# 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 enunciated 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 56 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 concession 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 Block 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 progress 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 variation."

Supporting the amendment Mr. E. I. Moolla 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 African hotelier 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 descending 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 cannot understand this." Thus Dr. 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 non-Native—did not necessarily displace 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, the secretary of the Natal Indian Congress, and the Belmont man who moved the commission's resolution ever fourth waters to 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.

"The Indian Congress insists on imposing its 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.

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

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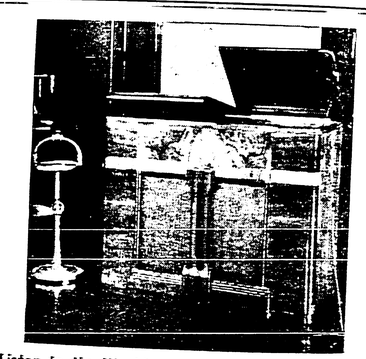

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## Mrs. Gandhi's Death Mourned Throughout the Country

THE death of Mrs. Kasturba Gandhi, which took place in India last week, was mourned throughout the Union. Resolutions of condolence, recalling services in South Africa, were conveyed to the bereaved family. Recorded at the Congress meeting, at which more than 2,000 people were present, in Durban, Mr. J. W. Godfrey, who knew Mrs. Gandhi, said:—

"In the days of Mahatma Gandhi's struggle in Transvaal and in Natal Mrs. Gandhi was ever ready to pull her own weight for the cause. In the Phoenix Settlement, which housed a small community of our people, Mrs. Gandhi was a mother to all."

"[illegible] suffering in that epic struggle of 1913 is still fresh in our minds," he went on. "In common with her great husband and the masses she suffered incarcerations. To her what mattered was only her household duty but the welfare of the Indian people for whom her husband had dedicated his life. Even in India Mrs. Gandhi had identified herself with every struggle that Mahatma Gandhi led. Her sacrifices have been no less than that of her husband.

"Indian history abounds with examples of infinite devotion of a wife to her husband, and Indian womanhood is the embodiment of all those virtues which go to make a good woman. But the death of Mrs. Gandhi transcends many of these examples, it was in 1894 that Mahatma Gandhi commenced his political career, and during this half a century of his life has been a continuous period of intense suffering unparalleled in modern history. In all these sufferings Mahatma Gandhi had received from her unequalled devotion, encouragement and help.

"If Mahatma Gandhi has achieved greatness then let me tell you that Mrs. Gandhi's contribution to that achievement is by no means small.

"Mrs. Gandhi had been ill for some time prior to her place of interment. It is to the credit of the Indian Government not to have released her during her illness. She has died in bondage. She is dead, but there is no doubt that her spirit will always hover over the Indian people to remind them that she died for a great cause which is dear to every Indian's heart, the cause of Swaraj.

"The death of Mrs. Gandhi would be a terrible blow to Mahatma Gandhi, but we do not have the least consolation of knowing that there passed away a great noble woman—a shining example of Indian womanhood. The whole of India and all Indians in South Africa share his grief."

The meeting adopted a resolution of condolence.

The following are some of the cables received by Mahatmajee from Durban:

The Indian Goodwill Club, Durban, dispatched the following: "Departure Kasturba's great soul transcends all sorrows. Indians world over, National calamity of greatest magnitude. Accept and convey to Mahatmajee deepest sympathy."

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Natal Indian Hindus Association: "Kasturba's demise has plunged the whole Indian nation, the deepest sympathy to bereaved family."

Tamil Sangam Tailors' Association: "Kasturba's departure a national calamity. Convey our heartfelt sympathy."

Bombay Presidency Hindus Association: "Deeply mourn Kasturba's demise. Irreparable national loss. Please accept deepest sympathy."

The Natal Indian Congress, Verulam branch, at a public meeting, recorded its profound sense of sorrowness at the death of Mrs. Gandhi.

A mass meeting of prayer, under the auspices of the Maritzburg branch of the Natal Indian Congress, was held in the V.D.S. Hall to pray for the repose of the soul of Mrs. Gandhi. Prayers were led by Pandit Jagmohan Singh, the Rev. E. Chetty and Mr. C. Naicker. Mr. P. Lutton, who presided, gave an outline of the selfless life of the deceased and added that women of the world would do well to emulate her example. Other speakers were Messrs. K. Naidoo, M. Gopaul Naidoo, E. K. Naidoo, C. Rita and S. B. Rungeli.

The Maritzburg Muslim Youth Debating Society, at its meeting, observed silence for a minute as a mark of respect to the memory of Mrs. Gandhi.

### AT PRETORIA

A mass meeting of Indians of Pretoria and suburbs was held under the auspices of the Transvaal Indian Congress (Pretoria branch) at the Orient Palace, Boom Street, Pretoria, to mourn the death of Mrs. Gandhi. The hall was crowded. Practically all Indian businesses were closed for the day.

Mr. R. R. Moolan presided. Messrs. P. M. Joshi, G. Krishnajee and H. N. Keshavjee offered prayers in Sanskrit, Tamil and Arabic respectively.

Mr. R. Moolan paid a glowing tribute to Mrs. Kasturba Gandhi's untiring services she rendered while in South Africa.

Among the other speakers were Mr. P. M. Joshi for the Pretoria Hindu Seva Samaj; Messrs. C. T. Pillay and G. Krishnan for the Tamil League and Vedic Young Men's Association; Mr. Hajee Joosub Hajee Mohamed for the Commercial Indian Association; Mr. M. T. Moolan for the Progressive Group of Pretoria; Messrs. R. K. Valli and H. N. Keshavjee for H.H. Aga Khan's Council; Messrs. Godam Manjee, S. M. Paddy, Nathoo Parag, Gangaram Singh, Dahya B. Patel, Mrs. Arjoona and Mr. Nana Sita.

### AT KIMBERLEY

"The passing of this great and noble daughter marks an end to an historical phase in the history of our nation," said Mr. G. N. Naidoo, president of the Cape Indian Association (Kimberley Branch) at its condolence meeting. "Mrs. Gandhi fought courageously and she demanded freedom for her country. The only weapon she employed was nonviolence, non-cooperation, and peacefully endured various terms of imprisonment."

Other speakers were Messrs. A. Packiersamy, G. Govender, Yyank Naidoo, A. J. Isaacs, Cader Tuffie, R. Lingham, and Candasamy Pandachy.

### AT JOHANNESBURG

The Transvaal Indian Congress has sent to Lender the following statement for publication:—

"The Transvaal Indian Congress had arranged a public memorial meeting at the Gandhi Hall on Wednesday at 3 p.m. A notice to this effect had been inserted in the Rand Daily Mail and handbills had been printed on Tuesday night at 11 p.m. Officials of the Congress, namely, Messrs. A. V. Parekh and R. Bisla, were informed by Messrs. I. A. Cachalia, M. D. Bhayroshi and others that they had been to the Rand Daily Mail offices where they had made an amendment, which was unauthorised, of the notice, and that the so-called Nationalist Group was determined to hold a meeting at the Gandhi Hall at the same time as advertised by the Congress and would contest the platform.

"The object of the Congress was to enable Indians to pay their respects and tribute to the late Kasturba. When it became obvious that the threatened attempt of the leaders of the so-called Nationalist Group would disturb the tranquility of the meeting and would impair the dignity and reverence in which the last respects should be paid to one who has selflessly and devotedly served the Indian people, the officials of the Congress regretfully decided not to proceed with the meeting. They feel that such a solemn occasion should not be made the subject of controversy and possible friction.

"Arrangements [illegible] on behalf of the Indian community of the Transvaal have been forwarded to the proper quarters by the Congress."

A large collection of Indian women assembled at the Greytown Temple Hall on Thursday. A unanimous prayer at the loss of Mrs. Gandhi was expressed. Among those present were: Mrs. Beebee, Mrs. Ismail Hattia, Mrs. Kamala, Mrs. M. S. Hattia, Miss Chandra Singh, Mrs. V. Jiwan, Mrs. Radhia, Mrs. Fatima, Mrs. G. Singh, Mrs. C. Pahayanade, and others.

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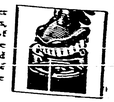

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## *Obituaries*

### MR. V. NARAYANSAMY

The remains of the late Mr. V. Narayansamy, of 159 Tirren Road, Sea View, was laid to rest in the Stellawood Cemetery on Tuesday, February 15. His untimely death at the age of 59 is an irreparable loss not only to his children, but also to

the Indian community which he served with a selfless devotion so rarely to be met.

He was the principal of the Merebank Indian School since its establishment in 1926. He was a man of action though of a quiet disposition. It was primarily through his untiring efforts in the interests of education that the Merebank Indian Association secured a Government grant for its school which was opened with an accommodation for only 120 children. He was like clay-pendent of the association, and through his loyalty to it and his inspiring force, it had gradually expanded its educational facilities for the district so that today it provides for over 600 children.

Mr. Narayansamy was also very actively interested in the advancement of vernacular education, and the Merebank Tamil School Hall stands as a memorial to that interest. His name will always live in the memory of a grateful community.

He began his teaching career at the early age of 17 and had taught for 35 years.

### MRS. J. A. SINGH

A gloom was cast over Newcastle when the death suddenly occurred of Mrs. J. A. Singh, of Lennaston, Newcastle, at the early age of 52.

She had always been a "live wire" in Lennaston. She always helped people in their distress and in their other needs.

A few years ago she, with a few other women, toured the Northern Districts and collected funds and erected a temple on the land owned by the Hindi Pracharni Sabha at Lennaston.

Her mortal remains was cremated at Lennaston, where over 500 people attended the funeral.

She leaves behind her loving and devoted husband, four sons, four daughters, a number of grandchildren, brothers, sisters and a host of relatives to mourn their great and irreparable loss.

### MR. DEEN MAHOMED

A gloom was cast over Ladysmith on the sudden death of Hanif Deen Mahomed at the age of 48. He was well known in the public and sports circles.

He leaves behind his widow, nine children, three brothers, three sisters and a large circle of relatives. The funeral was largely attended by all sections of the community.

### MRS. DOROTHY HUTTON

Mrs. Dorothy Hutton, youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pearce, of Kimberley, was laid to rest in the New Brixton Cemetery on Sunday, February 14. Mrs. Hutton, aged 26 years, was in health for some weeks, when, on the previous afternoon (Saturday) she took seriously ill, and passed away at her residence, Vrededorp, Johannesburg.

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KINDLY ATTEND WITHOUT FAIL.

Agenda:—
(1) Minutes.
(2) Correspondence.
(3) Secretary's Report.
(4) Balance Sheet.
(5) Election.
(6) General.

NORMAN D. JOSHUA,
Hon. Secretary.

P.M.B. Musaferkhana

The Pietermaritzburg Muslim Musaferkhana is situated at 345 Church St. Admittance to the Musaferkhana is allowed until 11 p.m., but special privilege is allowed after this time to Muslims arriving in the city from far Districts. A caretaker is in attendance. The Musaferkhana is under the control of the Maritzburg and District Muslim Service League, 47 Church St. Telephones: 3146 and 3407.

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## INVITATION

MR. AND MRS. S. K. D. NAIDOO,
of Bellair Cooldrove Water Works,
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MR. AND MRS. M. K. NAIDOO,
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FRIENDS AND RELATIVES
on the occasion of the marriage of
MARIETTA (D. K. Naidoo),
eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Naidoo, Printerer, 156 Prince Edward St., Durban, to
MAHALATCHMI (M. K. Naidoo),
eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Naidoo, Photographer, and granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. M. Naidoo (Tommy), of Durban North, on SUNDAY, the 5th MARCH, 1944, At the Mayville Theatre, Bellair Road, Mayville.
Nuptial ceremony 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
R.S.V.P.
156 Prince Edward Street, Durban.
Tel. Addr.: "Naidoo."

### Marriage Notice

ARUNAJALAM — AMOORTHAM. — The marriage of Arunajalam, Henry Christ, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Christian Gurender, of 19 Knipe Street, Maritzburg, to Miss Amoorthan Samuel (Amoy), only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sanyasee Naidoo, of Greenaltion Brick Works, Maritzburg, will take place at the REV.M.A. Hall, Church Street, Maritzburg, on Sunday, March 5, at 9.30 a.m. Friends who may have been overlooked are kindly requested to accept this as a personal invitation.

### Appreciation

Mr. S. Balamah Pillay and Sons, and Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Moodley sincerely thank all relatives and friends for having responded to their invitation to the marriage of S. Rathanam Pillay to Miss Rajalutchmee Asaall (Pavranasaith). We also thank relatives and friends for messages of congratulations and gifts from Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, East London, Krahamstown, Johannesburg, Pretoria, Germiston, Durban, Dundee, Pietermaritzburg and other parts of the Union. Thanks also to those who had rendered valuable help to make the occasion a great success.

### In Memoriam

APPASAMY V. In loving memory of my dear father, Appasamy, who passed away peacefully on the 5th of March, 1942. Ever loved and remembered by his wife, children and daughters-in-law.
Nathamuniar (Charles), "Leeds View," 3 Gillatt Road, West Riding, Durban.

### Thanks Notice

Mr. J. A. Singh and children, and Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Singh, of Lourenco, Newcastle, wish to thank all relatives and friends for their kindness, messages of sympathy and beautiful floral tributes sent in their recent sad bereavement.

Mr. N. V. Naidoo and family, of Sea View, wish to thank all friends and relatives for their beautiful floral tributes and messages of sympathy received during their recent sad bereavement.

## *Mainly About People*

The engagement of Miss Fatima Bibi, daughter of Al Haj E. H. Ismail, to Mr. A. M. Vawda, was announced at a party given by the prospective bride's father at his residence, "Ozone Villa," on Sunday.

The engagement is announced of Miss Salatchee Naicker (Sally), third daughter of Mr. M. S. Naicker, and the late Mr. M. S. Naicker, and grand-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Murugan Naicker, of Chika's Kraal, to Mr. Chinsamy Frank, second son of Mrs. P. Padiachee and the late Mr. P. Padiachee, of South Coast, Cato Manor.

Mr. M. R. Naidoo, B.Sc. (Hons.) has been elected a member of the S.A. Geographical Society. He is the first non-European member.

Agnes Nair, of Illoheane, who has obtained a Departmental Bursary, is taking her T3 at the Dartnell Crescent Indian Girls' School.

Mrs. G. Naidoo, formerly of the Makaweekop Indian School, is now attached to the Illoheane Indian School as domestic science and sewing mistress.

Mr. V. V. Chetty, of Illoheane, spent a few days in Eshowe and Durban recently.

Mr. S. Daniel, of Maritzburg, left for Greytown, where he will spend his holidays.

Mr. Y. M. Adam, treasurer of the Royal T.C., Durban, spent his holidays in Johannesburg.

R. J. Singh (Bobby), who was in the Army for three years, has now gained his honourable discharge. He served throughout the African and Middle East campaigns. He has resumed civil occupation.

Mr. G. V. Padayachee, a well-known Maritzburg businessman, has left on a two months' holiday and will be visiting all parts of the Union. A few of his friends accompany him, including Mr. R. M. Naidoo, of Pinetown.

Ruby Soguavathy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Nathamuniar (Charles), of "Leeds Villa," 3 Gillatt Road, West Ridge, Durban, celebrated her 12th birth day on Sunday last.

Mr. M. V. Naimar, Durban, and Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Pillay, of Evergreen Farm, Shallcross, have returned home after a short stay in Northern Natal.

Mr. J. B. Maharaj, manager of the Avalon Theatre, is away on sick leave.

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## University Education

WE have reiterated time and again in these columns the question of Indian education. We have pointed out that the position is very bad indeed and that something ought to be done. All these years stress has been laid on primary and secondary education. In Natal it has been estimated that over thirty thousand Indian children of schoolgoing age cannot find accommodation in the schools. They are growing up in ignorance and actually very little, if nothing, is being done to alleviate that position. This year Indian students have been refused admission at the universities. The University of Cape Town and Wits. have advanced the reason that only students who can satisfy the standard required for entrance gain admission. The last, they emphasise, be applied without any idea of racial discrimination. It is based purely on merits. The Indian cannot quarrel with that. It is a legitimate excuse, but he will have to look around his own schools—their environment, building, equipment and teaching facilities which hinder their children attaining that high standard required for university admission.

Now Fort Hare has also joined in turning down a large number of applications from Indian students. They have no room for Indians, Native, they say, should come first. According to the Cape Town Agreement this college is envisaged as an institution for the higher education of Indians. The real drawback at Fort Hare is that there is no hostel for Indian students. As far back as November 25, 1942, we wrote in these columns about the question of Indian students who were receiving higher education. Referring to Fort Hare we declared at the time: "Year by year the number of Indian students there is growing considerably, and it is time the Indian community saw to the provision of a hostel there. Just now we have to spend more than the normally and the charity of Christian missions to provide room and board, . . . The community should, therefore, not depend on missions to expand their hostels in any minor and probably unsatisfactory fashion, by providing, at its own expense, a hostel for students at Fort Hare." This was written almost two years ago. No one took any heed.

We concede the fact that the Indian community has done quite a bit for its education, but it is not enough. We are all agreed that something more must be done enough for the Indian people, but that is no reason why the Indian people should sit back and be content with a state of illiteracy among their own kith and kin. Except for a few cases all the schools in Natal have been financed and run by Christian missions and yet we have amongst us organisations which are collecting money hand over fist for Kashi and Hindu colleges. By all means let education map develop its own social welfare and education, but the fact must be borne in mind that in this country the goal of the Indian is to become a Second African. He is here to stay for good and it is to that end that he must prepare. In the name of their children it is the collective duty of the Indian people to build schools and institutions which will benefit the community as a whole. Education on the basis the European against whom a charge of neglect is levelled, Indians is levelled, have done nothing individualism for the education of their children. In Durban, Howard College is a monumental tribute to the generosity of one man and it is directly due to the efforts that today there is a University College. We are receiving university education in Durban. The majority of the students are Indians and it will not be revealing any secret to state that by far again the contribution by Indians is the Pacific.

The truth has always been smothered. The people cannot continue basking in complacently any more. They must be aware and aware to do something about it. mediately. A committee of representatives of resolutions on education were referred to the committee of the Congress for Provincial Conference. We first the will be attended to at once. Instead of being relegated to oblivion as has been the fate of many urgent problems in the

## NATIVES OUST INDIANS IN EMPLOYMENT

### "Position Precarious" says High Commissioner

It is apparent, states the High Commissioner, Sir Shafa'at Ahmad Khan, in the course of his annual report for the year ending, December, 1942, which has been issued, that the position of a majority of Natal Indians is becoming increasingly precarious. Although the Indians' aptitude for skilled and semi-skilled employment is still, and probably always will be, far ahead of the Natives, there is a perceptible growing Native element into the spheres which the Indian has come to regard as his own. This tendency develops along three contrasting lines:—

(1) The Native is slowly gaining appreciation, and generation by generation, will improve in skill.

(2) It is still easily possible to evade the high standard supposed to be embodied in the Native Determination Act of equal pay for equal work irrespective of race. It is, therefore, even now in certain cases a paying proposition to take on Natives who are less efficient than Indians.

(3) The Natal European feels that the principle of trusteeship imposes on him certain responsibilities towards Natives. He has, however, little or no sympathy with the poor Indian who, in his opinion, should look for support to his richer kinsmen.

Therefore even when economic motives do not have full play the Indian comes off second best.

Proceeding, he declares:

The annual report of the Director of Indian Immigrants for 1941 revealed what appeared to be a sharp rise in the extent of unemployment among Indians in Natal. In 1940, the number employed was given as 54,000 out of a total of 59,151 Indian men. In 1941, however, the figure given was 10,000 employed out of a total of 49,973. The Protector was asked for an explanation. In reply he stated that on examination he had discovered that the figures for all years prior to 1941 were inaccurate and showed a much higher level of employment than actually existed. The Protector admitted that the figures were merely an approximation.

The attention of Professor Burrows of the Natal University College was, therefore, drawn to the need for a more accurate estimate of the extent of unemployment in different trades and industries in which Indians are normally employed, and he has promised to make a special study of the matter and incorporate the results in the survey which he proposes to publish in the near future.

## CHINA FIGHTS FOR WORLD FREEDOM"

WAR has disturbed the even tenor of the lives of many men of many nations, and in the process of this dire menace has thrown on the hostile shores of subcontinents South Africa and Australia many Indians. In a Rotal Club on Friday night last unite a number of Durban's small Chinese population turned up to meet and talk to that of a few of China's distinguished sons who are on their way home to serve their country in the manner they can best do it. Many of these men have been away in the United States, learning and teaching. They all sincerely and earnestly believed that all the Chinese people have to do is to read and write their centenary and it is sufficient to take its rightful place in the family of nations when peace once more to their ravished land. Today they are fighting the Japanese aggressor on the one hand they have neglected the vital question of education.

Today there are eight colleges and universities located in Chungking for which all the Chinese visitors are bound, according to the International Club, Dr. Hu Shi, K. Dai, Professor of Public Health Dentistry, West China Union University, Chengtu, Szechuan, China, and carrying a string of letters after his name, declared that imperialism was inconsistent with the idea of free nations. "I am sincerely believed in international brotherhood and she was fighting today not only for her freedom, but also for the freedom of all peoples all the human race of the world.

When the Japanese struck us all the nations of the world never gave us even a ghost of a chance. Japan gave us months, but we are still fighting. The press has been very heavy."

Dr. Dai declared, would have a tremendously important status in the world to come. Ultimately she must be the defender of democracy in the Far East.

Travelling together with Dr. Dai are Dr. T. F. Chen, Professor T. F. Mr. T. Wee, who is totally blind, Faculty, Dr. Yen Wei and Dr. P. Chen, an American missionary who is going to China as a representative of the Yale University.

### DURBAN NEIGHBOURS

"We are happy to have met the Indian people of Durban because China and have such good neighbours, said Dr. David S. K. Chan, when speaking at the Social Study Group. A good neighbour is in the true Harmonian Father, Safeguard Nasik-money: Pillay, Ernestine; Sadhu, Sunder; Rai Basarath; Swaperadh, Rakhiesan; Charles, Cornelius.

"We are essentially a peace-loving people, but the Western countries took advantage of this and came to exploit and oppress us and deny us our freedom.

"Thirteen years ago Japan invaded China. In 1937 she declared war against China proper and has been for the last thirteen years spreading death and destruction over our country. Millions and millions of Chinese have become homeless and refugees, but we shall fight and continue fighting not only until we have defeated the aggressor, Japan, but until we have won the basic human rights.

"We will fight against Japan invasion only, but against any possible enemy that may threaten freedom in any part of the world, and who deny us freedom.

"Besides fighting a war China is building into a new and virile nation. Education is the first essential for this, that is the dual job of the Chinese Government."

In conclusion, Dr. Dai declared: "I would like to say that we cannot trust others, we have learned to depend upon ourselves. It is up to us to struggle and to fight ourselves for freedom. There is no such thing in the world as freedom given to any people. You and I have to struggle ourselves. That is the message I would like to get across to you."

## TEACHERS' EXAMINATION RESULTS

The following candidates have obtained a full pass in the Teachers' Fifth Class Certificate Examination, conducted by the Natal Education Department: Lalbiegh, Vidyavathi; Naicker, Thangamma; Ramiah Reddi-Terkiah; Wassink, Marion Muriel; John, Doreen Muriel; Sookhai, Chandrekala; Pillay, Ramasamy Bailey, Ray, Gertrude; Lawrence, May Antonina; Vindra, Jessie; James, Govindasmah.

Teachers' Third Class "B" Certificate: Andhee, Seevcherran; Parag, Bannoo Rupal; Ramiah, Kasoipershad; Seethal, Dhaya; Ebenezer, Singh, Kirtalli Benezari; Pillay, Ratipershad; Doorasches, Charles Eric; De Vries, William Ernest; Victor Louis, Myriam Cecelia; Chetty, Naidoo, Elappa Ramasamy Bernie; Pakaraman; Father, Safeswan Nasik-

## TECHNICAL COLLEGE

The plans for the new Indian Technical College, to be built at Currie's Fountain, are complete. The college will comprise of two main blocks, one for the technical college proper and the other for the science block, primarily for the first year trainees of medical students. The Government has given its grant of £77,500 to equal Mr. M. L. Sultan's offer of a like amount.

## *DONATION OF £10,000*

### *R. Bodasing's Offering*

The Arya Pratinidhi Sabha of Natal and its affiliated bodies celebrated the Vedic week in Durban with much enthusiasm. The campaign opened at its headquarters, 21 Carlisle Street, on the first day, when the president, Mr. R. Bodasing, explained the purport of the celebrations. He laid stress on the meaning of the Shivarathree and the enlightenment that Swami Dayanand received from which the revival of the Vedic religion took place, and the formations of the Arya Samaj. These Samajs have been the medium of spreading the Vedic teachings throughout the world, more particularly amongst the Hindus domiciled in and out of India.

On Monday evening at the Essendene school hall, under the joint auspices of five affiliated institutions in the district, the campaign was carried a step forward, many educative speeches being made interspersed with religious songs.

Tuesday evening saw the hoisting of the Hindu flag with the symbol "AUM," at Carlisle Street, this being Shivarathree day. A crowded house was carried away with the prevalent religious fervour, when the chairman, Mr. R. Bodasing, made the announcement that he was presenting the Sabha with a donation of £10,000 towards the erection of a Vedic temple, in the name of his wife.

The Tuvuk Arya Samaj celebrated the occasion on Wednesday evening at their hall in Cherry Road, when Mrs. R. Bodasing not only hoisted the flag, but announced her intention of extending the present hall to meet the urgent needs of the district.

On Thursday evening, the Candella Hindu Sangatan and Westville Arya Samaj held their joint function at the Samaj hall, when it was announced that the Samaj had purchased a piece of land for the erection of a new school as the present institution was to be closed down and in this undertaking Mr. R. Bodasing has promised to render them financial assistance. Friday evening was taken up by the Arya Yuvak Sabha and the Manor Gardens Arya Samaj jointly at the A.Y.S. School Hall, Mayville.

Saturday afternoon opened with a women's assembly, at which various organisations were represented, the women contributing much to the needs of present welfare. This was followed by discourses by children from the various vernacular schools, both boys and girls adding their quota. Prizes were given to the most successful contributions.

On Sunday morning at 11 a.m. a most successful religious procession took place through the various streets of Durban, over 1,000 people taking part. The procession was led by bands of stringed instruments.

It is pleasing to note that nothing untoward happened. The city police are to be commended for their ability in leading the procession.

At the close of the week's campaign the president thanked the large crowd for the enthusiasm exhibited and exhorted all present to be missionaries in the cause of the Vedic religion and the uplift of Hinduism, and in this he was supported by all present.

The annual general meeting, which took place shortly after, resulted in the following officials being elected to office: Patron, Mahatma Narain Swami; president, Mr. R. Bodasing; hon. secretary, Mr. R. G. Sarju Deo; hon. assistant secretary, Mr. K. Newpaul; hon. treasurer, Mr. M. Moonsoo; hon. auditor, Mr. S. L. Singh. Five representatives from each affiliated unit will constitute the committee.

A special broadcast of "Bolli" songs will be given by R. Jayambu and party, of Mayville, as well as saxophone solos by Prabhudevan Chetty, the well-known versatile instrumentalist, on Sunday next, during the Indian session.

Lieut.-Col. Digambar Singh Brar is the first Indian to command a battalion in the field. He is the C.O. of a Mahratta battalion in Italy.

# Marriage of Mr. S. Rathanam Pillay

THE H.T.M.A. Hall, Maritzburg, was the scene of a wedding on Sunday last when Mr. S. Rathanam Pillay, second son of Mrs. and the late Mr. S. Pillay, and brother of Mr. S. Nathay Pillay, and grandson of the late Mr. Rungasamy Naidoo (Nellore), was married to Miss Easwarlutchamee Amsall (Pooranamall), eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pavadai S. Moodliar, of Durban.

A very beautiful pandal gaily decorated with coloured lights gave a picturesque eastern effect. The gay-coloured saries of the ladies, who sat around the pandal, added colour to the scene. Pt. Shivasarin Panday officiated.

The hall appeared to be much too small to accommodate the large crowd of guests, who were present from all parts of Natal. Many prominent members of the Indian community belonging to different walks of life were noticed among the guests.

Mr. R. S. Moodley ably performed the duty as M.C.

The Mohini Orchestra, of Mount Partridge, conducted by Mr. Veerapen Chetty, rendered musical items.

The bride, who was charmingly dressed in a salmon kasi saric, finished with a gold border, was attended by her bridesmaid, Miss Savali Pillay, and was given away by her father. The bridegroom, as is the usual custom, had on a necklace of golden sovereigns.

Mr. S. Viswanathan Pillay read out the numerous messages of congratulations from all parts of the Union. A special message from Mr. J. Royappen, of Durban, on the Eastern and Western aspects of marriage, was read.

Gifts consisting of cheques and articles were sent by Messrs. V. V. Pillay, Iyavoo Murthi Pillay, P. M. Pillay, V. K. Pillay, R. N. Moodley, E. E. David, R. Moodley, Samy Pillay, M. R. Pillay, B. Saravan, Veerana Naidoo, R. Perumal Pillay, J. R. Naidoo, R. S. Pillay, Mosthal Naidoo, R. Bhagwandeen, Walson, Billy, R. M. Johnson, L. Rahiram, N. V. Sooti, R. M. Frank, D. S. Father, D. P. Pudayachee.

After the ceremony, while the guests were entertained to a light repast, the bridal couple, accompanied by relatives and friends, offered united prayer at the Siva Soobramanien and Mariamun temple.

The bridegroom, who is a well-known figure in the public life of Maritzburg, is a salesmaster and is also a keen social worker. He was secretary of the Maritzburg Indian Unemployment Relief Committee for six years; chairman of the Flood Relief Committee; secretary, N.I.L.T.C.; secretary, N.I.C.F.; secretary, Mayor's Postal Services Committee; chairman, M.I.C.C.

MR. AND MRS. S. R. PILLAY AFTER THEIR MARRIAGE



Mr. D. M. Naidoo, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. M. K. D. Naidoo, 166 Prince Edward Street, Durban, and Miss Mahalutchmi Ammal, eldest daughter of Mrs. M. K. Naidoo, of Durban North, who will be married at the Mayville Theatre tomorrow, Sunday, 5th. Nuptial ceremony between 11 a.m. and 12.30 p.m.

## BIJOU-CHARUSHEILA SHAM WEDDING

The marriage of Bijou, third son of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Rajakumar, of Durban, to Charusheila, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Sham, of Mount Edgecombe, was celebrated on Sunday last at the Shree Vaithianatha Kasaavi Temple, Umgeni Road, Durban, before a large gathering of relatives and friends.

Pundit Aswaithsharie officiated. Mr. A. J. Keshair acted as the M.C. The pandal was tastefully decorated for the occasion.

After the completion of the ceremony congratulatory speeches were delivered by Messrs. R. R. Chetty, A. L. Kajee, Ashmanand Maharaj and Du Plessis.

Mr. N. Sham, on behalf of the bride and bridegroom's parties, responded.

Thereafter the guests partook of a luncheon, which brought the ceremony to a conclusion.


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# TALK OF THE BAZAAR

*BY "THE FAQIR"*

KE almost every Indian who is slightly interested in the political ...g his people and with an eye ...rn for myself how the Indians ... conduct themselves in Parliament, too, betook myself to the ...erence over the weekend before. ...y life (up to date) I have been ... in the position of a commentator, ...ter or recorder of political events ...urrents in my own small way. I ...never had any political aspirations ...very nearly became a politician for ...purpose of the Conference. At a ...erence a body is bound to run into ...e. At the opening I ran into a ...tlemen who were representing ...f town of origin. Their leader ...d I, ... ...nisation. If not, then they had ...n for me in their delegation. Yes, ...nt ever having taken any active ... in the politics of the country I ...given the opportunity to become ...legate and I believe I lost, when ...ilder refused the offer, the only ...rtunity of ever becoming a poli... At the end of the conference I ...perfectly content that I had re... the offer because the left wing ...t slow in casting aspersions on ...entality of the country delegates, ...and it whispered that they were ...ket voters. However, they hotly ...ed the allegation.

### PARED TO DIE

...e delegate went berserk over the ...ssion on the Pegging Act. He ...so het up" that he demanded ...the leaders and officials should be ...n bodily out of office for the way ...hich they had been conducting ...affairs of the community. They ...appeasers and compromisers, ...were defeatists. They should be ...away with, but, of course, he ...t all these statements the next ...when it came to voting. He was ...out for the leaders. He voted for ...ficial policy. In any case there is ...old one about preaching and prac... It was the same delegate who ... at one stage of the proceedings declared that he was prepared to die in the fight against the Pegging Act and the very next moment was supporting the suggestion that the discussion on the Act be closed and a vote taken as he had to take the 6 o'clock train home. To die; yes. To miss the train; most definitely "no".

### A POLITE REQUEST

A very embittered and very much bitten motorist has written to say what he thinks of fellow-motorists who just help themselves to other people's possessions. The other morning, he writes, he found four ping wires missing when he went to start his lorry and he insinuates: "Some ... and in the district there are a number of Indians who own motor cars and lorries." After trying several garages he finally managed to pick up some second-hand wires in a motor graveyard. "The object of my writing this letter," he states, "is this: Please, through your columns, inform all motorists that if they cannot obtain parts they must try the graveyards instead of lifting up the bonnets of other people's cars and lorries." Does this affect you?

### AFTER EFFECTS

The Conference is over, but the after effects are now coming to the surface. Some people are highly satisfied with it, while others thoroughly dissatisfied with the whole thing, but my impression is that the majority of the people, including those leftists who were entrusted on every issue, are quite satisfied. One of my Red friends has, however, decided that it is best for him to get out of politics and get into teaching. He feels that he stands a better chance of converting infants to his brand of political philosophy than he has with people who are well advanced into their second childhood. Of course, that's his candid comment on the conference. He seems to have adopted a workable theory, but I think it will be a bit too difficult for a primary school child to study Marxist analysis in place of simple or detailed analysis. May be when he has cooled down he will decide to try his luck at the next conference. Politics is a very jealous mistress vide S.R., about whose retirement we wrote a leading article.


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## Nowhere to Go

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...is for 1951. In the years to come Indians will make greater demands and the number refused will rise proportionately unless the Indians are prepared to erect a hostel to provide accommodation for their students.

Before the war Indians had the opportunity of proceeding to England, but today it is almost impossible to do that. Indian students who graduate in India cannot have themselves registered as medical practitioners in South Africa. They have to pursue post-graduate studies either in England or in South Africa before they can practise.

Another question has been raised in the Transvaal. A Natal Indian who took his B.A., LL.B. at the Wits, and subsequently was articled to a firm of Johannesburg lawyers, had his application to be admitted as an attorney held up on the grounds that as a Natalian he could not legally be a candidate attorney in the Transvaal.

An application by another Natalian who is doing his LL.B. at Wits, for the registration of his articles in the Transvaal has been turned down this year. It is learned. This student had completed all the arrangements and it was only a question of the registration of the articles. He had hoped to do his studies and serve his articles concurrently. Now the only course open to him is to complete his studies, return to Natal, seek out a lawyer who will take him on and then for a period of two years. In the Transvaal it is a comparatively easy matter to find a lawyer who will take on a non-European. In Natal it is next to impossible because quite a large number of European lawyers depend for their livelihood on non-Indian clientele, for instance one Indian lawyer into the ... they will be attorning their own ...

Non-Europeans, it can be definitely stated, will not be provided any course in law for the non-European classes of the N.T.C. It is not difficult to deduce this from the general attitude of the university authorities and the Natal law society. Law makes the non-European as well as any oppressed race "a bit too smart." History abounds in examples. Professional men, especially lawyers, doctors and journalists have always been in the forefront of any liberation movement by oppressed peoples.




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## WEEKEND CRICKET RESULTS

Young Muslims were able to reverse the decision when they met Central in the Natal Cup, by securing a single innings win by 32 runs. The game was good and both sides made high scores. Ottomans and Kismet were able to collect full points from Bharat and Stars; both these teams suffered an innings defeat. The "E" division match between Otto and United ended in favour of the latter by an innings and 56 runs.

Young Muslims, first innings, 177 (S. Hendricks 74, I. G. M. Asmal 37). Second innings, 168 (G. Mahomed 60, I. G. M. Asmal 35).

Central, first innings, 145 (Davidson Jack 36). Second innings, 50 for 3 wickets.

Ottomans, first innings, 105 (Majam 18, Docrat 25, Appollis 17, E. I. Timol 15). Second innings, 39 for 3 wickets, declared.

Bharat, first innings, 39. Second innings, 72.

Kismet, first innings, 217 for 9, declared (C. I. Omarjee 52, Cassidia 47, Manjoo 36, Nassiep 22, Natalia 18, I. M. Randeree 17).

Stars, first innings, 47. Second innings, 94.

United, first innings, 108 (G. I. Jewan and H. Mahomedy 31 each, B. Naicker 10).

Otto, first innings, 29, and second innings, 33.

### MARITZBURG

The Natal Cup match (district finals), played between the Natalians and M.I.C.C. at Maritzburg on Sunday, resulted in an overwhelming win for the former by five wickets and 191 runs. For the winners, Ted Chetty was in sparkling form and scored a chanceless 113 (E. M. Cassimjee 54, E. Jaant 40, and R. Minor 16). Bowling: L. Harry 2 for 63, and K. James 2 for 25.

M.I.C.C. scored 56 runs for seven wickets when rain stopped play for a while. On resumption M.I.C.C. failed to continue their innings, as the deficit being so large and beyond their capability they withdrew in favour of the Natalians. Bowling: R. Minor 3 for 12, Ted Chetty 2 for 12, and K. D. Reddy 2 for 11.

Royals met Schools under the two hours' batting rule for the Casalmjee's Cup last week.

Royals C.C. first innings, 56 all-out (T. V. Valiathum 10).

Schools C.C. first innings, 42 all out (Dr. M. E. Peters, 17 not out).

The Royal won by 14 runs.

### AT LADYSMITH

On Sunday last Ottomans met Ladysmith in the district final for Pieter's Shield. The former won by 278 runs on the single innings. Lady-smith first innings, 70 runs. Bowling: H. O. I-mail, 7 for 10; E. A. Moola (Bch), 6 for 7.

Ottomans, first innings, 348 runs (G. M. C. Asmal 97, A. C. Asmal, junior, 65, D. A. Moola, junior, 37, I. E. Chapty 35, M. Seedayat 18, M. O. Ismail 11. Bowling: K. E. Gwinder 5 for 52, G. C. Gwinder 2 for 50, D. Rungreas 3 for 68, P. Parag 2 for 79.

### WEEKEND FIXTURES

Fixtures: 11th and 12th March:

"E" DIVISION LEAGUE CUP

Sparks v. Young Bharat.
Otto v. Ismet.
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5th March-

"A" DIVISION LEAGUE CUP

Ottomans v. Young Muslims.
Kismet v. Bharat.
Central v. Stars.

MARITZBURG (TODAY)

Casalmjee's Cup

Stars v. M.I.C.C.

League Cup (Sunday)

Schools C.C. v. Royals C.C.

## SCHOOL MEALS

A meeting of all parents and well wishers was held at the Verulam School for the purpose of electing a local committee to carry out the scheme of providing meals for the school children. Messrs. Sahadath Naiky, Lalbhadur M. Singh, Casallall R. Parekh, and T. Ramsamy Sirdar were elected to serve on the committee. Mr. Casallall R. Parekh volunteered to present the committee with 200 loaves and Mr. L. M. Singh donated the sum of £5 5 to augment the committee's fund.

## SOCCER OFFICIALS

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### TECHS.

Technical Football Club, Maritzburg, new officials; Patrons, Messrs. I. Anthony, S. R. Naidoo, A. C. Ledegamas; president, Mr. C. Rajagopaul; vice-presidents, Messrs. T. M. Moodley, B. Ramsay, Dhew, Gooriah Chetty, R. Dookaran; secretary and treasurer, Mr. L. Singh; Moodley; manager, Mr. E. Ramsay; captain, junior team, Mr. Shaik Ahmed; captain, juvenile team, Mr. Marie Naicker; auditor, Mr. R. S. Maharaj; delegates, Messrs. L. Singaram, R. Kesavar and C. Rajagopaul.

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G. R. Buckus won the Yakook Rose Golf Trophy with 64 net, followed by Harrysingh 66 net.

## 21st BIRTHDAY

On Tuesday, February 22, a large number of people were present at Rajee Parade Ballroom, Durban, to celebrate his grandson's, Master Kesaven Gopal's 21st birthday. Speakers were Messrs. J. Jadoo, Ben Cassim, E. Nathan, S. Bhawani, George Ellary, Appasamy, V. R. Ellary, R. Pethan, Goolam Kader, and Misses Kathija Kadwa, A. Rahaman, Zohra Jamalka and Sarah Sheik Hoosen.

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## INDIAN PEOPLE of S.A. WERE STILL of GOOD HEART"

D. I. HUIE, assecretary to the High Commissioner for the Government of India in South Africa, left early this week for India. He will go to New Delhi and probably from there will proceed to Madras. Mr. Muir has been in this country for the last four years. His family is staying behind and will most probably follow after the war.

Speaking at a farewell given by the Natal Indian Congress at the Sallisbury Hall on Tuesday afternoon to Mr. Muir, Mr. A. I. Kajee said that in Mr. Muir the Indian people had had an efficient and conscientious worker. He was a man of few words and few words.

"During the strenuous times we have passed, Mr. Muir's presence has been a source of strength. We wish him success in whatever new work he may take up."

On behalf of the Indian people of Natal, the Congress represented, Mr. Kajee presented Mr. Muir and presented a silver watch to him.

Mr. Muir, said Mr. P. R. Pather, had been more as an Indian than as a European. He had given good proof of this, for his period of office began with the Lawrence Committee and culminated in the Pegging Act.

"I believe that Mr. Muir will not forget us in India because until General Smuts gives us the franchise and we are recognised as citizens we must always look to India for help. We expect Mr. Muir to help us."

Mr. Muir had had the opportunity Mr. Muir could have thundered in the Churchillian manner against the biggest blot on the Statute Book of South Africa, said Mr. G. A. Nain, but he had been restricted by the nature of his work. It was men like Mr. Muir who held the balance between unbridled bureaucracy and the common man.

Mr. A. E. Shaikh joined in.

Replying, Mr. Muir declared that he would inform the Government of India that despite the Pegging Act and the other disabilities "the Indian people of South Africa were still of good heart."

"I do believe that for once the Indian people of South Africa have an opportunity of solving the racial question and they should not miss it."

## NUSAS OFFER HELP

A gesture of goodwill towards those affected by the famine conditions in India has been made by the National Union of South African Students, in the course of a letter to the Natal Indian Congress, the Director of Relief of the N.U.S.A.S., Mr. Primrose Mair, writes:—

"The executive committee of the N.U.S.A.S. have instructed me to express the deep concern of the N.U.S.A.S. in the deplorable and pitiable conditions existing in certain regions of India due to the famine.

I extend our sincere sympathy and wish you every success in the alleviation of famine conditions in India.

Should the N.U.S.A.S. be able to assist the Indian Famine Relief Committee, the executive proffer their support in any scheme which the various centres affiliated to N.U.S.A.S. would be able to carry out."

## ROYAL SOCIETY'S UNIQUE CEREMONY

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INDIA'S capital had the privilege of staging a ceremony which was unique, since for the first time in the 281 years of its life the Royal Society of London for improving natural knowledge held a meeting outside England.

The dignity of the proceedings (held in Delhi on January 3, 1945) was enhanced by the presence of the Viceroy as the King's representative, ten Fellows of the Royal Society now in India were present.

A galaxy of intellectuals, many of them in academic robes, assembled for the 31st session of the Indian Science Congress.

In the words of Sir Maurice Gwyer, Vice-Chancellor, Delhi University, and Chairman of the reception committee, the hall was for a few minutes transformed "by a kind of magic" into the Council Chamber of the Royal Society itself to admit to that august body with traditional ceremony two Indian scientists, Dr. Homi J. Bhabha and Sir Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar.

The ceremony was simple. Professor A. V. Hill, secretary of the society, had for the occasion become vice-president of the society. In an interesting address he explained the objects of the society and read messages from Sir Henry Dale, Sir Richard Gregory, Field-Marshal Smuts, Churchill, and finally read the "Obligation" to which some 6,000 have since 1662 agreed.

He then called the name of Dr. Bhabha, whose youthful appearance caused a pleasant surprise. After Dr. Bhabha had signed on a special parchment, to be transferred later to the Charter Book of the society, Prof. Hill held him by the forehand, pronounced him admitted to the fellowship and shook him warmly by the hand amidst cheers.

Sir Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar was called next and he was loudly cheered by the audience as he went through the required formality.

The Viceroy's address inaugurating the Indian Science Congress was often applauded for its humorous and human touches.

Recalling that his great-grandfather and grandfather were Fellows of the society, Lord Wavell remarked that while the former had made an important discovery the latter's claim to similar fame was dubious.

He had gathered that in old times some of scientists were presumed to inherit their father's gifts. The Viceroy confessed his regret at not having had any grounding in science, and expressed his profound admiration for men of science.

"In this war science has played a great role in India as elsewhere. It has made a splendid contribution to maintaining the health of the fighting men, through the activities of such bodies as the Malaria Institute, the Indian Research Fund Association, the Nutrition Laboratories at Coonoor, and others.

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## MUSLIM STUDY CIRCLE

The following officials were elected at a special meeting of the Muslim Study Circle held at the M. S. Randeree's Musakhana Hall, Durban; Patron, Dr. Abdulbaker Hajee Ismail; president, Mr. Hoosen D. Seedat; vice-presidents, Messrs. N. M. Essack and S. N. Omar; joint secretaries, Messrs. A. R. Suleman and M. I. Essack; treasurer, Mr. A. K. H. Randeree; committee, Ismail Karim, G. H. Mullah, S. Akoob, B. R. Kafree and V. M. Patel.


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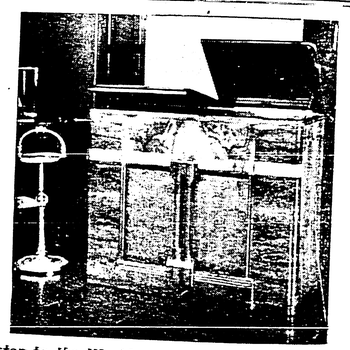

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## T.B. CARE AT TONGAAT

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## FAREWELL TO SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

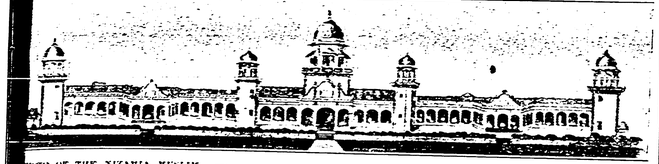
A farewell reception by the Indian community of Stanger and district was conded Mr. S. Dwarkadhin, outh principal of the Stanger Government dian School, at the Stanger Pictu Palace on Sunday last. Mr. A. E. P

All the speakers dwelt at length on t many services rendered by Mr. Dhi in the interests of Indian education in district and he held the unique positi of the pioneer educationist in the d trict, having served the community t tirelessly and faithfully for practicall quarter of a century.

Among the speakers were Messrs. Samuel Jacobus, head teacher, Stanger Mr. E. M. Moolla, Mofein Khayat, Mr. H. H. Lowrat, C. A. Mather (secretary reception committee), V. C. Jacobus, Mohamed C. Omarjee, M. E. Moolla L. J. Pandit and others.

Mr. Dwarkadhin was presented with purse-Spare purse in appreciation of services.

A Shakespeare play-production will played on Sunday at Currie's Festi commencing at 2.30 p.m.



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## ZAMIA NEWS

## URGENT APPEAL FOR FUNDS

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All remittances are to be made to the Trustees or Treasurers, 6a Stripling Street, Maritzburg. See The Leader donation list from week to week.

### PROPHET'S BIRTHDAY

There was a large gathering of Muslims and the children of the Madressa Talimul Islam at the East Street Mosque to celebrate the birthday of the Holy Prophet Mohammad on Tuesday last.

Moulana Mahommad Ranieff, speaking on the life of the Prophet, said that the celebration of the birthday of the Prophet had been observed by Muslims all over the world on Tuesday last, which is the 12th day of Rabiulawwal. Moulana read out passages from the Holy Quran, referring to the birthday of the Prophet. He made a ward for word for translation.

After the service all the children were served with light refreshment.

## MRS. ABDULLA KHAN

After a short illness, Mrs. Abdulla Khan, wife of Mr. Abdulla Khan (proprietor, White City Hairdressers), and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shaik Dawood Miah, of Newlands, died at her residence, 7 Cathedral Road, Durban, on Thursday, March 2.

The funeral, which was attended by a large number of relatives and friends, took place at the Muslim Cemetery, Brook Street, Durban, the same evening.

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## *"Shut-up" Note to Sarojini*

When Mrs. Sarojini Naidu arrived at Lahore in mailweek to see her ailing sister, Miss Chattopadhyaya, before she had alighted from her compartment she was served at the railway station with a notice under the Defence of India Rules directing her not to make a public speech or join any procession. She was further directed not to address any gathering of more than five persons without the previous permission of the District Magistrate. The notice also directed her not to make any communication to the Press.

Mrs. Naidu is reported to have returned the notice with the remark that under the instructions of her doctor she was not allowed to make speeches anyway.

## INDIAN BROADCAST

On Sunday next the Indian Radio Cavalcade Company will present, Help sixth broadcast during the Indian session entitled, "A visit to the Pancholi Art Studios, Lahore," produced by Yusuf Kat.

## SANATHAN SABHA

At the annual meeting of the Shri Sanathan Dharma Sabha (Natal), held at the Hindu Temple, Scantsen Road, the following were elected as office-bearers for 1943:

President, Pundit Dwarika Maharaj; Vice-presidents, Messrs. R. Gopaul Singh, S. Pandaj, S. M. Singh (Richmond), J. J. Singh (Glenwood), R. Mohanlall (Ashburton), L. Singh (Newcastle), R. R. Singh (Ladysmith), M. Jugnath Maharaj (Verulam), S. Khanshadur Maharaj (Richmond), I. L. Beelasing (New Guelderland), S. T. Mahangee, Hariruandan Maharaj (Greenhill), R. Seenath Maharaj (Verulam), Chowtlall Bagejee (Verulam), Jugmeesath Maharaj (Tongaat), Ramlahal Kanhai, Pundit Ramoutar Shukla, Mahabeer Ramoutar, J. S. Roopnarain, Ashwin Chandree, R. S. Singh, K. Bhaman Singh (Dundee), R. R. Singh, M. K. Singh.

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### A WARNING

It has come to our notice that certain individuals are spreading false and malicious rumours about the personnel of our body, alleging that membership is restricted to Brahmans only, and that the office-bearers elected at the annual general meeting on the 7th ultimo were Brahmans. The falsity of such rumours can be proved by reference to the list above, which includes persons of all Varnas.

Our executive has decided to take immediate legal action against any person or persons who are found to be spreading such unfounded rumours.

This warning is published to serve as a deterrent to "mischief-mongers" and to advise others to disbelieve such baseless rumours and to become members of our Sabha, irrespective of their Varna. (4362)

The War Services Exhibition at Nasper attracted about 1,000,000 visitors in ten days.



## EX-SERVICEMENS CHILDREN AT SCHOOL

Replying to a letter from the Maritzburg Indian Ex-Servicemen's League, the Natal Education Department writes:—

The Free Education (Military Service) Ordinance, No. 6, 1921, makes provision for the granting of assistance to children of men who are on full-time military service, and who were domiciled in Natal immediately prior to enlistment. Children who came to reside permanently in Natal after their father's enlistment may also be assisted. Pupils at Government Indian schools, who fulfil the requirements of the Ordinance, are granted free tuition and books; while in the case of those attending Government-aided and private Indian schools a grant is paid towards the cost of tuition fees and books. This grant is assessed with the [illegible] would normally be paid in a Government school as a guide, though in most cases the grant covers the total cost of tuition fees and books. Applications for assistance should be made through the head teachers of the schools concerned.

Normally the assistance granted under the Ordinance ceases six months after the date of discharge of the parent or guardian from military service, but, if the parent or guardian is permanently and seriously disabled or dies or is killed while on or in consequence of military service, the assistance granted may be continued until the child concerned has completed the secondary course prescribed for schools of the Natal Provincial Administration. This continuation of the concession can only be authorised on production of evidence of the [illegible] father's or guardian's disablement or death.

Mr. Debi Singh, chairman of the India League, Durban, arrived in Port Elizabeth, the first stage of his South African tour, which he is undertaking for the purpose of forming branches of the India League in various centres of the Union, and addressing meetings on the subject of India.

## LIFE-SAVERS THANKED

The following is a copy of the letter sent by the [illegible] Club, as John Ketagere, to the Secretary, Durban Indian Surf Life-saving Club:—

"I am now penning you for your information copy of letter dated 1st inst. received from the officer Commanding, 221 Res. M.T. Company, Clairwood Camp, P.O., Jacobs:

"On Sunday morning a party of Native soldiers from this Union was bathing below the Snake Park, when one of them got into very serious difficulty. It was solely due to the speed and efficiency of the Indian lifesavers stationed at that part of the beach that this detail was rescued and brought to shore.

"Two of the lifesavers then worked extremely hard applying artificial respiration, and the detail in question is now not worse for his experience.

"Will you please convey my thanks to the lifesavers who were on duty that day and my congratulations on their efficiency."

Indian ex-servicemen recently discharged are asked to get into touch with the chairman, Mr. G. R. Naidoo, Law Courts, or the Secretary, Mr. C. S. Royappen, 484 Church Street, Maritzburg.

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### NOTICE

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All Institutions must be affiliated with the Maha Sabha before they can participate in the deliberations of the Conference.

Very important matters, affecting the welfare of the Hindus of South Africa will be considered and decided upon. It is, therefore, imperative that all Institutions should be represented at the Conference.

Affiliated Institutions will receive circulars giving full details, and unaffiliated Institutions desiring to participate in the Conference should write to the General Secretary, c/o 38 Cathedral Road, Durban, for these details.

PROGRAMME

8th April.—Opening Ceremony, Pietermaritzburg City Hall, at 10.30 a.m.; afternoon session, commencing at 2 o'clock.

9th April.—Morning session, commencing at 10 o'clock; afternoon session, commencing at 2 o'clock.

10th April.—Morning session, commencing at 10 o'clock; afternoon session, commencing at 2 o'clock.

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General Secretary.

### *The Institute of Indian Bookkeepers of South Africa*

A Meeting of Indian Bookkeepers will be held in the Surat Hindoo Association Hall, Victoria Street, Durban, on Saturday, 11th March, 1944, at 4.30 p.m.

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By Miss E. Lee.
ALL WELCOME.

### Thanks Notice

Mr. Abdulla Khan and family (White City, Bellair-owners), and Mr. and Mrs. Sasak Dawood Sakkib (Lotus Park, Isipingo), wish to thank all relatives and friends for their kind messages of sympathy and floral tributes sent in their bereavement, and for their kind attendance at the funeral.

### *APPRECIATION*

Mr. and Mrs. Choonilall Ramkaylon, who have now returned from an all-Union tour, wish to thank all their friends who entertained them while they were on their recent tour.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Govindsamy Pillay (Pen-Sand), of 25 Greyling Street, Mayfair, thank all relatives and friends for their kind wishes and presents on the occasion of her first birthday, which was celebrated on February 26, 1944.


THE—
# LEADER
SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 1944.


## CLEAR THE DECK

THE appointment of the Commission to inquire into Natal Indian affairs has now been announced. Both its personnel and the terms of reference mark no substantial change from what we had already published in our news columns a fortnight ago. In the European representatives we have a body known for their probity, to whom we are not afraid to submit our case. As regards to the appointment of Mr. S. E. Naidoo and Mr. A. I. Kajee we do not think that the choice could be improved upon. They are men who have served the community long and well—in combination they should be a tower of strength. We do not expect them to be partisans on the Commission, but to bring upon the inquiry a mind whose very memories have been seared in the rankling disabilities which they as Indians know so thoroughly—subjectivity and understanding which would not be without its effects on the other members of the Commission. Their task is no easy one and if they are assured, and we would like to assure them that they have, the confidence of their own people they would go forward in their work with a faith that they were not only serving their own generation, but those yet to come.

A duty, which now devolves upon the community, is that it must get up its own case for presentation to the Commission. In this task every public worker, who has something to contribute to the solution of the Indian question, must be harnessed in the work of the community by the Natal Indian Congress, One, who has rendered yeoman service in the past is now a honorary to a sister province, and we feel that his services must be again utilised. We refer to Mr. Sorajjee Rustomjee who has so far never failed his community. Many of his critics point to his enthusiasm as overriding his sense of judgment, but who is there amongst us free from one or another of the human frailties? Mr. Rustomjee's effort, in leading the case for the Natal Indian deputation, was an excellent piece of work. To-day there is an important job ahead and he should be invited to assist in the presentation of the Indian viewpoint before the Broome Commission No. 2. We know that amongst his colleagues in the Congress there are men of far greater calibre who, in team work, will be able to interpret that quality into the abstraction of enthusiasm. Today nothing is deep but there is no room for enthusiasm. We would like to see the whole Indian community poised to the height of feeling that nothing should be left undone in presenting to the Commission a cast-iron case, supported on all sides by historical record, by documented facts and figures, by the results of deep research of investigation and observation, of experience and feeling, leaving no place for criticism on the part of our opponents. The time has now come when the deck must be cleared for action and every man, with a knowledge of Indian affairs, should bring to it the weapons of offence, as it were, for facts are indeed such, in his fight for a fuller life in this country.

## Franchise and The Commission

THE statement of General Smuts, which he made in the course of a reply to the Indian Ex-servicemen's League, that the franchise was not a suitable matter to be referred to the proposed Indian Commission is causing considerable unnecessary concern among the Indian people. Both those who were opposed to any inclusion on the Commission pending the publication of the terms of reference and those who felt otherwise are perturbed at the Ouhaus' arbitrary statement. The Conference of the Indian people previously agreed to collaborate and work with a Commission provided certain conditions were fulfilled by the Government. Of among these conditions is the question of the political status of the Indian people. If this condition is not included within the terms of reference then the Indian people cannot accept the Commission because of the wording of the Commission's resolution. The intimation of the Rt. Hon. the Minister of the Interior to the Congress that representations have been made to the Government for the inclusion of the questions of (1) the "civic status" of the Indians, and (2) all matters affecting the well-being and advancement of the permanent Indian population of Natal, [illegible] are certain, cannot have been made without prior consultation with other members of the Cabinet. This sanction of the Cabinet presupposes the approval of General Smuts. Even if the question of the franchise is not specifically included within the terms of reference we feel that the Indian community need not get unduly worried as long as the final extended clause is included for under "all matters affecting the well-being and advancement of the permanent Indian population of Natal" the question of franchise can be raised and discussed, just as much as the question of plurality of votes among the Indian people may be raised and discussed. There is nothing in the clause to preclude this.

Until this last clause is excluded from the terms of reference the doors for the investigation of the franchise are not closed and barred. The decision of the Conference is conditional and the Government cannot sidetrack the Indian people without slipping up.

## *WAR WEAKENS A LINK WITH INDIA*

IT was quite possible that as a result of the war a very important link between South African Indians and India might be weakened or ultimately severed, observed the High Commissioner, Sir Shafa'at Ahmad Khan in the course of his report for the year ended December, 1943.

The South African Indian community, even of the second and third generation, had adhered in the main, the report proceeds, to an Indian diet of which the staple was rice. Rice, along with lentils, ghee and spices had been imported from Burma, and these articles had been made dear for a very large percentage of them.

Later in the year, proceeds the report, the Government of India's decision to place a ban on the export of rice from India to South Africa, though not unexpected, came as a shock to South African Indians. The High Commissioner's office was besieged with requests from merchants in Natal to intervene with the Government of India to try to obtain the export of a certain quantity of rice to satisfy the needs of South African Indians. There was, however, definite appreciation of the fact that it was necessarily India's duty to safeguard the Government of India.

During the month of September [illegible] consultation with the Union Minister of Supply and Defence, Colonel Collins, who was also Controller of Foodstuffs, and on the question of the import of rice from India, Colonel Collins explained to the High Commissioner that the Government of India had been formed, particularly since the late improvement in the food situation, as overriding his sense of judgment, but who is there amongst us free from one or another of the human frailties? Mr. Rustomjee's effort, in leading the case for the Natal Indian deputation, was an excellent piece of work. To-day there is an important job ahead and he should be invited to assist in the presentation of the Indian viewpoint before the Broome Commission No. 2. We know that amongst his colleagues in the Congress there are men of far greater calibre who, in team work, will be able to interpret that quality into the abstraction of enthusiasm. Today nothing is deep but there is no room for enthusiasm. We would like to see the whole Indian community poised to the height of

sure that the rice would reach the section of the community most badly in need of it, i.e., poor Indians particularly in Natal. The High Commissioner was unsuccessful in both respects. The Government of India stated with regret that they were unable, in view of the internal situation, to release any stocks of rice. The Union Government thought that it would be impossible to confiscate the stocks in the country unless some system of rationing was introduced.

In respect of a commodity, the per capita consumption of which varied enormously, it was further considered that any rationing system could be considered which would cause real hardships and it was also agreed that it would be impossible to discriminate in this particular respect in favour of the Indian community, as such a step would be bound to have political repercussions. The Minister, however, promised that the matter would be carefully considered by profiteers, and several prosecutions actually took place. The High Commissioner issued a press statement explaining the impossibility of obtaining fresh supplies from India and the duty devolving upon the Indian community to adjust themselves to a different way of living.

It was pointed out that in the face of South African Indians would possess land to their advantage, the question was also examined. One suggestion made by the High Commissioner was that if Government advertisement was stopped it might be possible to grow a certain amount of rice on sugar cane lands in Natal. With regard to an, however, that it would be impossible to meet the immediate necessity by this means, and that the question of transferring a certain amount of sugar cane land to rice to supply the needs of South African Indians presented difficulties. The only way in which the scarcity was one that could be considered at present.

[illegible] Government and the private interests concerned.

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## EUROPEAN WORKERS ASK FOR REPEAL OF BARRIERS

### Pegging Act, they say, "Piece of Discrimination"

DELEGATES representing over eleven thousand five hundred organised European workers—most of whom are Afrikaner women—in the distributive trade adopted a resolution asking the Government of the country to remove the Pegging barriers which prevent the Indian people travelling from one province to another without a permit, at the seventh annual conference of the National Distributive Workers held at Bloemfontein in place of Afrikaner Berewaalkers [illegible].

A second resolution referring to the Indian people declared: "Conference considers the recent Pegging Act directed against the Indian citizens of this country as undemocratic and an unnecessary piece of discrimination against them and considers this action of the Government to be a breach of the principles of the Atlantic Charter for the upholding of which our country is at present engaged in war."

A third resolution referring to the political situation in India reads: "It is resolved to request the British Government to release the Indian National leaders, to allow all repressive measures immediately to open up negotiations with the National Congress for the establishment of a Indian National Government, and to ensure the terms of Article 3 of the Atlantic Charter."

Conference resolved to approach the South African Government to make representations to His Majesty's Government on these lines.

## STUDENTS' UNION

At the annual meeting of the Natal University College Students' Union, held at the College, Durban, the following office-bearers were elected:

Hon. President, Dr. Edgar Brookes; president, Mr. C. Rachmajah; vice-president, Mr. [illegible] Bevington; joint secretaries, Mr. R. B. Naidoo and A. I. Meer; treasurer, Mr. [illegible] Ramasikan; committee, [illegible] Goolpersad, K. S. Nowbath, H. [illegible], J. E. Kelso, R. V. Naidoo, [illegible] Pillay, L. C. Goolkun, H. Swapal, S. [illegible], Narayana and Miss P. [illegible].

Hon. representative, Mr. Geo. K. Mantle.

## INDIAN HOUSING

The Maritzburg City Council has a scheme for Indian housing situate in the Woodlands Road area. A discussion regarding it took place between the representatives of the council and the Congress on Thursday, Senator D. G. Shepstone was present Indian representatives were Messrs. A. I. Kajee, P. R. Pather, S. R. Naidoo, P. Lalloo, M. G. and R. R. Naidoo.

## GIFT TO TEMPLE

Mr. Choonilall Ratkaylee, senior, on behalf of his mother, has presented a gift to the Shree Gopalall Hindu Temple, Verulam, for the erection of a separate hall in the temple property. The hall, which will be known as the Awabai's Hall, which will be used for Hindi education and [illegible].

Mr. and Mrs. Chooniall Ratkaylee also presented three desks and bench, valued £23, to the Temple School.


NOWHERE TO GO

*INDIA, TOO, HAS A BAR Medical Studies*

THERE is an Indian Colonial Students' Association in India, the president is a Durban Indian, Dr. O. V. Jeoma. Speaking at a social function he said that their organisation had been started three years ago mainly as a guide to Colonial Indian students who were now in India for purposes of study in Indian Universities. There were several disabilities under which Indian students from Africa suffered during their stay in India. The most important of them was the difficulty they experienced in getting admitted into colleges. Barring the Grant Medical College in Bombay, which reserved two seats, the doors of the rest of the medical colleges were barred to Colonial Indian Students. The authorities refused admission on the score that there were not enough seats even for [illegible] students.

Dr. Jeoma urged that two seats in every college should be reserved for colonial students.

Mr. J. E. Khalfa and Mr. M. C. Meer are the joint secretaries of the association.

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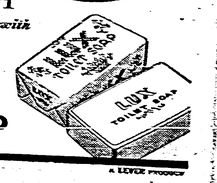

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**RADHA.** To Gengamma, wife of M. Soobiah, of Bulawayo, a daughter, on February 24. Both well. Thanks to doctor and midwife.

Mr. V. S. Arockiasamien Father, of the Government Indian School, Bulawayo, is on vacation leave till the end of April and will probably tour the Union.

Messrs. J. Z. Khan and A. E. Ismail represented the Natal Indian Congress (Glencoe branch), at the N.I.C. Provincial conference held recently in Durban.

Mr. Hemandee Dayal, youngest son of Swami Bhawani Dayal, with his wife, whom he married in India, has returned to his home in Durban.

Mr. Abdulla Seedat, of Ladysmith, gave a dinner party to the Young Greyville C.C., of Durban.

Pandit K. J. Maharaj, of Ladysmith (senior Priest of the Ladysmith Sanathan Dharma Sabha), spent his weekend at Besters.

Mr. A. A. Karrim, of Ladysmith, spent his weekend in Dannhauser on business.

Mr. D. Waghmarey, son of Mr. D. M. Waghmarey, of Durban, who had secured a first-class pass in the last matriculation examination, has been admitted to the medical faculty of the Witwatersrand University. He is the only Indian in the first-year class of 116 Europeans.

Messrs. B. Badhoo, H. Govindh, D. Seithoo, R. Doomsia and B. Lallee, all of Durban, are on a weekend visit to Dundee. There they will be the guests of Mr. L. B. Jugath.

Mr. Cassim A. Kathrada, of Messrs. Amod Kathrada & Son, and manager of the Vereham Cricket Club, with his family, will be visiting Marlsburg 2nd Bulwer to spend their holiday for a month.

THIRALAMBIKAY, daughter of Mr. P. Govindasamy (Pondoro), and Mrs. Govindasamy, of Maritzburg, who celebrated her first birthday, at her residence, where a large gathering of relatives and friends were present.

## CHILD WELFARE

The first annual meeting of the Umzinto and District Indian Child Welfare Society was held at the Shri Vishnu Temple Hall, Mr. R. Kissoon presided. In the course of his presidential address he emphasised the importance of the Child Welfare Society and appealed to all those that were not members to enrol at once.

The following officials were elected for the ensuing year: Patron—Messrs. M. M. Govender, E. B. Chowthee and Jaggernath Singh; president, Mr. R. Kissoon; vice-presidents, Messrs. S. E. Khan, I. E. Ally, J. Samuel, M. A. Govender and K. M. Thaver; secretary, Mr. S. Ramsingh; assistant-secretary, Mr. P. E. Singh; hon. treasurer, Mr. C. S. Roomiah; committee, Messrs. T. Nobin, K. A. Moopanar, A. P. Pakhiney, M. L. Shaik, R. M. Naidoo, P. R. Moodley, C. M. Frank, D. Singh, M. S. Sedan, R. G. Singh and S. M. Pillay.

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## FOOD ASSOCIATION FORMED

The Food for Needy School Children Committee was dissolved after its annual meeting on Saturday last and The Durban and Coastal Districts Indian Food and Health Association was formed in its place. This step has been necessitated by the fact that the work which the committee had been doing was taken over by the country's schools' meals service which came into operation this year.

Some of the objects of the new organisation are to work for the establishment of health centres under the aegis of the Union Government, Provincial Administration and Municipal authorities; to work for the establishment of day nurseries, nursery schools, feed depots for the pre-school child, the aged, the indigent, and the unemployed; to spread knowledge of dietary among the Indian people.

Present at the meeting was Mr. Hudson, organiser of the national schools' meals service who stated that 75 Indian schools had the meals scheme in operation.

In the course of his report the secretary, Mr. G. Singh, said that during 1942 that committee had been responsible for about 3,000 children receiving meals or supplementary feeds. This represented an increase of 2,500 on the previous year's figures.

The following were elected officials of the new body formed: Lady Chairman, Miss E. F. English; vice-chairman, Mr. Lawrence; secretary-treasurer, Mr. Geo. A. C. Lawrence; assistant secretary, Mr. M. Joseph; executive committee, Messrs. E. Thomas, P. E. Singh, Miss R. Jithoo, Miss S. M. Lawrence, Mr. M. K. Moodley, Mrs. J. W. Godfrey, Mr. H. K. Naidoo; general committee, Mrs. Kalideen, Mrs. G. Paul, Mrs. W. S. Sevthal, Mrs. Nundoo, Mrs. V. Lawrence, Mrs. Nell Sykes, Miss Cousens, Mrs. C. M. Naidoo, Miss Kalideen, Messrs. H. S. Dore, S. S. Machadoo, G. V. Naidoo, H. John, K. R. Nair.

## BURSARY FOR 'VARSITY

Mr. Gordon Naidoo, a bus-inessman of Maritzburg, has made available a bursary for the higher education of Indians. The award is for 1943 and is tenable at the non-European University classes of the N.C.C., Durban. The amount of the bursary is £21 and covers the expenses of the first year of the B.A. degree.

Maritzburg Indians have recently awarded six bursaries for secondary education, tenable at the Woodlands Government Indian Secondary School.

The Education Department awards five bursaries, per annum, for post-matriculation students tenable at the South African Native College, Fort Hare.

Mrs. Mabel Palmer, sister to non-European students, has at her disposal a limited amount from which she assists students attending the classes with book bursaries.

It is reported that many deserving applications for assistance had to be refused owing to the very limited amount ... for such purposes. There is urgent need for further assistance by the Education Department, civic authorities, Indian organisations and public spirited individuals.

Mr. S. D. Chetty and Mr. J. M. Rama have given a joint bursary, value 20 guineas, and is tenable at the N.C.C. (non-European) classes.

## TAXI OFFICIALS

The fourth annual meeting of the coastal Taxi Service was held at the Hindu Tamil Institute, Durban. The following officials were elected for the year: Messrs. V. N. Naidoo (president; M. Khan (vice-presidents); Wallie Khan (treasurer); M. D. Pillay (secretary); Rajah, K. V. Naidoo, P. Moodliar, S. Sadoo, S. Sitlu, Rampersad, S. K. Naidoo (committee); K. C. Naidoo, S. K. Moodley, V. N. Naidoo, Ali Khan, M. D. Pillay, delegates to Natal Board.

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# TALK OF THE BAZAAR

*BY "THE FAQIR"*

Sunday afternoon my old friend, a Durban Indian community's immaculately dressed, bespectacled, bearded and bottlebrushed gentleman friend and him-self involuntarily saying unsentimentary things about the N.I.C. committee generally. A committee meeting had been scheduled for 5 p.m. at the Public Library, from which the public and all sorts beings like your old scribe were specifically excluded. He, of course, must have by now recognised old Mr. Lawrence, arrived at 5.10 p.m. (he did not seem that not one single solitary soul of the committee was present), couldn't help making a few uncomplimentary remarks about the punctuality of politicians. Actually nobody in particular was to blame as the meeting had been transferred at the last minute to another venue and the advertising atmosphere of the Avalon Theatre, I don't know what the other committee members had to tell Mr. Lawrence when the veteran got to the Avalon.

**COMPLIMENT?**

Sir Shafa'at, who seems to be keeping as far as possible from the hub of S.A.'s Indian population, especially after the Pegging Act fiasco, must be having a pretty uncomfortable time in Parliament listening to that august assembly of democratic (sic) peoples amending the Transvaal Interim Act of 1927 in order to enable the Government of India to build a legation in Pretoria! All the other countries of the world including, I suppose, Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy, can build anywhere in South Africa without the Government having to amend any Acts, but with India the proposition is quite different, despite the fact that the total number of Indians under arms in this war is equivalent to the white population of South Africa—one million ... must be rather infra dig for the High Commissioner to listen to that amendment, especially when he recalls a historic dinner which he had in Pretoria with Cabinet Ministers some time back.

**REASONS ENOUGH**

The following story can now be told and it is my sincere hope that the dramatis personae do not recognise themselves. A benevolent 'varsity, I must first inform you, makes allowances for students to pay their fees by instalments as it is very difficult for most of the students to raise the money in a lump sum. Before, however, this 'varsity does this you have to file reasons why you make application to pay by instalments. Most students are content with the terse "salary insufficient." One aspirant for a university degree this year went further. In the space provided for reasons on a special form for application to pay by instalments he filled in: (1) Because I have to meet a monthly instalment on the radio; (2) Because I have to meet a monthly instalment on the car; (3) Because I have to meet a monthly instalment on the Teic. The secretary nearly threw a fit when she saw these reasons. The forms were duly torn up and a new set of reasons were worked out. Some students go as far as thinking of putting down "because employed by the Natal Education Department," as the reason for their request to pay by instalment, but prudence dictates otherwise.

**POINTS OF VIEW**

Politics can be approached from any angle provided you have plenty of originality. I pass on the following for what it is worth without any comment:

J. W. Godfrey (referring to a committee meeting of the N.I.C.): "I did not attend because I knew there would be no fireworks and that you would have your own way. In fact, I believe you had everything cut and dry."

P. R. Pather (referring to the same meeting): "I had to rush to that meeting from another important engagement as I was positive that there would be plenty of trouble. There was a terrific opposition, but I managed."

J.W.G.: "Oh, you managed. That's all right, I knew you could and that's why I didn't turn up."

**FOOTNOTE**

"Varsity secretary to prospective 'varsity students: "Are you matriculated?"

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## DURBAN CRICKET

Young Bharat, United and Orientals were able to collect full points from Sparks, Young Kismet and Young Central, though these matches were arranged to play over two weekends, they finished in one afternoon.

There was a full day fixture on Sunday in the "A" division when Kismet and Central were able to collect single innings points. Ottomans - Mahims' match ended in a draw.

Young Bharat, first innings, 85 for 7 wickets declared (C. Daya 15, N. Modi 35).

Sparks, first innings, 37; 2nd innings, 35 (R. Dajee 11).

Young Central, first innings, 5 for no wickets, declared; second innings, 37 all out.

Orientals, first innings, 5 for no wickets declared; second innings, 67 for 2 wickets.

United, first innings, 109 for 7 wickets, declared (E. L. Jeewa 50, A. S. Ballim 19, H. Mahomedy and Katanjee 12 each); second innings, 72 for no wickets, declared (H. Mahomedy 38, G. H. Ally 32).

Young Kismet, first innings, 65; second innings, 52.

Central, first innings, 160 for 7 wickets, declared (G. Thumbadoo 59, M. C. Reddy 61, A. G. Soobriel and M. Reddy 13 each, not out).

Stars, first innings, 65; second innings, 54 for 4 wickets.

Kismet, first innings, 129 for 9 declared (E. A. Manjoo 50, C. L. Omarjee 20); second innings, 21 for one wicket.

Bharat, first innings, 86.

Young Muslims, first innings, 156 (I. G. M. Asmal 65, G. Mahomed 37).

Ottomans, first innings, 67 for 6 wickets, Greyville, first innings, 154 for 7 declared (V. Abrahams 58, S. L. Emammally 29, C. Akbar 25, Osman Backus 25, H. Singh 19 not out).

Ismet, first innings, 100; second innings, 48 for 2 wickets.

**DURBAN (TODAY AND TOMORROW)**

"A" Division League Competition

Stars v. Bharat.
Central v. Ottomans.
Kismet v. Young Muslims.

## LADYSMITH CRICKET

An exciting cricket match was witnessed last Sunday when a friendly game was played between Muslims (Ladysmith) v. Young Greyville (Durban). The former won on the single innings by 77 runs.

Young Greyvilles, 1st innings, 94 (E. A. Rajah, 20; Soni, 14; and A. A. Rajah, 10).

Muslims (Ladysmith, 1st innings, 171 (E. A. Moola (Jilli) 47, G. M. A. Asmal 43, A. I. Bahadur 32, M. H. Nader 18, G. H. Chopty 16).

## BOXING RESULTS

The following is the result of the boxing show held in Durban last week: A. F. beat M. K. Pandaya; W. Thompson beat Ganga Reddy; M. J. Moodley (w.o.) S. Naicker; S. Fareed beat G. Ralph; P. Miller beat Nagger; R. Bobby Kad beat M. Sayed; Tommy Logan beat M. Tommy; I. Andrew beat M. Ismail; M. Joseph beat L. R. Rew; K. M. Govender beat A. J. Pillay.

## MARITZBURG CRICKET

M.I.C.C. batted first last Saturday in the Cassimjee's two-hour cup match against the Stars.

E. Harimarian was bowled first ball from S. A. Rahoodeen. L. Harry and Balcoomal took the score to eight when Harry fell a victim to G. H. Cassimjee.

Balcoomal did not last long, falling to Cassimjee, and the three opening batsmen were out for nine. C. S. Naidoo, in partnership with Harilal, put on 12 in 20 minutes. M. C. Joost took the remaining wickets and the innings closed at 97.

It took Stars three wickets to get the runs, exceeding the score by two.

A cricket match was played on the Coloured Sports Ground between Wanderers and Natalians. Scores were: Wanderers 235 for 1 (N. Harvey 97 not out, D. Lambert 57 not out).

Natalians 129 all out (R. Cassimjee 57).

**MARITZBURG TODAY**

Cassimjee's Cup: Young Natalians v. Orientals.

**TOMORROW**

Royals v. United.

**IN THE AFTERNOON**

Winners-Natalians and Orientals v. Stars.

## SOCCER OFFICIALS

**LOWER TUGELA**

The fifth annual meeting of the Lower Tugela District Indian Football Association was held at Stanger on Tuesday last. The secretary's report indicated a most successful season. It was decided to affiliate to the Natal Indian Football Association through the North Coast Association. The following were elected office-bearers for the current season:—Patrons, Messrs. A. P. Naidoo, E. M. Moodly, B. Maraj, S. Ramsamy, H. Bodasingh, R. Padlachy and P. Lalla; president, Mr. D. D. Lalla; vice-presidents, Messrs. D. E. Moodly, G. A. Naidoo, A. K. Sahjee, G. V. Naidoo and K. A. Asmal; hon. secretary, Mr. V. G. Augustine; hon. assistant secretary and treasurer, Mr. P. Kistan; hon. treasurer, Mr. D. E. Moodly; hon. auditor, Mr. S. M. Naiker; selection committee, Messrs. V. G. Augustine, D. D. Lalla and S. M. Naiker; delegates to N.I.F.A.: Messrs. D. D. Lalla, V. G. Augustine, S. M. Naiker, P. Kistan, and J. Chengiah; delegates to recreation ground committee, Messrs. V. G. Augustine and Chota (marjee; misconduct, protest and appeal board, Messrs. D. D. Lalla, V. G. Augustine, P. Kistan, S. M. Naiker, Geo. Le Gaiete, B. C. Maraj and P. A. Bux.

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NION on the subject of the principle and the results of the amendment to the liquor law in relation to the Indians is very much divided. A Leader orter who carried out a hurried survey of opinion found that everybody agreed on the fact that there were two sides to the story. Quite a number people had some biting remarks to make about a Government which, in y to their request for the franchise and the right to live decently, had n them the right to carry a "bottle" without being molested by the police. On the other hand people were quite incensed at the innuendo contained leading article in The Natal Mercury that the use or the abuse of this liege would be a pointer to the extension or denial of further rights to Indian people.

Most people, however, are agreed that much good can come out of the Even social workers, whose work has at all times been made difficulty by kenness, believe that once the novelty of the thing has worn off and the social worker pointed out to our reporter that in the past when the Indian le obtained liquor from the shebeens there was always a trinity of evil nk, immorality and gambling. Now it would be possible for a person to his bottle home without coming into contact with the other two evils. People, generally, were inclined to view the amendment from its lighter ous spheres of life and with widely differing contacts.

### Less Coffee Sales says Cafe Proprietor

NT interviewed an individual who ided that I should call him a ressite," writes our reporter, "but e is quite unable to make ther he is an Asiatic or not. He s confused and felt like dashing off to Town Jamie asking him for a decision. Before he can switch the conversation to the new privilege, I ask him if he thinks that the Congress government will ride into office at the next election on the strength of this fact.

There is a law which prohibits the operation of pubs on polling day. Are we to prevent the delegates being supplied with one of the good things of life when they attend the annual meeting?" I left him pondering over this.

A university professor whom we next seemed to pick on the Congressite when he declared that "politicians seem to think that the masses are unthinking but who can be swayed, but I doubt very much if the cabinet of the ban on the sale of liquor to Indians will help them to win elections." He, too, was still in an uncompassed state of mind. Being an intellectual he wanted to examine the issue from all angles. Our reporter couldn't wait for a thesis.

"Well, now I shall have to fight the battle at home. The old chap will come home with his bottle and when he is well and truly soused I shall have to attend to him—a job which I used to let his fellow drinkers do in the good old days before last Monday," declared an indignant housewife. "In the past," she said, "when the old chap was brought home drunk I told his companions that if they did not want their friend to spend the rest of the night on the front doorstep they might as well undress him and put him into bed. Now he won't have his friends to do that, it's the poor old woman again," and she shrugged her shoulders despairingly.

An attorney declared that it "personally made no difference to him." He never defended cases of drunkenness. He always advised the offender to pay a ten bob fine and try to keep sober in the future until, at least, he got home. There was, however, a possibility that the empty bottle might add to the list of lethal weapons. An empty bottle, a cross wife and an inebriate husband were an unhealthy combination for women have always been dangerous with bottles. "It is a good thing; it is a step forward; it brings us nearer the franchise," declared a trade union secretary. He wasn't prepared to elaborate his statement further.

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## WHEN PASS IS NEEDED

Scene: Railway Station, Maritzburg. Waiting: Durban-Johannesburg Mail Train. Time: Monday, 6.5 p.m. Date: Coincident with the lifting of the liquor ban.

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Constable: "Are you going to Johannesburg."

Kamo: "Yes."

Constable: "Let me see your pass."

Kamo (producing his visiting permit, hands it over to the constable).

Constable looks at it then at the piece of paper in his hand and then at Kamo: "O.K."

Kamo (solicitous): "Well, when will this pass go?"

A highly reliable correspondent vouches for the truth of the above healthy combination for women have always been dangerous with bottles. "It is a good thing; it is a step forward; it brings us nearer the franchise," declared a trade union secretary. He wasn't prepared to elaborate his statement further.

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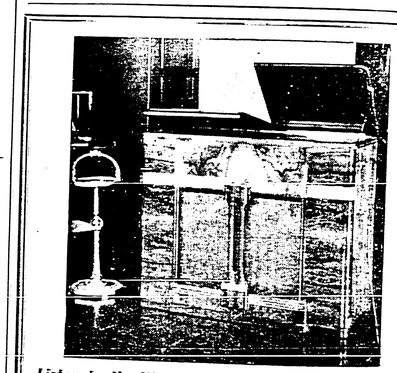

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MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

Dr. and Mrs. Appasamy, of Port Elizabeth are holidaying in Durban.

Messrs. E. J. C. Meeks and C. Dlwela, both of Ladysmith, have left for Cape Town. They intend proceeding to Cuba.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Smeda, of Estcourt, have returned home after visiting relatives and friends at Ladysmith, Colenso and Pietermaritzburg.

Mr. M. V. Naidoo, of the Machine Tool Co., Ladysmith, and Mrs. Naidoo are spending their holidays in Newcastle and Johannesburg.

The following spent their weekend in Durban: Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Cato and Mr. and Mrs. Eadie Singh, all of Pietermaritzburg.

Mr. G. Koorzejier, Mr. Ezekiel Ebrahim Karrowan, of Messrs. D. Cachalia Joe & Co., Estcourt, spent their week-end in Ladysmith.



College Scheme Progresses

An urgent appeal is made for more funds for the building of the Nizamia Muslim College. We do beseech you to kindly donate all that you can so as to enable us to continue on with the good work of providing a thorough Islamic education to all Muslim children. Our Prophet has laid great stress on education and it is narrated in an authentic tradition that He once said that a

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The treasurers beg to acknowledge with thanks below the kind donations received:

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The last committee meeting will be held during the month as our eighth annual general meeting will be soon held.

During the week one Muslim funeral was conducted by the society; this case was from the country districts; Karanes were from the Gurba Pundu.

All members and officials are kindly asked to send their fees before closing our books. (876)

"HE WHO MARRIES IS A FOOL"

Dr Christopher Quotes at Brother's Marriage

A large number of people from all parts of the province packed the H.Y.M.A. Hall at Newcastle at an "at home" given on Sunday last by Dr. Leonard Christopher to celebrate the marriage of his brother, Mr. Oswald J. Christopher, to Miss Visalatchee G. Pillay, second daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Pillay.

To mark their appreciation of the good work put in by Mr. Christopher in the world of sports in Northern Natal, Mr. A. K. Naidoo, president of the Northern Districts Indian Football Association, presented him with an address. Referring to Mrs. Christopher, Mr. Naidoo said that she had, as a Tamil teacher, done a lot of good work for the Indian community.

On behalf of the Natal Indian Congress (Newcastle Branch), Mr. H. L. Singh presented Mr. Christopher with a

As a social worker Mr. Christopher, said Mr. S. K. Singh, had done much for the Indian people of Newcastle.

Mr. I. S. Wavda declared that he held Mr. Christopher in high esteem and regarded him not only as a brother, but as a member of the Wavda family, of Newcastle.

Mr. P. Pachal said that he had known Mr. Christopher for a long time and he was positive that he had rendered service equally to all sections of the Indian community. The speaker hoped that after his marriage, Mr. Christopher would still carry on with his social work.

Replying and thanking the guests for their presence, Dr. Leonard Christopher declared, in a lighter vein, that it had taken his brother quite a long time to discover the correctness of the Chinese proverb: "He who marries in a fool, but he who marries not is a greater fool."

Others who spoke were Messrs. C. V. Abou, V. G. Naidoo, A. R. Singh (on behalf of the Hindi Pracharni Sabha), S. M. Vawda (on behalf of the Muslim Young Men's Association), Mr. Godfrey and Miss Godfrey.

MUSLIMS AND HINDUS UNITE IN "HOLI"

Under the auspices of the Hindi Prachanni Sabha, "Holi" was celebrated at the Glencoe School Hall, which was packed. After the havan ceremony, Miss K. G. Maharaj spoke on its significance.

The entertainment commenced with a "Holi" sketch, produced by Miss K. G. Maharaj and directed by Messrs. D. P. Singh and S. K. Naidoo.

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After this many items were rendered by both Muslims and Hindus. Miss Maharaj remarked in her speech that it was a good sign of the times — Muslims and Hindus uniting in the near future.

PROPHET'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED

The Bazmi Ishwaana Safa (Moslem Brotherhood Union) of Durban, conducted the celebration of the birth of Prophet Muhammed's birthday. This took place at the Jooma Mosque, Grey Street, on Tuesday evening. For this particular occasion Maulana Goolam Muhammed Goolam Rasool, of Standerton, was invited to lecture. The Maulana delivered an inspiring lecture on the life of the Prophet. The mosque was packed to its capacity. Over 2,000 people attended. Arrangements for free buses were made for Overport, Mayville, Umgeni, etc., through the generosity of Messrs. A. S. Kajee and M. A. Ballim.

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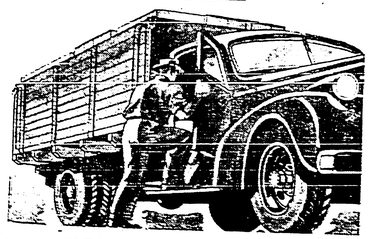

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PROGRAMME
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The marriage of Mr. Dreamoo (E. G. Moselley), attached to the staff of Glenalbyn Indian School, Braemar, and eldest son of Mr. and the late Mrs. G. Moselley, of Equitis district (Umzinto), to Miss Vijaia, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. Moodley (Peter), of 161 Gardiner Road, Seaview, will take place at the Shree Sivasanar Temple, Umbilo, Durban, on Sunday, March 28, 1943. Simplest ceremony between 12 noon and 1 p.m.
Friends and relatives who may have been overlooked are kindly requested to accept this as a personal invitation.

## *APPRECIATION*
Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Naidoo wish to thank all those friends and relatives who visited them at their wedding on Sunday, March 7, and those who sent presents and congratulations, flowers from all parts of the Union, Special thanks to those friends who assisted at the wedding.

The officials and members of the Coronation Krishna Santamil Society thank the ladies of the Women Sewing Circle for the kind donation of £5 15s. made by them for the purpose of purchasing school books for the society's Tamil School. The society also wishes them every prosperity and may God shower His blessings upon them.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Christopher, of Newcastle, wish to thank all friends and relatives for their congratulatory messages and presents on the occasion of their


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## Our Responsibility
BY amending the definition of the "Asiatic" for the purposes of the Liquor Act the Government of the country has thrown a moral responsibility on the highest order on the Indian people. So far the Indian people were prohibited from purchasing liquor at a bottle store. Anybody who wanted to have a drink had to go to a public house for it, a place where there was an exemption. This had the effect of keeping away a very large number of people because of the prevailing attitude of Indian society towards persons seen entering a public house. On the other hand there was the stigma of belonging to an inferior race attached to the law-abiding people. They were, it was argued, prevented from carrying liquor home because they were not capable of handling it without, abuse. Now this has been removed, but with that removal one of great responsibility.

We are confident that once the boon of "being free men," as it were, has been thrown off the Indian people will bear themselves to the satisfaction of all as far as the question of liquor is concerned. We feel sure that if they will lag behind any group or section in this respect, we submit that there is no doubt in the beginning be occurrences but that nobody will approve of, but these will not be peculiar to the Indian people alone. They have occurred in the history of every people. Every action has its reaction. It must be so in this case. The Indian, we may safely say, who has built a reputation of being law abiding, will be looked upon as a citizen of the first order, will succeed in that reputation and prove to the Government of this country that he is deserving for more rights than only that of "being a bottle."

## *Our Readers Speak*
### 'FOR BRAHMINS ONLY'
With reference to the warning of Sanathan Sabha I am glad that they have now an opportunity of asking the basis how is it that the Sabha is conducting class at the Durban Hindu Temple for Brahmins only? Is it not a fact that they have excluded the non-Brahmins from this place? Are not the other sections of the Hindu community entitled to knowledge, or, is knowledge the monopoly of Brahmins only.

Action like this will not bring about improvement in the Sanathan community. Let the Sabha take a broad view of their undertakings, lest it eventually fails.

SECUNDY

Secretary, Middelburg Indian Congress.
Your report reached us too late for publication in our obituary notice. It was also too late to use.—Editor.

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Subject: "Athmadharsan."
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## HERE POLITICIANS FAIL, FOOTBALLERS START
### Move for Non-European Co-operation
L Natal's Indian footballers be responsible for the realisation of inter-racial harmony and co-operation among the non-European groups of the African population—something which has been so far tried with little by the progressive politicians.
he issue was raised at the annual meeting of the Natal Indian Football ation held at the Currie's Fountain Pavilion on Sunday.
r. Geo. Singh, who was a player in the last inter-provincial tournament, hall rolling for a debate when he declared: "We want more inter-racial s, especially with the African people of this province. My suggestion more important objective than just football. We must attempt by this to break down some of the distinctions and prejudices which exist between n-European groups themselves—leave alone the Europeans.
The Government of this country has a divide and rule policy for its non-an population, but I doubt if it can legislate to prevent Africans and a playing football."
SINGH suggested that in non-inter-est years interest in football ill be maintained if a Natal In-an met a Natal Bantu team. Later Coloured people, if they made ance in soccer, could come and pean triangular tournament be held in Natal biennially.
ing next and finding no support throughout the debate, Mr. A. declared: "I don't approve of Mr. ingh's suggestion. The time is not ge, but I am prepared and I prefer with Europeans. We should work this line." (Laughter.)
fact is," stated Mr. R. P. Naidoo burg), "that we have to look at from a practical point of view. I ee any reason why we should not with the Bantu. I have attended ol school of Africans, Coloureds and without any illeffects."
ting Mr. Geo. Singh, Mr. R. ker declared: "The Bantus play a game of soccer today."
Singh's suggestion was already be-ried out in the Transvaal and in ley where soccer matches between ntus and the Indians were being Mr. R. W. Daniels pointed out, must have more interunion-European , and I am proud to say that the last time we met them." Mr. T. G. Alexander (South Coast) said, "we got half a dozen. They beat us. Their combination and standard of play was an education for the Indians. The suggestion is a very good one and it should be worked out."
"I am surprised at Mr. A. Singh, who exhibits both a colour superiority and inferiority complex," declared Mr. Barney Padayachee. "He will not play with Africans, but he is prepared to play with Europeans who rammed down the Pegging Act into the throat of the Indian people. I am surprised that such opposition should come from an elder man. In this country we should get together and create harmony and cooperation among the non-European groups.
"I am one of the strongest advocates of the idea of inter-racial soccer," emphasised Mr. Isaac Anthony (Maritzburg). "We have made a small start in Maritzburg."
It was a strange mentality, declared Mr. S. L. Singh, that opposed the suggestion of matches with the Bantus and yet advocated matches with Europeans.
"The white man sits on your neck and yet you won't play football with the Bantus. There is some queer complex somewhere," he added.

## TEACHERS' UNION TO MERGE
### Bursary Effort to Leave a Name Behind
There are signs that the Natal Teachers' Union, which has struggled valiantly for the betterment of the Aided Indian Teacher, and has succeeded beyond antics nation, will finally be incorporated in the Natal Indian Teachers' Society provided certain important details are settled so that the leaders of the profession will have an organisation recognised by the Education Department.
The Natal Teachers' Union, however, will not dissolve itself without leaving a mark behind it. In the course of its struggle it has also taken cognisance of the fact that there are a number of students who are deserving and to that end one of the recommendations of the executive, in the event of incorporation which was unanimously adopted at a special meeting held on Saturday afternoon was "the creation of a bursary fund to the value of £300," to be designated "The N.T.U. Bursary Fund."
Referring to this, Mr. S. Panday, the chairman of the Union declared: "When the N.T.U. ceases to exist as a separate entity the bursary fund will not only serve to perpetuate the memory of the Teachers' Union which, within the short space of two years, has been responsible for considerable improvements in our conditions, but will be left behind as a legacy and part of a contribution which we aided teachers have been able to make towards the progress of Indian education."
The meeting had been called to place before the aided teachers the position of the Natal Teachers' Union after their absorption by the Administration.
The president pointed out that in view of the there was no need for two Indian teachers' organisations. As far as the Union was concerned its constitution had been amended so that non-graduate teachers eligible for membership.
Two joint meetings had been held between the executive of the N.I.T.S. and the N.T.U. The N.I.T.S. is now prepared to come into the fold of the Teachers' Union. In view of this the executive of the N.T.U. had decided to have the N.T.U. incorporated with the N.I.T.S.
Referring to the many grievances of the aided teachers the president assured the meeting that these would be dealt with immediately after incorporation.
Mr. T. Govin (chairman) pointed out that the teachers had already contributed £56 10s. for the erection of a double unit ward.
Members generally agreed with the resolution of incorporation. Others who spoke at the meeting were Messrs. R. Goodwin, E. Reynolds, C. V. Stark, C. Moonsamy and M. V. Naicker.

## LESS COFFEE SALES
(Continued from Page One.)
add up my list of patients now numbers will have a weapon handy at Bottles have been put to this other which they are expressly made fore today."
acher wouldn't go beyond stating nation, will finally be incorporated in time into character training and l lessons at school. Being pressed r he said that he prayed solemnly boys would not add Bacchus to their ers for the Indian."
am very much worried about the liquor traders, even if we have to e coffee," declared a cafe proprietor r business will be affected tremen-because there is a possibility that number of the "cafe" means get quick fraternity" will be increased. Government of this country has a very ently the prices on the illicit market deep quickly. I have met quite a ber of shebeen proprietors who are ing glum and despondent as their ness has been almost ruined by this
The caretaker at the old school was ite enthusiastic on behalf of the unfortunate people who did not have permits to carry liquor. "Oh, we've got our tricks," he said, "but it doesn't affect me much because I have been carrying a permit for the last ten years."
An amateur economist said the move to ban the sale of Mr. Bofinger's bub-Taxes had been levied on wine, especially the wine industry, in order maintain its prowess, had to find a ger market and, by and' there were quarter million Indians in South Africa were perfectly satisfied with his de-ces.
cial worker who himself felt that good would and was bound to from this move told our reporter a teacher had told him about the and then without having first within two yards of the pub; then a look round to see if there was in sight; then making a dive pub and asking for a quick one. that make snatch drink and run ink. And the tragedy of it all to that everybody in the district our movements on that fateful I can take a sip without feeling ntained, without having the slur a cure into a pub and without ded a moral degenerate."
concludes our reporter, "as consPatterson who's done time for his views, but this is the answer if friend of his when I asked him gentleman in question was: "It ing and I think he is at home. NO wasn't pursued any further.

## SMUTS THE STATESMAN
THE Prime Minister, General Smuts, reports Press correspondents from Cape Town, has shown a great deal of interest in Indian affairs. Meeting the Mayor of Durban, Maritzburg and Ladysmith, with other city councillors and officials, he told them that they should see that houses were provided for Indians, also for the more highly educated classes. He instanced the Riverside area, where something might be done. He also asked the Durban councillors to see their influence to settle the question of sites for Indian schools and a technical college.
The Prime Minister also referred to the question of franchise—municipal, provincial and parliamentary—which, he said, must be faced up to, as it was inevitable that it would have to come.

### MITHRA MANDAL
At the fifth annual meeting of the Arya Mithra Mandal meeting, held at the Essendene Road School Hall, Sydenham, the following officials were elected: President, Mr. K. Nepaul; vice-presidents, Messrs. R. Beeral and J. Ramburan; secretary, Mr. R. R. Udit; assistant secretary, Mr. S. Shanand; treasurer, Mr. K. Ramdass; committee, Messrs. R. Nepaul, R. A. Naidoo, S. Rashdew, J. Seegram, R. Rangai, H. Ramdass, K. B. Chetty; patrons, Mr. Satyadeen and Mr. R. Udit.

## *BOYCOTT BUT . . .*
INDIANS of the Communist Party would have boycotted the proposed Judicial Commission if it were not for the fact that the commission's report would have been "based on the opinions of the conservative and appeasement section of the Indian people."
This statement is contained in a remit sent to The Leader for publication.
"It is essential," they declare, "that the progressive point of view be heard at the commission. But only as part of the mass campaign. When the commission is sitting mass demonstrations should be held on demands such as No Segregation, Repeal Pegging Act, Remove Provincial Barriers, and Full Franchise Rights. On the basis of these demands the progressive must give evidence. They must further point out to the commission now in the past commission reports were not properly dealt with by the Government.
"Thus the progressive section will be heard and at the same time they will see that the struggle against the Pegging Act is not side tracked.
"The Communist Party once more calls upon the congress to carry out a campaign against the Pegging Act, Ranga, H. Ramdass, K. B. Chetty; and calls upon the trade union movement to prepare also for the commission."

## WEST AFRICAN TROOPS FIND FRIENDLY WELCOME
NEW DELHI.
It was India's "picnic" for us call the children on the West Coast) who really welcomed the West African troops to India, writes a special correspondent who travelled with them.
As hundreds of tall Negro soldiers boarded the trains and looked out upon a strange new land scores of Indian children scampered across the tracks shouting with excitement.
The Africans' faces expanded into broad smiles. They had arrived, and they were happy. Where children greeted them, so would the people.
Within a day of the West Africans settling down in camp, village children presented themselves, shyly, perhaps a little nervously at first and later as boldly as emissaries.
They were the Africans' escort to the villages where the people's friendly welcome and hospitality were deeply appreciated.
Charcoal irons and bright country cloth, twin reminders of home, were their first purchases in the bazaars.
Major W. M. Milliken, the West African Forces' P.R. Liaison Officer, said: "The Africans' morale has never been higher and they are keen to get on with the job.
"Mohammedans form about a third of the men and these have been extremely interested in the mosques and festivals, to which they have been frequently invited by Indian Muslims.
"They are also very interested in the use of bullocks for agriculture and transport purposes, and in the thousands of wells.
"There is a prolonged dry season on the West Coast, and it is quite possible that when the Africans get back they will apply some of the knowledge gained here to their own agricultural pursuits."

## Mainly About People

To Mr. and Mrs. Hobial Kothiram (nee Debeiagh), a bonny son on February 12.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Godfrey have left for Cape Town this week on a holiday.

Messrs. A. I. Kajee and P. E. Pather are now in Cape Town in order to submit the Indian viewpoints on various legislative measures, which will come up before Parliament this session.

Mr. A. M. Paruk (nee), who had sustained a fracture of the knee as a result of a fall at the Salisbury Club three weeks ago, is making satisfactory recovery.

Mr. M. C. Naidoo, second son of Mrs. and the late Mr. V. M. Naidoo, of 11 Houghton Road, Clairwood, and Miss Anjalay Ammal, second daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. R. Maidoo, 57 Houghton Road, Clairwood, will be married on the 25th of March, 1944, at the bridegroom's residence. Nuptial ceremony between 2 to 4 p.m.

The engagement has been announced between Mr. Lallay R. Jugath, third son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jugath, of Dundee, and Miss P. Chandrawathee, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Seethen, of Westville, Durban. The bride-to-be, who is a well-known public worker, is the secretary of the Maheia Arya Samaj, Westville. The prospective bridegroom is a well-known sportsman in Northern Natal.

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Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Naidoo after their wedding at Mayville Theatre, which was packed to capacity, on Sunday, March 5. Mrs. Naidoo was formerly Miss Mahalutchmee Naidoo, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Naidoo, Durban North.

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## TALK OF THE BAZAAR

*BY "THE FAQIR"*

It getting positively bewildered at the ... and the speed at which the Gov... of this country decides on my ...nality. Until a few days ago I ...ared to be A-static for the purposes of the ...n Act, while the Japanese is up ...me not an A-static for the purposes ...e same Act. With reference to the ...ing Act, however, I am still an Asia... ...nable to assert I am just "a British ...ct in South Africa of Indian origin," ...ally, for the purposes of maladmin... ...n I am a South African, but when ...es to the good things of life I am ...ten whom Herr Doktor Malan has ...trying to repatriate. However, quite ...mber of people whom I met on Mon... morning were quite pleased as the ...that they could carry their good ...pint down Grey Street without being ...ed by the first copper. An equal number were quite despondent, especially those who have been trying to work up a temperance union for the Indian people. Some people have been cynical and declared to me: "We asked for the franchise at the last conference and the Government has given us liquor." To keep them quiet, I suppose. Another gentleman remarked to me that "the Indian people had now got their rights." I am venturing no opinion for I have too many friends on both sides of the line who have been preaching to me, respectively, the advantages and disadvantages of following Bacchus.

**BURSARIES**

By its act the Teachers' Union has reminded me of the suggestions I made on quite a few occasions in these columns regarding the establishment of bursaries by Indian individuals for Indian children. However, my suggestions fell on barren ground. Those who could afford such bursaries didn't look at the matter, on the contrary, has discovered its responsibility and in the past few months has set up a few bursaries. I think the Indian people should take off their hats to the added teachers for their action. Until the beginning of last year, if my memory serves me right, I believe there were a miserably paid lot. The only thing "noble" about them was the service. Now, when they have been triumphant they haven't forgotten the poor student. The Bazaar trusts that others will now follow the lead set by Maritzburg and the N.T.U.

**PULLING POWER?**

Our advertisement manager, together with his friend of the circulation department, has been wearing a smile the size and length of Hitler's lies the last few days. He has been difficult to get on with. The reason is the following letter, which he has received from a highly satisfied advertiser: "With reference to my advertisement in your worthy paper, companionship, please note that the vacancy has been filled and please do not have any further insertions in The Leader. I have received some 700 applications and the lucky star is a girl from Maritzburg, Natal." I beg your pardon, did I hear you, gentle Reader, say Maritzburg?

**THANKS ALL THE SAME**

The Fagir is loved and hated by turns. One day when one part of the world is satisfied it sends him bouquets, while the other wishes him an early death. Once, I remember, an irate correspondent suggested that the Fagir should be boiled in oil. On quite a few occasions people have threatened to send me to gaol. So on it goes, but the following letter just about caps the lot: "Herewith is enclosed an invitation for you. I had especially reserved this card for you; you are the last man I am inviting with my last card as the last minute. I have enjoyed reading you and I hope you will be present at the last house in —— Road."

**THE AUDITED ACCOUNTS**

A little knowledge is sometimes dangerous and particularly when one wants to "win" in a debating evening was struck last week a young, bright spark, who claimed some knowledge of accountancy, thought he would make an impression when the balance sheet, duly audited, came up for consideration.

"The meeting, Mr. Chairman, cannot accept the statement, unless vouchers are produced in respect of each item."

"Mr. 'A,' you seem to forget that the accounts, voucher by voucher, had already been scrutinised by the auditor before he signed the audit certificate," replied the chairman. There was the collapse of our young hopeful.


Yes, Maud, I'll be there!

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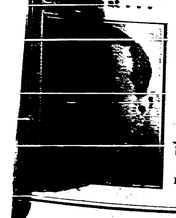

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## HAPPY NIGHTS

Durban's non-Europeans will have an opportunity of hearing a talented young crooner and singer, Maureen Abrahams, who will appear on the Avalon stage in "Happy Nights"—the monthly feature entered in aid of the campaign for social reconstruction, on Wednesday next (March 22), at 7.30 p.m.

Mavis Reisf and her pupils, who have been called back to the stage by public request after their hit success at the City Hall a few weeks ago, will appear in tap dancing, cabaret and musical comedy. There will also be a feature film. (Advt.)

**THE ESCOBEE YOUNG MEN'S SOCIAL CLUB, ESCOBEE**

The members of the said club recently made a drive in Escobee and Nordheim collecting money in aid of the Famine Relief Fund. The amount collected was £9 5s. 6d. The members of the club sincerely thank all those who donated towards this cause.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Kisten, of Gledhow Sugar Estate, Stanger, are spending a fortnight's leave in Durban.

## BLOOD PRESSURE HIGH ?

HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE is actually not what it is called—it is really high resistance by the arteries to the pumping of the heart. Nothing can put a new set of arteries into a person whose blood pressure is higher than it should be because the arteries have hardened. That is obvious but every elderly person has a right to know what his or her best course is (a) to lessen danger, (b) to increase comfort and (c) to prolong life.

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### LADYSMITH CRICKET

Pillay's Cup

Muslims, first innings, 106; second innings, 72.

Railway, first innings, 102; second innings, 71.

N. V. Padayachee won the Stableford golf competition with 42 points.

INTER-PROVINCIAL SOCCER

# DIVISION OF NATAL

A SUGGESTION, which met with general approval, that for the purposes of the Sam China Tournament, Natal should be divided into two portions, was made by the retiring president of the Natal Indian Football Association, Mr. A. Harry, at the annual meeting of the Natal Indian Football Association held at the Currie's Fountain Pavilion on Sunday last.

In view of the fact that there were about ten football associations in Natal, the president said the province should be represented by two teams in the Sam China Tourney. A tentative demarcation was suggested; one team should be chosen from Pietermaritzburg and Northern Natal and the other from the rest of Natal.

In the course of his annual report for the season 1943, Mr. R. Lutchman, the secretary, stated nine associations had been affiliated to the Natal Association. [illegible] were admitted to membership and [illegible] Women County I.F. Association sought affiliation, but this had to be turned down because Natal had already drawn up its fixtures. It was advised to seek affiliation the following year.

Despite the fact that 1943 had been a tournament year, all Natal fixtures had been completed. The All-India Cup tourney evoked great interest.

The highlight of the season had been the Sam China Tourney attendance, which established new records for Indian soccer. A reception committee, appointed early in the season, had been responsible for entertainment of the visiting players.

The formation of a protest, misconduct and appeal board had greatly assisted in avoiding lengthy discussions at council meetings. During the year one appeal, three protests and four misconduct cases were heard.

The balance sheet reflected a credit balance of £428 3s. 11d.

Addresses were presented to Messrs. O. J. Christopher and S. L. Singh in recognition of services. Natal players in the Sam China tourney were awarded certificates of merit.

The following was the result of competition played under the aegis of the Natal I.F. Association in 1943:

Saturday Section

Senior Intertown: Won by D.I.F.A.

Senior Natal Cup: Won by Warwick-hire (D.I.F.A.).

Junior Intertown: Won by D.I.F.A.

Junior Natal Cup: Won by Warwick-hire (D.I.F.A.).

Juvenile Intertown: Won by M.D.I.F.A.

Juvenile Natal Cup: Won by Hillview (M.D.I.F.A.).

Sunday Section

Senior Intertown: Won by S.C.D.I.F.A.

Senior Cameron Shield: Won by Dunes (D.I.F.A.).

Senior Botha's Cup: Won by Westerners (D.I.F.A.).

Junior Intertown: Won by D.I.F.A.

Junior Nat'l Cup: Won by Standards (M.U.F.A.).

All-India Cup

Won by Coastals (Combination of South Coast and County).

The headquarters of the N.I.F.A. are at Maritzburg this year. The following were elected officials, Patron, Mahatma M. K. Gandhi; president, Mr. A. G. Pillay; secretary, Mr. S. Dhaw; treasurer, Mr. E. Dorkan; auditor, Mr. S. Rahamm.

Councillors to the S.A. Indian F.A.: Messrs. S. L. Singh and E. P. Naicker. Nominee to the S.A.I.F.A., Mr. A. Harry.

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### DURBAN CRICKET

By the Muslims beating Kismet on a single innings they have secured their position as leaders of the "A" division league. Stars and Ottomans were [illegible] test with single innings wins at the expense of Bharat and Central respectively. Kismet were able to collect 96 for 7 wickets and declared; in reply Muslims scored 122.

Ottomans also declared for 7 wickets for a total of 122; Central gathered 123 runs. Bharat scored 75 runs as against Stars' 122.

SCORES

Kismet, first innings, 96 for 7 declared (I. A. Timol 45 not out, I. M. Ebrahim 25). Second innings, 30 for 3 declared (I. A. Timol 45, E. A. Manjoo 12 not out).

Muslims, first innings, 122 (G. Nabbay 28, M. I. Yusaf 28), Second innings, 42 for 1 wicket (D. E. Parak 15 not out, M. Yusaf 26).

Stars, first innings, 122 (H. Kazi 49 not out, I. Vahed 32). Second innings, 20 for 1 (E. Bardien 10, A. Bassadien 10, Kazi 20).

Ottomans, first innings, 75 (A. Essay 17, declared (A. I. Timol 36 for 3, Essay 22 for 3). Second innings, 72 for 3 wickets declared (Majam 30, Essay 17, E. I. Timol 16).

Central, first innings, 129 (A. G. Thumbadoo 29, J. Jack 27, V. D. Makan 17).

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### MARITZBURG CRICKET

In the Cassimjee's Cup match, under the system of two hours' batting on Saturday Natalians had a walk-over against Orientals, who failed to put an appearance. On Sunday afternoon the same competition Natalians had another easy win, this time at the expense of Bhaktas.

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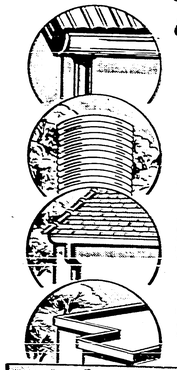

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# INDIA—HER RELATIONSHIP WITH SOUTH AFRICA

## Mr. S. R. Naidoo Traces its Development from 1860

THE subject—"India—Her Relationship with South Africa," formed the theme of an interesting lecture given by Mr. S. R. Naidoo, under the auspices of the India League, Maritzburg, on Tuesday evening. The first contact, he said, between South Africa and India was through the system of indentured labour from India to Natal in 1860. He stated that the abolition of slavery in 1830 saw the commencement of migration from India to Mauritius and other parts of the world.

To trace the stream of migration to British Guiana in 1838, to Mauritius in 1843, to Trinidad in 1844, to Jamaica in 1845 and to Natal in 1860. The commencement of this system of indentured labour saw many abuses and public opinion both in England and India led to a suspension of the system at intervals, but continued on a modified plan by countries which required supply of continuous labour to maintain their industries, such as sugar, tea, rubber, etc.

As a matter of fact, Natal in 1909, when the system of indentured labour was discontinued by Law suspended as a protest against the unjust administration of the Licensing Laws against Indians, passed a law in the old Natal Parliament giving the right of appeal to traders in case of refusal of renewal trade licences. Natal had a bad record, in fact the worst of the world, in so far as the treatment of the Indians was concerned.

In 1894 a number of existing licences were refused to Indians and there was a storm of indignation against this injustice that was perpetrated upon them, an intention to confiscate Indian businesses, a number of existing licences were refused to Indians and there was a storm of indignation against this injustice that was perpetrated upon them, an intention to confiscate Indian businesses, a number of existing licences were refused to Indians and there was a storm of indignation against him. He was threatened with violence and was, in fact, assaulted.

Mr. Naidoo said: "The year 1896 marks a distinct attitude by the white settlers towards Indians. In 1896 the disfranchisement of Indians in Natal, the possessing them of their franchise rights, in 1897 the Dealers' Act and the Immigrants Act were passed, the former vesting the right to refuse or grant any trade licence with the Licensing Officers, and the latter restricting Indian immigration. These Acts were mainly directed against Indians."

The first diplomatic relation between India and South Africa commenced in 1926 when India sent a delegation at the first Round Table Conference held in Cape Town. Under it the office of Agent-General for India in South Africa was created and the successive Agents-General were regarded as representatives of India. This office has now been changed to that of High Commissioner for India in the Union of South Africa.

The motive which actuated the passing of these laws was that Indians in such large numbers would swamp the country and that there would be a danger to their political institution, White supremacy in this country, they claimed, would be challenged. The climax to all these repressive laws was the passing of the Immigration Restriction Act of 1913, which closed the door to any kind of free immigration from India.

This policy of closed door was accepted by the settled Indian population on the assurance that they would be treated justly and sympathetically. It might be noted that the introduction of the Class Areas Bill led to diplomatic relationship between India and South Africa, which continues to date.

Mr. Naidoo laid stress on the fact that all parties in India regarded the problem of Indians in South Africa on non-party lines. Every Party united in claiming for the settled Indian population a fair and equitable treatment.

He said that the Cape Town Agreement was a remarkable document which contained the Union Government's de-

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# PAGES FROM HISTORY

"The question resolves itself into this—can the Colony afford to put a check on production, and what effect would this have on the revenue, or progress, and the employment of Colonists? I view it as affecting Colonial industries and their development in the broadest sense, as a question affecting the progress of the Colony, its revenues, public benefit, and comfort, and, above all, as being the most practical way yet suggested in which white Colonists may secure profitable occupation in a Colony situated like ours. If we look back to 1859, we shall find that the assured principle of Indian labour resulted in an immediate rise of revenue, which increased fourfold within a few years, mechanics found their wages more than doubled, and progress gave enormous impetus to every one from the Berg to the sea. A few years later, well founded alarm arose that it would be suspended. Simultaneously, down went revenue and wages, immigration was checked, confidence vanished, and retrenchment was the main thing thought of. Some years later—in 1873—a fresh promise of renewed Indian immigration created its effect, and up again went the revenue, wages, and salaries, and retrenchment was seen spoken of as a thing of the past."—J. R. Saunders in a report of the Indian Immigrants' Commission, pages 98-99, 1885-1887.

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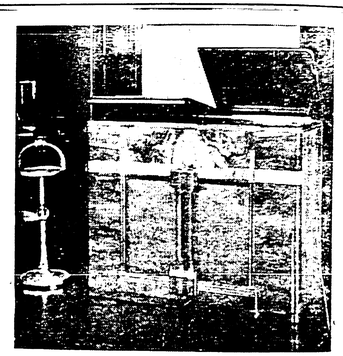

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## CHANGES IN CHINA

The question of full relations between China and India could only be thought of when the straitjacket hold of British and American capital in the East has been broken, declared Mr. Duncan Lee, a Chinese visitor from Johannesburg, when he spoke under the auspices of the India League on Sunday last.

Tracing the course of the national struggle of the Chinese people the speaker said that the bourgeoisie of the Kuomintang and the so-called lovers of a Chinese republic had been a step forward. China was destined to play an important part in the post-war world. There would be important changes in the economic and political field after the war, he concluded.


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claration that the permanent Indian population would be uplifted.

Mr. Naidoo, continuing, gave instances of hardships and trials of life endured by early immigrants. The present Indian community was built on their blood and bone and the present generation of Indians owed much to the labour of their forebears in this country.

The Indian population consisted of 4 per cent. of South African-born Indians. On them fell a heavy mantle of responsibilities. It was their duty as South African nationals to contribute to the welfare of South Africa. Their loyalty was to South Africa, but they could always look upon with pride on their ancestral home to which continuity and restoration there were bound at all times.

Mr. R. G. Naidoo, president of the League, presided. Messrs. K. [illegible] and M. Gopaul Naidoo proposed a vote of thanks to the lecturer on his interesting and instructive lecture.


## ANDHRA NEW YEAR

The Telugu community will celebrate the Andhra New Year today (Friday). The New Year is known as "Vikari Nama Samvatcharam." A short programme will be held under the auspices of the Andhra Maha Sabha of South Africa at "Andhra House," Leopold Street, Durban, at 7 p.m.

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*Our Readers Speak*

## Hindu Youth's Choice in Marriage

Some years back an article on the Hindu marriage system appeared in our local paper, signed by Mr. Gurudutt Varma. Since then changes have taken place in our social customs, etc. But those changes are not sufficient to give the ordinary Hindu youth freedom of thought and action regarding his marriage and the choice of his life mate.

I am not a writer. I do not possess sufficient knowledge of the English language to give vent to my feelings and the feelings of numerous Hindu youths who are labouring under the same mistaken idea of marriage according to the Hindu text and religious books.

We have today amidst us the Arya Samaj and Sanatan Dharma Sabhas. The leaders of these religious bodies plead with the Hindu community for the social and educational advancement of the community. But when the question of marriage really affects their sons or daughters they are the first to object to the choice their son or daughter has made.

With the permission of Mr. Gurudutt Varma, I hope, Mr. Editor, you will publish the following extracts from his article: "A marriage is a religious sacrament, a superstructure built on the basis of a racial instinct. It is an alliance of vital significance, hence all the pomp and ceremony that attends it. How is it then that what is looked upon as a sacred sacrament sanctioned by society, should at hand in hand with a solemnisation of an absence of freedom resulting in man or woman? Can that act make fair its purity and sacredness if it implies force, reluctance or compulsion on one of the parties? Does not the arranged marriage more often become eyewash and hypocrisy when the husband finds his mate lamentably short of his expectations and vice versa?

"Love alone ought to govern matrimony and not the sweet will of the parents, which so often clashes with that of their son or daughter, nor the slavery of the fair sex to her predominating partner. And sanctity exists only when there is love. When his or her heart is fixed somewhere else the arranged marriage is reduced to a farce, for there love is absent. Is not life with an incongenial partner mere prostitution?"

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"Preparative statements have been entered by Indian men on the subject of the woman entering public life. We hope through the medium of The Leader to hear some views on the subject."

The presentation of the Matho Trophy for Thrift Competitions to the Chatsworth Intermediate Indian School took place recently. The Natal Thrift Committee, represented by Messrs. A. Gray and Boswell, the chairman and secretary respectively, Mr. E. A. Banks, the Director of Education, and Mr. Bieleck, Inspector of Schools, were present. Mr. A. Gray presided on the occasion.


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Morning Session—
(1) 9.15 a.m.: Hoisting of Hindu Flag on the premises of Veda Dharma Sabha, Longmarket Street.
(2) 10 a.m.: Procession leaves for City Hall from Veda Dharma Sabha premises.
(3) 10.30 a.m.: Conference assembles at the City Hall.
(4) Prayers (Pandit Jugmohanjee).
(5) Messages.
(6) Address of Welcome by Chairman of Reception Committee (Mr. S. R. Naidoo).
(7) Nomination of President for Conference (Mr. R. B. Chetty).
(8) Presidential Address (Mr. R. B. Chetty).
(9) Other Speeches.
10. Formation of Subjects Committee and appointment of chairman thereof.
Musical Items will be interspersed.
Session Adjourns for Lunch.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 1944.
Afternoon Session (H.Y.M.A. Hall)—
Meeting of Subjects Committee, Discussion of subjects bearing on:
(1) Mr. Satya Deva's Scheme on Hindu Unity, Vernacular and Dharma.
(2) Recognition of Hindu Marriages —Appointment of Marriage Officers and qualifications of persons to be appointed as Marriage Officers.
(3) Propagation of Hindu Religion.
(4) Observation of Religious and National Festivals.
(5) Birthday Celebration of Religious Saints and National Leaders.
(6) Religious Instructions for Hindu Children.
(7) Conversion.
(8) Swami Shankeranand Memorial Hall and Library.
(9) Establishment of Hindu College.
(10) Establishment of Ashram.
(11) Literature Propaganda on Hinduism (Book and Literature Fund).
(12) Daily Practice of Religion in Hindu Households.
(13) Training of Teachers and Preachers.
(14) Formation of Social Service Corps and Physical Culture Clubs.
(15) Hindu Missionaries from India.
(16) Temples.
(17) Marriage Rituals and Ceremonies.
(18) Girls' Education—with special reference to physical culture and training in Domestic Science.
(19) Free Railway Facilities for Preachers.
(20) Deepavali Festival — Uniformity Day of Observance.
(21) Hindu Religious Instructions in all schools where Hindu children predominate.
(22) Other Resolutions.
Session will continue on 9th and 10th April, 1944, at the Veda Dharma Sabha Hall, Morning Session at 9.30 a.m. Afternoon Session, 2.15 p.m. Session closes 1 p.m. on April 10, 1944.
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In Memoriam

Late Mr. Benedict Michael Simon, who peacefully passed away on March 19, 1943, at the age of thirty-three.

He was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Simon, of Stanger. At the time of his passing away he was an assistant teacher of the Greyville Government Indian School, Durban.

He is sadly remembered by his loving wife and his three children and by his parents, dad and sisters.

"Day by day he bore his pain
Hoping for cure, but all in vain,
Trying hard to live,
To ease his pain
And gave him everlasting rest."

In Memoriam

MANICKUM.—In loving memory of my loving wife and our darling mother, Violet Daisy Manikum, who departed this life on March 22, 1943.
So quickly and so quickly came the call.

Your sudden death surprised us all,
You bade us not the last farewell,
And God called you home,
But in heaven we hope to meet you again.
Evermore mother, mother darling with us still.
Ever remembered by her sorrowful husband and loving children, Celia, Monica, Rasheed and Sydney (dad).

THE—
# LEADER

SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 1944.

## Smuts' Two Voices

THE Indian people of this country are at a loss to understand the Premier of South Africa. Immediately before the passage of the Pegging Act he was, after his visit to England, hailed as a prophet and as a herald of the new world in which all nations and all peoples would live side by side in complete equality and lasting friendship. But his utterances in Parliament when the Pegging Act was brought up for discussion revealed him in colours not altogether pleasing to those who had looked upon him as a prophet. His subsequent action in refusing to meet a deputation of the South African Indian Congress because the Indian people had looked to India for help, brought further discredit upon the reputation he had built up. The Indian failed to understand the man who would give peace and security and a full life to all the peoples of the world except those blacks under his direct control. These people were to remain apart from the rest of the world; they were not to enjoy the fruits of the policy which General Smuts advocated for the rest of the world.

Recently, in reply to a letter from the Indian Ex-Servicemen's League, he stated that he did not feel that the matter was a suitable one to be inquired into by the Judicial Commission which will investigate all aspects of Indian life in Natal soon. It is remarkable that the Premier should refuse a request which goes to the very core of the people's being, for as long as democracy is accepted as a doctrine of Government in South Africa, for just so long will the right to vote be the right of every people in South Africa whether they are white or black. These Ex-servicemen fought for the country. They were prepared to lose all, life itself, yet the Premier will not accede to their request on behalf of the Indian people. Nobody can question their right to ask for the franchise, for in many ways they are the most qualified to do so.

Recently, however, the same Premier told the European people of Natal that it was time they awoke to the question of the Indian and the franchise. The people should be given some representation in the Government of the country. In his views fail to see the logic of these two statements. When they asked that the franchise be included with the terms of the surrender of the Axis Powers they were given a blunt refusal, but the Europeans on the other hand are told that they must consider the question of the franchise for the Indian people. The same man speaks with two voices within a short space of time. General Smuts has a reputation in the international theatre as a statesman of the highest order and his two voices are no more than an illustration of that statesmanship. All the peoples of the Dominions are looking forward to the coming conference of Premiers. General Smuts will be there. He might have to answer for his deeds in South Africa since his last visit to England, but he has prepared the ground skilfully—he is Slim Jamie, the politician, not without justification. The World's Press has already told his would-be questioners that he has two voices over the home of the country to consider the question of the franchise for the Indian, but the Press doesn't know, that he has given the Indian an answer which can be safely interpreted as a "No"—this would be to the satisfaction of his Nationalist friends. He is not the first time that the Oubaas has had a trump up his sleeve. He had two flanks over the Pegging Act he now has two voices over the issue of the franchise. We must ask which is the real one. In the meantime the Indian must be on the lookout.

## INVITATION

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to
MISS D. KANAKAMMA MOODLEY
(Second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Doorsamy Moodley).
on
Sunday, 2nd April, 1944, at the Bride-groom's Residence, Chaka's Kraal, near Chaka's Kraal Hotel.
Nuptial ceremony from 11.30 to 12.30 a.m.
Bride's party will leave their residence on Saturday by train at 9 a.m.

## Thanks Notice

Mr. Harkoo and the family of the late Mr. J. C. Harkoo of Pietermaritzburg, Mr. and Mrs. Chandran Naidoo (Durban), Mr. and Mrs. Harkoo (Durban), and other relatives for their kind messages of condolence and their floral tributes sent in their sad bereavement.

The City Star sporting Club, Clairwood, deeply regrets the loss of their active member, the late Chandran Naidoo (Durban), son of Nyniah Naidoo of 35 Sugarcane Rd., Clairwood, who died on March 19, 1943, at Maritzburg. Many thanks to all friends and relatives for their kind messages and floral tributes sent during their sad bereavement.

# SELF GOVERNMENT FOR INDIA DEBATED

## Narrow Win for Liberal Study Group

THE Candhi Library was packed on Sunday afternoon when a debate was held between the Liberal Study Group and the Durban Parliamentary Debating Society.

The Durban Parliamentary Society moved: "That in the opinion of this House the time is not yet ripe for the granting of Dominion Status to India." The motion was opposed by Mr. T. A. Blakeley, Miss E. L. Roberts, Mr. K. R. Barnes and Mr. K. A. Sheppard. The Liberal Study Group opposed the motion and was represented by Messrs. H. I. E. Dhlomo, R. Arenstein, M. L. Timol and M. D. Naidoo.

The study Group won by a narrow margin. The adjudicators were Miss Elizabeth Sneddon, M.A., and Mr. Justice J. H. Brokensha. Commenting on the debate, Justice Brokensha said that he was pleased and in some respects disappointed with the debate, especially as far as research and preparation were concerned on both sides.

"We have not learnt a great deal. The speakers should have been prepared with a little more indication of the burning of the midnight oil. We may remind you that in judging the debate we did so purely from a debating point of view preparation and the manner of presentation.

"We have been struck with the forceful manner in which the opponents have been able to grip the audience—and that not in their mother tongue, That is some achievement."

"On the question of the power to grip, to persuade and to hold an audience there has been no doubt as to the award," declared Miss Sneddon, the other adjudicator.

Immediately before the debate, Mr. T. A. Blakeley, the leader of the Parliamentary Society, told the audience to remember the fact that what most of us would say might not be their convictions, but they were out to score debating points.

MR. T. A. BLAKELEY, who led the Durban Parliamentary Society, declared that the time of the British East India Company was a period of plunder, but it was only a short era in the pages of Indian history. Warren Hastings gave his own life affairs. He established what is now the Indian Civil Service, combining many of British public school type who always tried to play the game." Even away back in 1833 there was a clause to prevent the Indians from being members of the Government. The only way was "to try and prepare the Indians for the time when they could fill important places in the Government."

The Indians had taken pains to eliminate famine and plague and also promoted the poor Indians from the rapacity of the rubber ones. The granting of Dominion Status would mean the fall of external and internal affairs, but unfortunately there was no national unity and Britain had to protect the interest of the minorities. She had always done so.

"Britain is the best protection for the poor Indian for the rich Indian is solely concerned with his own advancement."

Despite her millions, India, at this time, was too weak to defend herself.

"Britain has a trust and a service. We have not failed in that trust. It will be a long time before India can get rid of all her internal difficulties," the speaker concluded.

Rising to oppose the motion on behalf of the Liberal Study Group, Mr. H. I. E. Dhlomo declared that the very fact that India was weak was due to foreign rule. Only a tenth of the people were educated and pension actually meant exploitation.

Given the freedom the Indian people could unite right now. There was no country in the world where there was public unity, but in a national emergency a people could always unite. It was the British policy of divide and rule which had caused the dissension in India. It was an insult against the laws of Britain to hold India any longer in bondage.

Great Britain, said Miss E. L. Roberts (Durban Parliamentary Society), recognised the rights of the Indian people to self-rule and as soon as the people had settled their internal differences they would be given the freedom. It was time to grant India Dominion status at the moment because Gandhi had openly declared "Leave India to God or to anarchy."

If Britain left India at this stage the latter would be subordinated to a conflict between Hindu and Moslem people. The objections to the Cripps' proposals were not valid. On the one hand the Hindu Maha Sabha had declared that India, before the outbreak of war, would not sue nation. Mahomed Ali Jinnah had declared if his demand for Pakistan was refused he would not help India. Moreover, the Labour had declared that

## Mainly About People

The engagement is announced between Nandhlall, eldest son of Mr. and the late Mr. Lutchan, of 9 Carnarvon Road, Manville, and the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Deonarain, of Sydenham, Durban.

Mr. J. C. Peters, of Hlobane, was a week-end visitor to Ladysmith, where his son, Anthony, is ill at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Chetty.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Sykes were the guests of the Stanger Literary and Debating Society when they visited Stanger on their way back from Gingindlovu.

A deputation consisting of Messrs. K. Thambi, M. Jajbhbay and Z. V. Parekh are in Cape Town making representations on behalf of the Transvaal Indian Congress.

Messrs. C. Vawda, G. H. Seedat, S. Kazum, I. Goga and A. E. Mather, all of Ladysmith, spent their weekend at Harrismith.

Mr. B. Benedh, of the Aryan Prathini Sabha, Durban, visited Ladysmith during the weekend, and lectured on Eastern literature in various institutions.

Mr. L. Haribhai is back in Ladysmith after touring the Cape.

Mr. Channilall Lalloo and Mr. Chaggan Lalloo, both of Springs, visited Ladysmith.

Messrs. A. P. Naidoo (Stanger), S. T. Naidoo (Tongaat), T. J. Naidoo (Tinley Manor and P. Reopsingh, chairman, Natal Indian Cane Growers' Association, left on Wednesday last on an extensive tour of the Union on a combined business pleasure trip. They expect to return about the middle of April.

Hajee Ismail Hajee Cassim Adam and Mr. Alee Sulliman, Commissioner of Oaths, both of Pretoria, have been made patron and life member respectively of the Memon Educational and Welfare Society of Calcutta.

Mr. A. Akhar, attached to the staff of the Stanger Government Indian School, and who was away on sick leave, has now resumed duties.

Mr. A. K. Khan, of Nylstroom, is spending two months' holiday at Maritzburg and is the guest of Mr. A. A. Ballim.

Mr. M. S. Moses has been elected secretary for the Crowns Indian F.C., Balgowan.

## KAJEE—HAFFEJEE MARRIAGE: TWO DAYS' CELEBRATIONS

AN outstanding social event, which brought every section of the Indian community together, took place at Durban during the weekend. The occasion was the marriage of Mr. Abdul Vahab, the youngest of the Kajee Bros., to Miss Hawa Bibee, youngest daughter of Mr. Ismail Haffejee, both the families are well known throughout the country and are intimately connected with the public life of the Indian community. Advantage was taken of the time to pay a tribute to the manifold activities of Mr. A. S. Kajee, the bridegroom's eldest brother, and Mr. Ismail Haffejee, the bride's father, for his acts of philanthropy, and to Mr. Ebrahim Haffejee, the bride's eldest brother, for his public work both in the field of sport and in the general well-being of the community.

The marriage celebrations were spread over two days on Saturday at the residence of Mr. A. S. Kajee, at Riverside, presented a "mela" appearance. Guests, fully representative of every interest and every section of the Indian community, came in by the hundreds, and the huge pandal, erected on spacious ground, was fully taxed to accommodate them all. Meals were of the prewar variety and nothing was left undone to meet their comforts.

On Saturday evening the nuptial ceremony was concluded at the Victoria Mosque; here, too, the place was crowded with those who took part in the religious rites and with non-Muslims as interested observers.

After the service a concert, given by Mr. Sultan Khan and party, was held.

The programme continued up to the early hours of the morning.

On Sunday the venue of the celebrations was moved to the residence of Mr. Ismail Haffejee, "Palm Villa, Umgeni Road. Guests here again took up all the space provided for their accommodation. Local speakers relayed the speeches to all parts. After a religious invocation by Hafez Pudia, Mr. M. E. G. Parak, who presided as M.C., read out a sheaf of congratulatory messages, among which was one from the High Commissioner for India and another from

Mr. A. M. M. Lokhat, vice-president of the Madressa Anjuman Islam, recalled firstly the public work of Mr. Ismail Haffejee rendered in his native town of Kathor and the palatial building he had provided as a musafkhana (guest house).

He also referred to the services of Mr. A. S. Kajee in many fields, also as a friend of the poor, as well as to Mr. Ebrahim Haffejee.

On behalf of the Madressa, Mr. A. K. Mahomed Sujanan Islam, recalled recording Mr. Kajee's services as: "Endowed with such a true spirit of service, strengthened by your religious fervour, you have become the pivot around which the work of the Madressa centres. Times out of number the poorest amongst us find in you a sincere friend who provides succour in distress and guidance in moments of trial and tribulation for which no greater tribute could be paid."

Other speakers were Messrs. S. Hoosen Jee, Aboo Moosa, A. Ballim, B. B. Singh, Moulana Hamed, A. Choudree, I. M. Bawa, Munshi Kader Mia, Moulvi Vaid, A. G. Bux, Munshi Jacoob, Hafez Badsha, Yusuf Moor, Syed E. Rasool, Hajee Hoosnodeen, Ismail Omar, M. H. Vaid, G. M. A. Yawda, Karwa, S. M. Desai, M. H. Khan, Abdul Hae Kazi, Hoosen Dawood Seedat. Most of them also spoke as representatives of various organisations.

Mr. A. S. Kajee and Mr. Ebrahim Haffejee appropriately replied.

MR. SEKHAR BHIDIALL, who has been appointed by the Union Government Commission, to fill the post of Indian Health and Social Investigator for the Public Health Area of Edendale and District.

## RED CROSS PASSES

The following have passed in the various grades of the Red Cross Examination (Inclement 42):

Silver Medal: Marie Mathew, Athmanand Bisnath, Soobadian Cooper, Hassan Essahan, Rajgopal V. Naidoo, Mathoo Vandla Mudan Jithoo (Commissioner), Beethuse T. Maharaj (Quartermaster).

Advanced: Damakdeoran Nair, Muthu Ramasamy.

General: Beerajh Bisnath, Moonsamy Chitray, Freddy Kondiah, Arumugam Palaney, Surabhjih Parem, Harrypaul Kroop.

Large quantities of drugs are being sent by air from England to the stricken districts of Bengal. Already 1,000,000 vitamin capsules supplied by His Majesty's Government have reached Bengal and have been distributed.

In a caption in The Leader of March 4, which read Miss Sahaistalmow, eldest daughter of Mrs. M. K. Naidoo, should have read "of Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Naidoo, of Durban North."

Mr. M. P. Naidoo (Perry), eldest son of Mr. and the late Mrs. V. M. Naidoo, of 91 Houghton Road, Clairwood, and Miss Govind Ammal, youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Govender, of Port Shepstone, will be married on Sunday, March 26, 1944, at the bridegroom's residence. Nuptial ceremony between 9.30 and 10.30 a.m.

## TALK OF THE BAZAAR

*BY "THE FAQIR"*

It was exactly one year ago on Wednesday, March [illegible] that the Pegging Act became operative. The first anniversary seems to have passed with comparative calm in the political fronts of the Indian community. As I write there is an impression that the Liberal study Group might offer its platform to people of all shades who are opposed to the Act to make a pledge to oppose it until such time as it is removed from the Statute Book. The Act has come across the rights of the Indian people in Durban and still the Europeans are not satisfied; they would have it extended to other municipalities. At the time of the passage of the Act, Minister Harry Lawrence declared that the Durban City Council had a Housing Scheme for the Indian people. As far as I am aware the Indian people are still looking forward to those houses. Hope, they know, is people thing which can never be "pegged." It is one right that can never be denied to anybody. By the way correspondence in Durban's English Press recently gave me a feeling that the Europeans of Durban would like to have Indian birth "pegged." They allege the Indians multiply too fast and if the European is not careful he will soon be swamped.

**SUSPICIOUS**

These days it is very dangerous to carry a bottle and part of a bottle, more especially if you have a reputation for keeping away from liquor. One day last week a friend of mine, for whose reputation of being sober I can wager my last shirt, happened to buy a bottle of vinegar. He stuck it under his arm and walked home. It was strange that everybody whom he knew gave him a second look and then proceeded with a knowing smile. He, unfortunately, he never realised why people looked at him curiously. Finally one [illegible] restrain himself and said: "Look here pal, what about it?" "What about what?" asked my friend, still in the dark. His friend looked lovingly at the bottle under his arm. Then the truth of it struck him. Everybody along the street had thought that my friend, a strict T.T., had taken advantage of the removal of the liquor ban. So if you have to carry a bottle please don't do so if you want to keep your reputation intact.

**THE FIFTY-FIRST FACT**

Writing to her sister, Mrs. Vijaya Lakhani Pandit, Miss Nayantara Pandit, who is schooling in America, declares: "We are surprised to find girls of 16 and 17 getting married. America is just beginning to do what we have been doing for centuries. No wonder Americans are a new people! Let them do as we do. But let us not do as they do. According to the majority of Americans," Miss Pandit goes on, "Indians are divided into two classes. The first class is that of the Red Indians with their feathers and tomahawks. The second class is that of the snake charmer Indians." Commenting on this an Indian magazine says: "Correct them, please! Tell them that the Indians are divided into males and females, the first class do not wear feathers, but live as fathers with the other sating as mothers. Let us hope America will also do what we have been doing for centuries. The next edition of the "Fifty Facts About India" pamphlet should contain the fifty-first fact: "Indians are generally divided into two sexes—the male and the female. And if a fifty-second is needed, it may be added that there are also female males in India, quite a large number of whom become fathers and wear feathers, not of the Red Indian, but of the white British."

**NOT EVEN A TERNIE WEENIE RIOT**

Taking part in the discussion which followed the group Parliamentary Debate on Sunday one speaker pointed out that in Europe, excluding Russia, whose population was far, far smaller than that of India, the people were divided up into umpteen nations and states, and were allowed to have their wars regularly, but when it came to the question of India, the British did not even recognise the fact that there were two nations and that they could live together. Further, these two nations were expected to live together in the spirit of amity. They were not even allowed to have an occasional riot without Britain getting furious. The speaker did not use these words, but this is the impression I got. While Europeans could multiply are another every twenty-five years, in India the people could not even have a "teenie weenie" riot occasionally without the British Press headlining the facts: "Ten people killed in Communal Riots."


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## DURBAN CRICKET

All the matches over the weekend at Currie's Fountain was confined to "E" division league competition. Greyville, Young Central and Sastri College had easy win over Young Bharat, United and Otto respectively.

Young Central, first innings-, 138 (P. P. Singh 79).

United, first innings-, 31; 2nd innings-, 72 (H. Mahomedy 25 not out, Jeewa 22).

Otto, first innings-, 35; 2nd innings-, 85.

Sastri College, first innings-, 85 (Jack Naidoo 21); 2nd innings-, 47 for 1 wicket (Sunday 28).

Young Bharat, first innings-, 50; 2nd innings-, 85.

Greyville, first innings, 87 for 5 declared (P. Moosa 22, C. Akbar 20); 2nd innings, 60 for 2 wickets (Akbar 39 not out).

WEEKEND FIXTURES

"E" Division League Competition
Greyville v. Orientals.
Panday Shield March 25
Young Muslims v. Ottoman.
Bharat v. Stars.
Cup
Young Bharat v. Otto.
Asmal's Cup March 26
Sastri College v. Young Kismet.
Sparks v. Young Central.

## LADYSMITH CRICKET

Pieters' Shield

Saturday—
2 p.m.: (a) Muslims v. Ladysmith, Empires: A. H. A. Timol and E. I. Chopty.

Sunday—
10 a.m. (b) Ottomans v. Railways, Empires: D. M. Seedat and G. S. Govinder.
2 p.m.: Winners of (a) v. Winners of (b) final, Empires: A. E. Mathir and M. Govinder.

## Tennis for T.B. Funds

The Natal Indian Lawn Tennis Association will continue the singles competitions, which is being staged for the benefit of T.B. funds, in both the "A" and "B" divisions tomorrow (Sunday), commencing at 7.30 a.m. at the Sastri College courts. The following are the fixtures in the "A" division:

Second Round

(1) D. Laljee v. G. M. Motala. (2) J. S. Jugnath v. S. Bharath.
3rd Round (Semi-final)
S. S. Maharaj v. D. Reopanarain, Winner of (1) v. Winner of (2).

## SERVICE TEAM BEATEN

An Indian XI beat the Services XI (Europeans) at the Indian sports Ground, Raritzburg, in a friendly match by 52 runs, after an exciting day's cricket last Sunday. The Indian team lost three wickets for 60 runs, but good batting by K. D. Reddy and A. H. Rawat enabled the side to score 156 runs. Ted Chetty and K. M. Casimjee added 49 run- in partnership for the fifth wicket. Roberts and Putterill were the most successful bowlers.

The Europeans made a good start, but only some of the batsmen could cope with the good bowling of Ted Chetty and K. D. Reddy, who each took six and two wickets for 25 respectively.

The best bowling of the day was that of Ted Chetty for the Indians. He captured 6 for 25.

Indians XI, first innings, 156 all out (K. D. Reddy 52, A. H. Rawat 31, and E. M. Casimjee 22. J. Stirling 2 for 32, and J. D. Raw 5 for 24).

Services XI (Europeans), first innings, 152 all out, close of play. (R. Putterill 23, J. Stirling 21 and J. D. Raw 20, Ted Chetty 6 for 25, and K. D. Reddy 4 for 54).

The teams were: Europeans—Bob Martin (captain), S. N. Roberts, G. Maxwell, P. Matsopoulos, Pope Ellis, R. Putterill, J. Stirling, K. Bowles, J. D. Raw, W. Smylie and P. Barnard.

Indians: K. G. Naidoo (captain), A. H. Rawat, Ted Chetty, Johnny Naidoo, K. Casimjee, N. P. Sulliah, S. Dhanabalan, P. Govindsamy, M. G. Moodley, K. D. Reddy and A. Ismail.

Mr. H. G. Naidoo, on behalf of the M.D.I.C. Union, welcomed the European visitors and expressed pleasure in having them amongst Indians, and assured them of an enjoyable game. He stated that matches of this kind should be encouraged and if possible made an annual event.

Mr. Bob Martin suitably responded.

Mr. Pope Ellis, who had represented Natal, stated that he had played against the Indians previously and asserted that there were fine cricketers among them. He stated that it was now up to the Europeans to arrange a match with the Indians to be played at the Oval at Alexandra Park in the near future.

Messrs. N. P. Sullia, J. S. Stirling, D. N. Roberts and I. S. Casimjee, the president, also spoke.

## NATALIANS WIN

Natalians defeated Royals by two runs and eight wickets last Saturday in the Zasat's Cup final match.

Royals C.C., first innings, 37 all out (P. Govindsamy 16, and T. V. Vallathan 14, K. D. Reddy 5 for 16, and I. S. Chetty 2 for 20).

Natalians C.C., first innings, 39 for 3 wickets (K. M. Casimjee 20, and Ted Chetty 16).

## STANGER FINALS

Stanger Pirates C.C. met and defeated Young Commercials, also of Stanger, in the first round of the cup competition on Sunday last. Commercials scratched and forfeited to Stanger United. Pirates will now meet Schools in the 2nd round on Saturday afternoon (two hours' batting). The winners are scheduled to meet United in the finals. These fixtures will bring the union's activities to a close for the season.

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## MORE DRASTIC THAN PEGGING ACT"

### Proposed Powers for Local Authorities

AMENDMENTS, which will vest local authorities with unlimited powers to expropriate lands have been proposed by the Housing Board to Section 11 of the Housing Act 35, of 1920, as amended by Act 31 of 1936. Referring to this the South African Indian Congress states, in the course of a memorandum: "We feel that the proposed amendments cut right across the primary object of the Honourable the Minister of the Interior, who is endeavouring to find a solution to the problem of alleged Indian penetration in Natal. And, moreover, these amendments are more drastic than the Pegging Act."

So far the Indian people have been safeguarded because powers under the Housing Act only allow expropriation for the erection of sub-economic houses and for the provision of civic amenities. The land cannot be resold. It is this safeguard which has so far prevented the Durban City Council from expropriating Indian-owned land at Riverside, and Congress submits that if local authorities were given unlimited powers there would be nothing to stop the Durban City Council from expropriating the whole of the Riverside area, replanning it and selling it to Europeans. Similarly in the Transvaal there would be nothing to prevent local authorities from taking over the leases and locations, replanning them and selling them aside for the ownership and occupation of Europeans.

In Cape Town the City Council has a proposal to clear up the area known as "District Six." This district has been occupied by Coloureds and Indians for a very long time, and it would be a very easy matter for the City Council of Cape Town to expropriate, under the proposed powers, the whole of District Six, replan it and sell it to Europeans.

"It must be appreciated that neither in the Transvaal nor in Natal have Indians any say in the administration of local authorities, and placed as they are in that unfortunate position expropriation proposals by local authorities will be carried through with ease to the detriment of the Indian community and to the detriment of race relations, and seriously affecting the well-being of cities and townships as a whole."

To strengthen our point we need but quote the request of the Durban City Council to extend the definition of the words "approved scheme." The Council, we learn, desires the additions of the following to the definition given in the Act, "and includes also a proposal for the acquisition of land for the purpose of planning or laying out an area for the use by the public for building purposes or set aside by the local authority for other purposes."

The addition of the words—"or of re-planning or laying out an area for use by the public for building purposes"—is the most devastating weapon that can be given to any local authority to harass a settled community at any time in any places.

The expropriation proposals of the Durban City Council, which embraced Indian areas where our community had lived for seventy years or more is a case in point. Here the Council proposed to expropriate 325 acres of Indian-owned lands and resell them to Europeans. The Housing Board, however, modified the scheme by permit of 400 acres being made available for acquisition by Europeans and 400 by Indians. In point of fact these 400 sites would, clearly from the case placed before the Housing Board, be for a considerable portion of the property to be given to Indians who had lived itself, because of its nature for residence, for development for building purposes.

The safeguards contained in Section 11, as amended, have so far militated against the Durban City Council's designs, and we submit that the powers referred to above, were given to the local authority there would be nothing to stop the Durban City Council from expropriating the whole of the Riverside area, replanning and selling it to Europeans.

"The plan which the Durban City Council has attached to its programme of postwar development, and submitted to the Natal Provincial Post-War Reconstruction Commission provides for separate areas for the various racial groups.

"It envisages the uprooting of our people from several settled areas, such as Riverside, the Bluff, Bellair, Hillary, Mayville, within the City of Durban, and Malvern, Escombe and Chelmsford, outside the city boundaries. If the Durban City Council should possess the powers which the Housing Board contemplates giving them we fear that the uprooting of our people from the several areas mentioned proceed as a matter of course, and our community would have no redress in the disturbance of rights acquired by long tenure.

"We feel that the proposed amendments cut right across the primary object of the Honourable the Minister of the Interior, who is endeavouring to find a solution to the problem of alleged Indian penetration in Natal. And, moreover, these amendments are more drastic than the provisions of the Pegging Act.

"The amendments to Section 11 will, therefore, in our opinion provide a short circuit to local authorities, particularly the Durban City Council, desirous of securing the objects which hitherto, under the Slums and the Housing Acts, could only be achieved by laborious process, and thus enable them to expropriate Indian-owned lands and eventually by gradual process segregate our people.

"We, therefore, respectfully request that Section 11 of the Housing Act, as amended by Section 2 of Act 31 of 1936, should remain as it is."

## SIGAMONEY STRUCK

JOHANNESBURG, Tuesday.

The Rev. R. R. R. Sigamoney, after conducting the evening service at his church in Vredebarg, on returning home, was badly assaulted. He was struck with an iron-bar on his face. He was removed to hospital for attendance.

In 1938-9, military traffic on Indian railways amounted to less than half a million tons; in 1942-43 it amounted to 12.9 million tons.

## ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY?

MR. P. R. PATHER failed to appear in the Durban Magistrates' Court on Thursday last, when he was summoned a second time for remaining on his premises in Moore Road, in contravention of the Pegging Act.

The prosecutor pointed out to the magistrate that the correct procedure for him would have been to apply for a warrant of apprehension, but he had received a telegram from the Minister of Justice restraining him from proceeding further without his (the Minister's) concurrence.

Mr. Pather is "still at large." In fact he is in Cape Town on public work.

The case has been adjourned till April 6.

The mystery surrounding the payment of the £5 fine and the consequent frustration of Mr. Pather's attempts to go to gaol last January was recalled by Mr. S. Rustomjee when he spoke at the Liberal Study Group meeting on Thursday evening.

Referring to this Mr. Rustomjee said: "Your secretary, Mr. Pather, has been charged again. Which Indian paid the fine the last time? While one individual was striving to vindicate the rights of his people, one blackleg frustrated his attempts. Now Mr. Pather has another opportunity of going to gaol and that blackleg another chance to pay a fine. This time, I am afraid, it may not be one £5 but £5 per day."

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