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Drop in Soccer Standard at Currie's Fountain

THERE was a marked fall in the standard of soccer at Currie's Fountain on Saturday last, after the bright send-off the previous Saturday. A lively encounter between Warwickshire "B" and Clairwood Schools in the Senior "B" section, however, to some extent pulled the afternoon's fare out of mediocrity.

Afritex again failed to turn up this time, giving Warwickshire full points without a game. In the other Senior "A" game Daffodils had Shamrocks, last year's "B" section winners, score 11 goals against them. There was no score for some time but after the Daffodils' keeper let one go past him midway in the first half goals came at regular intervals. Eight were scored in the second half.

Clairwood Schools and Warwickshire "B" in the Senior "B" in a late game on the main promised speedy play from the kick-off. There were sharp exchanges and the Schools' forwards especially combined very well but failed when it came to kicking into goal. Half-time found the sides even, but immediately on the resumption Schools scored twice in succession. 'Shire "B," stung by this, applied pressure on the Schools' goal but failed to score. Midway in the half, however, they reduced the deficit. Rough stuff was evident towards the close of the game and frayed tempers resulted in some wild miskicks. The final whistle found Schools winners by 2 goals to 1.

In the Junior Division Stella outclassed Central "B" by 9 goals to nil, while Sydenham scored a decisive win over Centrals "A" by 7 goals to 3.

OTHER RESULTS

SENIOR "B"

Silver Willow Rangers 1, Duff's Road 1.

JUVENILE "A"

Central 2, Aces 2.

Clairwood Riverside 3, Stars 1.

JUVENILE "B"

Warwickshire 4, Crimson League 1.

Silver Willow Rangers 2, Young Bulwers 1.

THIS AFTERNOON'S FIXTURES

SENIOR "A"

Stella vs. Daffodils; No. 1; 2.15 p.m. (S. K. Reddy).

Stars vs. Shamrock; Main; 3.30 p.m. (P. Moona).

SENIOR "B"

Queens vs. Pirates; Main; 2.15 p.m. (Y. S. Muller).

Silver Willow Rangers vs. Sydenham; No. 1; 3.30 p.m. (R. Bijon).

JUNIORS

Stars vs. Overport Rangers; No. 2; 2.15 p.m. (R. Munsamy).

Warwickshire vs. Sydenham; No. 2; 3.30 p.m. (K. M. Pillay).

JUVENILE "A"

Sastri "A" vs. Warwickshire; No. 3; 3.30 p.m. (P. Chilai).

Stars vs. Centrals; No. 3; 2.15 p.m. (P. B. A. Reddy).

JUVENILE "B"

Stella "A" vs. Sastri "B"; No. 4; 2.15 p.m. (R. L. Rosslhan).

Royals vs. Stella; No. 4; 3.30 p.m. (E. H. Mulla).

The Stanger Pirates Indian Football Club has now affiliated with the Lower Tugela District Indian Football Association for the current year.

Sports Gossip

By "SPORTSMAN"

LOOKS like Afritex's looking for trouble. Main ground was vacant on Saturday because they didn't turn up to fulfil their fixture. Whether it's a case of promotion gone to the head one can't tell but the Association, according to officials, takes a serious view of the matter; so do the soccer fans who pay to see matches, not empty grounds.

Daffs, with stout hearts, held up against Shamrocks, but crabbed age could not stand the onslaught of youth. Shamrocks, with promotion tingling through its veins piled up the score against the old team, but Daffs don't seem to die.

General weakness of front-line men at the Fountain is shooting at goal. Forwards generally like the idea of trying to dribble past the goalkeeper. They usually lose the ball after working it from the midfield. Wasted energy and opportunity. Men aiming to score should, on arrival at the eighteen-yard mark, boot—and boot hefty. There are more chances of scoring that way.

It's time the Soccer Association let those kids in free who stand at the gates each Saturday afternoon to see a game of soccer and have to wait until the first half of the late games are over before they can come in and cheer their favourites. They show more enthusiasm than many of the officials and each and every one [illegible] is capable at pick[illegible] "representative" Durban soccer [illegible] Come on! What about it, D[illegible] D.I.F.A. You won't lose [illegible] few tickeys—but the good you'[illegible] by the game will be beyond reckon[illegible]

Although the local cricket se[illegible] is over I have a cricket yarn that [illegible] bears the telling. It comes stra[illegible] from India—Bombay to be precise[illegible] a letter to his brother an ex d[illegible] mate, who is at St. Xavier's Coll[illegible] tells of the "Cricket Club of Ind[illegible] It is a club which boasts as its m[illegible] bership the "big shots" of India, [illegible] they do everything except play cri[illegible] Socials, dances and parlour games [illegible] but no willow and leather—th[illegible] the "Cricket Club of India." Ex d[illegible] mate was introduced to this e[illegible] C.C. by a "big shot" from Du[illegible] Salaam.

It isn't a big jump from politi[illegible] sports. N.E.U.F. organisation [illegible] European politics aims at taking c[illegible] trol of all physical culture activ[illegible] in the Province. They aim to fo[illegible] a love for the body beautiful am[illegible] the non-European youth of the day.

Mr. V. G. Augustine, secretary [illegible] the Lower Tugela District Ind[illegible] Football Association since its incept[illegible] in 1930, announces his retirement fr[illegible] the Board of Referees of this asso[illegible] tion. He hopes that other quali[illegible] referees will come forward to assist [illegible] this department of the game, of wh[illegible] there are many in the district, [illegible] who, so far, have confined themsel[illegible] to the position of critics.

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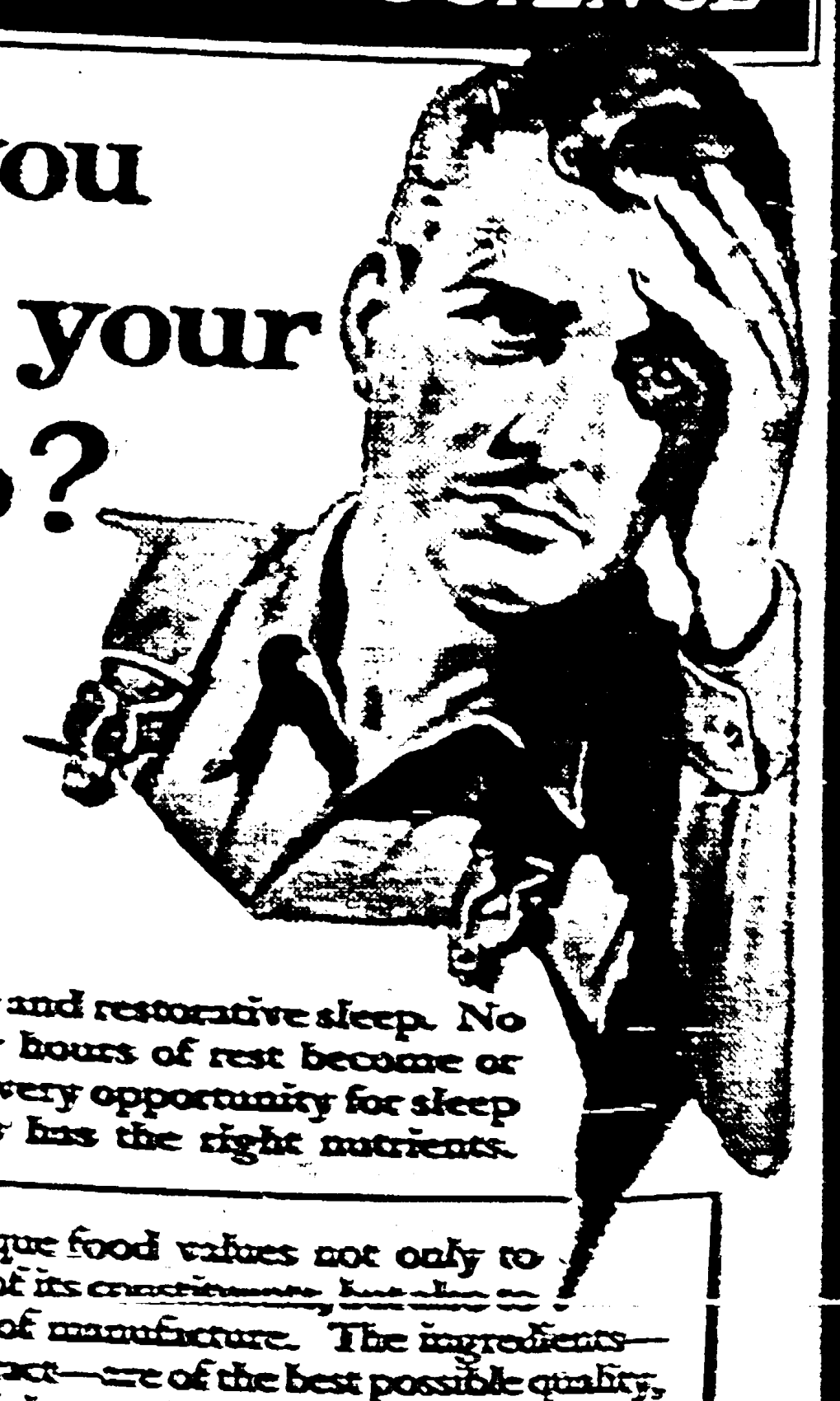

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DEATH OF SOUTH AFRICAN INDIAN FIGHTER PILOT AT KOHAT

Pilot Officer Dhramrajh Goordeen

[illegible]OT-OFFICER D. GOORDEEN

THE BADGE OF THE INDIAN AIR FORCE

"LIKE AN EAGLE IN SEARCH OF ITS PREY"

SOUTH AFRICAN Indian has made the great sacri[illegible] for his mother country, for news has been received this [illegible] of the death of Pilot Officer [illegible]amrajh Goordeen, who died [illegible]njuries due to a flying acci[illegible] at Kohat.

[illegible]harmrajh Goordeen, who be[illegible] to the well-known Daun[illegible]er family, being the eighth [illegible] of Mr. Goordeen Ahreer and [illegible]other of Mr. Bull Goordeen, [illegible] well-known social worker [illegible] Chief Indian Leader of the [illegible]S., Durban, left a few years [illegible] to take up medical studies [illegible] India. He joined the Grant [illegible]dical College at Bombay and [illegible]pleted the B.Sc., of which [illegible] had done the first year at [illegible] Hare (matriculated at [illegible]), in a concurrent course in [illegible] first two years of medicine.

[illegible] 1941 he decided to abandon [illegible]dicine for the duration and [illegible] the Air Force. He passed [illegible]ugh the air schools at [illegible]ore, Jodhpur and Ambala. [illegible] he gained his wings. [illegible]er that he was attached to [illegible] flying units and was last at [illegible]at, where his death occurred. [illegible]is mortal remains was cre[illegible]ed with full Air Force honours [illegible] Kohat.

[illegible]e was very popular with all [illegible]e who knew him.

[illegible]riting in January of this [illegible] to a friend in Durban Pilot [illegible]icer Goordeen stated:—

"I am a pilot now: soaring [illegible] 10—5,000 like an eagle in [illegible]earch of its prey. I enjoy life in its truest sense. I feel proud of being a fighter pilot and at the same time of defending my country and Empire. You cannot imagine how happy I feel. . . . There's a lot of scope here to distinguish myself and I wish to take full advantage of it."

In another paragraph of his letter Pilot Officer Goordeen says:—

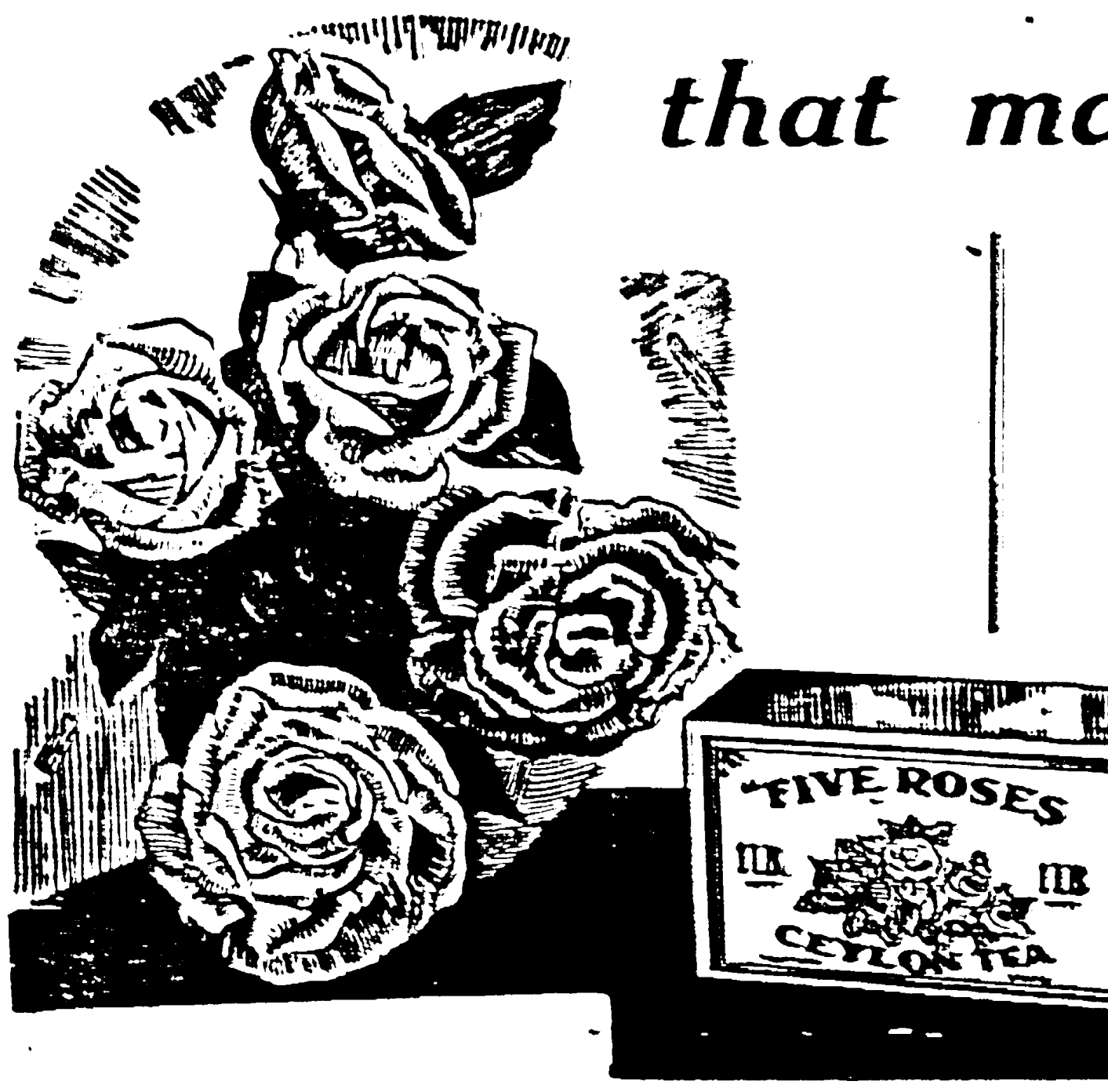
"India is a wonderful country and, though the climate is awful at times, it is compensated by other looks of life. I have become so acclimatised, not only to the climate but in a sense to the country itself that I fear I might forget South Africa. It's really a pleasure to live here."

This Referee Doesn't Talk

THE referee in the Maritzburg senior game—Young Colonials and Yorks — last Saturday walked off the ground in order to avoid any argument.

He awarded a penalty, which was the third in the game, against Colonials when the Colonials' linesman disputed the decision.

Rather than argue with the linesman he just walked out.



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A BETROTHAL CEREMONY

A betrothal ceremony was held in the St. Paul's parish hall on Saturday last, when Allan Ambrose, second son of Mr. M. G. Daniel, was betrothed to Gladys Dorothea, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Barnabas.

Father Langley officiated, and in congratulating the couple wished them much happiness, and exhorted them to examine themselves and to endeavour to understand one another. Rev. R. Choonoo associated himself with the remarks expressed. There were several other speakers.

Mr. Moses Abraham was M.C. for the evening. The "Gay Swingsters" provided the music.

COUNTRY SOCCER RESULTS

Juniors: Riverside Rangers 3, Glendale Royals 2. Seniors: Riverside Rangers 5, Shaves 2; Cliffview Royals 2, Shamrocks 0.

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Re-Product "A" 2, Stella 0; G.I.F.C. 3, Burnside 1; Dundee U. 7, Re-Product "B" 1.

COUNTRY FIXTURES FOR TOMORROW

Juniors: 11.45 a.m., Cliffview v. Bellair (S. G. Chetty); 1 p.m., Shamrocks v. Shaves (A. K. Patrick). Seniors: 2.15 p.m., Shaves v. Bellair (M. P. Joe); 3.30 p.m., Cliffview v. Riverside Rangers (M. K. Naidoo).

PROMOTION FOR PEETZ

Avalon Manager Leaves Capetown

The lounge of the Avalon th was the scene of a farewell to Peetz, the genial manager, on day morning last. The staff of Avalon theatre, about 25 gathered together to congratulate Peetz on his promotion to the po of manager of the Windsor Th (Pty.), Ltd., new house at Salt Capetown.

Mr. J. D. Maharaj, who has appointed acting manager, expr the good wishes of the staff on Peetz's promotion, and wished good luck in his new venture, stated how much he would be mi

In proposing Mr. Peetz's toast, V. C. Padayachee said that Mr. had been more than a father to all, and that one and all would him.

Mr. J. D. Maharaj then garla Mr. Peetz, and on behalf of the st the Avalon theatre presented him a shaving set in a leather case.

In replying, Mr. Peetz said surprised he had been to have honour conferred on him. He was sorry to leave, he said, since he started at the Avalon when the th was just an empty shell, and he, the help of his staff, had nurs until it was today the finest hou Durban. He thanked each membe the staff for their good wishes, asked them to offer their unstin operation to Mr. Maharaj.

BULAWAYO FOOTBA UNION

At a general meeting of the B wayo Indian Football Union, held cently, the following were elected cials for the coming year: Chair Mr. Kalidas N. Rana; vice-chair Mr. A. C. Yusuf; secretary, Mr Naidoo; treasurer, Mr. A. S. Pa general and match secretary, Prag R. Vaghmaria.

ISIPINGO SOCCER RESULTS

The following are the result matches played at Isipingo on Sun Reunion 3, Schools 0; Kynoch Royals 1; Estates 11, Orientals

MARITZBURG SOCC

Two junior matches were playe Maritzburg on Saturday last. had a fine recovery after being 3 down in the first half to draw thre The second game, between Natalians and Shamrocks, resulte a win for the former by four goa two.

Only one juvenile match was pl —Royals and Young Natalians ended in a draw, two all.

On Sunday, at the African gro Edendale road, the Maritzburg lims tied with the selected African three all. Essop Timol, of Dur Stars, turned out for the Muslim

A VARIETY CONCE

A variety entertainment has arranged by the Malvern Health Strength Club to take place in Aidan's Hall on Saturday, Ma 1942, at 8 p.m. The proceeds wil divided between the club's wor Malvern in seeking to encourage yo people to be healthy, and the fu for feeding needy Indian school ch ren. Two plays will be given and so musical items and elocutionary s tions will be included.

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WHOLEMEAL SANDWICH CAKE

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Sift the meal well, discarding the roughage. Now mix together the meal, baking powder and salt. Cream the butter and sugar together, then add the eggs, one at a time and mix each in thoroughly. Stir in the flavouring essences and also half the quantity of milk. Now add, by degrees, the dry ingredients alternatively with the remainder of the milk. Stir well. Grease two sandwich tins and divide the mixture, putting half into each tin. Bake in a hot oven for about 25 minutes. Put the two layers on a wire cake cooler. When cold, join the layers together with strawberry jam or any other filling desired.

WHOLEMEAL DIGESTIVE BISCUITS

2 cups unsifted meal, 1 tablespoon brown sugar, 2 teaspoons baking powder, 2 tablespoons butter, ½ cup milk, pinch of salt.

Mix all the dry ingredients together, then rub in the butter. Now add the milk and knead to a stiff dough. Roll out the mixture to a thickness of a quarter of an inch. Then cut it into fancy shapes and place on a greased baking sheet. Bake in a moderate oven, from 10 to 15 minutes. Sultanas or dates may be added to the ingredients if desired.

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A WASCHBANK WEDDING

On Saturday last the residence of Mr. J. Ramgoolam was the scene of a wedding, when over 200 guests from all parts of Natal and the Transvaal assembled to witness the marriage of his eldest daughter to the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Hariparsad, of Ladysmith, Natal. The wedding took place on the farm Oondrani, near Waschbank, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ramgoolam.

The ceremony, which commenced in the evening, was performed by Pundit Raghoonath Maharaj, of Waschbank, according to Sanathan rites.

Among others, the following also spoke at the function and paid glowing tributes to the bridegroom's father, Mr. Hariparsad, of Ladysmith, and of his good services to the Indian community: Messrs. Bandhoo, sen., Bandhoo, jun., K. R. Singh, R. Kallie, Simison Maharaj and P. Parag.

The bride and bridegroom were the recipients of several presents.

A welcome reception will be accorded to the members of the Health Commission by the Non-European Land Owners' Association of Plessislaer, Edendale, Mount Partridge and districts at the Sutherlands Indian school today at 2.30 p.m.

Mainly About People

Mr. and Mrs. N. James, of Elandsvlei, Kranskop, and Mrs. M. Frank, of 162, South road, Durban, will be leaving shortly for Durban. Mr. James is well known in local sporting circles. He will be making his permanent residence in Durban.

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Mr. A. S. Kajee, of Messrs. Kajee Bros., Durban, returned from Cape Town, where he spent a short holiday, on Monday last.

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Mr. Mahomed Ebrahim included a trip to Warmbaths during his recent visit to Johannesburg.

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Mr. D. Mancherjee, of Cape Town, is on a holiday visit to Durban. He is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. Rustomjee.

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Messrs. Jack Maharaj and R. R. Singh, of Dundee, spending their weekend at Ladysmith, were the guests of Mr. Tommy Singh. Mr. S. J. Morgan and Mr. R. N. Singh, also of Dundee, have left for Durban and Umkomaas on a visit.

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Mr. R. Dhookil, of Wesselsnek, is spending a short holiday in Durban and Mayville.

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Mr. A. K. Essop, the honorary secretary of Westerners football club, Mayville, will be leaving shortly for Glencoe, Natal.

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Mr. Dawood Ismail, the secretary of Stella F.C., Glencoe, is spending a short holiday in Durban.

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Messrs. P. R. Pather, M. N. Bhoola and P. Hargovan visited Pretoria on business this week.

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Staff-Sergt. N. D. Parmanand, of the Indian and Malay Corps, was in Maritzburg on official duty this week.

The cremation of the late Mrs. Parbhoo Makanjee, wife of Mr. Parbhoo Makanjee, of Esnadini, took place at the Mountain Rise crematorium, Maritzburg, last Monday. The deceased had not been in good health for some time.

A short service was conducted by Pundits R. B. Maharaj and Jugmohan Singh at the Veda Dharma Sabha hall, prior to the cortege leaving for the crematorium.

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NATAL INDIAN ASSOCIATION

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Provincial Conference Preliminary Notice

The Provincial Conference of the Natal Indian Association will take place in the City Hall, Durban, 31st May and 1st June. Programme of the Conference, together with Agenda, will be announced later.

A. M. M. LOKHAT,
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Direct Municipal Representation

DURING the recent debate by the Durban City Councillors on the recommendation in Parliament of Senator Heaton Nicholls that the Native should be given communal representation on the municipal councils the Mayor of Durban, Councillor Rupert Ellis Brown, stated that the municipal franchise should be extended to the Indians as well, but, he added, the Indians will not accept any concession that fell short of direct representation on the municipal councils. The Mayor has correctly interpreted the Indian viewpoint for they have fought, since the time they were deprived of the old franchise for direct say in civic affairs. They would be going back on their demands if they compromised on the objective for which they have so vigorously campaigned if they accepted communal representation. The case of the franchise for Indians is pressing and urgent, and as each day goes by the need for representatives to look after their interests in matters pertaining to the general and the detailed administration of the town or the city grows more acute. No municipal council has the right to proclaim itself representative of the opinions and wishes of the ratepayers unless and until it extends to all the people residing within its boundaries the opportunity to take part in and discuss matters affecting the welfare of the general population of the city or the town.

In the Cape, where the non-Europeans enjoy the municipal franchise, there exist better concord and more understanding between the various peoples that make up the towns than in Natal, the oft belaboured most British of the provinces in South Africa. There is an Indian on the City Council of Cape Town and he is quite a useful member. There are also two other non-Europeans.

Today, more than ever, when the entire world forces of Democracy are ranged against the Fascist Axis, whose main object is to enslave mankind, a clearer and more concordant understanding is urgently required between the various constituent groups of any city or country; for, when the final reckoning comes all groups of men will be judged on the same basis. No community will be allowed or given a start. Mistakes, glaring cases of injustice towards a particular section of a community, have been made in the past. Adverse legislation in the Parliament of the country and irritating by-laws in the municipal councils have been effected against all sections of the non-European people; but time is too precious for recriminations. This does not mean that we must allow the perpetuation of these wrongs, but, since we cannot get them repealed overnight, we must strive against a recurrence of these injustices. Our pace must be forward, not backward; but until we have a voice in the council chambers our struggle cannot be very effective. It is time that Durban agreed to extend its hand of friendship to the Indian, who has earned for himself the right to make himself heard in the municipal councils and even in the Parliament of the country—a right earned in the crusade of decency against the hordes of Germany, Italy and Japan.

The Indians cannot any longer remain mere spectators of events that vitally affect them, but, unfortunately, the system which denies them the vote, largely because of their colour, ties them so much that they cannot engage effectively in matters that affect them and their children. A better world has been promised all men when this blood-bath is over, but the sensational blue prints of a security code for all people, which the Premier revealed some time back at Bloemfontein, have apparently been shelved. South Africa has the fortune of being in the war without suffering any of its real miseries, and she can yet stretch her hand of friendship to the Indian and the other non-Europeans without disorganising in any way her complete and full participation in the war. The municipal councils can still secure the unstinted support of the Indians if they allow them to be represented in their chambers as a prelude to the general enfranchisement of the Indians and other non-European people. The time has come; there is no denying it and the Indian is fully qualified to start with, to enjoy direct representation on the municipal councils of the country.

Pro Patria

THE hearts of all those who read (in our news columns) of the death of South Africa's first Indian pilot officer must go out in sympathy with the bereaved family, for Pilot Officer Dharamrajh Goordeen, in participating in the defence of India, represented the entire Indian community of this country. He was our contribution to the defence of our motherland, far more tangible than the resolutions we are wont to send. Dharamrajh's views are reflected in his own words—"I feel proud of being a fighter pilot and at the same time of defending my country and Empire"—while his faith is simply expressed but nevertheless charged with an eloquence that cannot fail to move in these days not only those who stand in the shadows of the dark clouds of a possible invasion of India, but also all those who love the motherland. There is a void now created by the death of Dharamrajh which we must fill. Surely there must be his friends, who were with him at college, who feel that they must replace him in the defence of the motherland, and for her security there can be no counting the cost and no sacrifice great enough.

N.I.A. PRESENTATIO TO MR. P. F. KINCAID

Farewell to Returning Commissioner

Mr. A. M. M. Lockhat, presi Messrs. Sorabjee Rustomjee and R. Pather, joint honorary secreta Messrs. Ashwin Choudree and S Naidoo, of the Natal Indian A tion, met Mr. P. F. Kincaid, Co sioner for Immigration and As Affairs, and his wife, Mrs. Kin and the Commissioner Designate, Basson, at Pretoria last week.

Mr. Lockhat made a presenta to Mr. Kincaid and Mrs. Kincaid a token of remembrance and wi both a happy future. Mrs. Kin in addition was presented with a b tiful bouquet of roses.

Messrs. S. R. Naidoo and S. R tomjee spoke of the association of Indian community with the Comm sioner's office since the creation of Cape Town Agreement. They spoke in high terms of Mrs. Kinca interest in the welfare of Ind women and children. They welco the new Commissioner, Mr. Bas and hoped that there would be a c tinuance of friendly feeling betw his office and the Indian communi

Mr. and Mrs. Kincaid replied tha ing the representatives of the Asso tion for the kindly thoughts th prompted them to meet and to farewell.

Mr. Basson, the new Commissio stated that although a new man the office he would do his best to what was right and proper, and come into contact with the Ind community as often as possible.

GLENCOE MADRESS FUNCTION

A large gathering was present the Madressa Islamyah, Glencoe, Sunday, to witness the school exa nation being conducted by Molvi N mani, of Piet Retief, and Molvi sari, of Dannhauser. The examinati was completed in the morning prizes were distributed in the aft noon.

Hajee M. M. Hansa, the wellknow Northern Natal business man, p sented the Madressa with a s floating trophy for the Vernac lecturing class, which was won Abubaker M. Dorrat. Hafez M. Kajee, of Glencoe, presented a w watch to the pupil with the best tendance. This was won by Mahom I. Kajee.

Mr. M. C. Peer, of Glencoe, p sented two fancy vases to the clever children in the Madressa. These w secured by Hawa M. Dorrat Zatoon Nizamia.

Prizes consisting of a cup saucer and sweets were distributed all the pupils of the Madressa, a p of which was donated by Mr. M Dorrat, of Glencoe.

Speakers included Messrs. M. Badat, of Piet Retief; G. H. C. P and A. C. Peer, of Glencoe.

VARSITY RAG TODA

Proceeds Devoted to Indi Charity

The officials and members of t Natal University College Studen Union (Sastri Section) again seek t support of the Indian public in t their third year of participation the N.U.C. Charity Rag.

Their attempts in 1940 resulted in benefit to the Indian Child Welfa Society and Bantu Child Welfa Society of £50. Last year they c lected £90, which went to the sa organisations.

The total amount collected by t Sastri section of the college has be allocated solely to non-Europe charity.

It is a cardinal principle of the c lege that none of the proceeds sh be devoted to the college.

Sastri section appeals to the gene osity of the community for its suppor

ir Shafa'at Khan Leaves The Union

Departure at Dawn For Destination

Thousands of Miles Away From Durban

SIR SHAFA'AT AHMAD KHAN, the High Commissioner for India in the Union of South Africa, who arrived in Durban from Cape Town, on Tuesday morning, is no longer in the Union.

He, accompanied by his secretary, Mr. D. Muir, has left Durban, at dawn some day this week, in connection with certain duties entrusted to him by the Government of India. He will be away for over three weeks, and during this period he would have travelled some thousands of miles, gained considerable experience of the part of the world where history is being made. He will be a character in this historic scene.

He Tells "The Leader"

ON the eve of his departure, Sir Shafa'at Khan, who hopes to continue his good work on his return to this country, gave the Leader an exclusive interview.

He had studied the Indian problem for nearly five months, and had met practically every leader in South Africa, said Sir Shafa'at, and he would now go ahead with the constructive programme needed for the Indian community, namely, the development simultaneously of all grades of education, primary, secondary and university, among the Indians of all three provinces.

He looked forward to a university college in the future, of which the proposed technical college would be an integral part.

On the social side he was keen on raising the standard of life of the Indian in accordance with Paragraph I, the uplift clause of the Capetown Agreement. He was very anxious that while the Indian masses should have the benefits of the sub-economic housing scheme, whereby they might have clean houses and maintain a decent standard, the Indian middle class should also build up fine residential areas where they might lead a life of the same quality and standard as the lives led by the average middle-class European in South Africa.

INDIAN INTELLIGENSIA

He was very keen that an Indian intelligensia should develop in South Africa, which he visualised at the proposed university college, so that it might take the lead in raising the level—intellectual, social and economic—of the Indian community as a whole.

Sir Shafa'at made it perfectly clear that the sectional and communal politics of India were not intended for export to South Africa, and the Indian community must maintain a united front and seriously avoid the importation of purely communal or sectional doctrines in South Africa.

The High Commissioner proposes to spend two months in Natal during June and July, and during this period he would tour all Indian centres in this province, meet every class and section of the Indians resident in Natal, and give his advice on the problems which face the community in South Africa, with particular reference to Natal. His programme for Natal is being arranged.

Speaking on the war, he said India was fighting, and would continue to fight side by side with the democratic countries against the common enemy—the dictatorship of Nazis in Berlin and the Fascists in Tokyo.

In this sacred fight for civilisation India had never paused, but had thrown herself wholeheartedly into the struggle, he added.

"Every Indian knows that should the Japanese invade their country they will attempt to colonise it and exploit its resources. In the most war-minded provinces the Indian agriculturist is a peasant proprietor, who owns the bit of land he works on. For this he would sacrifice his life."

V.D.S. 33RD ANNIVERSARY

Celebration in Maritzburg

A large number of people, consisting of men, women and children, were present at the V.D.S. Hall on Sunday last, the occasion being the 33rd anniversary celebration of the Veda Dharma Sabha of Maritzburg.

The hall presented a very gay scene. The beautiful sarees of the women, the colourful dresses of the children and the varied coloured streamers creating an attractive appearance.

Mr. R. Rebasing, patron of the Sabha, who had been invited to open the proceedings, was unable to do so owing to a prior engagement. The president, Mr. E. G. David, opened the meeting. Numerous messages of congratulations were received and read. A cablegram from the founder of the Sabha, Swami Sankaranand, was read, wherein he conveyed his best wishes and blessings.

The president, in his opening speech, welcomed the many delegates from all over Natal who were present. He made mention of the fact that it was the intention of the Sabha to build a separate school building. He referred to the promised donation of £250 made by Mr. R. B. Maharaj and £100 by Mr. A. V. Moodley towards the cost of the project.

Mr. E. Varley, who was called upon to speak, said that in order to keep in touch with their motherland, India and in order to learn more about that country, its culture and philosophy, the only medium through which this could be successfully done was through the vernacular.

Several of the visiting delegates also spoke.

The secretary, Mr. R. A. Moodley, gave a brief outline of the history of the Sabha, which he said was founded in the year 1909. In that year a property valued at [illegible] was acquired. Through persistent and hard work the Sabha now had property to the value of £7,300. The free Hindu School was established in 1921. The Sabha has been the first in Natal to obtain the services of a qualified teacher from India, who with a staff of three assistants is doing much good work for vernacular education. He also reported on the amalgamation of the Vidya Pracharnee Sabha, the Satya Vedak Sabha and the Arya Samaj with the Veda Dharma Sabha.

The Sabha provided lunch to all those present.

VARSITY GROUP DEBATE

Allies be Given Full Powers

The Natal University College Students Union (Sastri section) will debate against the Liberal Study Group tomorrow (Sunday) evening, at the M. K. Gandhi library hall, at 8 o'clock.

The University students will move "that the Allies be given full support by the British Colonial Powers in their fight against the Axis."

Messrs. Ashwin Choudree, J. N. Singh, M. Joseph and B. Naraydu will speak for the Students' Union, while the Liberal Study Group will be represented by Messrs. H. A. Naidoo, H. I. E. Dhlomo, Henry Woolfson, and Debi Singh.

Miss Elizabeth Sneddon and Advocate H. S. Bloom will be the adjudicators.

A SCHOOL NEEDED

A Maritzburg Requirement

There is a crying need for another Indian school for Indian children in Maritzburg, writes our city correspondent. The existing schools are taxed to their limit. They cannot accommodate the great number of children who present themselves, and have had to turn away many owing to lack of accommodation.

At one school a number of parents sought admission for their children. As schools of this kind secure revenue from fees collected, the principal, it would appear, took on only those children whose parents were able to pay fees, the other unfortunates were sent away with the apology that there was no accommodation. These visited other schools but found that congestion existed there.

Many hundreds of children through lack of accommodation are being deprived of a sound education, especially during the period when the foundations of a thorough school training is just as essential as the other important factors that go to make a good citizen in later life. These ultimately find their way to a reformatory, but not before causing a good deal of mischief and becoming a nuisance both to parents and also to public authorities. Surely, adds our correspondent, there are many Indians in Maritzburg, public spirited enough, who should come forward and assist to build another school for these poor mites.

What is the use of wasting thousands of pounds on reform schools and such like at a later stage, when the spending of a few hundred pounds now will obviate the need for this.

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It isn't safe—to give advance news of arrival, the average speed of ships in convoy, the kind of naval escort or how far a convoy travelled unescorted. This tells the enemy when to attack and where he can attack with the least risk to himself.

Remember—*you* may mention only one fact, but if enemy agents have overheard other information elsewhere, your remark may give the key to the whole story.

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ANOTHER 'MUSLIM GIRL' ADDS TO THE CONTROVERSY

As a "Rational Coloured Girl" Sees the Situation

I am sending my opinion through your paper The Leader. I quite agree with "Disgusted Muslim Girl," because I think our boys have no right in associating with coloured girls. I do realize that I cannot put a stop to the rights of our boys, but surely I can ask them to consider a little and to keep to their religion.

I don't mean the Tamil boys as much as I do the Muslims. Being a Muslim I know my religion's, do's and don'ts. One of the greatest don'ts is, that when a boy is married it is his duty to look after his wife and children and not to loaf with any other girl. Some of our boys think that the Muslim girls are not modern therefore they make up their minds not to marry them, and start loafing about with coloured girls.

But I think that if a boy married a girl, who is not modern, he can always make her modern. An unmarried girl is under the control of her parents, but when she is married, she is under the control of her husband, and therefore does as he bids her do. The husband could ask his wife to dress according to his ideas, he could take her to places instead of the coloured girl and if the neighbours start gossiping, well let them gossip, because the husband is going with his wife and no one else. In time they will get tired of gossiping and will stop.

TO CORRESPONDENTS

"Disgusted Muslim Girl." It would be better if you hold your reply until the others have had their say. Several letters on this subject have had to be held over because of lack of space.

Do our Muslim boys realise how hurt they would be if a coloured boy took their sisters or their daughters to a dance or to the movies? In the same case, I am sure the coloured mothers and brothers don't approve of our boys mixing with their daughters and sisters.

In answer to the coloured girl's article, I say that we Muslim girls are brought up in a purdah, but we have our bit of freedom as well, we are allowed to sit on our verandahs, and look through our windows, if not all, some are. Whilst sitting on our verandahs we see our boys passing hand in hand with coloured girls. Do you not think that we feel disgraced?

To G. Naicker I say that I do not think that "Muslim Girl" is jealous. She is trying to take the disgrace off the Muslim's shoulders. It is not only the ignorant type of boys, who loaf with coloured girls. I know of some educated boys who come from good families and give their parents the idea that they are good boys, loafing with coloured girls.

I pray to Allah to change these boys' minds and in time to make them good.

"MUSLIM GIRL."

INDIANS ADHERE TO TRADITION

"A Rational Coloured Girl" writes: I would greatly appreciate it if you would find me place in your columns to reply to "A Disgusted Muslim Girl," who has placed a slur on the coloured community. In the first place has this Muslim girl stopped to think why their husbands leave their wives for the so-called low-class coloured girls?

The Indians, considered as a mass, adhere too much to traditions and conventions and the modern boy is craving a modern mode of living. Will he achieve his expectations from an Indian girl who has been reared up in the most narrow-minded atmosphere? An Indian or Muslim girl is the simile of a cage-bird. From the time of their growth into womanhood they are held to worse discipline than in the army.

On the other hand the coloured girl is "Liberty" itself. From the time of growth she is allowed a certain amount of freedom in her actions and thus she is able to fend for herself in the best possible way.

The modern civilised Indian boy or Muslim has found a partner in the coloured girl to suit the atmosphere of the present age and the environment of the country.

The foremost sphere to blame are the Indian parents who force their children to marry against their will. If the parties concerned were given a free hand in the choice of their life partners there wouldn't be so much controversy.

Should the Indian children be brought up in a more broad-minded way I am sure the race-controversy would not arise among the "black people."

In any case, why blame the coloured girl for what the Indian boy chooses for his pleasures or adventures—for in nine cases out of ten the coloured girl is left holding the bag while the "respectable" Indian boy seeks fresh fields to sow his seeds of adventure.

Finally, referring to low-class coloured girls, according to Muslim religion the Muslim girl is not allowed to voice her opinion on any subject whatever. This being so this disgusted Muslim girl must be extra low-class to voice her complaints in such an unjust and illiterate manner.

"FAULT IN HER OWN SEX"

Will you be kind enough to publish my views about the most interesting letter written by "Disgusted Muslim Girl"?

I congratulate our sister for speaking out so bravely, and frankly. But why does she not see that the defect rests in her own sex? What comfort do our wives give us? True, they are beautiful, and obedient. But it is not beauty that appeals most to men. No! They want sweet words after the day's hard work. They want to be entertained. They want someone to cheer them up, encourage him, and speak loving words. Instead, they bore them with illiterate talks. What is the good of beauty without charms?

I do not wish to blame our sister. But she should not blame the Muslim youth either. The real fault lies with the Muslims—each and every Muslim.

Recently a gentleman published that his committee had decided to open a school for girls, a boarding school at a countryside; but before doing so he invited opinions of the Muslims as to whether they liked the idea. Not a single soul replied!

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TALK OF THE BAZAAR

BY "THE FAQIR"

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OT only is there a scarcity of petrol, rubber, tea, dholl and rice Durban, but there is also a woeful of Indian women—at least, that considered opinion of the Dur- Indian Drama League, and it has much tears over this lack of sup- The League, it will be recalled, formed a few months ago to pro- an opening for the many talented who are uncovered each year in Indian world, and as it intends plays in the latter half of the it urgently requires a few women. school days, I remember, teacher- could always rig up an woman, but a producer cannot off that with a grown-up com- What with the beard coming a healthy masculine tone, it is not thinkable. As the proceeds will almost entirely towards Indian edu- tion, the object of the League is dable. So come on, you Leela Chit- and Devika Ranis, help the League out. It meets every Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock, in Mr. Seethal's in Pine street.

opics of the Day

The two most important topics of the judging by the number of letters the subjects that have been ad- dressed to the news editor, are the nest which a "Disgusted Muslim Girl" disturbed, and the "Singh affair" in Newcastle. Commenting on the latter, my Newcastle correspondent writes: The Singh offensive in Newcastle has beaten Hitler's much-heralded spring offensive on the Continent, and just as conquered Europe is slaving under the new order, so will the Indian people of Newcastle slave if the proposed articles of a new constitution are passed by the Singhs. The elaborate scheme of things as seen by the Singh is as follows: The Singhs in future will not attend any functions to which Chamars are invited; they will only invite blue-blooded Singhs to their affairs; and, finally, the non-Singhs of Newcastle will have to look after themselves—as if they can't! The Singhs, led by a "weak, wiry person," my correspondent adds, hurl death and defiance from the safe interior of their houses.

Shop Assistant

The shop assistants and clerical workers of Durban particularly are banding themselves together for better working conditions, shorter hours of work, higher wages and a secure future. I have before me "The Shop Assistant," the organ of the Indian Distributive and Clerical Employes' Union. It is a neatly roneoed piece of work, and tells that the Union is six weeks old, and calls all workers in the shops to join its ranks. The plight of the shop assistants is only too well known, and here is one true story about them. A well-established and well-known country storekeeper was in the habit of making his assistants work the clock round. Things grew so bad that one of the employes tipped off the chief cop, who decided to keep an eye on the store. Not wishing to run against the law, the storekeeper revised his ways. Promptly at 5 o'clock the doors of the store close, and what is important, no clerk remains behind the closed doors to work late into the night. Sergeant "X" is on the spot at 5 p.m. to see that our storekeeper does not revert to monkey tricks.

Problem Children

Problem children of South African Indian politics are the N.I.A. and N.I.C. Sorabjee Rustomjee nurses the association with the skill and care of which any genuine nursemaid may be envious but the existence of the baby is denied by the parent—S.A.I.C. Unfortunately for nursemaid Abdullah the parent maintains that the baby in his charge has been leading a shady life since the historic last days of 1939. Whither now?

Fairy Tales

My Johannesburg correspondent reports that two gentlemen were seen burying something—it was apparently a hatchet—on the mine dumps one night last week. The descriptions of the men, as given by a person who saw them, tally with that of Mr. Sorabjee Rustomjee, of Durban, occupation politician, and Mr. Abdullah Kajee, of Durban, also a politician, the message concludes.

We have not been able to confirm the rumour that all the Muslim girls of Durban have unanimously decided to discard the purdah.

In Durban a story is going the rounds: "Advocate Albert Christopher is laughing up his sleeves regarding the decision of the S.A.I.C. executive." A junior reporter sent to investigate this story reports "as yet no tear visible in the sleeves of Advocate Christopher." So, it must be a smile, he deduces.

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"ANJAN," which will be the main feature picture at the Avalon for the whole of next week, should attract very full houses. It is a Bombay Talkies production, the joint effort of two of the leading stars of India, Devika Rani and Ashok Kumar, and no film fan should miss it.

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The story centres round two men, an estate manager and a doctor, both in love with a maid, a governess. There is plenty of interest, including a court scene, before the story ends.

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SPORTS CHATTER

By "The Sportsman"

SHAMROCKS' victory over the redoubtable Stars was very popular Saturday last. Stuff like the Shamrock-Star encounter draw crowds. Look like last season's league winners are going to provide a repeat performance.

On No. 1, Stella-Daffs match, scheduled for 2.15, started off at 3.25 prompt. While on the Main, Queens'-Pirate affair, set for 2.15, kicked off at 2.20. The difference is in the fact that the latter was a "B" division match, while the former was in an "A" fixture.

Clothes rationing hasn't started yet, but the ragged dressing of the Stella and Daffs would make you believe a Controller of Drapery had been appointed. Dressing reminded you forcibly of an "end of the season" game.

With the soccer season three weeks old the League position is as follows: Shamrocks, 4 points (2); Stella, 4 points; Warwickshire, 3 points (2), Stars, 1 (2); and Daffs 0 (2). Figures in brackets denote number of matches played.

Two weeks in succession and two double-figure scores against teams. This week Queens piled up the score against Pirates. Some sharpshooter's going to have a cricket average against his name at the end of the season.

Here's something for the recruiting officer to sleep over, over the weekend. Are soccer centre-halves keymen?

Gold and blue of Sastris not seen in the junior ranks so far this season. Sastris can't get boys big enough for the rank, so it is confining it to the Juveniles. Next year Schools League only, and then out of it?

BRIGHT SOCCER AT CURRIES FOUNTAIN

SHAMROCKS and Stars, as was expected, gave the soccer crowd at Currie's Fountain on Saturday last, good, fast and thrilling soccer. There was never a dull moment in the whole of the seventy minutes' play. Even a strong wind blowing diagonally across the main ground from the clock tower did not make the game one-sided.

With the wind behind them in the first half Shamrocks peppered Star's goal from all angles, but good keeping by Ahmed Timol prevented any score. Shamrock's forwards combined well, but were thwarted by an alert defence. Stars broke the pressure on occasions, but the ball came. A minute or so before the interval Naicker at outside right, kicked from the eighteen yards with his left foot, and the ball curved into the top left-hand corner of the goal, leaving Timol beaten all ends.

On the resumption Stars did their best to even matters, but a determined back line, especially Kader at right back, prevented them, as also opportunist keeping by M. I. Timol between the Shamrocks' posts. The Star forwards confined the ball to Shamrock territory, with Mahomed Khan back on the right wing. During the first half he was at centre.

Midway in the second half Shamrocks conceded a penalty, and Mahomed Khan scored, to level matters. Neither side could make headway, but spectacular breakaways by the Shamrock forwards kept the crowd on its feet. Towards the closing stages Naicker kicked wide, when Shamrocks were awarded a penalty. A few minutes from the final whistle, he scored the winning goal for Shamrocks.

Final score: Shamrocks, 2 (Naicker 1, 1 penalty goal); Stars, 1 (1 penalty goal).

STELLA WINS.

On No. 1, Stella secured an easy win against Daffodils.

Playing against the wind, Daffs' defence held the adventurous Stella forwards at bay for some time, but Lightie put Stella ahead when he scored. He scored again, and with a penalty goal against them Daffodils were three down at half time.

On the resumption Daffodils rallied, and Bully Maistry scored with a long-range shot. Final score: Stella, 3; Daffodils, 1.

OTHER RESULTS.

Senior "B": Queens, 10; Pirates, 1; Sydenham, 2; Silver Willow Rangers, 1. Junior: Stars, 5; Overport Rangers, 2. Warwickshire, 3; Sydenham, 1.

WEEKEND SOCCER FIXTURES

Matches at Various Centres

CURRIE'S FOUNTAIN—THIS AFTERNOON

SENIOR "A"

2.15 p.m., Shamrocks vs. Afrites; No. 1 (K. Reddy).

3.30 p.m., Warwickshire vs. Stella; Main (K. Roopnarian).

SENIOR "B"

2.15 p.m., Clairwood Schools vs. Pirates; Main (R. Thomas).

3.30 p.m., Duff's Road vs. Warwickshire; No. 1 (P. Moona).

JUNIORS

2.15 p.m., Stella vs. Central; No. 2 (Y. S. Mulla).

3.30 p.m., Aces vs. Central "B"; No. 2 (R. Bijou).

JUVENILE "A"

2.15 p.m., Clairwood Riverside vs. Warwickshire; No. 3 (R. Basilian).

3.30 p.m., Aces vs. Sastri "A"; No. 3 (R. Munsamy).

JUVENILE "B"

2.15 p.m., Crimson League vs. Young Bulwers; No. 4 (D. Pather).

3.30 p.m., Warwickshire vs. Silver Willow Rangers; No. 4 (K. Pillay).

NORTHERN NATAL—TODAY

2.15 p.m., Dannhauser E.B. vs. Dannhauser U.A. (Dannhauser).

2.15 p.m., N.I.F.C. vs. Allies XI (Newcastle).

NORTHERN NATAL—TOMORROW

3 p.m., By-Product "A" vs. Dundee U.; Dundee.

3 p.m., G.I.F.C. vs. By-Product "B"; By-Product.

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"DON'T DO WHAT I DO But..." Durban Breaks Bylaw

A PARTY of non-European students of the N.U.C., accompanied by Messrs. Geo. Singh, Paul Sykes, M. udley and P. H. Joshi, visited the Magazine Barracks on Sunday. These students constitute the Research Group of the Natal University College non-European students who are intent on doing research work among their people and will publish from time to time the result of their labours.

This is the first in a series of visits. The students will visit the Natal Sugar Estates soon in order to study the conditions of the people there.

At the Magazine Barracks the conditions of the municipal workers are still terrible, and the general conclusion of the students is that it is a miracle how these people live on. At the barracks, it is believed, the municipality has broken every one of the health bylaws it has passed. The students are confident that if that

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SHABBY TREATMENT OF INDIAN EDUCATION

Natal Council Undermines Government's Undertaking

DISCRIMINATION against the Indian on the question of free education is made in the draft ordinance, which is now before the Provincial Council. The Indian is listed last in the benefits that are to be accorded to all sections of the community, according to this clause:

> Instructions given in Government schools shall be free of charge—(a) up to and including Standard VIII in all Government European and coloured schools; (b) up to and including Standard VII in all Government native schools; (c) subject to the provisions of sub-section (6), up to and including Standard VI in all Government Indian schools.

The Administrator, however, by proclamation has the right to extend this provision in any one or more cases to include instruction up to and including the highest standard for secondary education.

"School books and other school requisites shall be provided free of charge to children in classes up to and including Standard VI in all Government European and coloured schools."

Commenting on this, a Leader observer states:

"The action of the Natal Provincial Council, in promoting a measure which reeks with prejudice against the Indian, violates both the spirit and the letter of the Capetown Agreement.

"The Union Government, in that Agreement, had solemnly undertaken to adhere to the principle that it is the duty of every civilised Government to devise ways and means and to take all possible steps for the uplifting of every section of their permanent population to the full extent of their capacity and opportunities, and accepts the view that, in the provision of education and other facilities the considerable number of Indians who will remain part of the permanent population should not be allowed to lag behind any other sections of the people."

"Obviously the Union Government's promise means nothing to the Natal Provincial Administration, which had already withheld a large sum of money from Indian education and which was legitimately the Indians' due.

"At the time of writing the Administration seems to be in a great hurry to pass the draft ordinance, but if it should be unaltered the Indians might yet approach the Union Government to exercise their veto on the proposed measure.

"This shabby treatment of the Indian community by the Natal Provincial Administration should not be allowed to pass unnoticed," says the Leader observer in conclusion.

Referring to the above, the association says in its petition: "It is iniquitous to differentiate between a European and an Indian child."

"Your petitioners," proceeds the association's petition, "observe that under Clause 15 (6) it is contemplated to extend free education to Indian children, and that a period of eight years will elapse before every Indian child up to Standard VI comes under the scheme, and that the starting point is to be Class I.

"Your petitioners, while welcoming this much-needed provision of free education, urge that the period of eight years should be halved so that within a period of four years the scheme of free education for Indian children will have been accomplished.

"Your petitioners wish to point out that it is an accepted fact that owing to the small earning capacity of the average Indian and the high school fees obtaining in the higher standards there is a big drop in the attendance in the higher standards. Your petitioners therefore submit that the starting point of the extension of free education should be Standard VI and not Class I as contemplated."

Mr. H. Dhlomo will review "Why You Should be a Socialist," by John Strachey, at the Trade Union Hall tomorrow evening at 8.

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DEATH OF SIR HAJI ABDULA HAROON

At the meeting of the Johannesburg Memon Educational and Welfare Society held last week the following resolution was passed and a telegram accordingly was forwarded to Lady Haroon, Napier road, Karachi, India, regretting the death of Sir Haji Abdula Haroon:—

"Officials and members of Memon Educational and Welfare Society, South Africa, express heartfelt sympathy in your sad bereavement. The society mourns the passing of a great and noble Memon. May Allah rest his soul in peace and give comfort to the family of the late Sir Haji Abdula Haroon in their profound grief and irreparable loss."

The sudden death of Manormani Gembunmall, wife of Mr. M. S. Williams, of Pietermaritzburg, came as a shock to the public. She died on May 1, 1942, at the age of 30. A large circle of friends and relatives were present to mourn the loss. The sons-in-law of the deceased were the pall-bearers.

There passed away during last week one of the oldest residents of Dundee in the person of Jugdees Bunia, at the age of 85 years. He leaves behind him four sons, three daughters and a host of relatives to mourn the loss. His remains were interred at the local cemetery where a large gathering attended the funeral, and amongst them were noticed friends and relatives from Ladysmith, Waschbank, Dannhauser and Newcastle.

The death occurred of Mrs. R. Larick (Rajiba) at the age of 25 years, at her residence, 88 Standard Road, Mayville, on Thursday last, after a long illness. The funeral was largely attended. She was cremated at Cato Manor Crematorium. She leaves four daughters, one son and a very large family to mourn her loss.

GLENCOE MADRESSA AND MOSQUE

On Sunday May 17, the Muslims of Glencoe are having the Madressa and Mosque opening function. The buildings which have been newly completed are both spacious and modern. The programme for the day will begin with lectures in the Mosque at 10 a.m. followed by a feast at midday to celebrate the anniversary of the birth of the Prophet of Islam. Muslims from all centres have been invited, and those Muslims who have not received the invitation, please accept this as the invitation.

Students' Charity Drive

In keeping with the decision of the Rag Committee that the floats in the procession which culminated the annual drive for charity, organised by the students of the Natal University College, be of a more sober nature in view of the present abnormal times and that frivolity be eliminated as far as possible, the Union presented two remarkable floats, brought up with great ingenuity to fit in with the general theme of the procession, namely to serve as propaganda for the Anti-waste Campaign.

The first was a rather clever piece of artistic work showing the contrast between Luxury Colossal Waste and Healthy Simplicity. The other illustrated the crying need to Arm the Non-Europeans. "Don't waste man-power, arm him," was the graphic slogan used.

On the float was shown the contrast. On the one hand you had non-Europeans wasting their energy doing civilian work, on the other one armed ready to join battle.

The charity drive broke all previous records. Commencing on Friday and terminating on Saturday night, students raided Indian merchants, whose response was generous indeed; they invaded the non-European establishments all over the town, markets, private dwellings, theatres, sports grounds, motor cars, and the man on the street, resulting in an amount of £143 being netted.

The Union expresses its thanks to Mr. Jalbhoy Rustomjee and Mr. Hans Maghrajh, who accompanied the students to Indian business houses, using their persuasive powers to increase their previous annual contributions. In a great measure the Union is indebted to them for the breaking of previous records.

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place were converted into a piggery the licensing officer would refuse to pass the buildings as suitable for pigs to live in.

Most of the place is infested with cockroaches, and in one of the makeshift cupboards students saw layers of cockroaches on the sides and on the roof.

Another living quarters some of the students saw was packed out with a bed and a table. Nine people—mother, father, a grown-up son of 19 and six children—occupied this room which could scarcely have been more than 8 feet by 14 feet.

"When it rains the water just pours into the 'house'," the head of the family said. Inside the room across a drain—a slit about 3 inches wide and 2 deep, close to the iron wall and in this rain water collected and is led out!

Students saw the iniquity of the communal bathing and latrine system. They intend coming out with facts and figures in the near future.

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Mr. Sorabjee Rustomjee and Mr. S. Naidoo, on behalf of the Natal dian Association, presented petitions the Provincial Council this week.

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The wedding took place on Saturday t at St. Aidan's Hall, Durban, of s Thanabagiam Amal, daughter of r. V. M. Padayachy, of Newcastle Mr. A. G. Govender, son of Mr. A. vender, of Bellair.

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Congratulations of all sportsmen of e Stanger district go to Mr. Goolam Bux (captain, Stanger United), and Mr. Ismail Omarjee (captain, anger Pirates), both of whom now ve a son each.

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Two brothers were in draughts al when P. G. Naidoo and P. S. aidoo, the sons of Mr. A. P. Naidoo, anger, contested the finals for the ngaat and District Juniors Draughts ampionship last Sunday. The former n out winner and was presented th the Henry Gholozi trophy.

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Mr. B. K. Patel, representative of e New India Assurance Co., at hannesburg, spent a week in urban.

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Mr. Ravjibhai Patel, of the firm f I. C. Ashathai & Co., Johannesburg, after spending a week in Durban, left for home by car yesterday. With him was Mr. Chhaganlal L. Patel, of Livingstone, Northern Rhodesia, and Mr. Thakurdas Patel, of Johannesburg.

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Corporal Ramroop R. Maharaj, of the Indian and Malay Corps, who has returned from the north, is spending his leave in Maritzburg.

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In response to an appeal for funds for the relief of the refugees from Burma from the Memon Jamat of Ranavav, a sum of £415 was collected at Pietersburg among the former residents of Ranavav. Messrs. S. M. Essa, H. G. Bawa and Mahomed Gani were responsible for the collection.

"Fallacy That Must Be Exploded"

SAYS DR. GOONAM

"THE feudal way of thinking, when mothers were interested in educating their sons only, must go for we women cannot be content with this state of affairs," Dr. K. Goonam said when she spoke at the Gandhi Library on Thursday evening under the auspices of the Women's Liberal Group.

"We must break," she continued, "the bonds that keep us down. We Indian women in South Africa must fight the imported superstitious beliefs which India is fast discarding but South Africa nurses carefully, and the African women too must fight their superstitions and explode the fallacy of the predominance of the male."

Referring to India, the speaker said it was no more "the changeless East of the writers," but a change—swift and sure—was taking place over the whole country and in this change the Indian women were playing a vital role. They were awakening to fresh thoughts and new modes of life. This renaissance of the Indian women was in all spheres—social, political and economic—but here in South Africa the Indian and other non-European women were extremely apathetic and lethargic towards events and occurrences in other parts of the world. They had not yet exerted themselves.

HER subject, "Modern Woman," the speaker said was topical, for all over the world women were also engaged in the war against Fascist aggression. Even in India, where superstition had for so long excluded Indian women from public life, they were coming forward to the fight. They were fighting a battle internally as well as externally.

Women had been at all times looked down upon as chattels and servants. In England, too, a country which claimed to be in the vanguard of civilisation, conservatism frowned down upon the women. Certain English universities did not admit women students. The entire world could take a page from the history of the women of the Soviet Union and China. In these two countries there was equality for women. China was not only fighting to the last man, but to the last woman.

The advance of the women in India had been given considerable momentum by the Nationalist movement. Women were marching with the Charka as their emblem, and they carried the Hammer and Sickle banner of Russia. They were quickly changing to a new mode of life compatible with present day ideas of living.

The village women of India fought and died for their cause; they had a purpose in life, they were politically advanced. The gaols of India were full of women, and these prisons bid fair to outrival the concentration camps of Nazi Germany. Girls were being thrown out of universities because of their political activities. They had become nationconscious; they were working for the liberation of 400,000,000 people, and nothing could stop them, Dr. Goonam concluded.

Miss Daphne Thompson, chairman of the Women's Liberal Group, was in the chair. There was no colour bar in the Group, she said, and it was open to liberals of all races.

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The Provincial Conference of the Natal Indian Association will take place in the City Hall, Durban, 31st May and 1st June. Programme of the Conference, together with Agenda, will be announced later.

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Act Now

THE Japanese are moving swiftly in the Pacific. Each success of theirs in that war-theatre brings the realities and miseries of actual warfare closer to South Africa and, realising the horrors of a Japanese invasion, General Smuts when he opened the Freedom Fair at Pretoria last week, said that he was prepared to go the whole hog and rally all the forces of the country rather than let it fall easy prey to Japan. The lot of the conquered peoples in Malaya, Burma and the Dutch East Indies was sufficient indication of what South Africa might have to go through for Japanese lust and fanaticism do not know any bounds and General Smuts hoped that all the people would unite—whatever the colour of their skins.

"Rather than expose South Africa to that final degradation we should be prepared, and I am prepared, to go the whole hog and to inspan all the forces of South Africa in order to repel that menace . . . in the last resort there is nothing that I for one will not be prepared to do to save this country for the future."

These are fine words and we have had much talk about the arming of the non-Europeans of late, but they sound too much like a death-bed repentance. The Cripps proposals failed because they also smacked of a death-bed scene. We want deeds now. We are tired of words and phrases and promises, however hopeful they may seem. There are eight million non-Europeans in South Africa who know no other country and are prepared to die for it and even now are dying on the battlefields Up North. They have no arms but they took a chance. They placed their country above all but Wops and Jerries cannot be defeated with knobkerries, pickhandles and assegais. This is the age of machine-guns, rifles, tanks and aerial warfare. General Smuts must arm the non-Europeans—all of them, Bantu, Coloured and Indian immediately if he is to repel invading hordes and to "save his country for the future." It would be national harikari to wait until the fanatic sons of Nippon strike from the East by sea and air. There would be panic then. Untrained men cannot have arms thrust into their hands at the last minute and asked to fight the invader. There will be no time to train. No military strategist has yet seen the light of day who, however insane he might have been, has said that he could successfully equip and train millions of men overnight, even while the enemy is already striking. There are eight million people in this country who are potential soldiers and defenders of the remaining bastions of the trinity of the French Revolution—Liberty, Equality and Fraternity—and they cannot be handed over on a silver salver to the Government. There are prejudices which have to be ameliorated if not entirely removed before the people can be rallied.

The failure of the Cripps Mission has had a profound effect on non-European thought in South Africa. Even in the hour of her greatest peril Britain failed to win the sympathy of India and the non-European cannot view with the deepest concern this blow to the Anti-Axis cause. They, too, are faced with a similar situation—their hands are tied, they cannot fight and if they do, they have only pass-laws, provincial barriers, daily humiliation in the municipal buses and trams and colour bar to rescue from totalitarian domination. This gravity of the position can be minimised but the onus is on the Government to act immediately, after having learnt the lessons of the failure of the Cripps Mission, in order to win the trust and the sympathy of the non-European peoples. It must remove all the iniquitous legislation and allow the non-European people to develop freely and also give them cause to fight for—give them a real stake in the war. No liberty-loving citizen, unless he is a quisling, a traitor and a black-guard whose idea of freedom is the subordination of individuality to the state or to one autocratic ruler, will shirk his duty to defend his country, the patch of ground he holds dear, his family and all the ideologies on which he has built up. We have before us the tragic examples of Malaya, Burma and the Dutch East Indies. These countries fell so easily that it left the United Nations stunned but there was a reason for this collapse. The native inhabitants of these places were apathetic to a change of ruler. They had not tasted of freedom and the taste of domination and humiliation was bitter in their mouths while distrust and hatred for a people who talked so much of freedom and yet practised slavery rankled in their breasts. When the enemy came they led their feelings to a natural culmination. It seemed so logical to them to open the gates to the enemy whose kindred colour to their simple minds was an attraction to be desired. The loss of these countries is not due to treachery and fifth columnism of the natives, as has been made out, but it is a tragic commentary on a Government that was not rooted in the hearts of the people. It took a war to teach the Government this.

We in this country know what Japan and the other fascists stand for and we want to fight against them. We cannot remain apathetic, but first the South African Government must learn its lesson. It must realise that the population of the country is ten millions, not two, and must proceed to treat them as citizens in order to rally ten millions to the fight. The eight million must be armed, the skilled industries and trades thrown open to them, the provincial barriers must be lifted and the colour bar must go. But there are difficulties. Die-hards of white supremacy, who really want to appease the nationalists, argue. These things cannot be changed overnight, the Indians and other non-Europeans must wait until later. Unfortunately for them most of the bulwarks of freedom which dispensed justice on a colour-of-the-skin basis fell overnight. Constituted authority can be repealed in less time and South Africa must do that if it sincerely wants to enlist eight more millions for freedom's cause.

It must learn now, before even the Japanese think of South Africa and turn their eyes of lust and greed on this country of ours and bring in their train, as they have done in the East, carnage and destruction and find to their intense relief, that instead of a united and indivisible force of ten millions opposing them and offering resistance to the bitter end, a mere handful of men resisting while the rest look on having no interest or stake in the fray.

MEETING OF INDIAN CANE GROWERS

THE Natal Indian Cane Growers Association, which is officially recognised as the mouthpiece of the Indian planters, held its sixth annual meeting at Verulam.

The president, Mr. N. Bodasing, presided. There was a large number of growers present, representing the various mills from the North and South Coasts up to Umzimkulu.

The chairman, after welcoming the delegates and members, delivered his presidential address. He briefly referred to the working of the association for the past 12 months and outlined the evidence tendered before the Board of Trade and Industries.

In the course of his address he said: "We are proud to be able to record that at the request of your association and despite difficult times the Hon. Minister of Commerce and Industries directed the Board of Trade and Industries to institute an inquiry into the position of non-Europeans in t sugar industry. For the Minist have acceded to the request mad your association at a time whe country was at war, is a recogni of the difficulties of you planters.

"On your behalf I express our gr titude and appreciation and can as you that the revised agreement be an improvement on the past.

"The industry has been called up to contribute its share towards i creasing the production of suga there appears to be a need for su to comply with the local and over market.

"Your association welcomes t deductions made annually by the Association towards war funds, fo appreciates that it is a duty on of us to sacrifice towards winning t war."

The secretary's report was In it he thanked the officers of t High Commissioner for their inte in the working of the association.

The following officials were elec President, Mr. N. Bodasing; vi presidents, Messrs. S. Rampartal, P Purmeswar, S. Ramgobin, S. Ra singh and H. B. Bodasing; secreta Mr. D. D. Lalla; treasurer, Mr. P. Sam.

BOARD OF TRADES REPORT

The Board of Trade and Industrie interim report on the position of no Europeans in the sugar industry di closes that it is estimated that the are about 2,700 non-European grow of whom about 1,400 are Indian Dealing with the standard of livi of the small growers, it says that th Bantus, for the most part, cannot c natives who aim at a higher standa of living than the average Indi native, and they rank among the mo progressive sections of the nati communities of which they form pa Their standard of living is steadi improving towards Western standar Generally speaking, however, their i comes are small and their standar of living is correspondingly low.

The report states that many Indian small cane growers merely live from hand to mouth. Their housing con ditions, as observed by the Board are shocking, and it was obvious t the Board that most of them eke ou a miserable existence.

The Board recommends that the in dustry should, with the least possib delay, take in hand the compilatio of a register of the acreage of lan owned or occupied by each no European grower in order that th present and potential productio capacity of such land and othe relevant data may be made availabl for the purpose of the completion o this investigation.

The Natal Indian Cane Growers Association, the Natal and Zululand Bantu Cane Growers' Association, an the Mangete Cane Planters' Associa tion should be recognised as the onl organised channels through which re presentations should be made to th industry on behalf of Indian, Bant and the Dunn growers respectively the smaller Indian cane grower organisations should be encouraged to affiliate with the Natal Indian Can Growers' Association.

An advisory committee should be established consisting of five Euro peans to deal with representations made by recognised organisations of non-European growers, in consultation with the South African Sugar Associa tion and the Sugar Industry Central Board, by which all available relevant information should be placed at the disposal of the committee; the ad visory committee to have access to the Minister in the event of consulta tions failing to produce an agree ment.

The secretary of the Nizamia Muslim Society, Maritzburg, reports that a sum of over 1,000 rupees (£[illegible]) has been sent to Randar, India, towards the refugees Madressa fund. This sum was collected by Maulana M. Haneeff Afrique from members and officials and well-wishers of the Nizamia Muslim Society who donated voluntarily towards this worthy cause.

"The Real Fascists Were the Pirows and the Malans"

INDIANS ASK FOR ARMS

mass meeting condemning profiteering and dealing also with the nt war situation was held at the Square, under the aegis of the onalist Bloc of the Natal Indian ation on Sunday last. Dr. M. Naicker presided. All speakers gly condemned the wholesalers m, they said, were getting rich at expense of the poor man.

e meeting empowered the Nation- Bloc to take up the matter with onsible quarters and follow ugh, if necessary, with personal tations.

esolutions passed were:—

s mass meeting of Indians ing the imminence of a Japanese k on India and having sympathy her with Nazi Fascism nor with ish Imperialism, views with deep- concern the continuance of political rences in India and therefore es urgent appeal for the sinking ll differences and the rallying of Motherland against the Japanese at. In this grave hour liberty- ng people in South Africa extend r hand of comradeship to the ple of India in the struggle to k the chains of bondage, believing a free and independent India can mean freedom for the subject dependent peoples throughout the ld.

eferring to the condition of the ans in South Africa a second reso ion was passed declaring in hatic terms that the interests of Indians in this country, as well as interests of all freedom loving ples throughout the world, are parably bound up with the World ance headed by the U.S.S.R., at Britain, America and China nst Fascism. The resolution de nded the South African Government remove all restrictions that hamper Indians in the contribution of their share in the war for the final and r destruction of the Fascist hordes arming Indians and granting ality for all people in the armed es; opening up skilled industries that Indians on the home front ld produce for the defeat of ism; the extension of the fran e on a common roll; and the eal of all laws that discriminate inst Indians in this country.

peaking on the Cripps Mission and failure Mr. R. A. Maharaj said t failure was a definite blow for Anti-Axis forces. The proposals stituted a left-handed action on the t of the British Government and there was no substance in it it led.

Mr. M. D. Naidoo made the position the Nationalist Bloc clear in relation the war today. Since the outbreak hostilities, he said, many changes taken place and there was an ance on one side—the Soviet Union, ina, America and Britain which stituted the progressive forces and the other side were the Fascists. very fact that the U.S.S.R., where men are equal was in the war rated that every man, woman and ld had a stake in it. Hence the ian had to fight with the Allies.

In South Africa the real Fascist ments were the Pirows and the lans, who have declared that they apply the rule of the sjambok to non-Europeans, if they ever get o power. "Despite the wrongs ich the South African Government e done us," Mr. Naidoo said, "we e to join hands with the evil this ernment represents in order to ht the greater evil—that is Fascism. d we must have arms— and now."

Referring to Civilian Protective Ser es the speaker said that it was the ty of every person to join the C.P.S. in order to serve his people because there was danger of either a sea or air attack on Durban.

Speaking on profiteering Mr. Geo. Singh said that despite the assurances of many of the merchants it was still rife to a very great degree.

It was the wholesaler who was the real culprit and he should be brought to book. Profiteering, especially in wartime, hits hardest at the masses. There was plenty of Indian foodstuffs in the country but the merchants wanted to make the most of it out of the commodities and sold at fantastic prices. They could beat the Controller for they knew more of the law than some of the lawyers did. It was necessary that the Government should step in and take control of all essential Indian commodities that are imported for profiteering was not only illegal but also immoral, Mr. Geo. Singh said.

He also repudiated the charges that some leaders of the community had laid against the barracks people for hoarding. These people, Mr. Singh said, were paid only £5 and if they were to spend every penny on foodstuffs—which they could not do—at the most they could "hoard" £5 worth.

"It is a stupid allegation, for only this morning I made a round of the houses in the Magazine Barracks and the only evidence of hoarding I saw was two bottles of cooking oil! This cannot last the family, there are nine in it, more than a fortnight. The real hoarders are the wholesalers who not only pack their warehouses but also fill private premises with essential foodstuffs," Mr. Singh declared.

Other speakers were Mr. H. A. Naidoo, Mr. D. D. Lalla, Dr. K. Goonam and Mr. G. Ponen.

CHAIRMAN WALKS OUT

"Nearly two hours was spent in solving the enigma of whether a resolution should be worded to read "control of essential commodities" or "control of prices." A wordy and at times heated debate took place. The occasion was a meeting called on Sunday last by the Natal Indian Association (Maritzburg branch) to protest against profiteering by certain local merchants.

Dr. M. R. Peters, who presided, made reference to profiteering during the Great War, when rice was sold at about £10 per bag. Several complaints have been made, he said, that certain merchants were charging prices beyond that fixed by the Government, and that in order to evade the price control regulations, when an article was purchased the merchant entered it in his books and passed an invoice which reflected the maximum fixed price, but apart from this the buyer had to pay an extra amount in cash before he could take away the article.

This cash transaction was never recorded, he added. If a protest was made, the buyer was unceremoniously told to go elsewhere if he was unable to pay the price demanded. Profiteering should be stopped, as poorer members of the community suffered greatly.

One speaker, referring to the fact that oils and fats were now practically unobtainable, and were in effect if not in fact rationed, said that through lack of these body-building fats the poorer members of the community would suffer. The Government should ask the farmers to produce more butter, or if this was unobtainable margarine should be supplied. Margarine is made from black coal, and as we have coal in abundance margarine in large quantities should be produced. This new scientific discovery passed unnoticed.

Mr. S. B. Mungal, joint secretary of the association, said that responsibility for profiteering rested in the first instance on the shoulders of the wholesalers, who compelled retailers to buy goods at inflated prices, and which additional cost the retailer forced the poor consumer to bear. Merchants were hoarding and charging high prices, he concluded.

Mr. K. Soobramoney corrected certain statements made by previous speakers which he said were not factual. He pointed out that the High Commissioner for India had made representations to India, and received a reply that over 2,000 tons of rice would be shipped monthly to South Africa. There was no need to be panicky. The statement that the country had only three months' stock of rice was entirely false and created a wrong impression.

A little excitement was caused by a member of the audience demanding the right to speak. "You have already spoken several times, and I will not allow you to do so again," said the chairman, Dr. Peters. The speaker insisted on his rights to be heard, at which the chairman said that if that was the case the speaker could take the chair and he would leave. He (the chairman) thereupon got up and walked off, but was recalled by members of the audience.

Mr. S. Muthray, in a very reasoned speech, made reference to profiteering and wished the resolution which was to be moved altered to read "price control." He gave sound reasons for his suggestion. After a very wordy debate this suggestion was accepted and the resolution accordingly altered, put to the meeting, and carried unanimously.

Immediately after this a member of the audience went on to the platform and began reading a resolution of protest about the banning of the cable news service to a certain newspaper. He was told that the resolution was not in order and that he must put it before another meeting. After making an ineffective protest he walked off.

THE VOTE WANTED

"WE regard that the perpetuation of the system of excluding the Indian community from exercising and enjoying their domestic vote, like the municipal vote, is not only a stigma on them but is a blot on democracy," says the Natal Indian Association, in the course of its petition on the Local Government Ordinance, 1942, presented to the Natal Provincial Council this week.

"This exclusion," the petition proceeds, "of a section of Indian inhabitants, who are in other respects fully qualified as municipal voters, robs them of any civic pride, and generates a feeling of dissatisfaction.

"We ask in all earnestness that the municipal vote be restored to Indians, who prior to July, 1924, were in possession of the municipal vote, which they exercised from the time boroughs and townships were established in Natal."

Other points made in the petition were:

No borough had granted bursary to Indian students.

Indian employees in municipal services on retirement should be granted pensions.

Housing needs of Indians have been ignored and they have never been given an opportunity of acquiring land in good localities.

Local authority should not be given powers to segregate on racial grounds in a public place like a municipal market.

The exclusion of Indians in having any say in the administration, management and control of areas falling under a health or malaria committee.

The association also objected to such clauses of the draft ordinance, which are "harsh, unreasonable and arbitrary and detrimental to the interests and welfare of Indians, and or otherwise deny them the ordinary rights of citizenship, as owners of landed properties and ratepayers."

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Don't talk—your words may kill.

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"Our Social System To Blame"

"Upset Muslim Boy" writes:—

At the very outset my sympathy goes to "Disgusted Muslim Girl" and all other Indian girls and boys. The Indian social system is such as to bring a real and complete barrier in the natural continuation of love and friendship with the opposite sex.

No doubt, what "Disgusted Muslim Girl" has written are nothing but facts. Her article must have been widely appreciated by parents and youths of conservative thoughts. But let me remind your correspondent, sir, that the coloured girls and Indian boys are not altogether to blame. It is our social system to blame.

I have seen and spoken to several Indian girls and boys about their difficulties and troubles in securing their companions of the opposite sex and let me tell you their tales are pathetic. The parents fall right in the way and woe betide the boys or girls who are caught smiling or speaking to each other. Love is said to bring shame and disgrace upon parents! And courtship—oh yes. There's no courtship! It begins after marriage! Sometimes it ends in divorce or causes life-long sufferings and pining for the ideal husband or wife. The mere mixing up of girls and boys are abhorred. In social gatherings and in any social the boys and girls must stay a good distance away from each other, lest somebody's daughter or son may fall in love with each other and bring disgrace to the good name of the parents!

The only way an Indian boy can seek the friendship of an Indian girl is to go to the house of the girl in the "garb" of a saint or a very pious person or a woman hater! And no sooner than the parent's back is turned to him he smiles at the girl and she in return does the same. And in a second or two as the parent's face turns to him, like a flash the smile disappears not leaving any signs of detection or suspicion (of course many of our boys and girls are adepts in the control of their looks). Sometimes the girl and boy exchange a few words. It goes on for some time until the "rogue" is caught and the girl put behind "prison bars" in her home. The boy unable to suppress or repress his aroused natural instincts of love and friendship wanders on until he meets a coloured girl.

An Indian boy cannot seek the friendship of an Indian girl without risking his life or his limbs, for there's every possibility of getting a "damn good hiding" from her parents, relations and her brothers. Even the possibility of carrying on a clean and healthy relationship with an Indian girl is remote. And the seeking of courtship with the intent of marrying the girl is impossible. How many loves have been dashed to pieces? How many hearts have been broken? How many ideals have been smashed?

We all are idealists at heart, but how many of us are going to marry the sort of girl we want? Not many of us, you will agree. We marry for the sake of marriage and the basis of marriage is supposed to be love and understanding. Where could the boy find love and understanding when he marries the girl with whom he has not even spoken. Squabbles arise and off he goes for a little galavanting with coloured girls to cool his heart.

If our Indian girls with proper education and sex knowledge be given the privileges of little freedom they can hold our boys from seeking the friendship of coloured girls. Not only that they will be able to look after themselves and lead respectable and happy lives. Otherwise, I am afraid, in time to come no Indian boys might not even marry them. Our social system is too old and not suitable to the present-day world. It must be revised and reformed to our advantage. Parents of conservative thoughts are the cause of this "silly social system." They are the real cause of our Indian boys going astray.

And now, "Disgusted Muslim Girl," do all you can in your power to break the present social barriers so that you can guide us. Organise yourselves. Otherwise—beware, off we will go to the coloured girls!

"UPSET MUSLIM BOY."

Isipingo.

"LET YOUTH LIVE"

I read with admiration the of the "Disgusted Moslem Girl," I trust you will find space in widely read paper, The Leader, opinion.

Congratulations, little adore you; in fact, I admire brains. You seem to possess natural talents, intelligence petence of Shakespeare, but genius.

You flatter yourself that your article has hit us hard at all. On the contrary, it me. I do not challenge, nor threaten.

Are you envious, or are you left behind? Step forward, Moslem girl, and you, too, will a chance to look on the wine it is red. Why don't you your hubby, or boy friend, you to the movies or night club, you afraid to come out of your

Did you for a moment stop line what dissatisfaction has brought to our national tige? If you had, you would thought otherwise. If you can segregation in your own homes, not we expect it outside?

Islam teaches you "brotherhood and your religion is open for all spective of colour or creed. what? Can't Moslem boys who disgusted with Moslem girls many go around with native or girls? Do you blame them for

Remember, pleasure is the life, and if they can't get tion from you Moslem girls, they urally have to find it. So all you to do now is to get in to the Nonsense, you say. You'll never anything so foolish, but you will ably do crazier things. Believe nothing, nothing can be done you co-operate.

Your sermon contains your point, and I don't dispute your lege to air your opinions. I only that you will follow your own when, some day, perhaps you follow mine.

So long as youth strives for pleasure and self-respect, no one the right to apply petty restriction

We have had more than about dictators, including moral tators, so stop all this Let the Buds blossom. Let youth its life.

We were born slaves, but let die as slaves.

"GARDEN OF ALLAH."

MEN'S POINT OF VIEW

On the subject of "Disgusted Muslim Girl's" letter the Indian have had a good deal of space our last issue. The men occupy the "floor" this week. ladies again will be given opportunity and have their in our next issue—some of who have written from Standerton, Johannesburg, and even as from Que Que, Southern Rhodesia.

Those correspondents whose letters we have not yet published we must ask them to wait until space is found.

"EYE-OPENING MEDICINE"

"Supporter" writes: The appeared in your paper of the instant written by "Disgusted Muslim Girl" was quite interesting and is opinion it is kind of an eye-opening medicine" for the many Muslim Indian youth of this country, ticularly in Durban.

I personally as a Muslim the mediums of your widely circulated paper wish to congratulate the She does not only deserve tions, but a substantial and a mutual cooperation Muslim and Indian girls. I am sure, will obliterate the of immoral path in which our youth are today.

Having no knowledge of the name and address, I feel inclined make use of your newspaper medium of my support for her. concluding this little article form of a letter. I hope and pray the writer's appeal to the youth cerned will meet with consideration

TALK OF THE BAZAAR

BY "THE FAQIR"

AN can well be proud of the cient material that it has, public speakers are concerned, the younger generation. The of Sunday evening's debate the 'Varsity boys and the Study Group go to Debi Singh; did not run away with it. H. was not far behind. There very fine margin between Debi Singh was a mine of tion and every sentence of his force of conviction behind it. fluently. Dhlomo was clear, humorous and pathetic and he his argument to a logical con- His mastery over the lan- wonderful. It was difficult from his speech that he was the young man who has put so much into his panegyric on the nation. In case you haven't read Valley of a Thousand Hills" you'd do so without much loss of It is remarkable how Dhlomo all the emotions of his in a foreign tongue. He writes lish.

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ing the danger of bringing the down over my head, I say: like our mothers and grand- were more progressive than ters and wives are." It may startling for me to say such a especially after the monthly bills, change in wardrobe, bills, etc., etc., I have to face facts cannot be disputed. I got impression when I was at the Liberal Group meeting last During the discussions it was that Indian women had par- ted actively in Gandhiji's South Passive Resistance Campaign. went to gaol. The outlook, how- for our women at present is not for it is apparent that the women together with their and Bantu sisters are on the Digressing a bit, I have also to the conclusion that many of Indian women—I refer to the are queer. When it comes fashions even Devika Rani would be bound to run a bad second. When it comes to social freedom in all its aspects the same women adhere slavishly to antiquated customs.

PHILOSOPHY

Saturday was Rag-Day. No sooner had the humble bob and I parted company than, on a sudden impulse, I fell in with the young Indian undergrad who had just shaken the box under my nose. I spent ten minutes with him and learnt enough philosophy to last me a lifetime. Together we went into a tea-room, one of those ramshackle things that hold on miraculously and the lady (she was a real lady) behind the counter dropped a florin piece into the box without a question.

"For charity" was sufficient. A few minutes later we entered a large shop where business was brisk and the cash register worked in top-gear. We got a threepenny bit and a good few words—not nice—to boot. The money the non-European students collected on May 1 and 2 will go to Indian and Bantu charities. The students raised £113.

POLITICS

The Natal Indian Association is a big political horse. It has a back span of about fifty-four miles, and the hindquarters are the controlling influence. The N.I.A. holds its provincial conference soon (its got to be behind doors) after having successfully evaded three annual meetings, and in this affair Durban's got no say, for S. R. from Maritzburg controls the whole proceedings. If Maritzburg gets through with what it has started I am afraid Sorab and Co. will have to face a major revolution.

FLOWERS

I believe the N.I.A. are leading a deputation to the Minister of Railways. They have good cause to. One day a fortnight ago some brave souls of the Association turned up with garlands at the central station for N'Kosaan Kajee was arriving, but the train (its got no manners) turned up at 3 a.m. Result: Brave souls of Association curse honourable train. Say flowers wasted. Anyway they would have been wasted.

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This is the effect of one of the clauses of the draft ordinance which seeks to consolidate and amend the laws relating to education in this Province.

A protest against this clause is made, in the course of a petition, submitted by the Natal Indian Association. The clause reads: "In every Government European and coloured school every pupil above sub-standard one shall be taught both official languages."

"Why the Indian has been excluded is best known to the sponsors of the draft ordinance, and there is a feeling that the Natal Provincial Administration should be asked to explain the reason why it is breaking the Act of Union," said a prominent Indian. "We should inform Dr. Malan in connection with this omission."

United travelled to Kearsney on Sunday last to fulfil a friendly fixture. These old rivals provided a fine game and in a ding-dong match United emerged victors by 2-1. The curtain raiser between Rangers and Kearsney B ended in a goalless draw.

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Attraction at the Avalon

AVALON again has an excellent fare next week. Commencing on Monday till Wednesday, there will be a double programme, "The Honeymoon's Over" and "Lillian Russell." Starting on Thursday there will also be a double feature, "Caroline Moon" and another. There will also be a midnight show for the holiday next week.

All is woe for newlyweds Stuart Erwin and Marjorie Weaver—until Marjorie takes a bubble bath and melts their troubles right down to the vanishing point in "The Honeymoon's Over." All is trouble until Marjorie discovers the bubble bath and presto! the day is saved. How, we will not reveal here, as it promises to provide you with one of the most amusing climaxes the screen has ever shown.

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"Carolina Moon" is a fast action picture, starring Gene Autry, whose adventures on the rodeo circuit take him into the deep south, where he meets Miss Caroline Stanhope, a genuine Southern lassie, suh, who is in the usual predicament occasioned by a mortgage on the ancestral mansion. Her father, letting his impetuosity overcome his discretion, has contracted gambling debts with a gang of city slickers and paid them off with "Betsy," a valuable horse. Gene, arriving on the scene, pays the city slickers off in cash and takes the horse, and for his pains, Caroline believes he is in league with the slickers and out to deliberately cheat her father. So she packs up the horse and runs away with it.

Gene, needless to say, will never permit any gal—even a beautiful Southern one—to make off with a horse he has just paid a thousand dollars for, so he pursues her, and the complications that ensue make for a most delightful film comedy.

VARSITY-LIBERAL GROUP DEBATE

In one of the best debates heard in Durban the Natal University College Students' Union drew with the Liberal Study Group on Sunday last at the M. K. Gandhi Library.

Mr. Ashwin Choudree moved for the 'Varsity students "that the Allies be given full support by the British Colonial peoples in their fight against the Axis." He was supported by Messrs. Micky Joseph, J. N. Singh and B. Narayan.

Mr. Debi Singh, on behalf of the Liberal Study Group, opposed the motion. He was supported by Messrs. H. I. E. Dhlomo, the African playwright and poet, A. K. M. Docrat and Henry Woolfson.

Both the adjudicators, Mr. H. S. Bloom and Mr. J. W. Godfrey, commented on the excellent standard of the debate.

Mr. Ismail Meer presided.

A Moulood-un-Nabee and Agiarvee Sharief will be held at the West Street Musjid, Durban, today, after Esha Prayers, under the auspices of the Muslim Brotherhood Union. Moulana A. H. Khatib, of Daman, India, will give a lecture.

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SHIRE BEATS STELLA AT CURRIE'S FOUNTAIN

STELLA went down in a hard fought game against Warwickshire in the big fixture of the afternoon last Saturday.

Warwickshire kicked off with the sun behind them. Both sides made early breaks to the other's goal. Vather was on top. The 'Shire forwards soon combined well and troubled Barney Padayachee in the Stella goal. A good half-line, aided by Pillay and Geo. Singh in the backs, served for a time to keep the 'Shire forwards from scoring, but 15 minutes from the beginning Sew, playing at outside right, crossed beautifully for his outside left to head into the net—the ball striking the opposite upright before glancing into the goal.

Stung by this, the Stella forwards came foraging, but missed on a number of occasions. They were weak in front of the goal. Towards the end of the first half Lightie, however, equalised for them when he tapped the ball into an open goal after Bertie Venden had drawn the defence out.

Half-time score, 1-1.

On the resumption the Stella forwards were on top, and midway in the half the outside right, Kala, put Stella ahead with a hard shot along the ground.

'Shire tried hard to equalise, and with 10 minutes to play left they succeeded, when Barney mishandled the ball from a fine shot by Linga. They followed through with another goal to make the final score 3-2 in their favour.

Afritex did not turn up to fulfil their fixture against Shamrocks. In the senior "B," Clairwood Schools beat Pirates 3-0, after a hard tussle.

Fixtures for this afternoon, Currie's Fountain:—

SENIOR "A"

2.15 p.m., Daffodil v. Stars, main (K. Reddy).

3.30 p.m., Stella v. Shamrocks, main (K. Roopnarian).

SENIOR "B"

2.15 p.m., Sydenham v. Duff's Road, No. 1 (R. Thomas).

3.30 p.m., Clairwood Schools v. Silver Willow Rangers, No. 1 (R. Bijou).

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2.15 p.m., Warwickshire v. Overport Rangers, No. 2 (P. Pillay).

3.30 p.m., Stars v. Sydenham, No. 2 (R. Moonsamy).

JUVENILE "A"

2.15 p.m., Aces v. Stars, No. 3 (R. Roodhan).

3.30 p.m., Central v. Warwickshire, No. 3 (H. Morlen).

JUVENILE "B"

2.15 p.m., Stella "A" v. Stella "B," No. 1 (P. Chitai).

3.30 p.m., Sydenham Royals v. Sastri "B," No. 1 (D. A. Pather).

WEEKEND SOCCER FIXTURES

NEWCASTLE TOMORROW

N.I.F.C. v. Dannhauser U.A., 3.15 p.m.

Pirates F.C. v. Allies F.C., 2.15 p.m.

Dannhauser U.B., bye.

Results, County Indian soccer:—

Juniors: Cliff View Royals 3, Bellair 2; Shaves 2, Glendale Royals 2.

Seniors: Shaves 0, Bellair 1; Riverside Rangers 1, Cliff View Royals 1.

County Indian soccer fixtures for Sunday are:—

Juniors: 1 p.m., Riverside Rangers v. Pirates.

Seniors: 2.15 p.m., Cliff View Royals v. Bellair; 3.30 p.m., Riverside Rangers v. Shamrocks.

DANNHAUSER

Dannhauser A, 2; Dannhauser B, 0.

MAYVILLE TOMORROW

Seniors, 2.15 p.m.: Pirates F.C. v. Moonlighters, No. 1 ground, 3.30 p.m.: Manning Rangers v. Mayville, No. 1. 2.15 p.m.: Riversdale v. Westerners, No. 2. 3.30 p.m.: Sydenham United v. Cato Stars, No. 2.

Juniors, 11.15 a.m.: Manor United v. Stella Hill, No. 2. 12.30 p.m.: Lombardy v. Westerners, No. 2.

DURBAN GARMENT WORKERS

Fixtures for today:—

LEAGUE COMPETITION

10.30 a.m.: Central v. Mackenzie, No. 3 ground; referee, Mr. T. R. Jack.

11.45 a.m.: C.M.T. and Derby United "A" v. Durban Clothing, main ground; referee, Mr. A. Hoosan.

10.30 a.m.: Pyramid v. C.M.T. and Derby United "B," main ground; referee, Mr. K. Paul.

11.45 a.m.: Style v. Ninian and Lester, No. 3 ground; referee, Mr. V. R. Tommy.

WORKERS' SOCCER RESULTS

Results of last week's matches played under the aegis of the Durban Garment Workers' Association:—

C.M.T. and Derby United "A," 3; Central 0.

Mackenzie, 6; C.M.T. and Derby United "B," 0.

Monarch, 4; Economic, 0.

Durban Clothing, w.o.; Pyramid scr.

SPORTS CHATTER

By "The Sportsman"

AFRITEX'S failure to field a side against Shamrocks on Saturday brought their score of failures to turn up to three successive weeks—that's their hat-trick now, what about the disappearing trick?

Soccer standard was maintained by the teams and so far the relative strength of the various teams in the "A" division indicate a really top notch season.

Two lapses by Barney Padayachee and Stella lost a match. Custodian for Stella seemed nervous and let through two easy goals. More practice might do the necessary for Barney.

Battled scarred moments of many hard fought game and a faded of past years was George footer jersey. "Come on George, the ball"—that's what Stella yelled when "Two Ton George" Stella backs got the ball.

If forwards of other teams like the 'shire boys did on Saturday we might still have hopes for tific soccer at Currie's Fountain.

Pattern weaving was distinctly in favour on Saturday. Instead Stella-Shire players indulged in range passing and on occasions the ball from the eighteen yard that's how Linga got the equaliser 'shire.

What follows is strictly not but somehow it always mixes with soccer. Faction fighting out at Currie's Fountain in the val of Stella-Shire match. minutes of shouting and the ers got really warmed up and fight between the supporters Finally an arm of the law had to summoned. Not a good reflection the soccer fans.

Mr. R. C. Naidoo, president Tamil Vedanta Koottam of maritzburg, will give a talk "Mother India" at the Hindu Club weekly meeting, which is held at the H.Y.M.A. Library tomorrow (Sunday) evening at

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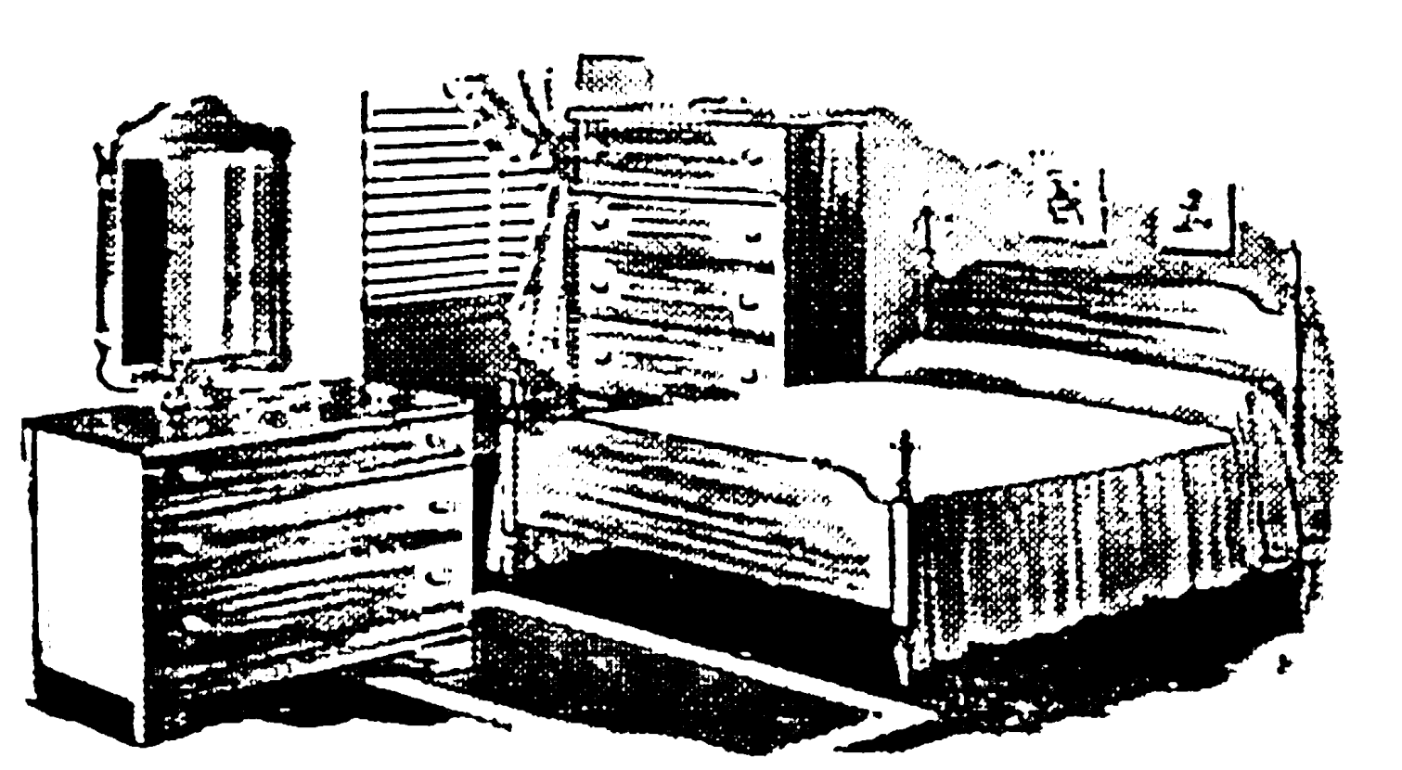
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GREEMENT NOT BINDING ON NATAL

ECUTIVE SAYS PROVINCE NOT CONSULTED

vernment Should Have Opened Provincial Barriers

CERTAIN important members of the Natal Provincial Council are of the view that the Capetown Agreement (of 1927) as it was concluded without Natal being consulted, might therefore, be pudiated.

This novel viewpoint, The Leader learns, was expressed to a deputation of the Natal Indian Association which awaited on the Executive of the Provincial Council in connection with its representations on e Education draft Ordinance.

The Dyson Committee's report, which was appointed by the Natal ovincial Council as the result of the Capetown Agreement and, in fact, it as an endorsement of that agreement, the Executive held, might be nored. One of the main recommendations of that committe's report was at the entire subsidy for Indian education should be spent on that rvice.

The Executive held the view that the subsidy was a general finan al contribution to the revenue of Natal and paid on the basis of educa n. It created no obligation on the province to spend the money so re ved on Indian education.

The Government might have taken a broader view of the question it had raised the provincial barriers against the Indian was, The eader learns, also one of the statements made to the deputation.

The difference of the points of view between these members of the rovincial Council and the Union Government might be a matter that he Government would be called upon to define, as to which was the orrect one, in the very near future.

At the Bar of the House

i Association had asked that the draft ordinance should be itted to a Select Committee. as refused by the Executive. n presented a petition, moved by r Bryon, asking that its representatives should be heard at the Bar he House. This was also turned . A last minute respite was ed to the Indians to make their entations on the draft Natal ation Ordinance, because the bers of the Provincial Council de the opposition from the Execu members, carried the motion that Ordinance be referred to a Select mittee.

ian objections, as contained in petition of the Natal Indian Asso n, against the Draft Ordinance, to the provision, or rather lack of free education to Indians, the sion of Indian children from being ht Afrikaans in Indian schools.

our petitioners," proceeds the ion, "also have tangible objec s to the exclusion of Indian school dren from being given medical in tion in Indian schools.

Your petitioners also have objec to Section 6 (2) in regard to the on of age of admission of school ren limiting the age of admis under certain provisos to seven.

Your petitioners respectfully beg to out to this Honourable House the principles embodied in the ft Ordinance concerning free edu on to Indian children, and other matters, are contrary to the spirit and letter of the Capetown Agreement, and beg leave to refer this House to the Uplift Clause of the Capetown Agreement, which lays down:—

"that in the provision of education and other facilities, the considerable number of Indians who will remain part of the permanent population should not be allowed to lag behind other sections of the people."

"Your petitioners venture to respectfully submit that the provisions of educational facilities, as indicated in the Draft Ordinance, are not in keeping with the letter and spirit of the Capetown Agreement.

"Your petitioners also venture to submit that the Capetown Agreement between the Union Government and the Government of India imposes a responsibility upon a province like that of Natal.

"Your petitioners are unrepresented class, having no vote or say in any provincial measures which may be brought by the Provincial Council.

"Your petitioners regard the Draft Ordinance as one retrogressive in character, and nullifying the intention of the Uplift Clause in the Capetown Agreement.

"Your petitioners pray leave, as their interests are involved in the said Draft Ordinance, that in the absence of any intention to refer the Draft Ordinance to a Select Committee, that they may be heard through their representatives, at the Bar of this Honourable House."

"We Must Give These People A Stake In The Country"

Mr. Justice Broome Makes Conclusions From His Inquiry

DRAWING his conclusions from his own enquiries into the Indian question, Mr. Justice Broome, in the course of his address to the Rotary Club luncheon, said that the Indians who were considered in 1925 "an alien element" of the population was a thing of the past.

The points the Judge made were:—

The Indian did not outnumber the Europeans in Natal, though they actually did in 1921. There was, therefore, no fear on the part of the Europeans of being swamped.

That it was a popular fallacy that Indian penetration into European residential areas depreciated property values. For this statement could

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Pamphlets To Profiteers

The proposal that a mass meeting be called, under the aegis of the Natal Indian Association, to clarify the position regarding profiteering and hoarding was defeated and the association has decided to issue an appeal, in the form of pamphlets, to the people, both the merchants and the consumers, not to profiteer or hoard.

It was further decided that Mr. P. R. Pather and Mr. S. L. Singh interview the Food Controller and ask him to take a more vigilant stand in regard to the distribution of foodstuffs. If possible, he should be asked to introduce a system of trapping of profiteers.

The association had made representations to the Durban Municipality regarding the City of Durban Extended Powers Ordinances and a letter had been received from the city solicitors assuring the association that all clauses to which exception had been taken would be dropped.

Mr. S. R. Naidoo pointed out that the Draft Education Ordinance of the Province hit hard at the Indian people and urged something be done about it. It was decided that representatives be appointed to do lobby work on Monday in Maritzburg.

"WE MUST GIVE THESE PEOPLE A STAKE IN THE COUNTRY"

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not be substantiated, though he would not go so far as to say that it was false.

That the Indian did not actually oust the European from his areas, for what was happening was that Europeans were moving to more desirable residences and the Indians moved in. This sort of thing was happening the world over. It was particularly noticeable here, however, because of the colour question.

He urged that the Indians, as well as other coloured population as a whole, should now be given a stake in the country.

"The time has come," he said "for us to face the fact that a very large proportion of our population has no say at all in the way the country is run. We must give these people a stake in the country if we are to rely on them.

"We have already seen what has happened in Malaya and Burma where the lower strata of the population, with nothing at all at stake in their country, has shown complete indifference as to who ruled them.

"The same thing should not be allowed to happen here."

Religion of Wine and Women

Mrs. R.M., Pretoria, writes: In support of the article by Muslim Girl ... to draw the attention of the ... critics of the Disgusted Muslim ... The critics did not give ... explanations of their association ... coloured girls. The young ... youths are too modern in the ... world. Their religion is wine ... and gambling. They have ... entirely God and they simply ... in enjoying life. The observance ... morality is abused and ... parents is discarded ... against the wish of their ... by mixing up with coloured girls ... at a later stage of their life ... repent for their actions, because ... union with the coloured girl is ... a happy one. I can quote a ... of cases in Pretoria, where the ... youths have dissolved their ... with the coloured girls, and ... happily married to Indian girls.

The Indian girls are taught ... subservient to their life partner ... to observe morality. They are ... ready to face their ups and downs ... their family life. Those critics ... believe in going to places of ... ments with the coloured girls ... of the reasons of not marrying ... girls, are grossly mistaken ... their future life. One of the ... traditions the Indian girls have ... there is no such thing as ... allowed in the Indian family life ... the Eastern world love comes ... marriage; that is why morality ... observed and the union is a ... happy one.

I am certain that the Indian ... will not discard that tradition ... the ten in China. Let the ... girls and the various critics take ... Victorian Age. Morality ... and honesty were the fundamental ... principal factors in their life ... clusion I am not condemning ... respectable coloured girls, ... they will not marry an Indian ... reason, they know for a fact ... marriage will be a failure and ... separation.

A Rhodesian Girl's View

"Observer," Que Que, ... Rhodesia, writes:—

The disgusted Muslim girl's ... in The Leader has certainly ... turbed a hornet's nest. Judging ... the spate of letters to the editor ... seems that the cap fits some of ... correspondents very comfortably.

To your correspondent S. ... of Newcastle, goes the ... cuit. It is rather a sweeping ... tion to state that Indian girls ... "superstitious beliefs and ... manners."

If your correspondents have ... in the best of Indian social ... am sure they will profit by their ... periences. There is no rhyme or ... son for Indian boys to frequent ... shebeens and other hovels of ... questionable haunts just ... Indian girls refuse to ape the ... girls. It is high time your ... spondents realise that Indian ... have dignity and self-respect ... is the admiration of the whole ...

May I refer your correspondent ... the address by Miss ... who contends that Indian men ... from a complex that all women ... inferior. Such men certainly ... psycho-analysing.

If these are any more of ... types of mental derangement ... wonder the shebeens are ... and there are so many ... casualties for isolation hospitals.

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THE WOMEN'S WORLD

Mainly About People

... I. Kajee returned to Durban ... after his visit to Capetown ... annesburg.

... Mancherjee, of Capetown, is ... to Durban.

... R. Deenadayalu, formerly of ... and now of Stanger, un... an operation for tonsils this ...

... N. Bhoola, of the firm of ... & Sons, Durban and Pless... returned from India during the ... He did the journey by train ... Lourenco Marques.

... and Mrs. P. R. Singh and Mr. ... P. R. Singh, of 477, Currie ... Durban, celebrated their silver ... anniversary on May 5 last.

... V. Chinnasamy and Mr. D. J. ... both of Howick, have left for ... burg this week.

... M. A. Hassan and A. R. ... of Alexandria, Egypt, are ... some time in Durban, at ... Lounge. They are on route ... land.

... R. Naidoo, secretary of the ... European Soldiers' League, Dur... spent her last weekend in Maritz...

... V. Rama and V. Vallabh, of ... ntein, Johannesburg, are ... some time in Durban. They ... route to India.

... R. B. Solomon, of Johannes... on a short holiday in Durban, ... staying at Peter's Lounge.

... J. P. Parisot, of Laurenco ... is spending a fortnight in ... He has registered at Peter's ...

... O. Essack, of Pietersburg, and ... I. Gatta, of Pretoria, spent ... in Durban. They had booked ... Peter's Lounge.

Some Popular Cakes

GINGERBREAD: ½lb. unsifted meal, 2 teaspoons ground ginger, 1 egg, 1oz. candied peel, ½ teaspoon each of salt and bicarbonate of soda, 3ozs. sugar, 4ozs. syrup, ½ pint of milk.

Dissolve the bicarbonate of soda in the milk. Put the syrup on to the stove to warm. Mix all the dry ingredients together. When the syrup is sufficiently warm, add the butter to it and stir until well blended and melted, then add the beaten egg. Mix all the ingredients together and stir well until the whole is of a fairly soft consistency. Pour into a greased baking tin and allow to bake for about an hour in a moderate oven. Do not open the oven door during the baking process, otherwise the gingerbread will collapse.

PRUNE CAKE: Two cups unsifted meal, ½ cup butter, 1 cup sugar, 1 cup stoned stewed prunes, 2 teaspoons baking powder, 2 eggs, ½ teaspoon salt, ½ cup of milk.

Sift the meal. Drain the prunes, then cut them up finely. Cream the butter and sugar well together, then add the eggs, one by one, beating each in well. Mix the sifted meal and baking powder together, then add to the other mixture, alternately with the milk. Stir well, then add the chopped-up prunes. Bake in a greased and paper-lined cake tin in an oven, of 350 degrees, for about an hour.

PROPHETS' DAY AT PRETORIA

Cosmopolitan Gathering Celebrates

A cosmopolitan gathering of over 200 persons composed of Europeans, Hindus, Muslims, Coloureds and Africans, met to pay homage to the Holy Prophet at the celebration organised by the Muslim Study Group at the Left Club hall, Pretoria.

In his opening remarks, the chairman, Mr. C. O. Alli, explained the significance of the occasion, and said that the era of modern civilisation commenced not from the renaissance as is generally believed, but with the advent of Islam. After touching briefly on some of the reforms introduced by Muhammed, he concluded that a knowledge of the Prophet's life and his teachings were essential as a perfect guide to humanity.

Mr. S. M. Nana, from Johannesburg, spoke at length on the unblemished character of Muhammed, and emphasised particularly the abolition of slavery. He contrasted the modern inhuman type of warfare with that of the humanitarian Islamic wars, and finally said that no new order can be successful without incorporating Islamic principles.

Mrs. Abas Dada Joomà spoke on the exalted and noble "position of woman in Islam," and elucidated the misconception of polygamy and referred to the important role played by Muslim women in all spheres of life.

Captain Cassidy, a European, told the audience why he became a Muslim. Mr. Latib Gani, from Middelburg, said that the Prophet though illiterate himself, placed great emphasis on the acquisition of knowledge. Mr. P. S. Joshi, of Johannesburg, referred to the influence of Islam on Hinduism in India and vice versa, and paid his compliments to the impact of Muslim culture in India. Another speaker was Mr. A. O. Alli.

ADAM ISMAN ALLI,
Secretary Muslim Study Group.

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Provincial Conference Preliminary Notice

The Provincial Conference of the Natal Indian Association will take place in the City Hall, Durban, 31st May and 1st June. Programme of the Conference, together with Agenda, will be announced later.

A. M. M. LOKHAT,
President.
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Treatment of Indian Education

THE treatment meted out to Indian education must rouse the ire of the entire Indian community for it can be regarded as a thinly-veiled attempt to undermine the progress of the community and also constitutes a threat to the integrity of their future in this province. No one who is interested in education and realises that it is in education that the salvation of the community lies will fail to perceive that the intended education legislation in relation to Indians is a piece of work calculated to stem the progress of the community when it really should have been devised so that it would have accelerated progress. The progress of each of the constituent communities of the non-European people is so linked up that if one is retarded the entire machinery is slowed down.

Discrimination has been made between the Bantu and the Coloured on one hand and the Indian on the other without just grounds. The Indian is placed last on the benefits that have been listed for the non-European people and it is hard to see the reason for all this discrimination when the Indian has contributed so much for the province and has been consistently building it up since he first set foot on the shores of the Colony of Natal in 1860. It will not be exaggerating when we say that it is on the sweat and the labour and the undying faith of the Indian people that the progressive and prosperous Province of Natal rests. His reward has been very meagre. Not even a recognition of the work he has done. Instead a gradual strangulation of all what he holds dear.

The action of the Natal Provincial Council is in some respects a direct violation of the undertaking which the Union Government gave at Cape Town in 1927 to recognise the Indian as a permanent part of the population of the country and that it should be treated as such. When, however, he is differentiated against and the future of his children threatened that is no attempt to treat him as a part of the population. It indicates, rather, that he is an alien and should be denied all facilities.

The Indian is also a victim of the economic structure of the country and he finds that he cannot develop in any direction he desires. His field is restricted and his earnings on the whole on a very low rung. He cannot very well afford to educate his children, but realising the necessity of education he does so at a great sacrifice. On the other hand the European who is fully capable of paying for the education of his children, does not have to do so. The province provides for him. Besides paying school-fees the Indian has also to provide his children with books. All these discriminations do not serve to make the Indian feel that he is a wanted man in the scheme of things for the future of the country of which we hear so much from the leaders of democracy, decency and freedom. The decision of the province to introduce free education to the Indian in the next eight years, [illegible] its application is immediate to the European, Coloured an Bantu, bears out the contention that the province has made a grudging attempt to do good by the Indian.

The method of introduction is another piece of iniquity for the lower classes will be the first to be freed from school fees. The tendency today is for the Indian to take his children away from school when they have reached the fourth or fifth standard because of the higher cost of books and the higher fees. By doing what it has done the province has attempted to maintain this state of affairs for as long a time as possible, instead of stopping it immediately. Its action is also contrary to the assurance given by the Director of Education that free education will be introduced from the top.

So far, again contrary to the Cape Town Agreement, the Department has not introduced Afrikaans into Indian schools. This constitutes a definite hardship for the Indian when Afrikaans is recognised as an official language of the country. What is aggravating is that the Department has no intention of introducing Afrikaans. The Administrator has certain powers vested in him which enable him to extent the provisions of the Provincial Council clauses. We hope he will make use of these powers and remove the anomalies which his Council has brought into existence.

Education is of paramount importance to our community and to all communities, and we firmly believe that there should be no distinction made between the education of a black and of a white child between Indian, African, Coloured and European. The road to the harmony of smooth relations between all peoples, which post-war reconstructors envisage, lies in the recognition of each community as deserving of all of civilisation's benefits. Post-war reconstruction should begin now.

THEY WERE CHILDREN

Plea For The National Bloc

It was agreed at a meeting of the Nationalist bloc and the N.I.A. that the seven members of the Natal Indian Association who had been expelled from the association and who had now written a letter requesting reinstatement should be reinstated on condition that they discontinue association with the Nationalist bloc and in future act according to their constitution.

Mr. M. John, pleading their cause, said that they were children who had made mistakes and had now learnt their lesson. They should be taken back, and he hoped they would not act to the detriment of the association.

Mr. Sorabjee Rustomjee stated that although the request for reinstatement was individual, the same members had called a meeting last Sunday, that was after writing the letter, under the auspices of the Nationalist bloc of the Natal Indian Association, and hence he wanted an assurance whether before they would be reinstated they would dissociate themselves with the Nationalist bloc.

Mr. P. B. Singh differed, stating that if the House could assume that the expelled members would continue to work with the bloc, then it could, on the other hand, assume that they would act constitutionally.

Mr. S. R. Naidoo said they should be accepted as brothers provided they dismantled the bloc.

Mr. M. I. Timol maintained that with changed conditions the association should exploit every avenue, and hence it should receive back into its folds the seven members.

Mr. B. A. Maharaj, one of the expelled members who was present at the meeting, when asked for an assurance said that he could not commit himself. Their letter was quite clear. Mr. Geo. Singh and Mr. D. A. Seedat stated they were in a similar position.

In the debate that followed Mr. Ashwin Choudree was suspicious of the whole thing—that is, the sincerity of the application for reinstatement.

In reply, Mr. Geo. Singh asked why could not the House be frank enough and say it did not want the expelled members back. They would remain outside.

As stated above, the seven members were accepted conditionally.

Mr. J. W. Godfr

Elected

Mr. J. W. Godfrey was elect secretary of the Natal Indian As tion when the committee me which was adjourned from Thu was continued on Sunday afte Mr. Albert Christopher was i chair.

Mr. S. L. Singh, who was proposed, declined, and the sam Mr. Christopher was proposed his proposer, Mr. Christopher had not asked his permission. He not prepared to stand and threa to vacate the chair when the h differed with his ruling that a p poser had to obtain the conse his candidate.

The meeting was then adjou for 10 minutes to enable propo to talk matters over with their ca didates.

Mr. A. Choudree, in proposing name of Mr. Godfrey, said the association at the moment was s dated with armchair critics, but t petty bickering and sorry state affairs had to be brought to an e and Mr. Godfrey had to be given fullest co-operation and support all.

Mr. Naik seconded the propos "I would be failing in my duty I did not support the nomination Mr. Godfrey." Mr. Rustomjee s "If this change of office can br any change of heart and goodwill believe my resignation must be w come a thousand-fold. I assure M Godfrey that I will give him t fullest and unflinching support, b he will get kicks when he works the cause of the community."

Mr. S. L. Singh, congratulating Mr. Godfrey, said it was regretta that his criticisms were classed "bickerings." The future of t association was the essential fac and any criticism was not to be r garded as vindictive. Support, M Singh maintained, should be m proval.

Mr. A. M. M. Lokhat, president the association, said that he kn Mr. Godfrey as a very capable m and was satisfied that the associati was in very good hands.

Speaking after his election, M Godfrey said that once again he w in harness. Referring to his wo for the Natal Indian Congress, he s that as secretary of that body a one time he had been responsible f building it up.

"On amalgamation I firmly believ that our troubles were at an end, b unfortunately this was not the ca While the Colonial Borns were agre and satisfied that they were merg into one body, some thought it fit t open up a third Congress.

"It is the internal questions of th association that are of paramount i portance, for the association is n what it should be. I believe that i something concrete is not done i will disintegrate. There is a gre deal more that could have been don but which we did not do.

"I am prepared to cooperate wi all the men on the committee and want every man to cooperate wi me, otherwise I will not be able t achieve anything. In a spirit o cooperation we shall be able t achieve much.

"In the way we have been carry ing on, I am ashamed to say, we hav achieved nothing. If Mr. Christopher whom I have known for a long tim and I work together we shall su ceed," Mr. Godfrey concluded.

A trial consignment of [illegible] has been sent from India to the U Kingdom and a report is awaited fr the Ministry of Food in Englan whether these eggs will suit consumer in the United Kingdom. The possi bilities of a regular flow of graded egg from India will then be explored.

The All-India population discovered at the 1941 census was [illegible] millions as on March 1, 1941, as against [illegible] millions in 1931, representing an in crease of 15 per cent. The level increase in British India is [illegible] pe cent. and in the States and Agencie 14.3 per cent. Increases were marked in cities, varying from 11 to 100 per cent. (in Cawnpore).

O TEAM WORK IN THE N.I.A.

r. Rustomjee Resigns as Secretary

. A. Christopher Vacates Chair but is Recalled

R. SORABJEE RUSTOMJEE has resigned his secretarial position with the Natal Indian Association. This has come about, as he l at the meeting of the committee on Thursday last, because of the k of cooperation he was getting from several of his colleagues—every of his was subject to criticism and condemnation without any tification. He was accused of working in an "arbitrary manner" by particular group in the committee, led by Mr. Albert Christopher, ough in all his efforts he had not spared himself in holding up the erests of the community foremost. His position had now been made tenable and he had no alternative but to resign.

As soon as the question came up before the meeting, Mr. hristopher, who presided, got up and left the chair. He was heard to y something to the effect that he was going, too. Mr. Rustomjee isted on him resuming his seat, saying, "It will interest you, Mr. hristopher, for what I have got to say."

Thereafter the debate on the resignation continued. One of e speakers, Mr. A. Sookdeo, said: "Mr. Christopher and Mr. Rustome should have it out and shake hands."

Mr. A. S. Kajee in the course of his speech also referred to e fact that there was no team work whatsoever among the officials.

Mr. Rustomjee's resignation was accepted with regret and a te of thanks was recorded. The appointment of his successor was ft over to the meeting held on Sunday. At this meeting the Rustome group felt that as Mr. A. Christopher and Mr. S. L. Singh were Mr. Rustomjee's severest critics they should now be given the opportunity f service. Both of them, however, declined to accept office. They ere dubbed "arm-chair critics" by Mr. Ashwin Choudree, who, in oving for the election of Mr. J. W. Godfrey, who was elected to fill e vacancy, said that all this "petty bickering and sorry state of affairs d to be brought to an end."

"Arm-Chair Critics"

R. SORABJEE RUSTOMJEE, d'chard of South African Indian s, who brought about the lgamation" of the Natal Indian ress and the Colonial Born and lers' Indian Association nearly years ago and has since been ng the destinies of the Natal n Association as its secretary also obtained in the course of his official recognition for it by the rnment of India, has resigned the association as its joint tary.

dvancing reasons for his resigna Mr. Rustomjee stated that he not wanted on that association use he had brought about amal ation; because he had accepted Lawrence Committee contrary to views of a section of the associa , and because of the difference een himself and some members— equently the Nationalist Bloc—on war issue.

I have come to the conclusion that romote the interests of the Natal an Association I must vacate my . This is the best possible poli more I can make by the asso on and I regretfully tender my gnation.

I am not running away from the ciation. I shall always stand by nd hope it goes on from strength strength.

Prior to 1939 I had given up public k. On amalgamation you and I the fruits of it. I came back had to sever lifelong connections people with whom I had tried act in the best interests of the munity. Although I do not claim be infallible, as secretary of the ciation since 1939 I have gone ugh 'Hell.'"

he first differences started with Lawrence Committee, and Mr. tomjee stated that some members the association who left the ciation tried to malign his name. was glad that some of them were t. Another break followed in on the war issue and those people acted unconstitutionally upon ex sion formed a Nationalist Bloc. had no intention of forming any , and if there was cause to fight association he would do so from floor of the association.

"I will be in the association and haps I may lead a group, but it ll be constitutional."

n 1941, when the Broome Commission was set up, those who talked of cooperation and collaboration did not give a vestige of that cooperation or collaboration to the secretary, and when the Broome Commission had concluded its findings, Mr. Rustomjee tendered his resignation. He was, however, pressed to remain in office by the joint secretary, Mr. P. R. Pather.

Dealing with individual sentiments, Mr. Rustomjee said that Mr. S. L. Singh had implied that he was running away because the question of expropriation went wrong. This was incorrect.

Statements had been made by Mr. Geo. Singh that the leaders, who had promised to do so much by the people, were, in time of need, not to be seen anywhere. He assured Mr. Geo. Singh that he would stand by his declarations at the City Hall in 1939.

"TO REINSTATE HIMSELF"

There were allegations, Mr. Rustomjee continued, that the proposed provincial conference of the association was an attempt by him to reinstate himself as a popular leader. This was not true, for the conference was the result of the desire of the majority. He did not want any cheap publicity.

Mr. Rustomjee assured the committee that he would be at the annual meeting which, it had been urged by many, should be called in preference to a conference, to account for his stewardship of thirty-three months.

Talking about recent statements in the Press that the Indian merchants were profiteering, Mr. Rustomjee maintained that this was not "playing the game"; it was slurring the good name of the community, and he had taken it upon himself to repudiate the charges against the merchants.

Mr. Rustomjee said that a statement alleged to have been made by Mr. A. Christopher about expropriation being "cooked" and all over the futility of going with the deputation to Capetown was grossly unfair. It was not right, Mr. Rustomjee said, to say that because a cause was lost to the community he (Mr. Rustomjee) should not espouse it.

"I still live for the day when the Indian community will win on the question of expropriation."

After much discussion the resignation was accepted by 26 votes to 1 on the condition that Mr. Rustomjee account for his stewardship to the annual meeting.

Mr. M. John suggested that Mr. Rustomjee continue in office until the annual meeting and then all who chose could go out of office. Mr. Christopher, who was in the chair, stated that the secretary's act was arbitrary. He had never heard of such a thing, and threatened to walk out of the chair.

Mr. S. L. Singh wanted the secretary's reasons for resigning before he could consider the matter, and in support of this Mr. P. R. Pather requested the chairman to ask Mr. Rustomjee his reasons. Mr. M. I. Timol stated that no man was indispensable and the house should accept the secretary's resignation and get somebody else to carry on.

KAJEE'S CROWD

Mr. P. R. Pather further stated that Mr. Rustomjee had not only to fight Kajee's crowd, but the Press and the S.A.I.C. as well. There was no true collaboration, cooperation or team work in the association. All the work had to be shouldered by Mr. Rustomjee, who did it at the sacrifice of home, wife and children. The best the house could do was to accept his resignation and let him clear out as a section did not want him.

Mr. A. Christopher stated that he stood for democracy and that regular meetings should be held and decisions taken. It was on this point that he differed with Mr. Rustomjee. His own requisition for a meeting had been shelved. Mr. Rustomjee was a great tactician. Personally there was no illfeeling between them, but officially he begged to differ. Mr. Rustomjee had done a good lot of work for the community, Mr. Christopher concluded.

Mr. Rustomjee answered all these charges during the course of his statement on his resignation.

Mr. A. S. Kajee said that Mr. Sorabjee, who had done so much for the association, was compelled to resign because there was no form of team work whatsoever among the officials. On the other hand, if Mr. Rustomjee took it upon himself to do some good by the association his motives were suspected.

When the N.I.A. deputation went to Capetown to see some of the Ministers on the question of expropriation, Mr. Rustomjee harnessed some association officials, who were in Capetown on holiday, to the deputation in order to make its position firmer, but officials who were in Durban made personal remarks as to Mr. Rustomjee's action.

While in Capetown Mr. Rustomjee found that rice had been relegated to No. 17 on the priority list as an essential commodity. Realising the effect this would have on the Indian, whose staple food was rice, Mr. Rustomjee took up the matter with the Minister of Commerce and Industries and obtained rating five for rice. For this action he was censured by the officials in Durban, who said that Mr. Rustomjee had not gone to Capetown to discuss rice.

Mr. A. S. Kajee wanted to know whether by doing that good to the community Mr. Rustomjee had committed an act of a criminal nature, for that was the impression some officials had. They were not slow in tilting Mr. Rustomjee.

Under these circumstances the best Mr. Rustomjee could do was to resign, Mr. Kajee concluded.

COUNTRY COMPLAINTS

Mr. E. J. Choonoo and Mr. Shaik Mohideen, both of Tongaat, complained that the officials of the country branches never received sufficient notice to attend the deliberations of the parent body.

This laxity, they held, seemed to indicate that the branches in the country were not wanted in deliberations, but were approached when the association required financial assistance.

Their presence at the meeting was due purely to chance, they added.

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"My Dear 'Coloured Girl' We Are Not for Sale"

Khatija (Johannesburg) writes: I want to first offer an apology, on behalf of my Muslim sister, to all the coloured girls, low-classed or otherwise, who have read the article of "Disgusted Muslim Girl" in the recent copy of the "Leader." I am sorry that many of them should have taken offence at what to me was the obvious truth put forward by a Muslim girl. Perhaps you simply dashed off your reply without pausing to think whether "Muslim Girl" had a perfect right in saying what she did. However, after you have read my answer you may be able to view the matter from her and my point of view. I admire her because she had the courage to publicise her feelings, and also to let the Indian boys know exactly what she thought of them.

"Coloured Girl" wants to know how we are aware of the so-called "low-type of life," despite our purdah and seclusion. Although from the age of 15 we are kept indoors, we know more about life than you think. To us "Life is real, life is earnest." There is no "moonlight and roses" for us. From the cradle we are taught to obey our parents, then our husbands, to suppress our feelings and half-fledged ideas, to remain chaste, and to keep our hearts calm and patient. There is more Reality than Romance for the Muslim girls. And yet, with all the woman's instinct prevalent in us, we know that our men are faithless to us. We know that when they go forth attired in evening dress it is to dance with you coloured girls, on Sundays when there is such a hurry to scramble into a car full of friends, we know there is a picnic, and on Saturdays the bioscopes are packed with you who sit unreservedly with our Muslim youths. So on ad infinitum.

Knowing this, you are still abusive about "our Muslim men who flirt about and come home all hours of the night, disregarding their beautiful wives. (Incidentally, thank you for acknowledging that we have one asset.)

May I ask you quite frankly who do they stay out and flirt with till the early hours of the morning, if not with you coloured girls? You should be the last to rail against us, instead for us, you should have the most infinite pity.

Each time you go out with an Indian boy do you pause to think of his wife and sister at home? Do you not feel ashamed to accept presents from him, knowing that we Muslim girls would never lower ourselves to accept anything from a coloured boy, whether it be presents or friendship? Why do you dance with our Muslim boys? We would not allow a coloured boy to touch or dance with us. And it amazes us that your boy friends and brothers allow you such freedom of intermingling with Muslims. Again I must put the interrogation—why? Is it because you like them "tall, dark and handsome," or because they can lavish such costly presents on you and give you a good time, or is it because you delight in taking advantage of our helplessness and flaunting your brazen attitude in our faces?

Do you not see that if you refused to go out with our boys, then they would have no other alternative but to take us? But as matters stand, you are so very easy to get, such easy prey, that they do not want the trouble of educating their wives and sisters, talking with them, admiring them or walking out with them and enjoying life in the "clean and sane" way with them. In all your selfishness and arrogance you stand in our way. You with your vulgarity that masquerades as wit, your spite that is taken for friendship, your fleering manner, and your utter disregard of feelings and sentiments that can be noble and fine. And the foolish Muslim youth clutches at this froth, this alloy, while we are left in our seclusion with the gold that only we are capable of giving.

The very fact that "Jay" states in his article, "We loathe our coloured girl-friends, but as we can get nothing better we do not look gift horses in the mouth," should you repulse the advances of the next Indian boy. But will you? I think not. Possibly because you have not the same pride of race and respect of self that we Muslim girls have.

I know Indian youths like to indulge in social activities, and naturally the Indian girls, being new to such things, will find it difficult to adapt herself. Only after perseverance will she be able to meet you on equal ground. But instead of helping us you are there to laugh at our mistakes, to revile our [illegible] methods of "coming out." So rather than lose our "izzat" or honour in front of you we go back to our seclusion.

If we commit a faux pas, it is the duty of the Muslim boys to teach us, instead of which the saps carry on with you. They do not know how low they are becoming in our estimation when they hang on to your apron-strings for a few kisses and empty phrases of that much-abused thing called Love. Let me, however, tell you one thing, without vanity or conceit, that given education, freedom of speech and living, surrounded by the same environment as you, we could win "hands down." Unfortunately, it is not only you we have to fight. It is our old-fashioned parents, our customs and traditions, our superstitions, beliefs and myths that have become part of our religion, and religion that has become part of our lives. We cannot rail against fate knowing that it is inexorable, we cannot overcome custom and tradition knowing that it has lived before us. Only in the future lies our salvation.

We are now in the chrysalis stage but when we feel our wings then we shall rise to new aspirations and ambitions and hope. All the patience, faith and love which have been ours through the centuries shall be of the utmost value to us and our motto shall be: "The Muslim maid for the Muslim youth."

If you must say something more on anything which I have left untested, then do so, my dear "Coloured Girl," but do not end by telling me to "advertise for a husband," because we procure our husbands without putting up a "for sale" sign. And we stay married, too. We do not end by taking in washing. Furthermore, will "G. Naicker," (Stanger) refrain from calling us jealous? Of all the emotions that human nature has been endowed with jealousy is the most exhausting and may I whisper confidentially, the most ageing! And it's not a case of "sour grapes" that has prompted me to write this. On the contrary, it is merely the fact that I am a Muslim girl, but proud of being one nevertheless.

Now answer if you can.

"KHATIJA" (Johannesburg).

"Stop This Mingling"

"Disgusted Tamil Girl" (Holmdene, Transvaal) writes:—

Your correspondents "A Coloured Girl," G. Naicker, "Jay" and S. Subban, in reply to the above in your last week's issue, really beat my comprehension.

If I am not mistaken, these four form a company from the same [illegible] and their defence is a very poor one. "Disgusted Muslim Girl" did not pick out the respectable coloured class of girls, as every community has bad and good. I know for a fact several of my friends, even my brother and cousins, are mixed up with the low type of girls. Same here, with their own Indian wives at home. But they are all going through hell.

We are proud of our civilisation and our culture and our race, and we shall not allow such things to prevail under any circumstances.

Yes, the talk of non-Europeans is very well said. Would your correspondents like to marry native girls, those oily ones and half clad?

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TS IN A NAME?

W and then the peace of the orld is disturbed when somebody omething which somebody else ims it "just can't be done." how I sum up the crusade of the s in Newcastle. "Proud of My " of Newcastle, writes that a n gentleman, who is not a Singh, nnexed the cognomen "Singh." all the row. Personally, I be- that a name is not the monopoly individual or group of people. have any inclination to add h" after my name I shall do so e within my rights. In any case, bly the objection would come from editors. Anyway if my godmother thought of it I might have made debut as Abdullah Sorabjee Srini- Singh. I wonder who would have d the objection. I hope I have d the last of the Singhs.

STREET-CORNER POLITICS

Evidently N.I.A. members are fond of discussing their politics at street-corners. Said Chairman Albert Christopher at the association's historic meeting last Thursday, "thrash out all your differences here and not at street-corners." Mr. Sorabjee Rustomjee, who has been at the receiving end of many jests in this column, is in the association now but not of it. Momentous revelation at that meeting was the fact that Albert Christopher and P. R. Pather were unable to go to Cape Town with N.I.A. deputation owing to business reasons. A lapse on the part of the association's clerk when recording minutes of the previous meeting led to the secretary, Pather, reading out as follows, "Mr. Spandsen moved and Mr. Spandsen seconded." The house giggled first and then set about clearing the tangle.

GRADUANDS

Three Indians were capped at last Saturday's graduation ceremony of the Natal University College at Maritzburg: Messrs. B. Somers, R. Moodley and J. Bamlow. They're all B.A.'s now. I wonder who will be the first Natal Indian girl to graduate. There may be one at the end of this year. She has been at it for some time.

THAT'S ALL

In our Maritzburg offices is a book which has not seen the light of day and so much the better for the men concerned. It is called "Lives and Works of Prominent Indian Leaders in South Africa," or something to that effect. Among the signatures attached to the page on which the table of contents is set out are those of Sorabjee Rustomjee, Albert Christopher and P. R. Pather. Except for the photographs of Gandhi and some Agents-General the book is blank. Did I hear somebody remark that "that was about all"?

A LIBRARY

The acting secretary of the Society of Servants writes:—

A small lending library open to all has been opened by the Society of Servants in the old operating theatre near St. Aidan's [illegible], Durban. In this library the latest periodicals may be read. There is a special Indian section, and to become a member of this section for borrowing purposes the gift of a book on India is necessary. There is a deposit of 3d on all books borrowed. Everything in the library has been donated. Ten young men, African, Indian and European, act as librarians, serving for a fortnight. The library is open from 5.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. on weekdays, 2 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. on Saturdays, and from 9.30 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. on Sundays.

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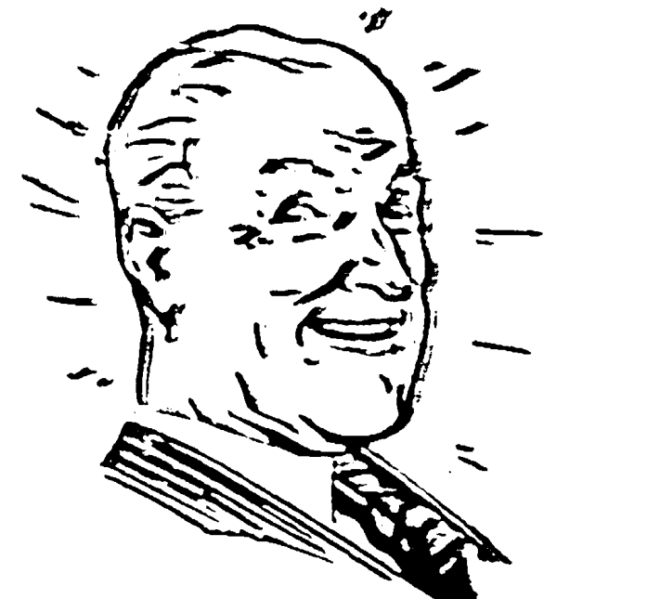

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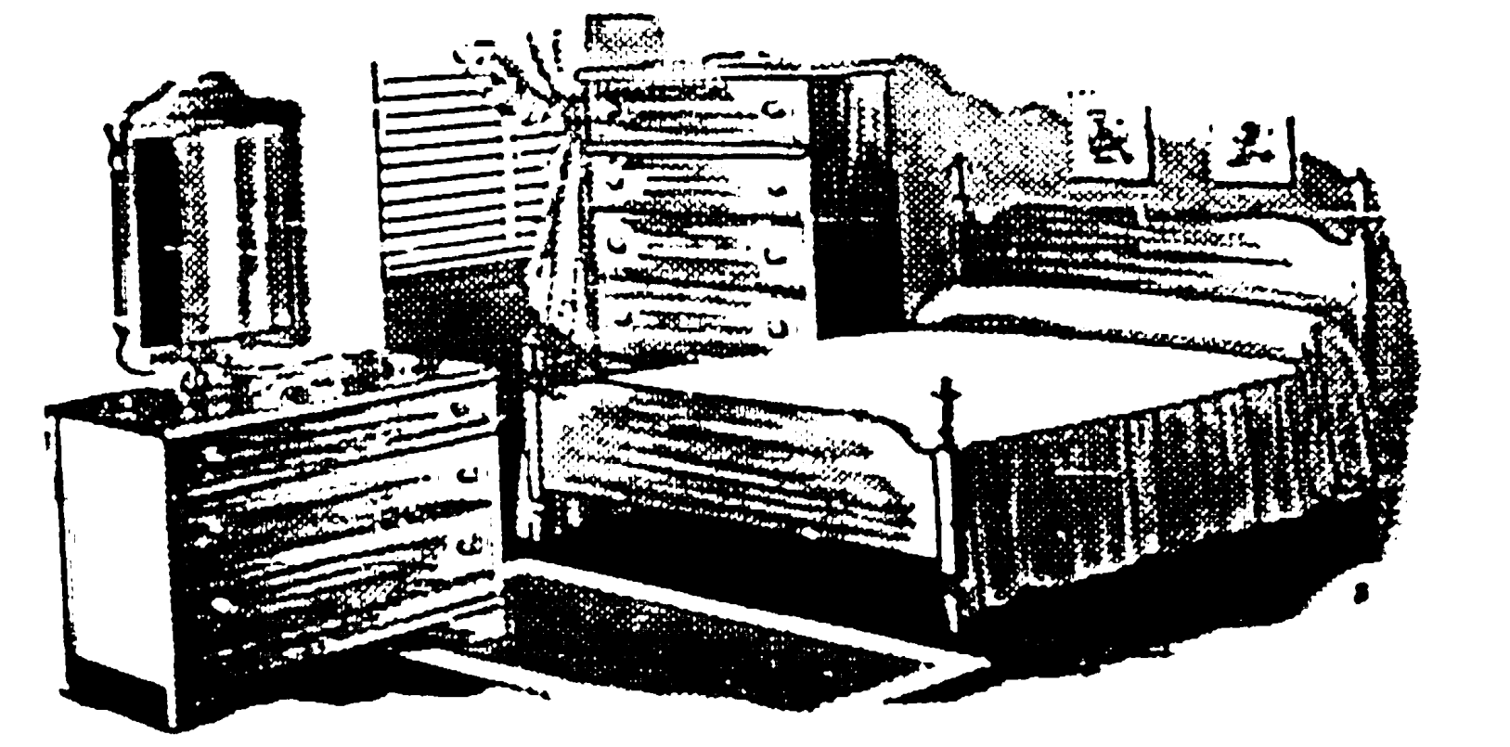

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WEEKEND SOCCER FIXTURES

Matches at Various Centres

CURRIE'S FOUNTAIN
TODAY

League competition:—

SENIOR "A"

3.30 p.m., Stars v. Stella, main (K. Roopnarian).

3.30 p.m., Daffodils v. Warwickshire, No. 1 (M. S. Badal).

SENIOR "B"

2.15 p.m., Queens v. Silver Willow Rangers, No. 1 (P. Moona).

3.30 p.m., Warwickshire v. Pirates, No. 2 (Y. S. Mulla).

JUNIOR

2.15 p.m., Aces v. Stella, main (S. K. Reddy). 2.15 p.m., Overport Rangers v. Central "B," No. 2 (R. Munsamy). 3.30 p.m., Central v. Stars, No. 3 (D. A. Pather).

JUVENILE "A"

2.15 p.m., Clairwood Riverside v. Sastri "A," No. 3 (R. Boodhan).

JUVENILE "B"

3.30 p.m., Crimson League v. Silver Willow Rangers, No. 4 (Mr. Mahomed). 2.15 p.m., Warwickshire v. Young Bulwers, No. 4 (K. M. Pillay).

The opening matches of the Sunday League will be played tomorrow at Curries Fountain. The fixtures are: 3 p.m., Berea v. Bakers, main (R. Boodhan). 3 p.m., Silverton v. Warwick United, No. 1 (R. Munsamy).

NEWCASTLE
TOMORROW

2.15 p.m., N.I.F.C. v. Dannhauser U.B., at Dannhauser.

3.45 p.m., Pirates F.C. v. Dannhauser U.A., at Dannhauser.

MAYVILLE
TOMORROW

Seniors: 2.15 p.m., Sydenham United v. Moonlighters, No. 1; 3.30 p.m., Westerners v. Cato Stars, No. 1; 2.15 p.m., Pirates v. Manning Rangers, No. 2; 3.30 p.m., Riverdale v. Mayville, No. 2.

Junior "A": 11.15 a.m., Manor United v. Lombardy, No. 4; 12.30 p.m., Cato Stars v. Stella Hill, No. 1.

Junior "B": 11.15 a.m., Mayville v. Westville United, No. 2; 12.30 p.m., Union Stars v. Bristow Rangers, No. 2.

GLENCOE
TOMORROW

Fixtures:—

LEAGUE CUP

3 p.m., Stella v. Dundee United, at Dundee.

3 p.m., Sports v. By-Products "B," at Burnside.

Results:—

G.I.F.C., 3; Stella, 0.

Sports, 0; By-Product "A," 0.

Durban Soccer Results

The following are the results of matches played in the League Competition last Saturday at Currie's Fountain:—

Senior A: Stars 2, Daffodils 1; Stella 3, Shamrocks 1.

Senior B: Sydenham 1, Duffs Road 1; Clairwood Schools 7, Silver Willow Rangers 0.

Junior: Warwickshire 1, Overport Rangers 1; Sydenham 7, Stars 0.

Juvenile A: Aces 2, Stars 1; Central 1, Warwickshire 1.

Juvenile B: Stella A 4, Stella B 1; Sydenham Rangers 2; Sastri B 3.

SPORTS CHATTER

STELLA'S win over Shamrocks upsets the later's calculations for the league. Last year's league winners played with one of their two stalwarts—the Naicker brothers.

Currie's Fountain soccer line up now is as follows. Warwickshire in the lead, a point ahead of Shamrocks and Stellas, with Stars three points behind. Anything can happen now.

News of cricket comes from India. An attempt is being made to abolish communal cricket in the motherland. At the moment tournaments are run on communal lines at Bombay, Karachi and Nagpur.

Tennis interest is centred at Currie's Fountain tomorrow for Natal doubles competition takes place on the Spes Bona courts. Entries close at the courts at 9 o'clock. N.I.L.T.A. selectors will be there for the South African tennis tournament is round the bend—first week in July at Durban.

STANGER STARTS SOCCER SEASON

The Lower Tugela District Indian Football Association commenced its season officially on Sunday last with three matches, in the first round of the Bodasingh's league trophy.

Young Pirates travelled to Doornkop and were defeated by 4—0. Referee, Mr. P. Kistan.

Rangers met Tea Blenders of Kearsney at Kearsney and won easily by 3—0. The latter are a team of youngsters and put up a creditable performance. The highlights of the match were the keeping of Kolia for Rangers, and splendid game of their skipper, Mather, on the right wing, who was instrumental in scoring three goals. Referee, Mr. H. Maraj.

Excessive use of the whistle spoilt what otherwise might have been an evenly balanced and good game between Kearsney and Stanger United. Kearsney scored from a penalty, but United soon equalised. The Kearsney custodian was hard pressed in the second half, but saved splendidly. Bridge, G. Bux and Tommy were outstanding for United and Rajoo and Francis for Kearsney. Referee, Mr. P. M. Polly.

Stanger fixtures for Sunday:—

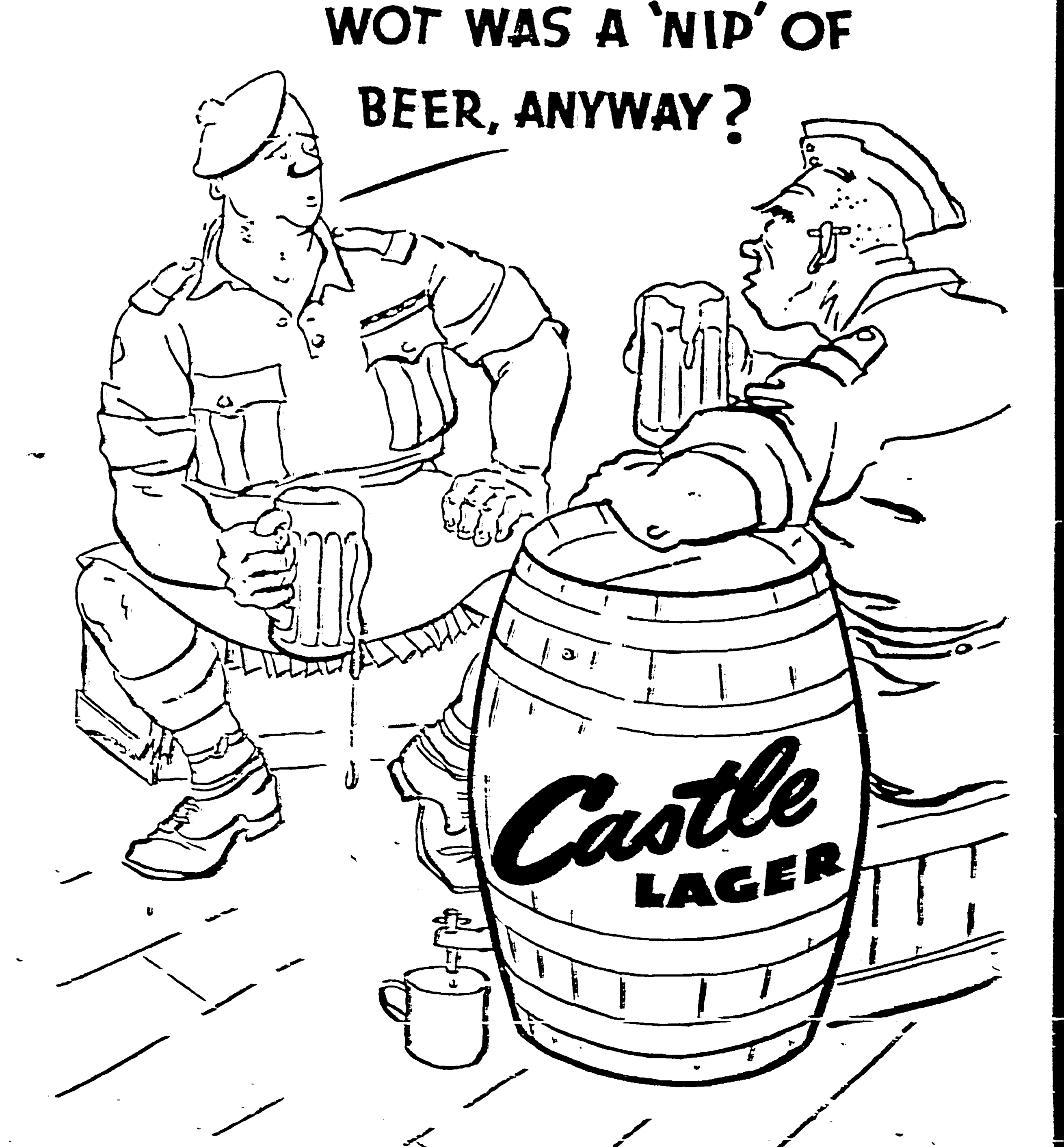
2.30 p.m.: Rangers v. Doornkop at Glodhow. Referee, Mr. H. C. Maraj.

1.15 p.m.: Pirates v. Glodhow "B" at Glodhow.

3.45 p.m.: United v. Glodhow "A" at Glodhow. Referee, Mr P. M. Polly.

3.0 p.m.: Kearsney "A" v. Tea Blenders at Kearsney.

Owing to the dearth of referees in the Lower Tugela district Mr. V. G. Augustine, secretary of the L.T.D.I.F. Association, has been compelled, owing to the critics still being in their thick shells, to resume refereeing in the good and interests of sport in the district.



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ONOUR AND DIGNITY OF INDIANS ATTACKED

ongress Objects to Obnoxious Clauses of Draft Ordinance

THE Natal Indian Congress, in a petition addressed to the Natal Provincial Council, asks that the provisions of the Draft Ordinance which seek to consolidate and amend the law relating to authorities r the purpose of local government in Natal be referred to a Select ommittee as it feels that the provisions, though ostensibly for the purose of general application might, in their practical working, be almost clusively employed to the detriment of the Indian.

The petitioners submit that the various provisions which they have ferred to, "directly affect the esteem and self-respect and the rights d privileges of the Indian community and that by their inference and plication, directly attack their communal honour and dignity, under e cloak of general legislation."

The Congress also requests permission for an opportunity to implement their petition by oral evidence before that Select Committee or to bmit its views through counsel at the Bar of the House.

Fundamentally Wrong and Iniquitous

e petition proceeds: Your petiners feel aggrieved at the in n of your Honourable Council in ing to retain the provision that on entitled to be enrolled as a and to vote at the election of illors for any ward of any bor shall be, besides possessing the general qualifications, a person entitled to be registered as a mentary voter, inasmuch as the m are precluded from exercising arliamentary franchise under the ons of the Natal Act 8 of 1896.

Your petitioners respectfully submit that such a provision is manifestly unjust and a negation of democracy, and gives the lie direct to the oft-repeated declarations of responsible members of the Crown, of the provincial governments, and of the local authorities in this country, that the present war is being waged against the forces of evil and destruction, and for the establishment and maintenance of freedom and self-respect of all the peoples of this world, and according to our own Prime Minister, Field-Marshal J. C. Smuts, democracy represents the freedom and the dignity of our human society.

Your petitioners feel that in view of India, their Motherland, possessing elective representative parliamentary institutions now, and being on the verge of attaining full Dominion status, such a provision, if persisted in, will inflict on your petitioners and their countrymen, the stigma of inferiority, derogatory to the honour and self-respect of the Indian nation, and a distinct legal disability, notwithstanding the fact that your petitioners are nationals of this country and an integral portion of the permanent population of this Union, for taxation without representation is fundamentally wrong and iniquitous.

Your petitioners humbly submit that it has been proved beyond doubt, that with the passing of the 18 years, since July 1, 1924, your petitioners have grievously suffered through the deprivation of this right they enjoyed prior thereto, which is the most elementary right of an ordinary citizen in a democratic land.

Your petitioners most emphatically protest against the powers sought to be given to the local governments to make racial discrimination, and against the very wide and arbitrary powers conferred upon them.

Your petitioners respectfully submit and solemnly assert that, whenever any new legislation is brought forward either by the Central Government or the Provincial Governments, or the local authorities, it invariably engenders in your petitioners' community, a state of general uncertainty and anxiety, as to what harmful results may flow to them from such legislation.

MUSLIMS OF POLAND

AXIS hopes of winning over the Islamic world, have not been improved by an Arab News Agency report, which states that the Nazis have launched a new persecution of Muslims in Poland, says the columnist of the Times of India.

The Imam of Warsaw Mosque, Sheikh Ali Ismail Vornovitch, and other leading Muslims have been sent to concentration camps in Germany. All mosques have been closed and daily prayers forbidden. When the Slofim Mosque was converted into a garage, the delegation of Muslims who went to protest against this desecration were shot without trial. When the Mufti of Poland, Dr. Shinevitch, made representations against this persecution he was insulted by the Nazi officials.

Poland's Muslims have not been singled out for special attention. The one and a half million Muslims of Yugoslavia who dared to protest against Nazi domination of their country have been dealt with in the most ruthless fashion, and among the hostages shot in Paris there have been many Muslim students who had gone to France to pursue their studies.

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WEEKEND SOCCER FIXTURES

Matches at Various Centres

CURRIE'S FOUNTAIN
TODAY

League competition:—

SENIOR "A"

3.30 p.m., Stars v. Stella, main (K. Roopnarian).

3.30 p.m., Daffodils v. Warwickshire, No. 1 (M. S. Badal).

SENIOR "B"

2.15 p.m., Queens v. Silver Willow Rangers, No. 1 (P. Moona).

3.30 p.m., Warwickshire v. Pirates, No. 2 (Y. S. Mulla).

JUNIOR

2.15 p.m., Aces v. Stella, main (S. K. Reddy). 2.15 p.m., Overport Rangers v. Central "B," No. 2 (R. Munsamy). 3.30 p.m., Central v. Stars, No. 3 (D. A. Pather).

JUVENILE "A"

2.15 p.m., Clairwood Riverside v. Sastri "A," No. 3 (R. Boodhan).

JUVENILE "B"

3.30 p.m., Crimson League v. Silver Willow Rangers, No. 4 (Mr. Mahomed). 2.15 p.m., Warwickshire v. Young Bulwers, No. 4 (K. M. Pillay).

The opening matches of the Sunday League will be played tomorrow at Curries Fountain. The fixtures are: 3 p.m., Berea v. Bakers, main (R. Boodhan). 3 p.m., Silverton v. Warwick United, No. 1 (R. Munsamy).

NEWCASTLE
TOMORROW

2.15 p.m., N.I.F.C. v. Dannhauser U.B., at Dannhauser.

3.45 p.m., Pirates F.C. v. Dannhauser U.A., at Dannhauser.

MAYVILLE
TOMORROW

Seniors: 2.15 p.m., Sydenham United v. Moonlighters, No. 1; 3.30 p.m., Westerners v. Cato Stars, No. 1; 2.15 p.m., Pirates v. Manning Rangers, No. 2; 3.30 p.m., Riverdale v. Mayville, No. 2.

Junior "A": 11.15 a.m., Manor United v. Lombardy, No. 4; 12.30 p.m., Cato Stars v. Stella Hill, No. 1.

Junior "B": 11.15 a.m., Mayville v. Westville United, No. 2; 12.30 p.m., Union Stars v. Bristow Rangers, No. 2.

GLENCOE
TOMORROW

Fixtures:—

LEAGUE CUP

3 p.m., Stella v. Dundee United, at Dundee.

3 p.m., Sports v. By-Products "B," at Burnside.

Results:—

G.E.F.C., 3; Stella, 0.

Sports, 0; By-Product "A," 0.

Durban Soccer Results

The following are the results of matches played in the League Competition last Saturday at Currie's Fountain:—

Senior A: Stars 2, Daffodils 1; Stella 3, Shamrocks 1.

Senior B: Sydenham 1, Duffs Road 1; Clairwood Schools 7, Silver Willow Rangers 0.

Junior: Warwickshire 4, Overport Rangers 1; Sydenham 7, Stars 0.

Juvenile A: Aces 2, Stars 1; Central 1, Warwickshire 1.

Juvenile B: Stella A 4, Stella B 1; Sydenham Rangers 2; Sastri B 5.

SPORTS CHATTER

STELLA'S win over Shamrocks upsets the later's calculations for the league. Last year's league winners played with one of their two stalwarts—the Naicker brothers.

Currie's Fountain soccer line up now is as follows. Warwickshire in the lead, a point ahead of Shamrocks and Stellas, with Stars three points behind. Anything can happen now.

News of cricket comes from India An attempt is being made to abolish communal cricket in the motherland. At the moment tournaments are run on communal lines at Bombay, Karachi and Nagpur.

Tennis interest is centred at Currie's Fountain tomorrow for Natal doubles competition takes place on the Spes Bona courts. Entries close at the courts at 9 o'clock. N.I.L.T.A. selectors will be there for the South African tennis tournament is round the bend—first week in July at Durban.

STANGER STARTS SOCCER SEASO

The Lower Tugela District Indian Football Association commenced its season officially on Sunday last with three matches, in the first round of the Bodasingh's league trophy.

Young Pirates travelled to Doornkop and were defeated by 4—0. Referee, Mr. P. Kistan.

Rangers met Tea Blenders of Kearsney at Kearsney and won easily by 3—0. The latter are a team of youngsters and put up a creditable performance. The highlights of the match were the keeping of Kolin for Rangers, and splendid game of their skipper, Mather, on the right w who was instrumental in scoring three goals. Referee, Mr R. Maraj.

Excessive use of the whistle sp what otherwise might have been evenly balanced and good game tween Kearsney and Stanger Unit Kearsney scored from a penalty, United soon equalised. The Kearn custodian was hard pressed in second half, but saved splendi Bridge, G. Bux and Tommy were standing for United and Rajoo Francis for Kearsney. Referee, P. M. Polly.

Stanger fixtures for Sunday:—

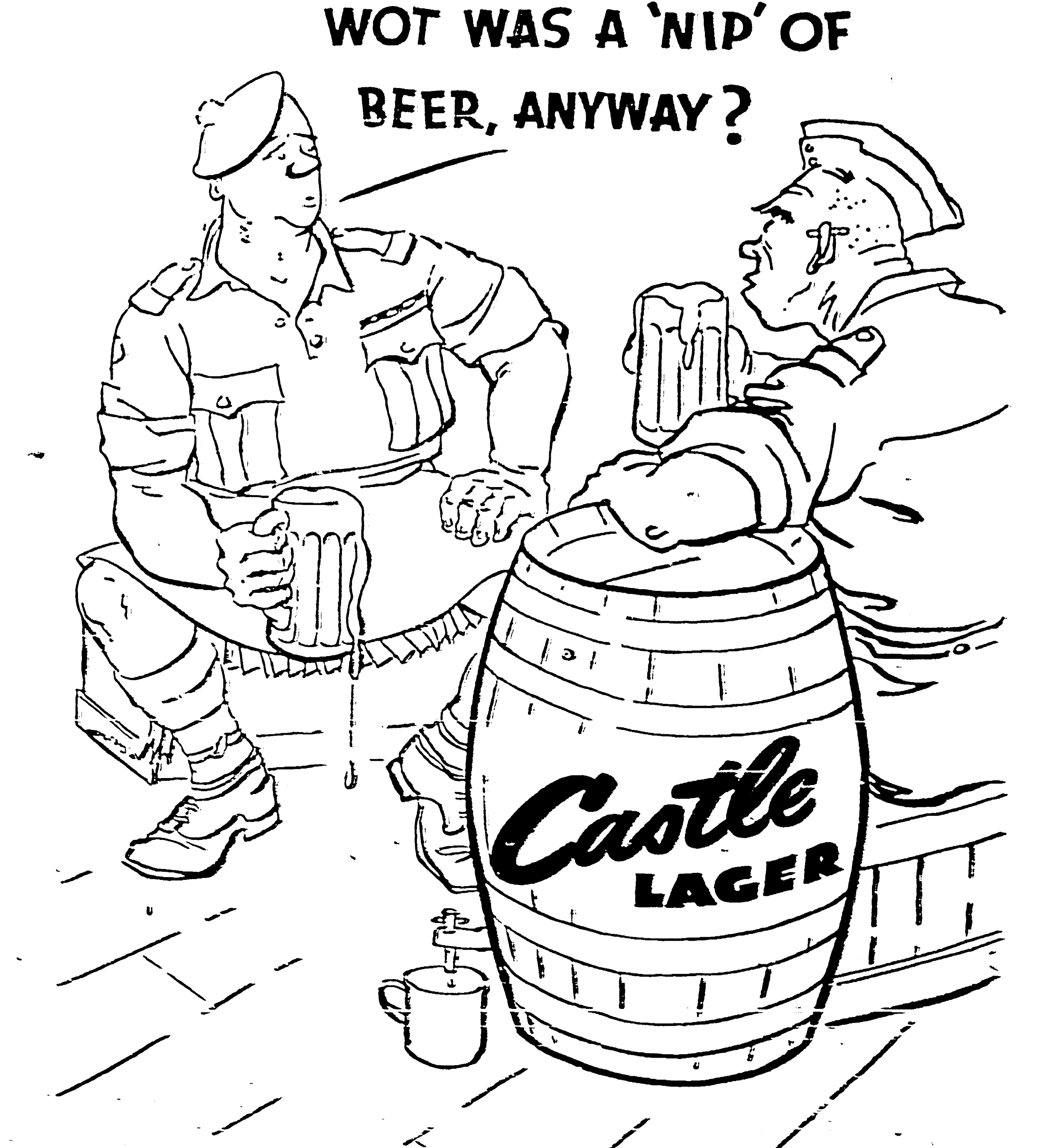
2.30 p.m.: Rangers v. Doornkop Glodhow. Referee, Mr. H. C. Mara

1.15 p.m.: Pirates v. Glodhow at Glodhow.

3.45 p.m.: United v. Glodhow at Glodhow. Referee, Mr P. M. Poll

3.0 p.m.: Kearsney "A" v. Te Blenders at Kearsney.

Owing to the dearth of referees in the Lower Tugela district Mr. V. G. Augustine, secretary of the L.T.D.I.F. Association, has been compelled, owing to the critics still being in their thick shells, to resume refereeing in the good and interests of sport in the district.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ONOUR AND DIGNITY OF INDIANS ATTACKED

ongress Objects to Obnoxious Clauses of Draft Ordinance

THE Natal Indian Congress, in a petition addressed to the Natal Provincial Council, asks that the provisions of the Draft Ordinance which seek to consolidate and amend the law relating to authorities r the purpose of local government in Natal be referred to a Select ommittee as it feels that the provisions, though ostensibly for the purose of general application might, in their practical working, be almost clusively employed to the detriment of the Indian.

The petitioners submit that the various provisions which they have ferred to, "directly affect the esteem and self-respect and the rights d privileges of the Indian community and that by their inference and plication, directly attack their communal honour and dignity, under e cloak of general legislation."

The Congress also requests permission for an opportunity to implement their petition by oral evidence before that Select Committee or to bmit its views through counsel at the Bar of the House.

Fundamentally Wrong and Iniquitous

petition proceeds: Your petiners feel aggrieved at the in of your Honourable Council in ing to retain the provision that on entitled to be enrolled as a and to vote at the election of lors for any ward of any bor shall be, besides possessing the general qualifications, a person entitled to be registered as a mentary voter, inasmuch as the are precluded from exercising arliamentary franchise under the ons of the Natal Act 8 of 1896.

Your petitioners respectfully submit that such a provision is manifestly unjust and a negation of democracy, and gives the lie direct to the oft-repeated declarations of responsible members of the Crown, of the provincial governments, and of the local authorities in this country, that the present war is being waged against the forces of evil and destruction, and for the establishment and maintenance of freedom and self-respect of all the peoples of this world, and according to our own Prime Minister, Field-Marshal J. C. Smuts, democracy represents the freedom and the dignity of our human society.

Your petitioners feel that in view of India, their Motherland, possessing elective representative parliamentary institutions now, and being on the verge of attaining full Dominion status, such a provision, if persisted in, will inflict on your petitioners and their countrymen, the stigma of inferiority, derogatory to the honour and self-respect of the Indian nation, and a distinct legal disability, notwithstanding the fact that your petitioners are nationals of this country and an integral portion of the permanent population of this Union, for taxation without representation is fundamentally wrong and iniquitous.

Your petitioners humbly submit that it has been proved beyond doubt, that with the passing of the 18 years, since July 1, 1924, your petitioners have grievously suffered through the deprivation of this right they enjoyed prior thereto, which is the most elementary right of an ordinary citizen in a democratic land.

Your petitioners most emphatically protest against the powers sought to be given to the local governments to make racial discrimination, and against the very wide and arbitrary powers conferred upon them.

Your petitioners respectfully submit and solemnly assert that whenever any new legislation is brought forward either by the Central Government or the Provincial Governments, or the local authorities, it invariably engenders in your petitioners' community, a state of general uncertainty and anxiety, as to what harmful results may flow to them from such legislation.

MUSLIMS OF POLAND

AXIS hopes of winning over the Islamic world, have not been improved by an Arab News Agency report, which states that the Nazis have launched a new persecution of Muslims in Poland, says the columnist of the Times of India.

The Imam of Warsaw Mosque, Sheikh Ali Ismail Vornovitch, and other leading Muslims have been sent to concentration camps in Germany. All mosques have been closed and daily prayers forbidden. When the Slofim Mosque was converted into a garage, the delegation of Muslims who went to protest against this desecration were shot without trial. When the Mufti of Poland, Dr. Shinevitch, made representations against this persecution he was insulted by the Nazi officials.

Poland's Muslims have not been singled out for special attention. The one and a half million Muslims of Yugoslavia who dared to protest against Nazi domination of their country have been dealt with in the most ruthless fashion, and among the hostages shot in Paris there have been many Muslim students who had gone to France to pursue their studies.

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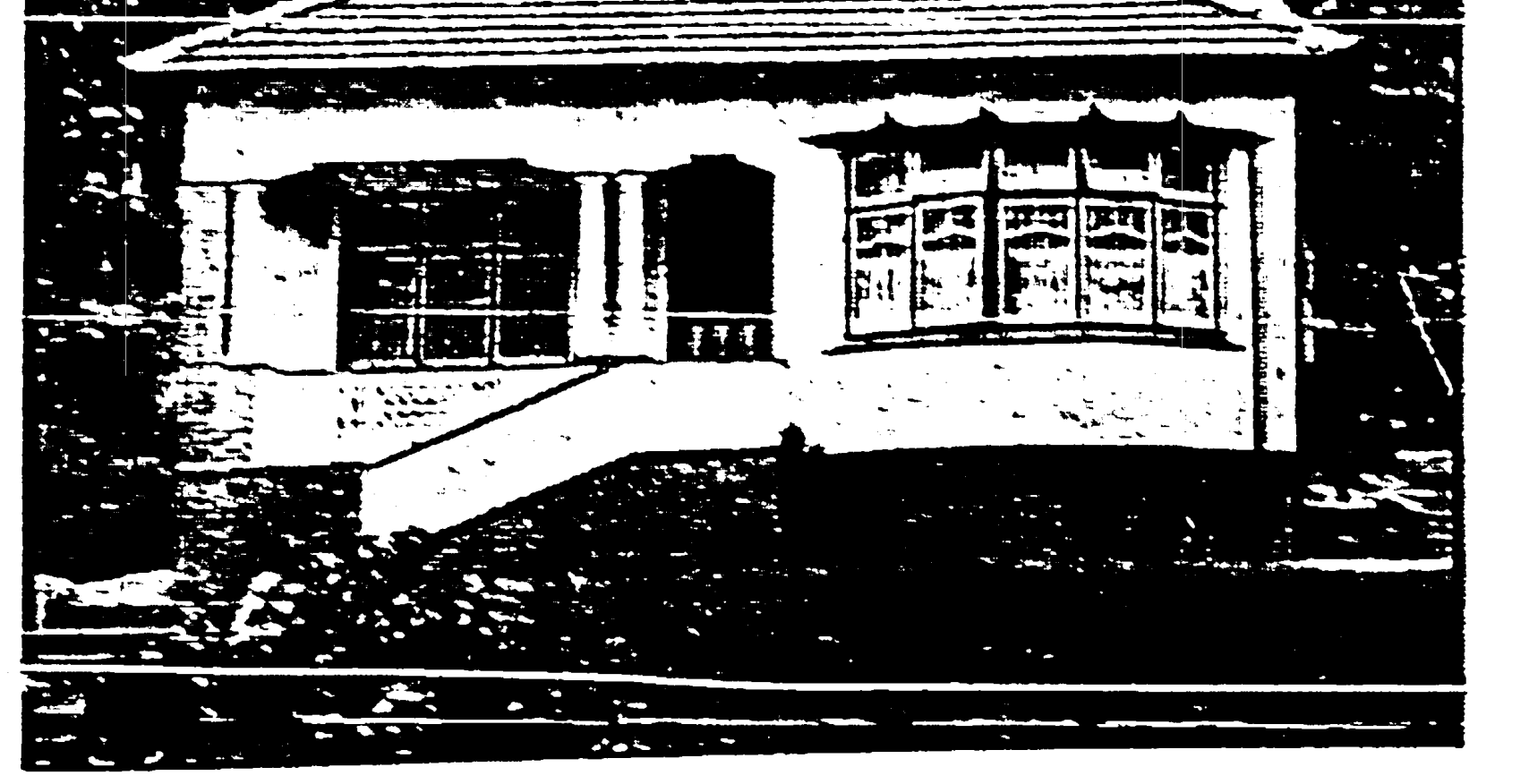

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SENATOR SMITH ON SOCIAL SECURITY

Senator Sidney Smith will speak on "Social Security in Relation to Non-Europeans" at the M. K. Gandhi Library at 2.30 tomorrow afternoon under the auspices of the Liberal Study Group.

MUSLIM INSTITUTE OFFICIALS

The following were elected officials of the Muslim Institute, Durban, at the sixth annual meeting: Patrons, Messrs. A. I. Kajee, M. A. Motala, A. S. Khatadada, A. S. Kajee, M. H. A. Moosa, S. M. Randeree, M. H. Coovadia; president, H. A. Kharwa; vice-presidents, A. I. Jinnah, M. S. Badat, I. Valley, E. I. Haffejee, G. M. Jeewa; secretaries, E. I. Mulla, A. K. Gani; treasurer, Y. S. Mulla.

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BILLIARD MATCH AT EMMANUEL HALL

On Sunday last a billiards match took place at the Emmanuel hall, Durban between Alec Jacob's six and the Imperial Social Club, resulting in a win for Alec Jacob's six by five games to one.

Scores: M. W. Daniels beat S. T. Pather 250—223; F. Martin lost to Dr. A. Ismal 168—250; M. G. Abrahams beat A. Moula-Bux 250—183; Alec Jacob (capt.) beat S. K. Singh 250—91; A. P. Lazarus beat Mannie Peters 250—197; W. Frank beat S. C. Ganas 100—82. Managers: Mr. Henry Gabriel (Jacob's), Mr. K. S. Govender (Imperial).

FIRE IN A FRUIT STORE

A fire broke out in the premises of Messrs. N. P. Patel, 36 President street, Johannesburg, on May 12. When the place was closed for the night everything appeared in order. Several hours later smoke was seen to emerge from the premises. A hurried call from the owners to the fire brigade brought them quickly on the scene. When the place was opened it was found that some fruit boxes were alight. The extent of the damage included the loss of some books and correspondence files.

A public meeting of all non-European women of Durban will be held at the Avalon Theatre, tomorrow afternoon at half-past two under the aegis of the Non-European Soldiers' Dependants' League in order to demand children's allowance for non-European soldiers.

NATAL INDIAN ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting

The second annual general me of the Natal Indian Association (itzburg branch) was held at the Dharma Sabha Hall on Sunday

Dr. M. R. Peters, the presid declaring the meeting opened, said much good work had been done d the year, as would be seen from annual report of the secretaries.

The annual report of the joint secretaries was read. This covered a wide range of subjec with by the association during year. Mention was made of educati social and political matters which received the attention of the off and in cases where the positio Indians had been in jeopardy the ciation had made representation the authorities concerned.

In commenting on the report, president complimented the secret for the good work done on behal the community. The association ha fullest support of the Indian munity, he stated.

Mr. G. Zachariah also complim the officials and stated that he pleased to see that the younger m bers of the association were resp ible for success achieved.

Several other speakers also com mented the officials on the good done.

The report, which was a lengthy dealt with the subject of Indian p tration and the association's repr tations to the commission. On h approached the city council had sented to grant pensions and in s cases gratuities to discharged In municipal employes. The questio conditions at the Grey's Hospital also mentioned. The distribution Christmas cheer, giving help to ferers who had lost all their belong and garden crops in the flood Camp's Drift, the question of Old Pensions, the conduct of soup kitc for poor school children, were amongst the other matters dealt by the association during the yea

The following were elected for ensuing year: President, Dr. M. Peters (re-elected); vice-presid Messrs. R. N. Moodley, A. G. Pi B. R. Naidoo, G. Zachariah and S Naidoo; joint hon. secretaries, Mes M. Gopaul Naidoo and S. B. Mis (re-elected); hon. treasurer, Mr. Lalloo; committee, Messrs. T. E kalowan, M. D. Pillay, J. M. Du R. Nagiah Padayachee, R. K. Nai K. S. Pillay, Dowlath R. Singh, R. Naidoo, A. Mota, D. Ponen and R. Naidoo.

INDIAN CHILD WELFARE SOCIETY

Mrs. Jugmohan, secretary of Indian Child Welfare Society, Ma burg, reports that the monthly m ing of the society was held in Methodist Vestry, Maritzburg, Monday last.

Mrs. Z. Gabriel, who presided ported that the Indian Literary Dramatic Society had forwarded a of £52/16/1, being the proceeds concert held in the City Hall. On half of the society she thanked officials of the Dramatic Society this amount, which was a very wel addition to the funds.

Owing to certain difficulties the centre, which was formerly situated the Methodist Indian School, had to removed to the Aryan Benev Home. Eighty-one indigent In children were now receiving milk at 2 p.m.

The president pointed out the u need for a cupboard wherein to clothes. She also made an ap discarded clothes which would to indigent Indians. She said that old and discarded clothes could sent to the Child Welfare Office, L market Street, for this purpose.

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THE WOMEN'S WORLD

Mainly About People

Sorabjee Rustomjee, who has now elected as vice-president of the Indian Association, is on a visit hannesburg.

Koppie Murrie, of Durban, is visit to Johannesburg.

P. R. Pather, secretary of the who was in Johannesburg for weekend, returned to Durban on lay.

ther Natalian in Johannesburg the week was Mr. A. Chris r

O. H. A. and Mrs. Jhavery, who visitors to Louis Trichardt for last three weeks, have now re d to Durban.

D. Brandlaw, editor of The r, is on a visit to Johannesburg, will be returning on Monday.

A. B. Cassim, of Pretoria, is ding a fortnight in Durban. He registered at Peter's Lounge.

H. Pillay, of Mafeking, is on a and holiday-business visit to an, where he is the guest of Mr. Mrs. A. M. Padayachee.

and Mrs. H. S. Mall and Mrs. S. Mall, of Waschbank, are on a weeks' visit to Johannesburg.

marriage will take place tomor t the Umzinto Mosque of Messrs. n Mahomed and Noor Mahomed, of Mr. Mahomed Khan, of Um to the eldest and second daugh of Mr. Rajub Khan, of Umtwa Vayez by Moulana Sayed med Lent.

A. Francis, of Carolina, is ding a holiday with her sister, R. V. Padyachee, of Maritzburg.

Ebrahim Mahomed Kaidi, of nnesburg, is in Durban to meet father, who is returning from

APPEAL TO WOMEN

A fervent appeal to women to bring up their children, not by precept, but by example, to "think Indian," was made by Mr. Frank R. Moraes, addressing the third session of the Bombay Presidency Women's Conference at the University Convocation hall, Bombay, on "Inter-communal harmony in India and the ways women can help to promote it."

Women's role in achieving that desideratum, he emphasised, was very necessary. In the social field he advised them to set their faces against intolerance and everything that smacked of communalism.

He appealed to the educated Hindus and Muslims to study the Muslim and Hindu cultures respectively, and thus cultivate a broad outlook of mind.

DANNHAUSER EISTEDDFOD OFFICIALS

The following were elected to serve on the Dannhauser sub-committee of the Indian Society for the Advancement of Music and Art (Northern Districts Branch): Chairman, Mr. R. Loganathan; secretary and treasurer, Mr. R. Appasamy; committee, Messrs. D. R. Mistrey, D. K. Nairker, A. M. Moola, S. Bhawani, B. C. Naidoo, R. Patak, and C. Gopaul. Delegates to the Northern Districts Branch, Messrs. R. Loganathan and D. S. Maharaj.

Messrs. R. Manicum, Dhow Sarawan, N. P. Reddy and T. M. Moodley were in Port Shepstone last weekend collecting funds on behalf of the Aryan Benevolent Society for the purpose of building a Children's Home and Orphanage.

A bonny son to Dr. and Mrs. Apparoo, of Port Elizabeth. Mother and son in Durban and both keeping well.

Messrs. R. Loganathan and M. V. Pillay, of Dannhauser, spent the weekend in Zululand.

Mr. P. M. Joseph, of Kimberley, is on a visit to Dannhauser and is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Mathura Aheer.

REFORMS IN GIRLS EDUCATION

A Three Lines System Suggested

At the concluding session of the annual conference of the Bombay Presidency Women's Council an interesting discussion on "Along what lines should girls' education develop in India?—What immediate reforms are necessary?" took place.

The discussion was initiated by Miss C. C. Thompson, principal, St. Columbia High School, Bombay, who suggested immediate reform in the system of education on three lines. She pleaded for the provision of more nursery schools in the country, handwork to be given more time in the school hours and manual training be given more importance in Standard V.

She said that girls in senior classes should be allowed to study subjects of their own choice. The purpose of education should be to develop the pupils into unselfish, considerate and helpful citizens. She urged the teaching of geography on helpful lines as an important item of school education, but suggested that history ought to be an optional subject. Mathematics, she declared, was a heavy burden to the majority of students, and something should be done to lighten that burden.

Miss Samson, principal of the Muslim Girls' High School, Bombay, said that if education, as defined by an eminent psychologist, was to justify its definition of "preparation for life," then the system of its imparting should be planned accordingly.

She regretted that under the present system of education very few girls made use of the knowledge gained in schools. Instead of enlightening their minds after they had settled down to their domestic lives they stagnated, and their mental development became static, and very few, if at all, kept themselves abreast of what was happening around them. The slow progress of education in the country was mainly due to the lack of women on the educational boards.

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FELAFORM For ALL SKIN DISEASES

An informal conference of all Muslim organisations will be held tomorrow at 2.30 p.m. at the Muslim Musafir-khana, Victoria street, Durban. The meeting has been called by the Young Men's Muslim Association.

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The Newspaper for the Quarter Million Indians of South Africa

SATURDAY, MAY 23, 1942

Need For Hostels

WE have always maintained that the salvation of our community, which labours under so many difficulties in this country, lies in education—in the education of our young men and women who will be the leaders of Indian thought and development tomorrow. But, somehow, despite the efforts made to provide completely for education, there are little irritating restrictions which hamper smooth progress. At the moment facilities for higher education for Indians are obtainable at Johannesburg, Fort Hare, Capetown and Durban. The University of the Witwatersrand has lately come to the front as an institution where Indian boys and girls are allowed to study with the limited resources at their disposal. Many Indian parents have sent, at great sacrifice, their sons to Johannesburg. They pay the fees, buy the books and meet whatever incidental expenses that occur. There is one thing, however, that is not within the means of the average Indian parent—that is to provide accommodation for the student at Johannesburg. The student has to take a long chance, and he is left to the tender mercies of private families (many of whom, to their credit, have lived up to the demands), willing to take in student-boarders. It is obvious that the student cannot put his best into his lessons, owing to various restrictions which arise through boarding with a family. The congestion, the environment, the children, all weigh down the scale against the student. Recently we published an open letter to the Indian community from a Rand resident regarding the necessity for a hostel for the growing number of Indian students at the Witwatersrand University. There is definite need for a hostel close to the University for students whose number is growing each year. If it must educate its young men and women, it is the duty of the community to provide, at least, a suitable hostel when the University, chiefly through the generosity of the white man, is available so that students may be comfortably accommodated.

The issue at Fort Hare is not so very pressing, but, year by year, the number of Indian students there is growing considerably, and it is time the community saw to the provision of a hostel there. Just now we have to depend upon the generosity and the charity of Christian missions to provide room and board. The Christian missions have played a great part in the development of Indian education in this country—far greater than some people would care to admit. We doubt if we will ever be able to discharge our debts to them. The community should now decide to relieve the missions, to expand and spread its bounty in another and probably more needy direction by providing, at its own expense, a hostel for students at Fort Hare. The position at Capetown is, for the moment, not so urgent, as Indians from Natal prefer to go to the Rand or to Fort Hare. At the coast there is a boys' college and a girls' high school, without a hostel attached to either of them. Some years ago there was a hostel, a private enterprise, to serve part of the needs of non-Durban students pursuing further studies in Durban. Today, the hostel has been closed down, and students in Durban have to make the best possible use of private families. To this boys' college students come down from all parts of Natal and the Transvaal for secondary education, but they have no secure accommodation, and have to move about according to the whims and fancies of private families. This lack of properly controlled and well-supervised accommodation is one of the main factors which prevents a large number of girls coming from the outlying parts of Natal to the girls' high school. Indian mothers are very touchy on the question of allowing their daughters to leave home and sally forth in quest of education, without the assurance that they will have a permanent roof above their heads or whether they will be in capable hands. Their minds will only rest when they know that their daughters are properly cared for and are living in a reputable institution.

The members of our community, especially those that are well-off, should realise that under the circumstances the Provincial Administration and the missions have done much, and it is time that they—the community—did something towards the provision of hostels at the coast, on the Rand and at Fort Hare. We do not maintain that they have done nothing, but that it is in their power to do still more. They must make still more rigid the meagre foundations on which the structure of Indian education rests, if they sincerely believe that education is the mainstay of our social, political and economical struggles in South Africa. Many an aspiring Indian student has had his ambition wrecked on the lack of accommodation at the secondary school centre or on the Rand. Many more will find themselves each year in that position where they will have to abandon their studies unless the Indian community sets about providing hostels now. If the conscience of our people does trouble them, and they have a genuine interest in the future of their children, they will not let this go by without paying heed to it. An educated young man or woman is a valuable asset to our community—and let him, or her, not fail because of the lack of accommodation.

INDIANS HELP TO DEFEND BURMA

China's Life Line in the Balance

HOW Indians are helping in the defence of Burma and of the Burma road is described in a cabled despatch from an Indian Army observer in Burma. He writes: "Burma is defended by Burmese, Indian and British troops. There are the largely expanded Burma Rifles, who use to be, before the separation of Burma from India, the 20th Regiment in the Indian Army; there are the Burma Frontier Force, consisting of Burmans as well as Gurkhas, Sikhs and other Indian warrior classes recruited from among the Indians domiciled in Burma; there are Indian Army units, who have come here to lend a hand in the defence of the country; and finally there are British troops, some of whom are highly specialised units. Reinforcements for the Burma garrison continue to arrive, and large formations of Chinese troops are arriving further to strengthen the defences.

"Burma is a difficult country for military operations. In the west and south are the rich rice plains of the Irrawaddy basin and delta, but the eastern half consists of the highly mountainous, thickly wooded Shan States and the Tennasserim Division. Communications in these area poor, and many Indian supplement motor transport for plies for our troops.

"Indian troops in Burma are under battle conditions. Many them are encamped some 4,000 above sea level on hills command magnificent vistas. The nights very cold, but these troops, many whom come from cold, hilly regi and others who have known bitter on India's turbulent frontier, do mind it. Blankets, cardigans, gr coats, woollen shirts and caps k them warm. Gurgling brooklets f the hills above run through th camps, providing an ample water s ply. Day and night they train the selves in the use of modern weapo march and climb, and at the same scan the skies for hostile aircraft.

"The present weather conditions help the Japanese in the hills imme ately to the west of the Salween riv but thereafter the country is mo firm and of an open nature, and at monsoon is transformed into swamp The monsoon, which starts in May, bound to have an appreciable effect military operations.

INDIAN AIRMAN KILLED

NEWS was received this week that the famous Indian airman, Man Mohan Singh, who was appointed to the bomber command, has been killed in action over Berlin. Man Mohan Singh will be remembered as the man who gave thousands of European, Coloured and Indian children free flips when he visited South Africa a few years ago. At that time he was in the service of the late Maharajah of Patiala.

ALAS!

By "BAL"

Alas! that I, a weak-born chil
man,
Must linger here and let you
from sight.
With priceless wealth that hardly
must scan
Before my eye is blinded by t
night.
Alas! that garbed in gold, y
heavenly form
Remains with me awhile to li
and love,
To drink the soothing hues, b
your charm
Must dip behind the hills—the c
above
To lose the coveted but borro
gems.
Alas! that you should come w
the hour is spent,
When night with her mournful g
so sadly hems
In day, and pours out darkness
her vent;
I need but wait no longer on t
mound:
To lands beyond the hills my l
is bound.

GAMBLING IN BOMBAY

Reports indicate that despite t institution of police control of buc shops and gambling houses, gambling vice in Bombay shows sign of diminishing.

The most common form of Bomb betting is the "satta" on cott figures. The odds are attracti seven to one and nine to one on New York Opening and Closing rat and 65 to one on the "open Closing Double." Bets may be low as two annas (slightly l than 3d.).

The Chinese "satta" specul based on numbers is also comm There is gambling even on meteorol cal forecasts.

"Eki-beki" (odds-evens) is anoth form of betting, which is speculat at its wildest. Urchins and grown-ups at street corners wa whether the next motor car, tram or horse-drawn carriage will bear number ending with an odd or ev digit.

NDIAN CYCLISTS RETURN TO THEIR HOMELAND

Bombay's Magnificent Welcome to Them

THREE Indian cyclists, K. J. Kharas, R. D. Gandhi and R. D. Shroff, who became quite well known during their tour in the Union, returned to Bombay in mail week. They have taken nearly nine years to travel round the world—they had set out on April 22, 1933—during which period they had cycled through 52 different countries and had covered 55,000 miles.

Nine Years' Travel

a magnificent reception held in their honour in Bombay, Sir ngir Boman-Behram paid a glowing tribute to the cyclists' remarkable and determination, which has en the completion of a most hazar undertaking. He stated that the h of the city would do well to late their example and display grit determination at this critical time war was already at their door.

e Mayor of Bombay, Mr. Yusuf erally, welcoming the cyclists on ll of the citizens, said that they made a present-day reality of one used to read in books of the ntures of great travellers of the . They were a shining example to youth of the country. They not covered themselves but also their try with glory.

fter R. D. Gandhi, on behalf of elf and his companions, had made itable reply, thanking the mayor the citizens for the cordial wel e extended to them, the home ers were taken in a procession of lists, motor cyclists and motorists, ded by a band, along the streets Bombay.

elcoming the globe cyclists, Sir ni read at the outset a message m His Excellency the Governor of mbay which stated:—

"I send to Messrs. Kharas, Gandhi Shroff my congratulations on ir completion of a feat showing t enterprise and endurance, and the occasion of their return to mbay, their home city, after so long absence, I bid them welcome and h them good fortune."

Sir Homi then eulogised the achieve nt of K. J. Kharas, R. D. Gandhi d R. D. Shroff, but pointed out t they were the fourth batch of dian cyclists to complete a world r, three other batches having done it previously. The Sheriff of Bombay expressed pleasure in welcoming the three Indian cyclists, and Dr. M. E. Pavri also spoke in a similar strain.

Thanking the Indian Globe Cyclists Reception Committee and all others who had joined in extending a hearty welcome to them, K. J. Kharas made it clear that given the opportunity Indians could show they were not in any way inferior to any other nationals in the sphere of sport.

After the speeches, the president of the reception committee presented cups, cycles and medals to the three Indian cyclists.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

The mayor of Bombay, Mr. Yusuf Meherally, had issued the following message in connection with the return of the three Indian globe cyclists:—

"I have great pleasure in welcoming to their native land Messrs. Kharas, Gandhi and Shroff, the three great Indian globe cyclists, who have covered 55,000 miles round the world during a period of nine years.

"During their journey they have faced many grave dangers, but their fine spirit of adventure has triumphed above them all. I am glad to notice that they have had the pleasure of welcome from distinguished personalities all over the world. It is therefore but fit and proper that we who claim them as our fellow countrymen should give them a rousing reception in appreciation of their great achievement, which has carried the name of India to the remotest corners of the world.

"I offer my hearty congratulations to all these gentlemen for their exceptional adventure, courage and fortitude and for their very fine achievement, and appeal to the citizens of Bombay to give them a fitting welcome when they arrive in Bombay on the morning of Sunday, April 19."

EISTEDDFOD TO CARRY ON

Sixth Event to be Modified

The sixth annual Indian eisteddfod as opened by Mr. T. Floyd, secretary the Natal Society for the Advance ent of Music, at Sastri College on turday afternoon.

The eisteddfod was part and parcel the education of the children, and though in these abnormal times hen there were many restrictions, e festival should not be dropped, id Mr. Floyd.

These annual events were means hereby the talent among the Indian children was uncovered, and this sixth vent indicated that the eisteddfod as firmly established.

"Your council has been wise in odifying the eisteddfod, but never theless, I am sure, it will be success ful. I hope you will back up the ound and make the sixth annual steddfod just as successful as its redecessors," Mr. Floyd concluded.

Mr. C. R. Warriner, the president the Eisteddfod Council, said at first here was thought of dropping the vent, because in these times emer gencies such as sudden blackouts and alls to C.P.S. duties would hamper essions, but after some deliberation t was decided to carry on.

The entries indicate a representa tive and interesting though modified affair. The Northern Natal sessions will begin this weekend. The Marita burg society, however, has decided not to hold any sessions. Competitors from Maritzburg will compete in the Durban sessions.

After the official opening there was a short and interesting programme of music and songs. Among those who entertained was Mrs. S. N. C. Varadachariyulu, who has recently returned from India.

STUDENTS IN ENGLAND

Sharing in Britain's War Risks

The Indian student community in Britain is making an important contribution to the Empire war effort. This view is expressed by Mr. S. Lall, Deputy High Commissioner for India, in his letter forwarding to the Government of India the report for the academic year 1939-40 on the work of the Education Department of the High Commissioner's Office.

Mr. Lall points out that the Indian student community has showed commendable calmness and courage in facing the attendant risks and hardships, especially during that phase which is known as the Battle of Britain. There were still not far short of 1,000 Indian students, both men and women, pursuing courses of

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Hindu Leader's Daughter Marries Parsi

Mrs. F. Gandhi, formerly Indira Nehru

ANAND BHAWAN wore a festive appearance in mail week, when Miss Indira Nehru was married to Mr. Feroze Gandhi. The wedding took place in the presence of prominent citizens and a large number of guests, including Congress leaders from all over the country. Pandit Nehru participated in the ceremonies most of the time and was joined by Mrs. Vijaya Laxmi Pandit in some of them.

The marriage took place according to Vedic rites, which were conducted by Mahamahopadhyaya Pandit Lakshmidhar Shastri, of Delhi, assisted by another Pandit. A noteworthy feature was that the ceremony consisted of the essential parts only and lasted in all an hour and a half.

Maulana Azad, who left Delhi yesterday evening, arrived here at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and could not be present at the wedding.

Among those present were Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Dr. Syed Mahmud, Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant, Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, Dr. K. N. Katju, Dr. Jivraj Mehta and Maharajkumar Sir Vijaya of Vizianagram.

A large number of messages of goodwill, congratulations and blessings and presents have been received at Anand Bhawan. Mr. Gandhi has sent separate letters to the bride and bridegroom conveying his blessings to them.

The following cablegram has been received by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru from Madame Chiang Kai-shek from Chungking: "On the happy occasion of Indira's marriage the Generalissimo and I send you our heartiest congratulations. We wish her rich fulfilment of all her hopes and dreams in the golden years to come."

"MUSLIM GIRL" CONTROVERSY

Letters on the "Disgusted Muslim Girl" controversy have been held over owing to lack of space.
—Editor.

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President Rules On The Natal Dispute

"MY ruling, after giving full and weighty consideration to all facts and circumstances surrounding the issue is that the proper body to adjudge finally the claim in dispute between the Natal Indian Congress and the Natal Indian Association is the South African Indian Congress in conference assembled, and it is, therefore, the final tribunal to adjudge and decide upon the claim of the respective bodies," declares Mr. V. S. C. Pather, president of the South African Indian Congress, on the points raised, connected with the recognition of the two Natal bodies, at the last executive meeting held in Johannesburg.

As a result of this ruling, given this week, neither of the bodies at the moment may be considered as being affiliated to the S.A.I.C.

RULING given by Mr. V. S. C. Pather, president of the South African Indian Congress, to a question raised by Mr. S. R. Naidoo at the Executive Meeting of the South African Indian Congress held at Johannesburg on April 19, 1942:—

At the Executive Meeting of the South African Indian Congress held at Johannesburg on April 19, 1942, I, as its president and in that capacity presiding thereat, was asked to give a ruling by Mr. S. R. Naidoo, Joint Hon. Secretary of the South African Indian Congress, on a material point to the issue which was then under discussion by the Executive.

I then decided to give a ruling in writing on the point raised.

Immediately after Mr. S. M. Nana moved a resolution arising out of a report dated April 15, 1942, submitted by the subcommittee appointed by the Executive to investigate, inquire into and ascertain from the statements, facts and other submissions as to whether there was in fact a merger and amalgamation between the Natal Indian Congress and the Colonial-Born and Settlers' Indian Association, Mr. Naidoo sought my ruling on this resolution.

Let me set out Mr. Nana's resolution, which was as follows:—

"The meeting of the Executive of the South African Indian Congress, after giving full and careful consideration to the submissions of the representatives of the Natal Indian Association and the Natal Indian Congress, and after receiving and considering the report of the subcommittee referred to in the resolution of the Executive on the subject on October 7, 1941, resolves that the motion of Mr. S. R. Naidoo adopted at the general meeting of the Natal Indian Congress on August 27, 1939, did not lawfully effect or constitute an amalgamation of the Natal Indian Congress with the Natal Indian Association and that the Natal Indian Congress referred to as the constituent body of the South African Indian Congress continues to be the constituent body of the South African Indian Congress.

"In the considered opinion of the Executive Clause Four (4) of Mr. Naidoo's motion as adopted on August 27, 1939, constituted a material and substantial departure from the motion convening the meeting on August 27, 1939, to consider Mr. Naidoo's motion."

EXECUTIVE'S POWERS

Mr. S. R. Naidoo put the following question for a ruling by the chair:—

"Is it within the powers of the Executive Meeting of the South African Indian Congress to decide the issue submitted by the Natal Indian Congress and Natal Indian Association, and whether the proper tribunal is not the South African Indian Congress to decide the issue finally?"

I had first to decide whether the question which sought my ruling was one which is correct and proper to be raised at that stage of the proceedings. I hold it was a competent question correctly raised and properly put at that stage of the proceedings.

Having decided this, I should now come to consider my ruling on the point raised by Mr. Naidoo.

My attention has been drawn by Mr. S. M. Nana in his letter to me dated April 22, 1942, to certain extracts contained in the minutes of the meeting of the Executive held at Durban, October 1, 1941. The points emphasised in Mr. Nana's letter are that I had given a ruling on the question of procedure involving the dispute between the Natal Indian Congress and Natal Indian Association.

I expressed as follows in reply to a point raised by Mr. B. M. Patel, a Joint Hon. Treasurer of the South African Indian Congress, on the question of procedure:—

"The procedure is that notice will be taken of what both sides say—a decision will follow and that it will be put to the vote and the matter so decided." Mr. B. M. Patel thereafter followed this up with the further question:—

"Will the decision be binding?"

My reply to this was: It will be binding on the Executive of the South African Indian Congress. The body decided will become affiliated with the South African Indian Congress.

These points of procedure, but not one of ruling on specific points on constitutional issues which might be raised at any proper stage of the proceedings, are clear and admit of no ambiguity. If, for instance, no question of ruling was raised as it was raised, the ordinary procedure of giving effect to a resolution not challenged by a question of ruling, not the subject of challenge or an appeal by an aggrieved party on the finding of fact or on a judgment, as in this case—a decision would have followed its ordinary course.

ALTERED CIRCUMSTANCES

But there is a distinct alteration of circumstances in two respects:—

(1) The ruling sought from the Chair by Mr. Naidoo, and

(2) The appeal lodged by the Natal Indian Association, recognised by the Executive to be a party to the dispute and therefore a claimant to recognition by the South African Indian Congress.

The appeal lodged by the Natal Indian Association is as follows:—

"On behalf of the Natal Indian Association (with which are amalgamated the Natal Indian Congress and the Colonial-Born and Settlers' Indian Association) I want to lodge my protest against the finding of the subcommittee as is reflected in its report submitted today to the Executive meeting of the South African Indian Congress on the grounds, among others, namely:—

"(1) The findings are against facts and against the weight of evidence submitted by the Natal Indian Association;

"(2) That the subcommittee has failed to discharge its duties as a fact-finding committee in that it did not investigate or take oral evidence from the Natal Indian Association;

"(3) The Executive is:—

"(a) Not the proper body to finally decide the issue and take a decision;

"(b) Not properly constituted."

When I come to give my ruling on the question raised by Mr. Naidoo I must also take into account that an appeal has been lodged by the Natal Indian Association on the findings of the subcommittee, and wanting to be heard before the South African Indian

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TALK OF THE BAZAAR

BY "THE FAQIR"

I were able to, I would have bought a ticket straight to some t where there is peace, after ing through the prophecies of one Mian Mahomed Salique the er day. This Haji is "the greatest, perfect and expert astrologer spiritualist of India." I have a let of his prophecies sent to me n Baghbanpur telling of all the things that will befall the world to the year 2916 A.D. I have d carefully through the booklet, the Haji was of the opinion in l when he predicted, that nothing l happen this year (1942) except a star might collide with the il on March 1– or June 9, and use sinking, drowning and dister." We of the earth have not fered any such calamity during rch, and now for the next one we not grumble that we have not n warned. The best we can do is brace ourselves for the collision. ally this war, involving as it is ost the entire world, is a small ir compared to what is yet to be, will last until 1950. Do not get duly worried. These are only pretions and liable to go wrong.

R RAID SHELTERS

There are about six thousand souls ing in the Magazine Barracks—dian employes of the Durban Municipality. The barracks itself is about most conspicuous spot in Durban h its gaunt whitewashed ring of ter buildings, and maintains a milin air. It would not be very wide the mark to say that an enemy, rous of dropping a few "eggs" on rban, would choose the barracks—seems so much like a military objece. I was there recently, and during tour of it I did not come across r air raid shelters for the people ing there. Maybe the municipality pects these people, who earn about e to six pounds per month, to build r raid shelters, the cheapest of which st, if I am not mistaken, about £18.

RT

The Eisteddfod has lost much of its ginal appeal. The most striking ter about the proceedings when the th annual event was opened at tri on Saturday was the very sober mosphere compared to previous openings. In the first place the weather had a big say; it was bad—Durban's worst, I should imagine. In the Eisteddfod sessions the Indian community has the only means whereby it can uncover its talent in all spheres of art—music, drama, writing, etc.—and the most dangerous thing that could happen to the community would be the loss of the Eisteddfod. The Eisteddfod really deserves the support of all the Indian people who are anxious that their children should be given a chance to express their natural bent. If there is no Eisteddfod, our children will have to keep to themselves their talent and special abilities, without doing any good to anybody.

SILENT WORKERS

There are many who talk about doing good, or the good that they will do or have done. These are the people of whom you hear much, and whose praises are sung sometimes. When you really see through their hypocrisy it makes you feel sick, but fortunately under all this sham are the real benefactors, honest men who work silently. A few days ago I came across one such person quite by chance. You, who tramp the streets of Durban, see that person and you pass by. You do not know about him. I see him every day, but until that day I did not realise what he was doing for some unfortunate boys, stranded after one or two years of secondary schooling. He maintains boys at his own expense at school, and very few people know about it. All I can do is to salute him.

A STAR IS BORN

While Sorabjee Rustomjee astounds political factions by his dramatic resignation, his erstwhile opponent, A. I. Kajee, has not been heard or even seen for some time in Durban, or rather in politics. It is difficult to realise whither this gentleman of the political arena has gone, but it is rumoured in well-informed circles that he is contemplating ousting Ashok Kumar from the position of playing opposite Leela Chitnis on the Indian screen. Ashok probably started by being an insignificant studio hand. A. I. starts by building theatres.

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SHUN! AS YOU WERE

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Congress in Conference, for this is interrelated and interwoven with the question put to me for my ruling.

THE FINAL BODY

My ruling, after giving full and weighty consideration to all facts and circumstances surrounding the issue, is that the proper body to adjudge finally the claim in dispute between the Natal Indian Congress and the Natal Indian Association in the South African Indian Congress in Conference assembled, and it is, therefore, the final tribunal to adjudge and decide upon the claim of the respective bodies.

In regard to the appeal lodged by the Natal Indian Association against the finding of the subcommittee, I hold that they as appellant should be heard before the South African Indian Congress in Conference in support of their appeal with, of course, the right to the Natal Indian Congress to contest the appeal.

The whole question to my mind is one of constitution and the proper body to decide the constitutional issue finally is the conference of the South African Indian Congress.

It has been suggested to me at the meeting that while the matter is being heard by the conference the respective bodies concerned in the dispute be asked to stand out until a decision is given by the conference. But I feel that this procedure is wrong because once recognition is given to the Natal Indian Congress as the rightful body to participate in the South African Indian Congress it cannot be debarred from taking part in the conference and once that right is conceded it would be unfair for the conference to allow it to sit in judgment on a matter concerning itself; in other words, the Association will have been hanged before it is finally heard at the conference.

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WEEKEND SOCCER FIXTURES

Matches at Various Centres

CURRIE'S FOUNTAIN—TODAY

LEAGUE COMPETITION

Senior "A": 3.30 p.m., Stars v. Stella, main, K. Roopnarain; 3.30 p.m., Daffodils v. Warwickshire, No. 1, M. S. Badat.

Senior "B": 2.15 p.m., Queens v. Silverwillow Rangers, No. 1, P. Moona; 3.30 p.m., Warwickshire v. Pirates, No. 2, V. S. Mulla.

Junior: 2.15 p.m., Aces v. Stella, main, S. K. Reddy; 2.15 p.m., Overport Rangers v. Central "B," No. 2, R. Moonsamy; 3.30 p.m., Central "A" v. Stars, No. 3, D. A. Pather.

Juvenile "A": 2.15 p.m., Clairwood Riverside v. Sastri College "A," No. 3, R. L. Boodhan.

Juvenile "B": 3.30 p.m., Crimson League v. Silverwillow Rangers, No. 4, Mr. Mahomed; 2.15 p.m., Warwickshire v. Young Bulwers, No. 4, K. M. Pillay.

LADYSMITH (TODAY)

Goga's Cup (replay) 2.45 p.m., Shamrocks v. Muslims. Referee Mr. R. Narrandes.

MONDAY

Goga Cup final, 2.45 p.m., Stars v. winners Shamrocks-Muslims. Referee Mr. M. Thomas.

GOGA'S CUP COMPETITION

Stars Beat Schools at Ladysmith

On Saturday afternoon Shamrocks met Muslim in the early match for Goga's cup competition. Both the sides provided thrilling soccer, and several openings were missed by either side. At the interval there was no score, but on the resumption, after some hard tussles, Muslim took the lead, and before the end Shamrocks equalised from a corner kick. The match ended in a draw. Mr. H. R. Singh refereed.

Schools met Stars in the late match of the afternoon, also for the Goga's cup. Both the sides provided an exciting game of soccer. The Stars' forwards played an outstanding game, and had the Schools' defence guessing. J. B. Frank, the Stars' left wing, opened the score, and later M. Soobryal added another. At the interval Stars led 2—0. In the second half Schools tried hard, but failed to score, and lost by 2—0. Mr. R. Kallie refereed the match.

LEAGUE LOG (Asmal's Cup)

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Schools	3	2	0	1	12	3	5
Muslim	3	2	1	0	7	6	4
Stars	3	1	1	1	5	1	3
Shamrocks	3	3	0	0	3	14	0

The annual five-a-side tournament of the Klip River District Indian Football Association will be held on Union Day, for the district only, commencing at 9 a.m.

STUDENTS IN ENGLAND

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study and training in that country.

"The majority of those elected to stay on to continue and complete their studies, and in common with their fellow-students, cheerfully endured the upset and inconvenience which inevitably arose when their colleges and schools were evacuated to so-called 'neutral' areas.

"The difficulties of accommodation were overcome and the evacuated students generally found themselves comfortably settled in their new environs. Not a few who had been transferred to areas presumed to be safe later found themselves in the midst of fierce air attacks. Many tributes have been paid to their bearing and behaviour in danger." Students have received praise for their good work as A.R.P. wardens, fire-watchers and civil defence workers.

The report pays tribute to "the steady and courageous behaviour of the Indian women students," of whom there were still no less than 79 in Britain during this period.

The report adds that between September, 1939, and October, 1940, 18 Indians were given commissions in the Royal Air Force, while 35 others also entered the service. Sixteen Indi were accepted in the Army, and th in the Navy, while no fewer than 1 were placed in touch with the appro priate civil authorities.

The report further remarks th despite the dangers and turmoil these troubled times and the wid spread dislocation of educationa facilities throughout the country, th Indian students have again to thei credit a splendid record of academi and other successes and distinction

NO WEEKEND SOCCER

All soccer fixtures at Curr Fountain had to be cancelled Saturday owing to rain.

NATAL TENNIS

The Natal doubles champions which was postponed from Sunday l in the A and B divisions will be h at Currie's Fountain tomorrow mo ing at 9.30.

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City Council May Acquire Indian Land

HOUSING BOARD APPROVES OF DURBAN SCHEME

eservations to Enable Indians to Have Ocean Views

THE Central Housing Board, with Sir Edward Thornton its chairman, which visited Durban earlier in the year has issued its report on the investigations it carried out regarding the City Council's scheme of acquiring Indian-owned land in the Riverside (Umgeni North), Merebank, Wentworth, Sparks Estate Extension, Springfield Estate Extension and Sydenham areas.

With regard to the Riverside scheme the Board recommends a compromise between the City Council and the Indians. It considers that an amended scheme should be prepared in which Indians should be allowed to purchase, from the Council after acquisition, about 600 plots of land.

The Board recommends acquisition in all the other areas with certain reservations.

The Minister of the Interior proposes to approve of the Board's recommendations.

The Leader learns that the Indians who are affected by these recommendations are protesting vigorously. Minister H. Lawrence, who was in Durban, was shown round the Riverside area by members of the Natal Indian Association on Tuesday.

Housing Board's Recommendations

HE Board visited Durban from January 26 to 30, 1942, for the pose of investigating the Durban nicipality's proposals involving the uisition of Indian-owned and other d which is required in connection h the undermentioned contemplated housing schemes and in respect of ch objections had been raised by e Natal Indian Congress and Natal ian Association on behalf of the ian community: Riverside (Umgeni th), Merebank-Wentworth, Sparks tate Extension, Springfield Extension, Sydenham.

In terms of Section 11 of the Hous Act No. 35 of 1920, as amended Section 1 of Act No. 31 of 1936, is necessary for the approval of the nister to be obtained for the acquisition by a local authority either by reement or expropriation of any d which it desires to acquire for using purposes and before approval of the expropriation of any land Minister must satisfy himself on following points: (a) That the al authority is unable to purchase land on reasonable terms; (b) that other suitable land is available; d (c) that the local authority is unable to purchase on reasonable terms er suitable land.

IVERSIDE SCHEME (UMGENI NORTH)

The purpose of acquiring the land in Riverside area is to enable the ncil to town-plan the area and to vide it with proper roads and enities. Most of the inhabitants Indians living under slum conditions who will have to be rehoused ewhere. It is not proposed to de the Indian inhabitants of erside until new housing accommodation has been provided for them.

Upon acquisition, the Council proposes to set aside the whole of the Riverside area, comprising 603 acres of land, for European housing. Of this area approximately 278 acres are owned by Europeans and 325 acres are owned by Indians.

The Board inspected the site and found that a large portion of it consisted of a slum area, interspersed with fairly well-built houses occupied by Europeans and Indians. The inhabitants of the Indian-owned areas are to a large extent squatters who would be unable to afford to acquire ground and erect houses of the type both the Council and Indians desire to be built in the Riverside area.

Provision will have to be made in other schemes for the persons dispossessed.

After carefully considering the proposals submitted by the Council and hearing representations against these proposals advanced by or on behalf of the Indian community, the Board is unable to recommend that the proposals as submitted by the Council in regard to the Riverside area be approved, but considers that an amended scheme should be prepared providing for the reservation of 600 plots on the western end of the site between Athlone Bridge and Connaught Bridge, such plots to be put up for public auction by the Council free from any restrictions against Asiatic ownership, the remainder of the area, which will provide for approximately 600 plots, to be reallocated for European housing.

If this suggestion is approved the Indians will have an opportunity of acquiring land with an ocean view and their objection to the scheme as originally proposed should thus be largely overcome. A compromise as suggested seems to be the only reasonable solution of the problem.

In regard to the possibility of the Council obtaining other suitable land for European housing, the Board found that the only alternative site was the Virginia Estate. This site, however, will be required later for the extension of the proposed European housing scheme of Riverside, which is intended to cater for Europeans of the artisan class. This the Board considers should be acquired by the Council.

ACQUISITION OF WHOLE AREA

The purpose of acquiring the land in the Merebank-Wentworth area, which is sparsely populated, is to town-plan the area, and to lay it out as an area for Indian and Coloured housing.

The majority of the inhabitants are Indians and Coloureds and they will be rehoused in the same area under both economic and sub-economic schemes. Rehousing facilities will be provided before or simultaneously with the carrying out of demolition, where this is necessary, of existing buildings and shacks.

The total area which the Council proposes to acquire for the scheme is approximately 1,285 acres. Of this approximately 656 acres are owned by Europeans and 629 acres are owned by Indians. Upon acquisition the Council proposes to set aside 1,050 acres for Indian housing and 235 acres for Coloured housing.

The Board inspected the land and found it entirely suitable for the scheme of the nature proposed and is satisfied that no other suitable land is available except 250 acres owned by the Council which it proposes to include in the scheme.

Town-planning is necessary in the proposed scheme and to enable this to be done, it is recommended that the acquisition by the Council of the whole area be authorised, on the understanding that individual Indian plot holders residing in the area

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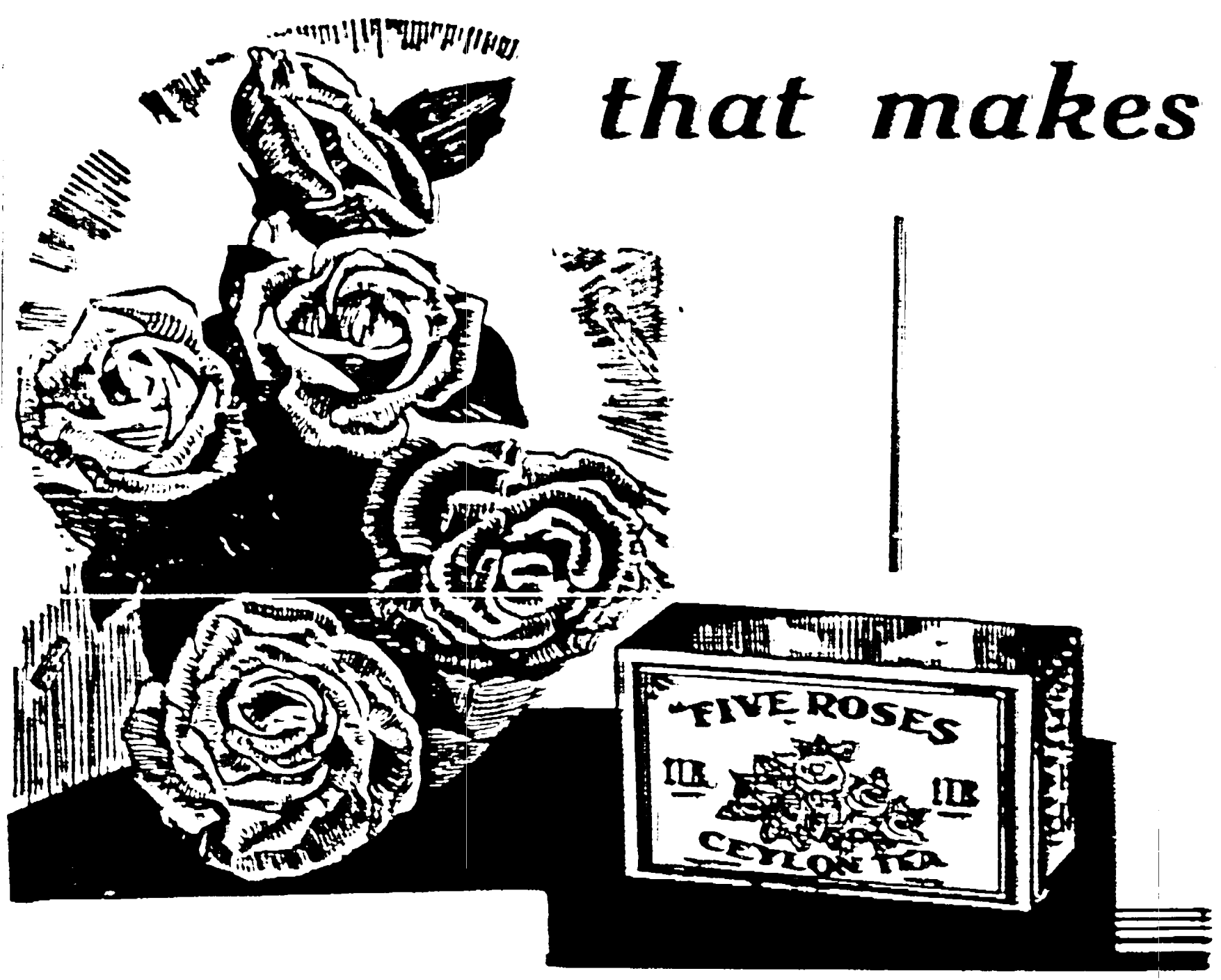

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OBITUARY

Ethel Augusta George

The death of Ethel Augusta George occurred on May 13, 1942, at the General Hospital, Johannesburg, after a short illness.

She was the nineteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie George, of 5 Bree Street, Fordsburg, and the granddaughter of the late Mr. G. R. Maurice (donor of the Maurice Trophy). The funeral took place at the Brixton cemetery on Ascension Day, May 14th.

The Rev. Maurice Clack, Rector of St. Alban's, Ferreiratown, conducted the service at the graveside, and concluded with an address, referring especially to the high esteem in which the deceased was held by relatives and friends.

The chief mourners at the graveside were her mother, father, grandmother (Mrs. G. R. Maurice), uncle Louis, aunt Alice and sisters and brothers.

R. Keshwar

The death of R. Keshwar, brother of Mr. S. C. Keshwar, of Dundee, occurred very suddenly on Monday, 18th instant, at Raisethorpe, Maritzburg. His remains were cremated at the Mountain Rise Crematorium, on the 19th before a large gathering of friends and relatives.

The late Mr. Keshwar was an upholsterer by trade and was held in esteem by the Indian community of Maritzburg.

He was well known as a social worker and no task was too great for him to undertake and, in spite of the fact that he was disabled to a certain extent, he never relaxed in assisting members of his community.

He was the secretary of the Raisethorpe Recreation Club and Welfare Society, trustee for the Hindu Society of Raisethorpe and held a number of other honorary posts in Maritzburg for the past 20 years.

His loss is truly irreparable.

ALLEGED INCREASE IN PENETRATION

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without legislation, and if legislative action was decided upon it could not take place until next year.

"He would meanwhile watch closely the working of the Lawrence Committee which, he hoped, would be immediately resuscitated. In deciding what action should ultimately be taken, the Government would be largely influenced by two factors: first, whether or not 'penetration' continued in the ensuing months, and, secondly, whether a proper measure of co-operation between the members of the Lawrence Committee had been reached and maintained."

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should be allowed to reacquire the plots, if this can be arranged with regard to the general layout of the scheme.

REASONABLY SATISFIED

The 73 acres which the Council proposes acquiring is intended for extending the Council's Coloured housing scheme at Spark's Estate. Approximately 30 acres are owned by Europeans and 43 acres are owned by Indians.

After inspecting the land in question the Board recommends that whilst the Council's proposals should be approved generally the area bounded by the plots on both sides of Mayflower Road on the south-west, on the north-west by Theresa Road and on the north-east by Garbutt Road should be excluded and that an additional area on the north-east shown on the attached map as 18 and 19 should be added for the purpose of the Coloured housing scheme. If this is agreed to the Board was assured that the Indian community would be reasonably satisfied.

Most of the area recommended for exclusion is badly in need of improvement and it is considered that the Council should apply the provisions of the Slums Act in due course to the shacks and other insanitary premises in this particular area.

SPRINGFIELD EXTENSION

The land proposed to be acquired in this area comprises 123 acres situated in close proximity to the Council's existing Indian housing scheme in Springfield Estate. Approximately 30 acres are owned by Europeans and 93 acres are owned by Indians. It is proposed to set aside the whole 123 acres for housing Indians.

The Board inspected the site and found it entirely suitable for Indian housing and recommends that the Council should be authorised to acquire the land in the area in question in terms of section 11 of the Housing Act, as amended.

The total area proposed to be acquired in Sydenham is 35 acres. Of this approximately 30 acres are owned by Europeans and 5 acres are owned by Indians. Upon acquisition the Council proposes to set aside the whole 35 acres for housing the poorer classes of Europeans.

The Board inspected the site and found that it adjoined the land which the Council proposes to acquire for the extension of the Sparks' Estate Coloured housing scheme referred to above. It has already recommended that the area shown as 18 and 19 on the map and which is included in the land on which it is proposed to carry out the European scheme at Sydenham, should be re-allocated and used for coloured housing.

This will necessitate the shifting of the proposed tree buffer between the European and Coloured housing schemes to the new boundary north-west of the area 18 and 19.

The Board recommends that the Council's proposals in regard to the acquisition of land in the Sydenham area for European housing be approved, subject to the reallocation of areas 18 and 19 for Coloured housing.

GENUINELY ANXIOUS

The Board considers that the Minister should approve of the acquisition of land for housing purposes as recommended herein, such approval to be granted subject to the condition that the Council will only resort to expropriation in these cases where the owners are not prepared to sell after every endeavour has been made to purchase at a fair market value.

The Board feels further that if the schemes contemplated are carried out they will go a long way towards proving to the Indian community in Durban that the Council is genuinely anxious to do their very best to provide proper housing facilities for this important section of its citizens.

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"Let us Women of India be this Steel"

—Lady Linlithgow

"PRAY God that India may be spared the horrors of invasion, but if the test comes the women of India, like their Chinese sisters, will not quail, and remember always that for as long as I am in India I consider myself as one of you," said Lady Linlithgow, addressing a women's meeting on A.R.P. at Delhi.

"REMEMBER," she proceeded, "that the warning given to the women of India by Madame Chiang Kai-Shek is not an empty warning. She has seen for herself the Nazis of Asia in their true guise. A foe relentless and treacherous, a foe who knows no mercy and who wreaks his vengeance upon defenceless women and children. A foe whose word cannot be trusted and who, under the cloak of friendship, completes his preparations for further conquest and savagery. Some of the Japanese spokesmen have already tried to woo India with honeyed words. They talk of Asia for the Asiatics, which sounds well, but they seem to forget that China and India are the two biggest nations of Asia. China has fought the Japanese for four and a half years single-handed and although she had to suffer incomparable misery and loss of territory, she has come through the ordeal without flinching and intends to go through to the end.

FAITH IN FINAL VICTORY

At the present time when we read in the news of constant setbacks and withdrawals, let us realise that China has had to face setbacks and withdrawals for four and a half years, but her spirit is as great as ever and her faith in final victory as unshaken. So must our faith be. Some of you may have seen and, those who have not seen may have read of the many processes through which the finest tempered steel has to go. It is submitted to tremendous heat which reduces it to a liquid form from which it emerges, after much hammering, fit to stand up to the most exhaustive tests.

"Let us women of India be this steel. If we have to be submitted to the fire and to the hammering, let us see to it that we emerge purified and undaunted. We have to find this spirit within ourselves, as the women of China have found it. Pray God that India may be spared the horrors of invasion, but if the test comes the women of India, like their Chinese sisters, will not quail, and remember always that for as long as I am in India I consider myself as one of you.

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Housing Board's Recommendations

ONE by one, the meagre privileges which the Indian enjoys today are being taken away from him. The latest is "acquisition" by the Durban City Council of Indian-owned land in various areas of the City of Durban (see our news columns). The recommendations of the Housing Board mean that, if the Minister gives his approval through powers vested in him by statute, which he has intimated he will do, thousands of Indians who have been settled on these lands for the last fifty and, in some cases, sixty years, will be dislodged, and their homes uprooted. They will be tended for, the Housing Board states, but we, who are conversant with the Indian mind, know that once the Indian has settled down, that is, for all time, no human being, whatever the colour of his skin, appreciates being removed from that soil on which he has lived for over half a century. What guarantee have we that these people, most of whom are barely able to make a decent living, will be housed in an area similar to that in which they are living.

The City Council has, as its excuse, town planning. No civilised community will object to this, but the modus operandi of the council is so crude that none but those who refuse to see it will fail to perceive that this is an attempt to oust the Indian from some favourable site, and in his place house the white man. If there was sincerity of purpose behind the City Council's scheme it could have started town-planning in the Magazine Barracks, where it herds six thousand of its Indian employees like cattle. There would be no need for it to eject these employees, it would have had temporary accommodation for them and return them to the barracks after it had finished with its town planning. With respect to the Riverside area, the Housing Board did not approve of the suggestion of the City Council to acquire the entire area for Europeans, but it has made a reservation that six hundred plots be put up for sale without any Asiatic restrictions. It is obvious again that the person who originally lived there will be unable to buy the plot because he does not possess the means. The plots are quite likely to go to the rich Indian investor, or more likely, to the European who can afford to pay if there are no restrictions on the sale. The Housing Board, during the investigations it carried out earlier in the year, was satisfied slums were prevalent and that there was urgent need for these slums to be cleaned up. A simpler method, and agreeable to both the council and the Indians, of getting this done, would be the application of the various health by-laws of the municipality, and not "expropriation," or is the City Council afraid of the skeleton it has in its own cupboard—the Magazine Barracks?

The recommendations of the Housing Board have met with strong objection from the community in general and those people who are directly affected. Democracy and the rights of man are become hollow mockery to the Indian people. The same men who proclaim acquisitions of Indian-owned land cry out that there is urgent need for all peoples of the country, irrespective of their colour, to rally to its defence. The Government is at present engaged on winning the sympathies of the Indian peoples in South Africa. It has, as an object lesson, the capitulation of Malaya and the East Indies, but this is a very queer way of setting about it, allowing a Minister of one of its departments to state that he intends approving of "expropriation." The actions of the Minister bind the Government. As yet the Indian has no stake in the country, nothing worth fighting for, and now to deprive, by virtue of the country's statute, the Indian of what little he possesses, is a negation of the very principles for what the world is at war. What guarantee, those of us who are not affected at the moment, have that we shall not be the next victims of the Durban City Council's town-planning craze?

A further attempt to undermine the integrity of the Indian people is the statement of the Minister of the Interior that in view of the increase in the pace of "penetration" since the Broome Commission's revelations, he intends seriously considering the City Council's request that the Lawrence Committee be given statutory powers. In the first place the very existence of the Lawrence Committee has been a stigma on the Indian community—a sort of policeman supposed to gently persuade Indians not to "penetrate," which, by the laws of the country, they were allowed to do. Its failure is no surprise. It was doomed since the day it was set up; for no self-respecting man will believe himself inferior to the next one, whether the other's skin is white or black. Statutory powers for the Lawrence Committee means a direct threat to the existence of the Indians in Durban, and their ability to purchase suitable property for themselves. The Lawrence Committee must go, for we Indians cannot and do not countenance voluntary segregation, or segregation under pressure, as is envisaged by some members of the Committee.

A sensational bus hold-up in which fourteen members of a wedding party were relieved of cash and jewellery valued at Rs. 8,000 at the point of the revolver by masked men is reported from Kunja near the Lava State. It appears that the bandits, who were lying in ambush, first punctured the bus's tyres as it approached and ransacked it an decamped with the booty to the adjoining forest. The stranded passengers were later taken to the nearest town by a passing bus.

INDIAN STUDENTS IN THE ROYAL AIR FORCE

Many Indians in England are attracted to service in the Royal Air Force. Of 500 students from India who have not returned home since war began, about 100 are at present serving in the R.A.F. and others await entry. Of this 100, about 40 are holding commissioned rank as members of air crews, technicians, physical training instructors, etc. Some of them are flying the fastest machines in the world.

Personal contact with many of these men makes it abundantly clear that they all enjoy the life with its danger, excitement and thrills. University studies and peace-time pursuits have been put aside for the time being; the sterner aspect of the job in hand carries a strong appeal. They enjoy the communal life, standard diet and open comradeship of the Royal Air Force.

Senior officers find that the Indian boy shows intense interest in training and does well in examinations. He is as anxious as a British boy to get into the thick of the fight. Some of the Indian boys are being trained for night fighting, a form of warfare which calls for exceptionally good eyesight and nerve. Air crews must have dash, courage and daring. These qualities are latent in the great majority of students from India.

The ground staff are technicians who maintain aircraft in fighting trim. For them there is less opportunity for glory and excitement, but they are doing a vitally important job, as it is by their ability that many a crippled British aircraft returning from a raid manages to get home and bring its crew to safety. A number of brilliant Indian student engineers are members of the Royal Air Force ground staff.

One Indian boy failed to pass ou a pilot after the initial period instruction. He pleaded hard to given a few extra flying hours. T authorities found themselves unable refuse him; he was so keen. Co quently he graduated, and is now sergeant pilot, and flies a Spitfire.

Another boy is a sergeant pilo the Bomber Command. He has b across enemy territory on a nu of occasions.

Two Indian boys entered the Ro Air Force together and are be trained at the same station. Th have completed some three month sharing the same quarters, a already their reputation in this stat for passing examinations is a favour subject of talk. Among their Briti colleagues is often put: "Which them will be on top this month?"

The British nation realises what owes to the Royal Air Force, and g it the best of everything. Mothers a fathers in India may be full of co fidence that their boys' welfare is matter of prime concern to the autho ties. Diet and variety of food rece most careful consideration. Tho who are vegetarians find no difficu in getting ample diet. It would b no exaggeration to say that tho serving in the R.A.F. are better fe than the average civilian.

Indian boys in their well-fitting bl uniform with the flash "India" on th left shoulder compare very favourabl in physique, bearing and pride of tu with Dominion representatives servi in the R.A.F. They are in dema at functions, and secure a good sha of hospitality and entertainmen Excellent clubs and hostels through England provide good accommodatio food and facilities for them when o leave.

S.A. INDIAN STUDENTS AT BOMBAY

A DURBAN Indian, Mr. Ratilal R. Kapitan, who had taken success fully a course in Radio and Technica Engineering, had returned to Durba last week. He had left Durban i March, 1939, and when the war brok out he was keen in joining the Ai Force, but as there were no vacanci in the air schools at the time, he too to radiology and electricity.

Mr. Kapitan, who had matriculat at the Sastri College, is a son of M R. K. Kapitan, the well-known bus ness man of Durban and Johannesbur

Speaking to a Leader representa tive, Mr. Kapitan referred to th number of South African Indians wh were now pursuing studies in Bom bay. There were several at th Grant Medical College, namely, G Jooma, O. E. Hassim, M. M. Motala I. Meer, D. M. Bassa, E. K. Bharat and G. Bhatt. There were two, B. N Randeria and S. Sewsunker, awaiting admittance to Grant. C. C. Naido of Umkomaas, was now taking course in agriculture.

At Bombay there were two seats for South African Indians, and thos who come should have completed th first or second year B.Sc. in Sout Africa. This would improve their prospects of getting admittanc for the number of students seekin entry number over a thousand a yea while only 121 seats are availabl Another fact that should be remem bered was that students, whose pa ents are not born in Bombay Pres dency, nor those who have no domi there, are handicapped when seeki admittance. Even if they are a mitted they have to pay 300 rupe (£22) more than the students of Bom bay.

Mr. Kapitan said that the coloni students from South and East Afri Ceylon, Burma, Trinidad, Federat Malay States, and other parts of th Empire, have formed themselves int an organisation, called the Colon Indian Students' Association. It membership now was 45. It was af liated to the All-India Students' Fed eration, and it was recognised by th Colonial Department.

NDIA'S GREETINGS TO AFRICA

SIR SHAFA'AT RETURNS FROM MIDDLE EAST

nvincible Faith in the Supreme Victory"

THERE are two significant features connected with the recent visit of the High Commissioner of India, Sir Shafa'at Ahmad Khan, to the Middle East and the Congo.

First, he was able to see the new Indian Army in action—new in the respect that its officers are now becoming increasingly Indian; a large number holding the King's Commission, lieutenants, captains, majors and there was also a colonel.

The second was his contact with the Africa, represented by the native-born Governor-General, Monsieur Eboue, of the Congo, to whom he carried a message of good cheer from the people of India. In this he was the first to establish contact between India and Africa.

"India Was Proud"

REETING the Leader representa- tive at Johannesburg, the High missioner smilingly said, "You are last Pressman I met when I left an on my visit and the first to e on my return."

e 10 days spent in the Libyan rt, as well as in the environs of o and its neighbourhood, Sir a'at declared to me, were some of busiest days of his life. He visited cenes of historic battlefields, such Bardia, Sidi Barrani, Sollum, Hal- Pass, about 500 miles from Cairo. talked to the rank and file, as to best of the officers, and slept in the t with a famous Indian division. e also saw the latest tanks and lo, as well as the historic Indian mas. He also addressed a num- of Indian battalions in Hindustani, told them that India was proud of magnificent work in the desert.

"FULL OF ADMIRATION"

have come back full of admira- for the Indian troops," he said. y have covered themselves with y and every Indian is proud of r valour and enterprise, and also Claude Auchinleck's leadership in th.

There is invincible faith in the eme victory for the cause, and one only to talk to the men to find out brave and cheerful they are, and how nobly they are maintaining India's honour on the battlefield. They are impatiently expecting the move from Rommel, and they are keen to get at grips with the Germans and are determined to chase every German and Italian out of North Africa."

Speaking of the Congo, Sir Shafa'at said that it was a land of enormous possibilities. Indian traders were carrying on a considerable amount of trade in the eastern part of the Congo, and Indian goods have percolated into that part. Indian businessmen should not neglect to study the economic implications of the new policy followed in the Congo, which in the next few decades would be one of the richest parts of Africa.

The High Commissioner was pleased that he was able to visit the headquarters of the Free French movement in Africa.

"The Indian troops admire and respect the fighting qualities of their brave South African comrades, and the South African troops reciprocate these sentiments. I feel that this is the happiest augury for the future relationship between the two races in South Africa. The young South African will bring a new outlook and more experience to bear in the handling of the Indian problem in South Africa," said the High Commissioner in conclusion.

"IF INDIA WERE FREE"

Plight Of Indian Merchant-Navy Men

SICK Indian Seamen of the Merchant Navy are housed at he Depot Hospital under the most sulting conditions imaginable. These men who maintain the life nes of world supplies are herded gether in a hospital which leaks ely.

Each seaman is given two lankets on which he has to sleep r there are no beds or mat tresses. A 105 such men are ked closely together in one hall nt there is just walking space be- ween the rows of men.

Members of the Natal Univer- ity College Students Union Re- earch Group who visited the hos- ital, were amazed that such con- itions should exist in a civilised ity like Durban.

"We have been right round the orld, but never in any part have e experienced such terrible nditions," some of the seamen id when asked their opinion by he students.

"We are confident if India were ee this thing would never hap- en."

The food is miserable and on one occasion a furore was created when pork was served, for the majority of these sailors are Muslims. The kitchen, too, was in a terrible mess.

The companies whose men use the hospital pay five shillings per man per day.

Mr. Ismail Meer, the president of the Students' Union, told The Leader, the Indian merchant seamen were playing as vital a part as anyone, and when men were housed under such degrading conditions, it wasn't surprising that dissatisfaction was bound to arise.

"The Government is trying to win the sympathy of the non-Europeans, but this is not the way to go about it, especially if the men concerned are already engaged on war work."

Mr. Meer is attempting to enlist the sympathy of the various non-European organisations, and lead a deputation to the responsible quarters.

ALLEGED INCREASE IN "PENETRATION"

Statutory Powers May be Given to Lawrence Committee

THE Minister of the Interior, Mr. H. G. Lawrence, met representatives of the Durban City Council and Indian members on the Lawrence Committee on Sunday at the City Hall. They had discussions lasting about three hours.

A statement on the discussions was issued on Tuesday morning. The Minister intends giving serious consideration to the City Council's proposal that the Lawrence Committee be given statutory powers because there has been, it is alleged by the City Council, an increase in "penetration" in Durban since the revelations of the Broome Commission.

Voluntary Segregation Fails

THE statement proceeds: "The Minister had been urged by the Council's representatives to take some action which would ensure that such acquisitions would be properly regulated and controlled. A specific proposal had been put forward that this could best be done by conferring statutory recognition upon the committee, which comprises equal numbers of members of the Natal Indian Association and the City Council, and making it a condition precedent to any sale of land between a European and an Indian, that the committee should approve of the transaction.

"This proposal and its implications were debated at length. The Indian representatives, while denying penetration in many instances, pointed out that the proposal involved a new principle, and said that as they had not previously considered it, they were unable to express any opinion on it.

"The Minister made it clear that he took a serious view of the fact that the rate at which cases of "penetration" had been occurring had apparently increased since the Broome Commission had sat. He regretted that the committee had not persevered with its efforts to prevent such acquisition by voluntary cooperation and goodwill. He urged the desirability of both sides continuing to make the greatest efforts in this direction.

RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

"He emphasised, however, that he did not visualise the Lawrence Committee confining its activities to this question, and he urged the Council's representatives to give proper attention to such questions as housing and the provision of civic amenities in Indian areas. All three questions were inseparably linked together.

"The Minister said he would have to give serious consideration to the proposal put forward by the City Council. He emphasised, however, that the Government did not favour any proposal which contained an element of racial discrimination, but, he pointed out, the Council's proposal did not involve any such discrimination, because it would operate equally against a sale by a European to an Indian as it would to the sale by an Indian to a European.

"The proposal was fundamentally democratic, for it gave both races an equal voice in the control of the problem. It was desirable, he said, that a full measure of publicity should be given in the Press to all such cases as might come before the committee.

"The Minister explained that these proposals could not be put into effect

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"Don't let a Silly Thing like Izzat..."

For weeks I have followed the correspondence between the coloureds and the Muslims with amusement. I have come to the conclusion that it is high time this disturbing hornet's nest is brought to an end. It is succeeding only too well in causing a greater hatred and distrust between the two nations. God knows we hate each other enough. I happen to be a coloured girl, whether low-class or not makes no difference.

Many thanks "Disgusted Tamil Girl" for admitting there is good and bad in every community. It certainly was a much-needed crumb after hearing the coloured girl derided and left without a shred of reputation.

I agree with you fully that there are certain girls who are all the things you say they are, and worse. They not only provoke your disgust but from every respectable coloured as well.

They are looked down upon by us and when they attend an exclusive coloured dance the poor things have to hug the walls like the proverbial wall-flower. Our men won't associate with them because they have been through the contaminating influence of your men's company or, so they think.

(We have received many letters on this controversy. We will publish some more letters next week. —Editor.)

May I draw the attention of "Observer" that there are a number of shebeens in this town which are frequented by the so very progressive Indian women. Women are all the same, no matter what the nationality.

The only difference between the coloured and the Muslim is the former goes about blatantly, mixing and acting as she pleases, while the Muslim carries on behind barred doors and locked windows. When it comes to reality and romance I feel the coloured girl has more of reality in five years than the Muslim has in a lifetime.

The coloured girl generally leaves school at the tender age of 12 or 13 to work in a factory, where she comes in contact with all kinds—the good and bad, moral and immoral, and her character and life are formed accordingly. The few shillings she earns goes toward helping the family eke out a living.

Now let's take the Muslim She lives a secluded, sheltered ex ence all her life, provided for by genius of her money-making men, her individuality is smothered; has no right to think or feel anythi which clashes with the opin her menfolk. In fact her mode living is as low as that of an anim which eats, drinks, sleeps and dozes by the dozen. I can feel seething indignation I have arou in making such a statement. May add that I am only trying to expr my views as I see them.

I fully sympathise with the Musl girl in what she has to underg know she is trying to be moder trying to fight off the ancient inhib tions which bar the way as well as mental outlook of their own men. wish her success, and she will succ if she perseveres. I believe "Woman's Liberal Group" formed with this as one of its ai

As for "Jay," who writes that loathes his coloured girlfriend, m he know that his loathing is fully r ciprocated by me against him.

It shows how base he must showering them with gifts, parad them in front of his other Indi friends like a new possession, ape their mannerisms, fawning like h dogs for their favour, and in tur getting squeezed dry.

Only, the swollen-headed fools do know it. That seems the lowest low forms of servility.

To return to the Muslim girl, you really want to fight for your m why let a silly thing like "izzat" p vent you. All is fair in love and w Your men look for companionsh elsewhere because they can't find at home. Do you blame them? blame you.

"Khatija" ridicules love. Althou not an oracle on that subject, I h heard love is an all-consuming e tion that grips you and you fall someone irrespective of race, col or creed. That sometimes happ between coloureds and Indians. B all our pent-up ravings and rant are of no avail.

Why not live and let live. Worry ing is another "ageing agent."

This is my honest point of view the controversy between the colou and Muslim girl.

Why not bury the hatchet and w towards a closer unity between t two nations instead of disrupting by this stupid racial prejudice.

AN UNBIASSED COLOURED GIR

BURSARY FUND FOR STUDENTS

Aim to Help Needy and Deserving Boys

The most important piece of work done by the Sastri College Old Boys' Club last year was the establishment of the "Sastri College Old Boys' Bursary Fund" to help deserving and needy students to continue with their studies at Sastri College, Mr. K. P. Naidoo, the president of the club, said during the course of his address to the annual meeting of the club last Monday.

A sum of £100 6s. had been collected and banked.

For the ensuing year an Old Boys' Information Bureau was contemplated to record the activities of Sastri old boys.

The president remarked on the keen interest shown by Mr. William Anderson, principal of Sastri College, and Mr. C. R. Warriner in the welfare of the club.

The following were elected to serve as office-bearers: Hon. Life Patron, the Rt. Hon. V. S. Sastri; patrons, W. Anderson and C. R. Warriner; president, K. P. Naidoo (re-elected); vice-presidents, M. Joseph, S. Cooppan and I. C. Meer; secretaries, I. S. Amin, N. Pillay; treasurer, P. R. Parekh; auditor, J. Naidoo.

Executive committee, Messrs. E. I. Moolla, M. D. Naidoo, A. N. Lazarus, and R. Govindoo.

REQUEST TO MINISTER

Bodies Seek to Hav Approval Deferred

Representatives of the Riverside a Briardene Indian Ratepayers' As ciation, together with members of th Natal Indian Association, met Mr. H. Henning, the Minister of the In terior's private secretary, on Tuesd and have asked him to request th Minister to delay giving his appr to the recommendations of the Ho ing Board, as they are anxious to i terview the Minister on the questi again.

It is probable these representati will meet the Minister in some time later.

Representing the Ratepayers' As ciation, Messrs. Gopaul, T. Naicker and Kalan. For the N.I were Messrs. Albert Christopher, R. Pather and A. R. Kajee.

Mother: "Did I see that soldier arm around you?"

Mary: "Mother, you know we not to discuss troop movements."

Man (to judge): "You can't give wife any advice. Even a tra ductor can't tell her where she off."

Two Great Pictures at the Avalon Next Week

Argentine Way," one of greatest musical extrava ever brought to the screen, next week at the Avalon. Produced in technicolour by Century-Fox, the film has Don Betty Grable and Carmen at the head of a scintillat-

emphasis on the spectacular out. "Down Argentine Way" excellent story featuring an

Grable, 6,000-mile romance New York to glamorous Buenos Carmen Miranda, who makes sational screen debut, applies her voice to four grand songs. Four catchy numbers were written by Gordon and Harry Warren.

Other bright names in the cast in Charlotte Greenwood, J. Carrol Henry Stephenson, Katharine Leonid Kinskey and Chris Martin. The film was directed by Cummings from a screen play Darrell Ware and Karl Tunberg. lavish and gay. "Down ntine Way" is irresistible entertainment.

MAIL TRAIN

Gordon Harker, who stars with Alastair Sim in the 20th Century-Fox of the spy-thriller "Mail in," coming next week to the Theatre, has rigged up a device guaranteed to warm the heart of any "fire buff."

Harker had his London apartment wired direct to a nearby fire station, so that an alarm would register at his home simultaneously with that of the firemen's. Harker has a competition with the fire-fighters and often arrives on the scene of a holocaust before the engines. He's even tried to put out the blaze, and his technique rivals that of the firemen.

AGAINST AIR RAIDS

ith the entry of Italy into the war the consequent spread of hos to the Middle East extensive for air raid precautions and air defence were put into by the Government of India operation with the Provincial ernments.

n observer and warning system, established, is now being lly expanded. A network of posts been organised to cover all entially vulnerable areas. Personnel ning these posts will be reinforced a large number of men from the Observer Corps.

is corps is also undertaking the of information to the force, military and civil authorities. system is modelled on that in in the United Kingdom and will the employment of several sand men.

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TALK OF THE BAZAAR

BY "THE FAQIR"

SOME people can find a topic to discuss anywhere—even on a desert island they could find something—and surprisingly enough, occasionally they are interesting. After having been through a particularly trying period of political haranguing I met a really interesting speaker. He is a taxi driver who plies his car between Durban and ——. It is a long run. One day I was with him. In the car there were three others—two men and a woman. We had not gone far when our driver began and soon warmed up to his subject. Inter alia he told us one day he was nabbed for receiving stolen property, but escaped a lot of trouble by turning crown witness. His best friend had betrayed him. He had intended a buy a new car, similar to the super de luxe model in front, but the war had put the tin cap on the idea. He coasted downhill and started uphill with a splutter. "Saving petrol," he remarked, "best thing to do since rationing started." He had discovered the trick of the trade. If you wanted two tyres you had to apply for four. He intends giving up taxis. Soon we reached a well-known rendezvous. He pulled up for a sundowner and finished the rest of the journey in silence as the shadows of eventide grew dense. He had spoken in the vernacular all the way. I admire his accent.

Bungling?

The other day I overheard a piece of conversation. The gist of it is that the Government or whoever it is has decided that a quota of five tyres will be allocated to the entire fleet of buses on the Indian bus rank. This is the sort of talk that scares people and sometimes starts panic. The best thing to do these days is not to talk of anything that might start a scare.

A Few Observations

The structure of the social system of the Indian makes a fascinating study if you care to interest yourself in it. The Indian mind works in a queer way. An Indian will spend a lot of money on a non-remunerative pursuit, but when it comes to something that is worth while he refuses to "waste" money. A few observations of Mulk Raj Anand, that fine Indian novelist, will serve to illustrate the point in his novel, "The Village." He says, through Gujri, the mother of his hero, "But we must celebrate the marriage in a way that impresses the brotherhood and brings an offer for our Lal," she says, when talking of the marriage of her second son, despite the fact that the family has to borrow money for the occasion.

"It is not wise to delay the marriages of our sons nowadays lest they turn loafers and scoundrels and spoil the prestige of their family," says Seth Chaman Lal, arch-hypocrite and moneylender.

Proud Children

The children of the Aroca Indian school must be feeling particularly proud, as they have just been praised for their fine C.P.S. work. Said the C.P.S. chief in the Red Hill area when she visited the school: She is confident she won't find the same standard of work anywhere else. Oh! no, children, this does not mean half a day off.

Do You Know?

We're all Indians, but can we all boast that we do know our tongue? Do you know the common Indian terms for the following: Newspaper, association, slum, a policeman, post (i.e. your morning or afternoon mail), a bill of exchange, a farmer. The terms are: Akabar, anjuman, bustee, chowkidar, dak, hundi and kisan. No so easy?

Lay Off!

Sugar barons from the north coast insist on swamping the small-time vegetable farmer in the local markets by their mass-production of vegetables. I think it's time some people began thinking. The small farmer's entire livelihood depends on his sales, but if swamped out he must starve, his wife and his children also. So lay off, sugar barons; give the small man a chance. You've enough. Why not distribute your surplus among the poor. You'd get a better return.

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TENNIS

BIG ENTRY FOR NATAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Natal Doubles Championships in the "A" and "B" divisions were held at Currie's Fountain on Sunday last. Twenty-four pairs entered, ten in the "A" and fourteen in the "B" Division. Inder Bramdaw and S. S. Maharaj (Spes Bona), and D. Laljee and A. Bismillar (Sastri College) reached the finals in the "A" division, which will be played later.

In the "B" division I. Bassa and G. B. Motala and Y. A. Kadwa and A. H. I. Mahomedy qualified for the finals to be played later also.

The following are detailed results:

"A" DIVISION

First round: G. Narian and Roopnarian beat K. Maistry and A. K. Omar 6-3, 6-1.

J. Ramburan and J. S. Juggnath lost to S. R. Govender and T. M. Moodley 7-5, 0-6, 2-6.

R. C. Moodley and V. Thumbie beat R. P. Soni and R. Maistry 8-6, 4-6, 6-4.

D. Laljee and A. Bismillah beat D. Roopnarian and E. E. Gany 4-6, 8-6, 6-1.

I. Bramdaw and S. S. Maharaj beat J. Jewan and M. S. Pillay 6-0, 6-3.

Second round: Govender and Moodley beat Roopnarian and Narain 6-2, 6-4.

Laljee and Bismillah beat Thumbie and Moodley 6-1, 8-6.

Third round: Maharaj and Bramdaw beat Govender and Moodley 6-0, 6-0.

"B" DIVISION

First round: D. Bramdaw and R. Boodhan w.o.

P. M. Naicker and B. Lutchmana beat Y. A. Kajee and I. R. Sadak 8-6, 6-2.

G. M. Motala and I. A. Bassa beat S. Bharat and M. Osman 6-4, 6-1.

J. Sookram and S. Gopaul beat M. M. Kadwa and M. S. Kadwa 6-3, 7-5.

Y. A. Vawda and H. A. Mahomedy beat C. Popatlal and M. Harry 6-2, 6-2.

R. M. Khan and A. H. Sahib beat M. I. Varojee and G. Badat 8-6, 6-0.

M. E. Motala and M. F. Mahomedy beat J. K. Singh and G. Asmal 6-2, 6-1.

Second round: Bramdaw and Boodhan beat Naicker and Lutchmana 8-6, 6-3.

Mahomedy and Vawda beat Sahib and Khan 10-8, 6-2.

Motala and Bassa beat Mahomedy and Matola 6-1, 6-1.

Third round: Vawda and Mahomedy beat Bramdaw and Boodhan 6-1, 6-1.

Motala and Bassa beat Gopaul and Sookran 6-0, 6-1.

IMPERIAL HOTEL F.C.

The Imperial Hotel Indian Football Club have elected the following office-bearers: Patrons, Messrs. T. G. Carter, I. K. Aakham; president, Mr. V. Billie; vice-president, Mr. R. Maharaj; secretary, Mr. S. H. Maharaj; assistant secretary, Mr. P. Govender; treasurer, Mr. S. Kadir; captain, Mr. E. H. Rhymaun; vice-captain, Mr. S. J. Marion; manager, Mr. R. M. George.

Committee members: Messrs. V. C. Jimmy, R. Maharajh, R. M. George, E. H. Rhymaun, S. J. Marion, H. Anthony, N. Naidoo; delegates to the Association, Messrs. V. Billie, R. Maharajh, N. Naidoo, S. H. Maharajh.

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FLASHLIGHT ON TENNIS

By "The Sportsman"

THE biggest reversal of the year in the tennis world was the defeat of the Natal champions, Gany and Doodnath (Roopnarian) by the youthful pair, Laljee and Bismillah, of Sastri College, in the elimination matches of the Natal doubles matches last Sunday. Still in their teens, Laljee and Bismillah showed big-match temperament and stamina. The question of the moment is: "Will their size prejudice the selectors against them when the Natal team is chosen to play in the forthcoming South African championship in Durban?"

Sunday's games may be put down as the Natal trials, for selectors were there looking things over. Hope we get a representative team to restore the laurels for Natal.

On Sunday's merits here are some who should be selected:—

S. S. Maharaj: Reigns supreme in Natal tennis. Only conqueror of Jhajbhai, the South African stalwart. Has a powerful forearm and an equally powerful backarm. Has an established reputation in the South African tennis world.

E. Gany: Next best on the Natal list. Easy choice for the Natal team. Liable to upset anybody's calculations.

D. Laljee: Most promising of the younger players. Has the makings of a national champion. Moulded his play on that of S. S. Maharaj. He was last year's "B" Division singles champion.

Inder Bramdaw: Playing consistently well. Has a very powerful forearm. If he puts a slight kick in his backarm and comes down some in avoirdupois there'll be nothing to grumble about.

R. Doodnath: Seems to have lost pace after being sick for some time. Was last year's doubles crown holder with Gany. A good player. He is also known as Roopnarian.

A. Bismillah: A diminutive player who has got all the pluck. Inclined to be nervous. His size and age might go against him. Still, he has years of tennis before him.

KEEN SOCCER AT STANGER

Stanger Pirates met the Gledhow Rangers at Gledhow on Sunday last in the Balasingh's league trophy match and emerged victors by 2—0. Pirates put up an unexpectedly fine show and combined well. They monopolised play throughout and poor shooting in front of the goal saw many golden opportunities lost. Referee: Mr. H. C. Maraj.

United met the powerful Gledhow "A" side at Gledhow. The game was fast and even. From a good move by K. V. Naidoo Pillay (Chasa) put in a powerful shot from close in to give United the lead.

In the second half some very good moves by Gledhow were nullified by the strong United defence. For the first portion of the half it seemed Gledhow would equalise at any time, but the defence held out. In the latter stages United played with more accuracy and a good game ended 1—0 in favour of the United. Referee: Mr. P. Kistan.

SOCCER FIXTURES

MAYVILLE TOMORROW

SENIORS

Cato Stars v. Riversdale, No. 1, 2.15 p.m.; Sydenham United v. Pirates, No. 1, 3.30 p.m.; Westerners v. Mayville, No. 2, 3.30 p.m.

FIRST TENNIS TOURNAMENT AT TUGE

The doubles tennis tournament the Tugela district organised by Stanger Indian School Tennis attracted nine entries for the Bhar floating trophy.

In the semi-finals Dr. Deenady and D. Moola met S. H. Bhorat H. B. Singh. This match provided greatest thrills of the day and ev tually the latter pair won 11—9, 6

In the other match V. G. August and G. A. Mather had an easy vic over E. V. Mohamed and A. Ia beating them 6—1, 6—2.

The final between Bhorat and Si and Augustine and Mather saw latter pair take a quick lead of 4 but they were not able to maintain for long and inaccurate placings them lose 6—1. The second set w to them also at 6—1, leaving Bho and Singh worthy winners of the fi doubles tournament in the distri

S.A. TENNIS TOURNE

Transvaal Will Not Compete

TRANSVAAL will not compete the South African tennis tourn ment, which is scheduled to take pl in Durban in July.

This statement was made by t president of the Transvaal Indi Lawn Tennis Association, Mr. Hind Khan, to a Leader representative Johannesburg, this week.

Mr. Khan said that the reason f this decision was that full supply balls for the tournament was not ava able. In a tournament such as th there must be adequate supplies; th lack of it affects play.

"At this time we do not want be unpatriotic and use balls mo than necessary, nor rob other club their supplies for the tournament. all the other European tourname have been cancelled for the duratio we should do likewise," said M Khan.

The Natal Singles Tennis in the "A and "B" divisions, will be played to morrow at Currie's Fountain.

A five-a-side tournament will b held tomorrow at Currie's Fountain.

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PASSIVE RESISTANCE THREATENED

NDIANS WILL NOT BUDGE FROM RIVERSIDE

Move of Durban City Council Strongly Condemned

NDIAN residents of the Riverside area, which the City Council proposes to acquire for town planning and settling European artisans, are deter ed that they will not budge one inch from the land on which they have d for over half a century and more.

The Central Housing Board, it was alleged, had not given serious nsideration to the representations made to it when it visited Durban in nuary.

If it comes to the worst they will start a passive resistance campaign d make this a national issue.

Speakers strongly condemned the surreptitious move of the City Council a mass meeting held at Riverside on Sunday last, under the aegis of the erside and Briardene Ratepayers' Association. The residents are not posed to town planning, in fact they welcome it, but they feel that whole e expropriation is not necessary for this. The object of the City Council house Europeans on Indian land smacked strongly of discrimination on e grounds of colour. The recommendation of the Housing Board, speakers leged, were not in keeping with the evidence tendered by the Indians when e Board met in Durban.

If the proposals of the Housing Board went through it would be a ious blow to the entire Indian people in South Africa.

A resolution, strongly disapproving of the recommendations of the ntral Housing Board, was passed.

Special prayers were offered by Mr. V. C. Nayanarajh before the oceedings commenced. Other prayers were offered by Rev. W. H. Satchell d S. A. Rasool.

No Compromise

MR. T. M. NAICKER, chairman of the Riverside and Briardene atepayers' Association, who was in e chair, said the only course open to e residents now was to request the inister to delay giving approval to e recommendations of the Housing ard until such time as he had met deputation of Indians regarding these commendations.

The meeting had been called to decide e course of action and the situation as delicate as "acquisition" was in e final stages. This was the first expropriation" scheme of the City ouncil and there was past experience f slum clearance, e.g., Bell Street and irkwood Avenue, where the Indian was affected with advantage to the European.

The strongest ground of objection to expropriation, Mr. Naicker said, lay in the fact that there was land available if the City Council genuinely desired town-planning. In all about 1,200 acres of undeveloped land was available in the vicinity.

What was more iniquitous was the fact that the City Council now declare land "choice sites" for the Indian which previously it had declared was not given to building.

"We are quite prepared to fit in with any town-planning scheme provided our land is secured to us," Mr. Naicker continued. "It is the duty of the City Council to clear slums and in such a clearance we will co-operate with the Council.

"Recently the Defence Department was here seeking land for defence purposes and many of our people have given over portions free of rental. Many young men of the district have enlisted in the Army. I say this because I want to point out that the Indian is vitally alive to the great struggle facing mankind. Yet in spite of this record the City Council wants to take our land away from us. It is heartburning, but we are prepared to sacrifice all to safeguard our interests."

The Central Housing Board had not given the question due consideration. It had been pointed out to it that the Indian had built up quite a settlement in the area. About 5,000 people lived in the area. They had their religious institutions, schools, business houses and cemeteries there.

CANNOT LEAVE

They could not leave the place. They had had a great struggle to purchase their land and now when they were preparing to enjoy the fruits of their labours the City Council had stepped in and wanted to take it away from them. They would be paid, they realised, but money was of no use to them.

Mr. N. Gopaul, the secretary of the Ratepayers' Association, declared that the entire scheme was without facts. According to the proposals of the Housing Board and the intention of the City Council the Indians did not exist. The recommendations of the Board were to the Riverside residents what the Cripps' proposals were to India.

"We are prepared to face bayonets and we don't intend leaving our land. One of our weapons is passive resistance."

If Springfield, where it was proposed to settle dehoused people, was suitable for Indians then it was also suitable for Europeans.

"I wish to appeal, not only to the political organisations, but to all people, to stand by us in our hour of trial. Today the Riverside area is affected. The success of acquisition here will be the starting point of the ousting of Indians all over the country from good residential areas. We are prepared to fight to the bitter end," Mr. Gopaul concluded.

"To h— with the consequences. We will not sell our land. The vital issue is our liberty itself," said Mr. M. V. Naicker. "There must be no compromise and if necessary we should appeal to India."

Mr. V. C. Nayanarajh stated that the acquisition scheme of the City Council was a declaration of war on the Indians.

DAY OF WEEPING

"We have spent two-thirds of our lives here and now the City Council proposes to eject us. Money will not buy us out from here.

> "I would rather be buried here than leave this place. I say this on oath. We converted this land from bush to habitable land and with the help of God and our sympathisers we must fight to the bitter end."

"It was a 'day of weeping'," Mr. Nayanarajh concluded.

Mr. P. R. Pather pointed out that the Natal Indian Association had done everything in its power to combat this move of the City Council. It was evident that the best portion of the land had to be made available by the Council to the Europeans. Two principles were involved in this scheme of the Durban City Council. Firstly, the Government had no right to sanction the uprooting of one section of the people, and secondly, the Council had no right to remove a people from a particular area and house others there. The most sensible and practical action was to ask the Minister of the Interior to delay his decision until after he had met a deputation.

> "The Association is with you one hundred per cent. It will never be a party to the sale of this land," Mr. Pather concluded.

Mr. A. I. Kajee stated that the Natal Indian Congress would not compromise over the issue. It was difficult to realise that a body such as the Central Housing Board had made such proposals.

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