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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. E. 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.

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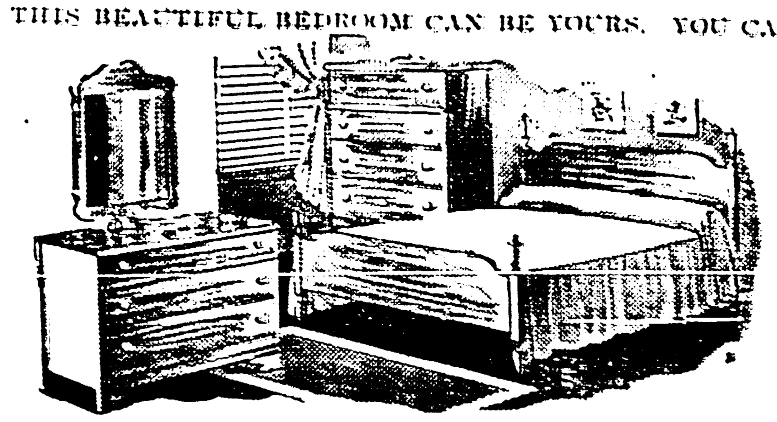

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FLASHLIGHT ON TENNIS

By "The Sportsman"

THE biggest reversal of the year in the tennis world was the defeat of the Natal champions, Gany and Deodnath (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 laure's 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 Badasingh'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 (Chaka) 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—6 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 TUGELA

The doubles tennis tournament [...] the Tugela district organised by [...] Stanger Indian School Tennis [...] attracted nine entries for the [...] floating trophy.

In the semi-finals Dr. Deenadayalu and D. Moola met S. H. Bhorat [...] H. B. Singh. This match provided [...] greatest thrills of the day and [...] tually the latter pair won 11—9, 6—[...]

In the other match V. G. Augustine and G. A. Mather had an easy vict[ory] over E. V. Mohamed and A. [...] beating them 6—1, 6—2.

The final between Bhorat and S[ingh] and Augustine and Mather saw [the] latter pair take a quick lead of [...] but they were not able to maintain [...] for long and inaccurate placings [...] them lose 6—4. The second set w[ent] to them also at 6—4, leaving Bh[orat] and Singh worthy winners of the [...] doubles tournament in the district.

S.A. TENNIS TOURNEY

Transvaal Will Not Compete

TRANSVAAL will not compete [in] the South African tennis tourna[ment], which is scheduled to take pla[ce] in Durban in July.

This statement was made by [the] president of the Transvaal Ind[ian] Lawn Tennis Association, Mr. [...] Khan, to a Leader representative [in] Johannesburg, this week.

Mr. Khan said that the reason [for] this decision was that full supply [of] balls for the tournament was not ava[il]able. In a tournament such as th[is] there must be adequate supplies; th[e] lack of it affects play.

"At this time we do not want [to] be unpatriotic and use balls m[ore] than necessary, nor rob other clubs [of] their supplies for the tournament. [As] all the other European tournament[s] have been cancelled for the duratio[n] we should do likewise," said M[r.] 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 be held tomorrow at Currie's Fountain.

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[P]ASSIVE RESISTANCE THREATENED

[I]NDIANS WILL NOT BUDGE FROM RIVERSIDE

Move of Durban City Council Strongly Condemned

[I]NDIAN residents of the Riverside area, which the City Council proposes to acquire for town planning and settling European artisans, are determined that they will not budge one inch from the land on which they have [live]d for over half a century and more.

The Central Housing Board, it was alleged, had not given serious [con]sideration to the representations made to it when it visited Durban in [Jan]uary.

If it comes to the worst they will start a passive resistance campaign [an]d make this a national issue.

Speakers strongly condemned the surreptitious move of the City Council [at] a mass meeting held at Riverside on Sunday last, under the aegis of the [Rive]rside and Briardene Ratepayers' Association. The residents are not [oppo]sed to town planning, in fact they welcome it, but they feel that whole[sal]e expropriation is not necessary for this. The object of the City Council [to] house Europeans on Indian land smacked strongly of discrimination on [the] grounds of colour. The recommendation of the Housing Board, speakers [ur]ged, were not in keeping with the evidence tendered by the Indians when [the] Board met in Durban.

If the proposals of the Housing Board went through it would be a [seri]ous blow to the entire Indian people in South Africa.

A resolution, strongly disapproving of the recommendations of the [Cen]tral Housing Board, was passed.

Special prayers were offered by Mr. V. C. Nayanarajh before the [pro]ceedings commenced. Other prayers were offered by Rev. W. H. Satchell [an]d S. A. Rasool.

No Compromise

[M]R. T. M. NAICKER, chairman of the Riverside and Briardene [Ra]tepayers' Association, who was in [th]e chair, said the only course open to [th]e residents now was to request the [M]inister to delay giving approval to [th]e recommendations of the Housing [Bo]ard until such time as he had met [a] deputation of Indians regarding these [rec]ommendations.

The meeting had been called to decide [the] course of action and the situation [wa]s delicate as "acquisition" was in [it]s final stages. This was the first ["ex]propriation" scheme of the City [Co]uncil and there was past experience [of] slum clearance, e.g., Bell Street and [Ki]rkwood 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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THE LOT OF THE UNEMPLOYED

No Chance to Secure Work

The creation of a bureau to deal with the problem of registering Indian unemployed and securing employment for them is most essential in Maritzburg, points out a Leader representative.

A large number of Indians who are now out of work through various causes complained that they were unable to secure work, whilst those fortunate few who had been successful in finding a situation said that they had to wait for a considerable time and had to make daily door-to-door calls before they were able to find a position.

To quote one unemployed. This man said: "Although Europeans and Coloureds have a bureau at which they can register and through the medium of which employment can be found we Indians have nothing. We do not seek any charity or expect a parcel of foodstuff to relieve our hunger for a few days, but we do wish to rehabilitate ourselves by securing employment. We still have our self-respect."

One unfortunate man who has a family of eight has now been unemployed for over three years. Factories won't have him as he is too old—they only require young apprentices in most cases, whilst others are unable to offer any succour. All this time he and his family have been supported by an aged father. They have been living on the verge of starvation, whilst the children have had to do with patched and ragged clothes.

"I am prepared to do anything short of stealing," said the man in an interview, "so long as I can get sufficient to feed and clothe my family decently." This is only one of the many cases in the city.

It has been ascertained that negotiations were conducted between the Natal Indian Congress (Maritzburg branch) and the local Department of Labour some years ago for the purpose of opening an unemployment bureau, but owing to some reason the matter was not taken any further.

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OBITUARY

MURIEL JAMES

The death occurred two weeks ago, after a long and painful illness, of Muriel James, the 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul James, of Maritzburg.

She was an active girl and participated in dramas and had made quite a name for herself. Her popularity with the school children, she was a pupil at St. Anthony's Indian School at the time of her death, was revealed when a large number of children followed her remains to the grave.

Passive Resistance Threatened

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"There must be no uprooting of Indians," Mr. Kajee concluded.

"I am with you in your fight and I am prepared to lie down with you and let people walk over me here at Riverside before we accede to the Council's scheme. To uproot peoples and their homes is rank injustice. I shall organise all Christian people—whether they be white or black and stand by you," said Mr. Paul Sykes.

"I will rather die here than this diabolical scheme should go through. I am ashamed that members of my race should think of such a scheme. The people arrayed against us are a greater army than ourselves, but by the Grace of God we are bound to win," said Rev. H. Satchell.

The Nationalist Bloc, Mr. E. I. Moolla promised, was behind any action the residents took.

"Let us be united on this issue."

Advocate H. S. Bloom said the only way to counter the scheme was to route mass objection to the scheme. When thousands of peoples all over the country rose up in arms the Government would be forced to refuse sanction to such a scheme. He suggested that there should be mass demonstration in Durban itself.

Messrs. M. D. Naidoo and B. A. Maharaj said that once again the ugly head of the Colour Bar had raised itself and the Indians had to fight it tooth and nail.

Mr. A. S. Kajee assured the residents that no rich Indian who had any shred of decency left in him would slip in and purchase the land that had been reserved by the Housing Board.

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...Seva Samaj, Maritzburg, spent ...weekend in Richmond at Mr. M. ...'s place.

... J. Maharaj and Mr. and ... Maharaj and children, of ...ina, Transvaal, visited their relatives at Newcastle during the weekend.

...s Eileen Francis, of Bellair, ... her last weekend at Pietermaritzburg with her grandmother, ... P. Thompson.

... Lallo N. Bhoola, of Plessislaer, returned home from India after eighteen months' stay.

... and Mrs. D. Dolley, of Edendale, Maritzburg, spent a few days ...Durban, where they stayed at ...'s Lounge.

...r. Koopin, of Burnside Colliery, ... his holidays at Pietermaritzburg with Mr. Thumboosamy Frank.

...s. C. R. Naidoo, of Durban, who ... a fortnight with her parents in ...tzburg, returned home during the ...

ADULT INDIAN EDUCATION

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It has been a marvellous task, and I, who have witnessed it for eighteen years, day in and day out, can never put on paper the deep feelings of admiration for this great lady. I know very little of what her work was before I came to St. Aidan's Hospital; but during my own term of service she has fulfilled all my ideals of devotion to duty, loyalty and conscientious labour.

During our early days she was cook, probationer, maternity nurse and laundress. It sounds all wrong, of course, to our wonderful nursing ideals of hygiene and sterility; but there was nothing else to be done about it at that time, as we had only enough money to keep the wolf from the door and three of us had to do almost everything.

Her day began at 6.30 and ended at 8 p.m., and no petulant word of grumble ever passed her lips. As she grew older she was obliged to relinquish some of her tasks and this she did graciously.

She is much beloved by the Indians; hundreds of them have felt the comfort of her gentle brown hands, hundreds have enjoyed the delicious curry and rice she has cooked. I hope they will never forget her, she has served them well.

Many good laughs we have enjoyed together about the funny and delightful things the Indians have said and done over this long period of friendship. It is lovely to think she is enjoying a restful and refreshing time after such a strenuous life, and may every day be a return to the comfort and happiness she has given to others and may she live many years to enjoy it.

DAUGHTER OF EX-AGENT WEDS

A LARGE and distinguished gathering, representative of all sections of Bombay's life, was present at the reception given by Sir B. Rama Rau, chairman, Bombay Port Trust, and Lady Rama Rau, at the Willingdon Sports Club, Bombay, one evening recently on the occasion of the wedding of their elder daughter, Premila, with Mr. N. M. Wagle, Additional Under-Secretary, General Department, Government of Bombay.

The marriage ceremony took place at the residence of Sir B. Rama Rau at Carmichael Road in the morning.

The bride was educated in England and has travelled extensively in Europe. She accompanied her parents to South Africa when Sir B. Rama Rau was appointed Agent-General to the Government of India in South Africa.

Mr. Wagle, before holding his present position, was Assistant Collector at Ahmedabad.

Among the guests present at the reception were the Maharani of Cooch-Behar, Mr. H. F. Knight, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Madan, Sir Hugh and Lady Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Kirpalani, Mr. D. Symington, Lady Beaumont, Miss Mary Lumley, Mr. Justice M. C. Chagla, Sir Chimanlal Setalvad, Sir Cowasji Jehangir, Sir Frederick Stones, Sir Sitaram and Lady Pathar, Mr. M. R. A. Baig, Sheriff of Bombay, and Mrs. Baig, Mr. F. I. Richardson, Mr. R. A. Wagle, Mr. Ambalal Sarabhai and Sir Jamshedji and Lady Duggan.

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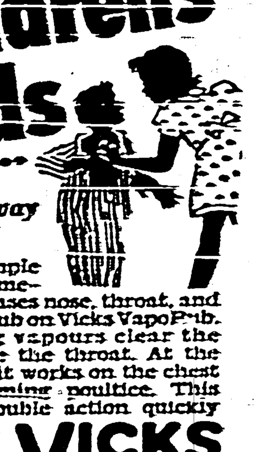
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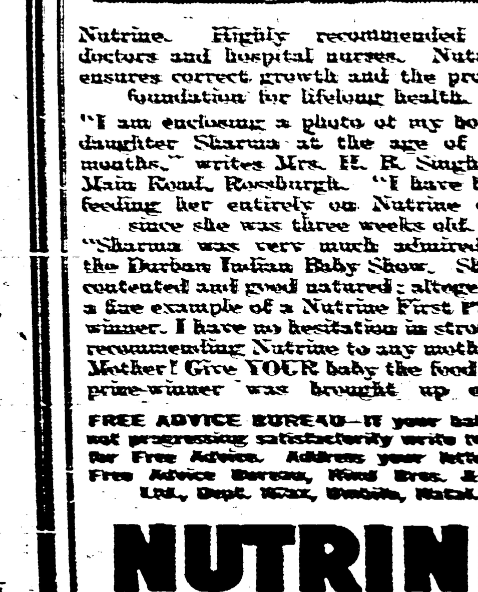
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The Newspaper for the Quarter Million Indians of South Africa

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 1942

Acquisition of Indian Land

THE history of the Indian people in South Africa has been one of eternal vigilance against the Government of the country and the wishes of some white people with a queer mentality, not unlike that of Hitler when he first hit upon the idea of national socialism and Nordic superiority. This history of a people, who were cajoled into coming to this land, is a chronicle of toil and tears and systematic oppression; it has been for over half a century a replication of the Jewish persecution pursued in Germany by Nazism. Only Hitler has been less of a hypocrite. We do not deny that there are good white people, but the attitude and the work of those who believe that the Indian and the other non-Europeans in this country must be got rid of has overshadowed the attempts of the real Christian gentlemen to do good by a less fortunate community. The fear of the European that the Indian will crowd him out in every sphere has been responsible for the many oppressive laws enacted against the latter; but time and again these fears have been proved groundless. A recent example of this is the findings of the Broome Commission, yet the cry of "penetration" goes on, and now the City Council of Durban has almost concluded its scheme of acquisition of Indian-owned land, ostensibly for the purpose of town planning, but really for settling Europeans on good Indian land. This scheme has been dubbed "diabolical" by the Christian Church and there has been general opposition by some healthy-minded Europeans against the scheme.

The actual gain of the Indian people in this province, it is a sad confession, seems to be nil. The Indians laid the foundation for the "Garden Colony." They cleared the virgin tracts of bushland and built a thriving colony; some gave their lives so that it would prosper. Today when the Indians should be reaping the fruits of their efforts seventy to eighty years ago they have nothing but a bitter draught to swallow. Many, many Indians who live today in the Riverside area have built up their homes gradually. That in itself was a great fight. The least anybody would wish them was that they may live in peace in the eventide of their lives. Unfortunately, some men with a plentiful supply of misdirected energy think otherwise. They believe, and they have the laws of the land to command, that the Indian must give way to the Europeans. They adhere like fanatics to a mirage which is white superiority in this country. They believe it is their divine right that they should reach the Durban North European area without having their views marred or spoiled by a black or brown face. To this end they have devoted all their time and resources. A parody of justice is that Council Chamber of theirs where they decide the destiny of the Indians and on which these latter have no representation. They have no say in the direction of their own lives! Yet we are led to believe that this Council Chamber stands for the good of the people. The myth that Natal is the most British, and therefore the most liberal province in the country is being fast exploded. The Indian people realise it to their cost.

The recommendations of the Housing Board seem to go against the weight of evidence presented to it by the Indians. There is plenty of land available in the immediate vicinity for a settlement of Europeans if the Council only wishes to do so. The Indian people have seen through the sham of the City Council and they are agitating. They are fighting a losing battle, but truth and justice and fair play—all the things for which the world is at war against Hitler and his hordes,—are on their side. They are attempting to make their struggle a national issue. That is already a national issue in the sense that the liberty of one people is attacked, and that they are being ousted from their land so that another may enjoy the fruits thereof. Just now the whole community awaits the decision of the Minister of the Interior and, his intimation that he intends approving of the recommendation that the land should be acquired has caused a lot of uneasiness. He has been approached to defer his decision until such time as a deputation of Indians meets him on the question. It is only fair that he should do so, for the community that desires to see him is a voteless one and can wield no power in the Council chambers.

We are wont to grow cynical about the causes for which this war is being waged, and which we are asked to support, when such acts of injustice are contemplated and perpetrated against the Indian people. We have never enjoyed the practical benefits of that much abused term democracy. For us it has remained something that is highly desirable but for the present unattainable. Now that itself is at stake, we must defend it. Can we honestly bring ourselves to think that we have a stake in it: can we sincerely say to ourselves that we are going to lose something by the overthrow of democracy? It is a question open to discussion, but now and then we are tempted to say "No," especially when, in the very midst of the fight, we find so much discrimination heaped against us. The Indians have a right to live in Riverside: they welcome town planning but wholesale "expropriation" of their land is not necessary, and they will die by their rights. They have determined not to move from their land, and we can safely say they have the entire non-European people behind them and many good European clergymen also. Their fight is not single-handed. United they must win.

INDIANS DEFEND LONDON

Following closely on the exploits of the Indian Pilot of the R.A.F. Coastal Command, Pilot Officer Mirza Mehdi Khan, who blew up a big enemy ship off the Frisian Islands on his third operational flight, come reports of the good work being done by the batch of pilots of the Indian Air Force Volunteer Reserve who left India over a year ago and are now attached to the Royal Air Force in England.

These lads have shown a varied aptitude, according to official reports of the R.A.F. authorities. Some have the "makings of good fighter pilots," some have shown keenness for bombing work; one shows promise of developing into a section leader; one has displayed exceptional ability at night flying and another has been found to be "eminently suitable for training on twin-engined night fighters."

"Life is an exciting adventure," says one of these pilots—and the majority of them seem to think likewise. They are proud of the fact that they are India's first official representatives to take part in the air defence of the hub of the Empire. Keen and enthusiastic, most of them have adapted themselves admirably to their surroundings and new life—and they have made numerous friends wherever they have gone.

Life, however, has not been all so simple and easy for these lads from India. Their training has been hard. They have been put through the mi... and it has been a gruelling experi... But the majority have come thr... well and are now useful ... mighty wheel of the Royal A...

They have had their sorrows. Three lost their lives while under... training and three have been mi... from operations and, in the words of their Commander, "their disapp...ance is a very great loss."

Seventeen of these pilots had f... qualified. The Bomber Comm... claimed six of these, two of whom ... missing and the Fighter Comm... absorbed five, one of whom is mi... Two have been employed by Coastal Command. Four are with Flying Training Command and one ... the Service Flying Training school.

SEAMEN FACE WAR

Indians' Devotion to Duty

Our Indian seamen constitute ... a quarter of the total strength of ... British Mercantile Marine. India therefore, through her seamen is making a valuable contribution to ... war effort, declared Mr. S. Lall, CI... I.C.S., in a broadcast from the B...

The fight against Germany is one of sea-power against land power. ... land, Hitler's conquests have not been checked, but when he comes to the shore he is contained by Br... sea-power. If the German Navy c... out for a straight fight, the issue w... be decided quickly, but these are ... its tactics. British sea-power is m...ured not only in terms of warships, ... also in the ability to transport ... and raw materials to Great Br... and to convey troops and munitions ... the distant battle grounds.

Indian seamen have served in ... tically every theatre of war. ... are in ships carrying the vital sup... from Canada and the United States ... America, and are to be found in ... parts of the Atlantic, Pacific and ...dian Oceans, and also in the Medi...ranean. Some were in Malta du... the heavy raids on that island ... some served in Greece.

Our seamen are facing the war ... determination and courage. In ... ordinary cargo vessel you will ... the sukunny at the wheel, ... heavily clad against the cold on ... lookout on each side of the bri... another in the crow's nest on the ... mast, and others in the waist of ... ship and on the quarter deck, all con...tinuously on the alert scanning ... and sky for any sign of the e... Another kulassi is on duty ready ... tend the winch of the barrage balloon. In the stokehold Indian stokers ... coal trimmers tend the fires and in ... engine room Indian oilmen lubri... the enormous mass of revolving ma...inery. If an enemy ship or plane ... sighted, some of the Indian deck ... will form part of the low angle ... crew, while the serang and the ... ing deck crew will serve as amm... tion supply parties to the gun or ... fire-fighting parties, or to clear ... boats and rafts should this be... necessary. The saloon crew will ... with the deck crew in this ... for in an emergency all are ... and have been trained for this ... pose. The men work on a watch ... watch system and are highly orga... to meet any eventuality which ... arise.

Many of our Indian seamen have ... unpleasant experiences when th... ships have been torpedoed or bom... and a number have lost their lives. ... am proud to say that as a class ... have shown splendid heroism ... devotion to duty. Four of them ... been awarded the British E... Medal, and recently two attended ... investiture at Buckingham Pa... where they were decorated by ... King-Emperor.

...ranchise Offer To Indians

...CHEME TO BE ANNOUNCED THIS YEAR

Communal Basis: But Indians as M.P.s

...PLAN for the enfranchisement of South African Indians is to be propounded some time this year. The scheme, The ...der learns from a highly reliable source, is to be based on ... communal form of representation: Indians will elect Indians ... Parliament.

Indians will have no place on the common roll but will have ...parate register.

The details regarding the number of M.P.s for the provinces, ... far as we know, have not yet been formulated.

First Scheme Stillborn

... FEW years ago the Government had an enfranchisement ...eme for Indians based on the ...tive system of representation, ...t is, the election of Europeans ... represent Native interests in ...rliament.

...It was left to Senator S. S. ...isker to do a bit of kite flying ... sense Indian opinion on the ...eme on behalf of the Government. So strong was Indian ...position against this form of ...nchise that the scheme was ...illborn.

...Indian leaders interviewed at ...e time said that they would ...ther be without the franchise ...an have the vote on the Native ...stem. Communal franchise—... was their experience in India ...tended to aggravate differences rather than to foster any spirit of common interests and unity.

What the Indians wanted was their inclusion on the common roll. They were prepared to accept restrictions, such as higher qualification, either educational or property, and limitation as to number of Indians in any one constituency so that any fear on the part of the European of being swamped might be removed.

The present offer, which The Leader is told will come this year, goes further than the last one, in that Indians will elect members of their own race to Parliament. Indian public opinion, it is expected, will react far more favourably to this scheme than it had done in the first case, which had been killed before it had taken any tangible shape.

YOUTH'S DUTY BY THE COMMUNITY

Graduates Shown "True Success in Life"

TRIBUTE TO MRS. MABEL PALMER

"IT is not sufficient to pass your examinations with distinction. ...ou have to make your contribution ... your community, for true success ... life lies in that duty. Go to your ...eople and help them achieve a better ...life," was the injunction given to the ...ree Indian graduates, Messrs. B. ...mers, R. J. Pundit and R. Moodley, ...y the president of the Natal University College Students' Union, Mr. I. C. ...eer, at a social held in their honour ...n Saturday evening.

"To the graduates who are leaving ...s we can only say that their task ...as just begun. The non-Europeans of ...his country require the assistance of ...ach and every individual in their ...reat struggle to improve themselves; ...and people who have been fortunate ...nough in receiving university educa...tion are best suited to help the ...community."

"I must make special mention of ...Mrs. Mabel Palmer, our adviser, who ...as, since the inception of the non-European classes, done everything in her power to raise the standard of the classes. The name of Mrs. Palmer will for ever remain associated with university education for non-Europeans in this country."

There are over ninety students in the non-European section of the University this year, the largest since the inception of the University. Despite the difficulties with which the non-Europeans were faced the response to the classes was remarkable.

COME TO STAY

"University education for the non-Europeans in this province has come to stay," Mr. Meer continued. "We are confident, from our own experiences, that there is an urgent need for a full-time university for non-Europeans in Natal.

"We understand there is a move afoot to establish such a university and we hope that the people responsible will go into the matter immediately and provide us with a university."

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A CENTRAL MUSLIM BODY PROPOSED

Attempt to Co-ordinate Work of Small Groups

AN informal conference of Muslim organisations was held at the Muslim Musaferkhana, Durban, on Sunday last, under the auspices of the Young Men's Muslim Association, to discuss the possibilities of establishing a central organisation in order to co-ordinate and centralise the activities of different bodies.

Delegates from fourteen organisations, including some in Maritzburg and on the North and South Coasts, were present.

In opening the conference, the officials of the Young Men's Muslim Association outlined the purpose of the meeting. They pointed out that the countless small organisations carried on their activities without co-operating or coordinating their activities with other bodies. The result was that many activities were duplicated without any benefit to the community as a whole.

It was nothing but right that a central body should direct the activities of all individual organisations and thus save time, money and energy of the community. The central body should be above political bias and no individual or section should be allowed to use it as a tool. It should be free from all political controversies.

During the discussion delegates suggested some of the things which the proposed body could tackle immediately, such as creation of a central fund (baitulmal), education, centralising the activities of all Muslim organisations, settlement of the "moon-controversy," and generally to create a central body on a national basis.

Special emphasis was laid on the creation of a central fund, baitulmal, where all charity in the form of money and kind could be collected and from where they could be directed and distributed in the proper Islamic manner.

All delegates were unanimous that the time had come for the Muslim community to stand as one, and take within its fold all those who professed the faith of Islam.

For too long each section had confined its activities to its own groups. Now it was time to work in hand with others for the betterment of the community as a whole.

The Conference resolved that "A council of constituted organisations, Natal Muslim Council (provisional committee), consisting of all members, with power to co-opt, be formed to make all necessary arrangements for the holding of a Provincial Conference at a suitable date."

"This provisional committee is also empowered to prepare a constitution to be presented at the Conference for ratification."

DEPUTATION SEES PREMIER

Non-Europeans Ask for Allowance

A DEPUTATION representing the Non-European Soldiers' Dependants' League waited on the Premier on Wednesday afternoon with a request that the dependants of non-European soldiers be given the shilling-a-day allowance which is given to children of European soldiers.

He was presented with a petition addressed to him in his capacity as Minister of Defence bearing over twenty thousand signatures—European and non-European.

The deputation, led by Colonel Molyneux, consisted of Mrs G. S. Brophy, chairman of the Non-European Soldiers' Dependants' League, Miss R. Naidoo, secretary of the league, Mrs. Sililo, of the African Women's Congress, Mr. Ben Matthews, Mr. Evans, Mr. Sililo, Mr. A. I. Kajee, Senator Sidney Smith, and Mr. H. A. Naidoo.

Has your tongue sunk a ship?

It is no use working with your hands and heart for Victory—if your tongue is a traitor!

You may think, no harm is done if you're careful to whom you talk and where you talk. But you cannot be sure that your friends, their friends, or their friends' friends are as reliable as you are. Remember, too, *they* may be overheard.

A vital fact about a ship may pass from mouth to mouth until a hundred people know. Ninety-nine of them believe themselves innocent. Yet if that news reaches the enemy through one traitor and the ship is sunk, every other person in that chain of talk is also guilty—responsible for the *murder* of the men who were on board.

Don't talk—your words may kill.

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Muslim Girl Controversy Concludes

"My Action Saved My Home"

A Tamil Girl (Johannesburg) writes:

PERHAPS it is my lack of knowledge of the English language that I could not voice my protest against "Coloured Girl" for her attitude towards "Muslim Girl." You have been very kind from the commencement to allow the two sections to express their views freely in your paper. I wonder if you will allow me the same privilege to express my views in favour of "Muslim Girl" and others who have half-heartedly been in sympathy with her.

Personally, I am no critic to permit any criticism on "Coloured Girl" if in my humble opinion I felt that "Muslim Girl" was entirely wrong. But to make it very widely known to your readers I am not dealing with "love romances," but shall be brief and frank when I add to "Muslim Girl's" views, the numerous corruptions and the breaking of respectable homes by Coloured girls.

I may be one of those unfortunate ones to openly confess my husband's evil and if I could blame him for carrying on with a Coloured girl then surely I would have blamed and stopped him. I am perfectly sure that the latter cannot escape as an angel with wings. My quick action has saved my home being wrecked by this Coloured girl.

There are many such cases where our poor women are deprived of their homely pleasures, all through a Coloured girl. If I am justified in my view to express very strongly against "Coloured Girl," believe me, sir, I have done so with a view of correcting "Coloured Girl." It is not the Indian boys' faces that attract the Coloured girls, but it is their pockets.

"When I was young and pretty,
You cared for me;
Now you see my pocket empty,
And you turn your back to me."

IT'S THE MONEY POCKET

A Disgusted Muslim Girl (Stanger) writes: I am an interested reader of your paper, The Leader, and I wish that you will spare me some space to voice my opinion in favour of my dear sister "Disgusted Muslim Girl," who, I think, is right in criticising Indian boys' association with Coloured girls. I am depressed to learn that my own Indian brother, Mr. G. Naiker, has made contemptuous reproach against my dear sister by asking her if she is really disgusted or jealous. If his feeling for Coloured girls was so great I should like to ask him why he married an Indian girl? Would Mr. Naiker like his sister to be married to a Coloured boy? I am sure he wouldn't; if he does he is a traitor to the Indian nation. I would like to know why the Coloured girls do not stay loyal to their Coloured boys.

They are treated badly and knocked about by their Coloured boys, and they seek refuge and pleasure with the Indian boys. The Coloured girls do not like our Indian boys, but their temptation for money is too great. The Coloured girls are in love with the Indian boys' money pocket.

With my poor education I like to express my feelings in favour of my dear sister, the "Disgusted Muslim Girl," and to unite my Indian brothers and sisters, as Mr. Naiker, being a Tamil boy, has criticised my sister, the "Disgusted Muslim Girl," but he does not know that she is in favour of all our Indian girls, as their hearts are sore when they see Indian boys with Coloured girls.

Swimming half-a-mile through shark-infested waters after a forced landing on the sea, a Flight-Lieutenant of the Indian Air Force and a Wing-Commander and a Sergeant of the R.A.F. were rescued by a Burmese sampan. The Flight-Lieutenant, the son of a prominent Calcutta barrister, was out again on reconnaissance the next morning.

THE LAW OF NATURE

"Bryce" writes: The absurdity of the Muslim-Coloured controversy is such that it would be a matter for laughter if it was not taken so seriously by many. If any "Muslim Girl" contemplates a change in a practice that is as old as the Sphinx by insults and prejudice or any other mechanism then the community must erect a statue of her in the City Gardens for then she would have achieved the impossible.

From time immemorial inter-mingling has been a common occurrence for in primitive days males of one clan took mates from another. Men of different tribes snatched a woman of another weaker tribe and when tribes developed into nations individuals of one nation took spouses from another till it has become an every-day occurrence.

Despite race problems all over the world inter-marriage among members of different races is not uncommon.

It is religiously acknowledged that a Mohammedan male may convert any one—even a native woman and take her for his wife with all religious festivity. This is a very common sight in many parts of Natal. Many Indians and Muslims of India have wives from the European Continent—not speaking of inter-mingling—socially and religiously—and matrimonially among individuals of every nation, race, colour and even "caste."

Even the daughter of Mr. Jinnah, the champion of the Muslim League in India—is married outside "Pakistan."

The discussed coloured race itself is the handiwork of inter-mingling during the Dutch era in the Cape—therefore, if "Muslim Girl" is out to ... throw an age-old practice she is fighting against the Laws of Nature for she would have to establish Mr. Jinnah's most coveted "Pakistan" here in South Africa and thus back to the era of Purdha and Burkha. If this goal is attained then the Muslim ...

AND SO TO THE END

The controversy which was raised by a "Disgusted Muslim Girl" some time back aroused a countrywide debate. We have received letters from the Transvaal, Rhodesia and the Cape. This week we bring the controversy to an end.

The Indian girls have played no small part in this debate and we hope much that is constructive has been learned by those who followed the arguments in these columns.—Editor, The Leader.

Youths will be fettered to customs and conventions and all the elements that he despises—most of all—narrow-minded, unsociable, illiterate woman.

"Muslim Girl" should follow the example of the women of Turkey and India—instead of insulting fellow creatures of another race. Induce your women to revolt against archaic traditions and everything that points towards an ancient form of life for it is this degeneration that drives the modern youth from the women of his own race who have become slaves to primitive laws to those who have embraced a modern, civilised and rational outlook.

It is wisely said somewhere:
Make the most of life you may;
Life is short and wears away.

Do not blame a modern Muslim or Indian youth for taking this saying to heart, especially in the present chaotic world, and seeking the most out of life from sources outside his own regime?

Spiritually, socially and educationally the modern youth is making headway by leaps and bounds and it is only the traditional narrow-mindedness of both Indian and Muslim men and women that is detrimental to his progress.

TALK OF THE BAZAAR

BY "THE FAQIR"

... Natal University College ... Union has been making ... felt this year. It has been in ... for some time but it never ... so much noise or did so ... work. Its latest success has ... the work of its Research Group, ... has been responsible for the ... of the living conditions ... relief crews of various boats ... waiting for their ships at the ... Hospital. The word "hospital" ... case is a misnomer for there ... halls really, one main building ... two subsidiary ones. When I ... the place the other day I was ... reminded of a festering sore ... one is content to cover up with ... of adhesive tape and make-... that all is well. That was what ... Durban Immigration authorities ... doing until the students stepped ... paid a return visit and saw ... men were already at work fixing ... place. For prompt action this ... takes first place. Well, there ... old adage—"Eternal vigilance is ... of liberty." Our young men ... coming to the scratch and the ... is proud of these young men ... vitally alive to their duty by ... community.

... HERE

... of our political factions are ... for their disinclination to work ... or at least pull evenly in the ... direction. On Sunday, however, ... tatives of the various political ... were present at the mass meeting ... the residents at Riverside. They ... aware of the fact that the liberty ... of the people was threatened and had come to throw in their ... of responsibility. Important ... of the following political ... were there: Nationalist ... Natal Indian Association, Non-... United Front and the Natal ... Congress. They are all pre... to stand by whatever the de... of the people living here. If ... do what they have said they will ... the community cannot say that ... have failed to stand by a section ... people in their hour of need.

DRAMA

Last year the Indian community was made to realise that among its men—the young men, I should say—there is a remarkably high degree of dramatic talent. The standard of Sastri College plays was very high, indeed. No one who has seen "Hamlet" will forget it. This year Sastri College has made a change and, instead of one long and one fairly long play, it has decided to present to the public three plays. There have already been two shows and the grand final is tonight. The producers are Messrs. H. S. Miller, who gave you "Hamlet," C. R. Warriner, who has given you so many Eastern plays, and Mr. R. Godefroy who, if memory serves aright, gave you that comedy "Ali The Cobbler" which had the whole of Durban laughing. Don't miss another good treat.

MEANWHILE—THEY DIE

The other day I came across, quite by chance, to some information I do not know whether I am entitled to or not. But all the same I pass it on. A body which has taken upon itself to counter malnutrition among school children wrote to a teachers' organisation soliciting its help. The reply it received was that the teachers felt that malnutrition was a problem for the State and they could not interest themselves in it. Of course, we all know that malnutrition among school children is a problem for the State. Unfortunately the State under whose rule we Indians are living hasn't quite decided to step in and so malnutrition must continue to be rife. By what test of logic have the teachers come to the conclusion that because the State has not interested itself in this problem the children must be left to die; for that is the only conclusion the Bazaar can draw from their attitude. Common decency should make them realise that they, too, should take a hand in countering this.

I can see you didn't have your Ovaltine last night!"

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Youth's Duty by the Community

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A very important aspect of education—that of girls—was sadly neglected, the speaker said. There were only three non-European girls at the classes. There were deeply entrenched prejudices responsible for this situation but it was not sufficient to know that. It was the duty of the university students to do everything in their power to obviate this.

Mr. Meer suggested the Research Group of Natal University College Students' Union, which had done some good work lately, should investigate the matter and formulate some constructive plans.

In conclusion Mr. Meer referred to their representation on the Students' Representative Council. It was an important recognition.

In South Africa the differences between the non-Europeans and the Europeans were of tremendous importance, and he felt that co-operation between the European and non-European University students would pave the way to a better understanding and help to usher in that "brave new world" to which all people were looking.

Mrs. Mabel Palmer said she felt like a proud gardener when she viewed the results of her efforts started about six or seven years ago. The success of these classes was a great comfort to her in her old age.

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"Belle Starr" at the Avalon

AVALON has a super programme for next week, "The Cisco Kid and the Lady" with "Street of Memories" provide a double show for the first half of the week. "Belle Star" is on the screen for the rest of the week.

REAL COWBOY HITS WEST FROM EAST

George Montgomery, the strapping young Montana cowboy who came to Los Angeles to see his brother off for South America and then stayed to sign a movie contract with 20th Century-Fox, makes his debut before the cameras in a featured role in "The Cisco Kid and the Lady."

Montgomery, who stands six feet three and weighs 190 pounds, appears in the romantic lead opposite Marjorie Weaver. Playing the role of Tommy, he comes out from the East to marry Marjorie but misunderstands when he sees her with the Cisco Kid and notes that smiling caballero's attentions to her. However, he later becomes Cisco's fast friend and takes part in various escapades with him.

The new Cisco Kid is portrayed by handsome Cesar Romero and the film is now at the Avalon Theatre. Herbert I. Leeds directed. Included in the cast are Chris-Pin Martin, as Cisco's comic henchman, Robert Barrat and Harry Green.

STREET OF MEMORIES

Guy Kibbee, who shares top billing with Lynne Roberts and John McGuire in "Street of Memories," the 20th Century-Fox film which comes on Monday to the Avalon Theatre, enjoys his life in the film centre. One of the screen's leading character actors for years, he finds plenty of time for fun.

Though Kibbee has had many screen successes in the past, he now enjoys life more than ever because he has limited his picture work. When interviewed on the "Street of Memories" set, Kibbee said that his life is now better balanced.

"For instance," he added, "I go out to Lakeside Country Club every day and shoot a round of golf or stay in and play cards. Ever so often I go off on a fishing trip for a few days. I do only four pictures a year now, which is just enough work to keep me happy."

Others featured in the strong cast of "Street of Memories" include Ed Gargan, Hobart Cavanaugh and Jerome Cowan. Shepard Traube directed from a screen play by Robert Lees and Frederic Rinaldo. Lucien Hubbard was associate producer.

BEAUTEOUS BELLE

"Belle Starr" had sex appeal and lots of it.

It took Hollywood to uncover the facts about the famous bandit queen of the Ozarks, who is brought to the screen in the 20th Century-Fox Technicolour production of that title, which opens next week at the Avalon Theatre, with Randolph Scott and Gene Tierney.

According to Director Irving Cummings, the conception that Belle was a rough frontier woman is all wrong. She was, he says, a beautiful Southern girl whose recklessness ran away with her.

What's more, she patronised the best masseuses and dressmakers in Chicago and New York to preserve and enhance her allure.

HOME FOR INDIAN ORPHANS

Arya Society's Move

The monster orphanage bazaar organised by the Aryan Benevolent Society was held at the H.Y.M.A. Hall on Monday last.

Mr. R. N. Moodley, an old official of the society, in opening the bazaar thanked all for donations given towards the building of an orphanage and children's home for Indian children.

Mr. R. Manicum, president of the society, made reference to the work that was being carried out by the society at present. "We have provided a nice home for the old and indigent where they are being looked after with every care and kindness in the eve of their lives.

"We now wish to provide a home for Indian orphans. There exists a need for the creation of such a home in Natal," he said.

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R.A.F. PROUD TO PLAY WITH INDIANS

Indo-European Soccer at Isipingo

Last Sunday at the request of the R.A.F. stationed at Merebank, the Isipingo District Indian Football Association abandoned its fixtures and arranged two friendly matches, which were played on its ground at Isipingo.

A large number of Europeans and non-Europeans witnessed the matches. The Indian teams were led by Mr. Adam Fagers and the R.A.F. by Mr. Bruce, a noted soccer player of England.

The first match resulted in a win for the R.A.F. by 6 goals to 2. The second match in a win for Isipingo by 4 goals to 3. The R.A.F. were entertained by the association with light refreshments.

Mr. Bruce, the R.A.F. captain, later said he felt very proud playing with Indians. In England, he said, there was no colour bar in sports.

SOCCER RESULTS

The following are the results of the league matches played at Currie's Fountain on Saturday last:—

Senior "A": Stars 2, Stella 3; Daffodils 0, Warwickshire 3.

Senior "B": Queens 2, Silver Willow Rangers 2; Warwickshire w.o., Pirates scratched.

Junior: Aces 0, Stella 0; Overport Rangers 0, Central "B" 0; Central "A" 5, Stars 0.

Juvenile "A": Clairwood Riverside 1, Sastri 1.

Juvenile "B": Crimson League 0, Silver Willow Rangers 0; Warwickshire 5, Young Bulwer 1.

OVER FIFTY TEAMS IN SOCCER TOURNEY

Fifty-four teams participated in the annual five-a-side tournament of the Durban and District Indian Football Association, which was held at Currie's Fountain on Sunday last.

There were 12 teams in the senior rank, 12 in the junior and 30 in the juvenile rank. Five teams travelled down from Maritzburg.

Stella won the senior and the junior, while Warwickshire won in the juvenile division. Runners-up in the respective divisions were Warwickshire, Aces and Sastri College.

BROTHERS WIN FIVE-A-SIDE TOURNEY

The annual five-a-side tournament of Newcastle was held at the football grounds on Sunday last. The weather was not too good. More than 24 senior teams and 10 junior teams entered, and the spectators spent an enjoyable day.

A senior team comprising five Maistrey brothers won the floating trophy of Mr. Frank Poonsamy, while the N.I.F.C., of Newcastle, were runners-up.

In the junior section the Glencoe I.F.C. won the trophy, and the India five from Dannhauser were runners-up.

The senior team was as follows: Doorsamy Maistrey, Kista Maistrey, Soobiah Maistrey, Gopal Maistrey and Govindsamy Maistrey.

The St. Aidan's Young Men's Club held its annual picnic last Sunday at Brighton Beach. A record number of people went out.

Tennis

NATAL SINGLES DRAWS RECORD ENTRY

Forty-five entries were received for the Natal tennis singles championships in the A and B divisions played at Currie's Fountain on Sunday last.

There were seventeen in the A division and twenty-eight in the B. This constitutes the largest number of entries for the Natal singles.

The first round was completed on Sunday, and the championships will be concluded tomorrow at Sastri College courts.

A coincidence of the games on Sunday was the defeat of Roopnarian and Gany by Laljee and Bismillah respectively. It will be recalled that the previous week in the doubles championship Laljee and Bismillah beat Roopnarian and Gany, who were the Natal champions.

MALVERN HEALTH & STRENGTH CLUB

At the annual meeting of the Malvern Health and Strength Club the following were elected officials for the ensuing year: Patrons, Messrs. M. S. Govender, A. B. Naidoo and S. M. Saib; president, Mr. R. P. Nair; vice-presidents, G. Chellan, M. Berrick and M. Sunny; hon. secretary, Mr. G. J. Pillay; assistant secretary, J. Martin; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. Vadival; physical culture instructor, Mr. M. K. Tommy; auditor, Mr. G. A. Pillay; committee, Messrs. M. N. Pillay, Ramamurthi Naidoo, V. Govender, Manilal, M. Dorrie, C. V. Naidoo, and N. G. Govender.

WEEKEND SOCC[ER] FIXTURES

CURRIE'S FOUNTAIN—TOU[RNAMENT] LEAGUE

SENIOR "A"

3.30 p.m.: Warwickshire v. Sham[rock]. Main. M. S. Badat.

SENIOR "B"

3.15 p.m.: Sydenham v. Queens, S. K. Reddy.

3.30 p.m.: Pirates v. S.W. Ran[gers] No. 1. P. M. Thomas.

3.30 p.m.: Duffs Road United Schools, No. 2. K. Roopn[arian]

JUNIORS

2.15 p.m.: Central "A" v. Over[port] Rangers, Main. P. Moo[...]

2.15 p.m.: Warwickshire v. Aces, 2. K. M. Pillay.

2.15 p.m.: Central "B" v. Stars, R. Munsamy.

3.30 p.m.: Stella v. Sydenham, Y. S. Mulla.

JUVENILE "A"

3.30 p.m.: Central v. Sastri "A," 4. M. Mahomed.

JUVENILE "B"

2.15 p.m.: Sydenham Royals v. S[...] "A," No. 4. D. Abraham[s]

STANGER—TOMORROW

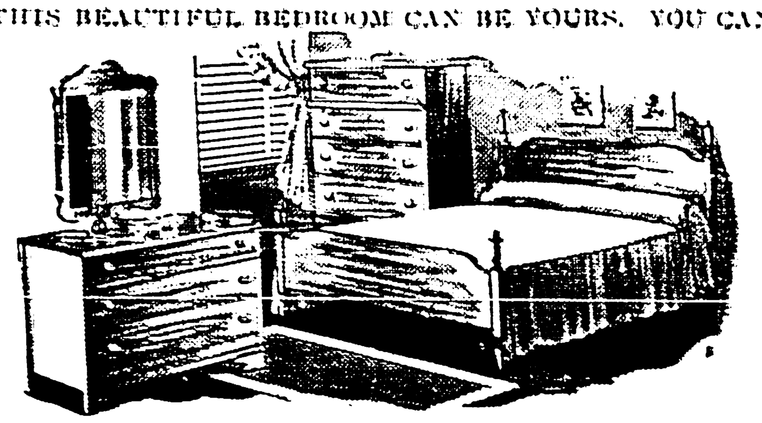
3 p.m.: United v. Doornkop at D[oorn]kop.

1.15 p.m.: Kearsney "B" v. Gle[ndale] Rangers at Gledhow.

2.30 p.m.: Kearsney "A" v Gle[...] at Gledhow.

3.45 p.m.: Pirates v. Gledhow "A" Gledhow.

Competition for Parbhoo's tr[ophy] will be held at Currie's Fountain morrow under the aegis of the Du[rban] Indian Golf Club. Play will be 18 holes medal.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[Ex]propriation

SYDENHAM COUNTER-PROPOSES

[I]ndians at Merebank Will Not Move

[T]WO meetings were held on Sunday, one at Sydenham in the morning and the other at Merebank in the afternoon, to discuss the recommendations [of th]e Housing Board and take further decisions. At Sydenham the meeting, [held] under the combined auspices of the Landowners and Ratepayers' [Asso]ciation, decided to submit, through the Natal Indian Association, counter-[prop]osals to the Minister of the Interior with the following safeguards: first [prefe]rence for purchase, after acquisition, should be given to the people who [were] dehoused; businessmen should be given preference on business sites and [in or]der that a fair market value might be arrived at two valuers should be [appo]inted, one by the City Council and one by the Indians.

At Merebank the people are determined that they will not move. They [feel] that the creation of undesirable living conditions, to which the City [Counc]il objects, is due to the Council's neglect of the Indian areas after [incor]poration. Decisions, opposing expropriation, and protesting against the [recom]mendations of the Central Housing Board, and, while admitting the [necess]ity for town planning, the people objected to any procedure which [savoure]d of segregation, were taken. A further decision to cooperate with [other] organisations and form a Joint Council of Action was made.

Council of Action

[M]R. P. R. PATHER said at Sydenham that it was no use [mix]ing the issue at Riverside with [that] of Sydenham and Merebank. In [regar]d to Sparks Estate there was [no] land available, and if the City [Counc]il was really anxious to provide [hous]ing schemes it could start build[ing] on unoccupied land; but with [regar]d to the Springfield Extension [ther]e was no reason why the resi[dent]s should not accept the scheme [with] the suggested safeguards.

[M]r. A. S. Kajee said that the scheme [shou]ld be welcomed as improved hous[ing] conditions were essential for the [India]n people, many of whom were [livin]g under miserable conditions.

[M]r. Ashwin Choudree said that in[stea]d of having mass passive resist[ance], if it came to that, the senior [India]n leaders should be the first to [viol]ate the law, because the Govern[men]t knew those men and would be [more] likely to see the situation in [its c]orrect perspective. He was satis[fied] that the motive which had im[pelle]d the City Council was segrega[tion], and in years to come the Indian [in] Natal would find himself in water[tigh]t compartments just as in the [Tran]svaal.

"I personally feel this is a national [issue] in the first place and the struggle [for th]e areas cannot be divided. If [you c]ompromise in one area you'll [be] leaving the others in the lurch. [It i]s no good making counter-pro[posa]ls," said Mr. M. E. Paruk.

[Ot]her speakers were Messrs. J. S. [...]aran, J. W. Godfrey, M. Ramowtar, N. Gunga, B. Woodlith, T. M. Naicker, N. Gopaul and E. I. Moolla.

The War Has Come

Speaking at a mass meeting at Merebank Mr. J. Powys said that the people had done all in their power to combat expropriation, but "now the war has come it will not be won easily but we all feel it can be won. We are glad that we have had the help of the Natal Indian Association and the Natal Indian Congress."

Referring to the City Council's apathy in providing amenities, Mr. Powys said:—

"We have cried and cried in vain for the amenities to which we are entitled in return for the rates we pay. We thought incorporation would be a boon but we find it means expropriation."

There were a large number of people at Merebank and Wentworth whose livelihood depended upon market gardening. Many were, by gardening, just able to keep the wolf from the door. They would suffer terribly if their land was taken away.

The City Council had done everything in secret and the people consequently knew very little about its machinations.

There was unoccupied land available at Merebank where the City Council could start housing schemes without having to throw people off their lands first.

"This is the thin end of the wedge of segregation," Mr. N. G. Chetty said. The City Council had failed to do its duty by the Indian people at Merebank after incorporation. The Indians had to maintain and improve the roads at their own cost.

If this move of the City Council were successful the Indians would be gradually put into locations and it would soon become impossible for them to expand.

Mr. A. I. Kajee said that, although with regard to Merebank the case was weaker than that at Riverside, there were two important factors involved. Firstly, the layout of the whole scheme was proposed to be carried out at one time and, secondly, although large tracts of unoccupied land were available the Council did not start housing schemes on them.

The view of the Congress was that the unoccupied land should be taken over by the Council and developed. There should be no wholesale expropriation. This was a good counter-proposal.

The Council should lay out the scheme in stages.

Mr. M. D. Naidoo said that he supported town planning, but did not see why the homes of Indian people should be uprooted.

"You cannot separate the issue at Merebank from those at Sydenham and Riverside."

The Indians had a right to live at Merebank. The City Council was motivated by a policy of segregation.

By introducing such schemes so obviously based on racial lines the City Council, the Central Housing Board and the Minister of the Interior would only succeed in hindering the war efforts of the Indians by antagonising them.

Other speakers were Messrs. J. W. Godfrey, A. Choudree, C. R. Naidoo, V. Nayanarajh, P. R. Pather, D. A. Seedat, M. Beehan, S. Powys, N. Gopaul and T. M. Naicker.

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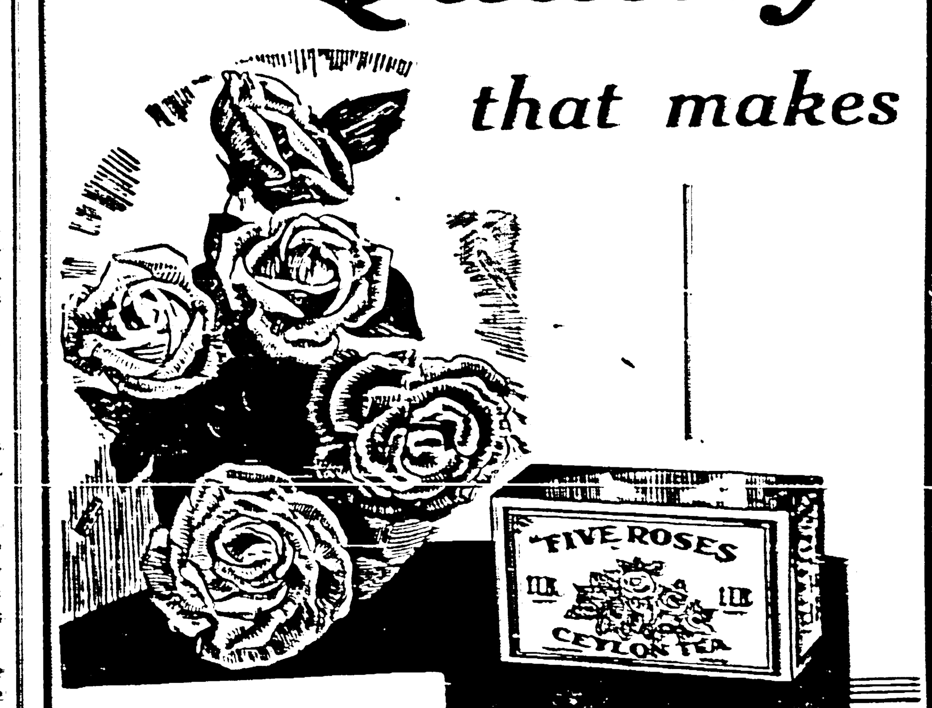

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DEATH OF MRS. SHEIK ABDOOL

The passing away of Mrs. Sheik Abdool, of Dannhauser, in the early hours of Friday morning, June 5, 1942, was a great shock to all parts of the community in the Union.

She was 61 years old and was ailing for the last four months, and was married to Mr. Sheik Abdool in 1892.

The late Mrs. Sheik Abdool accompanied her husband and her brother, the late Mr. Sheik Ameer, who predeceased her about a month ago, on pilgrimage to Mecca in 1934. She was popular and charitable, and her loss is greatly suffered by all those who knew her.

She leaves behind to mourn their loss, two sons, four daughters, twenty-nine grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and many relatives and friends.

Her late brother, Mr. Sheik Ameer, passed away at Dannhauser on May 12, 1942, and within 23 days Mrs. Sheik Abdool died. She came to Dannhauser with her husband and family 40 years ago, and before coming to Dannhauser her residence was in Nigel and afterwards in Newcastle.

A very large gathering of Muslims from all parts of the Union were seen at the grave, also many prominent Europeans and Indians of the town were present. Many telegrams and messages of sympathy were received by the bereaved family.

She was buried the same afternoon at the Mohammedan cemetery alongside her brothers.

SOCIAL CLUB AT GREENWOOD PARK

A Social Club called the Greenwood Park Indian Social Club has been formed in the district of Greenwood Park. The club's objects are to create a library for the benefit of the district and for the use of the local school; to assist charitable institutions; and to hold lectures, debates and play all indoor games.

In forming the club the following have been elected as office-bearers: Mr. C. Thathiah (chairman), Mr. V. C. John (vice-chairman), Mr. A. Abdool (treasurer), Mr. R. Thumanna (assist. treasurer), Messrs. V. Barasathie Naidoo and A. Padayachi (joint hon. secretaries); committee members, Messrs. M. Soobramoney Govender, V. Mannie Naidoo, A. Judeen Govender, T. Kista, A. R. Govender, Ramlugan Thilakdharie and H. Malthoo.

The club will soon have its first social meeting and from henceforth will have regular meetings on Saturday evenings.

MARITZBURG MUSLIM DEBATES

The second annual meeting of the Maritzburg Muslim Youth Debating Society was held at the Iqbal Library and M. A. Jinnah Hall recently. The secretarial report stated that the society had now a total membership of 109. During the year the society held 22 debates, 12 lectures, 8 hat nights and 1 mock trial.

The new officials are: President, Mr. A. H. Rawat; vice-president, Messrs. C. I. Bayat, S. M. Rehman and A. H. Mia; hon. secretary, Mr. Adam Kadwa; assistant secretary, Mr. I. M. Kajee; treasurer, Mr. D. I. Bayat; committee, Messrs. Humza Hajee, S. Ahmed, A. Mota, M. E. Parak and S. M. Kajee; patrons, Messrs. C. I. Bayat, A. H. Rawat and A. H. Mia.

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NIZAMIA MUSLIM SOCIETY

The sixth annual meeting of Nizamia Muslim Society, with which is amalgamated Madressa Ta[...] Islam, was held on Sunday.

Mr. S. A. Badruddin presided.

There were many members [...] officials present.

The secretarial report, read by [...] A. R. Deenally, stated that [...] membership of the society was [...] more than 600, an increase of [...] during the year.

During the year medical aid [...] given to indigent Muslim. Ratio[ns] and rents in some cases were given [...] poor Muslim families both country [...] city monthly. Five Muslim fune[rals] were conducted during the y[ear] through the Gusle Fund.

The following officials were ele[cted] for the ensuing year:—

Trustees: Messrs. I. S. Cassim[jee], Janab Maulana M. Hanieff Afr[...], Shaik Yusuf, S. E. Kader, S[...] Dawood, Ismail Amod Cassimjee, [...] M. Patel, Peer Buckas, D. E. Bha[...], A. B. Sahib, Sayed Amod.

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President: Mr. S. Abdulla B[ad]ruddin.

Vice-Presidents: Messrs. A. [...] Ebrahim, Cassim Mahomed, S. [...] Mahomed, A. M. Moosa, Jamshed[...] Ahmed, Ally Khan, I. A. Haffejee, [...] Khan, E. E. Jaat, A. D. Bayhat, [...] Deedat, A. C. Badruddin, M. A. Go[...], Adam Khan, M. Ramhan, A. [...] Ranglia, Aziz Basha, M. S. Mall, [...] E. Vawda, M. I. Timol, Gul[...] Mahomed, Gulam Essop, Karrim Kh[...], S. A. Paruk, Haffis Sayed, C. [...] Mitha, M. Ally, S. Y. Shaban, Ha[...] Ebrahim Mahomed, M. E. Minty.

Treasurers: Messrs. Shaik Yu[...] and G. M. Tajoodeen.

Secretaries: Messrs. S. E. Kader and A. R. Deenally.

Executive Committee: Messrs. S. [...] Kader, Shail Ally, Abdul Sathar, [...] Moti, C. Paruk, A. D. Peerbhai, Sa[...] Badruddin, N. Khan, M. A. Go[...]

Advisors: Messrs. Maulana M. Ham[...] E. Hansa, A. I. Kajee. Auditor: [...] D. S. Jasat.

Among those who addressed [the] meeting were: Messrs. Maulana [...] Hanieff, I. S. Cassimjee, Adam Pa[tel], Shaik Dawood Ismail.

There were 3,246 high schools [for] boys and 465 for girls in British In[dia] in 1939-1940. Figures for the previ[ous] year were 3,129 and 417 respectively. The number of male students rose [from] 64,223 to 1,108,509 boys and females by 16,410 to 147,379.

There were 304 arts colleges [in] British India both for men and wom[en] in 1939-1940 against 259 in the previ[ous] year. Men students numbered 103,8[...] an increase of 9,151 over previous year. Women under instr[uction] numbered 9,615, an increase [of] 1,639.

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THE WOMEN'S WORLD

Mainly About People

[Mrs.] M. E. Kalideen, of Durban [...] joint secretary of the Indian [Wom]en's Club and well-known social [work]er, left for Mombasa on Sunday to visit her sick sister. Mrs. Kalideen is expected to be away for about [...] months.

[Th]e marriage of Mr. R. Narrandes, [...] son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Narrandes, Glencoe, to Miss Yashoda [...], eldest daughter of Mr. and [Mrs.] B. M. Singh, of 15 Meyer Street, [...]dale, Johannesburg, will take [place] at the bride's residence, to[morr]ow, Sunday 14th, at 10 a.m., [accord]ing to Vedic rites. Pundit Bun[...] Maharaj, of Pietermaritzburg, [will] officiate.

[Mr.] and Mrs. Amod Akbar spent [the w]eekend in Stanger. They were [gu]ests of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Bux.

[Mr.] G. R. Bux, of Stanger, spent [the w]eekend in Verulam, where he was [the gu]est of Mr. and Mrs. S. Akbar.

[Th]e engagement took place on Sun[day l]ast at the residence of Mr. and [Mrs.] J. B. Sing, of Maritzburg, of [the] eldest daughter, Kumari Kousilla, to Kumar R. Pratap Singh, the [...] son of Mrs. Ramhur Singh, of [...] Estate, Sydenham, Durban. A [large] number of relatives and friends [were] present.

[A] welcome reception was accorded [by th]e Cardina Indian Sporting Club [to] Hajee E. A. Bhabha, of Belfast, [and] Hajee A. M. Chothia, of Machadodorp, who have returned from a [pilgr]image to Mecca.

[Mr.] G. A. Khan and D. K. Maharaj, [...] of Dannhauser, will shortly be [leavi]ng for Springs, Transvaal, and [will b]e the guests of Mr. and Mrs. K. [...], of Springs.

[Th]e engagement of Miss K. Aswat, [of Joh]annesburg, to Mr. Essop Timol, [...] Furniture Factory (Pty.), [Ltd.,] has now been announced.

Private Bobby Jumna Singh (Prithwiraj), third son of Mr. Jumna Singh, of Durban, who was in the Middle East hospital, has now recovered and joined his unit.

Mr. Sorabjee Rustomjee and Mr. Koopie Marie, of Durban, returned during the week after a month in the Transvaal.

Mr. D. Bramdaw, Editor of The Leader, has returned from the Transvaal, where he spent a month.

The following Johannesburg men have now returned from India: Messrs. N. M. Mistry (of Master Bros.); D. U. Mistry, B.A., Bar-at-Law; H. M. Mistry (of L. Mistry); J. Daya; Rambhai Bhana (Sana Lalla & Co., Bethal); Harrilal Lakhoobhai (of Roop & Mohan, Bethal).

Mr. Saleh Mahomed, secretary of the Transvaal Memon Educational Welfare Society, was in Lourenco Marques for the opening of the Madressa. He delivered an interesting address on Islamic education.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Juglee and children, of Maritzburg, spent the weekend at Durban with relatives.

Mr. P. J. Singh, of Dundee, is spending his holidays in Durban.

Mrs. E. Haffejee, matron at the Waterval Islamic Institute, has resigned from her post owing to ill-health.

Messrs. N. T. Mahomed, O. T. Mahomed, A. E. Jina, N. P. Tavdia, M. Bashor, D. Tavdia and Majid, of Carolina, have returned from their visit to Johannesburg and Pretoria.

Mr. R. Appasamy, of Dannhauser, spent his weekend at Ladysmith.

Mr. Mohan Kriparam, of Greytown, spent a week in Durban where he stayed at Peter's Lounge.

Mr. A. H. Soonka, of Pretoria, left for home on Sunday after spending a week in Durban. He had registered at Peter's Lounge.

Mr. Saleh Ahmed Effendi, of Algiers, spent a fortnight in Durban while en route to England. He booked at Peter's Lounge.

DOUBLE MUSLIM WEDDING

The marriage of the two daughters of Mr. Sacoor Mahomed, of "Medina Villa," and a well-known Maritzburg businessman, took place at the brides' residence on Saturday last. The canopy was beautifully decorated for the occasion.

A large gathering of people from Natal and Transvaal attended the wedding. Sara Bi-Bi was married to Hassam Essa, second son of Mr. Essa Hajee Osman, of Maritzburg, and Halima Bi-Bi to Gaffer Joosub, third son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Mahomed, of Overport, Durban, respectively.

Moulana Sayed Mohamed Safroodeen, of Durban, officiated at the Nikah ceremony and delivered waiz (lecture).

BARNABAS—DANIEL WEDDING

In spite of the inclement weather there was a fairly good gathering at the St. Paul's Indian Church, Maritzburg, recently to witness the marriage of Alban Ambrose, the second son of Mr. Daniel M. Govender, and Gladys Dorothea, the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Barnabas.

Father W. T. V. Langley solemnised the wedding, assisted by Rev. J. C. David.

The bride was dressed in a bridal lace dress interwoven with brocaded satin, a coatee to match, and a bridal veil.

She carried a bouquet of tuberoses, white narcissus and white chrysanthemums decorated with maidenhair ferns.

Miss Ivy Barnabas was bridesmaid. The two flowergirls were Hazel Daniels and Premi Barnabas. Miss Lorna Daniel was the maid of honour. All of them were dressed in orange lace dresses. The work of page boy was faithfully carried out by Master Leons and Somasundram.

The bridegroom had Mr. Samson Solomon as his best man.

The bride was given away by her father, Mr. E. Barnabas.

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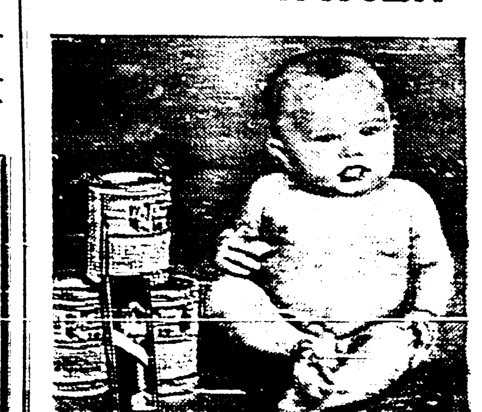

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Thanks Notices

Mr. and Mrs. S. Bhawani, of Dannhauser, wish to sincerely thank all relatives and friends throughout the Union for their assistance, congratulatory messages and presents given on the occasion of their marriage on the 24th May, 1942, at Pietermaritzburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Sacoor Mahomed, of 569 Church Street, Maritzburg, wish to express their sincere appreciation to all relatives and friends from Natal and Transvaal who sent telegrams, messages of good wishes and presents, and also for their kind help on the occasion of the marriage of their fourth and fifth daughters, Miss Sara Bi-Bi to Mr. Hassan Raza, and Miss Halima Bi-Bi to Mr. Gaffar Joosub.

Mr. Sheik Abdool and family, of Dannhauser, wish to thank all relatives and friends for their kind messages of sympathy sent in their recent sad bereavement.

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Case Against "Franchise"

THE scheme of franchise for the Indians, to which we made reference last week in our news columns, will be welcomed with some trepidation. Many will be for accepting it, while others will be suspicious. It is, however, a definite advance on the communal franchise which the African enjoys and which, it is alleged, works against the interest of the very people for whose welfare it has been evolved. The scheme, in itself, is good, an offer to a people who have enjoyed no practical benefits under the system of democracy which obtains in the country but, unfortunately, it falls far short of the aims and aspirations of the Indian people who have been claiming the right to be heard in the Parliament of the country for a very long time. The offer, if it had been motivated by sincerity and genuineness to extend a hand of friendliness to our people, would have emanated long ago, long before it was realised that the Indian in South Africa could not be only a mere spectator of world events. Even now the offer, although it has not yet been actually advanced to the Indian, smacks of an attempt to win the sympathy of the people by means which cannot wholly be described as overboard. Why should the European, who is anxious that the country should be governed with great facility, evolve another scheme of franchise while two are operating already? The introduction of three forms of franchise for the three groups of people defeats the very ends of democracy and makes government very complicated. Lincoln, when he thought of his new system of government, never, in his wildest dreams, could have imagined that the future world, claiming to be civilised, would place such a construction on the word "democracy." The Indian forms an integral portion of the population of the country. He has his roots deep down and no attempt to dislodge him will ever succeed. He must be reckoned in the order of things when the government of the country is decided upon.

Many are of the opinion that this is a case of the proverbial half a loaf, but unfortunately that is far from the truth. It is, according to some, a sop to distract the minds of the people from their objective—the common electoral roll. It may serve to quieten the agitation of the people, while they are busy playing with their new-found toy. When, however, they discover they have accepted the shadow for the substance, their fight, interrupted before it reached the climax, will and must begin anew. That will mean traversing familiar grounds and reiterating arguments. The acceptance of the franchise in the form proposed will also lead to the consolidation of the colour bar, for the basis of the compromise scheme is the colour bar. The Indians will help further the mischievous end of those white men who believe in the inferiority of the coloured peoples. There are only a quarter of a million Indians in this country, and at the most the Indian can never hope to outvote the white man. He will be represented in Parliament, but he will be quite unable to stem the onslaughts of differential legislation because of his minority. He will discover to his great concern that he has accepted something which militates against him. The Indian cannot accept part of the whole while he, too, is engaged in saving the principles and codes of the civilised world from being swamped by the forces of darkness and evil. He is in the fight lock, stock and barrel, and he must be given the maximum benefit possible under the creed he is out to defend.

Expropriation, Says Mr. A. I. Kajee, is an

UNADULTERATED ATTEMPT AT SEGREGATION

Very few realise the significance of the problem for the provision of Indian housing in and around Durban.

Within the boundaries of the city of Durban reside over 80,000 Indians, some 20,000 more reside around Durban in the ever-growing suburbs. These numbers constitute nearly half the Indian population of the Union.

Durban is the hub of Indian life in South Africa; it is here in Durban and Natal that the Indians' valuable contributions to the prosperity of the country are abundantly represented. It is here that by the concentration of his numbers the evils and sorrows that flow from a denial of citizenship rights are apparent, poverty abounds, incidence of tuberculosis takes a growing toll, and the criminal neglect of his housing conditions is glaringly manifested.

The Housing Act was passed in 1920; it has no colour bar; in fact, its objects are to bring better housing conditions primarily first within the reach of the lowest economic groups.

An enquiry conducted by Sir Edward Thornton in 1928 enjoined upon the city council of Durban to provide housing for its Indian population. The sum total of the city council's efforts in the 20 years since the passing of the Housing Act for its 90,000 Indian burgesses has been to erect 175 sub-economic and 22 economic houses at a cost of £80,800 as against an expenditure of £787,085 for the erection of 650 houses for the 86,000 European residents of Durban.

The city council's crime has not ended with neglect, but it has earned for itself the ignominy of a heartless user of power, it has cleared slums and turned people adrift, so much so that the Secretary for Public Health was constrained to inform the council that the Minister was not prepared to be a party to those people being turned adrift when there was no accommodation available for them elsewhere.

This is the unhappy background of the problem of Indian housing in Durban.

Whether to add to these miseries or to reform its ways the city council has now a scheme to expropriate over 2,000 acres of land in the Merebank, Riverside and Sydenham areas. The major portion of the land intended for expropriation belongs to Indians.

In an ambitious scheme on paper the city council proposes to eliminate the Indian from the Riverside and Sydenham areas and concentrate [illegible] at Merebank. This is an unadulterated attempt to achieve segregation [illegible] powers of the Housing Act. The council's desire to build 4,000 houses [illegible] Indians at Merebank over a period [illegible] eight years is very laudable; it [illegible] and shall find the support of the [illegible] dian community, but the council [illegible] not endeavour to use its design [illegible] segregating the Indian under the [illegible] of providing Indian housing elsewhere.

The council is the owner of considerable vacant land at Merebank; it can acquire at fair market value [illegible] European and Indian owners [illegible] vacant land in this locality. Let [illegible] prove its bona fides by making a beginning in the Merebank area; if it builds even a hundred houses for Indians [illegible] this area, which enjoys many advantages such as the level nature of the ground, the ample provision for transport and the proximity of industries where Indians are largely employed, the council would have earned [illegible] virtue of a change of heart.

The broad points for discussion advanced by the Natal Indian Congress to the council were that under no circumstances shall Indian-owned land be purchased and reallocated for European or Coloured housing schemes, or for resale to Europeans or Coloureds, and that Indian small holdings shall be purchased only for the express purpose of making roads and public amenities.

Whilst Indians have justifiably and harshly censured the city council, they cannot but deplore the attitude of certain of their public men in endeavouring to arrive at a solution of this problem.

Indians implore their public men in whose hands the destiny of many 100,000 Indians lies—that it is common to face an antagonistic city council and permanent officials without adding to the miseries of an already overladened community by the exhibition of whimsicalities.

A REALISTIC VIEW

The problem calls for a realistic view. The Indian case is just and infallible—the Broome Commission has sustained it. An attitude of destructive criticism is not enough. Concern and for choice sites for the well-to-do is a crime; the concern of the leaders should be for the poor, for the homeless and for the slum dweller.

Every exertion should be made to find points of mutual agreement with the city council and the Central Housing Board. We still believe we have friends in the city council, friends who are prepared to be just and who are not blinded by colour prejudice. We still feel that the Central Housing Board and the Minister are not motivated by the desire of achieving segregation.

The resolution to form a Joint Council of Action of the Indian Ratepayers' Associations, the Natal Indian Congress, the Natal Indian Association, the Nationalist Bloc, the Non-European United Front, the Indian Trade Unions, the Indo-European Council and the representatives of the [illegible] of Durban is a step in the right direction.

Let this Council of Action use every means to achieve a settlement equitable and fair to all. The Indians will not stand in the way of good [illegible] planning of roads and amenities, [illegible] the Indians give such portions of their land as are required for this.

The Indians must remember that they are a weaponless community. Their Motherland, India, is as helpless as they are. The impotent silence of the High Commissioner on this vital question is a proof of the helplessness of India and of the Indians of Durban.

It is therefore incumbent that they unite and be determined in all their [illegible] to overcome their own helplessness and overcome the wrongs that are contemplated against them by the proposed ruthless expropriation of their homes and lands.

[illegible] Franchise

THE LEADER SOUNDS INDIAN OPINION

Views For and Against the Proposed Scheme

[illegible] very great interest to the Indian community was the news regarding the franchise which emanated from a reliable source. [illegible] Leader representative, who went around tapping Indian views on [illegible] subject, obtained the interesting comments outlined below. The [illegible]ressions of opinion are the individual's own views and not those [illegible]ny organisation to which he belongs.

Individual Comments

[M]R. J. W. GODFREY, joint secretary of the Natal Indian Association:—

"[W]e want to be represented on the [com]mon electoral roll and enjoy the [franch]ise with the same advantages [and] disadvantages that face the white[s]. I said that ten years ago and [I say] it again. Representation in Par[liam]ent through any other medium [than] the common register is not accept[able]."

[M]r. Geo Singh, of the Nationalist [Bloc] of the Natal Indian Association:—

"Personally I feel that we should [acce]pt the franchise which is proposed [to] be offered to us. Once we have a [footing] in we shall be in a position to [ask] for more. The idea that there [will] be Indian M.P.s is quite a good [one].

"Our representatives in Parliament [wou]ld not be the representatives of [m]any organisations who, in many [case]s, oppose the wishes of the people. [The] Indian should make it his duty to [see] that he has a popular representa[ti]ve in the Houses of Parliament."

[M]r. Hans Maghrajh, the joint secre[tar]y of the Natal Indian Congress:—

"The acceptance of such a scheme [as] is proposed to be offered to the [Ind]ian people may lead to the [accept]ation of that very thing which we [are] fighting against tooth and nail—[the] Colour Bar.

"After all I do not see the reason [wh]y we should not be put on the com[mo]n roll. I do not think that there [is] a single country in the British [Em]pire where members of Parliament [are] elected on communal lines. South [Af]rica, being a part of the Empire, [sho]uld avoid such a proposal. There [are] thousands of pounds in taxes paid [by] Indians who are capable of [exe]rcising the vote better than a hobo [who]se skin happens to be white, and [yet] Indians cannot have a say in how [tha]t money may be spent.

"Again, we do not know how the [pr]oposed scheme will actually work. [W]ill it be on the same lines as Euro[pea]ns are elected, by population in [eac]h of the Provinces. I would, with[ou]t committing my group, say that [un]der the circumstances as a trial [me]asure we should accept the position, [bu]t under the same lines as the Euro[pe]an M.P.s are elected.

"From our own history in this coun[tr]y we may conclude, and be justified [in] doing so, that a delimitation com[mi]ssion may be set up later and work [to] the disadvantage of the Indian.

"It is possible to keep the Indian in [a] minority and we shall find our[se]lves in a peculiar position having [th]e vote, yet being unable to use it to [ou]r advantage."

[In]terviewed by The Leader Mr. [A]lbert Christopher declined to say [an]ything about the scheme of fran[ch]ise that is proposed to be given to [th]e Indian.

NO MEANING

Mr. D. A. Seedat, of the Nationalist [Bl]oc:—

"Representation, in any form what[ev]er in Parliament, cannot be accept[ab]le to the Indian in this country because of the harsh laws that already operate against him to his detriment. Until and unless these laws are repealed the Indian cannot entertain the franchise. Once such laws are repealed the vote will mean something to the people, otherwise it can never hope to have any meaning for the Indian people."

Mr. P. R. Pather, joint secretary of the Natal Indian Association:—

"It is a very sound move and the Indian people should accept the Franchise. We have agitated for it for a long time, but up till now we've had nothing practical.

"We objected to the communal system of representation as the native enjoys it because it has no practical value."

Mr. Pather suggested that in the event of such a scheme maturing the Indian should accept an educational qualification. It was, he said, the proverbial half a loaf which was better than no loaf at all.

"In Parliament Indian members may be successful in winning over the sympathies of some of the white M.P.s on any particular question affecting the Indian. The success of 'lobbying' substantiates this."

DROP IN THE OCEAN

Mr. Ashwin Choudree, a leading member of the Natal Indian Association:—

"If nothing else, the question of Franchise for the Indian community leaves one with the impression that in responsible circles they are at least thinking about it. This is a happy augury for our people, for it at least reveals that the stage has at last been reached when the Government of the country is satisfied that a decided move has to be made in this direction.

"Unless and until a definite pronouncement by the Government is made, it is difficult to comment on the form of franchise the community should accept. Though it might seem premature, your paper has adopted a wise and commendable course in bringing this matter to the forefront, for it is highly desirable that the general consensus of Indian opinion should be tapped, so that when the offer does come, as we hope it will in the not too distant future, the Indian leaders will not be at cross purposes as to its acceptance or rejection.

"Whilst I am on principle opposed to communal representation on the basis of a separate electoral roll, as this in all likelihood is bound to be construed as acquiescence on our part to segregation on Colour Bar lines, yet examining the matter from a realistic and practical point of view there is much that can be said in favour of such a scheme, as it would guarantee us our own Indian representatives in Parliament who can better represent the view of their own people, speaking as they would be as part and parcel of a people whom the 'shoe pinches.'

"To plump for a common electoral roll would keep intact the principles of democracy which we have always fought for, but this is fraught with the danger that the Indian vote might turn out to be a drop in the ocean, with no practical influence or significance whatsoever."

Mr. A. S. Kajee, a leading member of the Natal Indian Association:—

"We should accept the scheme as outlined in The Leader.

"It may be argued that a question of principle is involved, but we, who have been asking for the franchise for a long time, only have something tangible after a long time. We shall have Indians representing our interests and we'll be able to put up some fight anyway."

A TRANSVAAL VIEW

"It is inconceivable," said Mr. S. M. Nana, secretary of the Transvaal Indian Congress, "that the non-Europeans will get representation in Parliament. If it does come about then the war has been responsible for a change of heart."

Mr. O. J. Christopher, of Newcastle, said that the present proposals were a step forward. It was much better than even being on a common electorate where the Indian viewpoint might be lost in the general issues. He hoped with Parliamentary franchise would come municipal and provincial voting.

Mr. Sorabjee Rustomjee, vice-president of the Natal Indian Association, welcomed the franchise suggestions if they meant that Indians would be able to have their own representatives in Parliament.

"Indians can best express their own feelings better than anybody else on issues that affected them," he said, and quoted with approval the lines of Kipling: "The toad beneath the harrow knows exactly where each toothprick goes."

Mr. S. R. Naidoo, Natal Indian Association (Maritzburg):—

"The idea of giving Parliamentary representation to Indians should always be welcomed by us. It is stated that the franchise for the Indians should be on communal basis, that is to say, Indians voting for Indian candidates, who would sit in Parliament and represent Indian interests.

"The position today is: Indians in the Cape Province have the franchise on the common roll, but are debarred from being elected as members to Parliament; Indians have never had the franchise in the Transvaal. In Natal Indians did have franchise, but they were dispossessed of it in 1896.

"The net result of extension of franchise to Indians, even on a communal basis, is that in the Cape Indians would be allowed to sit as members in the Parliament, which is now barred to them; the Natal Indians will have franchise restored to them, and in the Transvaal the granting of franchise will be a new right to them. It will level up things and will bring the whole of the Indian community to enjoy the fruits of franchise.

"Parliamentary representation on communal basis does not give one a full-fledged democracy. It is a half-way house to democratic ideals. It would mean the isolation of interests rather than shouldering the multifarious interests of the country as true South Africans.

"South Africa should set up an ideal of inspiring a South African spirit by throwing open the door to attainment and enjoyment of democratic rights in their truest and fullest sense.

"Anything short of this ideal will never be the means of inviting Indians to take a full share of the country's responsibilities. Communal franchise in a larger degree never worked well in India. It will be in a miniature form in this country.

"If communal representation is seriously put forward for the consideration of Indians I would accept it as an experiment, subject to absorbing the system into the common roll and common representation after a transitional period of 10 years.

"As a first stage of our advance towards the goal of democracy I would accept communal franchise subject to, as I have stated, the absorption of the system into one homogeneous whole."

Mr. A. I. Kajee, who was on the point of leaving for Cape Town, when approached to state his views, said he was not in a position to make a statement.

Forget it!

—and tell the other man to do the same

The enemy is hungry for information—about merchant ships, so that he can destroy them—about Naval vessels, so that he can avoid them. Chatter is his best source of information. So if you hear anything about ships or shipping—FORGET IT!—no matter how unimportant it seems to you. If you hear someone else talking carelessly—tell him so. If he's sensible, he'll be glad you stopped him. If he isn't, he deserves to be made ashamed. And if he has anything to do with the supplying, loading or repairing of ships his carelessness is doubly dangerous, for he is in a position of trust and should forget all he sees and hears.

The best motto for everybody is "Hold your tongue and be proud of it."

DON'T TALK about Ships or Shipping!

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Our Readers Speak

Non-European Unity

Romesh Gautam, an Indian student, writes:—To an Indian student passing through your country, having been a victim of racial prejudice which puts Hitler to shame, it came as a shock to see how some cinemas, apparently under Indian control, apply the same principle in their treatment of Africans.

It may give an Indian a disproportionate sense of gratification to thus maltreat the Africans and one may not possibly deny a frustrated soul such a cheap consolation but for the fact that this plays straight into the hands of those who seem to so successfully misgovern this country.

To sit in moral judgment over the African is to allow somebody else to do the same to you.

Far more disconcerting are its political implications, with which alone I am concerned here.

To create artificial lines of demarcation between the non-Europeans and thus destroy the unity of this group is precisely what the ruling class of this country likes and anybody who helps to create that disunity is guilty of the grossest crime against the legitimate interests of all non-Europeans and ought to be condemned as such.

NATIONALIST BLOC CORRECTS FALSE IMPRESSION

In your issue of the 16th ult. there appeared a news item with reference to the seven expelled members of the Nationalist Bloc and their reinstatement.

The position is that the seven expelled members wrote to the Natal Indian Association asking them for their unconditional reinstatement.

The Natal Indian Association committee agreed to their reinstatement, but on certain conditions.

Up to the time of writing they have not been officially informed of what these conditions are, but we state now that it is unlikely that we shall agree to any conditions being attached to their reinstatement.

The position, therefore, now is that they are still out of the association and there has been no reinstatement of the seven expelled members.

We shall be grateful if you will kindly give this letter publicity so that readers who formerly had the impression that the expelled members begged for their reinstatement and, like prodigal "children," were taken back on condition that they promised to be "good boys," will now know that the inferences they have drawn from your report are entirely wrong.

A. K. M. DOORAT,
Hon. Secretary.

LIBERTY CAVALCADE

I would like to draw your attention to the Colour Bar which was practising at the Scottish Pavilion in the Liberty Cavalcade, Johannesburg, on Saturday, May 30, 1942.

The only pavilion which had Colour Bar was the Scotland, which had a prominent notice "European Only" displayed above the refreshment counter and above the entrance where refreshments were served on the tables.

There was no racial discrimination in any other pavilion; in fact, the stalls of the other Allied nations went out of their way to welcome Indians.

If the urge for colour discrimination bursts out at a fair sponsored by the Governor-General's War Fund in wartime, by the heart of the British Empire, Scotland, I wonder what the status of the Indians will be after the war when they will not need us any more.

There is always "as in England . . ." and locations for non-Europeans . . .

I hope you will write something about it in your widely-read paper.

and bring it to the notice of the Indians in general.

Incidentally, the Indian Pavilion raised an amount of over £1,500, which amount is the third largest raised by the Liberty Cavalcade in any of its stall.

HABIB V. KE-HAVJEE.
Pretoria.

"Madras Presidency" bomber squadron was, in December, 1939, the first R.A.F. squadron to encounter the German Messerschmitt 110s. The honours won by this squadron since the beginning of 1940 include 25 D.F.Cs and 15 D.F.M.s.

Dispute Alleged

Teachers Send Ultimatum

The Natal Teachers' Union has sent an ultimatum to the managers of aided schools warning them that if it does not receive a satisfactory reply to its demand for a minimum war allowance of £1 per teacher and the memorandum which it submitted recently the union will assume that a dispute has arisen and will approach the Minister of Labour for a Conciliation Board in terms of the Industrial Conciliation Act. The ultimatum which expires on Monday (15th), was decided upon by a special general meeting held at the Hindu Tamil Institute on Saturday.

In his report the secretary, Mr. I. C. Meer, said that the union now had a membership of over 500, and significant in the history of the aided teachers were the revisions of the salary scale since the existence of the teachers' union—a thing which had not been done for the last seventeen years.

The teachers adopted a relief scheme to help members of the profession who might be thrown out of work. A slight alteration was made on the scheme submitted by the subcommittee. Subscriptions to the relief fund would be on a pro rata basis, while payments from the fund would be at a flat rate.

A sum of £5 was voted to the tobacco workers who were thrown out of work by their employers who refused to pay wages according to the latest determination.

SIR SHAFA'AT IN DURBAN

The High Commissioner of India in South Africa, Sir Shafa'at Ahmad Khan, arrived in Durban on Saturday last. He will remain in Natal until the end of July and during his stay he will make an extensive tour of the province, visiting the North Coast and Northern Natal, and other places where there is a large concentration of Indian people.

He will gain first-hand information about the conditions of the Indian people in the province.

A mass meeting, under the auspices of the Nationalist Bloc of the N.I.A. will be held in the Red Square, Pine Street, tomorrow at half-past one to oppose expropriative subsoc of the Durban City Council.

TALK OF THE BAZAAR

BY "THE FAQIR"

COPY of a magazine that is no more has come my way. It is the number of "The Servitor," which launched a little under three years ago. Glancing through the pages I came across an innocent advertisement. It read: "Wanted, a widow with six children"—but when one reads further one finds that a widow is not the only one that some necessities of life are wanted by the widow. I am not sure whether it was the widow that all must have whom it was getting over the heads of friends and others. The aims and objects of "The Servitor" were worthy ones and it is a pity that the magazine has had to go under. However I can recall which had their hopes and are now ghosts of the past, the "New Outlook" and "The Indian Opinion." "The New Outlook" had a promising run, but time took heavy toll.

QUESTION OF THE HOUR

The burning question of the hour is, of course, expropriation. The attention of all Indian people is focused on that. For the past fortnight I attended meetings which were called to discuss the business of expropriation. There was very high tension at two of them—Riverside and Merebank—and the affair at Sydenham, summed up in popular parlance, was "flat." At Riverside the people won't move, whereas taken the other week revealed that none of the people want to sell their homes. At Merebank feeling was running so high that one gentleman suggested even to the residents that their landlords should use a chillie powder bomb and ply the broomstick on anyone who came round telling them to sell their land. He will be a particularly thick-headed person who, after this, tries to convince the Indian citizen in that area to sell.

A MISTAKE

Last week I mentioned the annual plays of Sastri College and gave the result of "All the Cobbler," that delightful comedy, to Mr. R. Godefroy. Since learn (the experience hasn't been too pleasant) that Mr. Ray Wars producer produced that play. Sorry. In passing I may inform my readers that the Sastri College Dramatic Society, in response to numerous requests, will put on a special performance of the three plays tonight (Saturday). If I succeed in convincing the doorkeeper why I should see the plays gratis I shall do so by all means. It is a good deviation from the silver screen.

FAME

The fame of some men is such that they can never be away from any place for any length of time without somebody getting inquisitive about their whereabouts. It was a month or Thursday since Mr. Sorabjee Rustomjee left the boundaries of Natal with surprising suddenness. Since then a lot of people have been asking a lot of questions. They want to know where he is. I can assure all of them that Mr. Rustomjee is somewhere and will turn up when least expected. He is also quite capable of keeping on the right side of the law. Don't forget he was a politician until late. This brings me to his opponent Abdullah who has, for the moment, forsaken the screen for politics. Of the result of his venture in films I can't say much as I do not want to break Ashok's heart. Did I hear somebody whisper, "What about the N.I.A. Conference, scheduled for Union Day?" I am not in a position to say that that also disappeared with Mr. Sorabjee Rustomjee.

DARLING DADOO

Daring Dadoo has now become Darling Dadoo, some say, to Imperialism of some sort. Once he went to gaol for dissuading the non-European from helping in the war and cried out for the overthrow of British Imperialism. Today he calls for a united South Africa—European and non-European—to meet the challenge of Fascism. In a draft manifesto issued in the Transvaal he says the European alone cannot defend South Africa. "The threat to South Africa is a threat to the whole population. Participation in the defence of South Africa is the right and the duty of all South Africans, irrespective of their colour."

To the non-European people the Fighting Doctor says: "Forward to the defence of our country, to victory over the Fascist enslavers, to freedom and to a free South Africa."

"PROGRESSIVE" TEACHERS SUSPENDED

Two non-European teachers in the Transvaal, it is alleged, have been suspended for insubordination. They are Mr. George Carr and Mr. Perumal Nayar, chairman and secretary of the Progressive Group of Teachers.

Mr. Carr was first informed by telegram of his suspension from the profession and a few days later Mr. Nayar received a letter from the Transvaal Education Department stating that certain charges had been formulated against him.

The charges are based on certain paragraphs which appeared in the journal of the Progressive Teachers' Group. The paragraphs in question are: (1) "We hear that two Coloured applicants have been interviewed by the Witwatersrand Central Board in connection with the Coronation Township scheme. We are awaiting the result. Experience has shown that Coloureds must be regarded as a sign that a Coloured man will be appointed. We have recently heard of three Indian applicants, one of them, at least, is the post which he failed to get a few days ago.

"As we predicted a white man has been appointed to this school. We are glad that he is a Mr. — from a Coloured school.

"We will now probably be told what impression he is, etc., etc. . . .

"We congratulate Mr. — on his promotion. Nowhere to Rondebosch, to Klipfontein—then, this Township.

"All this in a very few years.

The evidence to warrant this rise unfortunately escaped our notice."

(Continued from preceding column)

"Incidentally, we wonder if the Coloured applicants concerned displayed wisdom in attacking, belittling and disparaging each other as we were informed that they did. We hold that it would not matter a jot to us which of the two had been chosen, as long as he was Coloured.

"Remember, the authorities welcome the opportunity to tell us that they cannot appoint a Coloured man because we ourselves are divided on the issue."

JOHANNESBURG SETS AN EXAMPLE

Relief for Poor Indians

Public charity should be the burden of the Government and the local bodies, but, as the Johannesburg City Council which has created a social welfare department for the distribution of poor relief to all people.

At first the welfare work was maintained by subscription from the people but now it is a department controlled by the municipality.

The rations, which are issued fortnightly to needy Indians, are an example of rationing which the City Council of Durban may well emulate when it makes up the parcels for its Indian employees in the Magazine Barracks.

The following are contained in a parcel made up for three adults or one adult and four children or two adults and two children under 10 years: 6 lbs. beans; 3 lbs. Indian rice; 1½ lbs. tea; 9 lbs. basmeal or orders on a bakery for 8 lbs. bread; 2 lbs. salt; 6 lbs. sugar; 3 lbs. butaain (peanut butter); 2 tins condensed milk; 2 lbs. [illegible] rice; 1lb. samp mealies. With parcel C/F will also be issued orders on a store for 6 lbs. mutton.

NEW TEMPLE AT STANGER

With a view to the management of all affairs for the erection of a new temple, the Stanger Hindu Temple Society has been formed with the following office bearers:—

President, Mr. Ramsamy Padiachy; vice-presidents, Messrs. A. P. Naidoo, M. M. Moodley and Maganlall Patel; joint secretaries, Messrs. R. Coopsamy Naidoo and S. Sadatchuram; treasurer, Mr. V. A. Padayachee; committee, Messrs. M. Manicka Moodley, C. V. Naidoo, Kissendath Maharaj, Muthusamy Naicker, R. Govindasamy Naidoo, Patchamuthoo Pillay, Lutchusingh, Moonsamy Govender, Purshotum Hira, Gungarajpa Reddy, S. P. Pather, Newa Maharaj, P. S. Pillay, R. Virasamy Naidoo and V. D. Padayachee.

It is estimated that the cost of the building will be approximately £750. The officials are confident that they would not find great difficulty in raising the sum required, since they anticipate many voluntary contributions. An canvassing tower was already made at the meeting and the sum of £551 15s., plus one-third acre of land was promised by those present.

Tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Gandhi Library the Liberal Study Group will move "that the non-European United Front is in the best interests of the Indians of South Africa." The Stanger Debating Society will oppose the motion. Dr. H. Cohlans and Mr. S. Coopoo will adjudicate. Messrs. G. S. Naidoo, R. D. Lalla, V. Augustine and A. Naidoo will represent Stanger Debating Society. Debi Singh will lead the Group Team.

Sastri Plays

High Standard of Acting

Three plays were presented by the Sastri College Dramatic Society last week. Acting was of a very high standard.

In "Twice is Too Much," a Persian fantastic comedy produced by Mr. Roy Warriner, H. Mall, as Abu Hassan, a ballad-monger, interpreted his role very well. He seems to be a natural comedian. Equally successful was A. T. Ally who played the part of Abu Hassan's wife. His was a difficult role well done. Others in the play were M. P. Pather, who portrayed the Caliph of Baghdad suitably, Percy Reshwar as his wife, the Princess Zobede. In the minor roles were R. B. Maharaj, the Grand Vizier; J. Samuel, Ishar; A. S. Harris, Aspah; G. R. Mahajal, a merchant of India; and S. Andhee, H. Unirew and E. M. Naidoo.

D. Rai, as Nat Bartlett, a disillusioned seaman, was excellent in "Where the Cross Is Made." The effect of his part depended on oratory rather than action and Rai succeeded in interpreting it well. R. Sobin was good as Capt. Bartlett, an "old salt" still haunted by memories of a treasure cove. Others in the play were H. Sewpersadh, Doc Higgins; S. M. Pather, John Bartlett. The play was produced by Mr. H. S. Miller.

K. Somers, as Sapiens, the husband of Hippolyta, the Amazon queen, stole the next play, "The Warrior's Handband." He played his part skilfully and drew applause from the crowd. S. Madray as Antiope; D. Laljee as Hereules and R. A. Aggie as Gagantua also acted well. Others in the play were S. Viravana, Sergeant; M. H. H. Ismail, Hippolyta; S. A. Kathrada, Paris; D. Rampartal, Pompeia; H. B. Singh, Theseus; A. N. Yusuf, a soldier. This play was also produced by H. S. Miller.

Owing to numerous requests the plays will be put on tonight (Saturday) as a special performance at Sastri College.

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On Sunday last the wedding was solemnised at the residence of Mr. Nathoo V. Bezar of Lawrence Deet, the second daughter of Mrs. Lalloo Bhoola, formerly of Newcastle, to Goolabdas, the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Amaddeo, of Dundee.

Mr. Bhawanlal Maharaj, of Maritzburg, assisted by Mr. Vithal Lala, of Ladysmith, performed the nuptial ceremony.

Pupils of the Ladysmith Gujrati Ratri Shala sang Mungalam songs after the wedding.

On the next day a reception was given to the young couple in the supper room of the Dundee Theatre by Mr. Amaddeo, father of the bridegroom.

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SHIRE'S CALCULATIONS UPSET

WARWICKSHIRE'S calculations for the League were upset on Saturday afternoon by Shamrocks, who defeated them in a decisive fixture. The League now stands between Shamrocks and Stella. In their first engagement Shamrocks, playing with a weakened side, went down to Stella. Each side has lost two points. Shire is a point behind, having drawn a game and lost one.

Both sides started off at a cracking pace, but after twenty minutes Shamrocks appeared to have sized up Shire, and a good move in the front line resulted in the Shamrock centre-forward scoring from the eighteen-yard range.

One goal down the Shire forwards came foraging, but poor shooting in front of the goal robbed them of any chance to equalise. In turn Shamrocks, who combined better than the Shire team, forced the pace and increased their lead when their centre-forward scored again from a brilliant cross by Jhaveri, at outside left.

Sunny, Shire's inside left, reduced the deficit immediately.

Halftime score, Shamrocks 2, Warwickshire 1.

On the resumption both teams made many good moves and assaulted each other's defences in turn, but could not pierce them.

In a concerted attempt Shire found that the Shamrock defences were very sound. Jhaveri, of Warwickshire, and the Shamrocks' right-back played exceptionally well towards the end. There was no score in the second half.

Final score: Shamrocks 2, Warwickshire 1.

QUEENS WIN

In the B division Sydenham, playing Queens on No 1, provided some fast and at times thrilling soccer. Sydenham dominated the game throughout, but Queens ran out winners by 3—2.

Schools, the leading team in the B rank, had their own way with Duffs Road United, beating them by five goals to nil.

Rangers beat Pirates 5—2.

OTHER RESULTS

JUNIOR: Warwickshire 2, Aces 2; Centrals A 2, Overport Rangers 2; Stella 3, Sydenham 1; Stars 2, Centrals B 1.

JUVENILE A: Sastri 2, Central 1.

JUVENILE B: Stella 3, Sydenham Royals 1.

COUNTY

JUNIOR, LEAGUE CUP: Shamrocks 4, Pirates 2; Riverside 2, Bellair 1.

SENIOR, MIDDLETON'S TROPHY: Shaves 1, Bellair 1; Riverside 2, Cliff View Royals 2.

MUSLIM TENNIS CLUB

The following have been elected officials of the Muslim Tennis Club, Pretoria:—

Patron, Mr. Abas Suliman; president, Mr. H. M. Keshavjee; vice-president, Mr. E. A. Abas Gani; joint treasurers, Messrs. Omar Suliman and Moosa Gani; secretaries, Messrs. E. N. M. Ayob and C. O. Alli.

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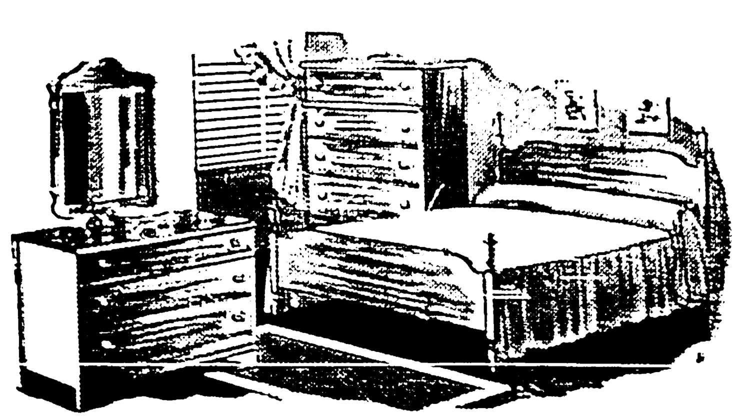

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WEEKEND SOCCER FIXTURES

CURRIE'S FOUNTAIN (Today)

NATAL CUP COMPETITION

Senior A: 2.15 p.m., Warwickshire vs. Daffodils (No. 1), M. S. Badat; 3.30 p.m., Stella vs. Shamrocks (Main), K. Roopnarian.

Senior B: 2.15 p.m., Sydenham vs. Schools (Main), P. Moosa; 3.30 p.m., Queens vs. Silver W. Rangers (No. 1), P. M. Thomas.

Junior: 2.15 p.m., Central B vs. Central A (No. 2), C. Peters; 3.30 p.m., Sydenham vs. Aces (No. 2), K. M. Pillay; 2.15 p.m., Overport Rangers vs. Warwickshire (No. 3), R. Bijou; 3.30 p.m., Stars vs. Stella (No. 3), Y. S. Mulla.

Juvenile A: 2.15 p.m., Stars vs. Warwickshire (No. 4), D. A. Pather; 3.30 p.m., Clairwood Riverside vs. Central (No. 4), P. Chitai.

COUNTY (Tomorrow)

LEAGUE

Junior: 12.45 p.m., Shamrocks vs. Riverside.

Senior Middleton's Trophy: 2 p.m., Bellair vs. Shaves; 3.15 p.m., Riverside vs. Cliff View.

MAYVILLE (Tomorrow)

Seniors: Manning Rangers vs. Cato Stars (No. 1), 2.15 p.m.; Pirates vs. Westerners (No. 1), 3.30 p.m.; Riversdale vs. Moonlighters (No. 2), 2.15 p.m.; Sydenham United vs. Mayville (No. 2), 3.30 p.m.

Juniors: Lombardy vs. Stella Hill (No. 1), 12.30 p.m.

STANGER (Tomorrow)

1.30 p.m., Doornkop vs. Glodhow B at Glodhow. Referee, Mr. P. Kistan.

3.30 p.m., United vs. Rangers at Glodhow. Referee, Mr. P. Kistan.

Pirates vs. Kearsney A at Kearsney. Referee, Mr. H. C. Maraj.

Glodhow A vs. Kearsney B at Kearsney. Referee, Mr. Samuel.

TENNIS FINALS AT SASTRI COURTS

The following are the results of the elimination matches in the A division of the Natal tennis singles, concluded on Sunday:—

FIRST ROUND

A. H. Bismillah beat E. Gany 6—1, 6—2.

J. Jewan beat J. Ramburan 6—1, 6—0.

D. Laljee beat D. Roopnarian 6—1, 6—4.

S. M. Maistry beat S. Roopnarian 6—4, 6—2.

I. Bramdaw beat S. R. Govender 6—1, 6—1.

S. S. Maharaj beat T. M. Moodley 6—1, 6—2.

S. K. Maistry beat P. C. Pather 7—5, 6—3.

A. K. Omar beat R. C. Moodley 6—3, 7—5.

SECOND ROUND

M. S. Pillay beat Bismillah 6—3, 7—5; Laljee beat Jewan 6—4, 6—4; Bramdaw beat S. M. Maistry 6—3, 6—3; Maharaj beat S. K. Maistry 6—1, 6—1.

THIRD ROUND

M. S. Pillay beat Omar 6—0, 6—1; Bramdaw beat Laljee 6—4, 7—5.

FOURTH ROUND

Maharaj beat Pillay 6—1, 6—1. Finals will be played between Bramdaw and Maharaj tomorrow at Sastri courts.

"B" DIVISION

In the B division the semi-finals between Y. A. Vawda and M. Osman will be concluded tomorrow at Sastri College courts. The winner will play A. H. I. Mahomed in the finals for the Natal honours tomorrow. The doubles finals will also be played at Sastri courts in the A and B divisions.

Sports Chatter

By "The Sportsman"

Badly knocked by Shamrocks ... Saturday were Shires. They're out of the calculations for the League. Shamrocks, who've just been promoted, are walloping the seasoned teams. They might annex League honours. They meet Stella in the final.

Credit for Shamrocks' win on Saturday goes to their right-back. He's heading for inter-town honours and if George Singh wants to sit tight on the right-back position in the Durban team he'll have to buck up.

Shire may put the blame on Jhaveri of Shamrocks, for their defeat. He was brilliant on Saturday.

The Juveniles still continue to set the example as far as dressing goes at Currie's Fountain. Come on you senior teams, you won't come down a peg or two if you emulate the kids.

In the Natal tennis world Bramdaw and Maharaj are holding their own. They'll have to keep very fit for there are a couple of youngsters knocking at the gates.

I've just heard it whispered that it is not so much patriotism that has impelled Transvaal not to enter the South African Tennis Tourney. Rather, they're afraid the honours will come to Natal.

Of course, if Transvaal does not enter there won't be much of a tourney. There'll be no competition for Natal.

POOR SOCCER AT STANGER

Stanger United travelled to Doornkop on Sunday last and, in a close game, beat Doornkop 2—1. Referee, Mr. M. Kallan.

Glodhow Rangers beat Tea Blenders of Kearsney, 2—1 in a very poor game. Referee, Mr. Samuel.

Kearsney A beat Rangers 1—0 in an uninteresting match. Rangers failed to score from a penalty and, on the whole, the match did not provide the thrills expected from these two teams. Referee, Mr. V. G. Augustine.

It was left to the Pirates, the youngest team in the Association, to provide the highlights of the afternoon. Gallantly they held out against the powerful Glodhow A and forced a goalless draw. Overconfidence led to the Glodhow team's downfall. Referee, Mr. V. G. Augustine.

Mr. George Morrice, of Mauritius, after spending a fortnight in Durban at Peter's Lounge, left on Sunday morning for Beira.

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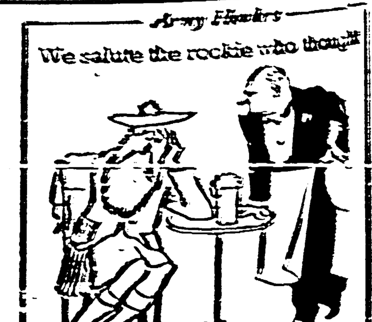

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"EXPROPRIATION ... IS SEGREGATION"

...A. Officials Asked to Give Effect to Passive Resistance

EXPROPRIATION was described as a blatant attempt to achieve segregation at a mass meeting held under the aegis of the ...tionalist Bloc of the Natal Indian Association at the Red Square ... Sunday. Speakers, representing the Ratepayers' Association of ...erside and Merebank, local trade unions, and the Non-European ...ited Front condemned the move of the Durban City Council.

The meeting protested against expropriation; resolved to give all ... to the affected areas and called upon the Natal Indian Association ... put into effect the promises it made at the City Hall last year ... the landowners concerned to resist expropriation to the bitter end, ... necessary with Passive Resistance. It supported all attempts ... the formation of a joint council of action. Copies of resolutions have ...en sent to the City Council and responsible Government authorities.

"Firm Vows"

...R. GEO. SINGH briefly explained ...he situation to the meeting and ... the "firm vows" made by the ... Indian Association last year. ...lled upon Mr. Sorabjee Rustomjee ... other officials of the Natal Indian ...ssociation, who were now offering ...counter proposals to the Minister, ...plement their promises.

The element of segregation, Mr. Singh said, was still present in the counter-proposals.

The City Council had failed in its promises to the Indians and the speaker was afraid that in this scheme of housing and town planning it was also likely to be productive of no benefit to the Indian community. The Housing Scheme at Cato Manor bore testimony to this.

At the beach, the speaker recalled, the Indians gave in to the desire of the City Council to separate the beach for Indians and Europeans, when the Council promised to provide amenities for the Indian people.

"The only improvement effected in the Indian area was two latrines as opposed to the multitude of amenities provided for the Europeans."

Even with the Minister's approval wholesale communal ejection of a people was not possible if the people were united on the issue, Mr. Singh concluded.

Mr. B. A. Maharaj stressed the fact that expropriation would lead to the creation of locations of Indians, similar to those in the Transvaal.

The Nationalist Bloc, the speaker assured the people, would stand by those who were affected—even to the extent of going to prison. Compromise had not led the Indians anywhere and the success of the fight against expropriation depended on the unity of the Indian people.

"The war," Mr. Maharaj concluded, "cannot be one for democratic ideals if the Government of the country allows such schemes to go through."

Other speakers at the meeting were Mr. J. Powys, chairman of the Merebank Indian Ratepayers' Association, Mr. N. Gopatel, secretary of the Riverside and Briardene Ratepayers' Association, Mr. M. D. Naidoo, secretary of the non-European United Front, and Mr. I. C. Meer, president of the Natal University College Students' Union (non-European section).

Over £20 was collected for the Joint Council of Action.

More Beds For Seamen

"The Research Group of the Natal University College Students' Union is doing good work," Mr. Geo. K. Maghrajh told The Leader when commenting upon the success of the Group with regard to the agitation which the students raised about the conditions under which Indian merchant seamen were housed at the Point until recently.

Mr. Maghrajh, who is the joint secretary of the Students' Union, said as a result of their representations one hundred and forty beds and mattresses and six new cooking utensils have been provided for the seamen.

"The place," Mr. Maghrajh added, "is being renovated and thoroughly cleaned out.

"The authorities are cooperating to the best of their ability and have been sympathetic to all our requests and I hope that the place will be in a very satisfactory condition soon."

There is immediate need for fifty more beds and mattresses and cooking utensils. Mr. Maghrajh believes that these will be provided very soon.

The Durban Indian Life Savers' Club will entertain the High Commissioner, Sir Shafa'at Ahmad Khan, and the medical staff of a hospital ship at Peter's Palais de Danse this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

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M. A. JINNAH'S APPEAL

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The Avon Club has sent the following for publication:

"Mr. Mohammed Ali Jinnah, president of the All-India Muslim League, has published the following appeal to the Muslims of India in his paper, "The Dawn," of April 5, 1942.

"'You know the world is in a great turmoil. The conflagration of the war, which started in Europe, has enveloped the two hemispheres and its flames have now reached the gates and borders of India. The face of the world is being changed rapidly and like every nation we must be prepared to meet the grave dangers threatening our very existence. We must, therefore, be fully prepared to deal with all exigencies and critical situations that may arise or develop from time to time with courage, calmness, self-reliance, and fortitude.

"'The renaissance of Indian Muslims began about five years ago under the banner of the All-India Muslim League; and Muslim India, thank God, is no longer in a paralytic state, and has, at last, roused itself from the deadly slumber and shaken off the lethargy of decades. In this short period we have, I am glad to say, made big strides, but you must realise that we are still far away from being efficiently and fully organised to be able to reach our destination. We have yet to achieve and accomplish our goal of Pakistan.

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"'So far we have not raised any general funds and have managed somehow or other with the meagre means at our disposal. This is the first time that I am making an appeal seriously and solemnly for funds, as I feel that the time has come when it is no longer possible to carry on the administration at home and propaganda abroad of this growing and powerful organisation that we have built up with hardly any money.

"'I, therefore, most earnestly appeal to every Musalman, rich or poor, to contribute his or her mite to the fund of the All-India Muslim League so that we may all more effectively carry out the aims and objects and policy and programme of the Muslim League, which may enable us to fulfil our sacred mission of safeguarding the interests of Muslim India and establishing Pakistan in our homelands in the North-Western and Eastern zones of India.

"'I have thought very carefully over the different ways of collecting funds and after due consideration I have come to the conclusion that the best course for those who wish to help us is to send their contributions direct to me for the purposes mentioned above.

"'I cannot impress too strongly upon the Musalmans of India that the present is the most critical time in our history and if we are not well equipped, vigilant or active, there might be a setback for us from which we may never recover.

"'I am confident that my appeal will not fail.

"'Islam expects every Musalman to do his duty by his people and by his nation.

"'(Signed) M. A. JINNAH.'"

Mr. Jinnah's appeal as above has been taken up by the Avon Club (Social and Sporting), which appeals to all the Muslims of South Africa to contribute to this just and worthy cause.

All contributions to be sent to Mr. A. S. Kajee, of 209 West Street, Durban, Natal.

RAND VARSITY STUDENTS

Body to Represent Non-European Interests

At the inaugural meeting of the Witwatersrand University Non-European Students' Union formed in Johannesburg recently the following officials were elected: President, ... Mosima, B.A. (Rand); ... Njongwe, B.Sc. (S.A.); assistant secretary and treasurer, M. ... (S.A.); committee, Miss ... Messrs. D. Tavaria, M. A. ... E. Conco.

The aims of the union are to protect and represent the interests of Non-European students at the university ... research; provide entertainment for members of the union, and in the establishment of a residence for non-European students.

As the majority of non-European students are medicals it is hoped that through the efforts of these men much will be done to improve the health of the non-European community as a whole in the way of ... their health and living conditions.

Apart from the practical value of such research to the future ... of the community the students are alive to the fact that if they are to contribute anything to the welfare of their fellow men and women they must begin taking an active interest in the various problems that will face them when they qualify.

The University Students' Union eventually hopes that the non-European students at Fort Hare, the University of Cape Town and the ... will form local bodies of their own with a view to the ultimate formation of a central body of South African non-European students of which the bodies of the various universities will be affiliated members.

Such a body, if it should ..., ought to be able to contribute ... towards the wellbeing of non-Europeans in this country and ... attempt to make life tolerable for ... pigmented peoples of South Africa.

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... N. Naicker, senior assistant ... staff of the Glencoe Government Indian School and secretary of the Glencoe and District Indian Association, has been notified ... transfer on promotion as headmaster of the Wesselsneck Government Indian School.

... betrothal ceremony of Mr. Aru... son of Mr. and Mrs. P. M. ..., Maritzburg, to Miss Par... daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. ... Nayagar, of Pretoria, will take place at Pretoria tomorrow ...).

... Geo. K. Maghrajh and I. S. ... of Durban, have completed the ... ments of the Attorneys' Admission Examination.

... R. Dehaloo, senior, of Isipingo, ... spending a week's holiday at the ... of Mr. and Mrs. Goordeen ... of Dannhauser.

... was an examination of the ... bank Madressa School recently. ... examiner was Moulana Hanief ..., of Maritzburg. A function ... held after the examination at ... Messrs. Ebrahim E. Ameen, ... Sahib, and Ismail Mohammed ...

... S. Lingham and Miss R. Lingham of Port Elizabeth, who spent a ... months in Durban, have now returned home.

... and Mrs. H. S. Mall, Mrs. A. ... Mall, and Y. S. Mall returned ... Waschbank after a holiday in ...sburg and district.

... daughter to Mr. and Mrs. E. I. ..., of Durban. Mother and ... well.

... A. Rawley, headmaster of the ...stle Government Indian School, ... sick leave. Mr. N. C. Naidoo, of ... school staff, is acting in place of ... Rawley.

... Rugbeer Maharaj, the well-known wrestler, is on a professional ... to Cape Town.

... Gangaram M. Singh, builder and ...ect, of Newcastle, spent the last ... end at Volksrust.

... and Mrs. M. J. Francis, of ..., who attended the Triduum in ... of St. Anthony in Maritzburg ... week, stayed at Mrs. P. Thomp...

... special general meeting of the ... Educational Union held in ... last week it was unanimously ... to reorganise the union and ... a secretary. With this end in ... general meeting has been convened for Sunday, June 21, at the ... Library Hall, in Queen Street, ... a.m. Indian youths and organisations are invited to take part in the ... Mr. George Maistry ... occupy the chair.

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"I ASK the young women and girls of Durban to wake up, come out and come forward," said Miss Minnie Ramowtar when she spoke at a banquet given by the Liberal Study Group to the members of the Stanger Debating Society last Sunday. "Our brothers in this country have for long," she continued, "been fighting and struggling, but we women have not given them any help. We should join them and stand beside them and work with them.

"It is true that some of our fathers, brothers and husbands give us no chance to do anything. They are old fashioned and out of date. But it is also true that many of us are quite free to take an active part in social and even political affairs. It is our job to free our less fortunate sisters. But what have we done?"

PREFACING her speech with the remarks that although she was young and inexperienced she had consented to speak Miss Ramowtar said: "Everyone today is talking of progress and a new order. But are you aware that progress and a new order mean great and radical changes? Do you know that the one thing that the old people hate is change? Do you know that in present-day society we have old men and women at the head of affairs?

"Have we then the best conditions for progress? I do not think so. The minds of old people move along a rut into which they got many years ago. They will not come out of it. They will not adapt themselves to changing circumstances. This is because their minds as well as their bodies are tired.

"However, we young people have no right to sit back and blame our fathers and mothers for things which they are doing or not doing.

"We have to snatch the power which we so much want. It will not be given to us. To do that we have to wake up, come out, and play an active part in the affairs of society.

"In a country like South Africa, which is full of snobbery, prejudice, and narrowness, it is important that youth take a lead for the sake of progress. The young non-Europeans have to be the most active because their people are the most oppressed. The non-European women have to wake up from their long sleep and do something for the good of their people," Miss Ramowtar concluded.

A JOHANNESBURG MARRIAGE

The marriage of Ramsingh, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Narrandes, of Glencoe, to Yashoda (Flora), eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Singh, of Martindale, Johannesburg, took place on Sunday last at the bride's residence.

The popularity of the contracting parties was seen from the large gathering at the ceremony and from the numerous telegrams and letters of congratulation received from all parts of the Union.

The married couple were the recipients of many valuable presents.

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The City Council's Promises

THE suspicions of the Indians over the honesty of the housing scheme and town planning proposals of the Durban City Council are founded on fact—a chain of broken promises over a number of years. Their opposition is not just the cry of men who, it is contended, do not see the good that will accrue to themselves if they accede to the acquisition of their land by the City Council; it is a cry against the failure of the City Council to fulfil its promises to the Indian people made years ago; it is a cry against the sustained policy of the City Council to discriminate on racial grounds.

Evidence is not lacking to support these contentions. In Durban one of the most glaring abuses of a trust placed in the Council is the non-provision of amenities in the bathing area on the beach which has been set aside for the use of the Indian people. When, first, the City Council decided to demarcate the beach into separate areas for the Indians, Africans, and Europeans, the Indians lodged protests and objected to this move as it was obviously based on the fallacious belief that the European was a much superior being compared to the non-European. But, finally, when the City Fathers promised all sorts of attractive amenities for the Indian in the demarcated areas they gave in, so that, at least, the community would benefit. They genuinely believed that the Council meant to stand by its promises and that it had been actuated by a desire to see to the betterment of all the sections of the population. That belief has been shattered, for the only fulfilment of those promises made so lavishly has been the provision of two latrines and a few used kiosks which saw service at the South Beach.

It is a striking testimony to the sincerity, or rather the lack of sincerity, on the part of the City Council in its dealings with the Indian people. Two latrines have been the result of a compromise made with the City Council. The memory of that event has not yet faded and the Indian cannot believe in almost anything the Council says. In contrast to these two latrines are the multitude of amenities provided for the Europeans on a portion of the beach only a few minutes' distant. Even the Indian children do not come in for the consideration of the City Fathers when they decide on playgrounds and swimming baths for children. As far as they are concerned the Indian does not exist except when it is for the acquisition of land to house European artisans and to herd the Indian people into locations. The injustice of all this is that the Indian is just as much a ratepayer as the European and his money goes for the provision of recreation facilities for the European children. The money could well have been used for Indian children.

Another black mark against the City Council in its dealings with the Indian people is the housing problem. Competent authorities have long ago stated that housing is a question which any municipality cannot ignore. Some years back the City Council hit upon the brain idea of providing economic and sub-economic houses for the Indian people on the fringe of the city and thus it launched out on the ambitious scheme at Cato Manor. The final verdict on that scheme has been left to the Indian and he has with good reason called it a "blot on the landscape of Durban." That is the sum total of the Council's effort to provide houses for the Indian people and now it would have the Indian believe that once again it is motivated by a genuine impulse to improve housing conditions for the Indian and to that end it is anxious to acquire Indian-owned land at Riverside, Sydenham, and Merebank.

At Riverside it has made no attempt to conceal its motives, it wants the land for the Europeans. At Sydenham and Merebank it will return the land to the Indian people. Unfortunately the whole scheme smacks of segregation and is an attempt to isolate the Indians and ultimately put them into locations. It could well achieve town planning and housing without resorting to wholesale expropriation. Time and again it has been pointed out to it that there is plenty of land available and in fairness to the people it could develop that land first.

Whenever a housing scheme for Europeans has been decided upon the City Council has never turned to expropriation, but has developed unoccupied land. If it had not been for the particularly black record of the City Council the Indian might have fallen for this scheme. However, they have seen through the fabric of sham and have decided that they are going to oppose expropriation. Even if this is a really genuine attempt—it is hard to believe that it is—on the part of the City Council, we are afraid, it will not succeed in convincing the Indian that it is motivated by sincerity.

It will have to adopt another approach and that is to develop the tracts of vacant land at Merebank, Sydenham, and Riverside first and then probably it will be allowed to develop, piecemeal, the badly-planned area. The City Council can never hope to allay the suspicions of the Indians which it aroused years ago and has consistently fostered by means of broken promises and adverse municipal legislation. It has yet to convince the Indian people, by action, that the City of Durban is engaged in a war to save democratic ideals. It will only be able to do that if it leaves aside its schemes which are actuated by the discrimination on colour.

Heroic Exploits on the Heights of Keren

By Sir Shafa'at Ahmad Khan

(High Commissioner in the Union of South Africa in the course of a national broadcast from Durban delivered last Monday ...)

I HAVE just returned from a tour of Egypt and the Western Desert and as some of the places which I visited in my tour which had been the scene of democracy's military supremacy during the last two years are again witnessing a fierce struggle between the powers of light and darkness I feel that a brief account of my trip may be useful to my listeners.

Through the kindness of my old friend, Sir Claude Auchinleck, I was enabled to visit almost every section of the Indian Army and to address most of the historic regiments which can point to a century of military tradition and heroism. There seems to be an impression in certain circles that Indian troops have all returned to India. Such an impression is totally unfounded. While it is obvious that no figures of Indian troops can be given it is sufficient to state that their number does not fall short of other units of the Eighth Army, such as the Free French or the South African units, and Indians are adequately represented both in the infantry and the mechanised sections.

Immediately I arrived in Cairo I was told by some of the most responsible officials that Indian troops had produced an excellent impression in Cairo by their exemplary behaviour, their discipline and their valour. In spirit, in equipment, and martial ardour, they were second to none. Most of the Indian troops I saw had been fighting since General Wavell's offensive in Libya in September, 1940, and had covered themselves with glory in Libya, Eritrea, Abyssinia, and Syria. They could tell tales of heroic exploits on the heights of Keren and of the dramatic surrender of Duke of Aosta and his Italian Army at Amba Alagi. In the first offensive in Libya ... Italians had been captured ... number reached fantastic prop... when the allied troops advanced ... Eritrea and then into Abyssinia.

When I visited the Indian ... last month the mind of these ... had refreshed itself with ... the pure spaces of the desert ... unrestrained desire of Italians ... render, and as desire of the ... almost a mania with simple ... folk of India, who constitute the ... of the Indian army, they ... pageant of everything and ... villages they had illustrated the ... ventures in strange lands ... masques and pageants. In ... when I was in the desert I found ... dian troops in the highest state ... efficiency and a succession of ... victories had infused into it ... of self-confidence and assurance ... seemed to me to be the truest ... tion for the destruction of Nazism ... North Africa. I may add that I ... not visited all the areas in which ... ing is taking place, as I could ... only Sollum, Halfaya Pass, ... and Bardia.

North-East Africa is the driest ... in the world. Rain is rare and ... only in the hills bordering the ... and along the Mediterranean ... The vast triangle of the ... Libyan desert lies inland ... roughly of the size and shape of ... It extends in the North from ... 1,200 miles westward to the ... Tunisia, while southward it ... area of about a thousand miles ... continuous desert stretches ... whole of western Egypt and ... western Sudan and the whole of ... This enormous region of sand ... rain only at intervals of many years ... wind erosion has been going on ... countless ages, has made the ... as naked and lifeless as the ... the moon. It is bitterly cold in ... while in the summer the sun ... dreadful toll in the day, though ... nights are cool.

IDEA OF DIFFICULTIES

I have given this account of ... physical features of this land so ... you may have some idea of the ... ties through which our brave boys ... passed. In Egypt I inspected ... important division of the Indian ... talked to both officers and men ... in latest tanks and bombers ... our boys in the camp, on parade ... at their games.

I have come back with the conviction ... that these young men are all ... by the common faith which ... traced back through countless ... the first book of Genesis, "God created ... man in his own image." All the ... races of India were there. The ... with their well-knit frames, their ... stature, their terrible kukris ... amazing courage were formidable ... fident, and enigmatic. The ... regiments were no less impressive ... martial in their gait. Of all ... India the Punjab has for ages ... in valour and in place of danger ... the assault of the eager and ... enemy. Because of this the ... has become the anvil, where iron ... swords, superb armour, and ... men are cast. It is the rich ... earth of this spearhead of India ... has received ... vaders from the north-west of ... into the peculiar Punjabi soul ... may seize their young beauty ... their unconquerable spirit is ... carnated in their sons and ... who maintain their ... with undimmed lustre. The ... troops preponderated in the army ... were strong, ... with victory, glorying in their ... fiery in their purpose, and ... the desert in their leisure hours ... songs of their countless victories ...

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TEA PACKERS' ASSOCIATION

Monopoly on Racial Lines?

... a telegram sent to the Department of Commerce and Industries the ... Indian Congress points out that ... formation of a tea packers' association as contemplated by the Government will lead to the creation of a ... monopoly in the distribution of ... essential commodity to the detriment of the non-European consumers. ... this limitation, the Congress says, ... establishes a precedent that can be ... by any other group of interests ... monopolise any other like essential commodity.

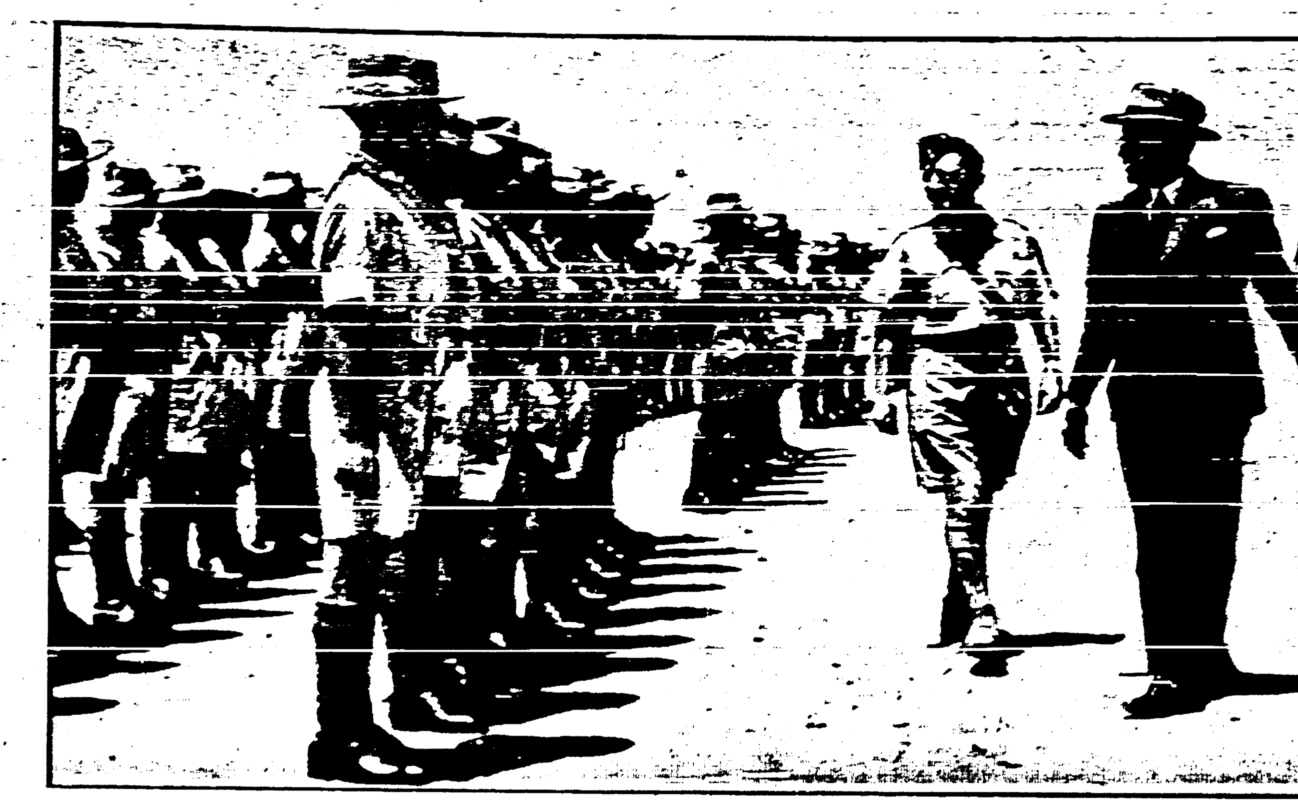
The following reply has been received: "Your telegram today re association of tea packers addressed ... Chairman, National Supplies Control Board, refers. In view of ... development in East all future imports of tea to be made by Government through a tea packers' association. Tea will be rigidly controlled by Government. No cause therefore for anxiety on grounds of possible monopoly in hands of members of association. Interests of both consumers and dealers safeguarded by Government control; moreover, supplies of loose tea will continue to be available at prices lower than branded lines."

In a subsequent letter Congress states that it realises the necessity for control both for importation and local distribution, but repeats that the restriction of importation through an association of tea packers who are ... in Government Notice No. 914 is ... inflict a hardship upon those tea importers who do not come within the meaning of the definition of tea packers, but who have for a number of years imported loose tea from various parts of the world, including Java, Ceylon, and India, and who have brought free competition in the tea trade and thereby kept the price of loose tea within the reach of the less economically privileged classes, particularly non-Europeans.

The Congress therefore urges that the Government see to the advisability of all importers of tea being included in the association through which all future imports of tea will be made by Government.

"Congress is deeply concerned for the reason that there are very few, if any, Indians or non-Europeans who could come within the definition of tea packers as laid down by Government and it will thus mean that if the Government notice is not amended Indian and other non-European importers and dealers in tea will be excluded from a share at the first stage of the Government's plan of tea distribution."

The letter concludes: "Our contention that the Tea Packers' Association would be the creation of a monopoly in an essential commodity can be added to by our saying that it will be based upon racial lines."



The High Commissioner for India in South Africa visits Indian troops in the Middle East. The High Commissioner talks to men of a Field Ambulance.

Y.M.C.A. Branch for Indians Formed in Maritzburg

"THE Y.M.C.A. strangely comes into its own in wartime when men are in trouble and need guidance and help," said Major Tatham, hon. president of the Y.M.C.A., when opening the Indian branch of the Y.M.C.A. at the St. Paul's Indian School Hall on Saturday evening.

"This is an association of young men and not an association for young men. It is also interdenominational, or as some say, undenominational where Christians can meet on common ground for fellowship and service; service to other people and the promotion of fellowship," said the speaker.

Mr. S. Douglas, who presided, informed the audience that this was a new venture as far as Maritzburg was concerned. He gave a history of the Y.M.C.A. and stated that it was started some three generations ago with a threefold object: firstly, the promotion of the general welfare of young men; secondly, to develop their spiritual, mental and physical nature, and thirdly, to improve their social conditions. A movement like this, said Mr. Douglas, required a great deal of effort and enterprise. There were thousands of people throughout the world both on active service and in civilian life who blessed the Y.M.C.A. for the good being done.

Rev. W. T. V. Langley, who promoted the scheme for the founding of an Indian branch, explained how it had come about. He had been in Maritzburg for the last three years and during that period he had become convinced that there was great need for a social club. The Y.M.C.A. had been founded to do away with sectionalism. It was through the kindness and assistance of the secretary of the Y.M.C.A. that the scheme had come to fruition.

The Y.M.C.A. had a committee of 15 members representing the various churches in the neighbourhood. The aim of this institution was to draw together the members of the various churches in a closer bond.

Referring to non-Christians, Rev. Langley stated that they would be welcomed as visitors, whilst provision had been made in the constitution for them to become associate members. "Though this is definitely a Christian scheme it had not been opened as a rival to any other non-Christian organisation now existing," he added.

The club would be opened daily, excepting Sundays, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Parish Hall in George Street for recreational, social, educational and religious purposes, said the speaker.

"I thank all those European members of the Y.M.C.A. who have given us donations to begin our work and the secretary for providing us with all the games that you can see in the hall," said Rev. Langley.

Amongst those present on the platform were Messrs. Varley, Ralls, Robbins, the Rev. R. Choonoo and the Rev. J. C. David, Messrs. M. Sebastian, Simon David and J. H. Housman.

Mr. Moses Abraham has been appointed hon. secretary and treasurer.

INDIANS IN THE NON-EUROPEAN FRONT

The pros and cons of a non-European United Front were discussed on Sunday ... the M. K. Gandhi Library in a debate between the Stanger Debating Society and the Liberal Study Group. Mr. Debi Singh, of the Liberal Study Group, moved "That the non-European United Front is in the best interests of the Indians in this country."

He was supported by Miss Rookie Naidoo, Mr. H. I. E. Dhlomo, and Mr. ... D. Naidoo.

The Stanger Debating Society was represented by Messrs. G. S. Naidoo, ... D. Lalla, V. G. Augustine, and A. ... Naidoo.

The Group contended that if the Indians fought alone they could not ... for as they constituted only one-twelfth of the population of South Africa, whereas united with the Africans and Coloureds they would make four-fifths of the total population and their fight would be much more effective.

Unity of the non-European groups was essential for the destruction of the Colour Bar in this country.

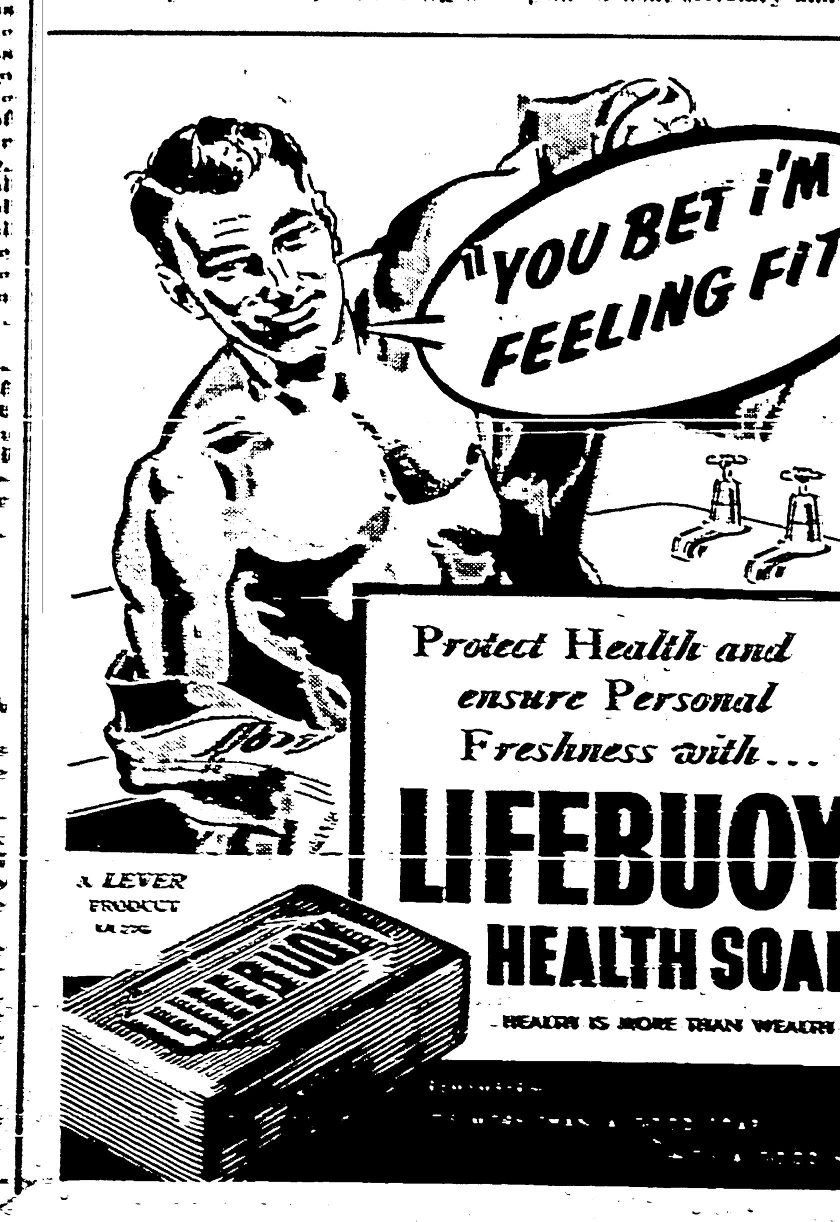
The Stanger Debating Society maintained that it would be unwise to link hands with the Africans as that would retard the advance of the Indians, who were a more progressive race than the Bantu.

In a non-European United Front the Indian would be the greatest sufferer as all his culture and political, social, and economic progress would be swamped by the backwardness of the Africans in such an alliance.

The Liberal Study Group won.

Dr. H. Coblans, of the Natal University College, and Mr. S. Cooppan, of Sastri College and the N.U.C., adjudicated.

Mr. I. C. Meer presided.



HEROIC EXPLOITS

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Africa and of their village homes which nestled comfortably by the bank of the Ravi and the Jhelum. They swarmed.

You found them busy with the General Grant tanks, the leviathans which have worked havoc in Rommel's soulless hordes. They are in overwhelming strength in the infantry and with their six feet six height and enormous girth, they flit about the long stretch of desert with their moving haloed figures seem like immortals through the motes of powdered dust. They have the grace and strength of youth in their body and a crusader's enthusiasm in their mind. The historic Fourth Division of the Indian army is a division of veterans.

DEEP IMPRESSION

I shall never forget the deep impression which this division produced on me. They were a picture of serene self-confidence and virility. This Division is the supreme pattern of India, and it translates into terms of human sight all those elemental qualities which have made it the pride of Indians in the Middle East. It is India in a miniature, containing in its ranks all races who have created and preserved the country for three thousand years. You find there the Mahratta regiments, proud of their supremacy in India for over a century, who have merged into the front rank of warriors after half-a-century of quiescence. Their valorous deeds in Keren and Amba Alagi, when they scaled the formidable heights of that impregnable fortress, will always be remembered by their countrymen.

The Indian troops described to me in simple and dignified language their supreme achievements on many a battlefield when body and soul were aflame and aflower with their day of perfection. Their clear eyes and bodies strong as whipcord, gave one a feeling of absolute confidence in decisive victory in the morning air of Capuzzo and Sollum. A hand grenade or a German tank may shatter their perfect crystal to a particle of dust, but their spirit remains unconquerable and will be transmitted to numerous generations for centuries. Their sons and grandsons will take up the work where their fathers left off and will carry on their pious work.

PROUD TRADITION

There were also the Rajput and Jat regiments, nourished on centuries of proud tradition. Every one of them had taken part in the capture of Keren and many of them described vividly to me their heroic achievements in Abyssinia. Their herculean labour and bitter dues built their immense fabric of pride and achievement. Practically every historic regiment now fighting against Rommel points to a succession of victories gained in the inhospitable region of Eritrea and Abyssinia and I could picture them in my mind's eye going through passes haunted by ghosts of heroic and tragic emperors, down the ruthless icy slopes, into the lively nativities of spring. I could, moreover, recite hundreds of tales of adventure, retailed with spicy humour in several messes, but this would take too much time and I must go on with my general account.

Finally, I must mention the Frontier regiments I found in many sections of the Indian army. I am inclined to think that the mountaineers of the world form a grand trade union. Whether you take the Scotch Highlander, the Swiss mountaineer, the sturdy Gurkha, or the virile Frontier Pathan, intrinsically they have the same instincts and the same urge for fighting. In North-West Frontier of India the principal trade is fighting and making munitions of war and the principal export is strong men who can master stallions, torture steel like a ribbon, and lend money at high rates of interest. The Frontier Pathan is a typical mountaineer and as his barren land affords little sustenance his main occupation is raids on the mild plainsmen.

From the time of Alexander the Great down to the present time the Pathan has levied blackmail with strict impartiality on friend or foe. This has, of course, been disguised under various names, such as subsidy, payment of cash on awkward occasions, enlistment of their turbulent young men, etc., but in its essence the nature of the dues which they exact has varied a little. When he is in want he inevitably raids the plains and lifts men and cattle. You could not find a finer body of men in any regiment. In war his reckless elan and desperate courage make one of the most formidable enemies in the world. I am afraid I cannot describe other sections of the Indian army, but this picture, which, I repeat, is incomplete, will convey to you the great reservoir of man-power which my country possesses.

THE SPIRIT OF THE ARMY

The Rajput battalions have covered themselves with glory and one battalion, 4/6th Rajputan Rifles, which is a part of the Fourth Indian Division, has one Victoria Cross, two D.S.O.s, five M.C.s, and altogether 31 decorations to its credit.

I may be asked about the spirit that pervades in the Indian army. My reply to it is that it is a spirit of absolute confidence in victory and the whole army is animated by it. I found the heart of India in the Western desert beating healthily and young India was sunning herself in her immemorial tradition of military supremacy over a foe whom she has kept in check for two fateful years on ground which was strewn with unexploded bombs and other munitions of war when I walked up it in the second week of last month. These troops were rooted fast to the soil. They had faith and they had the trust of their officers and comrades. They have been locked since the present offensive began in a deadly struggle with a ruthless foe for nearly three weeks on ground which has witnessed their valour and perseverance.

For them this is the time of testing and of fruition and we are all convinced that the unshakeable integrity and spirit of Indian peasant who has been embodied in the army will ensure the defeat of the Nazis. Hitler has raised terror to the miracle of evil, and his destruction of all positive values, of independent kingdoms, and finally of personality itself has reduced the Nazis to the position of robots, destitute alike of intelligence and freedom.

RUINS OF THE PRESENT WORLD

The Nazis, it is now clear to all, are determined upon tearing into ribbons the patterns alike of spiritual and intellectual life and establish on the ruins of the present world a tyranny which will destroy not merely material, but also spiritual freedom. The new spirit in the army in the Western Desert is due to a very large extent to the discipline of established leadership, and Sir Claude Auchinleck's sound sense, the sense of a man destined to lead men, has gathered energy and grown in solid strength.

In the whole area which I traversed confidence in Sir Claude Auchinleck's leadership was general and it is confirmed and strengthened by his quiet self-assurance and by the consecration of his genius to the defeat of a ruthless foe who threatens to keep humanity in chains for centuries.

I feel sure that the present offensive of Rommel is destined to be his last and overwhelming victory of the Allies over his hordes is assured. Signs are not wanting that Hitler, who has turned all the sanctities of human nature into ridicule, and who now finds his world of concepts collapsing about him, is fighting with his back to the wall and is staking his all in a last desperate gamble in Russia and North Africa.

Even Germans who were fascinated by the hectic bloom and rouged refinement of Nazism have completely lost faith in the creed and are disillusioned, demoralised and divided in counsel and action. The final emancipation of North Africa, which has been ravished first by Italians and then by Nazis, which is wholly Muslim in tradition, culture, and outlook, is assured, and in this sacred task the Indians, who are conservators, who love forests and hate fires, will play a part that will be in consonance with their magnificent military tradition and matchless cultural heritage.

The Governor-General of Portuguese East Africa (centre), at the opening of the Muslim Madressa at Lourenco Marques. Moulana Abed Miz (extreme left), who performed the opening prayers, with Mr. Saleh Mahomed and Mr. H. Motan, of Johannesburg, who were present among others.

ANGLICAN CHURCH BAZAAR

Mrs. F. S. Tatham on the Things Beautiful

The bazaar organised by a committee of members of St. Paul's Indian Church, Maritzburg, held on Saturday, June 6, realised the sum of £84.

Mrs. F. S. Tatham, in declaring the bazaar open, referred to the late Miss Payne-Smith as one whom she had known on her arrival in Natal and who had devoted her life to the welfare of Indians in Maritzburg.

"Her work in the mission field and in the cause of education," said Mrs. Tatham, "grew from very small beginnings until we see the result of her wide vision in the establishment of five schools and in the building of St. Paul's Church."

The speaker went on to express the hope which she had long cherished that some of the beautiful industries that have made India famous for centuries, such as carpet-making, silk and cotton-weaving, pottery-making, and other handicrafts might one day prove an outlet for the Indian people in Natal as an expression of their innate love of beauty.

"I speak, of course," continued Mrs. Tatham, "of hand industries as against machine-made, which, though they work more cheaply and save trouble, allow our own faculties to decay. Handwork creates interest, responsibility, and resourcefulness; and to make things as beautiful as we can is one of the best things in life. Indians are great gardeners and if given encouragement might help to provide the food so much needed in the world today; our wide and empty spaces are crying out to yield it.

"I hope that those who have influence and vision will help our Indian people to take their share in the development of the country of their adoption. For 'where there is no vision the people perish.'"

In conclusion Mrs. Tatham congratulated all those who had worked to make the bazaar so attractive.

The Bazaar Committee wish to thank all friends, Indian and European alike, who so generously supported the effort and would like them to know that the bulk of the money will be spent on the much-needed redecoration of the Parish Hall, and the balance will go towards equipping the mission with the furniture and crockery needed for social gatherings.

"FOOD FOR NEEDY CHILDREN COMMITTEE"

A public meeting under the aegis of the "Food for Needy Children Committee" will be held in the Gandhi Library on Wednesday next at 4.30 p.m. at which Sir Shafa'at Ahmad Khan, the High Commissioner for India, will preside.

A deputation of Indian women will present an address to the High Commissioner on the subject of underfed children.

A representative of the teaching profession will speak on behalf of the urban schools and another will speak for the rural schools, each setting forth briefly the facts on malnutrition and starvation that have come to their notice in the course of their duties.

A statement will be made on the work already done by the scheme for feeding needy Indian schoolchildren and the position as known at the present time.

Our Readers Speak

"WHAT IS NAZISM?"

The Liberal Study Group at a meeting held in the Gandhi Library on Sunday said its policy was impartial and is prepared to hear any views of anybody, but when Mr. Amin, a member of the public, rose from the body of the hall and endeavoured to contest the validity of the procedure adopted by the chairman in asking for seconders for a resolution passed early in the day Mr. Amin was rudely told by the chairman that any action on the part of the public to oppose the activities of the Liberal Study Group was hypocritical.

Now I ask you, sir, is this what the Liberal Study Group stands for: to tell us nice speeches, collect 5d. and 6d., and then when we demand "what for we are told to shut up.

What is Nazism?

G. K. NAIDOO.

Durban.

To Correspondents: "A Regular Cinema Goer" and I.E.K. (Durban). We have forwarded your complaints against a theatre to the management concerned.

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TALK OF THE BAZAAR

BY "THE FAQIR"

the opening of the Liberty Cavalcade in Johannesburg the ... was for the display of national ... The representatives of the ... countries of the world which ... engaging the Fascist enemy ... strutted about in their ancient ... but, alas! the representative ... turned up in an old (?) felt ... plus the usual western-tailored ... I am, of course, referring to ... Shafa'at Ahmad Khan, the Indian ... Commissioner in this country. ... Sir Shafa'at could have done ... matter of informing the general ... which visited Liberty Cavalcade ... he was the Indian representative ... to have worn a turban, or a fez. ... couldn't bolster up enough courage ... to be seen in South Africa with ... dhoti on. The turban has been ... famous in this country as the ... of Mother India by an illustrious line of Indian agents in this ... Sastri was the first to wear ... He was never seen without it. Sir ... Reddi upheld the precedent. ... came Kunwar Maharaj Singh, the ... Western of our agents, usually ... hatted, but always with the turban ... public function. Sir Syed Raza ... wore the fez on occasions. Sir ... Rau, the man who left behind a ... legacy for his followers, ... the foreign office black hat. Well, ... had to be satisfied with that because we could not expect any better ... an I.C.S. The Bazaar still places ... in the High Commissioner that ... his term of office expires he will ... the Indian people of this country ... him with a turban. I can make ... of such a photograph in these ... Sir Shafa'at, who comes ... the public life of India, should ... the first Indian to wear Indian ... headgear at such international ... gatherings in this country.

SECRET OF SUCCESS

At last the Bazaar has discovered ... jealously-guarded secret formula ... which one political body owes its ... before the Broome Commission ... investigated "penetration" recently. All the Indian political bodies ... rendered evidence before the Broome ... Commission and we know of their success. But success is not all. People ... have some formula on which they ... to achieve success. One political ... had a secret formula; it was the ... observation of a strict ritual each ... morning by the members who went to ... evidence before the Commission. ... were fed on sweetened sour milk ... and it worked! Of course it has not ... an easy task to discover this ... secret formula. One day one member ... of the political organisation who himself had observed the ritual let the ... secret slip from his tongue.

INDIAN M.P.s

Now that so much has been made of ... the proposed scheme for enfranchising ... the Indian let us see if we can find ... any Indians who might be able to ... represent the interests of the Indian ... people in Parliament. First name that ... comes to mind is that of the dynamic ... Mr. Sorabjee. Close on his heels is ... Mr. A. I. Kajee and then Mr. S. R. ... Naidoo, from Maritzburg, and Mr. S. ... M. Nana, of Johannesburg. Of course ... this is one combination—the conservatives, I believe. There are plenty of ... radicals knocking about who might offer serious opposition to these old and staid men. In Natal we have Dawood Seedat and in the Transvaal the Daring (now the Darling) Doctor Dadoo. Then we'll have to have the election agents, too.

SPIRIT OF GANDHI

Most of us have heard of the scheme which the "Lion of the North" has evolved. A scheme good in principle, but entirely unworkable. Anyhow, the Lion has a reason to offer for evolving this scheme. He says it is the "Spirit of Gandhi" that has come over him and make him think of such a scheme. Whatever the "Spirit of Gandhi" is, I am, for the moment, unable to find out.

PASSIVE RESISTANCE

Talk of passive resistance sweeps Durban like a wild bush fire raging with all its intensity and fanned by a mighty wind. The younger men have taken the call which echoed and re-echoed in the City Hall last year. Where the older men left off last year the young ones have stepped in. Their challenge for the implement of promises made by the older leaders rings through every meeting that is held to discuss the Durban City Council's scheme of expropriation. The older ones argue that passive resistance is not practicable, but the young people argue back Gandhi led a successful movement thirty years ago. The Indian is, therefore, more qualified to come through successfully from a major passive resistance campaign today than he was when Gandhi was discovering his soul in this land.

S.A. SOCCER TOURNEY

A Johannesburg correspondent writes:—

It is rumoured in the sporting circle that due to lack of activities the South African Sam China Tournament competition does not appear to make any headway on the lines similar to that of the Currie Cup Tournament.

The Griqualand Indian Football Association is responsible for the organisation of the South African Indian Football Association through which source the Sam China Trophy was presented. It would be inadvisable to suggest the abolition of the existing biennial arrangements as applied in the South African board's constitution at this stage.

But in view of the many obstacles and particularly from a financial point the affiliated centres may find it difficult to participate in the future tournaments while the war is on. It is felt by those interested that some change should be brought about to make the competition more convenient and attractive by altering the present constitution and making it eligible for only the three important provinces to participate.

This would mean that under the suggested proposed amended South African Indian Soccer Board's constitution only three provinces, namely, Natal, Transvaal and Cape, should be regarded as affiliated centres of the Soccer Board. From views ascertained within the sporting circle this suggestion should be put before the executive of the board for a favourable decision.

THE WAR BRINGS BROTHERS TOGETHER: Mr. R. H. Patel (left sitting) and Mr. C. B. Desai (uncle, centre), both of Johannesburg, last saw Lieut. R. H. Patel, S.A.M.C. 13 years ago, who unexpectedly arrived in Durban last week. There was a hurried family reunion at a luncheon given by Messrs. J. and S. Rustomjee. Standing: G. K. Patel, J. P. Bhagat, Sorabjee Rustomjee, R. R. Patel, C. N. Patel. Sitting: Ramsjee Patel, Jalbhoy Rustomjee, Chhotubhai B. Desai, Lieut. R. H. Patel, S.A.M.C., Dr. N. P. Desai.

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Natal Cup Competition

Stella Wins Convincingly

A spate of scoring by Stella in the Stella-Shamrocks engagement in the opening fixture of the Natal Cup Competition at Currie's Fountain on Saturday failed to take the edge out of the game. Soccer fans had their fill of fast and thrilling soccer.

Both teams opened with speed and maintained the pace throughout the game. A quarter of an hour from the beginning Shamrocks drew first blood when their centre-half found the net with a well-timed shot fifteen yards from the Stella posts.

Stung by this early reverse Stella forwards launched a combined attack on the Shamrocks defences but the latter held out for some time. Bobby Singh, the Stella inside right, however, made matters even when he scored for Stella. Kula, the Stella outside left, put his side ahead when he scored from a solo run down the line.

Halftime score: Stella 2, Shamrocks 1.

On the resumption the Shamrocks centre-forward equalised and Shamrocks drew ahead when the side registered its third goal.

In a series of raids on the Shamrocks goal Stella scored twice to take the lead again and found the net on two occasions before the final whistle.

Final score: Stella 6 (Bobby Singh 2, Chappie 1, Lightie 1, Kula and Fishy Ganas 1 each), Shamrocks 3 (Naicker 2, Naicker 1).

DAFFS HOLD 'SHIRE

Playing against a depleted side on No. 1 Daffodils took fullest advantage of the balance in their favour and at halftime were on top of Warwickshire with a 3—2 score.

On the resumption 'Shire managed to equalise and the score 4—4 held out until the end of the game.

OTHER RESULTS

Senior "B": Schools 3, Sydenham 1; Queens 2, Silver Willow Rangers 1.

Junior: Central "B" 2, Central "A" 4; Sydenham 3, Aces 2; Overport Rangers 0, Warwickshire 3; Stars 0, Stella 5.

Juvenile "A" Section: Stars scr. Warwick w.o.; Clairwood Riverside 2, Centrals 2.

MUSLIMS WIN AT LADYSMITH

On Saturday last Shamrocks met Muslim in the final for Khan's Cup. Shamrocks kicked off and immediately penetrated their opponent's goal area, but the Muslim right backs managed to clear the ball.

After ten minutes' play Deen (Muslim) scored from a place kick.

Immediately after the Shamrocks inner right, T. N. Govinder, equalised. Both the sides displayed good soccer and especially the Shamrock wings were outstanding.

A. C. Asmal, the Muslim left wing, scored before halftime and the score at interval was Muslim 2, Shamrocks 1.

On resumption both sides made efforts to score but failed. Towards the close a penalty was awarded in favour of Shamrocks, but T. N. Govinder kicked wide.

Final score: Muslim 2, Shamrocks 1. Mr. R. Kallie refereed.

G. M. C. Asmal was outstanding as left back for Muslim.

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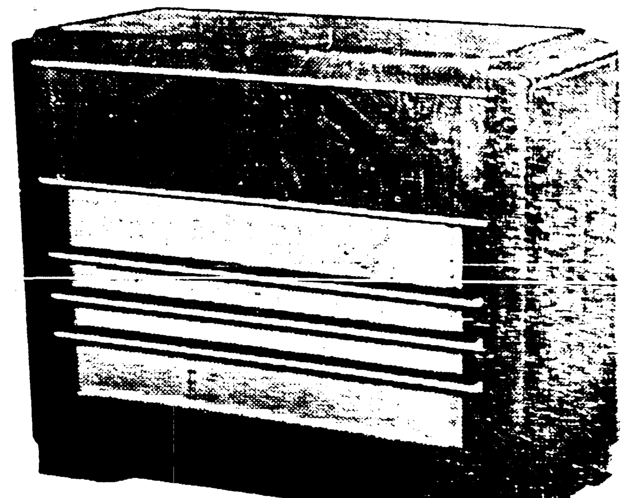

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Weekend Soccer Fixtures

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NATAL CUP COMPETITION
Senior "B"

3.30 p.m.: Clairwood Schools v. Warwickshire "B"; Main; M. S. Bulat.
3.30 p.m.: Duffs Rd. United v. Pirates; No. 1; P. Moosa.

Junior

3.30 p.m.: Central "A" v. Stella; No. 2; K. M. Pillay.
3.30 p.m.: Sydenham v. Warwickshire; C. Peters.

Juvenile "A"

2.15 p.m.: Central v. Clairwood; Riverside No. 4; A. I. Timol.
3.30 p.m.: Aces v. Sastri College; No. 4; Y. S. Mulla.

Juvenile "B"

2.15 p.m.: Sydenham Royals v. Stella "A"; S. K. Reddy.
2.15 p.m.: Young Bulwers v. Crimson League; No. 1; R. Bijou.
2.15 p.m.: S.W. Rangers v. Warwickshire; No. 2; D. A. Pather.
2.15 p.m.: Sastri College v. Stella "B"; No. 3; E. H. Mollen.

LADYSMITH (TODAY)
NATAL CUP COMPETITION

2 p.m.: Shamrocks v. Stars; Mr. M. Thomas.
3.30 p.m.: Schools v. Muslim; Mr. I. A. Moola.

MAYVILLE (TOMORROW)
Seniors

3.30 p.m.: Westerners v. Cato Stars; No. 1.
2.15 p.m.: Pirates v. Manning Rangers; No. 2.
3.30 p.m.: Riverside v. Mayville; No. 2.

Tennis

NATAL CHAMPIONSHIPS CONCLUDE

Bramdaw and Maharaj won the Natal Doubles title in the finals played on the Sastri courts on Sunday last.

A feature of the finals was the play of the schoolboys, Laljee and Bismillah, of Sastri College, who took Bramdaw and Maharaj, the South African finalists on many occasions, to fourteen games before the first set could be decided.

Bramdaw and Maharaj took the second set 6—2. In the third set the schoolboys, however, fought back, but went down 6—4.

In the singles championships Bramdaw extended Maharaj to the full five sets before the latter could obtain a decision in his favour.

Maharaj took the first set at 6—3, but Bramdaw rallied and secured the next two sets, 7—5, 6—2. Maharaj took the remaining sets at 6—2, 6—2.

In the "B" division doubles final Motala and Bassa beat Mahomedy and Vawda 7—5, 3—6, 6—3.

A. H. I. Mahomedy beat Y. Vawda 3—6, 6—1, 6—3 for the singles title in the "B" division.

GREENSOME RESULTS

The following is the result of the Greensome Competition played on Sunday at Currie's Fountain under the aegis of the Durban Indian Golf Club: R. Aboobaker and G. Baks, 64; K. S. Frank and S. Nair, 66½; I. A. Emamally and A. Bux, 65½; J. J. Pillay and V. V. Naicker, 69; A. Majid and O. H. Baks, 70½; H. Singh and J. Nath, 73; A. P. Moosa and S. Pillay, 74; A. M. Cooper and S. Frank, 71; M. John and A. M. Dennis, 70½.

Sports Chatter

By "The Sportsman"

SHAMROCKS had to take a pretty bad knock under the chin on Saturday. Stella may yet collar the League.

Credit of Stella's win goes to Kula, their outside-left. He proved a match-winning factor. He was fast down the touch-line.

On No. 1 Duffs, despite age, held 'Shire to a draw. Something of an achievement for them.

After last year's comedown Maharaj and Bramdaw are sitting on top of the Natal tennis world again. They took it by winning three not-too-easy sets off the schoolboys, Laljee and Bismillah.

In the singles Maharaj conceded two sets to Bramdaw, who was at his best. Looks like Maharaj will beat Jhajbhai this year.

Now and then a bit of news trickles out from the South African Tennis Board. On Monday night the "alert" disturbed their proceedings at a very critical point. It was just about deciding on the date for the South African Tennis Tourney. The tourney will be held this year. Somebody told me during the week, "If the Derby could be run . . ." Well, figure the rest for yourself.

Natal tennis players are firmly convinced that Jhajbhai is scared of the whipping he may get at the hands of Maharaj. The South African champion has already been beaten twice in the Transvaal.

It is learned that Jhajbhai is "not prepared to defend his title." Say some of the South African tennis officials it isn't a case of defending titles. The honours are played for each year—it's an annual tournament.

CUMBERLAND XI WIN AT SOCCER

A friendly match between Cumberland XI (Indians) and Dunnettes XI (Coloureds) was played at the Maritzburg Coloured Sports Ground on Sunday. Both the sides played interesting soccer. The visitors started off with a dashing game, netting one goal in their favour. The Cumberland's forwards broke through the Coloureds' defence and took the lead at interval.

In the second half of the match the game was faster and the Coloureds pressed hard and twenty minutes before time scored four goals. The Indian custodian, Scallie, played a brilliant game, preventing the Coloureds from increasing their score. After a hard struggle on both sides the match ended in a win for Cumberland by eight goals to six.

EXCITING MATCH ENDS IN DRAW

Pirates and Westerners met at the Mayville Sports Grounds, First River, Bellair, Durban, last Sunday. A record crowd had assembled to witness the match. Mr. K. Roopnarain refereed.

The game was so evenly contested that it held the onlookers in suspense till the end. Towards the close of the game with about six minutes to go Pirates, after making several attempts, succeeded in netting a goal. Roused to fury Westerners pressed and a penalty in their favour enabled them to equalise matters.

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INDIANS ON MERCY MISSION

Soldiers Learn to Recognise Human Values

[TH]E view that the services rendered by Indians from the Homeland in [...] this World War No. II would have a great bearing on India's bid for [Dom]inion Status was expressed by Mr. A. S. Kajee when he welcomed, on [beha]lf of the Durban Indian Surf Life Savers' Club, a number of doctors [and] nurses of a hospital ship to a tea party last Saturday. The Indians [in S]outh Africa, he said, were proud that India was playing such a large [part] in the present conflict. Sir Shafa'at Ahmad Khan, the High Commissioner, [who] was present said that the war had tended to bring about a bond of [com]mon interests between the Indian at home and the Indian in South [Afri]ca. He could well understand the nostalgia that these medical officers [and] nurses who had left the shores of India in order to pursue a mission [of m]ercy and philanthropy felt at times as he himself had left India not [ver]y long ago.

"Paradise Ship"

"WHEN I recall to my mind's eye," Sir Shafa'at said, "the [exp]loits of the Indian soldiers at [Hal]faya Pass, Capuzzo, Sollum, and [...]; when I recall the virile young [men] who are confident of victory while [the]y are yet locked in a battle of death [wit]h a deadly foe I feel the greatness [of] India and I remember the powerful [mili]tary tradition of India over a [peri]od of three thousand years which [has] inspired them.

"These men are giving and will continue to give their pledge for this sacred [cau]se and victory. They have already [sho]wn their mettle when, from the icy [pass]es and ravines of Abyssinia, they [asc]ended into Amba Alagi.

"When I talked to them round [the c]amp fire each one had a story to [tell] of his own exploits at Keren and [oth]er places. They went on forward. [It] is the spirit which has sustained [the]m and will lead them to final [vic]tory."

The ultimate victory, said Sir Shafa'at, was certain, for Sir Claude [Auc]hinleck had the confidence of the [sol]diers. The time would soon come [whe]n Africa would clear off the German hordes.

Sir Shafa'at hoped that the ship's [com]pany would take away pleasant [mem]ories of Durban.

Mr. A. S. Kajee said the war had [bro]ught many changes, not the [lea]st of which was the bringing to the [...] of this country men and women [of] the Motherland.

"This would be unheard of in ordinary times for the reason that the immigration laws of this country are such [tha]t even the best legal brains in this [cou]ntry are no match for them.

"To those of us who have not been [to] India, a country which to many is [...] a mere geographical term, this [op]portunity of meeting our brothers [and] sisters from India is indeed doubly [we]lcome. During this war we have had [Ind]ian students, professional men, and [te]chnicians proceeding to and [fro]m Great Britain. We have met [me]n of Indian regiments and of Indian naval units who have rendered [...] service in this war.

"These visits have opened up a vista [fo]r us through which we are able to see much of what was a closed book to us before the war."

Commenting on the work of the doctors and nurses Mr. Kajee said: "Theirs was humanitarian work. They had sacrificed all their pleasures, their families, and sailed the seas with all the hazards and the Indian people in South Africa were proud of them.

"We are proud also that India is playing such a leading part in this great struggle. No field of battle and no sea of action is complete without a quota of our men engaged there.

"No one can deny that India's contribution to the war both in men and material is tremendous.

"We are proud that our guests are also serving in this war, for one must not lose sight of the fact that these services must inevitably have a great bearing on India's bid for Dominion status.

"I should not like to disguise the fact that this is a country where we Indians have to put up with prejudices and many difficulties and I have no doubt some of our guests present here may have encountered some of these prejudices. That is the lot of our people in this country. And whilst on the one hand we have to fight these prejudices we have to continue with our social and humanitarian work," said Mr. Kajee.

"War," Mr. Albert Christopher said, "was a funny thing. Those who had been through the last one fought for a 'new order,' but it had never been realised and the people were at it again.

"We wonder," Mr. Christopher concluded, "whether these European soldiers who are fighting shoulder to shoulder with the non-European will after the war forget the non-European or will stand by them. We hope, however, human values will rule the world."

At the present moment, Mr. P. R. Pather said, the Indian was not given the chance to play his part fully in the war, but he hoped the time would soon come when there would be no difference between the European and the Indian soldier.

Others who spoke were Messrs. V.

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Mr. A. Christopher Gets "A Rough House"

AT the mass meeting on Sunday Mr. Albert Christopher, who at first refused an invitation from the chair to speak, but consented later, was booed and heckled in the course of his speech.

Those who had taken up the attitude of fighting against expropriation in all the areas, Mr. Christopher said, were not looking at the issue from its true perspective. Their attitude was negative and they could never hope to achieve anything. The fight against expropriation was a farce. At one stage they wanted to suggest that other land was available at Riverside for the purpose of the scheme and at another they maintained that the people would never move. These were conflicting statements and there was no well-defined attitude as yet.

Mr. Christopher accused those who objected to the scheme of "not having explored the position in every way."

The people who had assumed the leadership were only drumming on a mere abstract question of principle and the case at Riverside stood on its own; but at Merebank it was a question of housing poor Indian workers, and the leaders did not take this into account.

The interests of the majority were of paramount importance, but that had never been considered when the cry of expropriation was taken up. In this instance the poorer Indians were being made the scapegoats when a question of principle was involved. The very same people who talked of segregation when it came to housing were unscrupulous enough to resort to segregation to achieve their personal ends.

Even the intellectuals did not object to segregation, but were very pleased

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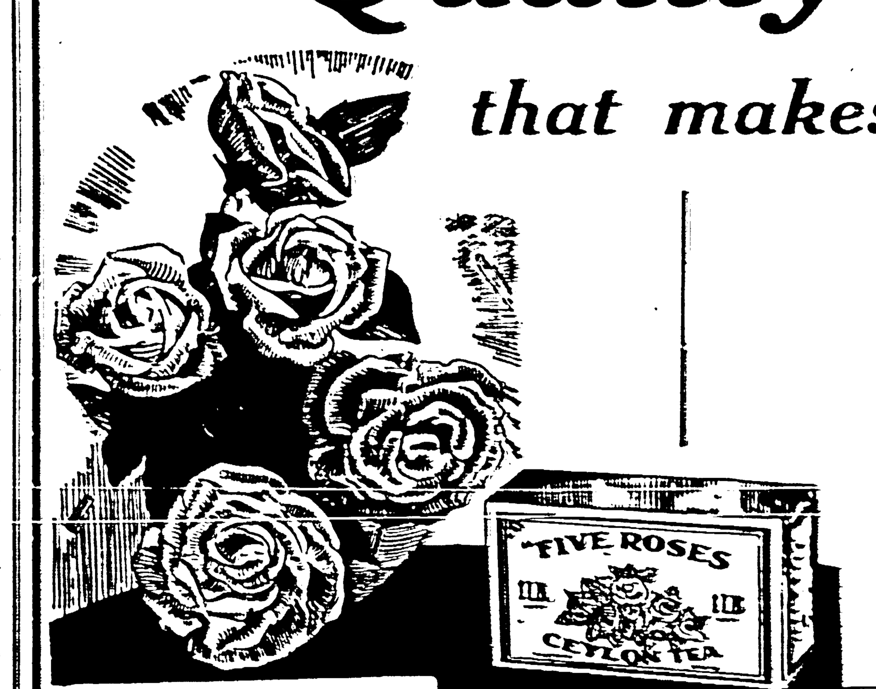

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Council of Action Formed

A temporary council of action was formed at a meeting held at the M. K. Gandhi Library on Saturday last.

The immediate object of this council is to form a permanent council of action to co-ordinate and centralise the fight against expropriation and to devise ways and means and to raise funds if the necessity arises by convening a conference of all organisations that are interested in the fight of the Indian against the expropriation of Indian-owned land in the Riverside, Sydenham, and Merebank areas.

The personnel of the provisional council is: Chairman, Mr. J. Powys, chairman of the Merebank Indian Ratepayers' Association; joint secretaries, Mr. N. Gopaul, of the Riverside Ratepayers' Association, and Mr. N. G. Chetty, of the Merebank Ratepayers' Association; vice-chairman, Mr. T. M. Naicker, chairman of the Riverside Ratepayers' Association; treasurer, Mr. Geo. Singh; and a working committee consisting of Messrs. Hans Maghraih, joint secretary of the Natal Indian Congress, M. D. Naidoo, secretary of the non-European United Front, A. I. Kajee, of the Natal Indian Congress, and Sorabjee Rustomjee, vice-president of the Natal Indian Association.

It is learnt, however, that the Natal Indian Association is not prepared to cooperate with the joint council of action. The Sydenham Ratepayers and Land Owners' Association and the N.I.A. did not send delegates to the meeting held on Saturday.

MERCY MISSION

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S. C. Pather, T. M. Naicker and B. B. Singh.

Colonel Gibson, who is in charge of the Hospital Ship, said that his ship was cosmopolitan and transported Indian, Greek, South African, Australian, and New Zealand soldiers.

"One of the most memorable occasions in our careers," Col. Gibson said, "was in Somaliland. We were following the advance of the troops on board —both Native Africans and the U.D.F. There might have been traces of prejudice for our staff is almost all Indian, but the appreciation of the work we did was evinced when the South Africans called ours the 'Paradise Ship.'

"They have learnt to appreciate the work we are doing," Colonel Gibson concluded.

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CAT CALLS FOR CHRISTOPHER

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to achieve their ends under an atmosphere of segregation at places such as Sastri College, where there were two separate staff rooms, one for the European and the other for the Indian teachers.

Even at the N.U.C. there was segregation, but the Indians had accepted the principle of segregation by attending classes.

Before Mr. Christopher left the platform Mr. M. D. Naidoo, a member of the Nationalist Bloc of the N.I.A., from the floor, sought the permission of the chairman to ask a few questions. He was given permission.

M. D. Naidoo: "Did you know that the original scheme of town planning and housing by the City Council was an eight-year plan?"

When Mr. Christopher failed to answer the question there was loud jeering, and cat calls.

In reply to the next question he (Mr. Christopher) was prepared to stand by the speech of the president of the N.I.A. at the City Hall, when the N.I.A. decided to oppose expropriation even if it meant passive resistance. Mr. Christopher said "No," (loud booing.) It was the speech of the president and not his, he pointed out, but the questioner maintained that he, Mr. Christopher, who was a responsible member of the association, in fact, the chairman of the committee, had not objected to the speech then and he had therefore become a party to it. He was "backing out" now he was casting aside his responsibilities. (Jeering)

M. D. Naidoo: "Are you prepared to co-operate with the joint council of action?"

Mr. Christopher: "The association will never be a party to such a scheme." (More loud booing.)

In reply to the last question Mr. Christopher said he had not seen the invitation which the Merebank Ratepayers' Association had sent to the N.I.A. requesting it to send two delegates to a meeting it had called at the library on Saturday.

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To mend glass or china melt a little powdered alum in a spoon. Before it hardens rub over broken parts. Press and set aside to dry. The pieces will not usually come apart—even in hot water.

Any coffee stains on table linen should be soaked before they are washed in the water in which potatoes have been boiled. The stain will then be eradicated more easily.

Mainly About People

...e marriage of Mr. M. N. Naicker, ...mber on the staff of the Glencoe ...n School, to Miss Logambal ...y, of New Glasgow, will take place ...e Umgeni Road Temple, Durban, ...rrow (Sunday, June 28).

...yed Mahomood, son of Mr. S. H. ...e, of Durban, passed his matriculation examination at the Surat Mission School in India. He intends to ... up medical studies at Bombay.

A farewell reception, under the ...ices of the Cape Indian Congress, ...accorded at Cape Town on Tuesday ...Mr. C. C. Palsania, who is shortly ...ng for India.

...gt. C. S. Royappen, who had ...tly arrived from the Middle East, ...e to illhealth, has rejoined his ...

...r G. M. A. Vawda, broker and ...t of Newcastle, is in Johannesburg on business. He is staying at ... Carlton Hotel.

...daughter to Mr. and Mrs. M. Lall ...h, of 14 Walls Avenue, Durban, ... well.

...r. Ashwin Choudree, B.A., member ...e Students' Representative Council (N.U.C.), and Mr. I. C. Meer, ...ident, N.U.C. Students' Union, ... among the delegates elected to ...sent the Natal University College ...e conference of the National Union ... South African Students to be held ...e Witwatersrand University next ... They leave for Johannesburg ...ight.

...r. Choudree will read a paper on ... "Housing Problem in South ..."

...r. Choudree will be staying at the ...ton Hotel.

...rs. G. S. Naidoo, of Mayville, has ...rned home after spending a month ... her parents in Maritzburg.

...ssrs. S. Ramsaroop and R. Ram...oop of Newcastle, spent a few days ... Durban last week.

...he betrothal of Mr. Cassim ...(...es Indian F.C.), eldest son of Mr. ... Mrs. Mohamed Saib, Stanger, to ... Hamida Sathar, sixth daughter ...Mr. and Mrs. Abdool Sathar, took ...e on Sunday last at Durban.

...he marriage of Hameed (Rangers ...m F.C.), third son of Mr. and ... Sabe Khan, Stanger, to Miss ...ara Sathar, fifth daughter of Mr. ... Mrs. Abdool Sathar, of Durban, ... place last Saturday night at the ...dence of Mr. F. A. Bux, Gledhow.

A MARITZBURG MARRIAGE

A pretty wedding function took place at the H.Y.M.A. Hall on Sunday last. The contracting parties were Soobramoney Govender, the eldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs Perumal Govender, of Ashburton, and Salatchee, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Ramsamy Padayachee (David Ram), of Maritzburg. The father of the bride is a well-known sportsman connected with the Indian boxing world. Mr. C. V. Pillay officiated as priest and Mr. R. N. Moodley acted as the M.C.

There was a large gathering of friends and relatives together with several well-known European guests, including Mr. Dennis Fagan, Mr. Stroud, Mrs. Hardwicke, Mrs K. Duxbury, Mr. Heybourne, Mrs Holbirb, Mr. J. Russell, and Mr. and Mrs Bowie.

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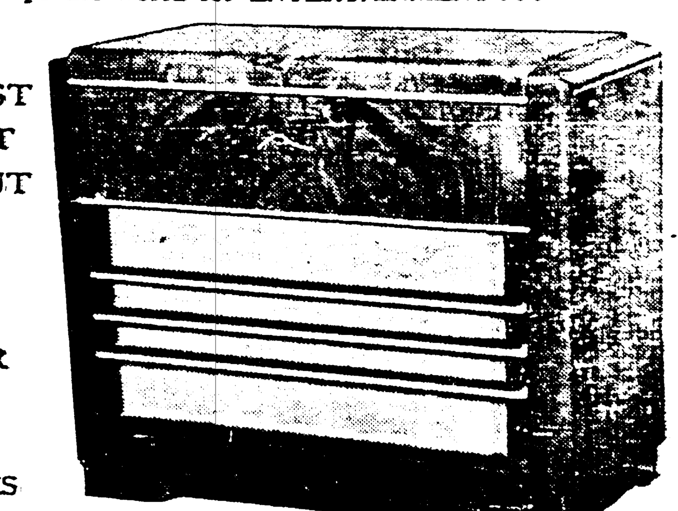
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THE PRESIDENT AND OFFICIALS of the NATAL INDIAN ASSOCIATION (Pietermaritzburg Branch) will accord a WELCOME RECEPTION to SIR SHAFA'AT AHMED KHAN, M.A., LITT.D., High Commissioner for India in South Africa, at VEDA DHARMA SABHA HALL, Longmarket Street, MARITZBURG on SUNDAY, 28th JUNE, 1942, at 2.30 p.m. ALL WELCOME

THE— LEADER

The Newspaper for the Quarter Million Indians of South Africa

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 1942

"Go the Whole Hog" Now

WITH the fall of Tobruk and the quick advance of Rommel towards the Egyptian frontier the danger to South Africa has increased very greatly. While the Allied armies kept the adventurous Rommel under check the white people in this country could hope to maintain the attitude that the destiny of South Africa lay in their hands alone and that only white South Africans should defend the country. Now that the balance of power in the north has taken such a dramatic turn this ostrichism must give way to realism. The white people and the Government of South Africa must view the position in its true perspective and instead of relying on the fact that the country could recruit an army from two millions only and claim it to be representative of ten millions it must recruit from the ten millions and boast of a truly representative defence force.

Some time back General Smuts declared that he would be prepared to "go the whole hog" if necessary and save this country from falling into the hands of Fascist hordes. In that speech there was a certain amount of complacency for the necessity was urgent even then and today that extreme urgency has multiplied itself over and over and it is the immediate duty of the Government to give the non-European a full status in the fight against the Axis. They must be trained as front-line fighting men and not men in the third and fourth line of battle.

Ever since the beginning of the war South Africa has been in the happy position of being safe from the cruel realities of war. It has been safe from the havoc and destruction of countries which have been bombed and shelled. But now the situation has taken a definite turn for the worse and no man, however optimistic he might choose to be, can deny the fact. The country is in real danger. The jaws of the Fascist Axis are closing in from the north and from the east. The [illegible] and the lack of news from the Pacific war theatre is disconcerting and hoping for the best can no more be regarded as a solution to the urgency. What is needed is the immediate recruitment of an army—a true South African army—an army that will represent the entire population of South Africa.

Even while Tobruk has fallen and a large number of South African soldiers have been taken prisoner and Rommel continues with his successful march the Premier has made no attempt to fulfil his promise that he would requisition the services of all the people in this country—irrespective of their colour—when the need arose. We have argued over and over in these columns that a plain statement, such as that he will require the services of all the people in this country, will not solve the problem of defence of this country as the non-white people will have to be given an assurance that they, too, will be allowed to enjoy the fruits of victory, and, what is of still greater importance—that assurance will have to be given now. The loss of so many men means much and unless that loss is replaced there will be a serious breach in the resistance of the South African army against the Nazis in North Africa. The loss of material does not matter so much for it is the men who, finally, will win the war.

In the calculations for the next national recruiting campaign the Department of Defence must take in the non-European as a potential soldier capable of fighting with machine guns and tanks and piloting a fighter plane. A conscripted army will never save democracy. The men must know that they are out to defend a creed that means something to them and their children and their children's children. The gravest diplomatic blunder the country can commit in an emergency is to conscript non-Europeans for the army. Such an army has nothing to lose and nothing to gain by fighting on either side and is quite likely to desert in the thick of the fighting. It is beyond reason and good logic that the South African still believes that two million men can represent South Africa in the bloodiest war in all history. However civilised any country or nation may be the final reckoning for the degree of civilisation lies in one fact: the size of the army in relation to its manpower it has put in the field to defend the civilisation to which it subscribes.

South Africa is still out of reckoning for civilisation. It has yet to do its duty by justice and decency despite all the fine speeches and the claims to the contrary. It has yet to put in the field against the enemy the consolidated might of the entire country—the might of ten million determined men and women to save the remaining vestiges of the Government which Lincoln envisaged after the battle of Gettysburg:

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COMMISSION TO INQUIRE INTO HIGHER EDUCATION

A COMMISSION of Inquiry, The Leader learns, has been appointed to explore the possibilities of a university and a technical college for Indians in Natal.

Mr. F. D. Hugo, the Secretary for the Union Department of Education, Mr. R. Banks, the Director of Education, Natal, and Senator Edgar Brookes are members of this commission.

The necessity for technical training and commercial classes was emphasised when Mr. B. M. Narbeth, the Chairman of the Indian Technical Education Committee, stated in his annual report for 1941 that the classes showed progress from year to year and there was a gradual increase in the [illegible]. The results compared very favourably with those of the best technical institutions in the Union as far as the commercial subjects were concerned.

"There are indications," Mr. Narbeth states at the conclusion of his report, "that technical education everywhere is likely to be much more practical in the future than in the past. This will necessitate the provision of workshops and laboratories in our scheme from the first."

"AN exceptionally high standard was attained in the subject of bookkeeping in the most advanced grade of which 8 out of the 30 passes in the Union were allocated to our students in the November examination, as well as two out of the three distinctions in the June examination and 2 out of 5 in the November examination.

During the latter part of the year much attention was given to the opening of rural evening classes. The result was encouraging, the report continues.

Throughout the year efforts were made to start workshop classes for youths engaged in the furniture industry and classes in agriculture for Indian sugar farmers. With regard to the former the response did not justify the establishment of a class, but Mr. Narbeth states:

"We shall continue our efforts to establish technical classes for workers in the furniture trades and other industries for only by such means can we hope to see a band of highly-skilled Indian artisans in this country.

"We are ready to give him the technical instruction he requires as soon as we can get classes together."

Referring to the developments concerning the possibility of erecting buildings to accommodate the work of the Technical Committee Mr. Narbeth said:

"In December a memorandum was drawn up to indicate our requirements in permanent buildings.

"This was submitted by Mr. V. S. Naidoo to an Indian citizen who was interested. In January the chairman by invitation met the gentleman, who promised sums up to £17,500 towards the cost of college buildings.

"The Minister of Finance and Education was approached for a building grant of a like amount and this request was supported by the High Commissioner for India, who is deeply interested in the scheme, and has been very sympathetically received.

"The scheme involves the following amount to cover the cost of the first buildings: Local donation, £17,500; Government grant, £17,500; total £35,000.

"It is the wish of the donor that science buildings for first-year medical students should be part of the scheme.

"An application for the grant of a certain piece of land for a building site made to the city council has also met with a kindly reception.

"The committee has taken a great step forward in committing itself to this scheme. It will be necessary for the committee to work together as one man to enlarge its vision and to look well ahead.

"We shall want the undivided and enthusiastic support of the Indian community. Heavy responsibility will rest on your chairman and I should like to see the committee strengthened by a couple of members experienced in the administration of the work of technical colleges.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

"We must soon consider ways and means of establishing day classes which will find their home in the new building. We shall probably begin with a science and technical day school for boys, day commercial classes, and a home science school for girls, all built up with the peculiar needs of the Indian community in view.

"This will involve the financing of a full-time permanent staff, the head of whom should be a full-time administrative officer.

"There are indications that technical education everywhere is likely to be much more practical in the future than in the past. This will necessitate the provision of workshops and laboratories in our scheme from the first. I hope to submit a draft scheme to you for your consideration within a couple of months."

The committee which was reconstituted is composed of:—

Dr. M. Clark, Mrs. G. Christopher, Messrs. P. G. Naicker, S. L. Singh, S. M. Moodley, V. Vinden, T. M. Naicker, A. Christopher, G. H. [illegible]stad, S. Joseph and B. M. Narbeth (from the former Indian Technical Education Committee). Representing the city council of Durban: Councillor [illegible] Knight (now deceased); representing the Natal Indian Teachers' Society: Mr. G. V. Naidoo (later substituted by Mr. V. S. Naidoo); representing the Natal Indian Farmers' Association: Mr. A. B. Naidoo (later resigned); representing the Natal Indian Sugar Cane Growers' Association: Mr. [illegible] Roopsingh; representing the Natal Indian Association: Messrs. A. M. [illegible] Lokhat, A. S. Kajee, M. M. Gandhi, M. I. Timol, S. Rustomjee and R. K. Maharaj.

[EX]PROPRIATION TO BE SANCTIONED

[F]eeling of Sir Shafa'at Ahmad Khan

[T]HE question of expropriation has taken a turn, as far as the Indians are concerned, for the residents of the areas which are proposed to be expropriated now find themselves without leaders.

This is embodied in a statement made by Mr. T. M. Naicker, who presided at a mass meeting held at Riverside on Sunday. He said: "We [illegible] a name but we do not have the leaders."

Mr. Sorabjee Rustomjee and Mr. P. R. Pather, who were expected to define the attitude of the Natal Indian Association at the meeting, did not turn up. Mr. Rustomjee, in a letter addressed to the Riverside Ratepayers' Association, said that he did not wish to attend the mass meeting as he felt that a meeting of landowners should have been called, as the question primarily affects them. Sir Shafa'at Ahmad Khan, the Indian High Commissioner, approached by the people affected, said that he had done everything in his power and he felt that the Minister of Public Health, Mr. H. Lawrence, would definitely sanction the scheme.

The meeting reaffirmed the decision not to budge from Riverside [illegible] about three weeks ago.

[M]r. T. M. NAICKER said that for the past few weeks the committee of the Riverside Ratepayers' Association had been very active. The [illegible] Indian Association had suggested counter-proposals for the Riverside area subject to certain safeguards. The meeting was the result of the [illegible] of Mr. Sorabjee Rustomjee, who [illegible] that as "the problem was a [illegible] and serious one" and as he "was not satisfied" another meeting should be called in order to obtain a mandate of the people. "I very much regret," Mr. Naicker said, "that Mr. Rustomjee, who is a responsible leader of the community, seems to [illegible] with the question. Our attitude," Mr. Naicker concluded, "we should [illegible] Mr. Rustomjee, does not [illegible] one iota from our original determination."

[Mr.] N. Gopaul stated that if the few Europeans in the neighbourhood found [they] did not like to live next to the [Indians] they could sell out and go. [The] Indian could well take care of the [illegible]

[Mr.] A. I. Kajee said that the best the residents could do was to [stand] fast by their original resolution.

"Although I am a member of the [Natal] Indian Association, I am here [to express] my personal views," said Mr. [illegible] E. Paruk. "Expropriation," he [said], "is not confined to any particular area. I reiterate, it is a national issue. This is the time for leaders to guide us. Now is the time for the men who have received [illegible] of applause for the last twenty [years] to do something for the people [and not] to ask the people what they, leaders, should do."

Among the other speakers were Messrs. V. C. Nayanarajh, M. V. Naicker, N. G. Chetty, S. L. Singh and Geo. Singh.

RUSTOMJEE TO DEFY COUNCIL

Giving his reason for his absence from the meeting held at Riverside on Sunday, June 21, Mr. Sorabjee Rustomjee on being approached by The Leader said: "I made my position quite clear to the committee of the Riverside-Briardene Ratepayers' Association on June 13 immediately on my arrival from Johannesburg that a meeting of the property owners of the area should be called because they were the people who were primarily concerned and without their cooperation and without unity amongst them the cause may very materially suffer.

"The committee agreed with my suggestion and unanimously decided to convene a meeting of property owners only on Sunday, June 21, but instead I found that the officials in spite of the resolution called a 'mass meeting.'

"I still maintain that a meeting of the property owners must be convened and decision taken. The moral support of the masses or even the residents becomes useless in a struggle of this nature if the property owners give in and make sales under private treaties.

"I am in a small way the owner of a property at Riverside and I once again reiterate that the Durban Town Council will never have the transfer of my property with my free will and consent. Fight we will and God willing with success.

"I would say nothing more at present because a committee meeting of the Natal Indian Association is to take place soon to decide the issue."

[E]SCAPED From The [G]ERMANS

[In] a letter to his father, Mr. V. [illegible]ngam, of Maritzburg, Private A. [illegible]illay, a member of the Indian and [illegible] Service Corps, who is on active [service] in Libya, describes what he [calls] a thrilling experience which befell him.

"On May 28, during the severe fighting around El Adem we were taken [prisoners] by the Germans, whilst out on [patrol] in a truck with ten other [men]. This happened at about four [o'clock] in the morning. We were [surrounded] by the German column and [illegible] by German tanks. At one [time] we were in the thick of the fighting, the shelling of our artillery being [very] severe and the bombing of the [illegible] by our planes terrible. We [were] put to work digging slit trenches. [At] eight o'clock in the evening, [together] with 15 other men, we took [illegible] a truck that had been left unguarded and made our escape to our lines. I must say that we took a desperate chance and were glad to be [out] of German hands."

COLLEGE FOR CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

High Commissioner Speaks at Maritzburg

The High Commissioner for India, Sir Shafa'at Ahmad Khan, addressed a meeting, under the auspices of the Indo-European Council, in Maritzburg on Wednesday evening. The Bishop of Natal presided.

Speaking on Indian culture Sir Shafa'at made a strong plea for the necessity of a residential university college in this country which would also serve the needs of Indians of East Africa. This college would be the focal point for the cultural development of Indians of Africa.

Sir Shafa'at will be visiting Stanger, where he will be accorded a reception by the Stanger branch of the N.I.A. at the Stanger Picture Palace at 2.30 p.m. today (Saturday). He will be the guest of Mr. A. G. Bux to lunch.

Tomorrow (Sunday) he will be accorded a reception, under the auspices of the Maritzburg branch of the N.I.A., at the V.D.S. Hall at 2.30 p.m.

"Nothing Less Than a Criminal Act"

—CONGRESS

"THE present proposals of the City Council will in the nature of their working prove uneconomical in that established settlements where no slum conditions prevail, and where houses of good construction have been built, will unnecessarily be uprooted for the sake of a town-planning scheme which took no cognisance of existing buildings, and where the town planner gave vent to his imagination on the presumption that he did not have to consider the happiness and well-being of hundreds of human beings living here in established homes; such an attitude is nothing less than a criminal act," states the Natal Indian Congress in the course of its third memorandum sent this week to the Minister of Public Health, when commenting on the Durban City Council's expropriation proposals.

On the Riverside/Umgeni North scheme the Congress admits that slum conditions prevail and is in favour of their removal. "But the methods that should be applied should be reasonable and just, and not tainted with the sinister object of achieving racial segregation at the expense of an inarticulate people."

The congress has no objection to the Council proceeding in its town planning of this area "and for the provision of proper roads and amenities, and to this end and only it be authorised to acquire such lands as are needed for such purposes only at a fair market value, failing which it can resort to expropriation, on the distinct understanding that individual Indian plot-holders, wherever any one of these has been affected by the requirements of town planning shall be allowed to retain the remainder of his plot after deductions have been made in the interest of a road or any other public servitude."

For European housing in this area the congress avers that there is the Virginia Estate, Harrison Estate, M. R. Korsten's land, the Ellis Park Estate, the Durban North Estate, and other European-owned land and to take away Indian land "congress submits that the injustice of the proposed expropriation will in its ultimate effect bring considerable hardship and misery upon the Indian community and this could be emphasised by drawing attention to the respective number of population resident in the area proposed to be expropriated.

"The Indian population is estimated to be 5,000, whilst the Europeans resident in these areas do not exceed 500. Congress therefore respectfully begs to urge that the total and wholesale expropriation of these areas is an undesirable method for the elimination of the slum conditions prevailing in this area and for the provision of Indian housing."

Congress also records its objections against the proposed expropriation of Indian land at Merebank, Wentworth, Sydenham and other areas.

FIRST AIDERS NEED EQUIPMENT

Over a Hundred Students in Training

The Red Cross branch of the Durban Indian Surf Life Savers' Club is in urgent need of first aid equipment such as bandages and splints, etc., Mr. J. van der Westhuizen, the instructor to the branch, told The Leader.

The life savers branch of the Red Cross had done a lot of good work and had been responsible for training a number of first aid men.

"At the present moment," Mr. Westhuizen continued, "there are over a hundred students at the classes. The continuous blackout, however, has caused a certain amount of disruption which I hope will be remedied in the course of the next few days."

The work of the Red Cross branch was seriously hampered by the lack of a hall, Mr. Westhuizen concluded.

Mr. A. I. Kajee Unveils Tablet To Brother's Memory

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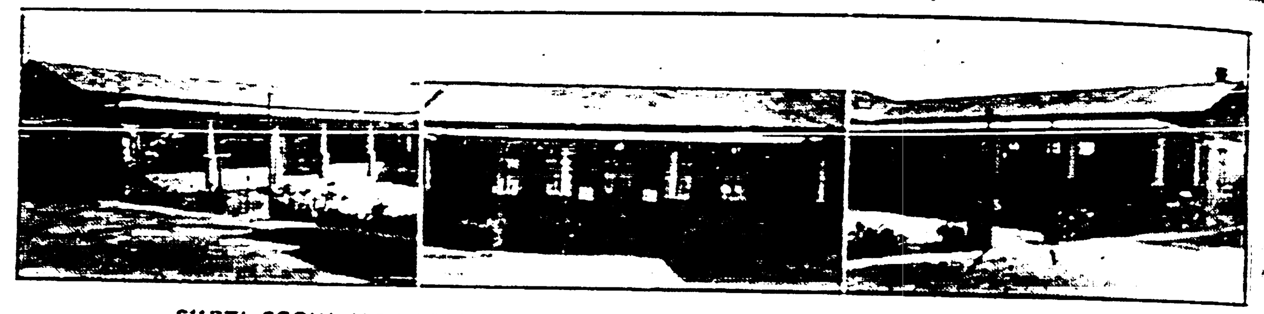

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TALK OF THE BAZAAR

BY "THE FAQIR"

YOUR country is extremely good ...but for . . ." and the speaker ...no attempt to conclude his reply ...question. He left the rest to my ...ination, for he could not bring ...it to talk of the colour bar. The ...er was Dr. N. H. Soman, of ... who is now doing a spot of ... work on a hospital ship which ... between the Suez and Durban. ... a wounded Springbok soldier who ...o the war wouldn't think of the ...n as a human being has passed ... his care and seems to have dis...ed during his stay on board that ...Indian, too, is a human being. In ...time Dr. Soman was a civil ser... in the employ of the Government ...ndia at Bombay. He qualified ...gh the Nagpur University and ...been a doctor for 15 years—for ...of them a wartime doctor.

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...me people have a queer way of ...nding to importance. An im...nt meeting of a political organisa... was scheduled to take place on ...y morning at 10 o'clock, but un...nately very few thought fit to ...resent at the meeting. At two ...tes to ten the chief clerk arrived ...he annoyance of at least one old ... who maintained the clerk could ... at least turned up half an hour ...e time. One of the secretaries ...ed at ten minutes past ten with ...reeting, "I am only ten minutes, I had to refuse invitations to two ...ings." At half-past ten there was ...uorum and the few people that ... there were getting impatient. At ...arter to eleven there was still no ...um and when at ten minutes to ...n it was decided to abandon the ...ing the chairman of the committee ...ed up with a sweet look of inno...e on his face. He was told the ...ing had been abandoned. The ...ing was, I believe, called to dis... expropriation and to give the final ...ion of the organisation in regard ...xpropriation in each affected area. ... particular organisation has a com...e of one hundred and twenty ...bers. The quorum is twenty.

...ECT COMPANY

...e other day I fell into select com... the company of four teachers, ...of whom were headmasters. I did ...know them except by sight and ... and so had to be content with ...dropping into their conversation. ... this was what they talked of: ...S duties and the position of ...ren during a real emergency. The ...lations order that when an emer... sounds and children happen to ... school they must be kept behind. ...t is going to happen, the teachers ...to know, if the all-clear is not ... before nightfall. No arrange...s have been made to feed the ...reds of children who would be at ...l in such an eventuality or even ...ovide them with sleeping quarters ...clothes at a school. From C.P.S. ... they turned over to funerals and then to communism. Tiring of communism they switched on to talk of the "new regulations for aided teachers." Although nothing official has been heard one man in the teaching fraternity has been informed on the quiet by an official in the know that an attempt is being made to bring the aided teacher into the same category as the Government teacher. One aspect of education led the talk to another. According to one of these four teachers a committee has been appointed to investigate the need of the Indians in Natal for technical education. The Union Education Department is represented on the committee, which is the result of Mr. Sultan's offer. Then the teachers talked of malnutrition in the schools. "It is a cruel thing," one of them declared, "and we who come in contact with these half-starved children feel for them." Then they went to Hitler for a topic. Hitler has done the world a lot of good! This is how they arrived at their conclusion. It has taken Nazism to expose the weaknesses of the muchlauded democratic system. For a long time the people of the world were led to believe that democracy was the perfect system, but now they have discovered, because of World War No. II caused by Herr Adolf Hitler, that something is wrong with democracy also. When the teachers turned to the church I had to leave the train. We were all sitting in the same compartment.

BLACKOUT RUMOURS

Blackout is the topic of the moment. It has quite taken the imagination of the people in Durban and many refuse to believe that this is a trial one and in the course of the last few days I have picked up the following choice bits of rumours: Jap submarines have been noticed off Umhlanga Rocks; Rising Sun aeroplanes have actually flown over Durban and photographed the city; a Japanese plane has been brought down into the sea only a few miles off the Durban beach and, finally, the blackout will be lifted next Saturday because there is one thing that even the war cannot be expected to overshadow and that is the Durban "July." I am inclined to believe the last bit. I have reasons of my own.

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At the 37th annual meeting of the Hindu Young Men's Association, Maritzburg, the following officials were elected: Patron, Mr. Bhai Parmanandjee; life vice-presidents, Messrs. R. R. Pillay and K. Moodley; president, Mr. V. K. Pillay, vice-presidents, Messrs. K. S. Moodley, R. N. Moodley and K. M. Munsamy; manager, Mr. R. S. Moodley; auditor, Mr. R. K. Naidoo; committee members, Messrs. R. C. Naidoo, R. C. Pillay, S. Nair, V. G. Naidoo, M. G. Naidoo, S. Visvanathan and P. N. R. Naidoo; joint secretaries and treasurers, V. S. Lingam and Suran Munsamy.

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Congratulatory messages were received from all parts of South Africa.

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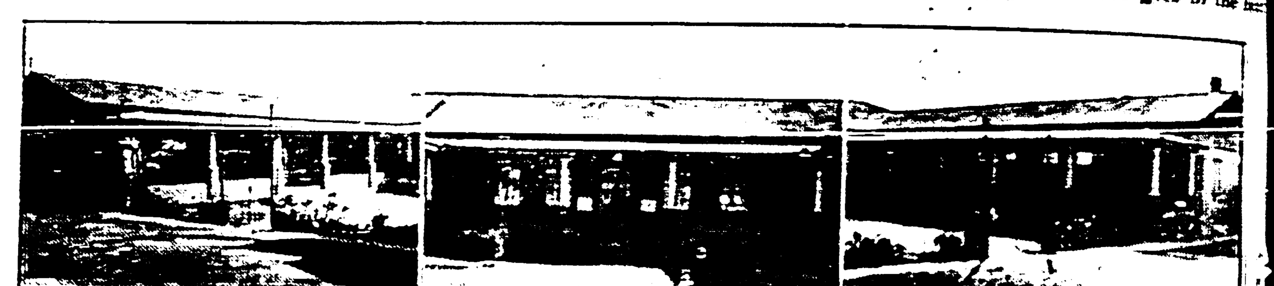

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TALK OF THE BAZAAR

BY "THE FAQIR"

...OUR country is extremely good ... but for ..." and the speaker ... no attempt to conclude his reply ... question. He left the rest to my ... imagination, for he could not bring ... to talk of the colour bar. The ... was Dr. N. H. Soman, of ... who is now doing a spot of ... work on a hospital ship which ... between the Suez and Durban. ... a wounded Springbok soldier who ... the war wouldn't think of the ... as a human being has passed ... his care and seems to have discarded during his stay on board that ... Indian, too, is a human being. In ... time Dr. Soman was a civil servant in the employ of the Government ... at Bombay. He qualified ... the Nagpur University and ... been a doctor for 15 years—for ... of them a wartime doctor.

...ORTANCE

... people have a queer way of ... to importance. An important meeting of a political organisation was scheduled to take place on ... morning at 10 o'clock, but unfortunately very few thought fit to ... present at the meeting. At two ... to ten the chief clerk arrived ... the annoyance of at least one old ... who maintained the clerk could ... at least turned up half an hour ... time. One of the secretaries ... at ten minutes past ten with ... greeting, "I am only ten minutes ... I had to refuse invitations to two ... things." At half-past ten there was ... quorum and the few people that ... there were getting impatient. At ... quarter to eleven there was still no ... and when at ten minutes to ... it was decided to abandon the ... the chairman of the committee ... up with a sweet look of innocence on his face. He was told the ... had been abandoned. The ... was, I believe, called to discuss expropriation and to give the final ... of the organisation in regard ... expropriation in each affected area. ... particular organisation has a committee of one hundred and twenty ... The quorum is twenty.

...ECT COMPANY

... other day I fell into select company, the company of four teachers, ... whom were headmasters. I did ... know them except by sight and ... and so had to be content with ... dropping into their conversation. ... this was what they talked of: ... duties and the position of ... during a real emergency. The ... regulations order that when an emergency sounds and children happen to ... school they must be kept behind. ... is going to happen, the teachers ... to know, if the all-clear is not ... before nightfall. No arrangements have been made to feed the ... of children who would be at ... in such an eventuality or even ... provide them with sleeping quarters ... clothes at a school. From C.P.S. ... they turned over to funerals and then to communism. Tiring of communism they switched on to talk of the "new regulations for aided teachers." Although nothing official has been heard one man in the teaching fraternity has been informed on the quiet by an official in the know that an attempt is being made to bring the aided teacher into the same category as the Government teacher. One aspect of education led the talk to another. According to one of these four teachers a committee has been appointed to investigate the need of the Indians in Natal for technical education. The Union Education Department is represented on the committee, which is the result of Mr. Sultan's offer. Then the teachers talked of malnutrition in the schools. "It is a cruel thing," one of them declared, "and we who come in contact with these half-starved children feel for them." Then they went to Hitler for a topic. Hitler has done the world a lot of good! This is how they arrived at their conclusion. It has taken Nazism to expose the weaknesses of the much-lauded democratic system. For a long time the people of the world were led to believe that democracy was the perfect system, but now they have discovered, because of World War No. II caused by Herr Adolf Hitler, that something is wrong with democracy also. When the teachers turned to the church I had to leave the train. We were all sitting in the same compartment.

BLACKOUT RUMOURS

Blackout is the topic of the moment. It has quite taken the imagination of the people in Durban and many refuse to believe that this is a trial one and in the course of the last few days I have picked up the following choice bits of rumours: Jap submarines have been noticed off Umhlanga Rocks; Rising Sun aeroplanes have actually flown over Durban and photographed the city; a Japanese plane has been brought down into the sea only a few miles off the Durban beach and, finally, the blackout will be lifted next Saturday because there is one thing that even the war cannot be expected to overshadow and that is the Durban "July." I am inclined to believe the last bit. I have reasons of my own.

H.Y.M.A. OFFICIALS

At the 37th annual meeting of the Hindu Young Men's Association, Maritzburg, the following officials were elected: Patron, Mr. Bhai Parmanandjee; life vice-presidents, Messrs. R. R. Pillay and K. Moodley; president, Mr. V. K. Pillay; vice-presidents, Messrs. K. S. Moodley, R. N. Moodley and R. M. Mudaliar; manager, Mr. R. S. Moodley; auditor, Mr. R. K. Naidoo; committee members, Messrs. R. C. Naidoo, R. C. Pillay, S. Nair, V. G. Naidoo, M. G. Naidoo, S. Visvanathan and P. N. R. Naidoo; joint secretaries and treasurers, V. S. Lingam and Suran Muthray.

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MARITZBURG INTER-RACIAL DEBATE

The Maritzburg Muslim Youth Debating Society held a debate with the Maritzburg Parliamentary Debating Society last week. The Maritzburg Muslim Youth Debating Society's spokesmen were Messrs. A. H. Rawat, A. Mota, S. M. Rehman, and Hamza Hajeemia. The subject for the debate was "Socialism is the only cure for the world's evils." The Indians spoke in the affirmative.

After both sides had made their points the award was given in favour —352 against 312 points—of the Parliamentary Debating Society. The judges were Messrs. Dennis Fagan and S. R. Naidoo.

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and library open. Let it redound to the glory of service to our fellowmen and to Him who is the creator of all."

Among the other speakers were the following: Messrs. Amod Moosa, V. Lawrence, E. G. David, V. K. Pillay (representing the Natal Indian Congress), A. E. Shaikh, M. A. Motala, Aboo Moosa, Moulana Sayyed Mahommed Loot, Moulana Mooti Mahommed Hanif Afrique, S. M. Rehman, Shaikh Ahmed Mukuddum, and many others.

Congratulatory messages were received from all parts of South Africa.

Six illuminated addresses were read by Mr. M. R. Naidoo, the headmaster of the Mahommedan Oriental School, and were presented to the following: Ayesha Omar, Hajee D. E. Asmall, Hajee A. M. Mayat, M. I. Bobat and to Mrs. Fatima Kajee, widow of the late Mr. M. I. Kajee; and to Mr. A. I. Kajee as a token of the unbounded thanks and appreciation of the services done to the Indian community.

The ceremony terminated with prayers by Moulana Sayyed Mahommed Loot, of Richmond, and a vote of thanks moved by Mr. I. S. Cassimjee.

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Weekend Soccer Fixtures

NATAL CUP

Senior "B": 3.30 p.m.: Clairwood Schools v. Warwickshire "B"; Main; K. R. Maharaj. 3.30 p.m.: Queens v. Duffs Road; No. 1; P. Moona.

Junior "A": 3.30 p.m.: Stella v. Warwickshire; No. 3; M. S. Badat.

Junior (League): 2.15 p.m.: Central "A" v. Central "B"; No. 3; E. H. Moollen. 3.30 p.m.: Sydenham v. Overport; No. 2; Y. S. Mulla. 2.15 p.m.: Stars v. Aces; No. 2; K. M. Pillay.

Juvenile (Natal Cup): 2.15 p.m.: Clairwood Riverside v. Warwickshire "A"; Main; A. I. Timol. 2.15 p.m.: Stella "A" v. Warwickshire "B"; No. 4; C. Peters. 3.30 p.m.: Stella "B" v. Crimson League; No. 4; R. Munsamy.

Juvenile (League): 2.15 p.m.: Sastri "B" v. Young Bulwers; No. 1.

LADYSMITH (TODAY)

Natal Cup (Replay): 3 p.m.: Schools v. Muslims; M. Govinder.

MAYVILLE (TOMORROW)

Seniors (Suncrush Shield): 1.45 p.m.: Riversdale v. Mayville; No. 1. 3.15 p.m.: Sydenham United v. Pirates; No. 1. 1.45 p.m.: Westerners v. Manning Rangers; No. 2. 3.15 p.m.: Cato Stars v. Moonlighters; No. 2.

Juniors (Natal Cup): 12 noon: Mayville v. Young Royals; No. 1. 12 noon: Lambardy v. Manor United; No. 2.

COUNTY (TOMORROW)

Junior Natal Cup: 12.30 p.m.: Pirates v. Shaves; V. R. Jack. 2.0 p.m.: Shamrocks v. Bellair; V. Moodley.

Iyanaar's K.O. Cup (Semi-final): 3.30 p.m.: Shaves v. Cliff View Royals; M. K. Naidoo.

STANGER DISTRICT TOMORROW

1.30 p.m.: Kearsney v. Gledhow Rangers at Kearsney. Mr. Maraj.
3.20 p.m.: United v. Kearsney "B" at Kearsney. Mr. P. Kistan.
2 p.m.: Rangers v. Pirates at Gledhow. Mr. S. M. Naicker.

GLENCOE INTERTOWN

2.15 p.m.: Glencoe v. Newcastle.

Glencoe team: B. Ramkissoon, P. M. Govender, L. V. Govender, B. Rajkumar, H. B. Narrandes, B. Ramdeen, S. R. Naidoo, Johnnie Naidoo, J. Sylvester, D. Dorasamy, R. Misra (captain). Reserves: C. B. Singh, J. Sewpersadh, A. R. D. Mahomed, Ram Reddy, Ganas Naidoo, S. L. Pillay, S. Badloo.

DIMES FOOTBALLERS

The following have been selected to represent the Dimes Sports Association against the Durban Indian Sunday League tomorrow afternoon at 3.30 at the Magazine Barracks sports ground:

M. Soobermoney, M. Munien (vice-captain), M. Perumall, M. Veerisamy, Kisten Chappy (captain), M. Coopsamy, — Dhrumlingum, M. Shunmugum, R. Chinniah, K. Mudhray, Munien Gengen. Reserves: V. Coopsamy, P. Narainsamy Robert, A. Kisten, Aungamuthu, S. Moonsamy, D. Kanipen.

SOCCER RESULTS

The following are the results of matches played at Currie's Fountain on Saturday:

Natal Cup, Senior "B": Clairwood Schools 2, Warwickshire "B" 2; Duffs Road 2, Pirates 1.

Juniors: Central "A" 1, Stella 10; Sydenham 1, Warwickshire 3.

Juvenile "A": Central 2, Clairwood Riverside 1; Aces 2, Sastri College 3.

Juvenile "B": Sydenham Royals 0, Stella "A" 2; Young Bulwers 1, Crimson League 7; Silver Willow Rangers 1, Warwickshire 6; Sastri "B" 0, Stella "B" 3.

NATAL CUP MATCHES AT LADYSMITH

On Saturday last Stars beat Shamrocks 4—1 in a Natal Cup fixture in a keenly contested game.

The score at interval was 1—1. On resumption Stars, playing with the wind, scored three goals. Stars, 4 (Adam 3, Bagwandeen 1); Shamrocks, 1 (Anthony 1). Mr. M. Thomas refereed.

Schools met Muslims in the late match, also a Natal Cup fixture. The match resulted in a draw 1—1. This match provided a thrilling game of soccer with Schools playing against the wind. Naidoo, the goalkeeper, was tested frequently by the Muslims' forwards.

Five minutes before interval Asmal opened the score for Muslims.

Half-time score: Muslims 1, Schools 0.

Fifteen minutes after resumption Vinden equalised from a penalty awarded in Schools' favour.

A quarter of an hour before the end the match was abandoned owing to bad light. Mr. I. A. Moola refereed.

STANGER SOCCER RESULTS

United met Pirates on Sunday last at Gledhow and defeated them 3—nil. United missed numerous opportunities in front of the goal and this saved Pirates from a trouncing. The referee was Mr. S. M. Naicker.

What proved to be a thrilling match was between Kearsney and Gledhow. The match ended in a draw 2—2. A feature of the match was the large number of penalties. With two drawn matches Kearsney are now behind United in the league log. The referee was Mr. P. Kistan.

Gledhow Rangers played well throughout to hold Rangers until very nearly the end. A little before time G. Mather crossed to put Rangers in the lead. Mr. H. C. Maraj refereed.

A fortnight earlier United easily beat Rangers 3—nil; Gledhow surprisingly drew with Tea Blenders 2—2, while Pirates went down to Kearsney to the tune of 5—nil.

GLENCOE STELLA WINS

At the Glencoe eleven-a-side tournament on Sunday Glencoe Stella won the Gopie Singh Trophy after an exciting match with the powerful [illegible] team. The game was so evenly contested that it held the onlookers in suspense till the end. Stella put up an unexpectedly fine show and combined well. Final score: Stella [illegible], Burnside 1. Mr. S. Manickum refereed.

SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION

At the sixth annual meeting of the Pinetown and Suburban Indian Schools Sports Association, held at the [illegible] Government-aided Indian school, [illegible]ley Park road, Malvern, the following were elected office-bearers for the ensuing year: Patrons, Messrs. M. [illegible] Reddy, S. K. Govender and B. [illegible]lall; president, Mr. E. Sheikh; vice-presidents, Messrs. M. K. Naidoo, [illegible] Pulchun, V. N. Naidoo, V. K. Naidoo and G. C. Gabriel; honorary secretary, Mr. E. Alli; assistant secretary, Mr. M. V. Naicker; honorary treasurer, Mr. N. Needhoo; record clerk, Mr. [illegible] N. Moodley; honorary auditor, Mr. [illegible] K. Naidu; delegates to Natal [illegible], Messrs. E. Sheikh, S. Chetty, P. G. Govender and K. R. Padayachee.

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To the Unknown Indian Labourer

MONUMENTAL WORK MUST BE PERPETUATED

A MONUMENT to the Unknown Indian Labourer—symbolising Indian contribution to the development of Natal and a recognition of his efforts, lest it be forgotten—should be erected. This was a suggestion made by the High Commissioner for India, Sir Shafa'at Khan, when speaking at the reception accorded to him by the Maritzburg branch of the Natal Indian Association on Sunday.

"The Indian Labourer who started life here," he said, "has developed the sugar industry and through his efforts Natal has been converted into a Garden Colony. It has come with the spirit of co-operation — under European direction and Indian labour and intelligence. Keep up the example of your fathers (exhorting their descendants). Keep up your faculties to the maximum and emulate their work.

"The Indian community's record in the development of this country," proceeded the speaker, "is one of which you have a legitimate reason to be proud. Your forefathers came as pioneers at a time when a few persons knew of your country, your race, your religion, your culture and your origin.

"Do not give up hope in the promise of your future. There may be and are occasions when you are cast down by circumstances which you can neither modify nor remedy. There are vicissitudes in the lives not merely of individuals but of nations and communities through which they must go, in order that they may emerge from the trial purified of all alloy, and far more thoroughly prepared for the battle of life.

"You have passed through a cycle of crises; you have been through initial difficulties which are inevitable in the progress of any cause, community or race. I feel that brighter days are in store for you.

"From information at present available, there seems no immediate need to pull long faces or to moan. You have never done so in the past, and have borne the turns of fortune with characteristic courage.

"Keep this tradition and trust implicitly in the future."

HIS effort, went on Sir Shafa'at, would be to cultivate every element of the population to carry on his work on the basis of Indo-European co-operation.

He came to this country with that fixed idea and it would be his endeavour to work out the doctrine of this co-operation in all its ramifications as long as he lived in South Africa. Some might object to it, calling it impossible or visionary or that he was crying for the moon.

To them he would say that he could not conceive any European or Indian solving their problems without mutual trust or guidance. That co-operation would be the principle of his life. It might seem impossible to work it all out at once, but in the end he had no doubts as to the result.

The previous speakers had asked him to give his considered, matured, and immediate decision on the question of the franchise, but he was sorry to disappoint them for he was disqualified, by reasons of his office, to say anything about it in public.

"I am the accredited representative of the Government of India to the Government of the Union and I must deal with the matter through files, cables, and correspondence. I am afraid that I cannot deal with it from the platform. I am sorry to disappoint you; you can realise the delicacy of my position. I have to deal with the Union Government."

Proceeding, Sir Shafa'at said that he knew that the Indian community in this country had forged ahead. "I know that reservoir of your enterprise, the heirs of your fathers. I know that most of you have few channels of action—few opportunities where you could have put the impress of your personality. Your opportunities are

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VARSITY'S BEST

MR. ISMAIL MEER, the president of the Natal University College Students' Union (Sastri Section) has been chosen as the best speaker of the Natal University College.

He will represent the N.U.C. at the Best Speakers' Debate to be held at the University of Witwatersrand this month.

This is the first time that a non-European has been chosen to speak for the N.U.C.

Mr. Meer will oppose the motion that "The Allies should fight the German people."

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