely-covered jar, as otherwise it gets caked and moist.

An earthenware pan or an enamelled tin with a well-fitting lid is excellent for storing bread. Wipe it out every day or stale crumbs will collect. Never put biscuits and cakes into the same tin, as the cakes make the biscuits soft.

A rack with several shelves is excellent for storing vegetables and fruit. Potatoes are cheaper if bought in quantity, and it is a good plan to keep a small supply of carrots, onions and turnips for stews, etc. Green vegetables should be bought as fresh as possible.

An earthenware jar keeps milk beautifully cool, and a piece of butter muslin put over the top and kept in place with an elastic band will protect it from dust and flies. Always keep jams and pickles in a cool, dry place.

Before putting down a carpet, wash the boards with unflavored turpentine; this is a safeguard against moths, as insects dislike the smell of turpentine.

GIVE VARIETY TO YOUR MEALS

In order to give variety as well as nourishment to meals fuller use should be made of potatoes, carrots and oatmeal, all of which are rich in food values.

All can be used in various ways, in addition to the more obvious ones. Oatmeal, for instance, can be added to the flour used in making scones, cakes and puddings. Carrots, in a pudding, will take the place of eggs. Potato flour can be used more in cookery, as well as potatoes cooked and served in dozens of different ways.

There is another food which is rich in nourishment—milk. Many people do not think of using milk except in tea and coffee and milk puddings, yet it can form the basis of many an attractive dish. Milk contains many-sided body-building proteins, and so is necessary for all young things, for it promotes healthy growth and firm muscles.

It is also rich in minerals, which are essential for the building up of strong teeth and sound bones. Milk's virtues do not end here. It is one of the best sources of vitamins, without which healthy growth is impossible.

Babies, nursing and expectant mothers, and growing boys and girls must have milk, but if it is plentiful there is no reason why milk should be limited to them.

Drink milk if you like it and make your coffee or cocoa partly with milk. Use milk in puddings and jellies, as well as making custard and junket.

INDIAN WOMEN GIVE UP DOMESTIC WORK

Congressman Laments the Tyranny of Fashion

While it is possible to agree with Dr. Rajendra Prasad, former congress president, when he laments the tyranny of fashion which has led the modern Indian woman to give up domestic work because the European woman in India, according to him, does not do domestic work, it is difficult to endorse his prescription of the spinning wheel as a remedy for the ills of the lack of physical exercise, writes The Civil and Military Gazette, Lahore.

The modern Indian woman may well retort that walking, tennis and dancing give her all the exercise she needs and that the charkha (spinning wheel) will undo all that slimming has done for her. Modernity and the charkha do not go hand in hand, and spinning as an exercise is altogether too involved.

Indeed, if the modern Indian woman needs to take physical exercise as Dr. Rajendra Prasad thinks she does, and which leads him to recommend to her spinning yarns, it would be better for her to take once again to domestic work if she has actually given it up, which one finds difficult to believe.

Household Hints

To loosen a screw, moisten the head with paraffin, let it soak in, and then get to work with the screwdriver. It will be much easier to move, and there is less risk of damaging the surrounding woodwork.

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To keep fresh corriander leaves, wash thoroughly, shake off excess water, place in a glass jar, cover, and place in refrigerator or cool place.

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To keep sweet potatoes and apples from becoming black, place them in salted water at once after paring.

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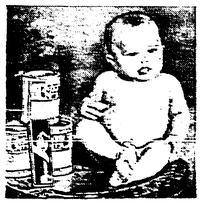
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Japan and the Indians

WITH the entry of Japan into the war the Indian question abroad, and no less in South Africa, assumes a different complexion. So far those Indians who had declared for the Allies knew they had a common danger ahead of them—a Fascist-Nazi menace—but they are now faced with another question: Japan and their relations with her. Fundamentally the Japanese are non-Europeans and the persecution of the non-Europeans in this country will be the only basis on which the Indians in this country will judge Japan. They have no other criterion.

It is true they have heard that Japan is a second Nazified country rising in the East, and that she is out for the suppression of all that is democratic and to subject the Asian peoples to totalitarian domination.

It is one thing to hear that a country is shorn of all human decency and quite another to be living under the heel of another country of the same ilk. With Germany and Italy Indians may have found just cause to go to war. Hitler had already convicted himself with his ruthless persecution of the Jews, while Mussolini had earned the hate of all civilised peoples by her unprovoked assault upon a defenceless people. The Abyssinian campaign will stand as a blot upon civilisation for all time. Japan may have the Chinese war against her but it has been the same with all countries seeking an empire.

The vast majority of the Indian peoples in South Africa do not realise that Japan's aims are much the same as that of any country that seeks to expand. The masses of the Indian people would not find any relief by a Japanese victory, but they can not be blamed if they look for emancipation to a non-European country.

It is left entirely in the hands of the Government of this country to help the Indian to make up his mind. It is very necessary in South Africa's own interests and in the interests of all the world that is encased in this titanic struggle that the eight million non-Europeans must be helped to decide in favour of the Allies.

This can only be done by the adoption of a sympathetic attitude towards the problems of the Indians and the other non-Europeans. Promises are no good, but the translation into actions of all promises that have been already made will help the Indian make up his mind.

Parliament opened on Monday and it can, if it so desires, work toward the removal of all the barriers and discriminations that exist against non-Europeans and must decide also to refrain for all time from enacting oppressive legislation against them.

This step may place an untapped source of man power of eight millions, of which the Indian will not be the least, at the disposal of the country and will quicken the destructions of the dictators.

India's New Supply Route to Russia

ONE more link with Russia is being established by the organisation of a regular supply route from India via Baluchistan and East Iran over which a trial trip, delivering much-needed supplies of jute, has just been made.

As a result of this first full-scale effort much valuable information has been secured with regard to the barren, particularly waterless, 760 miles of country between Nokkundi, at the terminus of the Indian railway in Baluchistan, and Meshed, in North-East Iran.

It is expected that after a second experimental trip has been made—this time with a consignment of shellac—it will be possible to speedily evolve a system for a regular service.

Already a Persian auxiliary transport service, supervised by an officer with long experience of similar problems in Waziristan, and consisting of a large number of lorries from India with Indian civilian drivers, has been formed. An Indian staff is to undertake the clerical work and fitters will man a special breakdown service. More than 5,000 labourers are now employed in improving the road surface and it is expected that the number will shortly rise to 8,000.

The Iran Government is co-operating by waiving certain customs formalities and is assisting in the protection of the route from any raiding parties who may be tempted to try and hold up the lorries.

At the Persian Gulf ports of Basra, Khorramshahr, Abuses, Bandar, Shahpur and Bushire, consignments of goods are arriving from Australia, America, Great Britain, and India. Ships of almost every nationality, including the Free Dutch, Free Greek and Free Norwegian merchant fleets may be seen unloading there.

Linked to the new overland transportation arrangements put into action by British experts, a Russian organisation for collecting "Iran-Sov-Trans" now takes delivery at a series of points in Northern Iran.

Rolling stock, locomotives and operating staff are on the way from India, England and Australia to increase to the maximum the amount of traffic which can be operated on the main route across Iran from Bandar Shahpur, on the Gulf, to Bandar Shah, on the Caspian. It was expected that at the end of November the previous maximum number of trains per day on this route would be quadrupled.

Indian engineering firms have been given the task of developing port facilities in Iran, Basra, once the backdoor of the Near East, is now becoming the front-door for Turkey and Russia. Supplies for the Soviet arriving at the western port are sent northwards by rail and road.

For the road transport [illegible] Iran the United Kingdom Com[illegible] Corporation has already more [illegible] than are immediately required [illegible] contracted for sufficient to [illegible] voltime of [illegible] thirty to be [illegible]

OUR READERS SPEAK

CHANGE OF MANAGER

The people of Tongaat and [illegible] have lost sight to know the [illegible] of a change in the manager[illegible] Tongaat Indian schools.

It is only a year now that [illegible] T. Naidoo was a manager of the [illegible] and what necessitated the [illegible] Reaky speaking, a manager [illegible] expunged nor can a new appoint[illegible] be made before three years and [illegible] so without assigning good reason[illegible]

To be a manager one must [illegible] necessary qualification or experi[illegible] schools. Surely the present [illegible] fall under this jurisdiction.

Would the Tongaat Schools [illegible] Board satisfy the public of Ta[illegible] with reasons that went to make [illegible] change?

K. A. MOOSA[illegible]

BODY-BUILDING CL[illegible] OFFICIALS

At the annual meeting held at [illegible] Maidstone Temple Hall on Sunday [illegible] the secretary, Mr G. [illegible] mentioned the growth of the Maids[illegible] Body-Building Club, especially [illegible] membership.

It was proudly said that within [illegible] months this club was registered [illegible] Health and Strength League of [illegible] don.

Weights, gloves, mattresses [illegible] other things essential in body-[illegible] ing are the assets of the club.

The financial position of the [illegible] is sound.

The following officials have [illegible] for the calamities which Europe has inflicted on weak and [illegible] races in the course of their exploitation, and not until [illegible] has repented and resolved to make atonement will she be [illegible] save herself from continued miseries. The moment Europe [illegible] this and turns over a new leaf, that moment her relief will [illegible] and the way be shown to a new and happy world order."

The following officials have [illegible]
Mr. W. D. Cunningham; presi[illegible]
Mr. V. S. Naidoo; vice-president, [illegible]
M. M. Naidoo; secretary and treas[illegible]
Mr. G. Shunmugam; committee, [illegible]
C. Naidoo, A. Kista Naidoo, C[illegible]
lingham, N. A. Reddy, R. T. [illegible]
Naidoo, K. T. Perumal and [illegible]
samy.

Mr. K. R. Naidoo moved a vot[illegible]
thanks.

Expanding Indian Navy

"The Royal Indian Navy has [illegible] passed out of all recognition, [illegible] am glad to say she is still expand[illegible] rapidly," declared Vice-Admiral [illegible] Herbert Fitzherbert at a lunch[illegible] following the launching of H.M.I.[illegible] Travancore by Lady Fitzherbert.

The Travancore is designed and [illegible] for the purpose of mine sweeping, [illegible] submarine chasing, and is the second Indian in character, only the engi[illegible] and boiler having been imported [illegible] Great Britain.

"The launching of this vessel," said Sir Herbert, "is the decisi[illegible] of a large ship-building progr[illegible] the completion of which will mark a definite achievement in India's pr[illegible] as far as the naval war effort is co[illegible] cerned."

India today, after the Soviet States is the largest country in the world enjoying internal free trade, about 450,000,000 people live in an area of 2,000,000 square miles. Save for a few duties on certain goods entering some of the Indian States, no internal trade barriers hamper the flow of goods from the Khyber to Cape Comorin.

Africa's Colour Bar Attacked

TREATMENT NOT FAR FROM PERSECUTION

Strong Comment by Bombay Newspaper

[illegible] Indian Social Reformer, Bombay, says that colour bar [illegible] eliminated in the post-war world. Declarations of British [illegible] making the reconstruction of Europe on a democratic [illegible] chief war aim, an excellent thing in itself, could create [illegible] ensure outside Europe unless integrated with a definite [illegible] ing that colour bars and racial barriers will be eliminated [illegible] new order, it writes.

Silence on this becomes all the more necessary when [illegible] the apostles of the new order are General Smuts and Mr. [illegible] of Australia. The treatment of Indians and the large [illegible] population of South Africa is not far removed from the [illegible] ecution of Jews. When General Smuts speaks of world [illegible] and civilisation we are impelled to ask what is the world in mind. Asiatics are debarred from acquiring civil rights [illegible] India which has vast empty spaces crying for population. [illegible] the end of the war are this land open to all races or is [illegible] fighting only to maintain its exclusive White policy? [illegible] hen again the United States has made membership of the [illegible] ce the test of admission of immigrants to its citizenship. [illegible] done long before Herr Hitler made Aryanism the basis [illegible] m. Would the United States maintain the Aryan test in [illegible] world order? If the Dominions and America intend to [illegible] their colour and race bars there is no common ground on [illegible] and Indians can co-operate in building it up.

THE SUPREME QUESTION

[illegible] supreme question for us is not the establishment of [illegible] s in Europe, but the removal of the race and colour bars [illegible] onstitute a perpetual source of irritation and humiliation to [illegible] and to Indians, as an important class of Asiatics.

[illegible] dire calamities which are afflicting Europe are the direct [illegible] for the calamities which Europe has inflicted on weak and [illegible] races in the course of their exploitation, and not until [illegible] has repented and resolved to make atonement will she be [illegible] save herself from continued miseries. The moment Europe [illegible] this and turns over a new leaf, that moment her relief will [illegible] and the way be shown to a new and happy world order."

CORRECTION

[illegible] eport of the annual prize [illegible] at Sastri College it was [illegible] the staffing at Sastri was [illegible] e. We have since been in[illegible] that the statement is incorrect. [illegible] at Sastri College is quite

Indian clothing factories are now turning out approximately 2,200,000 articles a month. The existing clothing factory at Shahjahanpur has been expanded so that it can produce between three and four times its pre-war planned output and new clothing factories have been opened in Madras, Secunderabad, Bombay, Calcutta and the Punjab.

PRESS OFFENSIVE AGAINST GIRL DANCERS

Danger that "Structure of Hindu Society will Collapse"

A UNIQUE QURAN

The entire Quran calligraphied on a ribbon 7½ yards by 2½ inches is one of the treasured possessions of a retired army officer in Lucknow.

This unique copy of the Muslim Scripture is written in letters of gold and it is estimated that the swiftest calligraphist could not have completed it in less than six years.

A Persian traveller is believed to have brought it to India 800 years ago and presented it to a Hindu ruler who bestowed it on one of the ancestors of the present possessor in recognition of his war services.

INDIA TO HAVE "SUMMER TIME"

"Summer time" for India may sound rather strange in a country where the variation in the hours of daylight from season to season is much smaller than in more northern countries. But there is a good deal to be said for it, especially in the towns which will be the main areas affected, writes a commentator.

Out in the villages when dawn and sunset are the main time marks of the day the exact hour is of less importance—the people do their own daylight saving as the seasons change. But for offices and factory workers, whose hours are fixed and who live in centres where A.R.P. measures operate, an hour's difference will mean a great deal.

At present much of the early morning light is wasted, while in the evening offices have hardly closed before darkness falls. An extra hour's light at this end of the day would enable most people to get home before dark and in many cases to take some outdoor recreation.

According to the Lahore Civil and Military Gazette, a large-scale offensive against the appearance on the stage of Indian girls has been launched by the vernacular Press of North India.

A Muslim daily of Lahore, The Inqilab, initiated the offensive by protesting against women artists participating in musical concerts organised for charitable purposes. The paper's first victim was a well-known Muslim social worker who organised a concert in aid of the Girl Scouts Association. She was taken to task for "spreading the cult of dancing and nudism."

All other newspapers, including the Hindu Press, joined the offensive with a series of articles and editorial notes. The Hindu Press has been warning the public that if the Hindu community does not stop the girls from appearing on the stage the structure of Hindu society will collapse.

"What the Hindus require," writes another Hindu paper, "is to inculcate the martial spirit and not to drug themselves with the sensuous songs of women dancers."

HITLER COMPARED TO THE PROPHET

Muslims Take Strong Objection

Sir A. R. Ghaznavi has tabled an adjournment motion to discuss "the failure of the Government of India to lodge an effective protest against the statement made in the Sunday News of the U.S.A. to the effect that the character of the bloodthirsty monster Hitler is to be compared not to Napoleon but to Mohammed, as the latter wanted to subject mankind to the domination of a few individuals and Hitler desires to do the same," thereby offering a deliberate and gross insult to the memory of the Holy Prophet of Islam, the purest human being that ever lived, bringing the holy faith of Islam into contempt and wounding the dearest and most sacred sentiments of millions of Muslims."

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FREE PRIMARY EDUCATION FOR INDIANS

27,000 Scholars Will Benefit From Next August

MR. A. M. EPHRAIM, honorary secretary of the Newcastle Indian Ratepayers' Association, made representation last November to the Natal Provincial Executive for the extension of free primary education to the 27,000 Indians as from January, 1942, and has been informed that a beginning is to be made as from next August.

Following is the text of the minute received by Mr. Ephraim from the Natal Provincial Secretary, dated January 2, 1942.

"With reference to your letter of the 20th November, 1941, I have to advise you that the contents thereof were considered by the Executive Committee on the 22nd December, 1941, when it was decided to introduce into the Provincial Council at its next session proposals to enable the gradual extension over a period of years of Free Primary Education at Government and Government-Aided Schools for Indian children making a commencement from the second half of the 1942 school year."

Through the above decision, the 200,000 Natal Indians are going to benefit, and no less than 27,000 children are going to enjoy the privilege of being equally treated in the near future.

This 1942 minute from the Provincial Secretary marks a new chapter in the courageous deliberations of the Natal Provincial Executive and in the progressive history of Natal Indians.

In the case presented, Mr. Ephraim mentioned the following facts:

That the Europeans have for a long time been enjoying the benefits of free primary education.

That as from April last free primary education was extended to the Natives.

That the Indians in the Transvaal and the Cape provinces had free primary education with a free supply of books and stationery.

That the Indians of Natal were the only unfortunate ones denied the privilege of free primary education.

That as Indians substantially contributed towards the Union and Provincial finances, there should be no differential treatment as between one community and another.

That if any community deserved free primary education it was the Indian, because they were unrepresented and voiceless in the governing bodies of the Provinces.

That it was an act of Christian conception of Justice to see to the needs of the less fortunate.

That under the aforementioned circumstances, it was imperative that free primary education be extended to the Indians in the Province without any further representations being made, as from January 1942.

Mr. Ephraim has always been strenuously and assiduously working in the interest and welfare of his own patriots. In 1913 he acted as Resident Secretary, Newcastle, of the Indian strike which culminated in the famous Gandhi-Smuts Agreement, 1914.

In 1906 he engineered a teachers' petition signed by almost every Indian teacher in the Subsidised schools of Natal, asking for an increase of the capitation grant from £1 10s. per child per annum to £2 5s., so as to better the salaries of the poorly paid teachers. It was presented to the Provincial Council by the late Bishop of Natal, the Right Rev. F. S. Baynes.

The council duly increased the grant first to £2 and later to £2 10s. which substantially increased those salaries.

While an active politician, Mr. Ephraim, in 1923, during his Indian tour, advocated the appointment by the Government of India of a Charge d'Affaires in South Africa to watch over the Indian vested rights.

The Government of India apparently sympathetically countenanced it, for at the first Round Table Conference in 1926 between India and South Africa at Cape Town, the Right Hon. S. Sastri, P.C. submitted the proposal that an Indian Agent-General be appointed to the Union. That was accepted and Mr. Sastri was the first one to fill that post. Mr. Ephraim toured India for two years, 1925-26.

ST. ANTHONY'S CLUB

The third annual meeting of St. Anthony's Billiard Club, held at St. Anthony's Church, was attended by over 30 members. After the usual business on the agenda, which was a lengthy one, the joint secretaries' annual report and the treasurer's financial statement were read and accepted the president, the Rev. Father L. Gabriel, O.M.I. congratulated and thanked the officials and members, for their work during the year 1941.

The elections for the coming year were as follows: Patrons, Messrs. A. Frank, B. Millar, P. Kithow, M. F. Peters, M. Sebastian and Fred Martin; president, Rev. Father L. Gabriel, O.M.I.; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. Raman, G. Moodley, K. Arickasamy, — F. Pool, Anthony and — J. Ramsay; chairman, Mr. — E. David; committee, Dr. M. R. A. [illegible], Messrs. — J. Ramsay and A. Ramson; working committee, Messrs. A. Thompson, J. J. [illegible], M. Goonah, J. Marion and [illegible]; captains, Mr. S. E. David; vice-captains, Mr. N. Assy; [illegible]; committee, Messrs. S. J. Ramsay and — V. Charles; hon. treasurer, Rev. Father Gabriel, O.M.I.; committee, Messrs. F. Martin, P. David, N. Assy, — J. Ramsay and S. V. Charles.



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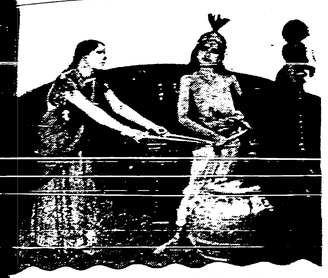
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TALK OF THE BAZAAR

By "THE FAQIR"

INDIAN SEGREGATES

[illegible]egation comes from the North [illegible]-east time it was about a certain man who, by his actions, seemed to reveal the fact that he wanted to be an Indian. This [illegible]ther Indian gentleman is [illegible]ng segregation.

[illegible]ding to my correspondent this [illegible]n an owner of a picture hall, [illegible]ow other places of business. [illegible]ed his picture hall into two [illegible]e Europeans and the [illegible] Indians and Africans. Is [illegible]se of a person who, by his [illegible]ctions, without realising it [illegible]that he is suffering from some [illegible]a complex." The gentleman [illegible]e is, my correspondent states, [illegible]of the Indian community. [illegible]I believe, a fighter against [illegible]ot stigma of the colour bar.

[illegible]w Indian can segregate [illegible]ad Europeans, then I cannot [illegible]e white man for segrega[illegible]a very indignant correspondent concludes.

COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE

[illegible]ntly the teachers in the [illegible]ubsidised Indian schools are [illegible]ing to get any war allow[illegible]1942 is in and may be that [illegible] Department decides to hand [illegible]1941 cost of living allowances to Indian teachers.

[illegible]s rumoured in some quarters [illegible] Indian teachers in the aided [illegible]ol will not receive any war [illegible] until the African teachers [illegible]ted a cost of living allowance, [illegible]challenging the Indian and the [illegible]s to unite in their struggle? [illegible] the Department may be faced [illegible]nited front.

WORKERS' STRUGGLE

[illegible] since the war broke out there [illegible]en greater and greater militancy [illegible] among the non-European [illegible] in the province. This is [illegible]d by the number of strikes that [illegible]ve taking place. It is obvious [illegible] the soaring cost of living has [illegible]e lowest paid worker—the non-[illegible]-harbour.

[illegible]Food We Eat," a little book[illegible]ed by the Food Canning and [illegible] Workers' Union, throws into [illegible]s relief the conditions of the [illegible]ployed workers in the province, [illegible]e who have been workless [illegible]ore for the last 22 years [illegible]rning 36s. per week. In[illegible]e oppressors do not distinguish [illegible]n African and Indian workers, [illegible]e the vast majority of Indians even [illegible]e chose to exploit their own [illegible].

ON THE BATTLE FRONT

[illegible]e gallantry and heroism and the [illegible]l and devotion to duty of our [illegible]troops and, what is no less [illegible]ant, their splendid discipline, [illegible]e caused for them widespread [illegible]m all quarters, even from [illegible]e enemies of the British [illegible]. In Libya, too, the exploits [illegible]e troops were a general topic of [illegible]ussion, and they have added further laurels in the hard fighting now going on in the desert." His Highness the Maharaja of Bikaner said in an interview given to the Associated Press of India.

These qualities the Indian has displayed in the fight for freedom and the destruction of forces that are trying to enslave the whole world.

What does he expect after the war? There have been many promises for a "newer and better world for all peoples." Even in South Africa the Prime Minister has made promises. We shall judge by his actions and the actions of the British Government in respect to India. As it is, neither Government has done anything concrete.

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FOUR INDIAN AUTHORS

In the course of a B.B.C. talk E. M. Forster, the well-known novelist, gave a talk on Indians writing in English.

Mr. Forster thinks that the four best living writers are Mulkraj Anand, Ahmed Ali, R. K. Narayan and Raja Rao. Do they think in their vernacular or in English? Anand thinks of dialogue in his Hindustani-Punjabi vernacular, of narrative in English. Raja Rao seeks to write in a new English dialect as distinctive and colourful as the Irish or American use of English.

Mr. Forster took each writer in turn. Anand is the most prolific; he has written about half-a-dozen novels. They describe the poor in Northern India, sweepers, coolies, tea pickers. He is now engaged on a trilogy of the life of a young Sikh peasant. Anand's gift, said Mr. Forster, is as a reporter and interpreter of India.

Narayan's three novels deal with South India, Swami and Friends, vivid and droll, Bachelor of Arts, his best book, a triumph of high comedy, and The Dark Room, the story of an unhappy marriage. Narayan's style is witty and gay with an underlying fatalism. To him Mr. Forster sent his homage and admiration.

Ahmed Ali is a Moslem, steeped in the culture of Delhi and Lucknow, his education oriental. In his one English novel, Twilight in Delhi, Ahmed Ali paints a picture of Delhi as it was at the beginning of this century, still mediæval and unspoilt. More a chronicle than a novel the Delhi it invokes is purely Moslem. Hindus do not appear and the English only as fantastic intruders. A beautiful novel, said Mr. Forster, and a valuable document.

Raja Rao, from Malabar, owes much to his later education in France. There he fell under the influence of Joyce and has attempted to adapt the long, flowing sentences of part Ulysses to his descriptions of South India. He succeeds in achieving a dreamy, almost magical effect, "A true artist."

At Hardon Heights Mr. P. Kanalal won the single tennis championship for four years in succession; N. S. Namden was runner-up. The doubles was won by Jagasar Bhudal and Nain Ram-Reddy; the runners-up were A. P. S. Duval and A. P. Jhugroo.



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DURBAN XI WINS ON DOUBLE INNINGS

Hamelia C.C., of Cape-town, beat Kismet on the first innings in a day and a half fixture played at the Albert Park Oval last weekend.

Batting first, Hamelia C.C. compiled 137 runs. Of the total K. Fagadien collected 42 in masterly fashion. His score included five fours and a six. Of the others, A. B. Solomon made 25, M. T. Tydon 22 and S. Noradien 20. Of the Kismet bowlers, I. M. Randaree was the most successful, claiming five for 57.

Kismet opened their innings disastrously, Randaree being caught off Samodien when the score stood at five.

Play was resumed a few minutes after twelve on Sunday. The pitch had been affected by the overnight rain. Karodia went out with Hassan, and the pair added 22 for the second wicket before Karodia was caught off Solomon. Dr. Ismail went before he had opened his score. Roy Hafejee hit two fours and was caught and bowled by Fagadien while attempting a hard straight drive.

Just before lunch Hassan, who had been batting confidently, went out, being caught by Fagadien off Adams.

With five wickets down for 76 at lunch, things did not look particularly pleasing for Kismet.

After lunch Cassadia (25) and Manjee (20) tried to save Kismet. Both the batsmen were content to score slowly, and when they went only Kharsa played with any confidence. The innings closed at 110 27 behind that of Hamelia C.C.

In their second innings Hamelia declared with 115 for nine, Fagadien again being successful with the ball. (Noradien 23, Fagadien 23, G. H. Solomon 18 not out; E. A. Manjee 2 for 20, A. S. Randaree 3 for 23.)

In their second venture Kismet fared better, but stumps were drawn when they had 90 for two (A. S. Randaree 21, Roy Hafejee not out).

AT CURRIE'S FOUNTAIN

Rocklands were beaten on the double innings by a Durban and District XI. Batting first on a sodden wicket, Rocklands (of Capetown also) collected 51.

Durban XI lost the first wicket when the scoreboard read 2. Three more wickets fell quickly, and at one stage the score was four for 20. Reddy, however, became associated with the elder Davidson, and the two pulled the game out of the fire. Davidson was content to play carefully, while Reddy delighted the crowd with a six and a number of fours. He lost his wicket when he had 30.

M. I. Yusuf served out some fireworks and rattled up a breezy 13 before he was run out. Davidson was bowled when he had 30.

In their second innings Rocklands fared worse and found Essop Timol almost unplayable, and could only make 31.

AT LADYSMITH

The following are the results of cricket matches played at Ladysmith and Glencoe for Dr. Peters Shield, Natal Competition: S.A.R.&H.C. v. Moslem C.C.: S.A.R. 33 and 147, Moslem 91 and 25 for 1. S.A.R. won by two runs on first innings.

Ottomans v. Dundee United: Dundee United 27 and 66, Ottomans 111. Ottomans won by an innings and 18 runs.

MAYVILLE XI TO PLAY NORTH COAST

The following have been selected to represent Mayville in the cricket match against North Coast tomorrow at Mayville, for Dr. Rochfort Wade Memorial Shield: A. R. Pillay (Old Collegians C.C.), M. Sulliman (Manor C.C., Captain), V. Subban (Manor C.C.), Moodley (Stella C.C.), P. S. Reddy (Stella C.C.), R. Naidoo (Old Collegians C.C.), R. Kroop (Old Collegians C.C.), R. Sewpersadh (Old Collegians C.C.), G. V. Govender (Mahver C.C.), D. Naicker (Cato United C.C.), Ralgon Hand (Clare C.C.). Twelfth man: R. B. Singh.

COUNTY CRICKET XI

The following team has been chosen to represent the County Indian Cricket Union for the Rochfort Wade's Memorial Shield competition against the South Coast District Indian Cricket Union at the South Coast sports ground tomorrow at 10 o'clock:

S. Naicker, Ganas Naicker, Gopaul Naicker, M. Ebrahim (Sea View C.C.), G. K. Nulliah, A. V. Peters (captain) (Shamrocks C.C.), R. P. Nair, Harry Naicker, K. A. Naicker (Suburbians C.C.), G. R. Nulliah (Shamrocks), and S. Ramburran (Rovers C.C.).

Reserves: Messrs. Moganberry Naicker (Shamrocks), Jack Naicker (Suburbians) and R. Vadivalon (Rovers).

Manager: Mr. A. Harry.

WEEKEND CRICKET

DURBAN (TODAY AND TOMORROW)

Hamelia C.C. v. Durban and District Cricket Union XI.

LADYSMITH (TOMORROW)

Dr. Peters Shield Natal Competition. Semi-Final

9.30 a.m.: Ottomans v. S.A.R.

The following were elected officials of the Hindu Youth Club, Maritzburg: Patrons, Messrs. V. R. Naidoo, D. Vather and R. R. Mudaly; president, Mr. G. Naidoo; vice-presidents, Messrs. Veyanathan, V. C. Pandy and N. P. Nair; secretary, Mr. L. Sincaran; treasurer, Mr. Pillay Saravan; committee: Messrs. R. C. Naidoo, K. S. Pillay, A. C. Moodley, R. Ramasar, R. Mungal, R. C. Pillay, N. G. Phillips and V. Chetty.

Messrs. A. E. Naidoo, M. Kannaiah and S. V. Ramasamy, all of Pietermaritzburg, left overland home after visit was connected with the Hindu Temple, where is nearing completion.

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INDIA TO KILL COMMUNAL CRICKET

"The Jam Saheb of Nawanagar, great sportsman that he is, hits the nail on the head when he says that none of the Nawanagar players shall take part in sport of any kind run on communal lines," said the Mahrajkumar of Vizianagram when asked for his reactions to the Jam Saheb's statement on communal cricket.

"Sir Vijaya added: "An ounce of practice is better than a ton of theory. It is only by penalising those players who take part in communal games that we can effectively end communalism, at least in sport. Speeches, broadcasts and the like have not prevented the Pentangulars at Bombay, nor will they avail.

"The U. P. Association, realising this, has taken its courage in both hands and sent up to the board a resolution on communal cricket which has apparently caused a great flutter in Bombay. Whether or not the U. P. resolution is passed by the board at the final voting, we, in our opinion, do not think that there is any other solution.

"It shall be no personal defeat to me were the resolution to be lost for I have always felt that this is the one and the only disciplinary way of stamping out communalism. Cricketing India shall realise the way that we are right, and one certain proof of this we find in the Jam Saheb's banning of players.

Following His Highness the Jam Saheb's statement on communal cricket, the Maharajakumar of Vizianagram sent a telegram to His Highness the Maharaja Gaekwar of Baroda appealing to the latter for further lead in the matter of stamping out communalism from sport. He says: "His Highness the Jam Saheb, in his latest statement, has banned all players in his State, whether good or bad, from participating in communal cricket. As Your Highness is a great patron of the game and a sportsman to the core, I pray you to give a further lead in the matter by banning all players in Baroda from participating and thus put an end to communalism at least in sport."

BIG CRICKET WIN FOR STANGER

Team Selected to Play in Maritzburg

The Stanger United Cricket Club met the North Coast Indian Cricket Union's XI in a friendly match at Stanger on Sunday last.

Winning the toss Stanger elected to bat, and their first innings realised 180. J. Chengiah, the captain, secured the unique distinction of being the first Stangerite to score a century by hitting up a brilliant 122. The knock included two sixes and 11 fours. He was ably assisted by Kader Bux and Frank Williamson. The last wicket stand added 58 runs.

In the fifteen minutes before lunch N.C.I.C.U. lost three wickets for three runs. After lunch the rot continued and the whole side was out for 61 runs. V. G. Augustine claimed 5 wickets for 16 runs in 10 overs, and J. Chunnilall 4 for 15.

N.C.I.C.U. in their second innings reached 96, the chief scorers being: Tom, Sewgar and Cheetry, F. not out.

Stanger won by six inches and 30 runs.

The following team will represent Stanger United against Royals C.C. of Maritzburg at Maritzburg on Sunday, next January: J. Chengiah (captain), E. V. Mohomed, E. I. Gasmalie, V. G. Augustine, G. Bux, S. A. Marker, E. A. Kader, K. P. Pashay, D. E. Meade. Reserves: K. Bux and S. Naicker.

"GHOST HUNT" ALBERT FALLS

Rangers Sporting Club Annual Camp

The Rangers Sporting Club of Pietermaritzburg held their tournament camp at Albert Falls, commencing on Boxing Day. Throughout their stay at Albert Falls the Rangers were favoured with fine weather, and together a most enjoyable time was spent in fishing, swimming and sleeping.

A visit to a "haunted" house on the railway station ended the appointment as the alleged ghosts there were supposed to be the—failed to make an appearance in spite of the efforts of some Indian pleans from Maritzburg who travelled especially for the purpose of laying the "ghosts" by their heels. The following members of the party joined the camp: Messrs. K. P. S. Manickum (Manager), R. Lachman (treasurer), George Ramsamy, Gabriel Kailasam, Gourah and Lingam Naidoo.

Events Affecting Indians

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in the system of emigration to Malaya. The Governments of Malaya appreciated the view of the Government of India that the standard of living of workers in Malaya should be preserved and that they should continue to share in the prosperity of the rubber industry. They have agreed to some increase in the control of emigration to achieve the above objects.

The review next deals with Baxter Commission's appointment in Burma, the Land Purchase Bill, the Tenancy Bill and the City of Rangoon Municipal (Amendment) Bill and other measures affecting Indians which had been passed during the year.

FIJI

In February, 1940, the Native Land Trust Ordinance was passed in Fiji to secure to the Government power to administer all native land in the Colony on Trust, through the agency of a Board, and to place the system of leasing of native land to non-Fijians on a reasonable and stable basis. In May, 1940, certain regulations were promulgated by the Government under the Ordinance. One of the regulations provides for the appointment of a commissioner to make recommendations to the Board regarding land to be set apart for the natives and other deals, inter alia, with the terms and conditions of leases of native land to be granted by the Trust Board. Under these terms agricultural leases will be granted up to a maximum of 99 years in well-developed areas, though the maximum period is shorter in the land in other areas providing for the grant of 99-year leases in such cases also as soon as the land has been part of a settled and planned area. There is provision in the former regulation for the lessees to make any representations they may wish before the commissioner.

TRINIDAD

In December, 1940, the Governor of Trinidad announced constitutional changes affecting the constitution of the Trinidad Legislature. The Legislative Council formerly consisted of official members, six non-official members and seven elected members. The Council body is composed of three official members, six non-officials (nominated) and seven elected members. In January 1941 certain constitutional questions were under the attention of His Majesty's Government.

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IANS JOIN IN THE BOMBING OF BERLIN

PILOT OFFICERS OF THE R.A.F. BOMBER COMMAND

Pilot's 20 Raids

1939, Pilot Officer Hari ..., one of the few Indians ... R.A.F. Bomber Command, ... a commission in the ... Force Volunteer Reserve ... the initial training wing ... New pilot in a night-... bomber, he has been on 20 ... at the enemy, including ... Berlin.

... who has a brother in the ... Navy, and another in the ... Army, was educated in the ... Chiefs' College, Lahore, and ... the Government College, ... recently, for a short period ... the Delhi Flying Club. He ... 20 when he obtained his ... and went to the initial ... at Lahore. Volunteering ... to England, he was one ... 21 chosen from it.

... arrived there they went ... elementary flying training ... next step in his training ... to an operational training ... the last stage before entering ... operational squadron. The ... of 24 had by now been ... five of them went out ... together.

Raid

... to fly Wellington ... Dewan was posted to a Wellington engaged on night operations. He went on his ... second pilot in July last year. The target that night was Mannheim.

"It was just a sort of passenger trip to let me have a look at things," Dewan said. "Nothing much happened until we got near the target. Then two to three hundred searchlights came up, and the flak got pretty hot."

Subsequent raids took Dewan to Mannheim again; to Berlin and Cologne twice each; to Hamburg, Duisberg and Kiel; to Aachen, Frankfurt, Karlsruhe and Dusseldorf; to Bremen, Emden, Brest and the docks at Dunkirk and Antwerp.

In the attack on Kiel they flew through electrical storms for a quarter of an hour, an eerie experience for Dewan, who was encountering such a storm for the first time. A blue haze outlined parts of the aircraft and flashes darting between the twin Brownings in the gun-turrets made it appear that the gunners were firing.

Attack On Berlin

Dewan made his first flight to Berlin in September. "It was a moonlit night, with excellent visibility," he said. "We could see the ground detail quite clearly. They put up a continuous barrage of flak. But we were lucky. Two other Wellingtons above us were caught in the searchlights. While the lights were concentrating on these two aircraft we went in, bombed and came out again without being caught at all."

Indians in Britain Playing Their Part

INDIANS resident in Britain are taking their share and playing many roles in the defence of the United Kingdom. Many have enlisted in the forces; others are acting as air raid wardens or fire watchers, and yet others have formed themselves into the Indian Company of the Pioneer Corps.

This Pioneer Company has attracted to its ranks poets, philosophers, doctors of science and, many others in different walks of life who have all blended together into as useful a team of stout workers as can be found anywhere.

After six months' training they began taking part in demolition work in London. Working on sites of bombed streets and buildings and amidst twisted iron-work, masonry, dust and rubble they have impressed passers-by with their cheerful spirit and skill during working hours.

Vital help to Britain is also being given by Indian seamen, who form a quarter of the British Merchant Navy personnel and who are constantly braving the dangers of submarine and mine-infested waters to bring supplies to the island. These men have a high reputation for seamanship and efficiency and their bravery under enemy fire has been outstanding. Even in wartime about 36,000 land yearly in ports in Britain.

Evidence of the warm appreciation of these Indians' service to the war effort in Britain is provided by the work of the Indian Comforts Fund, which was started in London in December, 1939. The fund's activities have progressively expanded since then to meet the special requirements of Indian troops and seamen. The fund sends each week a food parcel to all Indian prisoners of war in Germany; it looks after the comfort of troops in Britain, supplying them with winter clothes, sports equipment, gramophones and records, and arranges for the entertainment of leave parties visiting London.

A great part of its attention is devoted to Indian seamen. Thousands of standard parcels of clothing have been distributed to them. Parcels for shipwrecked sailors are always kept in stock and special cases of hardship are dealt with individually. The measure of success achieved by the fund is indicated by the appreciation shown by Indian sailors, who nowadays hurry to the distributing agency to get their parcels.

There were 6,000 military vehicles of all types in India in September, 1939. Since then some 34,000 military vehicles of all types have been received in India either for use here or to be sent overseas.

JAPS DREAD INDIAN KNIVES

The deadly knives of the Indian soldiers on the Northern Malayan front have hitherto proved a most effective weapon against the Japanese, according to British women evacuees on their arrival from Singapore.

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A YOUNGSTER'S GROUSE

Can there be anyone more disappointed with the sporting world than a junior three mile cyclist. At the recent sports meeting held by the D.I.A. and Cycling Union a number of items were debited which affected the junior athletes considerably.

Being a keen junior three-mile enthusiast, I was really very disgusted when I found that the junior three-mile event was not included in the programme. I had put in strenuous training and had run into enormous which were all in vain.

It must be borne in mind that the junior three milers of today will be the senior five milers of tomorrow. With this in view, I am sure athletes all over the country will bear with me when I say that such a haphazard selection of events will call for no encouragement among young athletes, and eventually will mar the progress of athletes in general.

I appeal to the local athletic union that, in drawing up a programme in the future, the interest of the athletes and thought for others will be given primary consideration.

DISGUSTED JUNIOR.

CHANGE OF MANAGER

Mr. K. A. Moodley, writing in The Leader of last week about the change of manager at the Tongaat school, has done the following acts: Insulted the intelligence of the people of Tongaat by saying, "They have lost sight to know the reason of a change"; attacked Mr. V. P. Desai, the newly appointed manager, by saying that he does not fall under the jurisdiction of "Having the necessary qualification or experience of schools"; quarrel, with a feeling of apprehension, whether the Board would satisfy the public; and quoted that no change could take place before three years.

None of the conclusions are supported by facts or authority. They are, therefore grossly misleading, and an attempt to frustrate the smooth public life of Tongaat.

The Tongaat Indian Schools Trust Board was created on September 1, 1940, to control the local schools when, after protracted negotiations the Wesleyan Mission, recognising the popular demand of the people, agreed to transfer the schools to them.

The constitution of this board provides for annual elections, the last of which was held on November 23, 1941. The people of Tongaat are quite conscious and alive to the franchise afforded by this board.

At a recent meeting the board unanimously asked Mr. V. P. Desai to be the manager of its schools. The board has no hesitation of Mr. Desai being acceptable to the Department. It will interest your correspondent to know that Mr. Desai, among other things, is fitted for the post by 2-years of the following: He was chairman of the Tongaat Indian Schools Committee, 1938-1939, then president Congress Committee which pr agreement with the Mission Board; he is the chairman of the well-known firm of Co. (Pty.) Ltd., and P. G. Desai and Sons (Pty.) is a trustee of the Tongaat has held various official pos the public life of Tongaat where; he is of sound financ ing, well educated, and wi record.

Mr. K. A. Moodley and division-monger should co gaat's unity in its direction Moodley's attempt is bound abortive. The new building board has been commenced work will have to be p Your correspondent, therefo opportunity to contribute statements in the Press with a statements.

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MOSLEM FESTIVALS I LADYSMITH

As time has been passing Moslem festivals in Ladysmith been totally neglected, and not mistaken, in the coming Moslems of Ladysmith will be granted that there is no such a festival. They have the opp that festivals fail every day.

A few days before the festi was a dispute as to whether th lems should close their shops festival day. A few shop agreed to close, while others early a few leading merchan agreed. On the festival day a opened, even those that had close.

The prayers took place at and when it had ended one witnessed the buses and like mad people hurrying to work. Those capitalists on w serve the Christmas Day, a being a day of joy is spent w and more than neglected. Be the shop assistants work on th like slaves, and do not even giving them the day off so th them to see their parents a On such rail that human Ha the happy occasion comes but year, and perhaps they may n to see another.

Why not a celebrate the day freely?

Since I have been a resi Ladysmith I never heard the Ladysmith Moslem Society sit to arrange matters for the I suppose they do not know day. The reason for their behind is that the society's offic the capitalist. It is therefore they will work for their benefi

The takings on the festival m put in any way make them w poorer. To these people (shop first comes money, then no On the Day of Judgment th have to answer for the sin think they depend on their w them from the torture. I hope in future the Ladysmith will unite whether rich or poor, and work for the good of the community.

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...colcomed to give you a ...ance of the A.N.S. and of the ...should take to enrol as ...you may be lost. It may have ...as descriptions of new ...usually are, but I can ...that the work will not be ...but it is a work which is ...required. The question has ...been put to me: "What can I do?" I feel that I am not doing ...enough."

A CHANCE

Here is your chance. Take it and put all your strength into it. You have read of the magnificent courage, the tenacity and the endurance of our armies in every part of the world. Young men with their lives before them have willingly made the supreme sacrifice for that which we all hold dear—Liberty, Justice, Truth.

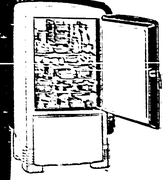
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Large orders for textiles and other materials continue to be placed in India by the various Eastern Group countries. Important indents received comprised textiles, anti-gas bags, anti-gas capes, mosquito netting, stockings, slippers and sandals, jute sacks, manila rope and tea. The main indentors were Australia, New Zealand, Palestine, Egypt, Burma, Singapore, Malaya, British North Borneo, Hongkong and the Eastern Group Supply Council.

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MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

The wedding took place on Sunday last of Aysha, the eldest daughter of Mr. Statement Chetty, of Mossy... ...ung to Hassan, the eldest son of Mr. Amod M. Vanker, of Durban. The Nikah ceremony was performed at the New Mosque, Durban.

Messrs. A. G. Khakie and A. L. M. Sayed, of Estcourt, have returned home after a long stay at East London.

Monsvie A. A. Gafoor, who has just arrived from India and intends to tour the Union, is in Estcourt at present.

Mr. A. Hamid, of Estcourt, has returned home after a long stay at Tabanhlope.

Mr. Arthur Davis, son of Brigadier-General Benjamin Davis, of the U.S. Army, is staying at Peter's Lounge.

Mr. S. Vales, of Pretoria, arrived in Durban on Monday night and has booked at Peter's Lounge.

Mr. E. G. David, of Maritzburg, spent his last weekend with Mr. H. R. Singh, of Ladysmith.

Mrs. M. Govinder and Mr. R. K. B. Reddy, of Ladysmith, are on a visit to Isipingo and are staying with Mr. M. R. Reddy.

Mr. N. G. Naidoo, of Newcastle, was on a short visit to Durban last week.

Mrs. R. B. Chetty is on a visit to Port Elizabeth.

Mr. D. Bramdaw, editor of The Leader, and Mrs. Bramdaw, who have been on a visit to the Cape for the last three weeks, returned to Durban on Tuesday.

Mr. M. H. Christy, the Northern Natal cricketer, has returned to Glencoe after spending Christmas and New Year holidays in Durban.

Mr. Joseph Machael, Maritzburg, is on a fortnight's holiday.

Mrs. Dhow Saraswan is spending a holiday at Durban and is staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Jithoo.

Messrs. Chuta Omarjee, D. E. Moola, I. Omarjee and C. A. Mather, all of Stanger, spent their holidays at Cape Town.

Mr. M. D. Naidoo, the secretary of the Food, Canning and Allied Workers' Union, who was ill and away from Durban, has now recovered and is back in Durban. He will resume duties soon.

Mahmood M. H. Khan, Hoosen A. H. Khan, Thahirah Bi Bi, C. H. Mia, Abidah Bi Bi, C. H. Mia, Kahirjan Bi Bi, A. R. Hajee, all of Nottingham Road, have returned home after spending a month's holiday in Dannhauser.

Mr. and Mrs. V. Rajoo Naidoo, of Ajax Lane, Durban, and their daughter, Mrs. E. S. Pillay, of Maritzburg, returned home last week after spending a month's holiday in East London, Port Elizabeth and Grahamstown.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Gopal, of Rossburgh, are staying at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. Mahabeer, Westwerth.

Mr. and Mrs. Ismail Adam, Mr. and Mrs. Goolam Nabee recently spent a fortnight's holiday in Durban.

Mr. A. Naidoo, of Durban, has passed the B.Sc. examination at Fort Hare.

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EXAMINATION SUCCESSES

THE examination successes published over the week are very gratifying indeed. It gives pleasure to the Indian community to realise that, despite the very, very many restrictions and limitations, which are placed upon the education of its children, its youth is forging ahead doggedly and stands on the same plane as the youth of any other more favourably placed community, as far as the standard of passes is concerned. These successes at the same time raise another important question which cannot afford to be shelved. The future of these youths? Most of them while at school are content to let the elders do the battle, but when they receive their first baptism of public life they find that the country is all out to dampen their spirits and in every way prevent their passage forward.

The employment facilities are limited. There are no employment bureaus and the field in front of them is restricted, so much so that they cannot even find jobs suited to their temperament and they are compelled to enter into work which they dislike or are not suited for. Even the professions are limited and the only ones they can enter if they have the means are medicine and law. The former has only recently been thrown open and only until a few years back an Indian student had to go overseas in order to complete his medical training, and in the case of the latter there are so many difficulties that few try to enter it.

In Natal the only University has steadfastly refused to deviate from its policy of refusing admittance to non-European students. It has been content to open non-European classes where facilities are limited, and the young men and women still find that they are directed into channel other than that which they would like to enter.

Just now, because of limitations, the Indian community is in the process of turning out early teachers. Though these are quite useful, for no community can get along without them, only a limited number can be absorbed. Some of those who matriculate or get through their Junior Certificate examination find employment in the various offices as clerks, and at the end of fifteen or twenty years they are no better off than when they began.

It is time that the leaders of the Indian community saw to the introduction of technical training for their young men and women on a large scale. It can be said that there is no money in the community.

BEVIN BOYS IN BRITAIN

TWO contingents of Indian industrial trainees are already in Britain undergoing training and a third will be arriving shortly.

The trainees are very happy, enthusiastic about their work and specially proud of their title: "Bevin Boys."

Referring to English hospitality, one of the trainees remarked: "It has been amazing. Everybody seems to go out of his way to make our stay happy. It only we knew that our people in India knew how happy we are. Some of us have not been able to get any letters since we arrived, though others have been luckier and we know from experience how worrying it can be not to know what is happening. For instance, we had heard so much about the terrible bombing of London that when we arrived it was indeed a pleasant surprise almost a shock—to be able still to ride round London in a motor coach."

In their leisure time the trainees are learning something of British home life, social customs, politics and industrial organisation, even trade union meetings.

The training scheme is divided into three parts. The first three months of its training Government trainees remain as a party and spend the first three months of its training together. They are then split up into groups, according to industrial factories, where they will get first-hand experience of British war production. When they arrive in England they are first medicated in a special hostel, superintendent of the hostel is an Indian with wide knowledge of his own country and Britain, and the men are under his care for the time gradually to become accustomed to British ways. There are cultists at first about food, but the hostel a compromise was made between Indian and European diet, so that men were thus prepared for the time when they would be lodged in ordinary homes and would have to live more or less, as Europeans.

The hostel is not only a place of residence for the trainees, it is also to become a centre where all their social functions are arranged. There is a reading room, well stocked with periodicals, so that the trainees have an excellent opportunity of familiarising themselves with British public opinion.

The townspeople have also been asked to selves from the first very beginning and soon after their arrival one of the first party found themselves being invited to British social functions of one kind or another. A large number of them were invited singly or in groups to tea in the homes of the townspeople.

The hostel is about ten minutes walk from the Government training centres, at which the men undergo first part of their training. The latter is one of the 35 in various parts of England which are training men and women with little or no experience to play their part as skilled workers in the armament and munitions industries.

INTRODUCTION TO INDUSTRIAL LIFE

Many of the trainees normally attending courses at the centres have no previous experience of factory life. So, besides giving technical training, the centres provide an excellent introduction to the ways of industrial life. This aspect of the training scheme is naturally helpful to the Indians, who will found themselves in what is to them a strange and unfamiliar environment, but a factory staffed by men who are accustomed to giving people this introduction to factory life and who have a sympathetic understanding of the problems facing people in whom factory life is something new.

The local trainees received a welcome from the Mayor and Mayoress of Bletchley on their arrival and asked to consider themselves at home, but it soon became clear that in technical matters most of the Indians had little to learn from the British trainees. They had had industrial experience of various kinds training from India and this enabled them to find their feet quickly.

Recently a scheme has been introduced whereby each of the Indian trainees is "adopted" by a British trainee, who helps him to settle down both inside and outside the centre. While the men are receiving their training at the centre, they are also given an insight into the social life of the surrounding industry in Britain. The trainees are being invited to visits to a number of factories in neighbourhood. The visits are undertaken en masse because they are very informative. Instead the factory is split into small manageable parties and the arrangement of which enables the visitors to get a personal insight into the work of the factory.

In deciding in what trade or industry Indians should be trained, past experience is taken into full consideration, and particular attention is devoted to the technical and industrial background of his technical and industrial background of his

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N.C. SUSPEND LECTURES IN LEGAL SUBJECTS

Reason Given: Some Believe Pressure From a Legal Organisation

INDIAN students, intending to take law this year at the non-European section of the Natal University College at Sastri College, will have no classes. Last year there was a law class and there were students, about eight or nine in number, were preparing themselves for the LL.B. This year they will find that there are no classes for them.

"NOT WISE"

STUDENTS preparing themselves for the LL.B. have been wish to be exempted from the first year LL.B., offer subjects for the B.A., as they are denied law in Durban, they will have to other channels.

For no reasons have been put forth for this action on part of the University authorities it is believed, however, in circles that the N.U.C. feared this attitude because pressure being brought to bear upon by a legal organisation this body, or at least certain of its members, feels that it should not be "wise" to offer classes for the legal profession to non-European students. This, however, is not confirmed.

This year, if the law classes were available, a number of students intending to qualify for the Bar and Solicitor would have availed them at Sastri College. Mr. Mabel Palmer, the adviser to non-European students, told The Leader that there definitely would be no law classes. When asked for a reason she said she knew very little about the law classes and we were referred to Mr. Sweeney, the head of the Law Department at the N.U.C. Mr. Sweeney is away for the holidays.

DEPRIVED OF FACILITIES

This action on the part of the N.U.C. deprives some students of what meagre facilities they had to qualify themselves for a profession.

It is also felt that students seeking to write the Attorneys' Admission Examinations will find they have no facilities, despite the fact that they may be articled.

At present the degree classes at Sastri College for non-Europeans are purely academic and really of use to teachers only. The majority of those taking it are teachers. Non-European students are not prepared for any other examination than the ordinary Bachelor of Arts Degree.

CHINESE MOSLEMS GO ON HAJ

Months' Walk Before They Sail

Two Chinese Moslems, who walk all the way from Turkistan China through mountainous tracts for nine months were among the 1,351 Haj pilgrims who left by steamer recently. The party also include about 100 women.

The pilgrims this year are not many more than those last two years on account of diminished confidence in the safety of passage," said Mr. A. Rahim, secretary to the Government of India, Overseas Department.

He added, that of the earlier pilgrims from Bombay and Karachi are booked, and Government are making the maximum amount of passage.

After a lengthy discussion regarding the finance it was unanimously decided that the following levy be imposed on each Union affiliated to Natal: Durban, £20; Maritzburg and Ladysmith, £12 10s. each.

The Maritzburg delegate intimated to the house that in view of financial difficulties Maritzburg would not be in a position to take part in the South African cricket tournament this year.

The following selection committee was appointed: Messrs. H. R. Singh (Ladysmith), E. I. Hadjaye (Durban), and R. Manackum (Maritzburg). The Natal team will be selected during February.

N.I.C.U. DISCUSSES ITS FINANCIAL POSITION

Levies Imposed On Affiliated Centres

A council meeting of the Natal Indian Cricket Union was held at Ladysmith on Sunday last. Present were: Mr. H. R. Singh (president), Mr. R. Kallie (secretary and treasurer), Messrs. E. I. Chuptty, K. R. Singh, M. S. Achary and M. Govindor representing (N.D.I.C.U.), Mr. M. D. Pillay represented (M.D.I.C.U.), Messrs M. S. Badat and R. Narrainsee, S. Ramdeen (proxy) represented (D.D.I.C.U.).

Mr. Singh informed the house of the urgency of the meeting as it was called for the purpose of making arrangements in connection with the South African cricket tournament at Johannesburg during Easter holidays.

almost reached. The Government has, however, now arranged shipping for approximately 11,939 pilgrims in all; accommodation will therefore be available for about 4,000 more pilgrims in addition to those already in the ports.

MICRO-FILMING OF MANUSCRIPTS

About 8,000 pages of rare Indian manuscripts have been micro-filmed by Dr. Horace I. Poleman, Director of Indic Studies in the Library of Congress, Washington, when making a six months' tour of India.

The micro-film is of the 35 mm. size, and a reading apparatus is also necessary. But, said Dr. Poleman in a Press interview, it cost only about half-anna a page and was a very quick process.

Dr. Poleman added that the micro-filming of manuscripts had vastly expanded the field of research. The difficulties of getting manuscripts from India and the dangers to which they were exposed in transit were obviated in the process. A number of micro-film copies of the manuscript could be taken and distributed to centres which required them, and they would thus ensure that, even if the original manuscript was lost, copies of it would be available.

Dr. Poleman said that he understood that four important libraries in India had decided to install the micro-film copying apparatus. He added that duty-free importation of micro-film copies of documents of educational and cultural interest had now been arranged in India.

OPENING OF TEMPLE AT SAWOTI

Ten Days' Purification Ceremony

The opening ceremony of the new temple erected by the Sawoti Sanathan Dharma Sabha at the farm Quembi, adjoining the school, was celebrated recently. Pundits Parmanidji, Mawa Misra, Jugmeran Sharma, Kalaiven Maharaj, Surjoo Persad Maharaj and Lautan Misra officiated.

During the nine days' celebration the "Paran Paritista" was performed daily. Free board and lodging were provided by the Sabha for its guests. Fruits were kindly supplied free by Mr. Mahomed Hoosen, of Messrs. Whytes Bros., of Durban.

OFFICIALS

The following are the officials:

Patrons: Mr. H. Kissoon (Umsinto), Mr. R. Gopaulsingh (Isipingo), and Mr. Lallosingh (Candolla Estate).

President, Mr. R. D. Chawthee, Vice-presidents, Messrs. H. R. Maharaj, Surjoo Persad Maharaj and Ramnarainsingh. Secretary, Mr. H. G. Gobrie. Committee, Messrs. Ganga, Mandhar, Gokul, Mahase, Ramharuk, Sewraj, Gokul, Ramnauthar, Juggernath Maharaj, Bissaur, Jumna Ramdeen.

EUROPEAN TEACHERS LEAD DEBATE

At the Sir Mohamed Iqbal Library and Mohamed Ali Jennah Hall, Maritzburg, two European teachers, Mr. H. W. Steed and Mr. O. W. Odell, led a debate of the Maritzburg Muslim Youth Debating Society. The subject was that the primitive savage was much happier than man living under modern conditions.

Mr. H. W. Steed moved and Mr. O. W. Odell opposed.

There was one of the biggest gatherings of Indians and Europeans. Many took part and spoke keenly on the subject.

After the debate the chairman, Mr. A. H. Rawat, thanked Messrs. H. W. Steed and O. W. Odell for giving their valuable time and also the members and visitors.

The motion was carried by thirty to nine votes.

INDIA'S TRADE WITH IRAN

Chief Supplier to 15 Million People

"India is likely now to become the chief supplier to Iran". 15 million people," said Mr. Ismail, the Government of India's Trade Representative, who has just returned to Delhi from an exploratory trade mission in Iran, in a Press interview.

"Germany, Russia and Japan have hitherto been the principal sources of Iran's imports. Germany, which was rapidly enmeshing the country in her paralysing trade system, has now been ousted. Japan, too, is out of the market. Russia, whose transport system will naturally become increasingly concentrated upon her immediate military needs, is unlikely to be able to spare as much freight as hitherto for normal trade. These developments leave an enormous gap in Iran's requirements from abroad which India can largely fill. The Government of India is, of course, between the two neighbouring countries.

"It is not the intention of the Government of India to merely fill the gap temporarily. What we want is to place our trade on a permanent footing and to have Iran as a market for our post-war exportable surplus. Some time must, of course, elapse before normal trading can be restored.

"On one point I am quite definite, namely, the desire of the Iranian people and the Iranian Government to establish closer economic and friendly relations with India. It must be remembered that cultural relations between the two countries have existed for many centuries and India owes much to Iranian culture and civilisation. These common ties are indissoluble."

INDIAN'S WAR INVENTION

For dropping petrol and water supplies from aeroplanes, with or without the aid of parachutes, an unbreakable container has been evolved by Sir S. S. Bhatnagar, Director of Scientific and Industrial Research. The container has been tested by dropping it from heights of 75 to 100 feet and has satisfactorily withstood the impact of the fall.

The container is made of canvas-cum-plastic compositions, and as large as two-gallon containers have been made which have satisfactorily withstood the impact when thrown from the roofs of the second storey of the Alipore Test House and of the Secretariat Buildings, New Delhi. The Army Headquarters are making further experiments with the container by dropping it from lowflying aeroplanes.

This unbreakable bottle has the necessary property of resilience and is petrol and oil proof. It is stated that, apart from its enormous advantage in wartime, it can be used as a container for oil paints, oils, etc., even after the war. It is lighter and less liable to damage by impact than a tin can. Large orders are, therefore, expected to be placed for these containers.



Brewed from the Best South African Barley

BEVIN BOYS IN BRITAIN

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and of what he wants to do are recorded.

Some of the men of the first party were trained at the centre in reconditioning machine tools, while others were trained in tool-making, instrument-making, basic fitting, electric oxy-acetylene welding, centre or Cygstan lathework-turning, universal grinding, milling, sheet metal work, aircraft rigging and jig and tool designing.

A Moslem fitter from the workshops of the Nizam's State Railway expressed a wish to be trained in aeroplane work, and after the preliminary course in fitting at the Government training centre this was arranged.

Another man, a Parsi railway worker from Bombay, wanted to improve his knowledge of signalling apparatus. After the preliminary period of training as fitter, arrangements were made for him to work on signals at one of the great railway centres in the north-west of England.

In the second stages of their course, after they had left the Government training centre at which they received the preliminary training, most of the first party went straight into industry. A number of employers have cooperated enthusiastically in the scheme and there has been no lack of offers to take men. They are distributed in factories which are carefully selected as being likely to give them precisely the training which will be most useful to them on their return to India.

Employers are told the objects of the scheme and they are asked to give the men opportunities of acquiring all the technical knowledge they are capable of absorbing.

During their training in industrial establishments the men are paid by the Ministry an allowance roughly equivalent to that paid to other trainees undertaking the course under the Government training scheme. In addition, when they are transferred to a new area from the centre where they received the preliminary training, they are given a grant of £4.0. (The amount paid to British workers who are transferred to work of national importance) to enable them to settle down in the new area.

SECOND PHASE OF TRAINING

The second phase of the men's training is naturally given mostly in industrial areas which, owing to wartime expansion of industry, are already somewhat overcrowded. Some difficulty was experienced in finding suitable lodgings for the members of the first batch of Indians who were to be transferred into industry. A number of employers cooperated with the Ministry and helped to find lodgings of the right type, bearing in mind that one of the objects of the scheme was to put the men in contact with responsible trade union workers.

In the north-west area, however, to which most of the first party of Indians were transferred, despite energetic efforts, it was not possible to find enough suitable "outside" lodgings to accommodate all the trainees, so that arrangements were made for some of the party to stay in a hostel.

To ensure that all the party had the opportunity to gain first-hand experience of British domestic life, it was arranged that the Indians should take turns at living in the hostel and going into lodgings.

A H.Y.M.A. HALL WEDDING

Mr. Mohamdeny, the third son of Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Padayachee, of Maritzburg, was married to Miss Devanandaree, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Govender, of Durban, on Sunday at the H.Y.M.A. Hall.

The hall was beautifully decorated and a large crowd witnessed the function. The bride and bridegroom were the recipients of many presents.

Talk of The Bazaar

By "The Faqir"

WHEN POLITICIANS WENT TO DOMESTICS

FROM the many friends of Lady Ali all over the Union will be sorry to learn that she is ill in Capetown. She is the first South African Indian woman to hold a rank. Her marriage—in itself a bold step—with Sir Raza Ali when he was the Indian Agent-General in this country was responsible for many fissures in the political fabric of the South African Indians. These fissures grew with time, and even today a critical observer can trace the ruptures in her marriage. Many politicians left politics and indulged in domestics. This diversion must have been invigorating and a little strange for our politicians. It is strange that at that time they were unable to visualise the good that such a Moslem-Hindu alliance would do to the Indian community.

ANOTHER HONOUR-HOLDER ILL

Also ill at his residence in Pretoria is Khan Bahadur Hajee Cassim Adam, a Raj Mantree of the State of Porbander, India.

Hajee Khan Bahadur is a very successful merchant and has taken part in the public life of the Indian community.

He is the only Indian in South Africa to hold the title of Khan Bahadur, which is equivalent to the Hon.

In conjunction with the Hospital Board at Pretoria, he erected the Cassim Adam Ward. In 1924 he made the pilgrimage to Mecca, and at the same time visited Jerusalem, Egypt and Syria.

DEATH OF A SUGAR BARON

The death of Mr. L. Bodasing, of New Guderland, sees the dwindling down from five to four of the sons of the late Babu Bodasing, at one time the largest cane planter in the country. At his death Babu Bodasing left for his sons an estate of £200,000. This legacy has been more than doubled by the shrewd business acumen of his sons. The last son to die, Mr. Basdew Bodasing, had himself alone more than doubled his father's estate.

Mr. Lutchman Bodasing has been equally successful.

Leaving the older ones aside, we find that the younger ones, too, are doing their share in their own field despite the numerous handicaps they have to labour against. Dhiraj Patel, a student at Sastri College, has obtained the highest pass one can in the Junior Certificate examination of the University of South Africa.

The first Indian student to obtain a first division in the S.C. examination was Abbai Kadoo in 1899. He too has completed his Bachelor's degree in science. These two successes reveal clearly that, given the chance, the Indian can hold his own against any comer in the educational field. The stuff is there, but the limitations and restrictions help to smother it—but fortunately not entirely.

AN EPOCH-MAKING REPRESENTATION

Throughout the length and breadth of Natal Indian politicians, the Teachers' Society and public bodies who have laboured incessantly for the betterment of Indian education in the province are sitting, their heads in their hands, and bemoaning their ineffectiveness.

They have cause to if "The Lion of the North" etc's a new one on me), as Mr. A. M. Ephraim calls himself, has really, by one stroke of his pen, forced the Natal Education Department to grant free primary education to the Indian children in Natal.

Of men of such calibre the community has urgent need. There are many things he may be able to obtain for it with a stroke of his pen, whereas the other bodies and individuals achieve nothing after years of earnest and hard work.

When I told the Mitan-Wallah about this he suggested that the Indians should immediately, without any hesitation or delay, make him a sort of dictator of all Indian affairs. There seems to be something in this. The old man behind the betel-leaf counter at the Indian market nearly had a stroke when I told him of the news of "The Lion of the North." But when he recovered he was all for garlanding our hero. I told him that that had already been done. He looked a bit dejected at first, but brightened up when I told him that there were other things that the "Lion" could do. Franchise and the Colour Bar are two of the most pressing problems of the community, and the Paan-Wallah suggests our hero should get on with them and leave teaching alone.

INDIA'S TRADE COMMISSIONER

The creation of a post of Indian Trade Commissioner at Johannesburg was agreed to by the Standing Finance Committee of the Central Legislature at the meeting in Simla.

The Standing Finance Committee had approved of the appointment of six Trade Commissioners in 1939, including one in South Africa, but it was subsequently decided not to proceed with the creation of the latter post.

This decision has now been reconsidered, as it is felt that the present is an appropriate time to explore the possibilities of expanding trade with the Union. An important factor in [illegible] was the necessity of finding alternative markets for Indian exports to replace those lost as a result of the war.

The new Trade Commissioner in South Africa will have his headquarters at Johannesburg, and his jurisdiction will include, in addition to the Union of South Africa, Portuguese East Africa, Rhodesia and the British Protectorates of Basutoland, Bechuanaland and Swaziland.

Another expenditure for which the Committee agreed was for the creation of the office of the Chief Controller of Imports.

DEATH OF A BRONZE MEDALIST

The death occurred in Maritzburg of Miss Sambooruan Dolly Moodley, daughter of Mr. M. Thungavalu Moodley and sister of T. M. Moodley (Thumbyr).

She was ill for a while and passed away at an early age of 16 years.

She was a pupil at the Indian Girls' School, Pietermaritzburg, where she completed her std. VI.

She obtained a Bronze Medal at the Indian Eisteddfod held in Maritzburg in 1939, when she was a pupil of the S.P.V.M. Tamil school.

The death took place at Greytown hospital, Maritzburg, on Friday, the 16th inst., of Mr. Clarence George, father of Mr. A. C. George, teacher at St. Paul's Indian school.

The funeral, which took place the following day at the Roman Catholic cemetery, was attended by a large concourse of people. The last rites were performed by the Rev. J. C. David.

The deceased leaves a widow, one son and three daughters.

DEATH OF WELL KNOWN CANE PLANTER

Mr. Lutchman Singh Bodasing

The death occurred after a [illegible] illness of Mr. Lutchman Singh Bodasing at St. Aidan's Hospital on Wednesday morning. He was a well-known cane planter on the North Coast and a leading member of the community.

The cremation took place at Gandhiarani on the same day.

He was the second son of the late



Babu Bodasing. He is survived by a large family to whom the sympathy of the community will go out in their great loss.

Mr. Bodasing, while of a retiring nature, associated himself with public life of the community and tendered financial support to all worthy causes. He was esteemed by all those who knew him.

DEATH OF POPULAR YOUNG TEACHER

The death occurred about two years ago of Mr. R. Keerath at the early age of 26 after a minor nasal operation.

The late Mr. Keerath was a popular teacher and had obtained his L.T.C. certificate at Sastri College a few years ago.

Within the short period of a few years he had taught in most of the Government schools in the Natal area before he was finally placed at Isipingo, where he was liked by all with whom he came in contact with him.

He was a keen student of music and sang many of the well-known Keerath family of Isipingo.

Baba Naidoo, aged five years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. Naidoo, of Maritzburg, passed away last Saturday night after a short illness. The funeral took place on the following day at the Indian cemetery, Maritzburg.

She was the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. Naidoo, of Richmond, and the late Mr. Sackara Pillay, of Maritzburg.

NATAL CATERING TRADE UNION

The Natal Liquor and Catering Trades Employees' Union (Pietermaritzburg Branch) has been informed that the application for registration has been accepted by the Department of African Trades and Labour Control (Pietermaritzburg Local Committee).

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Bright Shows at the Avalon

[illegible]ON has a very attractive programme next week. The range of [illegible] dramatic era in English [illegible] culminates in the roaring [illegible] and flash of the epochal naval [illegible] of Trafalgar, an out-standing [illegible] of "Lloyds of London," [illegible] be shown next Monday.

[illegible]ric to the last detail, Lord [illegible]ent victory which set the [illegible] for all the future glory of [illegible]s reproduced in all the [illegible] of the days of wooden ships [illegible]men.

[illegible]h century sailing vessels [illegible]gantic scene were built, [illegible]manned on the Twentieth [illegible]s, let by Chris Christensen, [illegible]man, and one of the great[illegible] authorities on wooden ships.



A SCENE FROM "40,000 HORSEMEN"

[illegible]g in his half-century before [illegible]ast shipped on every type of [illegible]sel. Chris knows every detail [illegible]construction and equipment, [illegible] advice is found necessary for [illegible]nautical scene screened in the [illegible]ital.

[illegible] were two pirate sloops built [illegible]Lloyds of London" on a set [illegible]ting the harbour in 18th century [illegible]Norfolk. There was a schooner, [illegible]ng masts, two ships in French [illegible] besides the masts and rigging [illegible]rench frigate and of several fish[illegible]ats. But his masterpieces of all [illegible] of the quarter deck, poop [illegible] and the below decks of [illegible] Victory, the British flagship [illegible]Lord Nelson fought and died [illegible] Battle of Trafalgar.

[illegible]F. Zanuck, Twentieth Century [illegible]chieftain of production, [illegible]Kenneth Macgowan as associate [illegible]producer and Henry King as [illegible]or of "Lloyds of London," which [illegible] Freddie Bartholomew and [illegible]e Carroll, heading an impressive [illegible]cast featuring Sir Guy Standing, [illegible]a Pierre C. Aubrey Smith and [illegible]na Field.

[illegible]AN AUSTRALIAN SAGA

[illegible]dwick's change of programme [illegible]s been featured "Forty Thousand [illegible]emen."

[illegible]ty Thousand Horsemen."—a [illegible]e Chauvel production, is destined to make the Australian Light [illegible] in Palestine live again—the [illegible] achievement was recorded [illegible]rank O'Loughlen, Sydney writer [illegible]ommissioner the presence of this pro[illegible]ion.

[illegible]ic dirtiest and capable producer [illegible] something entirely different in [illegible]n pictures is capable of repeating [illegible]brilliant deeds of the Australian [illegible] Bush with another invasion—[illegible] time the [illegible] film market. [illegible]ds which the youthful film industry [illegible]n Australia has been turning with [illegible]

Light Horse in their trek across the soulless, sizzling sands to avenge a British crisis, in the muffled thunder of hooves of the "Forty Thousand Horsemen," as the Aussies relentlessly attacked the German-directed arms of Allah, the spirit of Light Horse in Egypt is caught up again in men of majesty and seemingly faultless technique, to win appreciation more spontaneously and understandingly, the great achievements that "eliminated the German domination of the Holy Land."

There is romance in the desert, too—adroitly introduced at a water-hole and cleverly sustained by Grant Taylor as Red Gallagher and Bryant, who combined artistically the composite requirements of the occasion. The hut scene is too daring.

"Red" Gallagher, Jim and Larry are the Three Musketeers of the Light Horse. While all have done well—the "Chips" Rafferty as Jim, with his bush characteristics and bush philosophy, reflects the fact that Charles Chauvel is himself a true New Englander, and knows his Light Horsemen of the 1914-18 war in Palestine.

War has come inopportunely, maybe, for the production of the film, started before the present blitzkrieg was begun. But it may provide a great national recompense—as a world-wide inspiration.

As, I think it is Ionic Jim, who, on the long, thirsty, gruelling trek, answers to the query: "Why do we fight?"—"To let some soap-box orator speak to the Dominions . . . and, if we want to, the right to tell the blanky boss what to do with his blanky job."

That's the soldier spirit of it—today in Egypt, Australians in armoured hats—then in Palestine, on "Forty Thousand Horsemen."

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A MARITZBURG WEDDING

An Indian wedding, the biggest of its kind seen for some time, took place in Maritzburg on Sunday last. The parties were Mr. V. Krishna, well-known social and public worker, and Miss Sargoonam, of New Glasgow. Over 2,000 guests from all parts of the Union were present and witnessed the ceremony, which took place in a pandal, gaily decorated with greenery and flowers. The bride was dressed in an orange-coloured sari edged with gold lace, and wore a blouse to match.

At the reception Councillor F. J. Lewis proposed the toast of the wedded couple and the bridegroom suitably responded.

Among those seen at the table were Mr. and Mrs. McEwen, Mr. and Mrs. C. Cairns, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Berry, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Loman, Mrs. Field, Mr. E. A. Versfeld, Messrs. A. I. Kassoo, V. Lawrence, A. R. Manas, S. M. Paruk, C. Anglia, K. R. Pillay, S. A. V. Naidoo (Durban), Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Pillay, Mrs. V. S. Naicker (Transvaal) and R. T. Pillay (Cape).

LIBERAL STUDY GROUP

The annual meeting of the Liberal Study Group will be held at the Indian Youth Hall (Pendeker chambers), on [illegible] evening. Every member of the Group is requested to be present.

News has been received from the Department of Defence that arrangements have now been completed for the payment by the Department of allowances to the dependant (either the wives and children) of single men serving in the Cape Corps and the Indian and Malay Corps. The allowance, although not very big, will be a welcome addition to the household budget, which is becoming more and more difficult to balance owing to the increased cost of living.

A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Mr. and Mrs. K. Soobramoney, of Durban, held an "At Home" on Sunday last at their residence to celebrate Mrs. Kanniniah Soobramoney's 23rd birthday.

There was a large circle of relatives and friends present for the occasion. A large beautiful birthday cake was placed on the decorated table and prior to its cutting Mr. Manikam Pillay rendered a short prayer in Tamil according to the traditional Hindu custom.

Among those present were Mr. A. Moonsamy, Mr. A. G. Pillay, Mr. C. M. Pillay, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Narainsamy, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. John, Mrs. D. Chittiney, Misses Govindamah and Poothoomah, Mr. and Mrs. R. Subramoney, Misses Boolkmoney and Ruby, Mr. M. R. Pillay, Mr. S. Visvanathan, Mr. S. Peter, Mr. Thungavanathan, Mr. S. Peter, Mr. Thungavanathan, Mr. S. Peter, Mr. Thungav

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HAMEDIAS LOSE ON THE FIRST INNINGS

BATTING first against the Hamedias C.C., a representative Durban XI had their first three wickets for only 15 runs. Both the opening bats—Jimmy and Davidson Jack—were back in the pavilion for only six runs. M. I. Yusuf and Reddy, however, playing with confidence, soon gained mastery over the bowling and settled down to pull Durban out of the fire.

Reddy started off in grand fashion by opening his score with a six. When he had 21 Yusuf was caught brilliantly on the boundary by Solomon off Pagadien. Reddy batted well, and when he had 35 he was caught by Samadien off Solomon. Reddy and Yusuf together took the score from 28 to 72 before they were separated.

Of the rest, only Gowadia batted with confidence, and was top scorer in the first innings with a patient 46. A. I. Timol was bowled by Adam when he had 10. E. I. Timol made 24.

The innings, after a sensational start, finally closed at 164—a few minutes before stumps were drawn on the first day.

Pagadien bowled well throughout to take four wickets for 38 runs. S. Samadien took two for 27. Lax fielding towards the close of the day helped to pile up the Durban score.

On the next day the Hamedia C.C. started off disastrously by losing three wickets for six runs. A. Solomon, however, soon settled down, and, helped by Pagadien, took the score to 72 before he was unfortunately run out when set for a big score. He had requisitioned a runner because of a bad foot.

Hamedias were in a difficult position when their captain, G. Solomon, went in to bat. He played very cautiously, but after his brother, H. Solomon, was caught on the leg by Jimmy Jack off the former Eastern Province bowler, Safrudeen, only E. Samadien spent any time at the wickets.

G. Solomon had scored so slowly that after two and a half hours he had 25 to his credit. When Samadien was run out he found nobody to stay with him, and had an undefeated 25. Hamedias were 65 behind Durban on the first innings. Safrudeen bowled very well to take three wickets for 13 runs in 16 overs. Seven were maiden overs.

Durban commenced their second innings at three o'clock, and some hurricane hitting by Reddy and Yusuf, and a 50 not out by Jimmy Jack, saw the score board read 113 within two hours. Yusuf declared at that score with four wickets down (Jimmy Jack 50 not out, Reddy 29 and Yusuf 31).

In the hour at their disposal Hamedias lost seven wickets for 51 runs before play closed.

Durban won on the first innings. Play commenced on Saturday afternoon and continued the next day.

COUNTY WINS SEMI-FINAL BY 6 WICKETS

The semi-final of the inter-district cricket match for the Rochfort Wades' Memorial Shield was played between the County Indian Cricket Union and the South Coast District Indian Cricket Union, at the South Coast Indian sports ground last Sunday.

South Coast won the toss and decided to bat on a perfect wicket.

South Coast, first innings, 66 (S. Seedat 21, Ramlall 12 and K. Seedat 10). A. V. Peters 2—18 and Caspoie Naicker 4—13).

County, first innings, 53 (G. K. Nulliah 21 not out, V. Vadival 3—26, S. Seedat 6—24 and K. Seedat 1—1).

South Coast, second innings, 61 (S. I. Ganesh 21 and A. V. Pillay 16. S. Naicker 4—17 and Ganas Naicker 3—5).

County, second innings, 78 for 4 (G. K. Nulliah 33 and S. Naicker 21).

County won by six wickets.

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A friendly cricket match was played at Glencoe between the Newcastle Young Muslims and the Glencoe Young Muslims on Sunday.

The match resulted in favour of Glencoe on the first innings. The scores were: Glencoe, 180; Newcastle, 83.

Glencoe: A. Karrim, 57 not out; A. Peer, 10; G. H. Desai, 9. Bowling: I. Jadwat, 6 for 47; A. Manjee, 2 for 19.

Newcastle: D. Seedat, 51; Kirad, 10; A. Seedat, 6. Bowling: G. H. Desai, 6 for 35; I. Kajee, 1 for 20; E. Timol, 1 for 19; Bakus, 2 for 11.

Officials of the Alpine Sporting Club

At the second annual meeting of the Alpine Sporting Club, the president, in his address, congratulated the officials on their good work, and the athletes on their success. Tea was served at the conclusion of the meeting.

The following were elected officials for the ensuing year:—Patrons, D. L. Singh, K. S. Desai, R. Permanl, V. R. Naidoo, T. Raghubar, R. Rugbeer, S. Ramlagun; president, M. Maharajh; vice-presidents, K. Barbuy, Chelin, P. Bissoon, M. A. Harris, C. Raghubar, T. Dooley, G. M. Khan, T. Sookrana, and M. Ramperssadh; secretary, R. Sahgr; assistant secretary, P. Ramdeo; treasurer, R. Sahgr; manager, R. J. Singh; assistant manager, D. L. Singh; captain, C. Harripersadh; auditor, C. Raghubar; delegates, K. S. Desai, C. Harripersadh, S. R. Maharajh; trainers, J. Gopaul, R. Sahgr; committee, A. Chetlall, R. Singh, Pyne, E. Sahgr, G. Harripersadh, J. Gulpersad, D. J. Singh, S. R. Maharajh, T. Mahabeer, S. N. Rieen, J. Lazarus, D. R. Singh.

The subsequent Rees-side football tournament, sponsored by the Sunrise Indian Football Club, for a floating trophy, will be played tomorrow at Mayfield Park sports ground, commencing at 9.30 a.m. sharp.

INTER-TOWN FINAL CRICKET TEAMS

The inter-town final cricket match will be played at Ladysmith between the Northern District Indian Cricket Union and Durban Cricket Union this afternoon and tomorrow.

The following team will represent Northern District Indian Cricket Union: D. E. Asmal (captain), G. M. C. Asmal, A. Ally, A. Meyer (Ottomans), W. D. Narrandes (vice-captain), G. K. Nulliah, S. Hamilton, M. Sobreal (S.A.R.), M. N. Naikor, Casim Essay (Dundee United), D. M. Seedat (Moslem). Reserves: E. N. Mohamed (S.A.R.), A. I. Dahadar (Ottomans), V. G. Naidoo (S.A.R.), G. C. Govender (Ladysmith), R. P. Singh (Ladysmith), and A. C. Asmal (Ottomans).

The following team will represent Durban Indian Cricket Union: M. I. Yusuf, captain (Muslims), M. C. Reddy (Centrals), A. S. Randaree (Kismet), D. Jack (Sparks), M. Kisten (Centrals), M. Safruddeen (Centrals), J. Jack (Sparks), G. H. Desrat (Ottomans), A. H. Gowadia (Kismet), A. I. Timol (Ottomans), E. I. Timol (Ottomans).

Umpires: Messrs. E. I. Chupty and M. Govinder.

MR. A. KHAN REPLIES TO "OBSERVER"

Mr. A. Khan writes: "Having read the article by one known as 'Observer' which appeared in 'your issue of January 10, I wish to know from my learned friend where he was when he wrote the article—in his bathroom or in his dreams? If he was in his dreams, then I say that all he wrote was simply a dream.

"He says that four teams this year have helped to blot the scutcheon of cricket at the Fountain. Has he any proof of this effect or does he write from hearsay? He further says that this has been going on for the last three years. If so, where was he? I suppose this time he was in his bedroom.

"Then my learned friend says that last year and the year before the league had to be held. Will he be able to let me know how much it was sold for? And did he have a cut out of it?

"Did 'Observer' ever play cricket? Why not wake up, you officials of the Durban Indian Cricket Union? Do you all allow people to insult your union? Were the matches sold? No, definitely not! So why not wake up and tie the hands of such writers in all possible ways you deem fit?"

PARUKVILLE C.C.

A meeting for the formation of a cricket club was held at Isipingo on Sunday, and Parukville was formed. The following officials were elected: Patrons, Messrs. R. Gopal-singh, Jimmy Tredhan, M. M. George, S. Neerputh and Willie Chinsamy; president, Mr. M. H. Keeroth; vice-presidents, Messrs. R. Sooperssadh, Hansraj, Rathkewamy Moodley and John; secretary, Mr. S. Rampaul; assistant secretary, Mr. G. H. Desai; treasurer, Kamal; captain, Mr. R. Sooperssadh; vice-captain, Mr. Rathkewamy Moodley.

While the members appreciate that the cricket season is nearly over, they desire to practise during the off-season when friendly matches could be arranged.

Mr. J. R. Ekstown, solicitor, of Capetown, is the company of his mother and brothers, spent 10 days in Durban while on a tour of the Union.

STANGER BEATEN ... MARITZBURG

The Stanger United C.C. ... to Maritzburg on Sunday last ... the Maritzburg Royals C.C. ... friendly game. It ... match the home team won by ... on the first innings.

Batting first, Royals were ... trouble and at one stage the ... board read 46 for four wickets ... cluding those of Ted Cheng ... G. V. Valiathum (1) and C. V. G. ... (17), while the first wicket fell ... only three runs on the board.

Dunsdale and Danagram ... then associated in a productive ... wicket stand of 99 runs, when ... former was bowled by G. Bex. ... mair, batting well, scored ... rapidly and certainly saved the Ro... from disaster. Dunsdale's ... 56 including 10 fours. Last ... taken with the score 212 for ... wickets, with Danagram unbeaten ... with 80.

The interval proved a good ... bowler and Danagram was ... off Augustine in the first over ... addition to his score. In the ... over the ninth wicket fell, which ... last batsman was out to the first ... of the second over, the side ... all out for the respectable total ... 234.

The Stangerites were not ... by this huge score and the open... pair were soon in their ... Padayachee, after an early life, ... Kathrada batted confidently. ... crowd were entertained to some ... cricket until at 50 Kathrada was ... caught off I. S. Chetty in attempt... a big hit, for 28. Padayachee ... next for a painstaking 31. E. ... Mohamed and G. Bux added 49 ... for the fourth wicket, when Bux ... out for 27. S. A. Mather (4) ... Augustine (10) assisted E. ... Mohamed to carry the score to ... for six wickets.

At this stage K.V. was batting ... well and it seemed that such ... ance he would still pull the game ... of the fire. However, the remain... batsmen offered little resistance ... the side were all out for 165 ... fighting innings. K.V. was ... feated for a chanceless 50—a ... worthy effort.

In the speech-making it was ... greeted that J. Chengiah, skipper ... the Stanger team, could not ... pany the team, as it would have ... interesting to see how the visi... would have then fared.

Officials of the N.I.A. Puntan's Hill Branch

The Hindu Temple had was filled ... capacity when the Puntan's Hill branch of the Natal Indian Congress held their second annual meeting on Sunday last.

The secretary, Mr. A. I. Rahmaldon, in the course of his annual report, stated that the branch had improved considerably since its inauguration. The association had made reasonable progress in the way of securing odd acre pensions, pensions of destitutes, and mothers' pensions.

The financial position of the branch was sound.

The following were elected officials for the ensuing year: President, Mr. S. S. Ramasden; vice-presidents, Messrs. S. Moodley, R. Rahmaldon, D. A. Bekarie, A. V. Desai, Y. R. Venkatesse; joint secretaries, Messrs. A. A. Rasmadoo and T. Narsimulu; joint treasurers, Messrs. K. R. Veeraidoo and M. Chetty; committee, Messrs. M. Maharajh, S. Naidoo, D. C. Govender, A. E. Naidoo, S. I. Naidoo, D. Kassuah, A. Rammuchie, D. Applesamy, V. Ramsamy.

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...CK UP AND GET OUT" ...YS REV. W. H. SATCHELL

...rban Indians Observe India's Independence Day

...Britishers convened a meeting of all peoples, regardless of ... views, at the Avalon Theatre, which was packed on Monday ... to commemorate India's Independence Day. They were ... Sykes and the Rev. W. H. Satchell.

...dians the Elder Brother, Says Native

PAUL SYKES, who presided ... that the platform was no ... indulgence in petty party ... and that speeches made by in... should not be the expression ... ings against the war, Gor... imperialism. Speakers did ... ent party sentiments.

...d that this meeting would be ... to regular Independence ... in the future. The meet... ...ally an act of faith in what ...aspiring for—freedom.

A. Naidoo, the first speaker, ... he was proud to have been ...eak on India's Independence ... over 10 years all the people ...mmemorated that day.

"...communist, he pointed out that ... believe in nationalism, but ...nationalism. It was very un... that the chairman had re... ...peakers not to exhibit any ..., as the root cause of India ... given her freedom lay 'in ...perialism.

...celess to make pious pledges; ...concrete had to be done. ...South Africa, although the ...were apparently far removed ...gigantic struggle, Indians ...hope to be mere spectators. ...ngle concerned all peoples who ...freedom. The forces of British ...were not democratic, and, ...Naidoo, Mr. Naidoo said only a ...could play an effective part ...instruments of oppression. ...useless to expect oppressed ...play their part against ...While the Indians recog... struggle, they were also ... fight against the chains that ...them here and in India, Mr. ...concluded.

AUSPICIOUS OCCASION

...S. Kajee was really happy ...big words on the auspicious ...In India, but Independence Day ...was a great day. There was ...Indian who would not like to ...day dawn on the dusk of Indian ...The salvation of all the In... ...peoples was dependant upon a free ...India. Mr. Kajee prayed ... ...ere that India would gain ...ependence in his lifetime.

...ext, Dr. Goonam said it ...a unique occasion. Independ... ...century from oppression; ...should observe this day. It ...our duty. India had made a ...any. F. R. Venkatesse; joint ...taries, Messrs. A. A. Rasmadoo and ...Y. Narsimulu; joint treasurers, ...Messrs. K. R. Veeraidoo and M. ...Chetty; committee, Messrs. M. ...Maharajh, S. Naidoo, D. C. Govender, ...A. E. Naidoo, S. I. Naidoo, D. ...Kassuah, A. Rammuchie, D. ...Applesamy, V. Ramsamy.

...saw; auditor, A. Kassuah.

for freedom, and Indians, Dr. Goonam continued, would like to fight for it. Democracy, however, she said, was for home consumption for the white peoples. She could not be hypocritical. She said this even if it annoyed the conveners.

The women of India knew there was no future for their children. They had to live in a semi-barbaric condition and on the verge of starvation.

Referring to Britain, she said there was colour bar even in that country, and without freedom Indians could not hope to appear anywhere as a human race, Dr. Goonam concluded.

"With apologies I say I do not hope for thanks for any molestation of my feelings for India," said Mr. B. A. Maharaj.

"We cannot view India as something apart, for what happens in India has its effect abroad, and what happens abroad has its effects on India. The entry of Japan into the war brings into sharp focus the panacea that every engaged in imperialistic domination with the exception, however, of Russia."

India was being used to feed the Allies with wealth and man-power. It was a shame on Great Britain that India had been refused self-government. Even the Atlantic Charter had no place in it for India. India's freedom meant the freedom of oppressed peoples all over the world. Of late India seemed to be getting up, and the day was not far distant, Mr. Maharaj said, when there would be an explosion of great dimensions. Salvation did not lie in arrogant imperialism, but in self-help.

The struggle in India could be made effective, Mr. Maharaj concluded, if Indians in this country fought doggedly for their rights. It would mean an added strength towards the overthrow of imperial domination.

HUMAN BEINGS

Mrs. Mabel Palmer, the well-known Durban scholar, said she was not to be classed as a speaker. She had been said by the previous speakers. She was prepared to work with any organisation which worked for human beings. When she came out to this country she had very little knowledge of the workings of the colour bar. Fundamentally everybody was a human being, and she asked the Indians to take note of the fact that the Indian woman was also a human being.

The people in India felt that they were being denied their rights. England, Mrs. Palmer said, had turned back from the idea of training the Indians for self-government. She only hoped that the time would come when Britain would revert to her original

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CONGESTION AT SASTRI COLLEGE

50 Boys Turned Away

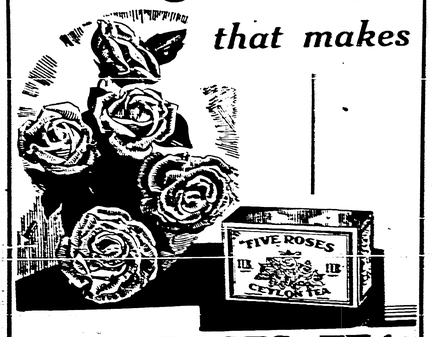
LAST week in the editorial columns of the Leader it was said that the community had reason to be proud of the successes of its youth in the various examinations held at the end of last year. This week fifty boys seeking admission into Sastri College have been turned away. The reason put forward is that there is no room. The position at the beginning of 1941 was the same. About fifty boys were also turned away for the same reason but on the representations of the community, or at least those who were actively interested in the community and manifested their interest not by words but by deeds, agitated on behalf of the unfortunate ones and two rooms were obtained as a temporary measure and classes were conducted there.

The promise made to the community was that extensions to Sastri College would be made over the year. It has taken the Department over a year to call tenders. What are the leaders of the community going to do about the position as it stands? If a single European child had been turned away from a secondary school the Minister for Education would be asking embarrassing questions in Parliament tomorrow, but as the Indians do not possess the franchise they will have to take the initiative if they expect their young men to become responsible leaders of the community tomorrow.

Those fifty children who have been turned away from Sastri College have every qualification required for entering a secondary school under the charge of the Government. They must have looked forward with enthusiasm for the day when they would have been admitted to Sastri College and each would have made the best contribution to the community with the added advantage of having had a secondary education.

Today they are embittered young men walking about with no idea of the future. Young people are very sensitive and it would not, indeed, be surprising if they did not return next year in order to gain admission. There is another danger to boys who may be entertaining that idea. The normal increase in children attending secondary institutions year by year. Those boys who were refused admission had passed the P.S.C. in the second division but

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Advice to Britain

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inspiration, as it was utterly inconsistent for her to fight for the freedom of Poles and Czechs while she herself denied that freedom to India.

She emphasised the complexity of the Indian society which rendered it difficult for the British form of democracy to be applied. She herself had suffered under oppression, and the Indians had her profound sympathy.

Mrs. Palmer concluded by recalling what a European student had told her of the relations of the Springboks with the Indian soldiers in Egypt. They had the deepest admiration for these Indian soldiers, and never failed to salute Indian officers.

The next speaker was Chief Luthuli, who has been a recent visitor to India. What struck him most in India was the oneness of the Indians in regard to their goal of independence. He was, because of the nature of his visit—he attended a missionary conference—only able to have just a "glance" at India. He personally looked upon the Indian as an elder brother. The leaders of India were trying to attain their end by the upliftment of the masses.

One lesson the Indians in South Africa could learn from the Motherland was they must help the weaker ones of the community. Chief Luthuli concluded.

Mr. Manilal Gandhi said it was indeed a happy occasion for all to have assembled in order to send their prayers and moral support to the Motherland. It was a solemn occasion, but very few in South Africa realised the solemnity. The irony of fate was that the present war was said to be fought for democracy, while four hundred millions in India were in bondage. He was present at Lahore when the first Indo-pendence Day was held. Europeans had been given the idea that India was divided, but if they went into the interior of India they would find that this was not true. There is a unity in India which does not exist even in South Africa today. Mr. Gandhi concluded by saying that he was no platform speaker.

Speaking next, Mr. A. I. Kajee said that he pleaded guilty to the charge that he liked to hear himself speak. He was not going to take up a spiritual attitude on this solemn day.

Britain, Mr. Kajee said, was cutting a sorry figure in the war. There were men of goodwill among the Britishers—men such as Mr. Sykes and the Rev. Mr. Satchell, who were responsible for the celebration of India's Independence Day.

Mr. Kajee pointed out that the removal of imperialism was not enough. The removal of the white civil servant would only somewhat to his position the brown civil servant, and no good would ensue. Indians would have first to remove the injustices perpetuated by their own people.

Mr. I. S. Amin said that his feelings were mingled. He was proud that his countrymen had put up a fight against

Congestion at Sastri

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that does not prevent a [illegible] child from proceeding with his [illegible]. Only about seventeen of the [illegible] odd boys in the second [illegible] admitted. All the boys in [illegible] divisions, about one hundred [illegible] accepted.

There is imperative need [illegible] for two rooms in which the [illegible] have been turned away [illegible] It was done last year even [illegible] surroundings of the [illegible] have much to commend them [illegible] be done this year. A [illegible] measure must be provided [illegible] prevent the youngsters who [illegible] turned away from going [illegible] streets.

The community has to [illegible] charge for the moment. It [illegible] suitable room for these boys [illegible] representations can be made [illegible] Department, or whatever is [illegible] with secondary education. The [illegible] ing quick will be coming [illegible] direction (Department) is [illegible] cernable in the fact that [illegible] one year no additions, except [illegible] have been made to Sastri Coll[illegible] The present situation is not [illegible] immediately it will double [illegible] treble its proportions next [illegible] extra accommodation will [illegible] found for over a hundred [illegible] exigency must be met now.

THE POSITION AT THE [illegible]

There are about fifty boys [illegible] Sastri College annexe at [illegible] Road. For one year [illegible] average could not have [illegible] than fifteen have had their [illegible] surrounded by an almost [illegible] brothel-dom. The place is in no [illegible] suitable for imparting knowledge [illegible] children while there are over a [illegible] and one side shows going on [illegible] lane in full view of the boys. [illegible] only alternative was to close the [illegible] and to suffocate. A flat is not [illegible] suitable for a school but that is [illegible] what Indian children pursuing [illegible] are confronted with.

oppression. He paid a tribute [illegible] leadership of Mahatma Gandhi [illegible] his magnificent service to India, [illegible] only twenty years ago was almost [illegible] backward politically. India's [illegible] ment dignity and self-respect [illegible] Indians, and they should never [illegible] to labour until India was free.

Mr. I. C. Meer said that Indi[illegible] fighting for complete indepen[illegible] and in this fight—a straight[illegible] sacrifice—the student body [illegible] was all-powerful. Many [illegible] dents—men and women, girls [illegible] —were being thrown into [illegible] left to rot, because they thought [illegible] country should be free.

Referring to Chief Luthuli's [illegible] ment that the African looked [illegible] Indian as his "elder brother," [illegible] Meer said that that only [illegible] African was more oppressed [illegible] only a united front could [illegible] non-Europeans. The fight [illegible] was not for its own [illegible] semably alone, but also against [illegible] ism. India was not [illegible] no national liberation.

Concluding, Mr. Meer said: [illegible] take a lesson from the [illegible] India. Although we are born [illegible] we shall not die slaves."

In rounding off the meeting, Rev. Mr. Satchell appealed to [illegible] who were willing to further [illegible] course to send in their names [illegible] that a committee might be [illegible] He would also put forward [illegible] reasons why Indian [illegible] dom: She has the unanimous [illegible] freedom; she wants the substance [illegible] not the shadow; the British have [illegible] what has tried and failed, [illegible] very best it could now do [illegible] was to "pack up and get out."

Before the people dispersed [illegible] stood in silence for a minute.

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THE WOMEN'S WORLD

...NLY ABOUT ...PEOPLE

Mrs. S. Gopal and their ...ani Rani (Sheila) have ... Chairwood after spending a ... at the residence of Mr. ... Mahabeer, Wentworth.

...Mahabeer, her two daughters, sons, have returned to ... after spending a fort... at the residence of ...rs. R. Gookool Lodh, of ...

...J. Maharaj, of Carolina, ...has returned home after ...is vacation at Capetown, ...Aliwalnorth, Johannesburg ...ria.

...Mrs. S. A. Dondar, of ..., accompanied by Messrs. ...A. Abdool and E. Cattoal, ...ed home after a tour of ...

...G. H. Bhabha, I. M. Dada, ...Dondar and C. Jooma, all of ...have left by car for Cape...

...P. Chetty, secretary and ...the Manhattan Club, of ...has returned from his ...

...jet Singh, of Newcastle, has ...Indian and Malay Corps, ...ninth son of Mr. and the ...Sapsalsingh, of Newcastle.

...Mr. and Mrs. S. Bramdaw, ...on January 15. Mother ...re in Maritzburg.

...Ramasroop, of Mt. Vernon, ...St. Aidan's hospital, Dur...

...Ambrose, I.M.C., has spent ...end at the East Wing. Sick ...was the guest of Cpl. K. ...who entertained a few other ...

...hamed Motala, known as ...Durban, a director of the ...Store and Messrs. M. A. ...Ltd., together with Mr. Syed ...Dilna) intends visiting Cape...

...Glenwood Park Indian Lawn ...nis tennis tournament ...The Quinary" tomorrow. All ...terested please communicate ...secretary, 41, Columbia Road, ...ood Park.

...Ambrose, I.M.C., has spent ...end at the East Wing. Sick ...was the guest of Cpl. K. ...who entertained a few other ...sts.

...and Mrs. M. I. Gotwal, of ...ner, are spending their half... Durban and are staying at ...field Road.

...K. Cassim, of Waschbank, ...ing his holidays in Mafeking ...there he will be proceeding ...town.

...I. Adam and family and Mr. ...Adam and family, of Dunn... have returned to Dannhauser ...Serjacki's holiday in Durban ...rt.

...M. Pethanayagam Naidoo, of ...ritzburg, is spending her ... with Mr. and Mrs. A. K. ...of Newcastle.

...and Mrs. R. Loganathan, after ...ir three holiday vacation in ...ter and Durban respectively, ...returned to Dannhauser to re...ces.



BHAWANI — JAGWANTH: The engagement is announced of Miss Vidyavathi Jagwanth (right), eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Jagwanth, of Maritzburg, and Mr. Shri Bhawani (left), eldest son of the late Mr. Bhawani and Mrs. Bhawani, of Dannhauser.

A MARITZBURG WEDDING

The wedding took place on Sunday last of Mr. Lingham Padayachee, a well known musician of Maritzburg, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Arroomugum Padayachee, of Boom Street, Maritzburg, to Miss Annalatchimee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Muduray Naicker, of South Coast Junction.

A large canopy was erected for the occasion. It was gaily decorated and accommodated a large number of guests from all over Natal. The couple received many gifts.

ANDHRA EISTEDDFOD

The Council of the Andhra Maha Sabha (S.A.) has appointed a special committee to organise and arrange the 11th anniversary festivities and fourth Andhra Eisteddfod. Mr. V. M. Naidu was elected chairman and Mr. L. Kris Naidoo was re-elected secretary of the committee.

The anniversary is an annual gala day for the Andhra community, and is held every year on the first Sunday in August.

The Eisteddfod competitions are held for the benefit of the Telegu children in order to foster and encourage the interest of the younger generation in their culture and mother tongue. A few items for men and women are also included. Floating trophies and certificates of merit are awarded to the successful competitors.

Mr. Jubraj Singh, Newcastle, was on a short visit to Durban last week.

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Govender-Aboo

The wedding took place in the H.Y.M.A. hall at Newcastle on Sunday last of Miss Dhavanamal Govender and Mr. Annamalai Abboo (now of Ladysmith). The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Govender, of Dannhauser, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Abboo, of Newcastle.

The ceremony was performed by Mr. Nyna Raj, of Durban.

Bride and bridegroom were the recipients of many presents.

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Abboo will spend their honeymoon in Ladysmith.

This is the first wedding to take place in the newly-built H.Y.M.A. hall.

GOVENDER-AYER WEDDING

Esperanza School Hall was the scene of a pretty wedding on Sunday last when Manormani, daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. Sevinvasa Ayer, of Umsinto, was married to Mr. Rungasamy, son of Mrs. and the late Mr. Veerabathra Govender, of Esperanza.

Mr. K. Moodley Varthiar officiated at the nuptial ceremony. The pandal was beautifully decorated and music was provided by the Esperanza Young Men's Musical Society.

Numerous guests from all parts of Natal were present at the ceremony and at the reception, which were held in the school hall.

The following were among those present: Mr. M. M. Govender and family, Mr. and Mrs. Chinniah Ayer, Mr. and Mrs. Coopsamy Naidoo, Mr. and Mrs. Moodley Naidoo, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Reddy, Mr. C. N. Reddy; Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Govender, Mr. A. P. Pathiney, Mr. S. N. Pillay, Mr. C. N. Naidoo, Mr. and Mrs. Abbo Sahr, Mr. Kooben Govender, all of Esperanza; Moodley brothers, Mr. J. Daya, Mr. C. C. Govender, all of Umsinto; Mr. V. Ayer (brother of the bride), Mr. D. K. Govender and Appal Rajoo and sons.

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THE—
LEADER
The News-paper for the Quarter Million Indians of South Africa
SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 1942

INDIA'S INDEPENDENCE DAY

IT is a good augury to see that India's Independence Day has been inaugurated in South Africa by two Britishers. No Indian can hope to be indifferent to the constitutional development and progress of the Mother Country. We in this country, who are at all times finding some restriction or another to stem our progress, have so much to gain from India's constitutional progress that we can never hope to view dispassionately India's struggle. It has always been said that the salvation of Indians in South Africa and elsewhere depends to a very great extent upon a free India. The truth of this cannot be denied.

With an Independent India to do battle on our side, without being hampered with "obligations," our status in this country would be raised considerably. History is not wanting in providing an example for, when the franchise was taken away from the Indian in South Africa, it was on the ground that Indians in their own country did not enjoy the franchise. The truth of this can no longer apply for Indians today in India are allowed the exercise of the franchise; but strangely enough no endeavours have been made here for the restoration of the franchise.

We have also seen that in the past that Indians, as South Africans acting entirely on their own, have failed to get any measure of relief from those who are in power in this country. This has always been left to Delhi to secure relief for the Indians. We also know that the white labour policy of the country which pressed so heavily on the Indians was assumed on the representation of the South Africa office of the Government of India.

While we do have to rely on our own resources and responsibility and initiative to obtain improvements in our status here, it is fundamentally our connection with India that gives this South African Indian question an international complexion. There is no doubt that whatever that when two Governments meets on an equal footing, whether by correspondence or in conference, the subject under discussion is bound to receive greater and more genuine consideration than if the position had been otherwise.

Our resolutions and our conferences, without such support as we have had from the Government of India, would not have had that importance attached to them if we had acted purely on our own, even as South African citizens. We have seen in this country that a white skin, whatever its qualification or lack of it, is a white skin for all that. Non-European citizens have not been lacking in contributing to the development of the progress and prosperity of the country, but not possessing a white skin has invariably been the reason why adequate reward was withheld from them.

With these experiences before him no Indian in this country or anywhere outside India can hope to be indifferent towards the fight concerned with the independence of the Mother Country. On the question of independence we do not imply absolute severance of those ties that hold several communities, such as that which constitute the British Commonwealth, together for mutual benefit and not for exploitation of one by the other. The average Indian in India has no grouse against the average Britisher but the system.

The Statute of Westminster provides enough independence as is needed for a people to exercise the fullest control within the law and we believe that from a free association of peoples India has much to gain. At least we think so, so that the grant of self-government may not be any further delayed. There is no Indian who would not like to see the dawn of that day. We ourselves would like to see it tomorrow.

Mr. A. I. Kajee Propounds

A Question That the City Cou... Cannot Answer

IN the solution of indian housing lies the panacea to the Indian problem in Durban. For what happens in Durban ultimately flows through the rest of the Union. Within the narrow limits of this city 90,000 human beings, who are, by their national characteristics, known as Indians, reside; 20,000 more are found in the immediate vicinity of Durban. It is in Durban and the province of which this is the chief city that the contribution to the general prosperity of the country by the Indian is abundantly visible. It is in Durban that he labours; he is the chief source of semi-skilled labour. With his labour and his industry he supplies a large and ever-growing population with its daily fruit and vege-



tables. Even in these times of stress and emergencies, when there are unusual demands for the supply of fruit and produce, Indian industry has proved equal to the occasion. It is, above all, here in Durban that the Indian suffers the evils and misfortunes that flow from a denial of citizenship in the affairs of the town.

With the Indian in Durban poverty abounds, the incidence of the dread scourges of malnutrition, tuberculosis and bad housing takes an ever-growing toll, and all that come from the criminal neglect of the Indian housing needs is glaringly portrayed.

For the past 12 months, whether motivated by a sincere desire to improve, or whether to aggravate further housing conditions of the Indian and coloured population, the Council has launched out on paper an ambitious eight-year programme of h... several thousand houses. To d... it proposes to expropriate ... thousand odd acres of prese... half of which is to be taken o... the Indians themselves. The ... community, through its repre... is inclined to think that the ... of the city council are not ... in good intention, but that ... is black and that in this scheme ... become more sinister and ... that it has ever been before.

Both Congress and the ... have lodged strenuous objec... the Central Housing Board. ... not for the war and the nation... tion of our physical and mental ... city towards it, much greater ... would have been concerned as ... of Sir Edward Thornton and ... leaders of the Central Housing ... to inquire into the proposed ... tion of the city council and ... tions thereto. The expropriation ... the removal of a population ... to be undesirable savours of ... and, is a well-known method ... for solving Europe's racial ... Perhaps the bureaucrats of ... council have in mind the ... solving the problem of India ...

MEN OF INTEGRITY

In Sir Edward Thornton ... members of the Housing Board ... men of integrity and experts ... problem of housing. The Board ... which they operate is intended ... the benefit of its proposals ... to the lowest economic groups. ... quiries made by Sir Edward ... and a committee in 1926 ... and sanitary conditions of the ... population of Durban caused the ... council to provide housing for ... Indian population. The sum total of ... council's response after 13 years ... been to provide 50 houses for ... an economic basis to Indians, ... houses for occupation by sub-... tenants. The Indian community ... tains that the housing conditions ... Indians is a blot on the name of ... ban. It is a blot that must be ...

What one may not go so far ... doubt the bona fides of the city ... in its present intentions, the ... must blame itself if the Indian ... clined to search for other motives ... desire to expropriate 325 acres ... Indian-owned land at Riverside is ... palpable and brazen attempt at ... gation. The Riverside land ... claimed to be unsuitable for ... housing. If land unsuitable ... housing of one group, it must ... follow that it is also unsuitable ... people of a lighter hue. This ... one site in Durban with sea ... and an approach to the sea out of ... the Indian has as yet not been ...

As far as Sydenham and the ... field extension are concerned, ... the city council is attempting to ... private 136 acres of Indian-owned ... the same considerations apply. ... is ample undeveloped ground, ... the north bank of the Umgeni ... Sydenham, which can be purchased ... the city council to fulfil its ... Europeans and coloured ... schemes.

At Wentworth and Merebank ... it is proposed to expropriate ... of Indian-owned ground and 66 ... of European-owned ground, it ... that the majority of the latter ... posed to be used for Indian ... but what is beyond our comprehension ... is why when a considerable area ... undeveloped land is available ... cheap, and when the city council ... the owner of large tracts of ... it should be necessary to disturb ... dreds of Indian families who ... settled at Merebank and Wentworth ... small holdings purchased over a ... ber of years?

A QUESTION

This is a question we are ... the city council can answer ... When one looks at the proposed ... roads and the division of ... Mariner Drive it is apparent that ... city council is ashamed of its ...

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...Y COUNCIL DENOUNCED TO HOUSING BOARD

...r. Rustomjee Meets them "Face to Face"

...e Has Things to Say...

...s made to the Govern... ...l India and the Union ... in that Indian housing ... ration" would be matters ... in an atmosphere ... a committee of European ... and bearing the name of ... Minister of the Interior, ... was openly flouted by ...tatives of the Durban ... and its futility was ... by Mr. Sorabjee Rustomjee, ... of the Central ... Committee ...ddress ... Central ... Board ... inquiring ... question ... an City ... India ... mjee, it ... made ... to the ... that he ... to have ... muni ... ask whether ... statement so that he ... them face to face." They ... to it, if they desired to ...

...the officials concerned were ... The City Engineer, Mr. ... some stage replied that they ... over the working of the ... of the Borough from the ...ge boards and it was only ... they were attempting town ... but he left unanswered most ... Rustomjee's charges against ... of cooperation on the part ... Council's representatives on the ... Committee with the Indian

...OT IN CONFIDENCE

...have never been taken into the ... of the City Council," said ... in that Indian housing ... "I would like the ... to be present so that I could ... their faces. We were told ... should work on a basis of ... goodwill ... and understanding, ... be given 100 per cent. co... but, in return, we have ... even one per cent. co... I say unhesitatingly that ... Indians have been starved of ... houses and this co-operation ... nothing for us.

"We were not told till yesterday ... about the Merebank scheme. ... were told that there would ...lway station for the Coloureds ...lway station for the Indians. ... South: We had indicated this ...

Rustomjee: I must say that ... four out of six members of ...vance Committee who are ... here today. When we went to ...k for inspection I was told ...isplay of the railway stations ...ome you, sir, that we have ... in our community which ...me subservient to the interests ...greater good of the community ...ole. That view ... ...n the city fathers, but it ...mmes.

"My personal opinion is no man, ... European or Indian, has the ... to say on the land without doing ... to it. Indians have, by the ... their houses, earned the right ... land. Now the Corporation ... and wants to buy them out ... bank. The whole thing is done, ... to town planning, but it has ... to the Indians and that is ... City Councillors has even ... that Indian women—for ... are ratepayers—should go ... towards inserting an anti-Asiatic clause in title-deeds."

In concluding, Mr. Rustomjee referred to the part the Press were taking in these times of war and as Durban, which claimed to be the most British town in the Union, it must take cognisance of that sacrifice that his people were making.

THOSE WHO WERE THERE



Mr. Rustomjee

A deputation of the Natal Indian Association consisted of Mr. A. M. M. Lokhat (president), Mr. A. Christopher, Mr. A. S. Kajee, Mr. R. R. Chetty, Mr. P. R. Pather and Mr. Sorabjee Rustomjee (joint hon. secretaries), Mr. S. R. Naidoo, and supported by the following representatives: Mr. S. Rajpaul, Mr. Shaik Abdul, Mr. R. Mahabeer (Sydenham ward Indian Ratepayers' Association); Mr. J. Powys, Mr. N. S. Chetty (Merebank Indian Ratepayers' Association); Mr. J. S. Roopnarian, Mr. Ismail, H. Mia, Mr. M. Ramouthoo, Mr. R. Woodeth (Sydenham Indian Landowners' Association); Mr. T. M. Naicker, Mr. G. R. Khan, Mr. R. Ghoorum, Mr. M. Ramperasd, Mr. N. Gopal (Riverside and Brickfields Indian Ratepayers' Association).

The Natal Indian Congress was represented by Messrs. A. I. Kajee, V. Lawrence, K. Bajnath, M. A. Motala, S. M. Paruk, Hans Maghraph, E. M. Randeree, G. Richards and C. M. Angalia.

Association Points

(a) We totally object to the expropriation by the Durban City Council of any Indian-owned land in the Riverside area.

(b) If there is any need for land in Durban North for housing of Europeans the Council can easily acquire large parcels of land in the ownership of Durban North Company and other Europeans.

(c) The Umgeni Ridge is the only site in Durban which is owned by Indians which is the only site commanding views and has access to the sea.

(d) We object to the expropriation of the 43 acres owned by Indians in Sylenham (Sparks Extension) area because the Council has, in the vicinity, large tracts of its own undeveloped lands and also land owned by Estate Martha A. Sparks, which could be used and/or acquired for the purposes.

(e) The uprooting of Indians from this area, and giving it to another section of the population is both unjust and iniquitous and it is submitted that the framers of the Housing Act could not have contemplated such a procedure.

(f) We object to the expropriation of the 93 acres in the Springfield Extension for we firmly believe that the development of this area can easily be effected without the necessity for expropriating. The co-operation of the Indians with the Durban City Council in cleaning up slum conditions and in developing the area bounded by Jacobs and the Main South Coast Roads and the Bluff railway line strengthens our contention.

(g) We object to the expropriation of 629 acres from Indians in the Merebank-Wentworth area, for such a proposal would, here again, mean the dislodging and/or disturbing a settlement of Indians, whereas the Council can, in the immediate vicinity, acquire

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COLOUR PREJUDICE ALLEGED IN WORKING OF EXPROPRIATION

Attempt to Dislodge Indians From Several Areas

A SCATHING condemnation of the action of the Durban City Council, as reeking with colour prejudice, in regard to Indian housing and its expropriation policy of Riverside, Merebank, Wentworth and Sydenham, was made by officials of the Natal Indian Congress and the Natal Indian Association at the inquiry of the Central Housing Board, which met under the chairmanship of Sir Edward Thornton, in Durban this week.

Representatives of both these organisations, in complaining to the Board, stated that the City Council was actuated with the desire to clear Indians out of established homes, extending over a period of 50 years and more, to start on fancied housing schemes, leaving hundreds of acres of its own town lands untouched.

The following were the points made:—

Large Parcels of Own Land

CONGRESS

(i) That under no circumstances shall Indian-owned land be purchased and reallocated for European or coloured housing schemes, or for re-sale to Europeans or coloureds.

(ii) That no small holdings shall be purchased unless it be specifically for the purpose of providing space for a road or public amenities for that section of the community which is resident in the area in question.

(iii) That vacant land of more than one or two acres in extent which can be used for the purpose of Indian housing may be purchased, and that where agreement of the price cannot be arrived at with the estates manager, the price of land shall be determined by two assessors, one to be nominated by the landowner in question and the other by the Durban Corporation. The basis of such determination shall be made on the present fair market value.

(iv) That land owned by Europeans in the Merebank and Wentworth areas which is contiguous to properties owned by Indians, and which is either occupied by Indians, or is vacant or undeveloped, and is in the main very sparsely occupied by Europeans, should as a natural and logical sequence be purchased for Indian housing.

(v) That where a portion of a plot is required to be fenced on one side for the purpose of making roads 15 per cent. of such land is to be given free, provided that the balance of the property is not left useless. Where the area so required renders the land useless the whole plot shall be purchased. Provided further that all buildings or structures affected by acquisition are also to be compensated for at their fair market value.

(vi) That all idea of drainage and sewerage shall be given free to the Corporation, all expense of such servitudes to be borne by the Corporation.

(vii) (a) That such buildings in the areas in question, as are not capable of conversion, be demolished under powers obtaining under City By-laws of Slums Act.

(b) That where renovations of buildings are necessary these shall be carried out under powers of the City By-laws or Slums Act.

(viii) The reasons why Congress has suggested the appointment of assessors to determine the fair market value is that by reason of lack of amenities and bad layout, the Corporation values in Indian areas have been very low as compared to current market values. Large tracts of land in small plots have been and are being sold by individual land-owners and land-owning companies at four to six times their Corporation valuation.

Congress submits that as the City Council does not propose to erect houses for Indians at Riverside, and only wishes to clear out the present Indian residents and acquire thereby the land for European housing, thus raising, amongst others, political objections to it on the grounds of segregation, the question in relation to this area be left over.

Similar objections also arise with regard to the Sydenham area.

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Congress' Pointed Comment on Durban's Colour Bar

Indians Debarred from Sitting in the Medwood Gardens

OF what use is it to land to the skies India's efforts in the war when occurrences of this nature are allowed to take place? asks the Natal Indian Congress, in the course of a letter to the Town Clerk, Durban, in connection with prohibiting Indians sitting in the Medwood Gardens.

THE secretaries write:—

"The Medwood Gardens are one of the beauty spots of Durban, moreover, they are public gardens and as such should be accessible to all sections of the population.

"It is most reprehensible, therefore, that Indian citizens of this city who take civic pride in the local amenities are debarred from sitting in the gardens and told to leave by native policemen.

"Of what use is it to laud to the skies India's efforts in the war when occurrences of this nature are allowed to take place?

"If the Indians in question were committing a nuisance in the gardens we should not hesitate to condemn their actions, but to impose restriction of this kind on the Indian community is nothing more than an insult to our people. Arising as it does from a sense of inborn prejudice and officiousness and occurrences of this kind can only lead to friction and bitterness.

Association Points

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large tracts of undeveloped lands now in the ownership of Europeans and Indians.

(h) The Indian community is just as anxious as the City Council to clean up slum conditions in the city, but it is definitely of the opinion that expropriation will not solve the problem.

(i) That figures put up by the Town Clerk show that in the Council's scheme the Indians would eventually receive a larger acreage than the Europeans. We have given figures in this memorandum showing that by far most of the European-owned lands are not beneficially occupied by them.

(j) The Indian community regards the City Council's expropriation proposals as an attempt to dislodge Indians from the several areas in which they and their forebears have lived for generations, and to place them at two extreme ends of the city boundaries, a distance of 10 miles from the City Hall in the case of Merebank and 5½ miles in the case of Springfield.

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The late Mr. Bodasing was a keen traveller, having visited India and toured South Africa on several occasions. He made large contributions towards the building of the Sastri College and only recently contributed £100 and two acres of land at Kearsney for the building of a school in this district.

He leaves a widow, nine sons and four daughters, also two brothers and a large number of nephews and grandchildren, to mourn his loss.

The following people were present at the crematorium and sent floral tributes:

Natal Indian Association; Indian Women Club; Child Welfare Society (Stanger); Sudhara Sabha (Stanger), Melville Indian Mill Group; Natal Indian Cane Growers' Association; Natal Indian Association (Stanger branch); Sentamil Institute (Stanger); New Guelderland Indian Mill Group; Veda Dharma Sabha (Lower Tugela District); Mill Group Board, New Guelderland; Tongaat Indian Mill Group; Rustomjee family; Geo. Singh and Co.; A. P. Naidoo and Co. (Pty.), Ltd.; Mr. D. A. A. Lalla; Mr. R. Tahsawingh and family; Mr. H. B. Bodasing and family; Mr. N. Bodasing and family; Mr. R. Bodasing and family; Mr. Munoo Manning and family; Mr. Cassie Bennie Singh; Mr. Roopnarain Maharaj; Mr. B. Sookdeo Singh; Mr. Ramsumir Singh and family; Mr. S. T. Naidoo; Dr. V. T. Williams; Mr. R. Maraj and family; Mr. S. Mohideen; Mr. R. D. Singh; Mr. K. Makkan Singh; Mr. R. Gopaul-singh; Mr. C. P. Naidoo; N. Naran (Pty.), Ltd.; Mr. Sanker Singh and family; Mr. B. Purmasser; Mrs. S. Maharaj; G. R. Pane and Sons; Mr. Johnson Singh; Mr. R. Budhoo; Mr. G. Meriayo; Mr. J. A. Soni; Mr. Bhoola Singh and family; Mr. John P. Lutchmunsing; Mr. S. V. Naidoo; Mr. B. J. Mansingh; Mr. S. Roopsingh; Mr. S. R. Maharaj; Mr. S. Sham; Mr. R. B. Maharaj; Mr. S. M. Naicker; Ramlakan Bros.

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effect that the hall was to be used by the Hindi section only.

A resolution moved by Mr. G. Ponen at a mass meeting of Indians held at Manor Gardens condemned the Manor Gardens Hindu Association for introducing into their constitution a sectional clause, thereby debarring members to the Tamilian section of the residents, who also have been responsible for the erection of the Association Hall.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

Colonial Secretary on 'No Colour Bar'

"It is the present policy of His Majesty's Government . . . to use their power to secure equal treatment irrespective of colour, for all the subjects of the Colonial Empire," the Under-Secretary for Colonies, Mr. George Hall, in a written reply in the Commons yesterday to a question by Mr. Riley (Labour).

Mr. Riley asked: Is Mr. Hall aware that when West Indian people arrived at Bermuda on their way to Britain they were refused admission in a hotel in which white passengers were accommodated.

Mr. Hall's reply also said: "The Secretary of State learned with great regret of this instance of colour discrimination and is communicating with the Government of Bermuda on the matter.

MANOR GARDENS ASSOCIATION

Resolutions submitted by the Manor Gardens Educational Union recently to a mass meeting of Indians urging the Manor Gardens Hindu Association to change the existing Association Hall into a scholastic purposes has been made a reality.

The Association in a public announcement has intimated its decision of commencing classes for Indian children from Monday next.

The Indian Educational Union has pointed out to the Indian residents of Manor Gardens and Merebank that the Association Hall was built by public subscription for the benefit of the residents. Clauses, however, were introduced into the constitution without the consent of the public at large.

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Carmen Miranda, who was so sensational in "Down Argentine Way," is given a chance to act a full-length role in "That Night in Rio." As the flighty, fiery songstress, she displays her violent disapproval of her American boy friend in both English and Portuguese. The Brazilian "Bombshell" introduces her native dance, the Samba, to the American movie audience, and the chorus, trained by Miss Miranda and Dance Director Hermes Pan, is said to be outstanding.

Alice Faye emerges in "That Night in Rio" as an alternate and fashionably gowned society queen. As the wife of the baron her outfits are striking—and her songs are, as always, a highlight of the film.

The full richness of Rio's night life and the vivid costumes of the performers are captured by the magic of Technicolour. Amidst these gorgeous surroundings Director Irving Cummings has fashioned an outstanding piece of entertainment.

UNIFORMITY IN MUSLIM NAMES

Mahomed Mahomet or Muhammad

...VEMENT which deserves support is afoot in Bombay legal circles to standardise Muslim names in legal documents more correctly and uniformly than is the practice at present. It is pointed out in the first place that the term "Mahummedan," being orthographically wrong, is distasteful to the followers of the Prophet. The Bombay Government recently ordered all Government officers to use "Muslim" instead. There is no reason why the same practice should not be followed in legal documents.

It is also pointed out that the commonly used forms "Mahomed" or "Mahomet," hallowed as they are sanctified by long years of misuse, is as much a corruption of the name as "Muhammad" as the more ancient and opprobrious "Mahound." Other equally common Muslim names appear in legal documents under strange transformations. It is certainly very desirable that the spellings of Muslim names should be fixed in the same way as English names, and they should approximate, as far as possible, to their correct Arabic prototypes.

There is now a well-established system of transliteration for the representation of Arabic and Persian words in the Roman script. This is essential not only for the sake of orthographical purity, but for the more practical purpose of certainty of identification. The reform is quite feasible, since the more common Muslim names in India are surprisingly few.

But the reform need not stop with Muslim names, writes The Times of India. There is no fixity about Hindu names either, although the problem is

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Talk of The Bazaar

By "The Faqir"

INDEPENDENCE DAY

THE biggest event of the week coming all Indians in Durban who would like to see an India that is independent was the commemoration of India's Independence Day on Monday. Strangely enough, it was left to two Britishers to see that the impact of that day in its full meaning was brought home to the Indians and other non-Europeans.

N.T.U. REGISTERED

The Natal Teachers' Union has been registered. This is good news for all teachers who have been earning the miserable pittance of £5 per month as against the £8 and more of the Durban municipal coolies. No one can just now say whether that position will remain because of the proposals that the Executive Committee of the Natal Provincial Council intends to bring forward in regard to the wages of teachers in aided schools. The Bazaar hopes that the powers that be who control the wages of teachers do not force the hands of the N.T.U., as that body can now do a number of things and still be within the law.

THE BAZAAR'S CONGRATULATIONS

The Bazaar is proud of the accomplishment of Miss Amina Vaid, who is the first Indian girl at Durnell Crescent to obtain a first class pass in the Junior Certificate examination. Here is an example of what an Indian girl can do if given the chance.

"PRIME MINISTER" STICKS

The appellation "Prime Minister" seems to have stuck to Mr. A. I. Kajee, who received that name at the Congress Conference last September, for the other day he received a letter bearing the post mark of Johannesburg addressing him as The Rt. Hon. A. I. Kajee. The envelope contained a pamphlet headed "Victory for Passive Resisters." It had come from the Transvaal, where the Indian people are maintaining their struggle against enslaving legislation. The police apparently have decided to let alone the resisters, as a summons against one of the resisters, Mr. A. E. Saley, was withdrawn at the last minute.

FOR HER OWN SAKE

Since Independence Day has been observed for the first time in South Africa, I do not think that it will be too much for my readers if I cull another paragraph from the Independence Day meeting at the Avalon Theatre. Speaking last, Rev. W. H. Satchell said that Britain had failed to do any good for India and the best she could do now was to pack up and get out for India's sake and for her own sake. Those words, coming from a Britisher who has the welfare of the Indian at his heart, must ring true. By asking Britain to get out Rev. Satchell, I believe, did not imply that Britishers must have nothing to do with India. He must have meant that "Imperial Exploitation" must be got rid of in India.

Even Pundit Jawaharlal Nehru, referring to Imperial exploitation, said in his presidential address in March, 1936: "If this engine goes, we have nothing but goodwill for England, and in any event we wish to be friends with the mass of the British people.

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much more complex and difficult. Nevertheless, even here the ignorance and laxity of scribes are responsible for much needless confusion, and it would be very helpful similarly to fix the English spellings of the more common Hindu names.

At any rate, whoever devises a method of shortening the interminable and normally unpronounceable South Indian names, and bringing them within the limits of the human tongue, will prove a public benefactor, unless they are—like Welsh and Polish names—beyond redemption!

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Muslim Festival Days

The article by a despondent Muslim is nothing but a fact, that the capitalists look for money first and think of God afterwards. It is not only that the Muslim shop owners of Ladysmith neglect to observe such an important festival day, but I assume that most of the Muslim business owners throughout Natal are not so religious.

The simple reason for such behaviour is that they are particularly zealous to grab more money for their self-interest, and as they never like to see a moment wasted of business opportunities. These capitalists would have even taken advantage of any public holiday if the law was not there to prevent them from doing so. It is important to remember that all these business owners exploit the one class, and they are the shop assistants, and some even exploit their own relatives. Take the case of Maritzburg, where there are hundreds of Muslims, and it is a shame to see that none of the shop owners have pity for any worker who wishes to be with his family on such a great occasion.

Not only these two Muslim festivals every year are important, but Friday midday prayer is also important, and very few shop assistants and shop owners crowd to the capacity in the mosques. Most of these shop owners themselves go rushing straight from the shops in the same shabby clothes, and then back to open the doors all in a hurry. It is high time that all assistants and exploited relatives should make up their minds to stand against this selfish idea of such non-religious capitalists.

H.H.

Maritzburg.

The Managerial System

Indian education in Natal still has a few defects. It has not, surprising to note, reached the Transvaal standard as yet, in spite of many privileges, the pupils do not take the fullest advantage of the scope offered to them.

In the Transvaal, education is free, books are free, and believe it or not, in winter the children, especially the poor, are provided with a hearty breakfast and warm clothing to don.

One defect in our Natal system is the managerial system. Their existence is made worse by their nonco-operation, i.e., they never meet and bring about a uniformity in their organisation, with the result that many become the sufferers. How? Their method of promotion, their ideas of collecting school fees and the sums to be paid, their discretion of handling cases of misbehaviour, etc., all vary.

Why do they not meet as a body as the teachers do and bring about uniformity—a very desirable thing indeed?

But worse still are the head-teachers, in many more respects one head-teacher differs from the other.

"RYDER."

Pretoria.

CHRISTMAS CHEER

The Natal Indian Association (Maritzburg branch) assisted by the Indian Unemployment Relief Committee, provided Christmas Cheer to 35 indigent families in and around Maritzburg.

An amount of £15 from the City Council, augmented by funds from the Relief Committee was spent in providing a fairly substantial Christmas Cheer, consisting of 5lb. rice, 1lb. sugar, 1lb. sweets, 1lb. raisins, 1 loaf bread, 2lb. mutton, 1 packet vermicelli, and 1 tin sardines.

We are indeed grateful to the Pietermaritzburg Cold Storage Company for their donation of six sheep. We are also thankful to the City Council for the yearly donation.

These hampers were distributed on

Mr. A. I. Kajee's Question

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population, and desires that it should circumvent its main arteries of traffic in a fashion that it can hide the Indian.

There is a solution of this problem without expropriation. Let the council show its bona fides by erecting several hundred houses for its Indian population on land belonging to it at Sherbrook and at Sydenham. Both these areas are provided with good private-Indian-owned transport. As for the existing Indian houses on land belonging to Indians in these areas, the Slums Act and the Public Health Act give ample power to the city council to bring about better conditions in the existing buildings owned by Indians. This is supported by the city medical officer of health in his report to the town clerk on November 13. He said these pregnant words: "It has been the experience that whilst house repairs or demolition and reconstruction are readily conceded to by the owners concerned, land acquisition is almost invariably resisted by resort to appeal and litigation allowed under this Act" (Slums Act).

We are confident that Sir Edward Thornton and his board will be fair and just to the Indians, and as far as the city council is concerned Sir Edward and his colleagues know from experience of the sorry figure that the council cut in its dealings with the Central Housing Board over the 1926 report. Indians will look forward that again on this occasion the report of the Central Housing Board will be such as to expose the cunning angles by the city council of the housing needs and civic amenities of the Indian population.

ARYA SAMAJ MOUNT PARTRIDGE OFFICIALS

The annual meeting of the Arya Samaj, Mount Partridge and District, was held at the Samaj hall on Sunday. The annual report of the hon. secretary reflected a good year's progress, and the chairman, in moving the adoption of the secretary's report eulogised the good work carried out by the officials in general during the year under review.

The following officials were elected for the ensuing year: Patrons, Messrs. R. R. Maharaj, F. Ramlagan, G. Bishoon; president, Mr. Seetharam Gourie; vice-presidents, Messrs. S. Ratcharam, R. Ramgarib; hon. secretary, Pandit O. Shivrathan; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. O. Pothan; hon. treasurer, Mr. S. Bajju; auditor, Mr. R. R. Maharaj.

Committee: Messrs. Jagarnath, R. Chatterpaul, Baldeo, Maharaj, Ram-pauk N. Durean; delegates, Messrs. Seetharam Gourie, F. Ramlagan, G. Bishoon, S. Ratcharam, R. Ramgarib, O. Shivrathan.

The news of another gift by a member of a well-known Indian philanthropic family of Pietermaritzburg has just become known. Hearing that there was an urgent need for a hall in the district which would serve the religious, social and educational needs of the Hindu community, the donor has consented to build a hall for about £400 to meet these long outstanding needs.

Members of the Hindu community deeply appreciate this generous gesture.

Christmas eve and on Christmas day packets of fruit and cakes were distributed at the Grey's Hospital, Mental Asylum and the Aryan Benevolent Home.

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(Maritzburg).

CRICKET UNIONS ASKED TO EXPLAIN

"Interested" writes:—

In the sporting columns of your issue of last week I notice Mr. A. Khan takes "Observer" to task for making a statement about the state of Indian cricket in Durban, and asks the officials of the cricket union to wake up and "rap the hands" of such writers as "Observer."

I would also like to ask the officials of the various district cricket unions in Natal to "wake up" and explain how is it that Mr. G. K. Nulliah, of Ladysmith, was selected to represent the County Indian Cricket Union in an inter-district match against the South Coast Indian Cricket Union one week and the following week selected to represent the Northern District Indian Cricket Union against the Durban Indian Cricket Union.

I believe the rules lay it down that players must be bona fide residents of their respective districts, and to be registered for a certain number of days before they can take part in any representative games, yet Mr. Nulliah was allowed to participate in two games in two different districts within the space of one week.

Now that the officials are awakened, what are they going to do about it? Will they take action? I doubt it.

STAR OF INDIA F.C.

The officials, supporters and players of the Star of India F.C., of Clairwood, had a photograph taken of the club on Sunday last. The year 1941 was a most successful year for the club. They were the winners of the league, joint holders of the Bodha's Memorial Floating trophy and joint holders of the Sunerah Shield.

After the photo the club had a smoker at the New India Lounge, Durban. The club is trying to keep the colour flying this year also.

KEEN CRICKET IN MARITZBURG

Royals Qualify for District Final

Winning the toss, M.I.C.C. decided to make use of the perfect wicket against Royals in the semi-final at the Peters Shield at Maritzburg on Sunday last.

Accurate bowling by S. Moor, H. Nanjee, the M.I.C.C. were soon in trouble, and were all out for 87 runs, with R. Harrinarain 22 and Danabalan 20, as the chief scorers.

Ted Chetty and T. V. Valiathan, the Royals' opening pair, set about the bowling in brilliant style, which made the score-board figures climb more merrily.

With only two wickets down, the Royals eclipsed the opponents' total and thereafter the spectators were entertained to hurricane hitting.

T. V. Valiathum 43, I. S. Chetty 42 and E. Cassimjee with 35 were the main contributors, thus giving the Royals an easy victory by 122 runs on the first innings.

The winners of the Orientals-v match will now meet Royals to decide the right to represent Maritzburg in the Peters Shield Natal competition.

ORIENTALS-SCHOOLS MATCH

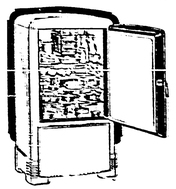
In the other Peters Shield district set for decision on the 24th inst., to be continued today. Schools won the toss, sent the Orientals to bat on a good wicket.

Devastating bowling by M. Sheegian and S. Reddy found the powerful Oriental batsmen scratching for runs and were all out for 63 runs.

At the time of drawing stumps the Schools have played themselves into a winning position, with 3 wickets for one wicket (P. Nulliah 27 not out).

Rain only, it is expected, will save the Orientals elimination today.

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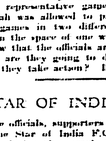
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OSING OF LAW CLASSES

Possible Explanation Disputed

HANS MAGHRAJH KES A STATEMENT

of the possible explanations ered in connection with the of the N.I.C.C. law classes for was the withdrawal of a grant- £363 per annum to make up any deficit in the fees, the truth of which is denied by the guarantor Mr. Hans Maghrajh.



Hans Maghrajh

In the course of a statement to The Leader, Mr. Hans Maghrajh said that in order to start the classes he provided a guarantee up to £100 a year if the fees did not make up this amount, for three years.

The first year he paid a little over £70, in the second year the sum was about half and in the third year, that was last year, he paid nothing because the fees covered the expenditure. The class had been well-supporting and there was an interest in the students this year who had the assistance of the guarantee had expired because of the cessation of time and he never was approached by the N.I.C.C. authorities about it.

He has learned that classes have been stopped because of the want of a guarantee Mr. Maghrajh said The Leader that he was prepared to provide another guarantee on the same basis as the last year. It meant the reopening of the classes so that the facilities would not be lost to the Indian community.

The following are successful Indian students who have been under the tuition of Mr. R. Mahanarj, of "Villa," Glenesse: National Certificate (Std. X Matric exam): G. R. M. Durrat, complete pass; A. M. Jiggan, geography, book-keeping and commercial arithmetic. Junior Certificate (Std. VIII): C. M. Durrat, complete pass; Ismail, complete pass; Shyamkumar Maharaj, complete pass with distinction in book-keeping.

MR. M. C. FANNIN SUCCESTS—

The Old School Tie for Indians

ENGLISH PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM FAVOURED

THE old school tie might find favour with Indians, in that the system of the English public schools might be introduced among the Indian community of this country was the hope expressed by Mr. M. C. Fannin when he opened the Manor Garden Indian School, Durban, on Sunday last.

He also referred to the presence of a large body of Europeans, both men and women, who were liberally inclined towards the Indians.

Result of Self Help

"THIS building is a tangible result of self help among the poor," said Mr. A. I. Kajee, who presided at the opening of the new Manor Gardens Private English School on Sunday last.

Speaking of vernacular education, he said that it could not be measured by any measure the people knew, but would show itself in the course of years when the young men who had benefited discovered that their duty lay in that portion of the community which knew self help. Those old people who had been responsible for the Manor Gardens Hindu Association Hall were no more with the community, and it was left to the young men to carry on their work. They were on the eve of another step, that of beginning another English school in the area.

He also stated that the name of the Association had been changed to Arya Samaj in order to give lie to some unfounded allegations against the body and to remove any friction due to caste or dialectal differences. There should be no division at all as far as the education of children was concerned.

In welcoming Mr. Fannin to open the school, Mr. A. I. Kajee said that no better man could be found for the purpose. Mr. Fannin not only took interest in opening a school, but he was still interested after the school had been opened.

Mr. G. P. Maharaj, who was deputed by Mr. S. A. Maharaj to read the presidential speech, gave a brief survey of the history of the Manor Gardens Hindu Association. It was established at a time when there were no public institutions in the locality, but the people, although they led a hard and difficult life, realised that the future of their children depended on educational facilities. Hence the Association came into being, with the late Mr. B. M. Singh, Mr. K. Baijnath and S. Ramportal, of Darnall, as patrons.

A dramatic club was formed later in order to collect money.

"To bring about better harmony and co-ordination of thought, the Association decided at its last special general meeting to change its name to Arya Samaj," Mr. G. P. Maharaj continued.

The total value of the site and building was about £400. A plan had been drawn up for the extension of the building in order to comply with the regulations before a grant-in-aid could be sought.

"The person who has been instrumental in making all the necessary arrangements for today's function is Mr. B. Bachoo. Though he is not an official or a member of our Association he has sacrificed much of his precious time, thought and money to alleviate the position of our Association.

"His unselfish devotion and interest displayed in our welfare, and his wise counsel received constantly are highly appreciated. To him we offer our very sincere thanks and pray that whenever occasion demands he will be good enough to give his services, as he has always done ungrudgingly." Mr. G. P. Maharaj concluded.

Before Mr. M. C. Fannin was called upon to open the school he was garlanded by Mr. G. P. Maharaj, who also had a bouquet each for Mrs. Fannin, Ramchandra Singh (Hindi), Mr. W. S. Seethal, Mr. A. E. Shaikh, Mr. R. B. Maharaj and Mr. C. R. Naidoo.

Speaking afterwards, Mr. Kajee said £20 was already available for the extension of the school; Mr. K. Baijnath, £25; Mr. E. M. Pandit, £15; Mr. Chas Moses, £10; Mr. A. Kajee, £10, and the Esipingo Indian Society, £10.

GOVT. OF INDIA'S ASSURANCE

Guarding Rights of Indians Overseas

The Minister of Indians Overseas, Mr. M. S. Aney, in the Central Assembly, said that the Government of India could claim that whatever the difference between them and the political parties in other matters, both were agreed in championing and zealously guarding the rights of Indians abroad.

Indians, he claimed, had found in the Government of India a champion to protect the honour of Indians overseas.

ment of a child's character. It was a shame that the Government had neglected the question of free education for Indian children while other sections enjoyed it. He was very glad that the Natal Provincial Executive had at last decided to introduce free education for Indians.

Mr. Fannin hoped that the system of public schools in vogue in England would be adopted by the Indians in South Africa. It was a "very fine thing," he said.

Referring to Mr. Kajee, he said Mr. Kajee had a knack of getting anything when he sought it.

All the Europeans, Mr. Fannin said, were not bad. There were plenty of liberal men and women ready to assist the Indian people. He had much pleasure in opening the school, he concluded.

Mr. B. Barnabas, headmaster of Cato Manor Government-aided Indian School, said there was very great need for more schools. The Indian people never lacked in self help.

Mrs. Lall Singh, before her marriage a teacher at Glenesse, prayed that Almighty God would crown the enterprise with success. She also appealed to parents to send their girls to school. Japan, she said, had liberated its women and "couldn't we be given the same equality." Indian women in India were today advancing very fast, Mrs. Singh concluded.

The other speakers were Messrs. K. Baijnath (in Hindi), S. S. Guru Sewnigut (in Tamil), Pandit J. Ramchan Singh (Hindi), Mr. W. S. Seethal, Mr. A. E. Shaikh, Mr. R. B. Maharaj and Mr. C. R. Naidoo.

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