DURBAN CRICKET

The cricket match played at Currie's Fountain between Europeans and Indians ended in a draw. Batting first, Indians scored 197 runs. The star batsmen failed, and it was left to H. S. Ramderee to score 53. J. Jack 29, D. Jack 66, S. I. Emmanually 15, and A. I. Timol 14 not out, and to pull the side out of the rut. C. K. Harsant took 6 wickets for 50, E. Perkins 3 for 51.

The European side collected only 75 runs (V. Hall 35). They were asked to follow on. In their second innings they played better, scoring a useful 238 (Perkins 62, and Bob Williams 45) made merry with the bowling.

The Indians were left to get 115 runs in 70 minutes for a win. They collapsed, scoring 41 for 6 wickets at close of play.

DURBAN (JANUARY 29 and 30)
Intertown Final

Durban v. Maritzburg.

Local League Cup.

Ottomans v. Young Bharat.
Orientals v. Young Kismet.
Lemet v. Sparks.

TEAMS

The following will represent Durban against Maritzburg: M. I. Yusuf (capt.), G. Mahomed, I. G. M. Asmal, A. I. Timol, G. H. Doorat, V. D. Makan, D. Jack, I. A. Timol, A. H. Coovadia, C. Daya, H. Kazi, 12th man, S. V. Emmanually. Manager, Mr. C. N. M. Khan.

The following players have been selected to represent Maritzburg against Durban in the intertown final to be played at Durban this weekend: Ted Chetty (captain), I. S. Chetty, S. Danabalan, K. D. Reddy, E. M. Cassimjee, E. E. Jasat (Natalians), E. Harinarain (M.I.A.C.), T. V. Valliethan (Boy-Jo), E. K. Naidoo, S. S. Reddy and S. K. Naidoo (schools). Reserves: V. K. Pillay, E. Padayachee (United), Manzer, C. Doraswmy.

MARITZBURG CRICKET

In the Jasat Cup match, played under the time limit system of two hours batting each side, Young Natalian batting first compiled yet another huge score of 229 for 6 declared (Ted Chetty 99, K. D. Reddy 29, S. Danabalan 31, V. G. Naidoo 29, L. N. Chetty 18 not out).

United, 74 all out (E. Padayachee 31, K. Pillay 10, K. D. Reddy 5 for 25, G. Naidoo 5 for 8, E. Manjee 2 for 10).

Natalian- thus won by four wickets and 130 runs.

In the Orientals v. Schools game Orientals scored 109 (A. H. Rawat 50, C. Rawat 39).

Schools, 119 for 6 (P. Naffiah 50, E. K. Naidoo 22, N. K. Naidoo 14, K. Moodlia 13).

Schools won by four wickets and four runs.

COUNTY CRICKET

On Sunday last Pinetown Suburban C.C. met Sea View in the Shell Cup fixture, the former winning by 127 runs.

Pinetown Suburban C.C., first innings, 298 runs for 6 wickets (A. Naicker 129 not out, N. C. Naidoo 54, E. P. Nair 28, S. A. Balasker 24, S. Chasim 14).

Sea View C.C., first innings, 171 runs (G. Naidoo 50, G. Naicker 14, C. Naicker 10, K. K. Naidoo 6 for 31, S. T. Govender 4 for 27).

On Sunday last Ladysmith defeated Muslims in the Peters' Shield competition by 17 runs on a single innings.

Ladysmith, 1st innings, 162 (G. C. Govender 50, E. I. Deen 16, bowling, H. E. Khan 3 for 53, H. A. Chuppy 3 for 32, G. M. A. Moola 1 for 14).

Ladysmith, 2nd innings, 119 (K. E. Govender 43, G. C. Govender 41, bowling, D. M. Seedat 4 for 22, H. E. Khan 5 for 56, and I. H. Adam 1 for 12, K. Seedat 2 for 6).

Muslim, 1st innings, 99 (G. M. A. Moola 37, D. M. Seedat 27, bowling, K. E. Govender 5 for 27, H. V. Frank 3 for 23, S. Mangroo 2 for 14).

Muslims, 2nd innings, 69 for 4, close of play (A. I. Seedat 21, G. M. A. Moola 34 not out).

LADYSMITH (SUNDAY)

Peters' Shield semi-final: Ottomans v. Railway (A. E. Mathie and G. C. Govender, umpires).

Ladysmith League Log.

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
Ottomans	6	5	1	12
Muslims	6	4	2	10
Ladysmith	6	3	3	6
Railway	6	0	6	2

SANDALS C.C.

The following were elected officials of the newly-formed Sandals C.C.: Hon. Patrons Mrs. Hosen, Mr. H. A. Kendall; vice-presidents, Messrs. P. Govindsamy, Theo. Nel, J. McCabe, Stanley Meyers, M. Schoepers, president, Mr. Willie Horsford, secretary and treasurer, Mr. Sunny Pillay; committee members, Messrs. H. R. Marajah, R. Gopal, P. Govindsamy, R. Dunnett; managers, Messrs. D. Naidoo and S. Amod, captain, Mr. R. R. Dunnett; vice-captain, Mr. Sunny Pillay.

TO SERVE SERVICEMEN

THE Indian Ex-servicemen's League, which was formed a little while before the present war broke out, but which had been unable to function satisfactorily, was reorganised at a meeting held at the Centenary Road Indian School on Sunday morning. A new body of officials was elected and the immediate objective is to secure some sort of consultation with the British Empire Service League.

Outlining the past history of the League Mr. A. Christopher, who was elected chairman, said that after the last war a non-European Auxiliary of the R.E.S.L. was formed with the understanding that it would in the course of time be absorbed by the R.E.S.L. This, however, did not happen, for at a conference of the R.E.S.L. held at East London, the European book up the attitude that in the war the Indians had served under European and they, therefore, would look after them.

Mr. Christopher succeeded, under the circumstances, to reorganise the present league and then seek representation on the R.E.S.L., or form a league on the lines of the Cape Corps (a coloured unit of the parallel body.

It was important that the league should function, for at the moment while the services of the European returned soldier was being looked after, there was no such body to watch the interests of the Indian returned soldier.

Questions relative to cane lands for Indian soldiers, the education of soldiers' children, re-employment and housing had to be enquired into.

The following official were elected:- Chairman, Mr. A. Christopher; vice-chairmen, Messrs. C. Lawrence, A. J. Harris, Benjamin Barnabas, Moses Nathoo, V. Pathlok and G. R. Varma; treasurer, Mr. G. B. Padayachee; committee, Messrs. L. Gabriel, A. Sheik, P. Parmanand, Cyprian Cherry, Nathoo, A. M. Sookrajh, C. Lazarus, M. Rowshal, A. N. Adajania and M. D. Nair.

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INDIA THE BASE FOR ASSAULT

primary military business now orm herself into a vast base from the Allied striking forces can with security and efficiency, said General Sir Claude Auchinleck, India, in a recent broadcast from

al Auchinleck said the majority troops and a proportion of the and air forces already in action the Japanese were Indian. forces had to be kept up to and provided with the means ith to fight the enemy. This in as no light task.

e this India would have to a rge extent to assist in providing needs of the very powerful air s forces from Britain and the which would be arraigned against my. At the same time India had sustain and provide for the Indian in the Mediterranean, and these were very substantial. Thus, the of the South-East Asia Command t lightened the task of the India and as far as the war was con if anything, it had increased it. eat Auchinleck spoke of Indian magnificent work in halting the n advance in Africa.

Effort Goes On

the tide turned in Africa and en the tide turned in Africa and n the Mediterranean, and the initiative favoured us, Indian troops very active in the forefront of the Today in Italy and on the bor in Burma, India's Army and Air are taking a prominent share in

ROLE OF INDIAN WOMEN

mpassioned plea to the women of to rise to the occasion and march the women of Europe, America and and be ready to play their role in ture of India with a wider vision rnationalism, was made by Begum Nawaz, addressing the women of bad (Deccan) recently. The Princess ur presided.

m Shah Nawaz said the women of a and Europe were tired of mate and were looking eagerly for al guidance. The women of India, eir long traditions of spiritualism, ready a new civilisation.

ring be the work of the women's of the Post-War Planning Depart of the Government of India of h she is the secretary, Begum Shah said work had just begun.

appealed to Indian women to take ive part in war work.

DIAN SCIENTISTS FOR CHINA

V. Raman, director, Indian Institf Science, Bangalore, has been ing as an Associated Press reporter by the Chinese Government to China for six months to acquaint them with the work carried ndia, particularly on the new of the solar

to China from March to May ide the opportunity of contacting scientists and collaborating with e important scientific develop

SHARKS HAVE COLOUR BAR

SHARKS have not been known to attack Indians or, for that matter, any bather of colour at the Durban Beach. This has been told to The Leader reporter by Mr. B. B. Singh, a leading official of the Durban Indian Surf Life Savers' Club. He has raised an interesting point because of the recent sharkbite fatalities not one person was a non-European.

It has, however, been the Indian fisherman on the other hand who has been responsible for landing three sharks in recent weeks. Is there anything in the theory that sharks will not attack a black South African?

Mr. Singh talks from experience over the last 12 months.

"Independence Day" was celebrated in Stanger by the Stanger and District Literary and Debating Society on Wednesday the 26th January, 1944. The chairman, Mr. D. D. Lalla, emphasised the importance of this day after which he read the Independence Pledge.

Indian fishermen have told him that they cannot recall an instance when a non-European was bitten by a shark.

Mr. Singh would like readers to throw more light on the subject. He does not, however, want a fishing yarn.

Bakr-id Tabla Sounds in Italy

Billets throughout Italy echoed on the night of December 8 to India's folk songs and the sound of tabla and harmoniums as Muslim soldiers brought to a close their celebrations of the first day of Bakr-id, writes an Indian Army observer. Those of India's Muslims in Brindisi, not prevented by frontline fighting, devoutly observed the feast day.

Interested Italians in the rear area saw Indian friends meet in the street, embrace, and give the traditional greeting of "Id Mubarak."

This followed the ceremonial bath and the donning of new clothes and communal prayers held in tents and quarters.

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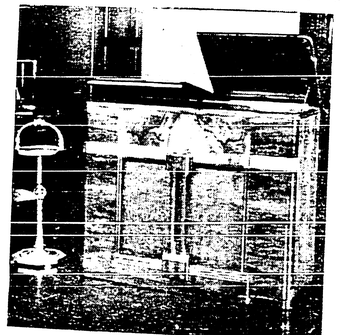

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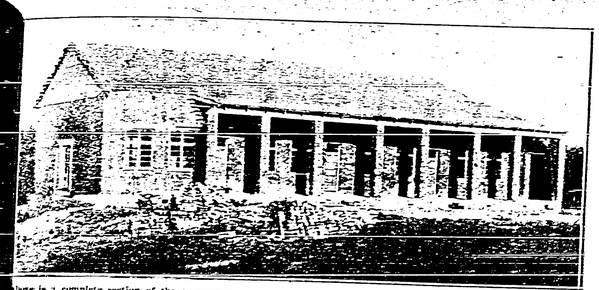

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The annual meeting of the Hindu Maha Sabha was held at 161a Grey Street, Durban, last week, Mr. R. M. Naidoo, the president, has resigned owing to pressure of work, after twenty years' service. The following officials were elected: President, Mr. V. C. Nayanarajh; vice-president, Mr. V. M. Naidoo; hon. secretary, Mr. S. R. Naidoo; hon. treasurer, Mr. T. Reoyen; trustees, Messrs. M. Naidoo, N. T. Reoyen, V. C. Nayanarajh, M. Reddy; committees, Messrs. A. Govender, S. R. Ramsaidoo, M. G. Naidoo, J. Naidoo, R. S. Naidoo.

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MRS. SOWBAIGUM G. SOOBBEN

number of relatives and friends, took place at the Essendene Cemetery the next afternoon.

She leaves behind her husband, three children and many relatives to mourn their loss.

Messages of sympathy and floral tributes were received from the following: Mr. John Anderson, Mr. Douglas Anderson, Mrs. Charlton, European Staff, Corrugated Containers, Ltd., Indian Staff, Corrugated Containers, Ltd., Mrs. Pulliam and family, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Pillay and family, Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Pillay and family, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. George and family, Tommy Moonsamy Bros., Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Pillay and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Kauhair and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Peter and family, C. Nadasen Bros., Ipakatoo Bros., Sellapthen and family, C. R. George and family, Nadasen and Nariansamy Bros., Mr. V. S. Marie Pillay, Mr. and Mrs. Harry, Arthur Naidoo and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. Gopaul-singh, C. Sunny and family, D. Buckree, Mr. P. Williams and family, L. Chinnian and Sons, Thuneyel Francis and family, Indian Staff, Bakertenus, Ltd., Indian Staff, Kuoss Chemicals, Post Cundan and family, Madarsmuthoo (Glannett) and family, C. Vadival Bros., Indian Staff, Pyrarn Dept., K. P. Peter Bros., Royale Football Club, Isipingo, Beaconsfield F.C., Maythams F.C., Young Scarlets F.C., Isipingo District Indian Football Association, St. Aidan's Young Men's Club, Tamil Classes Committee, Isipingo, Mr. George Ellery, Ingwe, Jr., and Mrs. A. Ellery and family, Dannhauser.

Mr. M. Munian (Soondrum), well-known soccer player, passed away peacefully on 21st January, 1944. He represented the

MR. MUNIAN

following clubs: D.M.E.S. F.C., Stella F.C. (Grenville, Junior, Senior), Mazanine Rangers, and Durban Sunday League. (Inserted by Mazanine Rangers F.C.)

MR. RAMLALL ("SADHU")

The death occurred recently, after a brief illness, of Mr. Ramlall, also known as "Sadhu," who resided formerly at Glencoe and lately of Cliffdale, at the residence of his second son, Bunnie, at Glencoe.

Mr. Ramlall, who was 60 years of age, arrived in this country after the Boer War and lived most of his time in the Dundee district.

His gentle disposition won for him the goodwill of all those who came in contact with him.

His mortal remains were cremated and the funeral was attended by a large circle of relatives, who travelled from Durban and other parts, friends and other prominent members of the community.

He leaves a widow, three sons and four daughters to mourn their irreparable loss.

MR. S. R. LALA.

Mr. Ranjee Ragha Lala, who passed away on January 12, 1944, was born in India on April 18, 1912. His early death has cut short a brilliant literary career and has removed an ardent and enthusiastic social worker. Mr. Lala, while in India, participated in the Satyagraha movement.

In this country his life was filled with many kinds of literary activities. He was the South African correspondent of many vernacular magazines and weekly in India. He was the first to start a vernacular (Gujerati) magazine, named "Tweak," in this country. He also contributed numerous articles and poems to the local vernacular Press.

He has left behind two unpublished manuscripts, a collection of poems and a novel named "Shishu no Bhusko."

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NATAL INDIAN CONGRESS

Provincial Conference

A Provincial Conference of the Natal Indian Congress will be held on the 19th and 20th February, 1944, at Durban.

The opening of the Conference will take place at the

AVALON THEATRE,
Victoria Street, Durban,

at 10 a.m. on the 19th February, and sessions will be held at the M. K. Gandhi Library and Parsee Rustomjee Hall, 142 Queen Street, Durban.

Agenda—

(1) Opening of Conference.
(2) Presidential Address (By Advocate J. W. Godfrey).
(3) Pensions Act.
(4) Report of Executive on Round Table Conference with Executive of Natal Municipal Association.
(5) Franchise.
(6) Proposed Judicial Commission.
(7) Indian Immigration Medical Tax.

Each branch will be entitled to send 10 delegates to the Conference. Centres where branches have not yet been formed will be represented by number of delegates that the Committee of the Headquarters will decide upon. Headquarters will be represented by the full complement of the Committee.

P. R. PATHER,
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Jt. Hon. Secretaries.

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APPRECIATION

Mr. and Mrs. Gopaul (Paul) sincerely thank Mr. Samy Moodley, his band of helpers, and all friends and relatives who kindly assisted at their wedding which took place at Mayville Theatres on Sunday, January 23, 1944.

THANKS NOTICE

Mr. R. D. Pillay (black-smith), of Rossham Road, Roosbergh, wishes to thank all friends and relatives for their kind expression of sympathy and beautiful floral tributes sent in his recent sad bereavement.

Messrs. Ramlall Bros. and family, of Glencoe and Cliffdale, wish to thank all relatives and friends for their kind message of sympathy and floral tributes sent in their recent sad bereavement, and for their attendance at the funeral, special thanks are due to Bhagwandeen family, Messrs. J. J. Singh and G. Singh for their invaluable help and assistance.

IN MEMORIAM

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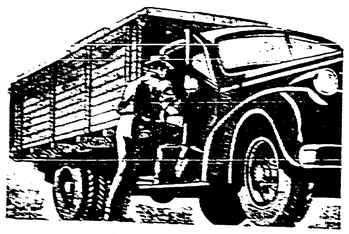

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1944.

Free Meals

SCHOOL CHILDREN all over the country are receiving the benefits of estimates put by, by the last budget, for the provision of one free meal a day. To the thousand- of non-European children this will mean a godsend for most of them do not know till today, in this land of plenty, what a full stomach is, let alone nutrition. For a long time now, in Durban, particularly, welfare organisations have been doing their best to alleviate the position of virtual starvation in many of the Indian schools. In this field the work of the Food For Needy School Children Committee cannot go by unrecorded. With the commencement of this new era in the life of school children it does not necessarily mean that these welfare bodies will have no work to do. They can never have no work to do as long as the economy of the country permits of extremes in poverty and wealth; and as long as there is distinction between the races which prevent the unfortunate from leading a full life. They can expand their work to those children who are of preschoolgoing age, the aged, the destitute, the infirm and crippled. Again, as far as the Indians are concerned there are thousands of children of schoolgoing age who are growing up in ignorance because they cannot find school accommodation. Will they be left to look on while their more fortunate fellows have at least one meal which carries a definite nutritive value?

This dawn of a new era in the of, especially, the poor children, is a rather delicate issue—the question those people who have been helping them by means of kitchens whose existence depended on public sympathy. There has recently been one or two cases, includ Maritzburg, where the public individual who ran the soup kit have demanded that they have a hi in the administration of the fee scheme. They have done this and the Department of Education provide for the inclusion of such of the general public in the committees which are to administer the scheme the different localities, but we are inclined to think that this is a matter which the principals of the various schools should decide for themselves. If they feel that they can carry without the help of public bodies much the better because people will have the necessary energy have a number of avenues for the outlet of their energies.

We have already pointed out some of these outlets. On the other hand principals, if they feel it necessary have the permission to accept the views of individuals and organisations. In this matter of social welfare we favour the Indian politician who will be of no benefit to anybody if he insists on interfering. There is a tremendous amount of work to be done in various directions if one cares to look around. The administration of the free meal scheme should be the particular province of the teacher who by virtue of his functions cannot participate in public work. He is the social side of the struggle of the non-Europeans to a decent position in the South African pattern of life.

MAYOR STRESSES

Importance of Education

THE Merebank Tamil school society, which has been instrumental in erecting a school building at Merebank, had its opening performed by the Mayor, Mr. R. Ellis Brown, recently.

I CONGRATULATE the Tamil School Society, he said, "for having brought this building to completion. It stands as an example of what can be done by co-operative effort. This building must be not only an object of love, but also a reminder of reward for those who were wise enough to provide it. Education is a thing we cannot have too much of. Ignorance of this would handicap one through life. Therefore a word to the parents don't stand in the way of your children's education. The people best off in the world are the people best educated. Make all the sacrifices you can for their education. In the long run you will be amply repaid for your sacrifices."

The Rev. A. J. Chetty said: "If we are anxious to know the culture, literature, science and something of the greatness of the country we represent it is necessary to know our vernacular. The Tamil school society in providing this hall has shown its interest in the culture of the East. The tremendous shortage of funds makes any work in this direction difficult. Therefore we must organise all our resources so as to make vernacular education not only free but part of the school curriculum.

But I must sound a note of warning. Of late I have found a tendency to engender feeling amongst our people. This is a dangerous feeling.

The day will be the day when we have not a Gujerati community, a Tamil community, a Telugu community, or a Muslim community but an Indian community."

Mr. Barrie indeed as I have to say that this institution, though provided for the benefit of the Tamil people is for the use of all sections of the Indian community."

Mr. A. I. Kajee, another of the visitors, said:

"Let's taught us the lessons of self-reliance that we are not indifferent to that which is for the benefit of our people.

Mr. Kajee then referred to the question of the Indian franchise. "Let us not be deceived by any false hopes of the Government giving the representation of the Provincial Council to the Indians. We must not expect any favours from the Government. We must rely on ourselves and on the help of God to obtain the bare minimum of world citizenship."

Mr. Kajee appealed to the representatives of the various Tamil societies to form themselves into a federation and to appoint a representative to their council to represent their views. He also appealed to the Tamil people to form a co-operative bank and a co-operative store. He also appealed to the Tamil people to form a co-operative bank and a co-operative store. He also appealed to the Tamil people to form a co-operative bank and a co-operative store

Mainly About People

On Tuesday, February 1, at Pinetown, to Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Maharaj (nee Joshua), of Fields Hill, a bonny son. Both well.

The wedding of C. Freddy, of Durban, to Miss Rammee David, sister of Johnnie David, of Maritzburg, will take place at 329 Church Street, Maritzburg, on Sunday, February 6, at 9.30 a.m.

Mr. V. P. Desai and Mr. G. Harbans, of Tongaat, were callers at the Education Department, Maritzburg, during the week.

Mr. F. Satyapal, a prominent member of Maritzburg's public life, has been confined to bed with illness.

Mr. S. R. Naidoo, of Maritzburg, is on a visit to Kimberley. He will return during the weekend.

Mr. M. C. Naboodh, a well-known personality of Dundee, has left Dundee on Tuesday morning to take up an appointment in Durban.

Mr. V. C. Pillay, on the staff of the Wesselton School, has been transferred to Barnato.

Friends and relatives gathered at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Ramanand Abhoy, of Ingwade Colliery, on Saturday and Sunday last to witness a Katha ceremony.

A large number of friends, relatives and sportsmen were present at the wedding of Mr. Gopaul (Paul), a well-known Natal sportsman, to Miss Govindammal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Sadrimoney, of Durban, which took place on Sunday, January 24, at the Mayville Theatres. Congratulatory messages were received from all parts of the Union.

Mr. T. V. Soobramoney, of Glen Arum, Balgowan, has returned home after spending his summer vacation at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Frank, Maritzburg.

The name of Mr. Govindra-Jakoo E. Naidoo was inadvertently omitted from the Fort Hare Degree pass list last week. Mr. Naidoo has completed the requirements for the B.Sc.

Mr. Cassim Lakhi, of Greytown, has passed the following subjects in the final B.Econ. (Ind. Adm.): Indu-trial Law; Ind. Org. and Management II; Applied Economics; Labour Problems.

To Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Maharaj, of Fair View Ram-son, 92 Karel Landman Street, Glenore, on January 2, 1943, a son. Both well. Sincere thanks to nurse and friends.

Mr. T. J. Beckman, formerly of Johannesburg, and Mr. E. J. Godeffroy, of Durban, have now joined the firm of Supreme Investment Co., Durban, as directors.

Mr. M. N. Naidoo, of the Magistrate's Court, Newcastle, accompanied by Mrs. Naidoo and children, are holidaying in Durban.

Miss Savitri Maharaj, of Glenore, who has obtained a continuation certificate at the age of ten, is now attending the J.C. class at Dartnell Crescent, Durban.

Messrs. E. C. Mestry, of Verulamizing, and A. P. Naidoo, of Benoni, are staying with Mr. Dison Subroyalu.

Mr. R. Jungbahadur, on the staff of the Ladysmith C.I. School, has taken up an appointment at Fort Hare as demonstrator in physics.

Mr. S. R. Nair, formerly attached to the staff of the Mooroogany Indian School, Inanda, has been transferred to the Glenore Indian School.

Mr. R. N. Singh, on the staff of the Government Indian School, Dundee, has been notified of his transfer to the Spearman Road Indian School, Durban.

Mrs. K. V. Moodley, of Johannesburg, is spending her holidays in Dundee with her mother, Mrs. R. Nair.

LAW SUCCESSES

Mr. S. Athmanand Maharaj, B.A., son of Mr. R. S. Maharaj, of Maritzburg, has completed the legal requirements of the Attorney's Admission Examination. Mr.

S. ATHMANAND MAHARAJ, B.A.

Maharaj completed his period of articles last May. He now has to write legal bookkeeping before seeking admission.

Mr. R. S. Pather, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Pather, of Botanic Gardens Road, has also satisfied the legal requirements of the Attorney's Admission Examination. Mr. Pather, who also has still to write bookkeeping, has, however, not served any articles yet.

Mrs. Dison Subroyalu, of Durban, is spending her holiday in Johannesburg and is staying with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Gopaul Tommy.

"Women are Charming"

Melvyn Douglas, one of the [illegible] American film stars, is now in [illegible]. He joined the American Army as a [illegible] two years ago and today is a [illegible] for many years and I am glad [illegible] here," he said in an interview.

He hopes to visit Indian villages [illegible] study the cultural life of the people. [illegible] impressions.

"Indian women are charming [illegible] would not like them to change [illegible] for Western dress," he added. He [illegible] visited a local studio and saw part of [illegible] Indian film being screened.

He expressed surprise at the high [illegible] fection of the film, executed with [illegible] tively little technical equipment.

FAREWELL TO SOCIAL WORKER

A party was held, under the [illegible] the Pietermaritzburg Indian [illegible] Welfare Society, in the Bethelite [illegible] School Hall last Saturday to bid [illegible] to Miss W. G. Whitworth, secretary [illegible] the European Child Welfare Society, [illegible] was leaving Maritzburg in order [illegible] to go to a university for further [illegible]. Mr. B. R. Naidoo presided over [illegible] supported by several speakers, [illegible] Mr. J. A. Burgess, assistant magistrate, Mr. S. R. Naidoo, Sister Ntombela, Mrs. Zachariah, all of whom spoke highly of Miss Whitworth's work and [illegible] ingness to serve.

Mrs. Gabriel Zachariah presented a letter parchment to Miss W. G. Whitworth as a token of appreciation and [illegible] untiring services rendered to the [illegible]. Miss W. G. Whitworth suitably re[illegible]

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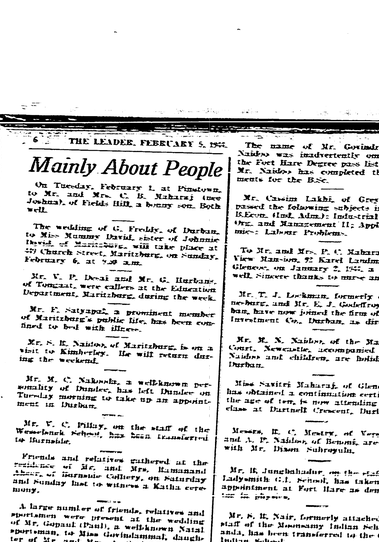

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[illegible]the time I told you of the [illegible] party which the Vice-Com[illegible]ent Co. had at the Good[illegible]. [illegible]dkem has been worrying me. [illegible] were alive I could have gone [illegible] gentleman and got it solved. [illegible]y cannot solve it, as it is a [illegible]ical one and I only managed [illegible] through that horror of [illegible]t the High School Finals. [illegible]therefore, decided to submit [illegible] readers. It may or may not [illegible]n occupied over the weekend, [illegible], unfortunately, no prizes for [illegible]t solutions which, however, [illegible]nt direct to the Vice-Com[illegible]. It will ease a lot of his [illegible]This is the problem: If for a [illegible]m of £100 "A" gets a silver [illegible] which covers 1.5 square [illegible] his chest (normal, deflated), [illegible] a music gold-plate will be re[illegible]ven a medal for "B" who [illegible] a contribution of £17,500. [illegible] of your answer will be con[illegible] you can also inform the Vice[illegible]ent where he can get hold of [illegible] without violating the laws [illegible] or "doing" any of our local

[illegible]LENT SERVICE"

[illegible]ndian poor of Durban have [illegible]. "Silent Service" which sees to [illegible]ey do not starve. This service [illegible]ild Welfare Society which has [illegible]oning for quite a time with[illegible]owlight of publicity focused [illegible]

[illegible]ety of men and women prefers [illegible]her than talk. I was at their [illegible]last week. The chairman, Mr. [illegible], appeared to be a man of [illegible] words indeed. To me, it [illegible]e if his vocabulary was [illegible]we prefer to do rather [illegible]. I, for one, can vouch that [illegible]does a lot. Thinking of this [illegible] I cannot help but recall the [illegible]"prerogative," which freely [illegible], means "the inalienable [illegible]the chairman to talk for any [illegible] time even if it bores the [illegible]to death and gives the princi[illegible]er at the meeting the jitters."

[illegible] LOOKING BUT . . .

[illegible]respondent, calling himself [illegible]itter," has a grouse—I should [illegible]stimate complaint against [illegible]e of the species. He writes:—[illegible]s to me that our [illegible] to poke your nose in Bazaar Wallahs' business and give expression to their likes and dislikes. To meekly introduce myself, I am also a Bazaar Wallah of long standing and must confess that your column gives me first-rate entertainment. To come to business, may I point out that I have come to the stage when my thoughts suggest that I should surrender my "single blessedness" and try on "double harness." You see, I am fairly a good social nut and learn good things of life from practical experience. One thing I loathe to see is girls spending their time behind kitchen doors nurturing pots and pans and denied freedom of social contact. You see, you can't get to know a girl unless she gets to know you. The other day I bumped into a sweet young thing in town and the sight of her broke my heart. I murmured to myself: "Oh! this is the girl who will mend my broken heart," and approached her with my hat raised and, said, most politely: "Good morning, Miss, it is an immense pleasure to meet you—do you know the friends you make are your friends? May I have the pleasure of knowing you." The radiography that descended from her left me stunned and dazed. If this is the sort of thing that a body is expected to put up from decent looking girls, then no wonder respectable young men become victims to the care-free and "easy" girls of a different religion and consequently get "lost" from their community. Perhaps you can talk this over with Mrs. Faqir and suggest a remedy, or, better still, lend your columns so that the one to whom I refer, if she sees it, may feel sorry for killing the goose that may have, perhaps, laid the golden eggs for her." My sympathies are all with Indian girls have to say about "Once Bitten's" complaints. What is your view? Letters received on the subject will be published in this column. Come on, you women, defend yourself.

FOOTNOTE

"I am sorry, but I am a free woman and can do whatever I please," said Mrs. G. Christopher, when objecting to a statement at the Child Welfare meeting on Saturday that Mr. Christopher should be thanked for permitting her to engage in the Child Welfare work.

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Maritzburg won the toss and decided to bat on a slow wicket, and Ted Chetty and V. Naidoo opened the innings with L. G. M. Asmal bowling. Chetty (7) was bowled by L. Timol with 5 on the board. He was followed by Naidoo (7) at 12; K. D. Reddy (5) at 21; thereafter the wickets fell like nine pins. The innings closed with a total of 56.

E. M. Cassimjee (25) was the only player to get double figures, the remaining seven batsmen failed to add any score to the total. Asmal was unfortunate not to get his hat trick—he took 5 wickets with four balls.

Bowling: L. G. M. Asmal, 7 wickets for 14 runs; L. A. Timol, 3 for 19.

Durban opened with Kazi and Emmanally and both of these batsmen lost their wickets when the score was 12. C. Mahomed and Dorat carried the score to 127 when Dorat was out. Davidson Jack filled the vacancy, this pair remained undefeated when play was abandoned owing to rain on the second day.

C. Mahomed 73 not out, D. Jack 31 not out. Bowling: S. S. Reddy, 2 wickets for 36, Harrimanan 1 for 32.

DURBAN (TODAY & TOMORROW)
Natal Cup Competition
Young Muslims v. Central.
Greyville v. Isaac.
League Competition
Young Central v. Bharat.
Kashi College v. United.

MARITZBURG CRICKET

Francis XI (Indians) beat Cape Corps Military team in a friendly match by 11 runs last Sunday at the Indian sports ground, Maritzburg. The Francis XI, batting first, scored 166 (P. Kain 24, A. Asmall 16, P. Govindsamy 19, and P. Nathan 16, Harvad 3 for 12, Juttiat 2 for 24, and Landell 3 for 30).

Cape Corps, first innings, 91 all out (Macadien 20, Barends 16, Juttiat 13, and Dela Grune 12, P. Govindsamy 3 for 21, D. Dick 3 for 27, and G. Francis 3 for 23).

As there was insufficient time in continue play was decided on the first innings.

AT RAISETHORPE

On Sunday Suleman's XI beat the Raisethorpe Coronation by 31 runs at Raisethorpe.

Suleman's team, first innings, 67 all out (Van Naiken 15, Masla 11, and S. Chetty 9, Samsen 3 for 16, and Telly 3 for 30).

Raisethorpe Coronation, first innings, 36 all out (Bhana 13, Sling 6, and Harley 6, Van Naiken 6 for 7, and A. G. Pillay 3 for 9).

MARITZBURG (TODAY)
Jasat's Cup
Young Natalians v. W.I.C.C.
Natal Shield (Tomorrow)
Royals v. United.

LADYSMITH CRICKET

Time saved Ottomans in the Peters' Shield semi-final, Bad Railways another half an hour they might have won. G. M. Asmal and S. C. Asmal were given byes.

Bugnubar (Railways) bowled devastatingly to dismiss the best batsmen, R. A. Reola (Ottomans), and claimed 6 for 15, S. Ramdeen (Railways), bowling gaudies, in the second innings took nine wickets for 56 runs.

Both sides batting were poor, except S. Ramdeen, who played the Ottomans' bowlers freely round the wicket for 32 not out.

Ottomans won by 53 runs on the single innings.

S. COAST OFFICIALS

At the annual meeting of the South Coast District Indian Football Association held on Sunday, the following officials were elected for the ensuing years: Patron, Mr. A. singh; president, Mr. T. G. Govender; vice-presidents, Messrs. S. M. Singh, S. P. Naidoo, P. C. Pather, M. Kader, M. Ramanan, R. S. Reddy, K. R. Pillay; hon. treasurer, Mr. P. M. Govender; hon. record clerk, Mr. D. J. Singh; hon. auditor, Mr. E. Gopaulsingh; secretary, Mr. A. Veeran.

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N. COAST WINS PROTEST

North Coast won their protest against County for playing a member who had not had a thirty days' clear registration. The cricket match was in connection with the Rockford Wade Memorial Shield competition.

The annual meeting of the Durban Indian Golf Club will be held tomorrow (Sunday) at 2.30 p.m. Play will commence at 8.30 a.m. for the greensome competition to be played tomorrow.

DANNHAUSER ANGLERS

The second competition of the Dannhauser Indian Angling Club took place at the Ballencrieff River. Seventeen competitors taking part for the day.

The river was clean and good catches were made. Mr. E. Locanathan won the floating trophy donated by Messrs. Sheik Abdool & Sons, and also the floating trophy donated by Mr. S. I. Adam.

The third competition takes place in the middle of next February.

MEMON BURSARIES

The Natal Memon Association has granted bursaries to two Muslim students this to enable them to proceed for higher studies.

S. E. Essack, who matriculated at Sastri, will proceed to the Wits, and K. Mahomed, who has completed Std. VI, will proceed to Sastri College. The total value of the award for the year is £140.

The annual meeting of the Durban Indian Football Association will be held Monday next at 5.45 p.m.

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...browder, Secretary, Communist ...America, New York:

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Harry Pollitt, Secretary, Communist Party of Britain, London:

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INDIAN BROADCAST

A double programme has been arranged for Sunday's broadcast. Miss Polly R. Singh and party, of Kecumbe, in Hindi songs and music, and Master Kanabathy Padayachee, of Johannesburg, in Tamil songs.

MARITZBURG GIVES HELP TO J.C. AND MATRIC STUDENTS

REAPING RICE AND FISH

NEW DELHI.

How paddy cultivators can earn a second income from fish culture in paddy fields is shown in an article in the recent issue of Indian Farming. If the rice and jute acreage in Bengal is used for growing fish simultaneously with these crops, it is estimated that the farmers would gain an additional income of Rs. 5 crores. At the present time the additional supplies of fish would help to meet the food shortage.

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The culture of fish along with paddy fields is extensively practised in Japan, where fry is distributed free for this purpose. In British Guiana steps are to be taken for the culture of fish with plant crops. In India, it is urged, the idea would be useful not only in increasing rural incomes but in adding materially to the food supply.

THROUGH the kind generosity of a number of Maritzburg business houses, bursaries have been provided for Junior Certificate and Matriculation students attending the Woodlands Road Government Indian Secondary School, Pietermaritzburg. Each bursary is tenable for two years and includes £5 towards the cost of text books.

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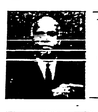

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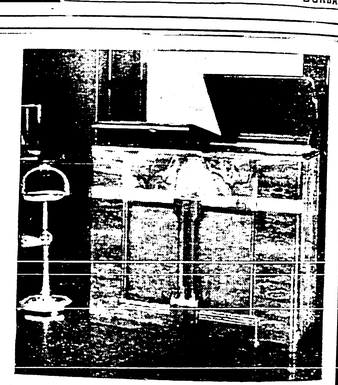

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...ah Pillay, wife of the late ...illay, ex-Indian interpreter, of ...sed away on January 31. ... was ailing for a long ...illness took a serious turn and ...

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He was a brilliant Tamil scholar and an ardent social and religious worker. His gentle disposition won for him the goodwill of all those who came in contact with him.

His funeral was attended by a large number of relatives and friends. At the graveside Mr. P. E. Pather paid a high tribute to his memory. Mr. Perumall Govender and Mr. Moodley sang sacred songs with prayers, and Mr. C. Singram Moodley, of Maritzburg, ended with a hymn of Sarma Kateev.

He leaves behind his aged mother, aunt, wife, children, and grandchildren, and many relatives to mourn their great and sad loss.

The following sent floral tributes and messages of sympathy:

His wife, mother and aunt, children and grandchildren—Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Pragee, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Naidoo, and the H.T.M.A., Maritzburg; Mr. Rajagopaul Reddy, Capetown; Mr. G. N. Naidoo, Kimberley; Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Tandree, Mr. and Mrs. Moodley, Mr. S. Balarathnam; Mr. S. R. Naidoo, Mr. Perumal Chetty, Mr. and Mrs. Sunnia, Pietermaritzburg; Mr. C. C. Naidoo, Mr. Gopaul Naidoo, Progressive; Mr. M. M. Pather, Merebank; Mrs. C. G. Naidoo, Mr. K. P. Achary, Mr. Perumal Pillay, Mr. V. K. Naidoo, Mr. R. Chinsamy, Messrs. Iyaloo Pillay Bros., Mr. K. R. Naidoo, Mayville; Mr. C. Naidoo, Mrs. Papiah and sons, Hillary; Mr. Yogasaby, Mr. R. K. Naidoo, Mr. R. Garib, Malvern; Mr. I. M. Reddy, Durban North.

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Mr. Paul Muthusamy, Mr. Duraisamy Naidoo, and Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Reddy, Overport.

Messages of sympathy from Mr. Rajagopaul Reddy (Capetown), H.T.M.A. (Maritzburg), and Messrs. R. N. Moodley, Sinny Pillay, R. K. Pillay, R. R. Naidoo, and headmaster and staff, Port Shepstone, were received.

MR. MOOSA MIA

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Sayed Habibulla Badamia

Professor Osmani, M.A.M., of the famous Unani Laboratories (Pty.) Ltd., has received a cable from India informing him of the sad demise of his beloved father, Sayed Habibulla Badamia, of Dabbel, India, at the age of 85.

The late Sayed Habibulla Badamia was of a religious disposition, and spent the greater part of his life in teaching and preaching Islam.

Professor Osmani's name is a household word in every South African Indian home. He is a well-known figure in South Africa for his charitable and humanitarian work. He is also the author of several books on philosophical subjects. In his irreparable loss he shares the sympathy of every Indian in South Africa, irrespective of caste or creed.

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DURBAN BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

A resolution authorising the formation of the Durban Indian Benevolent Society was unanimously accepted by an inaugural meeting held at the Indian Servicemen's Club on Saturday afternoon.

The objects of this society are to investigate and relieve the wants of the aged, distressed and destitute Indian families within the magisterial area of Durban, to endeavour to secure employment for Indians in distress and to co-operate with other societies and institutions having similar objects.

Speaking to the meeting, Mr. R. P. Dua, who presided, declared: "On the Child Welfare Society we find we are powerless to help deserving families which have no children. We found it necessary, therefore, to form a benevolent society in order to help these families."

The Rev. A. J. Chonoo was elected chairman, with Mr. K. Soobramoney secretary, and Mr. D. Jairaz as treasurer, and a committee of twenty.

Gurkha troops patrolling east of the Mayu Hills on the Arakan front, came upon four unsuspecting Japanese engaged in fishing. All the Japanese were killed and the enemy's catch of fish was borne back in triumph and eaten for lunch.

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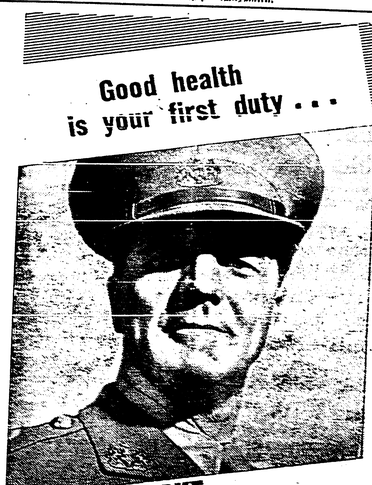

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NATAL INDIAN CONGRESS

Provincial Conference

A Provincial Conference of the Natal Indian Congress will be held on the 19th and 20th February, 1944, at Durban.

The opening of the Conference will take place at the

AVALON THEATRE,
Victoria Street, Durban,

at 10 a.m. on the 19th February, and sessions will be held at the M. K. Gandhi Library and Parsee Rustomjee Hall, 140 Queen Street, Durban.

Agenda—

(1) Opening of Conference.
(2) Presidential Address (By Advocate J. W. Godfrey).
(3) Pegging Act.
(4) Report of Executive on Round Table Conference with Executive of Natal Municipal Association.
(5) Franchise.
(6) Proposed Judicial Commission.
(7) Indian Immigration Medical Tax.
(8) Matters pertaining to Indian Servicemen
(9) Education.

Each branch will be entitled to send 10 delegates to the Conference, Centres where branches have not yet been formed will be represented by number of delegates that the Committee of the Headquarters will decide upon. Headquarters will be represented by the full complement of the Committee.

P. R. PATHER,
A. B. MOOSA,
Jt. Hon. Secretaries.

SUNDAY SERVICES
at the
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INDIA LEAGUE

Pembroke Chambers, 62 West St., Durban.

Members and others who are interested please note that in future MEETINGS WILL BE HELD FORTNIGHTLY.

Next Meeting: Sunday, February 20, at 10.30 a.m.—"ROOTS OF INDIAN POVERTY," by Debi Singh.

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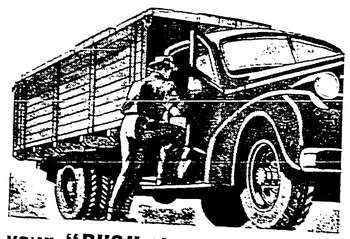

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NATAL INDIAN CONGRESS

(Founded by Mahatma Gandhi in 1894.)

A Meeting of the enrolled members of the Natal Indian Congress (founded by Mahatma Gandhi in 1894) will be held at the—

VEDIA DHARMA SABHA HALL,
Church Street, Pietermaritzburg,
On Sunday, the 13th February, 1944, at 3 p.m.

to form a Branch of the above organisation.

This is in terms of the agreement arrived at between Mr. A. I. Kajee and Mr. P. R. Pather to achieve complete unity in Natal.

Messrs. A. I. Kajee, P. R. Pather, Mahomed Ebrahim, A. B. Moosa, J. W. Godfrey, S. L. Singh, A. S. Kajee, A. E. Shaikh and other officials from headquarters will be present and address the meeting on matters affecting the Indian community.

The public are requested to enrol as members and attend the meeting.

Conveners: Dr. M. R. Peters, Messrs. R. A. Moodley, V. K. Pillay, R. N. Moodley, S. I. Rawat, E. G. David, M. G. Naidoo, I. S. Cassimjee, S. R. Naidoo, A. K. I. Bayat, Rev. David, D. E. Amad, R. Mungal, A. H. Mia, F. Satyapal and R. K. Naidoo.

IN MEMORIAM

NAIKER.—In loving memory of my dear brother, Arumugam Naiker, who passed away suddenly on February 13, 1941.
Ever remembered by his brother and loving family.

THANKS NOTICE

Messrs. Ralfaram Bros. and family, of 102 Sarnia Road, Hillary, wish to thank all relatives and friends for their kind messages of sympathy and floral tributes sent in their hour of bereavement, and for their kind attendance at the funeral.

Mr. P. N. Pillay and Family, of Merebank, wish to thank all friends and relatives for their kind messages of sympathy and beautiful floral tributes sent in their recent bereavement.

Professor G. Sunni, M.A.M., of Ladysmith, thanks all friends and relatives for their kind messages of sympathy sent in his recent and sad bereavement.

Mrs. M. N. Reddiyar and family wish to thank all relatives and friends for their messages of sympathy and floral tributes sent in their great loss; also for their attendance at the funeral.

THE—

LEADER

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1944.

Social Security

THE champions of social security—those who rode into Parliament on that cry have wasted very little time in placing the issue before the Government. They have, thereby, kept their promises which they made to the electorates of which the bulk of the people in South Africa is a part. Without the franchise or a limited one the non-Europeans, who form eighty per cent. of the population of the country, have had no say in the election of the Government which will control their lives, spend their money and legislate for, more usually against them for the next five years. From the action of this Government they have no appeal, but still they are interested in the plans for whatever relief they might afford them. Of the two millions of the population it was the non-European who was most interested in a social security code as he is in greater need of help. With the exception of a very few, the non-European of this country live from hand to mouth and any scheme which offers relief or escape from this life of starvation is what he wants is always welcome to them.

Unfortunately they learnt very early in the campaign for a social security code that the hydra of colour bar was to cut across the scheme and what was at the beginning considered to be a system of effective insurance against want, resolved itself into two schemes—one for the European and the other for the non-Europeans to keep in line with the non-European policy of South Africa. The latter scheme was again subdivided into three, one each for the Indians, the Coloureds and the Africans, instead of attempting to obviate the worst in the lives of the Africans, via the worst off, the scheme only perpetuated their poverty despite the fact they are, by means of their cheap labour, the chief source of the country's wealth. They were to be retained in an inferior position in the economic fabric of South Africa, to get out of their sweat and toil the European was to benefit. Any class security which is based on different scales—and such big gaps between one and the other, too—cannot be sound by the non-Europeans, for it stabilises their position as inferior in this country. What they want is something which will raise them from the rut into which they have been cast. They want some scheme which will eliminate poverty from their lives.

It was pathetic to see the Security Congress, which was held in Durban some time back, give in to the demands of the ex-speaker of the House of Assembly like a lot of social climbers intent on making the "Nibmiguibel" character of the gathering, instead of seekers of social security, that the non-European could not be considered on a basis of equality with the Europeans. That capitulation was, we believe, the very first nail in the coffin of a scheme, which was so strongly of colour bar. If it were not for the principle of social security, but the scheme as planned before Parliament cannot have the support when it so obviously and insidiously distinguishes between Europeans and non-Europeans. It was inconsistent with our democratic equality in other walks of life in this country. We seek political and economic equality for we believe that is the only standard of life will be worthy of the name. In the face of this it would be a mockery for us to fall in line with the present skeleton code.

Our Readers Speak

JOINT COUNCIL OF ACTION

May I, through the medium of your newspaper, inquire as to whether the Joint Council of Action still exists; further, what has become of the money collected at the meeting that was held at the City Hall, Durban, some time in 1940 to 1941?

J. S.

Bhai Bhawani Dayal Pays Tribute

SWAMI SHANKERAND

[illegible] no curiosity left in me on [illegible] of a telegram as I receive a [illegible] them regularly from India and [illegible] some strange premonitions [illegible] my mind tenaciously on get[illegible] from Tinkam Bahadur Singh, of Central India), on the 23rd of [illegible]. My presentiment was not an [illegible] the contents conveyed to me [illegible] death of His Holiness Swami [illegible]ndji Maharaj, a man of deep [illegible], ardent energy, wonderful con[illegible], indomitable will, lofty visions, [illegible]tic personality. He revealed the [illegible] the ancient Vedic religion and [illegible]dhana not only to his own coun[illegible] also to the white men of [illegible] and South Africa.

[illegible]shankerand was born in the [illegible]ed by five great rivers, Punjab, [illegible] in Samvat, 1924. It was an era of awakening in Punjab. During this period great and potential personages like Manshiram, Hansraj, Lajpat Rai, Devaraj and others appeared in select [illegible] in Punjab to demonstrate the futility and hollowness of the western civilisation and rejuvenate the Aryan life and culture in the minds of the Indians under the banner of the Arya Samaj. The Arya Samaj attracted Swami Shankerand like a magnet and he dedicated his life at the altar of Mother India in particular and humanity in general. His whole life has been spent in the religious and social upliftment of Hindus of India and abroad. He worked vigorously and incessantly for rousing the spirit of Vedic religion and Aryan culture lying dormant in the minds of the Indians. It is no exaggeration to say that seed of Arya Samaj sown by Rishi Dayanand has grown into a full-blown tree through the service and sacrifice of his disciples like Swami Shankerand and are given a foretaste of its fruit in the Gandhian era.

IN ENGLAND

Swami Shankerand was preaching the gospel of Vedic religion in England during the year 1906 when the tales of woes and misery reached him concerning the Indian indentured labourers in South Africa. Though his ambition was to preach the religion of holy Vedas through out Europe, yet he gave up the idea of the spiritual elevation of the white people and rushed to South Africa in order to save his own countrymen from religious and social degeneration. When Hinduism and every trace of it was in danger among the indentured Indians of South Africa, Swami Shankerand appeared there as a saviour of those unfortunate Hindu settlers. He lit the darkness of their ignorance with his light of wisdom, aroused them from slumber and prevented them from falling a prey to other denominations. He not only saved Hinduism from total extinction, but also succeeded in bringing home to the white settlers of South Africa that India is not a producer of coolies, according to their presumption which is an unfortunate result of foreign subjection, but she has produced prophets like Krishna, Buddha and Dayanand, the mere mention of whose names makes the land sacred and great beyond expression. He mentioned these in the course of his powerful orations that the Vedic religion and the Aryan culture were the source of various civilisations in the world.

He was the father of the Hindu Maha Sabha. Thirty years ago he had laid the foundations of the South African Hindu Maha Sabha which has survived [illegible] up till now. A few years later the Hindu Maha Sabha was established in India whose silver jubilee is now being celebrated after twenty-five years of its existence. Swamiji also assisted in the formation of the All-India Hindu Maha-Sabha along with Lala Sukhdeo Singh and other Hindu leaders.

After his return from South Africa, where he incessantly and courageously preached the doctrine of the Vedic religion for a period of four long years, he toured all parts of India as a Vedic missionary, but his main field of activity had been Kathiawar, the birth place of Dayanand and Gandhi. He chose Virpur, a state in Kathiawar, as his headquarters, where now he has breathed his last. He was greatly loved and revered by the Princes and people alike of Kathiawar. The religious and social awakening which is being perceptible among the royal families and the general masses of that province, much of it is due to the strenuous efforts of Swamiji.

MUTUAL FRIENDSHIP

My friendship with Swami Shankarandji has lasted for more than a quarter of a century. During this period I met him from time to time and enjoyed his wonderful company. There were many matters of public character in which we differed honestly and fundamentally with each other. For instance, being a congress man, I have never agreed with his communal outlook and sectional politics of the Maha Sabha and the League variety, though we both belonged to the same fold of Arya Samaj. Yet, these differences on the public affairs have never interfered with our personal relation and mutual friendship.

It is absolutely impossible to narrate even briefly the life work of this great man in this tribute of mine. It would suffice to say that he was a celebrated scholar, philosopher and orator and a man of striking personal appearance. His critics admired him and gave him credit for conscientious action. He always took his part in this life and died in peace as well. The mortal remains of this Sanyasi are no more to be found. With Vedic ceremonies and services, impressive and solemn, the body of this saint has been offered to the pyre. He is no more, but his work will live as a lasting monument to memorize his name.

I earnestly hope that the South African Hindu Maha Sabha and the Vedic Dharma Sabha will erect some suitable memorial as a token of gratitude to Swami Shankarand for his selfless service and social exercise in the cause of the Hindu settlers of South Africa.

CROSS EXAM

[illegible] Ambulance Detachment (No. [illegible] South African Red Cross [illegible] its fourth annual exam[illegible]. The names of the [illegible] announced as having [illegible] exams:

[illegible] Certificate: Messrs. J. George, [illegible] P. S. Govender, G. D. Pody[illegible]. Duraisel, P. S. George, S. J. [illegible] K. Sooprenah, [illegible] Naidoo, I. J. Naidoo, [illegible] I. J. Pandey, R. Pillay and [illegible]

[illegible] Messrs. P. P. Matey, S. [illegible] M. Singh, J. J. Singh, E.

COMMENT ON CLARKSON'S CONCILIATORY GESTURE

Commenting on the Reciprocity Act passed by the Central Legislature in August, we suggested that a more conciliatory note would mark the speeches of South Africa's politicians following General Smuts' decisive victory at the polls, commented the Times of India in its editorial columns, under the caption, "A Conciliatory Gesture." The speech of Mr. Clarkson, Union Minister of the Interior, before the Natal Municipal Executive confirms our prophecy. That the "pegging" Act was clearly a device to catch votes at the recent elections was obvious to those acquainted with the temper of South African politics, in saying this we do not seek to condone political expediency, but India's cause in South Africa is best served by a sense of sober realism.

Mr. Clarkson in effect recognises that Indian settlers in the Union labour under legitimate grievances. The most outstanding of these is the denial of the franchise. General Smuts some months ago professed great indignation when Indians in South Africa sought redress and protection from the Government of India. Yet, as we suggested at the time, settlers denied the right of franchise in the country of their adoption had clearly no other alternative. Obviously that truth has dawned, albeit belatedly, on the Union Government. The Minister of the Interior, closely concerned with the problem of Indian residents in South Africa, Mr. Clarkson personally spoke with official authority, in Indian eyes his plea for the restoral of the franchise to Indians in town councils, provincial councils and the Union Parliament may appear bare recognition of justice long overdue. But the speech marked a distinct advance on the official attitude of the Union Government, and its conciliatory tone was in welcome contrast to recent fulminations. Mr. Clarkson's gesture seems to provide a basis for further negotiations, and we suggest that the Government of India and public opinion here should lose no time in seizing the opportunity.

NEW FOSA BRANCH

At an inaugural meeting of the Friends of the Sick Association held last Saturday in Maritzburg, Mr. A. C. Narayadu, of Durban, gave a brief outline of the objects of the association and its work, and also made reference to the Fosa Settlement at Newlands for T.B. sufferers.

It was decided to form a branch with the following officials elected: President, Mr. R. R. Naidoo; vice-presidents, Mr. Simon Ilavia; secretary and treasurer, Mr. T. M. Moodley; committee, Sister Battery, Mesdames L. G. Zachariah, R. G. Chillian, G. Daniels, P. L. Lawrence, T. M. Maistry, S. Jugmohan, Messrs. Shaik Ahmed, A. David, M. K. Naidoo, R. Petchiappan, Adam Ismail, R. R. Singh, M. G. Daniel, D. S. Vather, S. V. Pillay, L. Singaram, H. Landie, and the Rev. R. Choonoo.

INDIANS AS "ABETTORS" TO SEGREGATION

MR. V. S. GODFREY, of 47 Mallinson Road, Sydenham, writes: It is learnt that the officials of the Natal Indian Congress were in Stanger over the last weekend with a view of forming a branch—many eloquent speeches were delivered and much stress and emphasis was laid on unity.

The Pegging Act in all its aspects was condemned as unjust, undemocratic and unChristian in principle. A resolution was put forward and unanimously passed to the effect that the Pegging Act and its ramifications of racial segregation be condemned. However, sir, I would like to draw your attention to the fact that these self-same Indians have themselves instituted racial segregation.

I would like to draw your attention to the fact that there is at present in Stanger two barber shops and a picture house owned and run by Indians, in which there is a line of demarcation drawn between Indian and European. An Indian entering these buildings may not sit wherever he wishes, but must be content to be separated from the Europeans, for whom certain distinct seats are reserved.

It seems grossly unjust and unfair to ask for democratic rights, franchise and equal status with the European when we ourselves are aiders and abettors to racial segregation.

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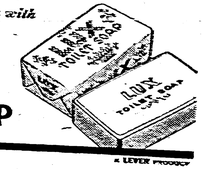

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To Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Gopaul Naidoo, of 326 Boom Street, Maritzburg, at the St. Aidan's Mission Hospital, Durban, on January 29, a daughter. Both well. Thanks to nurse in attendance.

To Mr. and Mrs. J. Gokool, of Overport, a son, on Thursday, February 3. Mother and son well.

At Volksrust, on February 7, to Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Moola, of M. M. Amod & Co., Ladysmith, a bonny son. Both well.

Mr. G. N. Naidoo, of Kimberley, spent the week in Durban and Maritzburg.

Hajee M. E. Desai, managing director of The White House (Pty.), Ltd., Port Elizabeth, who is on a well-deserved holiday, is making an all-Union tour. Mr. Hajee is an 'plane enthusiast and would have preferred to have done his visit by plane, but he would have had to wait until after the war. Mr. Desai shares with Hajee Jassath H. Mahomed, of Pretoria, the distinction of being 'the first Union Indian of making the pilgrimage to Mecca by air. Mr. Desai also holds a high position in the public life of the province.

Mr. Hans Maghraja, who has been ill and away from his office for many months, has now resumed his normal duties. He has had several relapses, but it is now hoped that his recovery will continue.

Mr. Ebrahim Kadir Bossen, a well-known Durban sport official, is making a Union tour. He will be away for a month.

Mr. R. Goordeen, secretary of the Natal Indian Congress, Dannhauser branch, was on a week's business visit to Durban and was the guest of Messrs. Gokul Brothers.

Mrs. E. Dison and family, of Maritzburg, who were away on a month's holiday to Cape Town, were the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Martin, of Heathfield.

Mr. G. H. Trook, of Johannesburg, and formerly of Maritzburg, is in Durban on a month's business trip.

The engagement ceremony of Indhumartan Maharaj, third son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Maharaj, of Cato Ridge, to Sonie Maharaj, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Maharaj, of Maritzburg, was solemnised on Sunday last.

Mr. S. T. Naidoo, and Mr. C. P. Naidoo, both of Tongaat, was in Maritzburg last weekend.

Mrs. T. Thothuram, Mr. and Mrs. T. Rajbhan Roy, and Mr. G. M. Harry, all of Sea View, have returned after a few weeks' holiday spent in Johannesburg and Pretoria.

Mr. G. Doorsamy (Alex.) and Mrs. [illegible] who were married on Sunday, January [illegible] at Sea View. Mr. Naik is the son of [illegible] and the late Mrs.) K. Gopal Naidoo, of Singapore. At present, Mrs. Naik, formerly Miss Kam Ahnall Gandhi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. A. Gandhi, of Cato Manor Road, Mayville, is receiving felicitations from Mr. and Mrs. G. G. [illegible]

Mr. K. Misra, attached to the staff of the Stanger School, has obtained a pass in History I, Psychology I, and English I in the recent B.A. degree examination externally. He has now completed five courses in the B.A. and four in the B.Sc., both of which he is doing concurrently.

Mr. B. Maharaj, of Glencoe, who wrote the degree externally, has obtained a [illegible] in the accompany, queries 1, Accounting I in the B.A.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Kaliyan Singh, of Bethlehem, O.F.S., are spending their holiday in Natal and will be visiting their various relatives.

Miss Gladys Goordeen, youngest daughter of the late Mr. Goordeen Aheer, of Dannhauser, is taking further studies at the Durnell Crescent Indian Girls' School, Durban.

In the first quarter of 1943, British aircraft production was 35 per cent. more than in the same quarter of 1942.

BRIDE'S PRETTY SAR

On Sunday last the wedding took [illegible] at the residence of Mr. Damma [illegible] his third daughter to Hardeo [illegible] son of Mrs. Baganath Singh, of [illegible]

The ceremony took place in a [illegible] ornated pandal and was witnessed [illegible] many friends and relatives from all [illegible] of Natal.

During the ceremony the bride [illegible] a cream crepe-de-chine saree, with [illegible] and silver border, and a white [illegible] with silver lining. The bride's [illegible] saree was a maroon Benares [illegible] silver and gold border.

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well-known Indians of Maritz- thought they were in Germany k. This delusion arose the fol- ay. The first person, who is a known public worker, entered to pay his account. The European woman, asked him ve his hat. He told her with rm politeness that as the office ch she was in command hap- be a general office he could his way clear to remove his hat. refused to accept his money ment of account. The second who is a teacher, and also well for his public work, went in to servant. He was also rudely remove his hat. He also pointed where circumstances demanded uld not only remove his hat, place it on the floor if neces- This, he pointed out, was not ason to do so, nor the right to do it in. He was also told y would not be accepted unless ved his hat. This he refused to lect the office. It would [illegible] Faqir, that though a man might of culture, refinement and edu- because he happens to possess d a darker hue, any silly un- female who belongs to the n race thinks it her duty to r superiority in this manner, nately Freud is not with us. ld have had something interest- relate about this particular

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d friend, Mr. Doorat, has quite against the leaders of the ommunity who have persist- gnored his requests to make use Liberal Group platform to in- general public of their policy. ks to know why won't these who otherwise CAN talk, face al Group audience? Is it be- ey are shy or too modest to views which will not be p without question? I wish I lp Mr. Doorat. Are any of ers capable of helping him? He me another interesting story. one person — a responsible n who he has been approach- nd off to speak to the Group. me he gets the same answer: ent under my doctor's orders address a meeting. Will you k in three months time?" ortant part of the whole thing y friend has been getting the swer for the last three years!

WANTED

T. T. Pillay, secretary of the of the Sick Association, has e to make an appeal to my for books—especially those the primary schools. The cost he tells me, presents the difficulty in the way of child- thusiastic parents wanting to hool. Under his care there mber of parents who cannot buy books for their children. ay day, he tells me, a mother him appealing for books as ldren refused to go to school they had no books. Any of ers who has books to spare re them at Mr. Pillay's office, n-African Clinic, Beatrice St., 2-2570 and the books will be . Books left at The Leader Riker Street, will be handed Mr. Pillay. Thank you, on of those who need them

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[illegible] not like this house to feel the least employed-person.

Mr. J. Sewpersad (Paull), of Burnside, has been spending two months' sick leave at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Frank and friends of Maritzburg. He is now back home.

I seriously want the house to realise that"—Rev. A. J. Choonoo objecting to an imputation by Mr. Albert Christopher at the Benevolent Society meeting last Saturday.

The Woman Has Her Say

An Indian woman who read with interest "Once Bitten's" protest against her sex has replied stating her viewpoint. "I read," she writes, "with interest the complaint of your correspondent, 'Once bitten.' To begin with, I am an Indian girl with a high school education, am decent looking and have my own ideas of life and friendship. Further, like any other woman, I also have ideas of settling down sooner or later, but I won't relish the idea of having a husband handed over to me by indulgent parents or more usually uncles and aunts. With the impact of western ideas and Western ways of living we Indian girls, too, are looking forward to being on the same plane as the Indian boys, who, to say the least of it, enjoy a Western life without paying the price we girls usually have to pay. If we were to do some of the things an Indian boy does we would be outcast, when it comes to a question of marriage, by those very boys. To me the Indian mind works in a perplexingly queer way. However, coming to the point raised by your correspondent, I, with my learning and education, would feel rather insulted if any young man attempted to 'pick' me up in the street. Acquaintances picked up in the street are seldom to anyone's interest except in fiction. How otherwise, then, is a young man to get to know the lady of his desire? I would prefer it if that young man called on my mother and with her permission got to know me, but, unfortunately, as I am not a mother, I am afraid I cannot tell your correspondent what the reaction of present-day Indian mothers will be to such a move. For all I know it might be a dangerous experiment for the Indian idea of social demeanour is still in a state of flux."

TAMIL BODIES MERGE

On Sunday last an amalgamation meeting of the Overport Vengagar Saibha and the Saraswathi Saibha was held at the S.R.C. Hall, Hill Street, Overport, Durban, and in terms of the decisions arrived at between these saibhas, in the interest and well-being of the Tamil community, they merged into the Overport Tamil Welfare Society. Mr. K. Sesharumoney presided.

The meeting adopted a new constitution, and among the objects are included the following:—

(a) To promote, protect, advance the culture and improve the conditions generally of the Tamil and Telegu community, educationally, religiously, socially, morally and musically.

(b) To establish a cultural centre for all the educational and social activities of the Tamil community, orphanages, benevolent and charitable institutions, gymnasiums and clubs.

(c) To carry on social service and welfare work.

The following officials were elected—Patrons, Messrs. R. R. Chetty, Kuppie Murrie, V. V. Pillay, Tom Murugan Bros., A. Moonsamy Bros.; president, Mr. K. Seshramoney; vice-presidents, Messrs. P. M. Nayanah, Doorsamy Pillay, S. N. Naidoo, P. Soloman, Paul Moothusamy, K. C. Pillay, K. Govindha; hon. secretary, Mr. K. Sunkeran; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. Shunmugam Peter; hon. treasurer, Mr. K. P. Frank; school manager, Mr. K. J. Govindsamie; committee, Messrs. David Moorgasen, S. P. Reddy, R. Durvarul Naidoo, V. S. Nayacar, V. S. Chetty, T. Morgan, V. G. Jimmy, R. A. Odith, Shunmugam Prasad, V. Sabasen, T. George, P. Vadival, Sam Doraisamy, P. Moodley, D. Harper-sadh, J. Govindsamy, C. Perumal, G. Frank, M. G. Harry, S. Govender.

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Mrs. Mia Mohamed Goolyars, and Mr. and Mrs. Hossen Laher, all of Dundee, for their kind assistance and treatment given to him.

Mr. J. J. Maharaj of Carolina, Transvaal, wishes to thank all friends and relatives at Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, Graaff-Reinet, Johannesburg, East Maritzburg, Kimberley, Pretoria, Durban, Cactia, Dundee, Glencoe and Van Reenen for the kind hospitality extended to him during his recent visit to these places.

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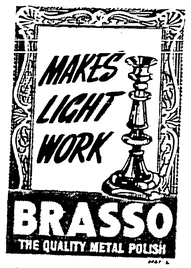

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DURBAN'S SHABBY TREATMENT

Stanger Application Ignored

It may sound preposterous that the grim shadows of the Pegging Act should find emanation in sport, but astoundingly enough that is exactly what is being fostered by the Durban and District Indian Cricket Union at the moment. Tolerance, forbearance and patience all have a happy limit, but there dawns a time when the extremities have to be faced eventually.

After five months of negotiation nothing has eventuated. The only correspondence received officially was a notice to again meet the Durban delegates on January 7, and, like cricket on a wet wicket, this notice reached me only on the morning of the 10th of that month.

From the commencement it was the desire of my union to act within reason and seek affiliation to Natal through Durban. It is now abundantly clear that Durban is absolutely incapable—considering the manner in which our application for affiliation has been neglected—of managing as wide an active area as theirs would be had they accepted us. (My paper their area is the extensive one from the Tumutumuna to Tugela rivers.)

With unwarranted hesitancy and reluctance I am compelled to direct an appeal to the Natal Indian Cricket Union for affiliation direct for the current season and I do hope that the parent body will share my view, "a belated late than never." On the assurances given us by the officials of Durban a local union was formed in Stanger—the first of its kind in the sporting history of the district—and what a damper we have experienced in our maiden endeavour!

My one and only hope is that this will catch the eye of the "powers that be" in Natal cricket and that some form of redress is meted out to us in the interest of sport.

V. G. AUGUSTINE,
Hon. Secretary, North Coast I.C.C.

MARITZBURG CRICKET

In the two-hour time limit match at Maritzburg, M.I.C.C. scored 79 in their first innings (H. Harinarian 25, L. Balgovind 12, Joel Chetty 4 for 22, I. S. Chetty 2 for 14, and K. B. Reddy 2 for 10).

Natal Indian C.C., first innings, 86 for 7 wickets, close of play (M. Harinarian 34 not out, I. S. Chetty 12 not out, H. Harinarian 4 for 29, and L. Harry 2 for 22).

Natalians won by two wickets and one run.

UNITED v. ROYALE

There was consistent scoring in the United-Royale match. C. Kader again showed aforesight. United, first innings, 107 (D. Dick 23, C. Kader 20 not out, and A. Peerbhai 18, P. Govindsamy 4 for 31, and G. Govender 2 for 18).

Royale, first innings, 43 (R. G. Naidoo 12, T. V. Valiathum 10, B. Padayachee 6 for 8, and D. Dick 3 for 9).

United, second innings, 41.

Royale, second innings, 37 for 4 wickets, close of play.

United won on the first innings by 44 runs.

MARITZBURG (TOMORROW)
Natal Shield

Young Natalians v. Schools (umpires: R. S. Pillay and A. M. Asmally).

COUNTY OFFICIALS

At the annual meeting of the County Indian Football Association the following were elected officials: President, Mr. L. Harry; additions to hon. life vice-presidents, Mr. S. G. Chetty; vice-presidents, Messrs. M. E. Isse, A. K. Patrick, N. C. Naidoo, M. C. Naicker, M. E. Naidoo; secretary, N. P. Naidoo; general clerk, M. C. Naicker; treasurer, M. P. S. Naidoo.

County Sports Control Association. Chairman, A. Harry; secretary, S. P. Harry.

UNITED SOCIAL CLUB

A meeting of the United and Sparks Cricket Clubs was held at the Star Restaurant Hall, Durban, for the purpose of forming the United Social Club. The conveners were Messrs. R. M. Rhoda and L. K. S. Naicker.

The body was formed and the following were elected as office-bearers: President, Mr. G. K. Padia; vice-presidents, Messrs. A. K. Suleman, (S. V. Mohamed, M. F. Rawat, C. H. Ally, A. M. E. Cassim, A. E. Ismail, A. Ismail, M. E. Ismail, K. K. Randeree; hon. treasurer, Mr. D. K. Moonsy; auditor, Mr. G. M. Jookay; hon. secretary, Messrs. Dick Naicker, M. C. Naicker, E. M. Rhoda, M. I. Moolla, H. Esaan.

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STANGER CRICKET

STANGER CRICKET LEAGUE RESULT

United 239 (E. V. Mohamed 68, D. E. Moola 45, K. P. Padayachee 32, G. Box 29). Schools 56 (N. Jeewan 5 for 8, including hat-trick). Second innings 29 (J. Chengiah 6 for 12, V. G. August ne 3 for 16).

United won by an innings and 165 runs.

LADYSMITH (TODAY)
Pieter's Shield Final

Ottomans v. Ladysmith (umpires: Messrs. R. Kalli and D. M. Seedat).

COUNTY CRICKET

On Sunday last Pinetown Subs... defeated Centrals in the Shell Cup ... by an innings and 60 runs.

Centrals C.C., first innings, 38 ... P. Nair 7 for 5, A. R. Naidoo 7 for ...

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Central C.C., 2nd innings, 73 ... James 37, J. Naidoo 0).

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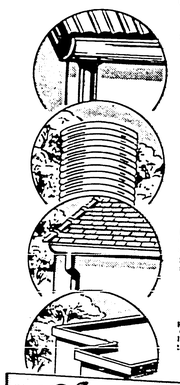

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Maritzburg's Vicious Attack

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Opposition Questions: Who Paid Your Fine?"

"IT was described as a "vicious" attack was made on certain Indian leaders, and particularly Mr. P. R. Pather, was put on the carpet, at combined unity meeting of the Natal Indian Association and Natal Indian ress, held at Maritzburg on Sunday last. Maritzburg, which accepted the resolution unanimously, was, however, more than peeved for having been long time without a visit from the headquarter officials for the purpose ging about a unity meeting, so when it met the men it considered sible for its neglect, it had some bitter things to say.

G. NAIDOO, who led the attack, d that he, with many others, had the mass meeting in the City Durban, where they were told by leaders that if they had blood runtheir veins they would fight the Act tooth and nail. But, mpse? These self-same men had for permits, disgrace.)

are the very leaders that have down. These people talk of princiis the prerogative of any man woman to live anywhere, Mr. told us through the Leader to go anywhere. Money might rule in Durban, same rules in Maritzburg.

Laburg so far has not been in- of the unity meeting, but were founding at Dannhauser and unity meeting was held as far as Ladysmith by Mr. Pather. In him we there was a leader who, unfortunately or unfortunately for us, in fact, one of his colleagues, fine, is that how our leaders are the Pegging Act? Leaders are to make sacrifices, like Gandhi, want humbug leadership; in ence our leaders there has been h humbugging.

Natal Indian Association has never annual meeting since it was first some four years ago. It dishonours the leaders did not care ts for the masses. They had lost act with the masses. The unity the Pather-Kajee agreement was the corrupt state of affairs. that the leaders will think of s, who are blood-sucked by the

TO FIGHT BUREAN

ne of the Maritzburg election, Mr said: "When you elect your now that they are honest, people the character, because we want to fight the men in Durban."

the name of the next speaker was ed, Mr. M. D. Naidoo, the anti- for Maritzburg speakers.

ince, Mr. R. R. Naidoo stated that a tendency among their leadif anybody who disagreed with e were their enemies. In Parliaembers fought each other bitterly. ile they were friends. But it was among themselves.

on the Pegging Act he said had attended four meetings and meeting the audience was ad- to be cast, if every man who ir vote to cast, as a protest he Act, they would all become heroes in a second, but they had all somersaulted in the next second. Who had paid Mr. Pather's fine? It was rumoured that it was Mr. S. R. Naidoo or Mr. A. I. Kajee, or even Senator Clarkson.

Mr. Naidoo was also told that Mr. Pather with Mr. A. I. Kajee and Senator Shepstone had gone to Glenore and had met the Indians there to accept zoning. They were now getting their leaders to accept residential segregation. He had thought that their leaders had agreed to maintain their right to buy and live anywhere.

In the Lawrence Committee, which was a result of expediency, it had not a 100 per cent. leadership—the Congress element was lacking. In the deposition Kajee and Sorabjee Rustomjee would, if they had met each other's throat. But among the masses there was no disunity. Today what was the difference between the old and the new Congress? Thirty per cent. of the Congress had opposed Mr. Pather sending cables in connection with his case overseas, but three or four members outside sent the cables on their own. The way the leaders were going he was sure that unity would not last six months.

Another thing Mr. Cassim Anglia had been sent two weeks ago to recruit members for the Congress at the top end. Who had sent him here to interfere in the affairs of Maritzburg?

TELLING THINGS

"We wanted the privilege of telling our leaders a few things," opened Mr. P. Lalloo, who had joined in the attack. "I have been in the Association since 1927. We passed a resolution on the control of Congress. But the resolution was never sent to the authorities. We have leaders, but they never worked for the masses. We want unity. We want our leaders to feel that we have sent them there and we want them to do what we want.

"We have disunity because our leaders differed. We, the masses, never had the time to fight like cats and dogs. Today we appeal to our leaders to act in sincerity. They cannot bluff all the people all the time."

Mr. S. R. Moonsa said that the time was more than ripe when the ... seen the end of their woes. It was the time of the common man.

"I am sure," said Mr. R. K. Naidoo, "the colleagues who brought the officials to book."

A remember from the audience, Mr. M. W. Daniels, asked Mr. Pather: Why Mr. P. R. Pather asked for a permit and if that permit was granted would he have fought for the underdog?

Replying to the debate after the election Mr. P. R. Pather was given the opportunity to reply to the criticism to what the presiding chairman, Mr. S. R. Naidoo, described as "some very harsh and some very unsuitable to the occasion."

"I OPPOSE THE LAW IN PRINCIPLE, BUT I ABIDE BY THE LAW"

—P. R. Pather

In regard to Glenore that he and Mr. A. I. Kajee had agreed to zoning was incorrect.

As members of the Lawrence Committee they had not bartered away the rights of the Indian community. Nor did the committee oppose acquisitions for investment, but only intervened on the question of residential juxtaposition when the Indian members saw that no friction occurred.

The statement was totally inaccurate that his cable overseas was turned down by the Congress executive.

In a deputation he had seen the Minister about the control of rice prices, but not a single Indian would make a sworn

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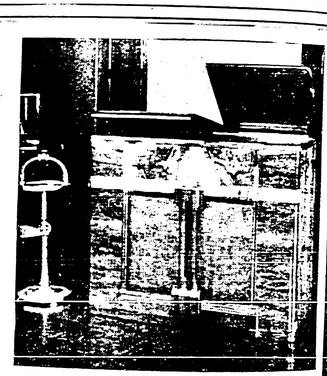

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(NATAL)

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TUESDAY, 22nd

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SATURDAY, 26th

On Saturday, February 26, commencing at 2 p.m., there will be religious discourses by women, girls and boys. This competition will be continued the next day.

At 11 o'clock on Sunday, 27th, there will be a religious procession through the city and a meeting will take place at the A.P.S. Hall at 2 p.m.

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"FOOD FOR NEEDY INDIAN SCHOOL CHILDREN" COMMITTEE

ANNUAL MEETING
26th February, at 3 p.m.
in the Gandhi Library.

At this meeting a new constitution will be presented to enable the Committee to pursue its health and nutrition programme as The Indian Health and Food Association.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1944.

The Conference

THE conference of the Natal Indian Congress to be held over the weekend is a memorable occasion, and one, the deliberations of which will determine the policy of the Indian community to be pursued before the coming judicial Commission of Inquiry. In some quarters there is a suspicion that the Commission, being an immediate product of the Pegging Legislation, is to be looked upon as a compensation to the Indians for the degrading policy of the Government; to placate them, as it were for the humiliation they have had to bear. For our part we accept the Commission as one of those climacterics which appear in the history of all peoples, when, from time to time, some urgent need calls for bold and courageous thinking. It would be pertinacious, perhaps, to describe Indian affairs as being at the crossroads. The fact is that we are always at the crossroads, always faced with several choices either of policy or movement. What we can say of this stage in our progression (we shall not honour with the term "progress" the course of Indian affairs in South Africa) is that in the next few months the fate of ourselves and our children will be decided.

So portentous a stage is not to be undertaken lightly. There is good reason to believe that our leaders are approaching the conference this weekend and the coming Commission in full realisation of the importance of the days. The agenda is businesslike and adequate. It will cover, in fact, most of those subjects which have engaged practical attention in recent months, and it will embrace the broad but vital questions included in the terms of reference of the coming Commission of Inquiry. First of all, Congress must decide upon the wisdom of Indians being represented on the Commission. We take the view that it should, and we do so on the grounds that at every step in our negotiations with the Government we have gained a good deal from our willingness to enter into discussions about every conceivable subject. It would be great unwisdom at this stage to refuse such cooperation as is required of us, and it is not likely that Congress will turn down the principle of representation.

The time at the disposal of the conference is too short to waste in detailed debate. There is before the Indian community the contentious issue of the franchise, not contentious as far as Indians are concerned, for all of us are unanimous on the need for it. The nature of the franchise, however, is to be settled elsewhere. In the end it will be what we are prepared to accept, not what we are prepared to concede. The crucial issue is between franchise on the common roll and some form of communal franchise. There are many of our European friends who would have us accept the latter if it is offered, already persuaded that we shall not be offered the former. For us the communal franchise is no advance on our present position. Its effects elsewhere have not been conducive to sound representation. It has been productive of discord instead of unity among those for whom it was intended to bring unity—in Europe and East Africa, in India and elsewhere. Our refusal of it must be accompanied by a plea for representation on the common roll, the argument for which has been detailed in this column more than once. We are firm in the belief that representation on the common roll will bring benefits to all and not merely to Indians. The welfare of the whole is more important than the welfare of the part, and it is this sense of wholeness which now engages the attention of the world's statesmen. That attention is due to a recognition of the fact that the progress of man is dependent upon the progress of all his fellows. The Indian community has been no longer a parochial matter, an issue which must be confined to the political settlement of a small band of men in Durban or Natal. Only in so far as they realise international issues, and the social and political problems of Indians in South Africa be tackled with competence and courage.

We stand, then, at the crossroads of the world itself stands, where, in the Atlantic Charter was signed, a charter whose great possessions of freedom and liberty have become the common heritage of statesmen. We demand a share in these principles, the demand from because we, as Indians, have made a contribution in the past and in this war, to the salvation of those principles.

First, those harsh and repressive acts which have disfigured statute law must be repealed. None of us can lay down our tools until this legislation is assaulted and destroyed. After that, we need to go forward with constructive proposals for our social and political development in housing and education, in health and civic amenities much awaits to be done. These subjects depend on the political status of Indians. There is good reason to believe that the Government, itself is aware of its own conscience and of the callous indifference of local bodies. The latter must be driven home, not, it is true, by violent methods, but rather by firm convictions and diplomatic action. The conference will do well to regard itself, at this moment, as the parliament of the Indians in Natal, to be vigilant in the interests of the people, and to be strong in the advance of our principles.

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MR. A. I. KAJEE (Natal).
MR. S. RUSTOMJEE.

There will be other speakers also.
ALL WELCOME.

APPRECIATION

Messrs. L. Mathibili Bros., of 22 Inanda Road, and P. Harrisparsadh Bros., of 82 Sea View Lane, Durban, wish to thank all friends and relatives who attended the wedding of Kumari Manavathi K. Pakir to Kumar E. Ramruthen, on Sunday last, and also all those people who kindly assisted. Thanks also to the various people for their kind presents.

Mr. and Mrs. Sundaraal M. Moodley, of 32 Park Station Road, Greenwood Park, wish to thank all those who accepted their opening to their invitation, and to their friends and relatives, for their kind greetings and gifts on the occasion of their marriage on Sunday, 6th February, 1944.

SUNDAY SERVICES
at the
SHRI VISHNU TEMPLE,
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YOUNG NATALIANS FOOTBALL CLUB.

The Fifteenth Annual General Meeting of the above club will be held on Saturday, the 26th February, 1944, at Mr. Boyd Kitty's Residence, 207 Retief Street, Maritzburg, commencing at 6.30 p.m. sharp.

Please attend without fail.

AGENDA.

(1) Minutes.
(2) Correspondence.
(3) Reports & Financial Statement
(4) Election.
(5) Re Tennis Club.
(6) General.

Owing to restrictions of paper please take this as notice.

M. NANJEE.
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer,
Young Natalians F.C.

NOTICE

I, P. PAYADAY MOODLIAR, of Umzinto, wish to notify the public that in regard to the invitation cards issued for the wedding of Mr. S. Rajah (second son of Mrs. and the late Mr. S. Pillay, of Maritzburg), and Miss Rajalutchsamee (Poornamaal) (the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Moodliar, of Durban) that in so far as the invitation has been issued in my name that it has been done without my consent.

Dated at Durban this 14th day of February, 1944.

(Signed) P. P. MOODLIAR.

N.I.C. CONFERENCE

OSITIVE STEPS TO BE TAKEN TO REGAIN LOST RIGHTS

the course of extending fraternal greetings to the N.I.C. Conference the Durban Communist Party reviews the Indian question.

"It is clear now," it states, "that further steps against the Indian people being contemplated. There can be no doubt that the final aim is to g about complete segregation of the Indian people as soon as possible. . . . the Government's final aim is segregation what can be the purpose of the Asiatic Commission? It is being used as a bait to confuse and mislead the an people with promises to rectify their grievances. We may well ask what happened to all the recommendations made on behalf of the Indian people previous commissions.

"No seriously thinking Indian can be bluffed by the terms of reference of commission. It flows from the Pegging Act, and it is part of the full rament plan for segregation."

tremendous opposition, proceeds the statement, to the "Pegging" Act with South Africa and all over the world taught the Government that to carry gislation by force will be no easy especially as now the Indian people gaining in political consciousness, as have learned to organise and ale together in their trade unions), and they are now mobilising themselves a single united organisation that will segregation tooth and nail.

thermore the struggle of the Natal ans will be backed by progressive pubopinion in South Africa and in the of the world. Unpleasant questions be asked in the British House of mons and also in America. India will ne to demand that Indians be only treated and if necessary will steps to back up her demands. avoid the struggle the Government is ling to the Indian people in South to be "amiable," not to go out South Africa for assistance, to accept amiable and thus "voluntarily" segregation.

sions will undoubtedly be pro- but once segregation is achieved promises will go with the wind. Acance of "voluntary segregation" will the Government easily to segregate Indian people, it will not gain any ple for the indignities. It will the complete betrayal of the Inpeople.

must be admitted that there has been talk of accepting "voluntary segre- as the lesser of the two evils. Provincial Conference must clearly emphatically resolve against the accepts

ance of any form of segregation. Instead, Conference must decide on positive steps to be taken to regain the lost rights of the Indian people.

Ever since the great struggles led by Gandhi, the Indian people have been on the defensive and on the retreat.

The Indian people must go on to the offensive for their rights. Not backwards, but forward. The Indian people must demand the application of the Atlantic Charter principle to South Africa.

They must demand the repeal of the "Pegging" Act, the right of franchise, and the removal of provincial barriers.

They must reject compulsory schemes of "voluntary segregation" and also the proposed commission.

Congress must demand the resignation of Indian leaders who are still members of the Asiatic Affairs Advisory Board, and that the High Commissioner of India should be recalled as a mark of protest.

The Indian people must resolve to continue building the Natal Indian Congress until every Indian in Natal is a member of the Congress. Congress must become a militant and progressive body that fights every inch of the way on behalf of the Indian people.

Steps must be taken to bring about full unity of the Indian people in the whole of South Africa, and Congress must work together with other non-European and progressive European sections to present a united front against all reactionary legislation passed against any section of the non-Europeans.

Finally the Indian people must fight for the right to be treated as free and equal citizens of South Africa.

R. PATHER'S REPLY

(Continued from Page One.)

ard regarding the high price of rice, official was sent to Durban by the ter of Agriculture to investigate the e. He was told that an Indian had 500 bags of rice stored at Rossburgh, but his Indian informant refused make a sworn statement. Both the ress and the Association did everyg possible to keep the rice price down, not a single individual Indian would forward with a sworn statement.

several be myself, Mr. M. G. Naidu made some vicious statements. While have made money in these days I slaving for the community. My ed is this: While I oppose the Pegs Act in principle, as I do the Pro- ial barrier law, but you and I have ady for permits to move from one ince to another. In this same way, I suppose the law in principle l ng the law. I hold that the Minishas ample power to grant permits, I entitled to live in my premises. I had n a bold fight; I took it to the bitter I was fined £5 or seven days' imonment. In your interest I was prepto go to gaol. I can say not a Indian in Natal has paid the fine. ose: Who did?).

am still a fighter. I am still living in premises. I defy the Government to me out, in your interests. I am not ish order, but this I promise you I ve on fighting. Even when the time comes, the Government imposes a ty of £5 a day for living in my prepremises, I am prepared to go to

am not a coward, I don't believe in g. I believe in doing hard work. vade the vicious attack, but public must be attacked. As long as I am that I am constructively doing my I have no fear."

ring to the question that during e Mr. Pather had claimed to be a tian, Mr. S. E. Naidoo asked to the contrary. Mr. Naidoo said the newspaper report was a misand that Mr. Pather's counsel subd a local plea that it was the court part of the Crown to prove that ner was an Asiatic. It was purely t of law, added the chairman.

ack by which all devout Mohamdans marked their periods of prayer, ides from the Koran, Bukhari Sharif, ebrated last Saturday afternoon, ch it has never been the writer's ege to hear the Adhan. The theft recovered some hours later by the ker, Mohammed Allie, A Coloured has since been arrested.

MARITZBURG CONGRESS OFFICIALS

Natal Indian Congress officials elected were as follows:—President, Mr. P. Lalloo; vice-presidents, Messrs. R. R. Naidoo, R. N. Moodley, Ismail Ameed, V. K. Pillay, S. R. Mungal, Ameed Moosa, T. Ramakiwan, S. R. Naidoo, K. G. David and Dr. M. R. Peters; joint secretaries, Messrs. G. K. Naidoo and G. Naidoo; treasurer, Mr. A. H. Mia.

Committee: Messrs. Shaik Ahmed, K. S. Pillay, Nagaya Padayachee, A. Mella, T. S. Cassimjee, Adam Habib, P. Sanyedi, Dr. M. Ramsingh, Is. T. Ramdeen, J. M. David, K. K. Rogat, Gordon Naidoo, R. G. Naidoo, M. Nidhah, Rev. J. C. David, S. T. Rawat, P. R. Ballim, Ramchandra Naidoo, A. D. Bayat, V. V. Moodley and T. Baijoo.

Durban officials present were: Messrs. A. S. Kajee, S. I. Singh, M. D. Naidoo, A. H. Moosa, E. I. Haffejee, M. K. G. Parak, E. Moola, C. M. Angalia and M. A. Ballim.

P.S. CONGRESS

The following officials were unanimously elected: President, Mr. M. K. Desai; vice-presidents, Messrs. E. Pillay, L. K. Ganesh, K. P. Moodley; joint secretaries, Messrs. R. Mutukistna and C. M. Moodley; joint treasurer, Messrs. M. M. Desai and G. R. A. Kadwaz; committee, Messrs. M. K. Desai, R. Ganesa, M. A. Rahim, K. A. Amla, N. P. Naidoo, R. Marrie, M. Appabraju, E. E. Haffejee, S. Geomalli.

Delegates to Provincial Conference: Messrs. M. K. Desai, R. Mutukistna, P. Pillay, M. K. Desai, R. Ganesa, S. Geomalli, C. M. Moodley, I. E. K. Haffejee, K. P. Moodley, N. P. Naidoo and G. R. A. Kadwa.

DANNHAUSER

The following members of the Congress have been nominated to represent the Dannhauser Branch at the Provincial Conference—Rahee Sheik Abdool, Messrs. Rahzah Goondoo, R. Hajee, E. Patel, A. Gafoor, S. C. Vawda, V. E. Govender, C. Emam, E. Ameed, I. D. Vawda, M. D. Moola and B. Lazarus.

AT CHAKA'S KRAAL

The following officials were appointed: President, Mr. P. K. Moodley; vice-presidents, Messrs. I. E. Jamelia, T. J. Naidoo, Mahomed Ebrahim, J. J. Labisne, K. S. Moodley; joint secretaries, Messrs. K. K. Moodley, Cassim Dawad; hon. treasurer, Mr. Ebrahim Adamjee; committee, Messrs. Esoop Mahomed, E. Bhaiyath, A. D. Naidoo, H. Bhowan, K. R. Nair, C. P. Naidoo, T. Ramsamy, S. S. Govender, P. Vahidhan, Esoop Sader and Woodenberg.

AN IRISH GESTURE

THE Indian Red Cross Society has been officially advised of the remittance of a donation of £100,000 placed at the disposal of the Irish Red Cross by the Irish Free State Government for famine relief work in Bengal and other distressed areas. The Indian Red Cross has cabled its grateful appreciation for this magnificent gift and practical gesture of goodwill of the Irish Government.

SOME CAUSES OF POVERTY

Unemployment Meeting in Maritzburg

It is not unemployment that they were trying to combat, but poverty, low wages coupled with high cost of living brought about by war conditions, were some of the causes of poverty among the people.

It is people such as these whose wretched conditions they were trying to alleviate. The assistance which was given was very slight, but a half a loaf was better than no bread. These were some of the points made at the meeting of the Maritzburg Unemployment Relief Committee held in Maritzburg on Saturday last.

The cost of dry rations and grant given to indigents amounted to about £24 on an average per month. The Council assisted to the extent of a third of the amount, that is, £8 0s. 6d. per month, which was inadequate, and they were therefore called upon to find £16 odd every month so as to enable them to make a fair distribution of rations.

It was further stated that they were often confronted with the jibe that there was not much "selfhelp" on their part. This could not be a statement of fact, Had that been a fact this committee would have gone out of existence long, long ago. The fact was that there had been a good deal of self-help on the part of the Indians. Their concert was a case in point, when an amount of £172 was raised.

The financial statement showed a total income of £314 9s. 6d. as against an expenditure of £174 19s. 9d. An amount of £13 19s. 7d. was received from the Maritzburg District Indian Football Association.

The following officials were elected for the ensuing year: Chairman, Mr. D. R. Singh; vice-chairmen, Messrs. Simon David, P. K. Naidu, and M. G. Naidoo; hon. secretary, Mr. B. Letchmanan; treasurer, Mr. B. Bunwarie, together with a committee of 21 members.

A HEARTLESS HOAX

A HEARTLESS "joke," if one can so describe it, was played on a well-known Glendale planter, Mr. Ramraj Ramcharan, last Sunday, writes a Glendale correspondent. A person, giving his name as Chetty, phoned Mr. Ramraj from a public call box telling him that his son had met with a fatal accident and had died on the Glendale-Stanger main road.

Mr. Ramcharan took the information for granted and rushed to Stanger. A car and lorry-load of friends also accompanied him. On their arrival at Stanger they found the reported dead son standing alongside the bus.

This false information created much unrest and unpleasantness in the district.

LESS TIME FOR HAIR CUTS

"Our Congress understands that the Durban City Council has recently framed certain by-laws which restrain barbers from opening their shops after 5.30 p.m. on Fridays," states the Congress in a letter to the Town Clerk.

"The Indian barbers have seen our Congress in connection with these by-laws and they advise us that the latest restriction will bear very harshly on them, Hitherto they were entitled to keep their shops open until 7 p.m. on Fridays.

"You will appreciate the fact that there is a great deal of difference between the class of clientele that the Indian barbers and European barbers cater. The economic level of the Indian clientele is very much lower than that of the Europeans. For the most part Indian barbers cater for the poorer section of our people.

"It is a noticeable feature that a large majority of Indian workers wend their way to the barbers' shops on Friday evenings. The restriction of two hours on Fridays deprived the Indian workers and others of a benefit that they had enjoyed for many years.

"Our Congress feels that the Council, before it framed the by-laws and agreed to enforce them, should have taken into account the hardships they would create. Moreover practically all the Indian barbers are owners and they do not carry a large staff nor expensive equipment as do the European barbers. Nor do they enjoy the income that the European barbers do. For the Indian barbers it is a matter of hand-to-mouth existence.

"In these circumstances, our Congress strongly feels that the Council will consider repealing the bylaws."

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Mainly About People

PATEL.—At 21 Derby Street on the 12th at 5 p.m. to Mr. and Mrs. G. H. A. Patel, a daughter. Both well.

The engagement is announced between Gunvie L. Maharaj, third son of Sir. and Mrs. S. Lalla Maharaj, and Miss Jayanti Devi, the youngest daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. Rajahram Maharaj, of Mauritius.

The marriage took place of Sarla Devi, daughter of Mr. Lutchmanjee, of Stanger, to Mr. H. K. Singh, of Mayville, at the V.D.S. Hall, Stanger, on Sunday. A large gathering of relatives and friends were present.

Mr. M. Y. Naimar, of Durban, and Mr. J. S. Pillay, of Shallcross, are on a visit to Northern Natal. They expect to be away for about 10 days.

Mr. M. N. Pillay, bookkeeper of Messrs. M. M. Amod, Ladysmith, has suddenly taken ill.

Mr. L. Haribansi, of Ladysmith, accompanied with Mr. Narsai Soni, of Dundee, has left for the Cape.

Messrs. E. Sader, Hamid Khan and C. Vawda, all of Ladysmith, have left for Durban.

Mr. Saloomee Zubhar, of Johannesburg, spent a few days in Ladysmith, and was the guest of Hafez A. M. Osmani.

Mrs. H. R. Singh and Mrs. G. K. Singh have returned to Ladysmith after spending a long holiday in Durban and Maritzburg.

A farewell reception will be accorded to Mr. S. Doolarkhan, until recently principal, Stanger School, and now transferred to the Depot Road School, by the Indian community of Stanger and District at the Stanger Picture Palace on Sunday, February 27.

Mr. B. B. Lalla has been appointed the joint secretary of the Natal Indian Congress (Stanger branch). Mr. Lalla is one of the staunchest workers in the upliftment of the Indian community of Stanger. He is also president of the Stanger and District Literary and Debating Society; president of the Lower Tugela District Football Association; secretary, Stanger and District Indian Child Welfare Society; secretary, India Famine Fund (Stanger branch), and secretary of the Sugar Growers' Association. Apart from these he holds numerous other positions.

Mr. Bibi Singh, chairman of the India League, will be shortly leaving for the Cape Province and the Transvaal to form branches. All those who are interested in the formation of league branches are requested to write to the India League, Box 709, Durban. Mr. Singh will deliver addresses on different subjects on India during his tour.

AN OFFICIAL THANKED

A pleasant function took place in the Indian School, Greenwood Park, last week, when the Stationmaster, Mr. H. R. Westbrook was given a farewell reception by the Indian community of Greenwood Park.

Mr. Harry G. Thathiah, who presided, outlined the many kind deeds done by Mr. Westbrook towards the non-European community of the district. He then garlanded Mr. Westbrook in the name of the Indian community of the district in real Oriental fashion and wished him every success in his new post. A wristlet watch was also presented to Mr. Westbrook as a token of remembrance, and a bouquet was presented to Mrs. Westbrook.

Messrs. K. C. Pillay, S. C. Moodley, K. S. Pillay, T. V. Thathiah, K. V. Pillay, V. D. Naidoo, V. L. Naidoo were the other speakers.

Mr. Westbrook thanked the officials for their kind words and the honour done to them and stated that he is always prepared to do the very best for all sections of the community, and he knew no colour.

Mr. F. Williamson, of Stanger, is spending a week at Amatikulu with his family.

Mr. Goolam M. Keshavjee, who has been on a holiday trip to Cape Town for a month, has arrived in Pretoria and has resumed his duties.

Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Pather are spending a fortnight in Durban. They return home to Port Elizabeth via Johannesburg.

Mr. Ismail M. Asmall, managing director of Messrs. M. E. Asmall (Pty.), Ltd., of Bulwer, has left for Johannesburg on a business trip. From Johannesburg he is expected to visit Durban, where he will spend a short time before returning to Bulwer.

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TEACHERS WED

There was a large gathering of friends and relatives at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Moodley, Greenwood Park, on Sunday last. The occasion was the marriage of their second son, Sandrayal T. Moodley, B.A., to Miss Thamalinkhane Ammal, youngest daughter of Mrs. S. P. Naidoo, of 2 Jensems Avenue, Mayville.

The bridegroom is on the staff of the Hindu Tamil Institute, while the bride, who was also on the staff of the same school, resigned at the beginning of this year in order to get married. The couple were the recipients of many messages of goodwill.

The bridegroom's father, Mr. S. M. Moodley, is a well-known figure in the teaching world. He is at present on the staff of Sastri College and is believed to be one of the two or three oldest members in the profession in Natal.

BRIARDENE WEDDING

Mr. M. R. Govender, of Briardene, and Miss Pangah M. Pillay, of Newcastle (sister of V. M. Pillay Brothers), were married at the K. K. Pillay's Memorial Hall, Briardene, last Sunday.

Mr. S. N. Pillay, of Jacobs, Mr. A. K. Naidu, of Newcastle, Mr. C. R. Naidu, of Cape Town, Mr. K. V. Pillay, of Briardene, and Mr. N. A. Govender, of Durban, congratulated the couple.

The married couple will make their home in Durban.

HINDU PRAYER

Hindus assemble every Sunday morning at 9 in the Surat Hindu Association Hall, Victoria Street, Durban. This prayer is intended to popularise one common prayer for all Hindus, Hindi, Tamil, Telegu and Gujarati, Hindus of all denominations and all sections are hereby invited to join the prayers.

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TALK OF THE BAZAAR

BY "THE FAQIR"

AM getting quite pessimistic about the way in which the word "free-dom" is being bandied about and mutilated in the process. In Durban, for instance, those who shout loudest for freedom from almost everything are the Left Wingers. My sympathies are fully with them. They criticise the reactionary Right Wing" for not opening its doors to the Press at committee meetings. In fact, from reliable information which I have in front of me the Left Wing in the committee of the Natal Indian Congress has given notice of motion to the effect that in future, unless otherwise ruled, all committee meetings of the N.I.C. should be open to the Press. That resolution, unless I am mistaken, or last-minute changes are made, will be seconded by the Chairman of the Communist Party, Durban branch, yet, and this is the sad part of my story, that self-same person is not prepared to allow the Press to attend an "open" meeting of the component groups of his party. I rather tell you the story from the beginning. On Sunday last there was an "open" aggregate meeting of the Communist Party of Durban to which visitors and sympathisers and the general public were admitted without question or reservation. Our roving reporter also turned up but he was politely informed by the secretary that a statement would be issued by him after the meeting. After the meeting the chairman—that same person who had moved the resolution of which I have already told you—politely informed our reporter that "everything is off the record!" Strange it seems to me; very strange indeed that when the N.I.C. excludes the Press it is racism, but when the Left Wing does exactly the same thing it is—I presume—democracy. I would have had no regard if the meeting had been a secession of the C.P.

LAST

At last they've got that damned native conference (with suitable apologies to Baroness Orczy). It has been a great thing this conference business. We have been waiting for one for a very long time now. Despite the fact that the past dates had fixed somehow or other the conference evaded the public. The very dead Natal Indian Association (I'll take its memories wherever I am supposed to go after they've resigned me to the bosom of the earth) made numerous attempts to hold one, but every time something went wrong with the idea until finally the Association gave up the ghost. This, I think, is the third attempt of its successor to hold a conference. By all indications a lively weekend is promised. Our friend, Rupert, of whose attitude towards the Indian people I can never be certain, is opening the conference which I believe will spend a long time to the Pegging Act. In case you have forgotten, Rupert was the leader of the municipal deputation to Pretoria, and he was also in Cape Town adding his weight to the Pegging Act. Who says the Indians cannot be broad-minded and generous?

"EXPERIMENTING DANGEROUSLY"

My correspondent, "Once Bitten," seems to have touched on a very delicate and touchy problem. Last week a young lady replied. This week a male of the species, styling himself, "Yes, Rather Dangerous," takes up the cudgel on behalf of the young men. He writes: "The reply to 'Once Bitten's' letter is rather a shaky attempt by a young lady who does not know her own mind, she wants something, something which all Indian girls want—freedom to chose their boy friends and consequently their future husbands; to get to know them and then consider and decide whether it would be worthwhile settling down with them. Yet she is not prepared to take the plunge. She passes the buck on to her mother, as a young man who has been keenly interested in the social life and conduct of the Indian people I fail to understand the attitude of the Indian mothers and fathers when it comes to a question of a young man being friendly with a young lady. This week hundreds and hundreds of Indian mothers will be glued and rapt to an Indian picture. If the heroine has a bad time of it they will secretly shed some tears. If, on the other hand, the heroine finally, after overcoming every possible objection from parents and even relations on the long distance wire, marries the young man of her choice, these self-same mothers will be tremendously (secretly, of course) thrilled and the happiness registering on the face of the hero and the heroine will probably bring a lump (secretly again) to their throats. All these hundreds and hundreds of Indian parents when it comes to a question of their own daughters attempting to emulate their favourite heroine, keep the proverbial—and in quite a few cases the very practical—also and broomstick handy. This rather dampens the ardour of any young swain. In Maritzburg once, I remember reading in these columns Indian parents littered the path of true love with mastiffs with the desired results. However, coming to the point, which was originally raised by Once Bitten—that is, the unpleasant replies given by decent-looking girls. This a strange phenomenon among Indian girls of the educated variety whom one has already had the pleasure of meeting at some social function or other. If, a few days later, one meets them in the street, and out of courtesy greets them one gets a stare which stuns in the literal sense or a look which is about as sociable as a refrigerator. Can this be explained?"

FOOTNOTE

It is a fact that the Muslim Institute presented a medal to a visiting seaman for his poetical compositions in the vernacular. My office boy is a great prophet; he was perfectly correct when he declared that the Goodwill Club Medal Fund had opened up untold vistas for the innumerable organisations which serve our community.

An appeal has been forwarded by the Indian Servicemen's League to the Prime Minister and other members of the Cabinet for the inclusion of the question of franchise in the terms of reference of the proposed Indian Commission.

A conference of Indian ex-Servicemen is being convened shortly by the Services's League.

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DURBAN CRICKET

There was no play at Currie's Fountain on Saturday owing to rain, but play was possible on Sunday. The Natal Cup divisional final between Young Central and Greyville re-sulted in a win for the latter by 107 runs on the single innings, batting first Greyville scored 137 for three wickets and declared; they bowled their opponents out for 30 runs.

The remaining three matches were in the "A" division league cup competition. Ottomans and Young Muslims collected full points at the expense of Kismet and Stars respectively, and Central were content with first innings' decision against Bharat.

THE SCORES

Greyville, 137 for 3 wickets (V. Abrahams 64, E. Hoosain 50), Young Central, 30.

Ottomans, 6 runs for no wickets, and 121 for 5 wickets, declared; Kismet, 6 runs for no wickets, declared, and 111 all out.

Stars, 16 and 15 runs for 1st and 2nd innings respectively, Young Muslims, 30 for 3 wickets, declared.

Bharat, 62, and 17 for 5 wickets, Central, 110 for 5 wickets, declared.

DURBAN (WEEKEND)

Natal Cup District Final

Greyville v. Central.

"B" Division League Cup

Orientals v. Sastri College.

Sparks v. Young Centrals.

Young Kismet v. Young Bharat

S. Pillay won the Knox's Golf Trophy with a score of 67 net, with A. M. Bux (70) as runner-up.

STANGER CRICKET

What promised, at one stage, to be a thrilling encounter, ended up in a one-sided affair when Commercials were utterly trounced by the Stanger United to the tune of an innings and 143 runs. Batting first, United scored 269 (G. H. Bux 76, D. K. Naidoo 35, V. Mohamed 32, K. V. Naidoo 19, K. P. Padayachee 18, J. Chenglah 18, K. A. Kolla 18, 4 Omarjee 3 for 59). The bowling of Augustine and Chenglah, who were in devastating form, was too much for the Commercials' batsmen and in a pathetic scratching for runs could only muster 79 (V. G. Augustine 5 for 3, J. Chenglah 3 for 9). In the follow-on they scored 48 (Bhamjee 18, G. Bux 4 for 8, J. Chenglah 6 for 15).

STANGER (TOMORROW)

10 a.m.; Pirates v. Young Commercials (Umpires: Messrs. Augustine and K. P. Padayachee).

LADYSMITH CRICKET

Owing to the death of Mr. Ismail Dean, the Pieter's Shield final has been postponed.

FRIENDLY (TOMORROW)

Young Greyville (Durban) v. Muslim-Ottomans (Combined).

MARITZBURG CRICKET

On Sunday in the Natal Shield match at Maritzburg, Natalians had a win over Schools by eight runs. The Schools, batting first, found the Natalians' opening bowlers, B. Minor and K. B. Reddy, very difficult to play, and the scoring was consequently very slow. After the opening pair were dismissed for 19 runs, three top batters started mowing down the wicketa. The 40 went up in 35 minutes, and at 43 the fifth wicket fell. Then B. Minor, who was practically unplayable, took the remaining wickets, and the innings closed at 84.

Natalians in their first innings realised 97. Ted Chetty scored freely, especially off B. K. Naidoo, and in one over he twice hit fours and played brightly for his 48.

Schools C.C., first innings, 84 all out (B. Nulliah 26, B. K. Naidoo 23, and N. P. Kain 15, B. Minor 5 for 24, and K. D. Reddy 2 for 20).

Natalians C.C., first innings, 97 all out (Ted Chetty 48, B. Minor 16, K. D. Reddy 12, B. K. Naidoo 4 for 27, and M. Sebastian 3 for 19).

Schools C.C., second innings, 67 all out, close of play (P. Nulliah 22, and N. K. Naidoo 13, B. Nanger 3 for 9, C. Pillay 3 for 7, and L. S. Chetty 2 for 12).

Natalians did not play their second innings owing to time.

MARITZBURG (TODAY)

Zaat's Cup

Royals v. Schools (Umpires: L. Balasubramanian and R. Chandramohan).

TOMORROW

Natal Shield

M.C.C. v. United (Umpires: S. S. Reddy and M. G. Woodley).

COUNTY CRICKET

On Sunday last Pinetown Suburban met the Shamrock in the 1st-B Cup competition fixtures finish, the former winning by an inning and seven runs.

Shamrock C.C., first innings, 61 runs (Tony H. Andrew Pillay 17, J. Kaisavalar 8, K. A. Naicker 6 for 33, T. S. Govender 2 for 13).

Pinetown Suburban C.C., first innings, 137 runs (K. A. Naicker 35, J. A. Naicker 29, K. A. Naicker 22, K. P. Naidoo 4 for 34, S. V. Peters 2 for 23).

Shamrock C.C., 2nd innings, 35 runs (R. P. Nair, 7 for 23).

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INDIAN BROADCAST

On Sunday next a special "Silaraathi" programme will be broadcast during the Indian session. Mrs. A. P. Sinch will give a short talk in Hindi on "The Significance of Shivaraathri" and the Arya Samaj Natalal, led by D. Roopanand will render appropriate Hindi songs. A short Durga programme will be provided by the Kum Govindasamy Naidoo girls—Saloshini Rogini and Sarojini.

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THE FAULT OF DURBAN: NOT ENGLISH ENOUGH

The first provincial conference of the newly reconstituted Natal Indian Congress, which was originally founded by M. K. Gandhi in 1894, was opened at the Durban Theatre on Monday morning by the Mayor of Durban, Mr. R. Ellis Brown. Speaking to the delegates and members of the public, who were present, he declared: "Legislation recently passed has caused a deep stir in the Indian community and there are indications that the stir caused is by no means likely to be confined to this country alone. There have been signs and not a few of them that the disputes we have been trying to settle in South Africa are likely to have international repercussions, and, unless we are careful the things that have happened may upset in a small degree the friendly relations which have existed between South Africa and India and between these two nations and the other nations of the world. It would be nothing short of a calamity—a very great calamity—if any division were allowed to creep into the British Commonwealth of Nations."

These representatives were deputed by the Government of the country to watch the proceedings on its behalf and to offer such advice and counsel as might be needed. They were Mr. J. H. Basson, the Commissioner for Asiatic Affairs, and Senator D. G. Stephanus. They were present throughout the deliberations.

In welcoming the delegates Mr. A. I. Kajee, chairman of the committee, said: "On the one hand we are urged, under the Cape Town Agreement, to improve ourselves, educate ourselves, help ourselves in the true sense; on the other, the means by which we can help ourselves as workers and students are refused us, as there exist such folly as this belief ingrained in the European mind that his interests are served best by the degradation of the non-European?

In the course of his presidential address Mr. J. W. Godfrey said that he was happy to declare that complete unity in the Indian community had been achieved in Natal.

Referring to the absence of the franchise he said that the only other means of voicing their protest was by mass

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Conference Regrets— ABSENCE OF SIR SHAFA'AT KHAN

"That this conference of Natal Indians held under the auspices of the Natal Indian Congress, expresses its deep sense of regret for the absence of the High Commissioner for India, Sir Shafa'at Ahmad Khan, from this momentous and representative assembly, where matters of far-reaching importance to the well-being and advancement of the community are to be considered."

The proposer to this resolution, which was passed by conference, was S. L. Singh.

"This conference resolves to request the Government of India to recall the High Commissioner in South Africa as a protest against the passing and perpetuation of the 'Pegging Act of 1943' and that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Government of India, the High Commissioner, national leaders in India and to other quarters."

When Gen. Smuts Sought Aid from Europe

As the shadow to the substance,
To her lord is faithful wife
—The Ramayana

MRS. KASTUR BAI GANDHI, WHOSE LONG AND DEVOTED YEARS OF SERVICE TO HER EMINENT HUSBAND, A MARRIAGE PARTNERSHIP SINCE 1883, HAS BEEN SEVERED BY HER DEATH, WHICH TOOK PLACE IN INDIA THIS WEEK.

The majority of Durban's Indian shops and places of business were closed as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Mrs. Gandhi from 10 o'clock on Wednesday morning. A mass meeting of the Indian people was held in the evening.

"I ask here before you to uphold that which is just and that which is true, as a Christian minister in a so-called Christian country," declared fraternal delegate, the Rev. Du Plessis, of the Apostolic Faith Mission, speaking at the N.I.C. conference on Saturday.

"I charge any of the legislators of the country to lay that Act before the Lord Jesus and ask him to sanction it."

While at the opening of the conference in the morning Government representatives had advised the Indian people to conduct themselves in a spirit of sobriety and in a calm manner, nothing of the kind had surrounded the passage of the Pegging Act.

"I myself, as an Afrikaner, belong to a once oppressed race. I know what oppression is. Gen. Smuts, too, had at one time suffered and was in favour of seeking assistance from Europe. However, on visit to England had changed him.

"If we don't adopt the amendment we are going to lose a great battle. This morning, we heard of British Statecraft; if India is any proof of that then you can come to your own conclusion about that.

"India proves Britain's inability to manage the South African Indian problem."

The death occurred 18 mail week of Mr. R. S. Pandit, husband of Mrs. Vijaylaxmi Pandit, sister of Mr Jawaharlal Nehru, and a former U.P. Minister. Mr. Pandit had been suffering from pleurisy with effusion for the past three months. He was 51 years of age.

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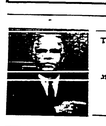

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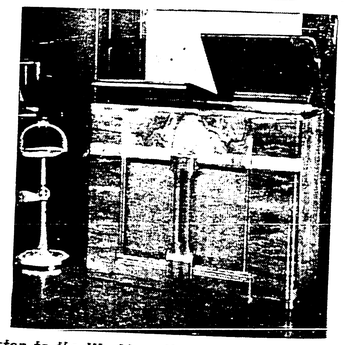

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CONGRESS AGREES

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-tance. He was not opposed to the -mission and if it were all-embracing -ould say "let us by all means accept -commission and through it ventilate -vance of the Indian people."

-r recommendations of commissions always been shelved, declared Mr. E. -Kajee, and no one had any guarantee that the recommendations of the present commission would not be shelved. -ected instances in the past when such -hing had taken place.

-r leaders are afraid of something -f some high Government officials. I -personally told that the office of the -h Commissioner is against the acceptance of the commission. The High Commissioner, I say, has told the Indian -ple not to accept the commission as the Pegging Act is on the Statute -k. If, however, it is the desire of the -ders of the community to serve as -missioners, let them come forward -say so."

GOVERNMENT VIEWPOINT

-ding Indian people's point of explanation -this stage, Mr. J. Rasson, the Government representative delegated to watch -e proceedings, said that there was -quite a lot of misunderstanding over -matter of the Judicial commission. -en at the time of the Pegging Act, -Lawrence heard of the grievances of -Indian people he was prepared to -them an assurance that he would -commissioners to go into the mat- -The commission would not be a -representative on it.

-t is absolutely incorrect that the Gov--ment of India is not supporting the -mission. The High Commissioner sup- -s it and he has been consulted in re- -d to the personnel of the commission."

-e Government would have announced -terms of reference months ago, but -ld been mindful of the interest of -Indian people. Last year very little -gress could be made as the Govern- -nt was watching intently the issue of -nigamation and then the High Com- -sioner had held things up by going -India. The Government wanted to -laborate with the Indian people. It -d have ridden roughshod over the -ians without consulting their interests, -was now for the Indian people to pre- -the Government with great constructive -suggestions. There might be some -ference in the phraseology of the -s but there would be no departure -m the principles enunciated by the -Minister of the Interior.

-riginally Mr. Lawrence had refused -o incorporate the question of the fran- -ise in the terms of reference as he had -d that it was a matter of bread and -ter politics. He wanted to find out -e real cause of the trouble in Natal -had no intention of raising the issue -m the realm of "higher politics." -rthermore, you want propaganda -your case. What better machinery -n have than a commission of in- -ry. There is nothing hanky-panky -out it, nothing up my sleeve, but -and simply an honest endeavour -the part of the Government to find -t your grievances. Today is the time -o take a new road. We know what -appened in the past, but let us hope -the future will be better." (Voice: Is really sincere?)

-ery step which the Government had -en was upon his advice. The Government representative at the -ference, Mr. D. G. Shepstone, Mr. -rence had designed the terms of -e to get a factual knowledge of -Indian situation in this province. The -s in getting the commission into -motion had been due to the fact that the Government did not wish to impose a commission on the Indian people unless it was readily accepted by them.

The Prime Minister, said Mr. Shepstone, had discussed the Indian problem together with him. The Premier required the co-operation of the Indian people in order to solve the racial difficulties. There were all sorts of rumours current, but before anything could be done the Indian people would have to prepare their case. He was not aware of any negotiations between the Governments of India and South Africa.

In regard to the terms of reference Mr. Sheptone felt that the Indian people couldn't expect "anything wider."

Replying to a question by Dr. Dadoo, Mr. Sheptone said that he did not know about any "delicate negotiations" which were being carried on between the Government of India and the Union of South Africa.

Dr. Dadoo to Mr. Rasson: "Was the Government so much concerned about the Indian people's point when it rushed the Pegging Act through Parliament?"

Mr. Rasson: "I am sorry, but I am not prepared to answer."

Mr. Monilal Kanjamjee submitted to Mr. Rasson that Mr. Lawrence had thought of the commission before he had received the memoranda of the Indian people against the Pegging Act last April.

Mr. Goga Singh to Mr. Shepstone and Mr. Rasson: "In view of the delicate negotiations between the Governments of India and South Africa, would any harm be done if we postpone decision on the commission?"

Mr. Shepstone: "I don't know anything about negotiations."

The commission, said fraternal delegate Dr. Dadoo, was of great importance and it had to be discussed from all aspects. The commission flowed from the Pegging Act and was an attempt to stifle the indignation and resentment of the Indian people by directing their energies into another channel. It was morphia intended to dull the opposition of the Indian people. In the meantime the Act would be effectively enforced.

A FLIMSY DOCUMENT

All the facts had not been given by the proposer, only a flimsy document had been laid before the house and it was on the strength of that the house had been asked to accept the commission. The people wanted a definite document before they could accept anything. At the moment they were told not to quibble about words, but when it came to interpretation of the terms of reference the people still had the unpleasant memories of the Second Broome Commission.

If commission had done anything at all they had deprived the people of whatever rights they possessed. The Lange Commission had sought to confine Indians within the coastal belt of Natal. The Coloured Commission of 1935, which was supposed to be the "Bible" of the Coloured people had now given birth to the Coloured Affairs Commission, while some of the recommendations in the advantages of the Coloured people were put into operation.

Nothing would come of the commission. The demands of the Indian people were clear. They were a demand for full democratic rights.

Dr. Dadoo referred to a statement of the Indian Minister for Overseas Affairs, Dr. Khare, in the Indian Legislature "That delicate negotiations were going on between the Governments of India and the Union on the question of the Pegging Act."

In view of this acceptance of the commission would mean the toning down to the lowest pitch that resentment which was being felt in India over the Act.

That the opinion of India should be obtained before anything further was done about the commission was the opinion of Mr. D. P. Lalla (Stanger).

NOT A TRAITOR

In reply to assertions that the congress officials knew of the personnel, Mr. S. S. Kajee, who was on his feet at the time, declared "I am not going to be a traitor. I will not divulge the names of the commissioners."

Mr. S. L. Singh: "The last speaker said he knew something of the personnel of the commission. Can Mr. A. I. Kajee tell us anything?"

Mr. Rasson: "Nobody knows the personnel, for it has not been declared yet, but a few names have been mentioned."

Co-speaker of the commission, Mr. Goga Singh felt, would only help Smuts. He would then have the opportunity to inform the outside world that the Indian problem in South Africa was in the process of being satisfactorily settled. The South African Indians had been responsible for creative struve opposition to the Pegging Act in India; it would have meant the betrayal of the actions of the Indians in South Africa if the S.A. Indians condoned the Act by accepting a commission which flowed from that same Act.

"I have a strong suspicion that a lot of things have been going on behind the scenes," declared Mr. Singh and then referred conference to the message of General Smuts, who had referred to the forthcoming judicial commission as the "Broome Commission."

"I believe everything's fixed."

Failure to accept the commission, said Mr. Cassim Amalia, would allow the European agitators to "get away with it."

Referring to the proposal of Mr. Pather, Mr. E. I. Moolla declared that the Government knew very well what the Indian people wanted. There was no doubt about that. The Indians wanted free education, decent housing, repeal of the oppressive laws, removal of provincial barriers, etc. It did not require a commission to ascertain these things. They were already before the Government.

Mr. Kuttenjee felt that no decision should be taken. The Indian people ought to wait for the terms of reference, for at the moment there was no guarantee that once the Indians had decided to work with the commission that the Government would not betray them in regard to the terms of reference.

A people could not accept the commission on a flimsy bit of evidence. Again, the past history of commissions revealed that it was seldom if ever that the recommendations had been implemented. He was not opposed to the commission, but he preferred to wait for the granting of the terms of reference.

With regard to the question of Indian commissioners, the people should reserve to themselves the right to nominate or elect their own representatives. They should declare against the Government's nominees representatives.

Mr. A. I. Kajee said that he personally had no time been opposed to any commission. Even at the height of Indian tempers against the Government he had said that he would collaborate with a commission. He had always believed that commissions were for the good of the people.

The sum total of the opposition had been a negative attitude. He was a realist.

The list of the Indian people had in no way changed. In this country and they should take every opportunity to present their case and their cause and prove to the world by way of commissions their grievances. The Government of India was not opposed to the commission. "To the end of my days I will believe in commissions."

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Mr. S. L. Singh: "All immigration laws should be abolished and the Indian should be placed under the common law of the country."

Mr. Basson: "That is not as easy as it sounds for a number of poor Indian people on the smaller estates are being helped to a considerable extent."

The following resolution was adopted:

"This conference places on record that the Medical Tax imposed upon Indian immigrants and their descendants under Law 25 of 1891 (Natal) is, in effect, a special tax primarily meant as a safeguard for the benefit of other Indian immigrants, and strongly feels that the tax on the descendants of those immigrants is incongruous having regard to their present status, and respectfully requests the Union Government to amend the aforesaid law in that respect, if not the whole of law 25 of 1891."

The closure was applied at 5.45 p.m. and the decision to participate with the commission was taken with a 111 votes to 60.

A decision was taken that the names of Indian commissioners should be ratified by the committee of the congress before they were to accept nomination.

The Leader learns that the following names, among others, have been considered as the personnel of the commission: Mr. Justice Broome (chairman), Senator J. D. Shepstone, Mr. W. M. Pawar, Mr. A. I. Kajee and Mr. S. R. Naidoo.

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Usual Agenda.

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Agenda
(1) Minutes.
(2) Correspondence.
(3) Reports and Financial Statement.
(4) Election.
(5) General.

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Conference and After

THE subject which is uppermost in the mind of Indians in South Africa is the conference of the Natal Indian Congress held over last week-end. The president, in his introductory speech, described it as a memorable occasion, and so, in a way, it was in every particular. To begin with, it was held at a most important time, Indian affairs in this country have never been worse than they are today. The Pegging Act was the culminating act of European reaction and hostility. It is difficult to conceive any more severe legislation, any worse restriction upon the movements of our people, save that which is in the mind of some rabid European racialists as an ameliorative act. Bearing it, then, the conference had the degrading legislation to give it a sense of dignity. Before it the prospect of a judicial commission loomed large as the profound significance of its deliberations.

It was to be expected, then, that the conference would have a dual function. First, it had to consider its attitude to the present legislation, and on it there was no shadow of disunity. Congress delegates were of one mind towards the Pegging Act before they entered the conference; that mind was reinforced by every word that was spoken during the deliberations. Some difference of mind was very evident during the course of the discussions, it is easy to see the growing power of the communists. If Europeans had been able to observe the debates they might have been profoundly moved by the appearance of a common platform in congress.

It is doubtful, however, whether they would have taken away the lesson which the absence of this element conveys, in actual fact, so harsh is the legislation of the European people that the unrepresented Indian that inevitably younger men are turning to extremer forms of socialism and emulating the revolutionary doctrines preached elsewhere, in what schools and colleges the Indians possess younger men who are rising in the matriculation class find themselves afterwards unable to procure occupation consonant with their talents. They are very naturally embittered and become rich soil for the propagandist. This process has been going on for some years, and it is said that vigorous young men now taking a part in conference discussions and bringing to those discussions a fervour which can not be ignored. We may not like the political philosophies which they have embraced, but we can very well understand why they have embraced them and we can appreciate the sincerity with which they enunciate them.

The issues before the conference were broadly three in number. It denounced the Pegging Act, and, in doing so, decided upon means which would expedite its abolition. It then went on to consider the attitude towards the proposed judicial commission on the broader issue which would face that investigation. It decided that the principle of the judicial commission was acceptable and that co-operation with it was desirable on certain qualifications which, we believe, will be met when the terms of reference are published.

Among these qualifications one transcends all the rest. It is that the franchise should be the subject of the inquiry. There is no need at this stage to repeat our views on this all important subject. These views coincide with the unanimous opinion expressed by the delegates at the conference that franchise is the common cell in the qualification of Indian progress in this country, as it is the first right of any free people. The fact will need to be reiterated at the proper time, lest we be turned aside in the course of the inquiry and put before us by commissioners and members of the Government, in order to water down the Smuts-policy, the franchise if more by common franchise or nothing at all. Better that we should remain as we are than accept communal representation which has been so utter a failure elsewhere.

The fight before us, then, in our opinion, is a fight on the franchise. We are persuaded that the possession of the franchise would immediately bring about a condition in which our own political power would do much to mould the decisions of our representatives. We believe that local legislatures, like as they are to be at present constituted, will fail to take the general decision from which the most rabid racial complexities will disappear. The mechanics of government is the issue which will have an opportunity of full play and will not be retarded and muffled by those racial antipathies which today govern all the decisions of the Governments.

Congress Militant Attitude Towards Pegging Act

On Saturday afternoon when conference resumed its sessions at the Gandhi Library Hall the long-awaited issue of the first approach, which the Indian people were going to adopt in relation to the Pegging Act and matters arising there from was tested early on when Mr. Geo. Singh moved an amendment for the deletion of that part of Mr. P. R. Pather's resolution on the Pegging Act which made provision for the doors of negotiation to be left open.

A decision had been reached after a debate lasting over five hours when a question that the proposer and the seconder of the resolution should meet and decide and then place before the conference on the next day their decision was accepted.

On Sunday morning two resolutions were presented to the conference the first of which expressed its indignation at the passing of Act 28 of 1943 (Pegging Act) and considered it to be "the negation of the most elementary human rights and a violation of the principles of democracy and those underlying the Cape Town Agreement." The Pegging Act, the resolution proceeded, had been enacted without consultation with the Indian community and although there was no justifiable ground for its enactment and, in its immediate repeal, conference decided to carry on a campaign along the following lines: the holding of mass meetings all over Natal; a mass petition to the Government; cooperation of Indian and other organisations in the Transvaal and the Cape Province; awakening of world opinion, particularly in India and Great Britain against the Act.

The second resolution embodied the substance of the third paragraph of Mr. Geo. Singh's original motion on which there had been a protracted discussion on Saturday. This was further debated separately on Sunday morning.

Mr. P. R. Pather moved the resolution and explained the circumstances which led to the Pegging Act. Amendments were moved by Mr. A. Chowdree and Mr. Geo. Singh, Mr. Sorabjee Rustomjee asked what the effects of the Act should be explained to the meeting. The mover then moved the second resolution of the Act. To a European, who had 9,000 votes as opposed to the Indians' 600, there was no difficulty in moving within the old bounds of Durban.

DEFINITE INFORMATION

"The Pegging Act is such that no elected government can throw against the people," he said, "and if the Dominion Party has not 4 seats in the Durban Parliament there would have been no Pegging Act."

Mr. Rustomjee wanted definite information from Congress regarding the number of permits issued to Europeans and Indians under the Pegging Act in order that the Indian people might be able to meet their propaganda against the Act and to counteract their activities. He was in a definite fix that when it came to a question of so-called pre-mutually Indian and European areas it was the Indian who suffered by the decision.

"I know of instances in which Indian owners in Indian areas have been refused permits of occupation because Europeans were living in their premises, by permissive clause operated 100 per cent against the Indian while favouring the European.

"We appeal to the Prime Minister, including Senator Hofmeyr and Mr. Paterson, who are with us to repeal this Act."

Replying to Mr. S. Rustomjee, Mr. G. H. Heaton, Commissioner for Asiatic Affairs, said that, firstly, there was nothing in the Act which discriminated between Indians and Europeans. There were three applications made by Europeans for sites in Indian areas, one was a factory site, the other was for residential purposes and the third was refused, and another was in regard to Indian applications many were from those in Block AE, and as this was the bone of contention the Minister said not very well grant permits. There was no need for a commission of inquiry if he advised the Indians to prepare information in regard to their disabilities and to approach the Minister personally. The Pegging Act was a temporary measure and was before Parliament, the Minister said, and that Parliament would be sitting for another three months and then it would be decided. Mr. Rustomjee said that the answer was not satisfactory. The representative previous to the Indian community, the late Mr. Lawrence, secured 100 per cent of the permits. Mr. I. J. Kajee raised a point regarding the resolutions of Mr. P. R. Pather on the Pegging Act. The second of his amendment, he said, was a repetition of the first portion of the resolution, which had been touched on, and was not necessary. There were two parts—economic and political.

The first heading the Congress had demanded to concede one acre-foot of property was the criterion of economic independence. Now, in the last six months, since the Act was achieved, proposed a new principle: we say we without qualification that the Pegging Act strangulates us economically. There are, however, two aspects of European objection which arise: the first is based on economics and the second on emotionalism. The Indian cannot exist if he is restricted economically.

Questions to the Europeans fell into four categories: Did the European object (a) to acquisition of properties by Indians in rural areas? (b) to ownership for commercial and industrial purposes? (c) for the purpose of investments, and, lastly for the purpose of residence?

"I admit," Mr. Kajee said, "that it is an established fact that the Europeans object to Indians living next door to them."

Time and again the Indians had argued that they had no wish to penetrate, but they had also given reasons why they were forced to move into European areas.

There were two schools of thought regarding alleged penetration. One composed of the younger leaders and radicals who would fight the Act.

Critics of "Another Lawrence Committee" and "voluntary segregation" greeted Mr. Kajee's statement that the other school condemned the fact that "we do wish to live among ourselves."

WEAPONS ON THE OTHER SIDE

"Remember this," Mr. Kajee said, "when you decide that all the weapons are on the other side."

A chorus of "No" drowned Mr. Kajee's statement that since March, 1943, mass meetings to protest against the Pegging Act had been held everywhere.

Speaking in support of his amendment, Mr. Geo. Singh declared that the Indian people had achieved nothing over the last 30 to 40 years by their policy of cooperation and by being on the defensive all the time. At all stages the Indian community was prepared to negotiate, but they had at no time taken positive action.

"While we in South Africa have slept over the Pegging Act, India has been fighting our case, by holding mass meetings and passing reciprocity resolutions.

"There has been no bona fides on the part of our leaders in the past and the time has come now when we should give them instructions. Our struggle at this stage requires extremism. Defeatism is of no use. I say let us appeal to world opinion because in this country we are voteless and voiceless. Our only channel for our case is to stir up world opinion."

The Indian people of the Transvaal, said their fraternal delegate, Dr. Y. M. Dadoo, from the Transvaal Indian Congress, were keenly watching the decision of the Indian people of Natal regarding the Pegging Act, which was only an extension of the Interim Act of 1939. "I am surprised and Mr. Kajee who advocate a policy of negotiation should ignore facts. In the Transvaal we already know of the bitter fruits of that policy."

Such a policy meant the acceptance of a system of voluntary segregation. The leaders of the Indian community were assisting the Indian people to segregate themselves. The leaders, Dr. Dadoo challenged, could not show one single instance over the last twenty years when their policy had succeeded.

Speaking against the amendment Mr. A. Choudree felt that the European agitation was not concerned with the question whether an Indian lived next to him or not. He was using this as an excuse to strangulate the Indian community. Mr. Choudree appealed that the door for negotiations be left open.

Dr. G. M. Naicker declared that the leaders had failed every time with their policy.

"We want to live in decent areas, but where are we to go if not to European areas," said Dr. Lee Christopher. He had executed a policy of no compromise. "I ask Mr. Pather with what face will he approach the Government with a policy of compromise when he has already told them last year that there could be no compromise.

"The older school believes in compromise and appeasement. We must be with this. There must be no appeasement and no compromise until the Pegging Act is removed from the Statute Book," declared Mr. T. M. Moer, from Dundee. The country delegates, he said, were representatives of masses and the leaders had to put there policy whatever they instructed.

The older persecution must cry a policy of extremism must be resorted to, for which I am prepared to die," Mr. Moer concluded.

Interrupting with the permission of the chairman, Mr. C. R. Calpin declared that it would be futile to appeal to Amerstoff as she did not admit of Indian citizenship. There were better chances in England.

General Smuts was almost over the zenith of his reputation. No person could live through a period of forty years without blemish to his reputation.

Mr. Calpin advised the Indian people to blend political acumen with political strategy, as he felt they stood on the threshold of the future.

Conference then adjourned at 6.30 for ten minutes.

CONGRESS AGREES TO ACCEPT COMMISSION

SPEAKING on his motion for the Judicial Commission, Mr. P. R. Pather said that there were three schools of thought in regard to it. The first of which, with the majority of the Indian people behind it, was of the opinion that the commission should be accepted. The second school, which always adopted a negative attitude opposed the commission. It would have nothing to do with the commission. The third school had not yet made up its mind as it was still waiting for the terms of reference.

"We cannot accept the policy of negotiation, declared Mr. Lallo, of Maritzburg, especially when Rogers, S. E. Naidoo and Co. go to the municipal council and come to agreement about areas which can be set aside for Indian settlement."

A delegate from the Northern Districts felt that the amendment was a "bit too strong." He was of the opinion that the leaders should be given another chance. He chaired the idea of negotiation at this stage the Indian could alienate the sympathy of the Government. This was something which he could not afford to do.

Describing himself as a moderate in 1939, of the young men, Mr. A. S. Kajee felt that the amendment should be embodied in the resolution.

"I must confess that we officials of the past have blundered," said Mr. Sorabjee Rustomjee.

"When I say this I mean the officials of the past Congress and Association. Mr. Kajee has admitted that we blundered with the Lawrence Committee."

It was best for the people to take out of the past that which was best and prepare for the future. The present Congress, too, Mr. Rustomjee felt, had blundered when it attended the meeting with the Natal Municipal Association.

In the past the Indian people had compromised without result and it would not be a bad thing to admit that. To say that the community has agitated against the Lawrence Commission over the past ten months was plain "bunkum." Nothing of the kind had ever been done.

"If you want a hall to live in, in South Africa, go to Johannesburg. That position has come about because of the acquiescence of the Indian people in the Feetham Commission and the acceptance of voluntary segregation."

There was a possibility that the same policy in Natal would lead to the same result.

Conference adjourned at 6 o'clock.

On the next day the resolutions by mutual agreement between the proposer and the amender were separated and the one on the Pegging Act was accepted unanimously, while the second was debated again.

He said that the participation in the commission would serve the best interests of the Indian community and repudiated the suggestion that no good had ever emerged from any commission. The Lange Commission, the Dyson Education Committee and recently the Broome Commission had all added to the improvement of the Indian community.

Questions of education, housing and the all-important one of franchise could be brought to the notice of the commission.

"Let us be realists; everyone can be a theorist. Take the line of action which will be in the best interests of the community. Don't be hoodwinked by emotion or led astray by soapbox oratory."

Mr. Ashwin Choudree said that: "A golden opportunity looms large before the Indian community to place its case before the Government. Let the terms of the commission constitute the charter of demands of the Indian people."

The speaker felt that the matter was of the greatest moment and that it should be attended to before the country entered into the post-war period.

In the course of his speech in support of his amendment that the decision to accept a commission be delayed until the terms of reference had been agreed, Mr. S. L. Singh declared that it seemed to be the prerogative of a few members from the platform to move resolutions.

Mr. Pather's idea was to anticipate the terms of reference. The commission, it had to be admitted, flowed from the Pegging Act, but Mr. Pather would have the conference believe, otherwise. It was a strange thing that people who claimed to be voteless and voiceless were trying to lay down the law for the Government as to what the terms of reference should be.

(To him Cllr. S. L. Singh) the leaders appeared to be running with the hare and hunting with the hounds. At one time they stated they would have nothing to do with a commission. Now it was different. Was that due to the fact that some of them wanted to be commissioners?

Acceptance of the commission before one knew of the terms of reference was like setting the shadow instead of the substance.

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HELD OVER

We regret that owing to pressure on space—preference being given to the proceedings of the conference—many items have either had to be held over or excised considerably.

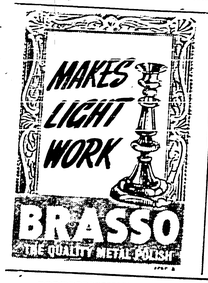
Mainly About People

LAZARUS.—At 155 East street, Maritzburg, to Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Lazarus, a bonny son on February 17. Both well. Thanks to District Sister and Nurses.

At St. Aidan's Hospital on Thursday, February 17, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Singh, of 186 Sydar Road, Reservoir Hills, Durban. Both well. Thanks to matron, sisters and staff.

To Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Mohamed, of Messrs. T. M. P. Mohamed, of Carolina, Transvaal, a daughter on January 29. Both well.

To Mr. and Mrs. G. Bahadur, of Sea View Lake, Durban, on February 9, a bonny daughter and grand-daughter to Mr. and Mrs. R. Nankoo, of Raisethorpe, Maritzburg. Both well. Thanks to doctor and nurses.



Mr. T. G. Govender, president of the South Coast District Indian Football Associations, together with his wife and daughter, are proceeding to Kimberley on a fortnight's holiday. They will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Naidoo, relatives of Mrs. T. G. Govender.

Mr. E. G. Naidoo, of Bonthop, Stanger, has resumed duties after a fortnight's vacation.

WOMEN'S CIRCLE

Members of the Indian Women's Association and the Indian Women's Reading and Educational Circle, together with representatives of the Women's Club, held a meeting on Saturday last at the home of Mrs. Jithoo, 25 North street.

Amongst the business discussed was a programme of action for the establishment of day nurseries for Indian children; for the commencement of a clothing depot to supply necessary articles of clothing and linen to Indian families living at a subeconomic level.

The association voted the sum of £5 to enable material to be bought, and one member donated a roll of print for the making of children's garments.

COLONIAL BORN GROUP FORMED

The Colonial-born Indian Group held its first meeting in Durban on Sunday last, and the following were elected officials:

Chairman, Mr. P. S. Singh; vice-chairman, Mr. R. K. Lazarus; hon. secretary, Mr. M. W. Daniels; hon. treasurer, Mr. N. G. Chetty; committee members, Messrs. A. Christopher, S. C. George, K. Thambiran, N. Thathiah, M. D. Pillay, G. R. Varma, R. R. Singh.

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UNIVERSITY EDUCATION

THE question of accommodation at the two universities of Cape Town and Witwatersrand and at Fort Hare for Indian students was raised at the conference, and a student, Mr. R. Nail, pointed out that out of 25 applications by Indians for admission to these universities this year 25 were refused.

Three students who had passed their preconsidered at Fort Hare last year had been refused admission to second year studies in medicine to Cape Town and Wits.

These students had been compelled to suspend their studies.

"I am, however, ashamed," he said, "that we Indian people have done nothing for Fort Hare, which has educated a number of our young men and women. Five years ago Bishop Ferguson Davie came to Durban to raise money for Fort Hare. He went back with £50! We have been satisfied on Fort Hare—taking, taking, but not giving."

The matter was referred to the committee of the congress.

SCHOOL MEALS

On Saturday, February 26, at 5 p.m., all interested in the serving of meals to school children are invited to gather at the Gandhi Library, 135 Queen street, Durban. This will include the principals of schools and their assistants, members of school committees and any members of the public who wish to render service. Mr. J. W. Hudson, the organiser of the National School Meal Service, will be present and it is hoped that the meeting will be fruitful in ideas as to the best way to proceed with this great work.

The film and radio comedian, George Formby, who recently returned from a tour of the Middle East and Italy has announced that he would be shortly undertaking a tour of Burma and India. It is learned that his wife, Beryl, will accompany him.

MESSAGES

Field-Marshal Smuts:—

"I wish to send my greetings to the Natal Indian Congress meeting this week and wish it a useful and successful session. It meets at a time when difficult issues are once more under consideration. My earnest wish is that your deliberations may be guided in a spirit of mutual accommodation which will help towards the finding of ways out of the present difficulties. We have had difficulties before and have from time to time been able to overcome them, and trust that the same will be the case again. The guiding line in medicine to Cape Town and Wits. finding in due course. The Broome Commission, on which I trust the Indian community will participate, will explore the important issues which will be referred to it, and possibly pave the way towards a satisfactory settlement on these lines. In that spirit let us all grapple with the task which I believe is not beyond our power to achieve. Your congress has thus become an important link in the whole process of finding solutions to these problems. I wish it all success."

"India anxiously watching your welfare and wholeheartedly with you"
—Seth Hussenbhoy Lalji (Bombay)

"India watches your activities with anxiety"
—Hon. M. R. Jayakar (Bombay)

"India pledges never let you down"
—Sir Rama Rau (Madras)

"India stands by you"
—Sir Purshottandas Thakurdas

The above are quotations from some of the messages, among many, received from India.

A Sidelight

MOTION for the application of the ...ples are on the debate on the question ...future policy in regard to alleged Indian penetration, which was accepted ...the chairman, coupled with the failure ...the officials to place before conference ...e relevant motion, was the cause ...the first hitch in an otherwise orderly ...ference on Sunday at midday.

...hen the original resolution was ...ered after the amendment had been ...thdrawn there was disorder with allegations of partiality and partisanship ...the fiasco at Chairman Godfrey who, it ...s said, was unable to conduct the ...eeting to the satisfaction of the left ...ngress.

"We are tired of being steam-rolled," declared Mr. S. R. Mungal, when that ...otion from the left was not presented ...the meeting—a motion which the pro...er maintained had been submitted the ...revious day according to standing or...

...r. Sorabjee Rustomjee: "Is this meet...g going to be muzzled?"

...r. Abee Bossa (excitedly): "Mr. Rustomjee is a fraternal delegate, but look ...the exhibition he is holding."

...r. Rustomjee: "I am prepared to do ...the whole day."

...r. Geo. Singh: "If you are prepared ...remain, please let us know so that ...e will walk out."

...hairman Godfrey: "I am going to be ...ite frank with you; you may walk out ...you please, but I shall be very sorry ...you do so," and then referring to Dr. ...ada's attempt to intervene: "The Transaal should not interfere with Natal. ...atal should be allowed to settle its ...wn internal affairs!"

CHAIRMAN STANDING

...r. F. I. Haffejee: "On a point of ...der, Mr. President, you are chairman ...d not dictator."

...hairman Godfrey: "The standing ...der say that when the chairman stands ...ou must sit down."

...r. Haffejee: "But the chairman has ...ot standing all the time."

...delegate: "We as delegates have only ...e chance and you ask us to sit down. ...u do not even give us a hearing."

...r. V. B. Naik: "Is there is a chance. ...hat's the hurry on the part of the ...hair. You have not allowed the people ...speak." (Voice: Go and sell rice.)

...r. Rustomjee: "All resolutions relating to the matter and handed in according to standing orders are the property of the conference and they should be discussed under the particular heading."

...hairman Godfrey: "Mr. Rustomjee has ...ended the time of the conference."

...r. Rustomjee: "Thank you, thank ...u."

...hairman Godfrey: "Will you please ...down. Don't waste time; come and ...e the chair."

...r. F. I. Haffejee, insisting on his ...nts of order: "Can Mr. Kajee put a ...olution on the spur of the moment, ...d can you apply the closure before ...ving an amendment? I want a ruling ...om the chair."

...hairman Godfrey replied "Yes" to ...th questions.

...r. Geo. Singh: "Quite a number of ...ople are now agreed that the chair ...ould imparial. I move at this stage ...at conference goes into committee."

...r. B. D. Ialla: "Is Mr. Kajee conducting the meeting?"

...nference, however, did not go into ...mmittee and the atmosphere was ...ghtened a little, but the stage was set for ...ttle between the conservatives and the ...wing on the judicial commission in the ...fternoon, when it adjourned for lunch.

The Fault of Durban

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meetings, passing resolutions and so forth. They also had to appeal to India.

"We have been criticised in this country for appealing to India. We are told these are South African matters and the Union Government will brook no interference from outside. For many reasons we do not share that view. For so long as the Union Government fail to give us the legitimate right of representation, by way of the franchise on the common roll, so long will we consider it right, just and legitimate to invoke not only the aid of India, but the sympathy and assistance of other nations who hold democracy as its key-word for progress and advancement.

Criticism of Government policy was voiced by the president. "The Cape Town Agreement provides for facilities which shall not allow our community to live behind the other communities. What has the Union Government done towards this end? We have drawn the Union Government's attention to the inability of abolishing these provincial barriers, but they still remain. We criticise the Union Government's policy as being short-sighted, unjust and politically unsound."

The Government representatives advised conference to discuss things in a spirit of sobriety and in a calm manner and refrain from emotionalism and sentimentality. The approach should be factual and practical. The representative sheep stories; Your leaders will not be able to do anything unless delegates deal with the matter from the objective point of view; don't let sentimentality cut across your deliberations. I feel persuaded that on any crisis of major importance the Indian community has shown and will continue to show that statesmanship which bodes well for the future relationship between Europeans and Indians in this country.

The Pegging Act, said Mr. Basson, was a matter of the past. Rightly or wrongly it was now on the Statute Book and it had to be obeyed. It would assist nobody to try and break that law.

"You may, however, try and get it altered. The remedy is not to evade the law, but to try and get it repealed."

While endorsing the statements of the Government representatives that sobriety should be made the keynote of the conference, Mr. Maurice Webb, chairman of the South African Institute of Race Relations, said that the institute would soon conduct an inquiry into Indian education along the lines which it had done for the African people.

He was not concerned with the care of any particular race or people, but with the principles of liberty and justice, declared Mr. G. H. Calpin, onetime editor of The Natal Witness. He wanted a re-statement of the "English genius for Statecraft," which was in jeopardy at the present day.

"The fault with Durban is that it is not English enough."

India may produce this year a million tons more rice than her normal requirements.

According to the first all-India rice forecast, India's total rice crop will be a record one, exceeding 28,500,000 tons as against her prewar consumption figure of 27,500,000 tons, made up of 26,000,000 tons produced in the country and 1,500,000 tons imported from Burma.

FOOTNOTE:

Once again Chairman Godfrey came up against mike difficulty. This time the mike just wouldn't work. It sulked throughout the proceedings of the conference.

TALK OF THE BAZAAR

BY "THE FAQIR"

VETERAN campaigner from the days of Gandhi down to the Pegging Act, Sorabjee Rustomjee, now domiciled in the Transvaal, was down for the fray and so much so did he engage himself in the N.I.C. Conference that not a few of the crossed swords with Chairman Godfrey on many occasions and was quick to assert that discussion was being stifled, that the chairman was being partial. Yes, and fighting. On almost every issue his attitude coincided with that of the left led by Geo. Singh, M. D. Naidoo, S. B. Mungal (Maritzburg and Dr. Dadoo (Transvaal). Another select coterie which gave our diminutive chairman plenty of trouble and went even to the verge of asserting "that now we know where we stand with Chairman Godfrey and democracy." was composed of S. L. Singh and E. I. Haffejee. Later I heard it said in the cafes that, according to himself, Chairman Godfrey had, on the whole, "done well." However, coming back to Sorab's fight on and for the left I have it from almost the horse's mouth that it has so impressed Nkosan Kajee that he has sent the veteran a bright red tie! And that is the solemn truth. The Bazaar is now looking forward to seeing Sorab wearing it.

Here our office boy intervenes:

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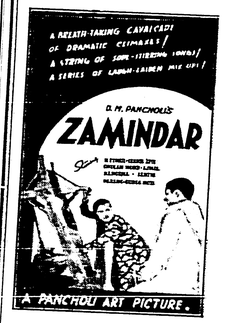

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Residential Juxtaposition: Prepared to Meet European

ON Sunday morning when conference resumed, the resolution on the Pegging Act, which had been separated from the issue of future policy, was accepted without debate.

The policy to be pursued by the Natal Indian Congress in future in regard to alleged Indian penetration, however, came in for a debate which lasted till lunch time.

A resolution, empowering the committee to pursue the same policy as enumerated in the memo. presented to the Minister of the Interior on December 2, 1945, was presented to the House for discussion by Mr. A. I. Kajee.

On this question the conference again divided itself on the same lines as on the previous day, the section, the right wing conservatives, supported the resolution which, in substance provided for the separation of the question of Indian penetration in two major divisions; acquisition for economic purposes and acquisition for the purposes of residence.

While conceding in the latter case that the Indian people should not unduly impose themselves in European areas the right conservative wing was dead set against any restrictions on property acquisitions for the purposes of investment.

The left wing again put up an opposition based on the lines that there should be no question of acceding to the demand of the Europeans that the Indians should be segregated by statutory means or otherwise. Its amendment that segregation in no form whatsoever should be accepted and that there should be no negotiation on the question of the demarcation of separate residential areas was lost by 66 votes to 14.

Speaking on his motion, Mr. A. I. Kajee declared that the question of segregation, it had been admitted by Europeans, was linked on two aspects; economic purposes and residential juxtaposition. On the first issue there could be no consensus by the Indian people, on the second they were prepared to meet the Europeans.

The European had not opposed the natural expansion of the Indian, but they had been alarmed at the sudden expansion into Black Al, which had become the bone of contention. The important problem was that of Europeans and Indians living next door. The Indian people should be prepared to discuss this question.

"We must be realists for our whole process in this country has been one of compromise beginning from the time of Gandhi. Today we ask you to approve of the policy so far pursued by Congress for the finding of a mutual solution," concluded Mr. Kajee.

In proposing his amendment, Mr. M. D. Naidoo declared that because a policy had been pursued in the past there was no good reason to believe that a similar policy would do for the future. The question of residential segregation was only part of the fight of the Indian people against anti-Indianism.

"We must not be so narrow as to look at it from a point of purely personal interests."

In South Africa the Government had today realised that thorough segregation was impossible, but it still relied on a policy of semi-segregation, and a surrender today would mean a loss to the Indian people. It would pave the way for oppression of greater dimensions in the future. The acceptance of residential segregation might not affect the Indian people today, but they would definitely feel the pressure in the future as was at the present time being felt in the Transvaal.

"There is no difference between segregations of the statutory and voluntary variety."

Supporting the amendment Mr. E. I. Mosila declared that it in no way was a cessation against the leaders for a "benevolent Government does not care a damn about the Indian people, but let us inform that Government, through Mr. Ramson and Mr. Shepstone, just what we think of the whole thing."

The European was prepared to have the Indian as domestic servants, but when the latter sought equality with them they got their backs up, and cried out segregation.

This war was not in any way a fight to preserve the rights of the white man. Indian soldiers had laid down their lives for the white man and the Indian merchant had contributed generously, but not for the consolidation of whitedom.

Mr. A. S. Kajee was rather surprised with the "young elements" who, while wanting to fight residential segregation, accepted humiliations in the trains, buses, and post offices. These things should be fought first. The time, however, would come when the Indian could say "no negotiations." That would be when India was free and independent.

Mr. Mahomed Faruk: "When you have decided on 'no negotiation' then what about those smaller municipalities which have already entered into agreement regarding demarcation of areas?"

After a lengthy discussion the amendment was withdrawn and the resolution (as under) carried amid disorder with allegations of partiality and partisanship flung at Chairman Godfrey.

This conference empowers the committee of the N.I.C. to pursue the same policy in regard to the question of "alleged Indian penetration" as was submitted by the Congress to the Hon. the Minister of the Interior on the 2nd December, 1945."

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BLACK COUNTS FOR O IN SOUTH AFRICA

Visitors Get a Smack of the Colour Bar

DR. DAVID TALBOT is a proud citizen of the United States of America, senior economist on and adviser to the American Labour Board, graduate of New York University in Political Science and Economics—but the South African butcher also regretted that he could not accommodate him, while Dr. Talbot had quite a time getting a pint of beer.

Dr. Talbot's difficulty is that, well, he's a black man—a negro from the United States on his way to Ethiopia under directions from his Government on a mission so important that it has not yet been revealed to him even.

DR. TALBOT was born in British Guiana, where he took his Senior Cambridge examinations, later he proceeded to the New York University. For a time he was a university lecturer and then he took to economics. When the United States Government decided to stabilise wages according to the cost of living he was "loaned" by the State Department to the Wage Labour Board. He holds an important job, but in South Africa he has, inevitably, like all black men, come up against the colour bar.

With Dr. Talbot at the International Club on Friday night, where a Leader reporter met them, were American negroes, a graduate from Harvard; Mr. James Brooks, of the United States Air Force, high up in the ranks, who "has been training white airmen all over the country," and with him was Mr. Eugene Jones, also an air force instructor doing the same job for the last two years.

They are on their way to Abyssinia, again their mission has not been revealed to them. In civil life the two men of the air force were school teachers. Mr. Brooks is a graduate of Howard University.

In Durban, however, it is the job of the International Club to keep them off the places where they are bound, because of their insurance, to collide with the dominating colour bar. It is chaperones them during the day, while at night they are taken care of by the American Merchant Seamen's Club as no hotel will give them room.

"What has impressed me most in Durban is the artificial divisions you carry in reference to the manpower of the city. In this land of yours, it seems to me, you together people who are divided into water-tight compartments. The distinction between European and non-European appears to me to be the immediate grand strategy of this division. Then there is the division between the English and the Boer and the non-Europeans into Africans, Indians, and Coloureds. I confess I cannot understand this." Thus Dr. Ralph Talbot, an American negro economist, summing up his impressions of Durban at a public reception accorded to a number of Chinese and negroes by the Liberal Study Group on Tuesday evening at the Gandhi Library.

Referring to the move being made to enable all the Native people in South Africa to attain the sixth standard of education by 1955, Dr. Talbot said that, as a trained economist, he felt that there was something more important than education behind that move. At the moment the Africans were kept down because of fear on the part of the white man.

Clearly, civic education to all the people—Native and not necessarily difference that fear.

SMUTS'S STATEMENT CAUSES CONCERN

The Indian Servicemen's League, of which the chairman is Mr. A. Christopher, recently appealed to the Prime Minister to include Franchise as one of the terms of reference of the proposed Judicial Commission.

Acknowledging the letter General Smuts' secretary stated:—

"The Right Honourable the Prime Minister does not think that this is a suitable question to submit to the Commission, and in any case it might seriously delay the other matters referred to them."

"The statement of General Smuts that the franchise is not a suitable question to be submitted to the proposed Judicial Commission comes into direct conflict with the resolution accepted by the Congress in Conference recently," stated Mr. P. R. Pather, Secretary of the Natal Indian Congress, and the Indians who voted the commission's resolution ever touch waters by the goal of acceptance, when approached by The Leader.

"One of the conditions of the resolution accepting the commission is that the question of the political status of the Indian should be included in the terms of reference.

"If General Smuts insists on imposing his attitude of excluding the question of the franchise from the terms of reference then we shall have no other alternative but to reconsider our previous decision in the light of this development," added Mr. Pather.

THEY HAVE NOWHERE TO GO

Plight of Indian 'Varsity Students

ONCE again the question of education for the Indian people has been acutely thrown into focus, Both the South African Universities at Cape Town and on the Rand, which have always admitted Indian students have this year turned down a number of applications for the medical faculty.

In the case of one student this means that although he has completed his first year of studies in medicine he cannot proceed with the second year. He completed his first year at Fort Hare. There are, it is believed, two other similar cases.

In the other cases, first students have been turned down on the ground that they have not satisfied the qualification required for university entrance.

Fort Hare, of which the Indian community has made very good use for a long time, has now taken up the attitude that the Native students must be first admitted before they would accept any Indian student.

In all, about twenty-three out of twenty-eight known applications have been turned down at Fort Hare. This

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