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Young Central, first innings, 158 (P. P. Singh 73).

United, first innings, 31; 2nd innings, 74 (H. Mahomedy 25 not out, Jeewa 21).

Otto, first innings, 34; 2nd innings, 85.

Sastri College, first innings, 85 (Jack Naidoo 21); 2nd innings, 44 for 1 wicket (Rowley 22).

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

Greyville, first innings, 87 for 4 declared (P. Moosa 22, C. Akbar 26); 2nd innings, 60 for 2 wickets (Akbar 39 not out).

WEEKEND FIXTURES

"B" Division League Competition
Greyville v. Orientals.

Panday Shield — March 25
Young Muslims v. Ottoman.
Bharat v. Stars.

Asmal's Cup
Young Bharat v. Otto.

Asmal's Cup — March 26
Sastri College v. Young Kismet.
Sparks v. Young Central.

LADYSMITH CRICKET

Pieters' Shield

Saturday—
3 p.m.: (a) Muslims v. Ladysmith. Umpires: A. H. A. Timol and E. I. Chupty.

Sunday—
10 a.m. (b) Ottomans v. Railways. Umpires: D. M. Seedat and G. S. Govinder.
2 p.m.: Winners of (a) v. Winners of (b): final. Umpires: 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 9.30 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. Roopnarain, Winner of (1) v. Winner of (2).

SERVICE TEAM BEATEN

An Indian XI beat the Services XI (Europeans) at the Indian Sports Ground, Maritzburg, in a friendly match by 34 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 152 runs. Ted Chetty and E. M. Cassimjee added 40 runs in partnership for the fifth wicket. Roberts and Putterill gave the Europeans 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 45 respectively.

The best bowling of the day was that of Ted Chetty for the Indians. He captured 6 for 27.

Indian XI, first innings, 152 all out (K. D. Reddy 34, A. H. Rawat 31, and E. M. Cassimjee 22. J. Stirling 4 for 32, and J. D. Raw 3 for 25).

Services XI (Europeans), first innings 118 all out, close of play. (R. Putterill 25, J. Stirling 21 and J. D. Raw 20. Ted Chetty 6 for 27, and K. D. Reddy 2 for 16.)

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

Indians: R. G. Naidoo (captain), A. H. Rawat, Ted Chetty, Johnny Naidoo, E. Cassimjee, N. P. Nulliah, S. Dhanabalan, P. Govindasamy, M. G. Moodley, K. D. Reddy and S. S. Reddy.

Mr. R. 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. Nulliah, J. S. Sterling, D. N. Roberts and E. S. Cassimjee, the president, also spoke.

NATALIANS WIN

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

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

Natalians C.C., first innings, 39 for 2 wickets (E. M. Cassimjee 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 K.O. competition on Sunday last. Commercials scratched in favour of 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 provisions of 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 bazaars and locations, replanning them and setting 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 thus profoundly 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 sale to the public for building purposes or so much thereof as is not to be used for the construction of approved dwellings or set aside by the local authority for other purposes."

The addition of the words—"or of replanning or laying out an area for resale to the public for building purposes" is the most devastating weapon that can be given to any local authority to uproot a settled community at any time in any place.

The expropriation proposals of the Durban City Council, which embraced, amongst others, the acquisition of the Riverside area where our community had settled 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 to permit of 600 sites being made available for acquisition by Europeans and 600 by Indians. In point of fact these 600 sites would, if the proposals were carried out, be brought down to 350 plots for the simple reason that a considerable portion of the area proposed to be given to Indians does not lend itself, because of its nature and contour, to development for building.

The safeguards contained in Section 11, as amended, have so far militated against the Durban City Council expropriating the Riverside area, and we submit that if 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 Northdene, 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 1 of Act 31 of 1936, should remain as it is."

SIGAMONEY STRUCK

JOHANNESBURG, Tuesday.

The Rev. B. L. E. Sigamoney, after conducting the evening service at his church in Vrededorp, on returning home, was badly assaulted. He was struck with an iron-bar across his face. He was removed to hospital for attention.

In 1938-39, 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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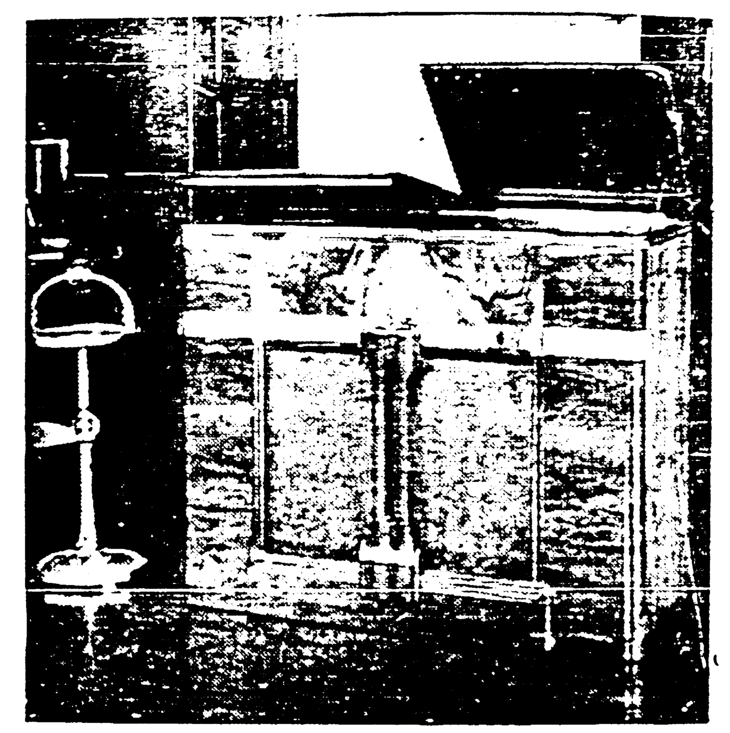

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Marriage Message from Mr. J. H. Hofmeyr

PRETORIA, Monday.

PRETORIA had one of its great days on Saturday. Every town and village of the Transvaal, with people from Natal and the Cape, added to the number of the guests present at the marriage [illegible] Omar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hajee [illegible] Ebrahim, to [illegible], daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hajee Ismail Cassim [illegible]. From absent friends came hundreds of telegrams, including one from Mr. J. H. Hofmeyr, the Minister of Finance, and Sir Shafa'at Ahmad Khan, Indian High Commissioner.

In Pretoria itself the wedding celebrations had already been advanced a day or two, but on Saturday every incoming train was increasing the Indian gathering, which assembled firstly at the bridegroom's residence, where elaborate arrangements were made for their stay. In the evening, after prayers, the nikah ceremony was formed in a specially erected pandal before a large audience, representative of all sections of the community, which took up every seat provided for their accommodation.

After the nuptial service Mr. Hajee [illegible] Hajee Mahomed presided. Adding his own encomium to the many that had been paid to the public work of the two families, Mr. Hajee Joosub, speaking on behalf of the Pretoria Indian Commercial Association, referred to the standing of the contracting families.

"Hajee Suliman Ebrahim," he said, "when you came to this country about [illegible] years ago you came out as a clerical assistant, but by your remarkable ability and business acumen you have built up a business second to none, and not only have you amassed a fortune but your reputation and business integrity is of the highest order.

"By your great gifts and farsightedness you have guided our community along the right paths. You have settled many grave matters amongst our people by the soundness of your advice in family disputes, such as political eruptions, partnership wrangles and various other matters. You have saved our community by your wise counsel many thousands of pounds in legal costs and court cases.

"Then you have been most generous in your donations of many thousands of pounds to various charitable institutions. The Pretoria Madressa, which provides religious instruction for our children, will stand as a monument to your memory for all time.

"You have travelled widely in Europe, India and Arabia, and have performed the Haj in the holy places of Mecca and Medina, and I now congratulate you most heartily on the marriage of your son, who, I feel sure, will live to be an honour to his parents.

"Then Hajee Ismail Hajee Cassim: I also extend to you the congratulations of our association, as well as my own, on the marriage of your daughter, thus uniting two of the oldest and most honoured families amongst our community.

"You, too, have travelled the world, have visited such places as Europe, India, Asia and Arabia, and also have made the pilgrimage to our Holy [illegible] still a young man, [illegible] a person of wide and ripe experience.

"Your donation of £10,000 for an Indian ward at the Johannesburg General Hospital, and which will bear your name, will stand to you as a memorial for all ages.

"You have contributed generously in other ways, and have done much for the betterment and advancement of our community in this country.

"I cannot close my talk without a tribute to your esteemed father, the late Khan Bahadur Hajee Cassim Adam. In his lifetime was a leader of note amongst our people, at one time holding such offices as the presidency of the Transvaal Indian Congress and also the presidency of the South African Indian Congress.

"By his wise leadership he did much to relieve the sufferings of our people caused by the discriminate legislation enacted in this country. It is, of course, known to most of us that he, too, came to this country as an ordinary working man, but by his outstanding abilities he built up a splendid business, and in proof of his achievements are the fine buildings erected by him and the Cassim Adam Ward at the Pretoria Hospital, and his handsome donations to other charitable institutions will be a lasting tribute to his memory, and you, his son, are today reaping the fruits of his labours.

"Finally I must congratulate the bride and bridegroom on their marriage, and to wish them every happiness and a very long and successful union."

Bringing greetings from the Natal Memon Association, Mr. Aboo Moosa, secretary, Natal Indian Congress, referred to the high standing of the two families and the marriage was bringing together "two well-known houses in Pretoria."

Addresses of eulogy, testifying to the esteem of the contracting parties, were presented to both Hajee Ebrahim and Hajee Ismail from the following organisations and persons: Pretoria Indian Commercial Association, Mr. Aboo Suliman, Mr. H. N. Keshavjee, O. H. Cassim, Hanaw Himayat Islam, Igbal Study Group, Bhanavad Mohomedan Association, Library and Girls' Madressa, Pretoria Islamic Society, Mr. Dawood Omar, Kamal Sporting Club, Indian Study Club, United Muslim Health Institute, Muslim Study Group, Mr. Essop Moosa, Bhana-[illegible] Pada Association, Young Boys' Social Club, Tarsal Madressa Fund, Pretoria North Muslim Education Institute, Muslim Welfare and Debating Society, S.A. Memon Welfare Society, Potgietersrust Muslim Association, Brits Kismet Sporting Club, Mr. Saleh Mahomed and others.

Mr. Tayab Sacoor acknowledged thanks, on behalf of Mr. Hajee Suliman Ebrahim family and Mr. Mahomed Moosa Dada for Mr. Hajee Ismail Hajee Cassim family.

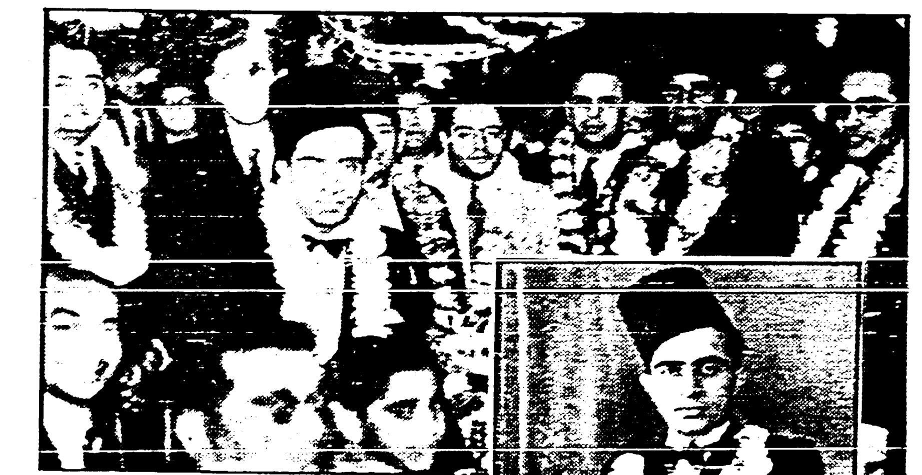
After the speeches concluded with an announcement of donations to various funds, the audience were entertained to music and to an Indian dance, which did not conclude until the early hours of the morning. Zubeda did the Oriental nautch to the musical accompaniment of Sultan Khan and his party. Her gyrating and sinuous movements, which formed part of her dancing, and her singing won the appreciation of the audience, which showed it by sending notes from £5 to 10s. to her. Quite a substantial amount was gathered in this way, more useful, it was said, than "saying it with flowers."

A sumptuous dinner given on Sunday by Mr. Hajee Ismail brought the marriage celebrations to a close.

Bride and Groom's Parents

Mr. H. S. Ebrahim

Hajee Ismail Hajee Cassim



Above: Reception after the wedding. On the right: The Bridegroom.

"HAVE ALWAYS SUFFERED"

WE desire to emphasise that however well intentioned a legislation may be and however general in character, our community have always suffered discrimination in the application of many legislations, states the Natal Indian Congress in the course of representations made to the Government on the proposed Fisheries Bill.

"We feel, therefore," the memo proceeds, "that though the proposed Bill is intended to safeguard the interests and well-being of the fishermen; the Bill must definitely say that there should be no discrimination on the grounds of colour; and we, therefore, urge that the following clause should be added to ensure against such discrimination: "In the administration of this law there shall be no discrimination on the grounds of race or colour of the employers, employees or shareholders."

According to the census of 1940 there were 122 Indian fishermen in Natal and 7 in the Cape. The estimated number of Indian dependants are 1,000. In Natal, Congress points out, Indian fishermen are governed by Ordinance 11 of 1916 and because of this the Sea Fisheries Act 10 of 1940, specially exempted them from the provisions of the Act.

Congress requests that the Fishing Industry Bill should be amended to embody the protection provided by the Sea Fisheries Act of 1940.

In the operation of both the Ordinance and the Act, Congress states, the intention and tendency have been to restrict the number of Indian fishermen rather than augment it.

"We ask for this continued protection because the Indian fishermen, who live wholly in the Bluff area, Durban, have for several generations carried on fishing with the aid of sieve netting along the foreshore of Durban and in the inshore."

While agreeing that there was a great deal to be done for the improvement of the fishermen, the N.I.C. doubts whether these improvements could be realised by the creation of a Fisheries Development Corporation, which is monopolistic in design and savoured of the ultimate elimination of the smaller man in the fishing industry.

No definition had been given to the word "fisherman," and Congress urges that the Bill should define the word to include all fishermen employed in foreshore, inshore, as well as deep sea fishing, and the descendants of such fishermen.

Clause 13 of the proposed Bill, Congress submits, places autocratic powers in the hands of an individual for the registration of fishermen. Congress suggests that if such a principle is to be enforced then the most equitable method of registering would be to place the onus on a Board comprising of members representative of the Corporation and the fishermen, presided over by a person with a judicial mind.

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"The Bottle Franchise"

MUSLIMS ASK FOR RESTRICTIONS

PRETORIA, Monday.

Speaking at a social gathering at Pretoria yesterday, Mr. Habib Motan, a well-known Muslim from Johannesburg, referred to the evils of "the bottle franchise."

He asked that Muslims should still be under the restriction of the Liquor Act. "We don't want the restrictions removed as far as Muslims are concerned," he said.

INDIAN BROADCAST

In commemoration of "Ramnaumi"—Shri Ramachandra's Birthday—a special talk will be given by Mr. R. J. Maharaj on "The Life of Rama," and Messrs. J. R. Singh and Harilal Desai will sing in Hindi and Gujerati respectively during Sunday's Indian broadcast.

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FOURTH SESSION
CITY HALL, MARITZBURG,
APRIL 8, 9 and 10, 1944.

AGENDA

(Subject to alteration)

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 1944

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 (Pundit Jugmohansingh)
(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 Shankaranand 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.

R. B. Chetty, President; S. R. Pather, Chairman of Council; T. N. Bhoolai and Govan Mahk, Joint Hon. Treasurers; R. Ramath, General Secretary; S. R. Naidoo, Assistant Secretary.

LIBERAL STUDY GROUP

Book Review—

"Asia and Democracy"
Dr. K. Goonam

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SUNDAY, 2nd APRIL,
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to the
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of Mr. and the late Mrs. Abdool Karim, of Mayville,
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Ahmadia Mosque, Bellair Road, Mayville, on Sunday, 9th April, 1944, after Zohar Prayers at 12 noon.
Friends and Relatives are cordially invited
Dinner at 5 p.m. at the Bridegroom's Residence, followed by Concert.

Appreciation

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Moodley, of Glen Allyn, Reunion, Umzinto, wish to thank all friends and relatives for their congratulatory messages and presents on the occasion of their marriage. Special thanks are due to relatives and friends who assisted at the wedding.

Thanks Notice

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Naidu and family, of Flat 3, 8 Robinson's Buildings, corner Russell and Victoria Streets, Durban, thank all friends and relatives for their kind messages of sympathy and floral tributes sent in their great sad bereavement, and also for their kind attendance at the funeral.

THE—
LEADER

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 1944

Preparing for the Commission

THE Indians must prepare as one for the Commission. There is no time to be lost for once the Commission is in motion every available bit of evidence in favour of the Indian people must be presented to it for examination. We must be left unturned in the preparation of a watertight case. It is the duty of every organisation or group to devote the aspect it is going to handle and prepare so that when the Commission has concluded its findings there can be no regrets. In the past it had been the Natal Indian Congress and the Natal Indian Association to prepare the case of the Indian people and give evidence before a commission. The onus always fell on the shoulders of a few officials. In order to cover the widest possible field we would suggest that a entirely different procedure be adopted this time. The Natal Indian Congress should establish a bureau right now with its own chairman and secretaries. This bureau should decide on how many aspects there are from which the Indian case can be handled. Among some of these aspects we may enumerate education, social services, health, housing and the like.

This bureau could then contact the people who are most capable of dealing with the various questions. For instance on the question of education there are teachers both in the Natal Indian Teachers' Society and the Natal Teachers' Union who are very capable of dealing with the subject. They can be delegated with the job of forming their own sub-committee for investigation, research and preparation of a case on the question of Indian education. Once they have done their work they can forward the evidence to the bureau where it will be filed until all the evidence has been obtained from the different people handling different aspects of the problem. Once in possession of the data there are competent members of the community entitled to the preparation of the final evidence to be submitted to the Commission.

In this way we feel more ground can be covered and work will be spread out instead of being confined to a handful of people. Trade unionists, leftists, progressives, conservatives, merchants, school teachers, social workers, attorneys, doctors can all contribute to build up a powerful and an unanswerable case for the Indian people. Co-operation and sacrifice of time will be the first requirements and we doubt if any Indian would shirk work at this stage when the future might be made better.

Our Readers Speak

DURBAN WOMEN ARE ON THE MOVE

It seems that Johannesburg is best at making history by finding avenues of employment for its fair sex in commerce and industries.

It is a good move but not an innovation. To explode the fallacy of men makers "provocative statements" against women entering public life, I must mention that from time immemorial women in Natal have been demonstrating their equality with men both manually and mentally. First it was on the cane, cotton and tobacco fields; then at business, in markets and trading, followed in the teaching profession and now we have genial factory hands, shop assistants and finally to more skilled work as office clerks and shorthand typistes.

Apart from exhibiting their ability at wages earners they tour above on bicycles and drive cars at break-neck speed—I say nothing of their excellence in public speaking, musical talents and in social respect and hockey sticks.

It is often fashionable for parents to educate their daughters and claim that their rightful place is in the kitchen to mature pots and pans. Don't infer the brainwaves of a girl and spoil her advancement in this way. Just as you educate a girl give her the opportunity to demonstrate her ability and prove her worth.

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MARCH 22 — "A DAY OF HUMILIATION"

Indians Pledge to Fight Pegging Act

TODAY marks the beginning of the second year in the life of the Pegging Act for it took effect from March 22, 1943, and it is fitting that we should all assemble on this day and pledge our determination never to rest until the Pegging Act is finally removed from the Statute Book of this country. The Pegging Act must go and in its place must come the recognition that all the non-European peoples of South Africa, as part of the permanent population, have the inherent right to full freedom as citizens of this country, as the preamble to the following pledge taken by the Indian people at a meeting held under the auspices of the Liberal Study Group on Thursday last.

"We pledge ourselves today to fight on till the Pegging Act is repealed and in its place we have won the franchise for all the non-Europeans."

Speaking at the meeting Mr. S. Rustomjee declared: "I would call it a 'Day of Humiliation' to be observed by us in South Africa for we [illegible] our means in shame. Yet we have not joined forces during the last year. On the contrary the spirit we had last April is dying.

"Last April also we had hoped that the Government of India would take action. The High Commissioner gave us high-sounding assurances and we believed we had found in him a national hero. I referred to a Punjabi heart in a Punjabi bosom and Punjabi blood running in Punjabi veins, but we went to India and had his term of office extended.

"We have found him and his mighty Government wanting. The resolutions of the South African Indian Congress Conference were very explicit and in plain English they demanded the recall of the High Commissioner but unfortunately this has not been done."

Since their advent to this country Indians had been gradually deprived of their rights, said Mr. A. M. Kajee, a member of the Natal Indian Congress Committee. First it had been the Parliamentary franchise, then the Municipal franchise and last year the Pegging Act cut drastically across the property-owning and occupation rights of the Indian people. It was obviously evident that the Government intended to cripple the Indian in every sphere in this country.

There was a time when the European of this country complained that the Indian did not invest his money here but sent it to India. The Round Table Conference exhorted the Indians to make themselves good citizens of South Africa. Today the Europeans had restricted the Indian from investing his money in properties.

"We are not going to give in to the Pegging Act. We shall continue to nullify it by doing so we will only be helping our selves, ourselves as a people in South Africa.

"I appeal to all my friends," Mr. Kajee concluded, "not to sell their property or lease it to Europeans. I am afraid, however, we shall always find among ourselves fifth columnists who will ask us to sell to Europeans. If the Indians stand together then the Europeans cannot do very much. We must admit that the leaders of the Indian community have done nothing in the campaign against the Pegging Act, but they will now take the lead of the Liberal Study Group."

Dr. K. Goonam referred to the Pegging Act as a "most infamous document passed through a democratic institution—Parliament which was supposed to stand for the uplift of all the people."

The cry of "penetration" had been a very successful vote-catching device.

"It is the primitive greed and passion of man that has led to the Pegging Act, this various battle fronts a diabolical and twisted against the Indian people in S.A. It is the very negation of the ideals of the Atlantic Charter.

"We must always remember," concluded Dr. Goonam, "that we are at all times driven together as blacks and when we fight the Pegging Act let us remember the Poll Tax laws also.

"We call it a Day of Humiliation to be observed by us in South Africa for we must all bow our heads in shame. Yet we have not joined forces during the last year, the unanimity, the spirit that we had in April, 1943, is dying.

"Let us hope that this lack of interest is a temporary phase and that onwards from today we shall go forward fighting until the Pegging Act is repealed.

"Last April we had found that the Government of India would take action. The High Commissioner gave us high-sounding assurances and we believed we had found in him a national hero. I referred to a Punjabi heart in a Punjabi bosom and Punjabi blood running in Punjabi veins, but he went to India and had his term of office extended.

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[illegible] the advent of the Indian people had recaptured the rights of citizenship then the Government would have to give in.

The following resolution was passed at the end of the meeting and has been sent to the Prime Minister, Mr. A. I. Kajee, who is in Cape Town:—

"This meeting held under the auspices of the Liberal Study Group calls upon the Government to repeal this obnoxious Act and to clear the atmosphere for better understanding and amicable relations between various races of the country. It further calls upon the Natal Indian Congress to oppose the Pegging Act on behalf of the Indian people of South Africa until their rights and honour are indicated. Until this is done the Natal Indian Congress should not have any truck with the present Government."

(Continued from Column Four.)

Sirkari Naidoo, S. Panday and A. D. Lazarus can be approached by the Central Bureau to form a "department" of education to investigate and report back to it. These teachers can count the services of organisations interested in Indian education. The question can be divided into: nursery, primary, secondary and university education. The services of the N.U.C. Students' Union can also be enlisted.

Recreation can be dealt with by the Indian sportsmen; Messrs. A. Harry, S. L. Singh, R. Gutchman, K. T. Hadjejee and others, and also by a few women who play tennis. Religion can be handled over to a panel of Moulvis, Pundits and Padres.

Another very important issue before the Indian people is the labour movement which has taken tremendous strides in the past few years. Trade unionists like Messrs. M. D. Naidoo, K. T. Moolla, N. G. Moodley and G. Pamen can be asked to form their associations and prepare a case on Indian trade unionism and the labour movement generally.

There is also the important question of social services. The most important are the various departments" has been called. I would suggest that the Central Bureau, together with the help of Mr. N. Meer, editor of The Indian Views, and Mr. D. Bramdev, editor of The Leader, compile all the evidence before it is presented to the Commission. After this it has to be presented to the Commission. I would suggest that Mr. Sorabjee Rustomjee lend the evidence to a veteran commissioner with the necessary tact and efficiency to prove strong and a very convincing witness. I think if the Indian community can do better. He has served his community well.

The next move should be made by the Government. It should convene a meeting immediately for the formation of the Central Bureau for there is no time to be lost.

Preparations for the Indian Affairs Commission

THE Natal Indian Affairs Commission is the most important issue on the horizon of the Indian people of Natal—not that it is any strange thing in their lives, for the number of commissions they have attended to is legion, but this is the first one which proposes a full investigation, if I interpret the terms of reference correctly, writes our political correspondent. Even though the question of the franchise is not specifically mentioned it can be brought up under the extending clause: "And as to all matters affecting the well-being and advancement of the permanent Indian population."

I doubt whether the Chairman, Mr. Justice Broome, can exclude the question of the franchise from the scope of that last clause. If he does so it will be the most unwise thing for the repercussions will be of the first magnitude. The franchise is the first matter which affects the well-being and advancement of the people. It is actually the major issue, for upon the extension of the franchise to the Indian people many problems will be solved with the least difficulty and what is more important is that quite a number of problems will not arise!

The task, however, which immediately confronts the Indian community is the preparation of the evidence to be submitted to the Commission. In the past the procedure has been to let the politician whether he was Mr. P. R. Pather, Mr. A. I. Kajee, Mr. S. R. Naidoo, or Mr. Sorabjee Rustomjee to do all the work from the investigation, preparation and submission of the case.

There has been too much centralisation, but now there is definite opportunity for decentralisation and the liberal expansion of work. The first step is to decide what are the matters affecting the Indian community. The terms of reference lists the following: housing, health, education, civic status and the provision of residential, educational, religious and recreational facilities. There are a number of others which can be discovered and utilised under the extending issue.

In order to prepare an effective case I would suggest that the Congress set up a special central bureau for the purposes of the Commission. In the first place Congress must establish an office of its own so that it can work without hindrance. It will have to employ a permanent staff, with Keesp Randeree as secretary, for the duration of the Commission's sittings, for the work will be voluminous.

This bureau, consisting of responsible Congress officials should then contact various organisations and individuals who are in close touch with particular aspects of the community's activities and hence the most capable to deal with these aspects.

The first question listed in the terms of reference is that of housing. It will be the work of the proposed bureau to find out the people who are most capable of dealing with the subject of Indian housing. In this very first case the weakness of the methods followed before previous Commissions manifests itself. The only people who do know something about housing are the active politicians who have appeared before the Thornton Commissions. They are, I believe, Messrs. S. Rustomjee, A. I. Kajee and P. R. Pather. Housing, then, ought to be delegated to these three who may accept the services of others which they think will be useful to them and prepare their case. With the question of housing goes civic amenities and residential facilities.

Next, who are the people most capable of dealing with Indian health? Naturally the best Indian doctors who come into constant contact with the problem. These doctors can be contacted by the Central Bureau and asked to prepare a case after showing them the nature and extent of their work. They can be advised to accept the services of people like Mr. Pat Pykes who, with his Friends of the Sick, has done a tremendous amount of work already. The Into Food for Needy Children Committee, before the advent of the School Meals Service did much for the hungry Indian child and the services of Miss E. F. English and her colleagues can be accepted with advantage.

The question of the franchise has been agitating the mind of the Indian people, but no specific reference is made in the terms of reference. "Civic status," however, has been mentioned. There is nothing to prevent the Indian from dealing with the franchise under the extending clause, according to my interpretation. This is an opportunity for our coming bunch of attorneys to make themselves useful. The franchise raises legal and constitutional issues and I think lawyers are the most competent people to deal with such a subject. There was a time when the Indian enjoyed the franchise, but since then the implication of the word in South Africa has changed substantially. The history of the franchise will have to be carefully explored and the Indian people will have to decide whether representation only in Municipal Councils will be of any benefit. This work can be delegated to Messrs. Gen. Singh, A. Christopher, J. W. Godfrey, I. S. Amin, A. Chonilee, R. A. Maharaj and Gen. Raghavjh.

Similarly, the people qualified to deal with the question of education are the Indian teachers. Both in the Natal Teachers' Society and the Teachers' Union there are men who know much about the position of Indian education. Messrs. V.

(Continued in Column Two.)

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Mainly About People

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Mr. M. Feliz, of Durban, has just received the information that his son, Mr. Aurelio Feliz, who is in the Air Force in India, has been promoted flying officer with the King's Commission.

Messrs. S. S. Pillay, E. G. Pillay and E. G. Naidoo, all of Durban, accompanied by Mr. A. V. Pillay, of Dundee, recently climbed the Inkumeni Peak, Dundee.

Messrs. Yusuf Bux, Hamid Bux and their family accompanied by Mr. M. Hallah, all of Stanger, spent the week-end at St. Lucia Lake, Mtubatuba and Zululand.

Mr. Manickam Pillay was elected president for the seventh successive year of the Glenrose and District Indian Football Association at its last annual meeting.

An informal function was held at the Star Restaurant under the auspices of the Muslim Study Circle in honour of Mr. A. V. Kajee's marriage. A large number of prominent people were present. Mr. H. D. Seedat presided. Mr. A. H. H. Ismail, the patron of the circle, garlanded the guest of honour. Among the many speakers were Messrs. K. I. Haffejee, Mahomed E. G. Paruk, I. M. Bawa, Benny Singh, D. Khan, H. H. Seedat and H. Kharwa.

Mrs. J. M. Pillay and children, of Durban, have returned home after spending a brief holiday in Dundbanner with Mrs. Pillay's father, Mr. D. Lazarus.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Moodley, who were married at the Sri Ambalavar Temple, Umbilo, Durban, on Sunday, March 26. Before her marriage Mrs. Moodley was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Narainsamy Moodliar, of Cosmmore Road, Sea View. Mr. Moodley is on the staff of the Glen Allyn School, Braemar.

Mr. M. A. Dinath, chairman and managing director of Universal Providers, Ltd., accompanied by Mr. S. M. Bhamjee, of Pretoria, has left for Cape Town on business. He will be back in Johannesburg on April 2.

Miss Gomum Pillay, of Lansdowne, Cape Town, is on a short visit to Durban.

Mayavathy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Nathammuar (Charles), of Asoka Villas, 42 Gillitts Road, Westridge, Durban, celebrated her 11th birthday on Tuesday, March 29, in the company of her friends.

Messrs. D. T. and Bully Maistry, of Durban were weekend visitors in Newcastle where they attended their sister's daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thangyal was married to Mr. B. Jack Pillay, of Maritzburg.

A RICHMOND WEDDING

The marriage of Mr. D. V. Naidoo, who is on the staff of Cato Manor Indian School, to Madurambal, fifth daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. Pukeree Naidoo (Frances), of Overport, Durban, took place recently at the bridegroom's residence, Richmond, Natal.

Numerous messages of congratulations and presents were received. There was a large gathering of friends and relations. The pandal was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Amongst the speakers were Messrs. Kanak Pillay, D. M. Nurseo and Amar Sing.

Music was rendered by the City Star Orchestra, of Maritzburg.

Of course the school teacher who, when referring to the time book re the daily entrance and exit of teachers, declared that it wasn't indipred really meant no harm.

"WHO DONE IT?"

THE Indian people are now wondering the leaders of the community approached the Government for the concession. No mandate was given by Congress conference in regard to the matter.

An important official of the Indian Congress when approached by Leader reporter regarding the lead reply in Parliament that the lead leaders had approached the Government for the removal of the tax, emphatically declared that, to his knowledge, no approach had been made.

Referring to the Concession, Mr. Ramjee declared: "I am sorry to tell you, as an Indian, that the workers have asked for the concession. Who are these leaders?" He was speaking at a meeting of the Liberal Study Group on Thursday evening.

HINDU MANDIR OPENED

The opening ceremony of the Shiva Hindu Mandir was held at the premises on Sunday last. There was a large gathering of Hindus present. Pandit Mewa Pandit officiated.

Mr. K. Rajoomar, chairman of the Durban Hindu Temple, garlanded Pandit Gangaram Dayal, the donor, and expressed the gratitude of the Hindu community for their generous act. Others who garlanded were Pandit Dwarika, Messrs. E. Ba M. H. Naik, H. S. Singh, B. E. Singh and A. J. Koshoir. Mr. R. Brijlal took on behalf of the donor. The cherry Hindi pathshala children rendered some items.

HINDU CONFERENCE

About 300 delegates, representing Hindu religious and educational societies throughout the Union, are expected to attend the conference of the South African Hindu Maha Sabha in Maritzburg next week.

The conference session will commence at 10.30 a.m. on Saturday next at the City Hall.

The Reception Committee have made preparations.

At the conference, it is learnt, a number of important resolutions on the religious, social and religious advancement of the Hindu community will be discussed.

TALK OF THE BAZAAR

BY "THE FAQIR"

...-European people of this country have, in most cases, to carry ... permits—whichever you please. ...ment there is a big anti-pass ...paign being conducted by the ... with the Indian people they ... found themselves exempted from ...ration of the Liquor Act, but ... have to carry permits when ...ht to make interprovincial trips. ...son does not have a permit he ... to be super-handed and fined or ... in any indirect manner ... belongs to me our mutual friend, ... A. Seedat, who recently fined ... again and was fined. Since then ... been issued with a permit which ... carry on his person and produce ...fore the Aliens' Registration Officer ... forenoon of every Saturday. ... to do this might easily land him ...ol. One of the classes on the ...e, to me, really amusing. It ...He will confine himself to farm ...rations on the farm or his usual ...ness. Quite a number of us ... want to know where else, if ... a farm, can a body carry on ... operations? As for Seedat's ...cupation I can only refer those ... who are interested to Mr. E. L. ... and Mr. A. K. M. Dawrat.

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AN ACHIEVEMENT

It has always been a sore point with the Liberal Study Group that it could not persuade Mr. Sorabjee Rustomjee to speak from its platform. "Chachajee," as officials of the Group refer affectionately to him, has always found a suitable excuse to decline an invitation from the Group. No one has been able to explain this. On Thursday last, as you will see from the news columns, "Chachajee" did speak from the Group's platform. The Group, I may inform the general public, is very happy over this. What is strange was that his friend, Nkosaan, also spoke from the same platform. I am unable to tell you, at this stage, whether Mr. Rustomjee will send "Nkosaan a red tie or not, but I can let you into another secret: Quite a number of Mr. Rustomjee's political opponents are seriously considering approaching the Communist Party to allow "Chachajee" on its platform. They feel that, step one—in fighting on the side of the Left—the Conference, step two is speaking from the Liberal Group platform (which, in any case, Abdullah hasn't done yet), step three will be speaking from the platform of the Communist party, and finally "Chachajee" will get an honorary membership of the Communist Party.

THE "NEW ORDER" AND BUSINESS

All my readers, I believe, are acquainted with the fact that not very long ago the Old Order was thrown out in Maritzburg and the New Orderites took charge of the shaky Congress and are now in the saddle. Whether they have done any work or not, I am not in a position to tell you, but I believe their intentions are all above board. The New Order, I think, consists primarily of lefts and radicals. Quite a number of these New Orderites were in Durban one cloudy day recently. For my part, I assumed that they were here to advise Durban's left wing, which is in the minority and is still governed by the Old Order. Only a few days ago, however, I discovered that that was not their purpose. The person who gave me the information did so in absolute innocence. Probably he doesn't even realise the enormity of his crime even now. These New Orderites were here in Durban buying a business proposition. It is a factory of some sort, and all the Bazaar can do is to wonder if this has any connection with the amendment of the Liquor Law.

TEACHERS' DILEMMA

Not only is the general body of the Indian people in a dilemma as far as its origin is concerned but a particular group is also affected. I am referring to the substitutes who have just been taken into the fold of the Education Department. They were circularised recently and asked to inform the Department as to what their nationality was. A large number of them feel that it is beyond their powers to answer the question which has been put in the following ways: (a) if a Union national, state so; (b) if a British subject, state so; and (c) if neither, state your nationality. In view of the Pegging Act, and the other restrictions my teacher friends believe that they cannot honestly state that they are Union nationals. The majority of them, however, agree with Amery that they are "British subjects of Indian origin."

FOOTNOTE

"Drink, drink and drown your sorrows"—Mr. S. Rustomjee commenting on the Liquor Concession.

His Highness the Aga Khan has offered to contribute a portion of his winnings on the turf to the Viceroy's War Purposes Fund and has sent a first remittance of Rs. 8,000.

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BOWLER CLAIMS 10 WICKETS FOR 16 RUNS

On Saturday last Ladysmith C.C. failed to field a team against the Moslem C.C. for Dr. Peters' Shield (100 minutes a side).

On Sunday morning Railway C.C. met Ottomans C.C. for the same competition. The former won comfortably by 35 runs. Railway scored 82 in 75 minutes (S. Ramdeen 21, W. D. Narrandes 15, R. Jackdew, B. Harry and C. Rughubar 10 each; E. A. Moola five for 35, I. E. Chupty three for 15 and M. O. Ismail one for 31.)

Ottomans failed against the good bowling of R. Jackdew, who claimed all the wickets at the cost of 16 runs. The side was all out for 47 in 70 minutes. G. M. C. Asmal was the only batsman to reach double figures (11).

This is the first defeat the Ottomans have suffered for the last year.

In the afternoon Railway met Moslem in the final for the same competition. The former had another exciting victory by 10 runs. Railway scored 81 in 60 minutes after having four for 4. S. Ramdeen, the skipper, again headed the batting by scoring a splendid 41 not out, and C. Rughubar 18. (D. M. Seedat six for 36, G. H. A. Chupty three for 30 and A. K. M. Seedat one for 8.)

Moslem started their innings with both the opening batsmen showing good form. After having 54 for four the side collapsed for 71 in 50 minutes. (D. M. Seedat 16, A. A. Moola and G. M. A. Moola 15 each, A. I. Seedat 10; C. Rughubar one for 15, R. Jackdew four for 15, H. Narrandes one for 13, K. E. Govinder one for 10, B. Kallie three for 12.)

CENTRALS WIN

Centrals beat Natalians by nine wickets last weekend. Following were the scores: Natalians, first innings, 55 (M. Kisten six for 22). Centrals, first innings, 90 (G. Thumbadoo 17, T. M. Moodley 15). Natalians, second innings, 105. Centrals, second innings, 72 for one (Jimmy Jack 36).

COUNTY CRICKET

On Sunday last Pinetown Suburban C.C. (County) met the Old Boys C.C. (South Coast) for V. V. Naidoo's Trophy (Inter-city League final. The former won on the first innings by 65 runs.

Old Boys, 1st innings, 89 (K. Seedat 56, G. Mustapha 22).

Pinetown Suburban, 1st innings, 154 runs (R. A. Naicker 49, S. A. Naicker 33, N. C. Naidoo 30; S. Seedat four for 65, H. M. Limilia three for 29).

Old Boys, 2nd innings, 78 runs for seven wickets. Close of play.

ORIENTALS WIN

Orientals Cricket Club played their last match of the season for the League Cup against the United Cricket Club on Sunday last and defeated the latter team by four wickets on the first innings.

United, 1st innings, 64 all out (D. Dick 22, C. Chandrapal 5 not out, I. S. Casimjee five for 33 and Y. I. Casimjee four for 10).

Orientals, 1st innings, 125 for seven (Y. S. Casimjee 22, A. H. Rawat 62, I. S. Casimjee 27, V. K. Pillay four for 27).

United, 2nd innings, 2 for one. Rain stopped play.

SOCCER OFFICIALS

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DECISIVE WIN FOR STANGER UNITED

Stanger United decisively defeated Pirates C.C. in the knock-out finals on Sunday last (two hours batting). United, 195 for six (D. E. Moolla 47, K. V. Naidoo 45). Pirates, 40 (D. D. Lalla 10 not out; E. V. Mahomed, three for no runs).

The following will represent the Stanger United C.C. against Verulam at Stanger tomorrow at 10 a.m.: V. G. Augustine (captain), D. E. Moolla, K. P. Padayachee, E. V. Mohamed, K. V. Naidoo, G. R. Bux, P. Kistan, J. Chenniah, N. Jeewan, E. A. Kolia, Kader Bux. Reserve, F. Williams.

REFEREES BOARD

Reporting at the annual meeting of the Natal Indian Referees' Association, the secretary, Mr. Charles M. Pillay stated that the association had had a very successful year. To it had been entrusted the task of providing referees and linesmen for the .... matches of the Sam China Tournament.

There were six affiliated associations in the province. During the tournament the S.A. Indian Referees' Association was formed with the following officials: Patron, Mr. Wm. Joseph; president, Mr. Sonny Williams; secretary and treasurer, Mr. M. S. Badat.

With headquarters at Maritzburg for this year the following were elected officials: President, Mr. V. Arumugam; secretary, Mr. C. G. Moodley; councillors, Messrs. I. Anthony, R. Manikum, V. R. Gopaul; nominee to the N.I.F.A., Mr. V. Arumugam; nominees to the S.A. Referees' Association, Messrs. C. D. Boulton (Durban), I. Anthony (Maritzburg), R. Kallie (Ladysmith), O. J. Christopher (Newcastle).

Nominee to the N.I.F.A., Mr. V. Arumugam.

TENNIS MEETING

The nineteenth annual meeting of the Maritzburg Indian Lawn Tennis Club was held on Sunday. The secretary's annual report was read and confirmed. Mr. M. G. Naidoo, who presided, reviewed the work of a successful season.

The following were elected officials: Patron, Dr. M. R. Peters, president, Mr. M. D. Pillay; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. G. Soobiah Naiker; captain (men's division), Mr. K. Nanjee; vice-captain, Mr. V. R. Pillay, captain (women's division), Miss M. V. Naidoo; vice-captain, Miss Tharanaghee Naidoo.

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...llure to implement Clause 2 (b) ...e Fulfilment Section of the ...n Agreement," said Mr. Kajee, ... the circumstances necessitat... Pegging Act. The Durban City ... failure to provide adequate ...as sixteen years old when the Act was passed.

...March 22 last year what has ... Council done? Failed to pro... ...e for the Technical College and ...ing school, and failed to do ... about Riverside, despite the ... intervention in each of these ...tters.

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...s our basic claim founded on ...nd on our trust in the under... ...olemnly made by the Minister ...ment. We are not prepared to ...e incompetence of the Durban ...ncil nor the contempt which it ... far shown to the Minister's ...ns.

...e are prepared to be realistic ... admit that a situation has ...t of the continued neglect and ...ence, and the situation further ...ed by war conditions, which ...re is time to embark on larger ...we are prepared to admit it is ... to control in the interests of ...rmony.

...his purpose we are prepared to ...to an agreement for the con... ...of a board or a licensing autho... ...n an appellate board consisting of five members, two to be Indians, to regulate residential occupation during the shortage of housing as a result of the war emergency.

"The housing problem has two aspects—

(1) The allocation of existing housing equitably amongst the major racial groups.

(2) The provision of new housing facilities and amenities to meet the needs of the future.

"The first required immediate attention, and for this we are prepared to support, despite the City Council's unconcealed failure to meet their obligations, a licensing board. The second will properly form the subject of inquiry by the Judicial Commission.

"We submit the distinction is fundamental. The first cannot be neglected a day longer without the Union Government being liable to the same charges of neglect as are properly levelled against the City Council. The Pegging Act, a facade erected to conceal the City Council's incompetence, has been torn down in the past twelve months by the Council's apathy and blatant racial prejudice when faced with three comparatively minor housing problems.

"We ask to preserve the fair name of South African administration that the facade be once and for all removed.

"The Pegging Act has been universally condemned as a stigma on the Indian race—a stigma imposed while Indian troops were still engaged in expelling the enemy from Africa. Every day the Pegging Act remains on the Statute Book provides the enemies of the United Nations with a weapon, and obstructs the progress to that enlightened peace for which we are all striving. Today all democratic Governments are on trial by their people: the Union Government, by reason of its great trusteeship, is on trial in the eyes of the world.

"The adjustment of the racial distribution of housing in Durban is a problem that brooks no delay, a problem that needs no commissions to solve. We offer a solution which on no part of the community will entail hardships at all comparable with the hardships imposed by war regulations in a score of countries under arms.

"We ask for justice, a justice which makes no farreaching demands. Our prayer is one that has not gone unanswered in South Africa in the past when wiser counsels prevailed.

"Do not dishonour us; we admit there must be differences, but do not place a stigma on us in the laws of your country."

MADELEY'S REGRETS

—Congress Cross

THE Natal Indi... Congress deputation, which was in Cape Town last week, is annoyed with the Minister of Labour, Mr. W. Madeley, who was unable to give them an interview.

Writing to the Minister's secretary, the Congress states:—

"We refer to your letter of the 27th instant. We regret the Minister is unable to find the time to give us an interview. We are compelled to say that a denial of this nature, particularly to a community who number a quarter million and who is entirely unrepresented in Parliament, is a negation of the democratic principle for which the Minister and his party stand."

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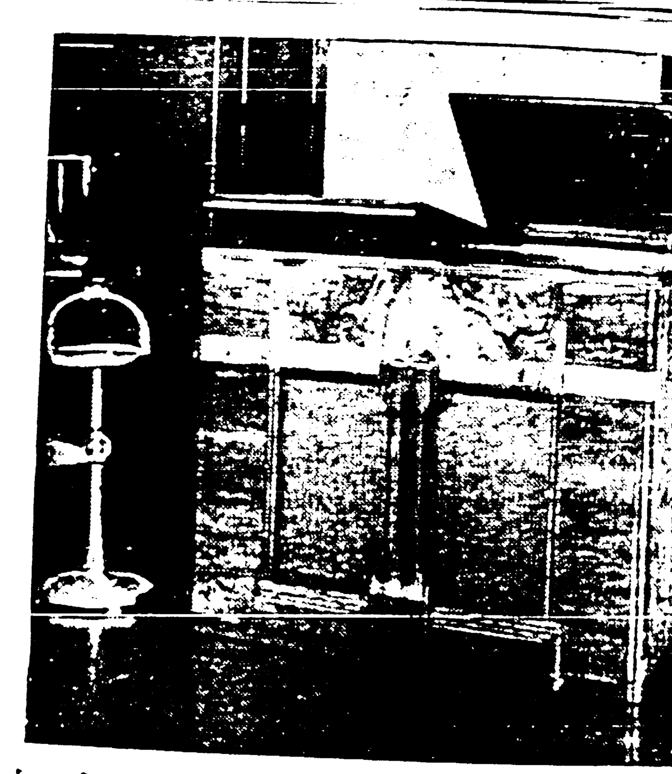

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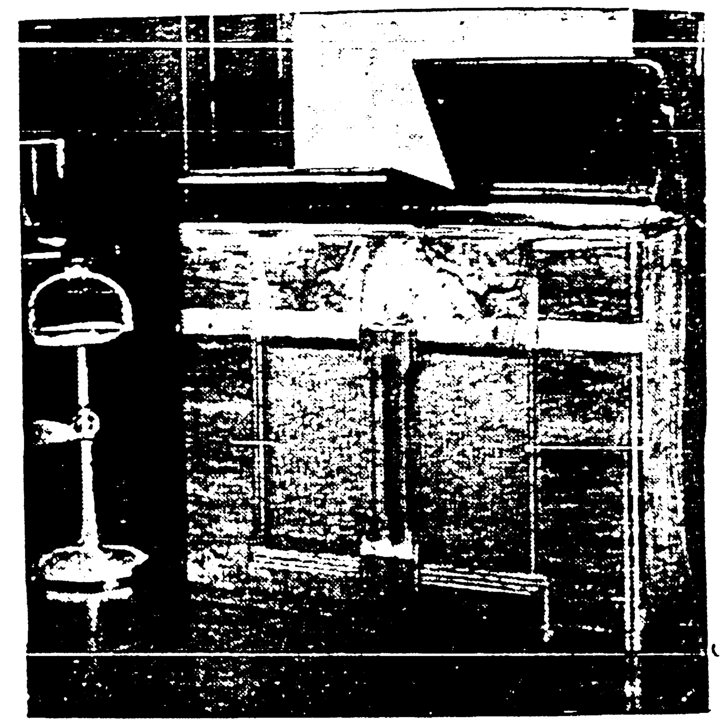

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(3) 10.30 a.m.: Conference assembles at the City Hall.
(4) Prayers (Pundit Jugmohansingh).
(5) Messages.
(6) Address of Welcome by Chairman of Reception Committee (Mr. S. R. Naidoo).
(7) Nomination of President for Conference (Mr. R. B. Chetty).
(8) 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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Very important matters affecting the welfare of the Hindus of South Africa will be considered and decided upon.

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Subject:

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From A. Nathamuniar (Charles), Natal Buddhist Society, "Asoka Villas," 48 Gillitts Road, West Ridge, Durban.

PROTEST MEETING

will be held at the
Red Square
on
SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 1944,
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under the auspices of the
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regarding
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brother of "Professor Ally" and second son of Mr. Wazid Ally, of Ally Road, Reunion,
to the
FIFTH DAUGHTER
of Mr. and the late Mrs. Abdool Karrim, of Mayville,
will be solemnised at the
Ahmadia Mosque, Bellair Road, Mayville, on Sunday, 9th April, 1944, after Zohar Prayers at 12 noon.
Friends and Relatives are cordially invited to attend.
Dinner at 5 p.m. at the Bridegroom's Residence, followed by Concert.

NOTICE
AN INTER-DEBATE

between the
Young Men's Muslim Association
(Port Shepstone)
v.
Muslim Study Group
(Stanger)
will be held at the
PORT SHEPSTONE MOHAMMEDAN MADRESSA HALL
on
SUNDAY, 9th APRIL, 1944,
at 2.30 p.m.
ADJUDICATORS:
Messrs. R. Muthukistna and C. M. Dhoodat.
The Y.M.M.A. will move:—
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THE LEADER

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 1944.

Validity of Indian Marriages

AMONG the many resolutions which will be discussed at the conference of the Hindus in Maritzburg this week, we notice there are a few dealing with the Indian community generally. It is only with this aspect of the conference that we are concerned for we have always felt that in this country we should be Indians. There is one resolution in which we are particularly interested as we have raised the matter before today in these columns. This resolution deals with the question of the appointment of Indian marriage officers who will be able to give Indian marriages legal sanction without the contracting parties having to go to the Protector's office or the Magistrates' Court for the registration of their marriage. In South Africa, at the moment, Indian marriages, [illegible] not recognised by the law even though they may have been solemnly performed by a Pundit in accordance with the ancient customs of the people. For some reason or other young Indian married couples do not proceed with the registration of their marriage immediately. In most cases they wait for a number of months, in some cases years, before the marriage is registered. This lack of legal validity gives one party, usually the husband, the opportunity to err without fear of any sort whatsoever. He knows that he is not legally bound to his wife and that he can, if he pleases at any time, desert her and their issue. The woman has no remedy except going to court and suing for maintenance. This state of affairs does not only affect a family or a section of the community but it has repercussions against the whole Indian community. It may be described as a social evil. The law must step in and rectify the position.

We have already advocated the appointment of Indian marriage officers, preferably commissioners of oaths, who would keep a register of the marriages solemnised. At the moment any person, illiterate or otherwise and for a consideration, provided he has the caste qualification, may perform a marriage. These marriage officers should have the power to register legally marriages after all the details have been supplied to them and they are satisfied that a genuine contract has been established. There are many priests, both among the Sanatanists and the Arya Samajists, who can qualify for appointments as commissioners of oaths and should be so appointed. Commissioners of oaths are men, or should be, of high standing and integrity and we feel that they will be the most capable. Orthodoxy will not help us in this country. It is time we jettisoned all those customs which are of no value to us. One of these we feel strongly is the fact that marriages must necessarily be performed by a person of the Brahmin faith. Qualification and ability should have preference. Birth alone should not entitle a person to perform marriages. It is left to the conference to discuss this question and arrive at a solution which will be of value to the Indian community as a whole. We feel our suggestion is one which the conference can discuss with advantage.

Our Readers Speak

"CUT THE TAIL OUT"

Being a regular reader of The Leader may I know through your paper, which is read by all Indians in South Africa, re Hindu Maha Sabha Conference which is to take place on the 8th, 9th and 10th inst. Sir, the 20th century allows Hindus to call themselves as Maharaj, Singh, Naidoo, Pillay, Moodley, Chetty and so on.

Will the Hindu Maha Sabha, being the superior body of Hindus enlighten the Hindus from Ramayana, Maha Bharat and the Vedas or any Hindu religious books or such great men like Hurichand, Dusruth, Rama, Krishna, Arjuna, Bhi[illegible] and to quote many others who had such titles as above, and where these so-called titles originated from.

To be a true Hindu in practice cut the tail out and call yourselves by name and not by socalled titles as it [illegible] way for the caste system, which is [illegible] where in our religious books.

"HINDUS[illegible]"

Thanks Notice

Mr. R. Christopher and family wish to thank all relatives and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy and floral tributes in their recent sad bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Vadivalu Sathar[illegible] of Mount Edgecumbe, wish to thank relatives and friends for their expressions of sympathy and floral tributes in their recent bereavement.

Mr. Gokul and Mr. and Mrs. B[illegible] Padrath and family wish to thank relatives and friends for their messages of sympathy and floral tributes sent on their recent sad bereavement on the death of their dear wife and mother, Ja[illegible]. Special thanks to the doctor.

RUSSIAN AND INDIAN UNITY CONTRASTED

Difficulties That Have Been No Obstacle

REFERRING to the political unity of India, Sir Shafa'at Ahmad Khan, High Commissioner for India, when speaking in Cape Town last week, contrasted it with the position in Russia.

"Those who are fond of pointing out," he said, "the political division of India conveniently forget the fact that Russia, which is now fighting with unexampled valour, as a single unit, is more hopelessly divided racially than any other country in the world.

"Let me quote here the figures given by Mr. Maisky in 1942. The latest figures of the total population of the Union, according to Mr. Maisky, is 193 millions. Among these millions there are 180 different languages, of which the most important number 70. Their newspapers are printed in 70 different languages, and so are textbooks for the schools. Russian theatres give performances in 45 different languages.

"These differences have not proved an obstacle to Russia's unity. On the contrary, they have vitalised Russia, and culturally undeveloped races have profited enormously by contact with those highly developed. Lord Acton uttered a profound truth when he said:—

'The combination of different nations in a State is as necessary a condition of civilised life as a combination of men in society. The inferior races are raised by living in political union with races intellectually superior. Exhausted and decaying nations are revived by contact with a younger vitality. Nations in which the elements of organisation and capacity for government have been lost are restored and educated anew under the discipline of a stronger and less corrupted race. This fertilising and regenerating process can only be obtained by living under one government.'

"The example of Russia will illustrate the truth of this statement. In India, too, the same process has been at work. Stronger and more virile races have succeeded in regenerating less developed races throughout the country, and the racial, cultural unity of India is a fact. One has only to go through the extreme north of India, as Kashmir, as I did last year and reach the gates of India, Bombay, to find out how strong and real is India's unity. There is only one language spoken, Hindi or Hindustani, through this enormous block, and only one predominant race among these 220 million people.

"Those who are constantly harping on India's division and her disunity are indulging in a species of wishful thinking, as it is only by stressing those divisions that vested interests can be preserved.

"India is marching with gigantic strides towards the goal of complete independence. This will not be merely formal independence, which is barren and meaningless, but the reality of independence, which must give to our land the substance of power so that young India may shape her destiny in accordance with her genius. She has had a plethora of advisers in the past as to how she should run her own house. She knows what she wants, and she loves what she knows. She wants freedom to reconstruct her political and economic life, and she is prepared for any sacrifice to achieve this end."

Touching on India's interest in her children overseas, the High Commissioner said:—

"To Indians, the South African Indian community is specially dear, as India followed with the deepest interest Mahatma Gandhi's heroic struggle in Natal and the Transvaal. In fact, most of our leaders took practical interest in the efforts of the Indian community in this land, and her interest in it remains unabated.

"India is anxious that the Indian in South Africa should be gradually freed from all the restrictions which have been imposed upon them as a race for the [illegible] years, and she hopes that this [illegible] be possible with goodwill and co-operation of the best elements of Europeans and Indians.

"The Pegging Act has seriously affected India's attitude and the whole of India is unanimously opposed to it. It is my earnest hope that the time may not be distant when this obnoxious measure which has proved a serious obstacle to the restoration of good relations between the two countries may be repealed or replaced by some alternative machinery which is agreed to by the sensible elements of the two races.

"Nor is this all. The Indian in South Africa should be restored the franchise in municipalities, provincial councils and parliament of which he was deprived in 1925 and 1896. The sooner it is done the better for the future relations between the two countries. I am absolutely certain of a glorious future for the Indian community in this land, as I know from experience of the three provinces that the community contains the material out of which great nations are made."

SHORTAGE OF FOOD

SUGGESTIONS for Indian students to be trained as agricultural demonstrators, with one-third of their salaries being met by Indians, was made to the Secretary of Agriculture and the Food Controller, by a deputation from the South African Indian Congress at Cape Town last week.

"Our representations," it was submitted, "are actuated with a desire to contribute towards the growing food shortage problem of the quarter million Indians resident in the Union of South Africa, of which 200,000 live in the narrow confines of Natal, and 100,000 resident in the city area of Durban.

"Agriculture, particularly market gardening and fruit growing, form an important and major occupation of our people.

"Government assistance to improve the condition of the 17,000 to 20,000 Indians engaged in agriculture has been notorious by its absence. Our purpose today is to stress upon the need of utilising this large number of people available to assist in the solution of the food problem.

"We suggest that provision should be made for the improvement in the growing of fruits and vegetables by Indians by providing them with a number of agricultural demonstrators, who would by their visits to localities where Indian gardeners and farmers operate, improve the growing of their crops by suggesting scientific methods of cultivation.

"These demonstrators, we suggest, should be accompanied by Indian students who have matriculated, and who could in turn, after a period of training, be appointed demonstrators themselves to work amongst their own people.

"The Indian agriculturist has to rely in times of prosperity and adversity upon his ability and own resources. The facilities of the Land Bank loans and other assistance offered by the Government generally to European farmers, have been so far denied to him. We are confident that if the facilities of the Land Bank assistance by way of loans and other assistance were given to Indian agriculturists, they would add to the increase in the supply of agricultural foodstuffs, and it must be noted that Indians are traditionally equipped as agriculturists, and the Government should offer them every assistance so that the resources available would not remain untapped.

"With regard to the shortage of food, and particularly items used by Indians, such as rice, lentils and condiments formerly imported from India and the Far East, our Congress is unable to understand why it has not been possible for the Government to arrange facilities for the importation of rice and beans from Madagascar where these are obtainable in abundance and where we have been informed large stocks are available for export. We understand the quality of rice grown in Madagascar is equal to any that is grown in India.

"We say with confidence, that if permits and facilities were made available for the importation for rice, beans and other foodstuffs from Madagascar, Indian merchants and others engaged in this trade would not be slow to take the fullest advantage of the facilities granted.

"We understand that there is a master plan under consideration by the Department and the Food Controller for the equitable distribution of fruits, vegetables and other foodstuffs. We cannot conceive of such a plan in which the Indian growers of vegetables and fruits are omitted, and we suggest that the offices of our Congress and the Natal Indian Farmers' Union be used in such advisory or other capacity as may be deemed expedient to achieve the object of growing more food and its proper distribution."

FEDERATED INDIA

Self-determination for all nationalities in India and the full development on the lines of their own culture and tradition would be a definite basis for the solution of the communal differences in India, declared Mr. Ismail Gangat, when he spoke under the auspices of the Indian [illegible] at the Gandhi Library.

A federation of states with a statute to allow to any State the right to secede from the federation and manage its affairs independently should form the basis of encouragement for the unity of all the states.

A deputation from the Natal Indian Congress, Maritzburg branch, met the Principal of the Natal University College, Dr. Dennison, on Thursday, in connection with establishing university classes for non-Europeans at Maritzburg.

Fifty students, it is learnt, are willing to join these classes.

CONGRESS OBJECTS

MINISTERS TO HAVE AUTOCRATIC POWERS

"THE Volunteers Employment Bill is definitely a class legislation," stated the Congress, in a memorandum submitted to the Select Committee at Cape Town last week, "for section 20 invests the Honourable Minister of Labour with unlimited powers to discriminate on any ground, and the application of this section will be highly detrimental to the Indian community of Natal. Practically all the industries of Natal are owned by European companies, and in these industries approximately 27,000 Indians are employed. Because of the absence of facilities and Government protection Indians have not ventured into industrial undertakings. They are concentrated in trading and farming. The Durban City Council employs the largest number of Indians. The Railways and Harbours, which at one time employed nearly 3,000 Indians, now employ only a few hundred.

"If section 20 is not amended and protection given to the thousands of Indians now in employ of the local authorities, the Railways and Harbours, and industrial undertakings, they would find themselves in a very precarious position, for, subsection 5 of section 20 of the Bill gives powers to the Minister 'to apply any method of differentiation and discrimination he may deem advisable.' We feel that these autocratic powers are foreign to South African labour and social legislation, and are bound to embitter the feelings between race and race in South Africa.

"Our Congress respectfully requests that the whole of the section should be withdrawn, for its terms thereof are wholly inconsistent with the very intention of the Bill and is incompatible with the designs of the Union Government which is seeking to provide social security for all, irrespective of colour.

"Section 5 of the Bill provides for the establishment of a Volunteers' Employment Board and section 8 for the establishment of a Volunteers' Employment Committee. We urge that in both the Board and the committee the Indian community be represented."

PEGGING ACT MISERY

"The Indian people have suffered intolerable hardships in this country and to top all the misery the Smuts' Government has passed the Pegging Act and now more than ever the working-class people must unite and demand for the repeal of this Act," declared Mr. I. A. Khan, the secretary of the newly-formed Tongaat Group of the Communist Party, at a meeting held last week on the "Outspan," Tongaat, to protest against the Pegging Act and the Pass Laws.

Referring to the Pass Laws which burdened the African people, Mr. R. Arenstein, secretary of the Durban and District Committee of the Communist Party, said that all the workers of the country should unite in the antipass law campaign.

Mr. Wilson Cele explained briefly in Zulu why the Pass Laws were enforced and said that only a thoroughly united African people could obtain the repeal of these laws.

Mr. M. D. Naidoo declared that the Pegging Act and the Pass Laws violated the elementary principles of democracy.

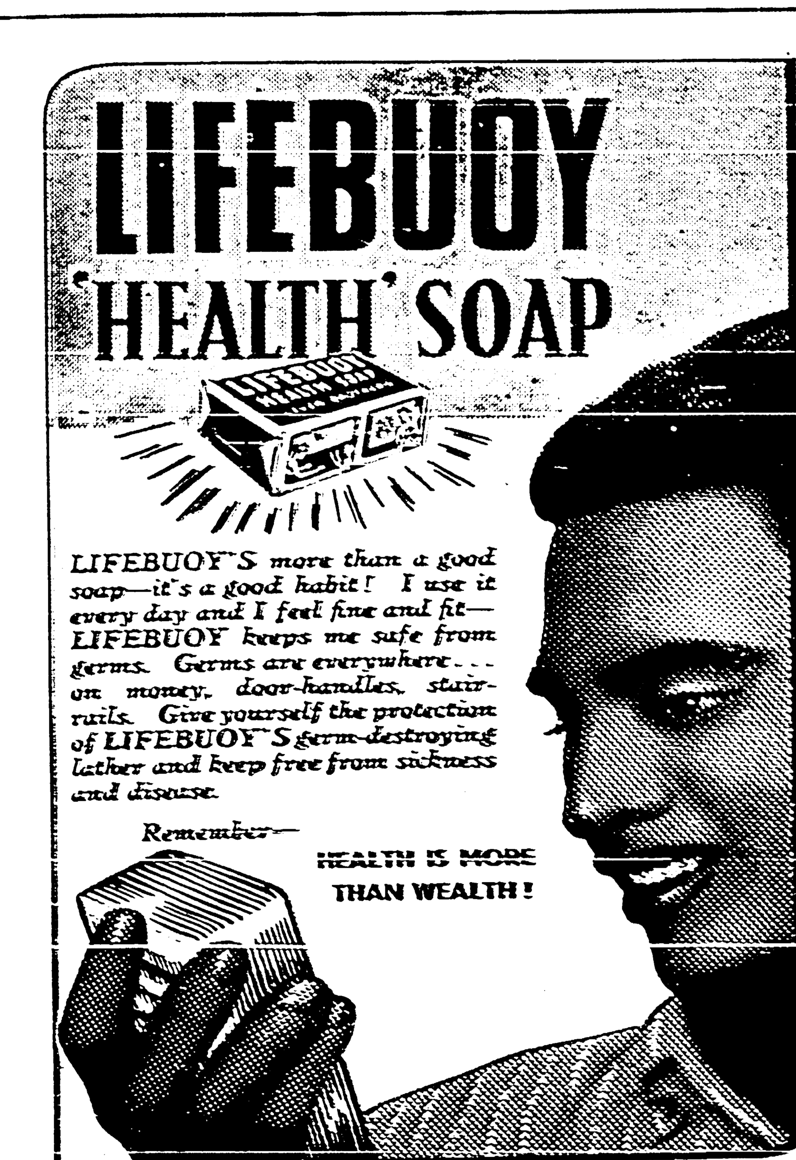
THREAT TO DADOO

DR. Y. M. DADOO, of Johannesburg, it is learnt in Durban, has been threatened with internment unless he agrees not to attend any meeting.

Specially included in the list of organisations whose meetings he must not attend are the Transvaal Indian Congress and the Communist Party.

No further details are available at the time of writing. Dr. Dadoo, at the moment, is actively engaged in the Anti-Pass Law Campaign. He is chairman of the Johannesburg committee.

A pretty and popular wedding was solemnised at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Pillay, Estcourt, when their son Soobramoney (Ramy) was married to Miss Soobaliam (Rakium), fifth daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Moodley, of Darnell, and niece of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Moodley, Maritzburg.



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Mainly About People

To Mr. and Mrs. Ally Mia Sacoot, daughter of the late Mr. B. M. Ally, Maritzburg, a bonny son, on March 15.

Delegates from Port Shepstone to the Hindu Conference are: Messrs. K. Marrie, M. Kissoon, S. Ganga and R. G. Dullay.

Tongaat Indian Working League held a reception in honour of Mr. Chattree Hurbans, one of its vice-presidents, on his marriage. Mr. R. Birbal presided. An illuminated address, followed by a short speech, was presented to Mr. Hurbans by Mr. S. Jivarathnam on behalf of the League. Other speakers included S. K. Moodley, P. M. Govender, P. M. Pillay, K. K. Govender, G. H. Khan and V. Moonsamy.

The engagement is announced of Gaithree (Chinthamony), youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Harribughan, sister of Preamrajh and Umbernath, of Durban, to Ramchurran (Ram), youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Naraw, of Westville.

The engagement has been announced of Suminthra Devi, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Dookran, of "Mountain View," Plessislaer, to Sewpersad, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ragbnath, of 202 Cato Manor Road, Durban.

Mr. G. Doraswami and son, Mr. G. Vasuthaven and daughter, all of Port Elizabeth, are on a visit to Maritzburg. They will make their return trip via Johannesburg at the end of the week.

Mr. P. S. Nathan, S.A.P., Ladysmith, is spending his vacation in Durban.

Mr. Cassim Hazaree, of Ladysmith, has left for Johannesburg to spend his Easter holidays.

Mr. T. Riga, of Ladysmith, has returned after touring the Cape and Transvaal.

Mr. C. J. Pather, who has been appointed a commissioner of oaths, was born in Durban in the year 1912, matriculated at the Marine College, Durban. A popular and keen businessman, having been actively engaged in business since the year 1929, and now the senior partner of the firm of Messrs. V. S. C. Pather and Son, estate agents, of Durban, was the ex-treasurer and ex-vice-president of the Tamil Benefit Society, and recently a committee member of the Hindu Tamil Institute of Durban.

Mr. J. S. Kondiah is away on a Union tour on official duties of the Institute of Indian Bookkeepers of South Africa, of which he is the secretary. He expects to be back in a month's time.

The marriage took place at Pentrich, Maritzburg, on Sunday last of Mr. Inder Bramdaw, the well-known Natal tennis player and son of Mrs. D. Bramdaw, of Bitson Road, Durban, to Miss Godaveri Jeena, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nagin Jeena, of Pentrich, Maritzburg.

The marriage took place on Sunday last at Newcastle of Mr. Gopaul Pachai, fourth son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Pachaippa Govender and Messrs. Pachai Bros., of Newcastle, to Miss Kavareeamal (Pathma), youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Chetty, of Vrededorp, Johannesburg.

Recent visitors to Newcastle were Mrs. E. Godfrey, wife of Dr. E. Godfrey, of Johannesburg, and Mr. Eric Muncherjee, who is on a Union tour. During their short stay they were the guests of Mr. Ismail S. Vawda.

Mr. E. A. Timol, secretary-treasurer of the Kismet Social Club, Ladysmith, is spending the Easter holidays in Durban and South Coast.

Mr. Hans Maghrajh has left for the Cape via Johannesburg on a holiday visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Ranjith J. Singh and Miss K. J. Singh, of Overport, are spending their holidays with Mr. Rughbeer Singh and family, of Tongaat.

Sergeant J. M. (Joey) Francis, of the Army Educational Services and on the staff of the Director of Military Intelligence, recently underwent an operation at the Military Hospital, Lenz, Transvaal. He is progressing satisfactorily.

Mrs. D. E. Naiker and children, of Dannhauser, are spending the Easter vacation with their relatives in Durban and Isipingo.

Mr. C. K. Moodley, secretary of the Natal Indian Congress, Chaka's Kraal and District branch, will represent the Melville Hindu Saraswathi Sungam Lower Tugela District at the South African Hindu conference at Maritzburg.

ISTHREE SAMAJ

The second annual meeting of the Arya Sthree Samaj was held at the Arya Hall, Durban. The following were elected officebearers: President, Mrs. V. Lallsingh; hon. secretaries, Mrs. P. Roopanand and Miss G. Seebchana; patrons, Mrs. D. Purmasir, Mrs. Moonu; treasurers, Mrs. Ramklass and Miss Doraamoney; vice-presidents, Mrs. R. Rodasingh, Mrs. S. L. Singh, Mrs. P. B. Singh, Mrs. P. Singh, Mrs. C. R. Singh; committee, Mrs. A. P. Singh, Miss Savathri Singh, Mrs. Debi Singh, Miss Radha Singh, Miss Rodasingh, Miss Dawayanthu, Mrs. Shanti Mahraj and Mrs. Dalip Singh.

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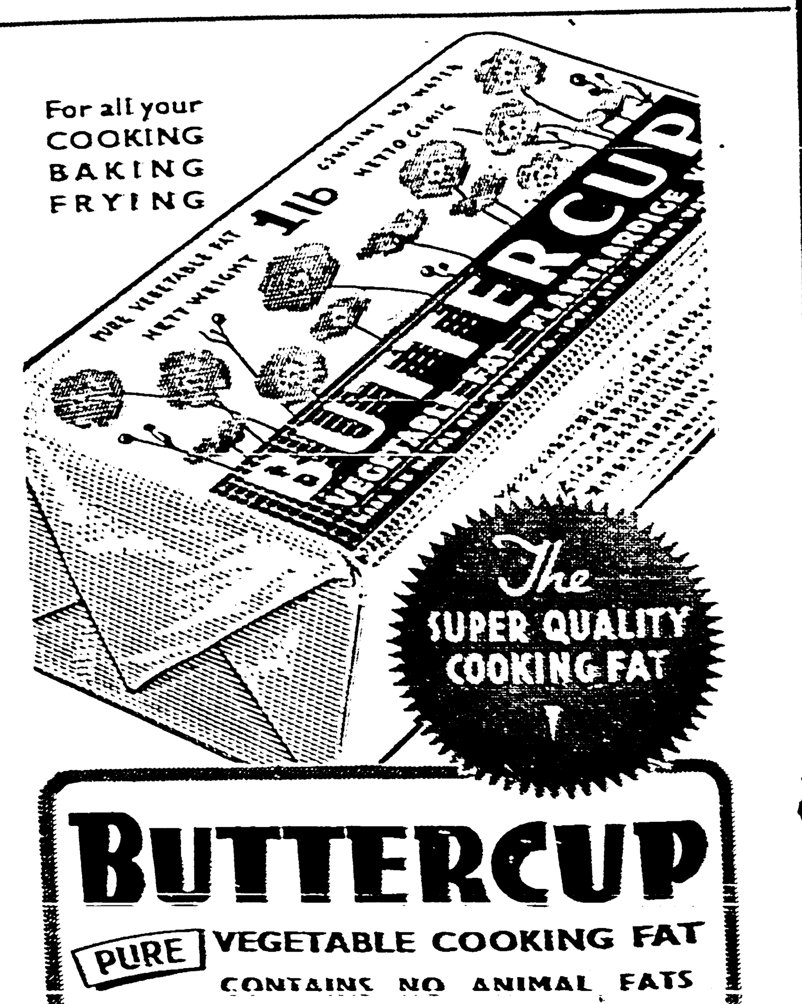

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TALK OF THE BAZAAR

BY "THE FAQIR"

[T]HIS question of the Liquor Concession seems to be developing into a major issue by itself. In Durban, the other day, a meeting was convened to form some sort of body which would "check the growing evil of excessive liquor consumption by Indians." This only a few weeks after the Indian had been exempted from the operation of the Liquor Act. Even Mr. Kajee tripped over a hornet's nest when he asked that bottle stores should be allowed to sell only a limited amount of liquor to Indians. The High Commissioner, not to be left behind as far as tendering good advice to the Indian people was concerned, took the opportunity to issue a Press statement asking Indians to be careful how they go about with the new privilege. Probably what with the new privilege. It is not a domestic affair and the High Commissioner can interfere without breach of etiquette. Kajee's plea infuriated a number of people and they are by no means fond of liquor. Most of them are young men who definitely keep away from liquor. Yet they feel that now the Indian people have a right there should be no question of restricting it. Even those people who are so tremendously interested in the formation of a temperance union should direct their energies into other more needy channels. The Indian is capable of exercising this new right with dignity and restraint and it will only react unfavourably towards him if some people go about asking for "half bottle franchise."

SECOND TIME—NO LUCK

Maritzburg seems to be taking the lead in many directions. Even the women are not far behind. Only the other day I was told of how the menfolk of that city were trapped into looking after the babies a second time. Some months back an Indian women's organisation was formed, but in order to attend meetings of that body wives found it necessary to leave hubbies in charge of the children. This, of course, is a reversal of the usual order of things. In one household the husband, after some pleading, decided to sacrifice his day and stay at home while his wife went to the meeting. Hubby found himself rewarded, for, when his better half returned she had with her a parcel of sweetmeats—distributed by the meeting! It was not very long afterwards when there was another meeting which wife had to attend. The hubby weighed the pros and cons and with an eye to another treat of sweetmeats decided to look after the children once again. This time the wife returned empty handed. Husband, to say the least of it, was disappointed. Hubby has vowed "never again." The women of Maritzburg now have one over their men.

HIS CHANCE

Some people wait a whole lifetime for an opportunity to make a speech while others spend a lifetime trying, in vain, to dodge invitations to speak. There was a meeting in Durban the other day when one of the former variety found an opportunity to speak. The crowd had already been all but put to sleep by the previous speakers when this gentleman got up, cleared his throat and declared solemnly that he was going to make a speech and that it would last for hours. The audience got up with a jerk but the man kept his promise. He spoke and he spoke. Some of my friends who were at that meeting are now wondering whether it would not be advisable for people who arrange meetings to state clearly for how many minutes or hours the various speakers are going to occupy the platform. By the way this meeting was a strictly nonpolitical one.

WAR WORKERS' BADGE FOR INDIAN WOMEN

A Durban Indian woman has been presented with the Red Cross War Workers' Badge. She is Mrs. B. Naidoo, of Overport, and is believed to be the only Indian woman in Natal to achieve that distinction. Mrs. Naidoo is in charge of the Indian Servicemen's Club in Field Street.

The presentation was made by Mr. R. Buchanan, the chairman of the Durban Branch Council of the South African Red Cross Society, at a function organised last week by Red Cross Detachment 34 (under the aegis of the Durban Indian Surf Life Saving Club) for the distribution of Red Cross certificates and silver medals to its successful members.

Mr. Buchanan said that he was pleased to see so many Indians taking an interest in Red Cross work and hoped that in the near future Indians would have the same number of trained men as the Africans, of whom there were, today, over six thousand in the country.

The years go by—but I don't notice them

Sometimes a chance remark by friends, who know my age, reminds me I'm no longer a chicken — I'm in the fifties. But I *feel* in the thirties. Can still play a net game of tennis and hike with the youngsters.

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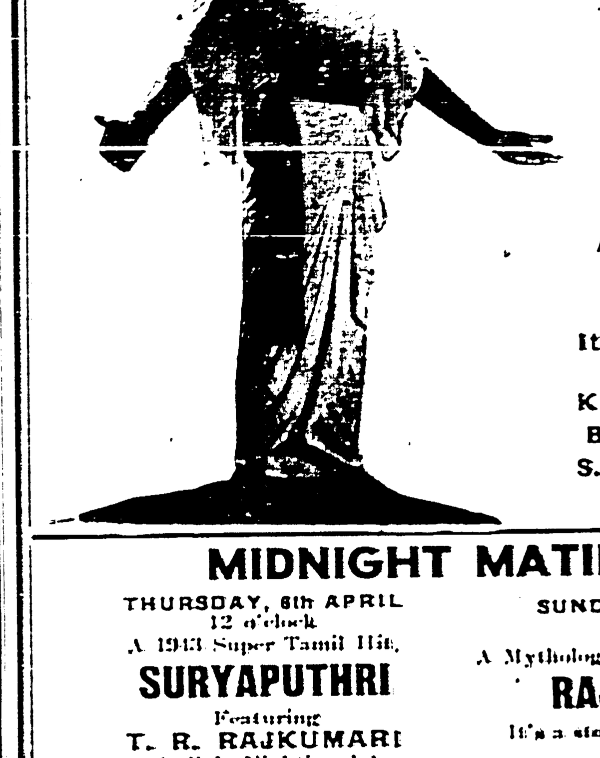

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MOONLIGHTERS

At the fifth annual meeting of the Moonlighters' Football Club the following were elected officials: Patrons, Messrs. M. K. Moodley, D. H. Crouch, J. Huber, E. A. Gany and J. S. Roopnarian; president, Mr. A. S. A. Gany; vice-presidents, Messrs. M. K. Naidoo, E. S. K. Moodley, E. Dawood, E. Khan, J. S. Jegnath, E. Mahabeer, J. Hassim, E. Salikram, A. Roeben, A. C. Ayoob, A. K. Friday, D. Driman, S. Omadally, E. B. Alick, G. F. Lazarus, I. Khan, S. Waiter and Dr. M. G. Naidoo; captain, Mr. Abdool Aziz; vice-captain, Mr. R. K. Singh; secretary, Mr. R. Alli; joint managers, Messrs. N. H. Friday and E. Dawood; trainer, Mr. R. Dawood; treasurer, Mr. I. H. Khan; hon. auditor, Mr. H. M. Yusuf; committee, Messrs. A. S. A. Gany, R. Alli, Abdool Aziz, R. K. Singh, I. H. Khan, M. H. Friday and R. Dawood; delegates to M.D.I.F.A., Messrs. R. Alli, S. Omadally, D. Roopnarian and I. H. Khan; delegates, Messrs. D. Roopnarain and R. Alli.

KLIP RIVER F.A.

The following were elected officials at the annual meeting of the Klip River District Indian Football Association for the ensuing season: Patrons, Messrs. I. A. Moola and C. S. Asmal; president, Mr. H. R. Singh; vice-presidents, Messrs. A. H. A. Timol, S. Ramdeen, D. M. Seedat, S. N. Pillay and D. V. Pillay; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. R. Kallie; hon. record clerk, Mr. M. Govinder; hon. auditor, Mr. M. S. Achary.

Selection committee, Messrs. M. Thomas, R. Narrandes and I. A. Moola; delegates to Ladysmith and District Indian Sports Association, Messrs. R. Kallie, M. S. Achary and D. V. Pillay; delegates to Natal Indian Football Association, Messrs. R. Kallie, E. I. Chunty, H. R. Singh and K. R. Singh.

ESTCOURT STELLAS

At an inaugural meeting of the Stellas Football Club held at the Midlands Commercial Agency, the following were elected office-bearers: Patrons, Messrs. C. A. Lalla, S. M. Gangat, V. G. Naidoo, O. R. Pearce, W. P. Stanley, J. M. Langton and H. S. Ferguson; president, Mr. J. David; vice-presidents, Messrs. I. M. Peerbhay, R. Gundiyal, H. Benimathoo, P. S. Rai, R. S. Rai and N. K. Lalla; secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. Naraidoo; assistant secretary, Mr. H. Benimathoo; captain, Mr. A. L. Vinden; vice-captain, Mr. M. Gundiyal; auditor, Mr. M. S. Reddy; manager, Mr. R. S. Rai.

MARITZBURG COUNTY

At the fourteenth annual meeting of the Maritzburg County Indian Football Association (Pentrich), the following were elected office-bearers: Patron, Mr. G. Bishoon; life vice-presidents, Messrs. P. R. Singh, R. Moothal, A. G. Pillay, E. Dookran, S. David, S. G. Chetty, C. O. Naidoo; president, Mr. R. Ragwan; secretary, Mr. M. Beharie; auditor, Mr. S. David; treasurer, Mr. H. Bechan; record clerk, Mr. M. P. Naidoo; misconduct and inquiry board, Messrs. S. David, M. Meeran, H. Bechan, G. Bishoon, S. G. Chetty, E. Dookran; delegates to N.I.F.A., Messrs. R. Ragwan, S. G. Chetty, S. Pillay; nominee to N.I.F.A. executive, Mr. S. David; selection committee, seniors, Messrs. H. Bechan, C. O. Naidoo, P. T. Govender; selection committee, juniors, Messrs. E. Mohan, M. Beharie, S. Pillay.

The association is open to affiliation from junior and senior teams of constituted clubs in the county of Maritzburg.

TRANSVAAL

At the annual meeting of the Transvaal Indian Football Association, held at Pretoria, the following were elected as office-bearers: Patron, Dr. Wm. Godfrey; president, Mr. W. J. Warnasuriya; life vice-presidents, Messrs. W. Ernest, Sol Ernest, E. Mooloo; vice-presidents, Messrs. S. M. Paddy, B. E. Mooloo, B. Pavadai, the Rev. B. L. E. Sigamoney, and Mr. Samuel Joseph; hon. secretary, Mr. Mum Singh; treasurer, Mr. G. Moothoo; auditor, Mr. M. T. Mooloo; delegates to the S.A.I.F.A., Mr. B. Pavadai and Mr. W. J. Warnasuriya.

YOUNG NATALIANS

At the Young Natalians annual meeting: Patrons, Messrs. S. Muthray, A. G. Pillay, E. F. Peters, J. R. Naidoo, Dhanpal Vather, S. A. Abdulla and Ebrahim Jasat; president, Mr. Kitty Boyd; life vice-presidents, Messrs. ... A. H. I. Rawat, G. Perumal Naidoo, G. K. Naidoo, N. R. Moorgas, V. V. Pillay, L. S. Chetty, S. Rathnam, V. C. James, K. Tommy, C. Dorasamy, Ted Chetty, M. Naidoo.

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PRETORIA

Pretoria District Indian Football Association: Patron, Mr. B. Mooloo; president, Mr. S. Ernest; secretary pro tem, Mr. Singh; life vice-presidents, Messrs. P. M. Tommy, M. Anthony and H. Habib; vice-presidents, Messrs. W. J. Warnasuriya, B. R. Mooloo, M. T. Mooloo, H. Ernest and M. Singh; treasurer, Mr. L. Mooloo; registrar, Mr. H. Singh; auditor, Mr. M. T. Mooloo.

WOODLANDS ROAD

At an inaugural meeting of the Woodlands Road Secondary F.C., the following were elected officials: President, Mr. H. Lundie; chairman, Mr. Michael Sebastian; patrons, Dr. M. R. Peters, Messrs. R. Nullah, G. K. Naidoo, S. K. Moodley, I. S. Cassimjee; captain, Mr. C. M. Pillay; vice-captain, Mr. N. M. Padayachee; joint secretaries and treasurers, Messrs. H. S. Dickson and Y. A. Moosa; delegates to the M.D.I.F.A., Mr. M. Sebastian; managers and trainers, Messrs. S. David and N. P. Padayachee; reporter, L. R. Dookran.

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MARITZBURG CRICKET

The Maritzburg cricket season terminated in a blaze of glory for the Young Natalians. They have had the distinction of being undefeated for the season.

In the Jasat's Cup final match played under the time limit system of two hours' batting each side, Natalians played against Royals and again emerged victors in a convincing style by ten wickets.

DURBAN CRICKET

On Saturday Ottomans and Central were able to defeat their opponents, Stars and Kismet respectively, for the Panday's Shield competition. The winners met on Sunday in the final and the Ottomans beat Central quite easily. Central 84 for nine wickets, Jimmy Jack 36, and Ottomans 86 for three wickets (G. H. Doorat 46 not out, M. I. Shaikh 22 not out).

In the Asmal's Cup competition Greyville defeated Orientals; and Isnet are standing for the final. Sastri College beat Young Central and will meet Otto in the semi-final.

C. M. Muthoo returned a fine score on Sunday to win Bambata's Memorial Trophy, with J. Meghram as runner-up. C. M. Muthoo, 130 nett for 36 holes; J. Meghram, 134 nett for 36 holes.

DURBAN WEEKEND CRICKET

SEMI-FINAL ASMAL'S CUP—APRIL 8

Otto v. Sastri College, No. 1.

FINAL—APRIL 9

Greyville v. Winners, Otto-Sastri College, No. 1. Play commences at 2.30 p.m. each day and each side to bat 100 minutes.

"A" DIVISION LEAGUE—APRIL 8 and 9

Young Muslims v. Bharat, No. 3.

Ottomans v. Stars, No. 2.

Play commences at 2.30 p.m. to 7 p.m. each day or failing light.

"A" DIVISION LEAGUE—APRIL 10.

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Messrs. M. A. and R. S. Achary, of Ladysmith, will be leaving for Durban, where they intend to make their future home.

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...es From History

...hen Natal Went on Bended Knees for Indian Labour

FRANK ACUTT STICKS TO FACTS?

...e debate on the Indian question in Parliament this week gave those anti-Indians another opportunity to vilify those they have done in the past with ...nity. History was so interpreted by Mr. F. Acutt, M.P., that left no ...s of his being an authority on the subject. Even the Minister of the ...or found that he had no answer to meet this authority.

...o quote the debate:—

...he Minister said Indians were in Natal because Natal had not been able ... sufficient labour for its fields. They had actually been granted land by ...atal Government.

...r. Acutt: Why not stick to the facts?

...he Minister: These are the facts.

...r. Acutt: They were brought by the sugar planters, and you know it.

...hen Mr. Acutt asked the Minister to stick to facts it is not known if ...cutt meant that the Minister was making an incorrect statement with the ...d deceiving the House, or the Minister knew nothing about his subject ...as being admonished by Mr. Acutt for his ignorance.

...e it what it may, history is very loud on the subject: That Natal went on ...nded knees, not once but several times, to beg for Indians to come and ...and stay in its country.

...here is no doubts about the facts that Indians are in Natal because Natal ...d them, not only to work on the sugar fields but to help in "colonial ...ries and their development in its broadest sense, as a question affecting ...rogress of the Colony, its revenues, public benefits, and above all, as ...the most practical way yet suggested in which WHITE COLONISTS may ... profitable occupation in a Colony situated like ours. If we look back to ...we shall find that the assured promise of Indian labour resulted in an ...dale rise of revenue, which increased fourfold within a few years, ...nics found their wages more than doubled, and progress gave encourage...to everyone from the Berg to the sea. A few years later, well-founded ... arose that it would be suspended. Simultaneously down went revenue ...ces, immigration was checked, confidence vanished and retrenchment was ...ain thing thought of. Some years later, in 1873, a fresh promise of ...d Indian immigration created its effect, and up again went the revenue, ... and salaries, and retrenchment was soon spoken of as a thing of the ...

...port of the Indian Immigrants' Commission, 1885–1887.—J. R. Saunders.

MEMORIAL TO GOVERNOR

...N immigration, which was started ... was stopped ten years later by ...rnment of India because of alle... of illtreatment of Indian lab... who, by this time, were engaged ... industry and enterprise in the ... In 1872 several petitions were pre... to the Governor asking for the re... of emigration from India. At ...ting of the Labour League, at ...r. Robert Acutt presided, the com... appointed at a previous meet...ought in the following draft ...l to the Lieut.-Governor and a ... to the Legislative Council, which ...dopted and numerously signed:— ... Excellency Anthony Musgrave, ... Lieut.-Governor in the Colony ...l, etc.

...emorial of the Labour League, ... Merchants and others interested ... supply of labour.

...y showeth:

...our memorialists are more pro... impressed than ever with the ... of an increased supply of ... it is absolutely essential for ... on the industries of the coast... and for giving to capitalists arriv... ... us that security which is ... in entering on enterprises in... ... large an outlay, which can ... successfully prosecuted by a more ... and regular supply of labour.

...our memorialists are much grati... ... the prominence given to this subject by Your Excellency in the opening speech addressed by Your Excellency to the Legislative Council, and believe that the reintroduction of Indian labourers is necessary to the satisfactory solution of the difficulty.

That your memorialists observe that certain measures on the part of the Legislative Council are judged by Your Excellency to be necessary before the reintroduction of Indian labourers can be allowed, and trust that the Legislative Council will see fit to meet Your Excellency's opinion in this and any other point that may conduce to the end in view. . . .

There are 202 names on the memorial, among whom include the following signatories:

J. Goodricke, Mayor of Durban; Robt. Acutt; Alfred W. Evans; Adam Edinborough & Co.; Edward Snell; R. M. Hickson; Harvey Greenacre & Co.; P. Davis & Son; Jameson & Co.; Wm. Palmer; Parker Wood & Co.; E. H. Acutt; Horace Acutt; Randle Bros. and Hudson; E. W. Townsend; P. Henwood & Co.; Cooper & Co.; Arthur J. Smith; Ph. Puyston; John Gawn; Marshall Campbell & others.

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Council of the Colony of Natal, in Council assembled.

The Petition of the Labour League, Planters, Merchants, and others interested in the introduction of Indian labourers, humbly showeth:

That the necessity of an increased supply of labour is felt more urgently than ever by everyone engaged in agriculture, particularly by all concerned in coast products, in consequence of which the energies of many enterprising men are cramped, and in some instances paralysed, and new cultivation present by the present fluctuating and unreliable supply of labour.

That your petitioners are convinced that the difficulty can only be satisfactorily met by the reopening of the immigration of Indian labourers, and are glad to recognise the prominence given to this subject in the speech lately addressed to your Honourable House by His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor.

That your petitioners observe that His Excellency suggests certain measures on the part of your Hon. House, as necessary to ensure this immigration being reopened, namely, certain alterations in the existing laws, and the making of suitable provision for an Indian Immigration Agent.

That your petitioners, therefore, pray your Hon. House to be pleased to meet the views expressed by His Excellency in these and other points as you may deem fit, so as to ensure the important end in view with as little delay as possible.

And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

GOVERNOR'S SPEECH

The Lieutenant-Governor, in his address to the Legislative Council, referred to in the above petition, said:

A subject which I know to be regarded with scarcely less interest than the proposed Railway, is that of Indian Immigration, and the supply of labour generally. I shall lay before you correspondence which has passed between the Secretary of State and my predecessor, in the matter of certain representations from the Government of Madras respecting complaints made by immigrants who had returned to India from Natal. This correspondence led to the appointment, by the Administrator of the Government, after Mr. Keate's departure, of a commission to inquire into the truth of those allegations, as well as into the condition of the immigrants generally, and the manner in which the Law had been administered for their protection.

I have only recently received the report of this commission, and it shall be laid before you. I am of opinion that it shows the general condition of the Indian population to be healthy and prosperous but, undoubtedly, there has been laxity and negligence in many cases in the administration of the Laws intended for their protection. There are defects also in the machinery of Law, which, I am sure, Her Majesty's Government will require to be supplied.

I regard as prominent among these, the want of provision for a really competent and qualified Immigration Agent, competent from being acquainted with the habits and customs of the people with whom he has had to deal, and qualified, as well by intelligence as by understanding their language, or someone of the Indian Congress comprehended by the majority of them, to be the interpreter of their wants and complaints, and of the regulations which they are required to observe. Such an officer can only be obtained from India; but from thence, through the aid of the Indian Government, I am confident one could be procured, if the appointment should be made worth acceptance.

I trust that you will allow me to assure the Secretary of State that in this and other matters requiring attention you will be ready to make such provision as shall seem adequate to Her Majesty's Government. Armed with such an assurance from you, I am prepared to urge upon the Secretary of State, when transmitting the report, the pressing demand which exists for more labour in the coast district, and to request that any objection to reopening the emigration from the Indian Provinces to this colony may at once be withdrawn, and that the requisitions for immigrants already registered may be complied with immediately.

The demand for more and more labour from Natal continued right up to 1909 (see Clayton Report), until the Government of India had themselves put a stop to it in 1911.

BOUNTIES for INDIANS

Mr. J. T. Polkinghorne (Victoria County), in moving the second reading of the Bill for giving bounties to time-expired Indian labourers, said the principle was new in this colony, but had been adopted elsewhere, and found to answer admirably. At the present time it was known that the supply of labour was not equal to the demands of the planters, and the cry for labour was now sounding from upcountry as well as the coast. And while it was incumbent on them to increase their supply of labour by all means in their power, they should also, he thought, take steps to retain if possible, the labour they already had in the colony.

During the coming year, many of the Indians now in Natal would become entitled to their return passages, and if they could induce them by offering them bounties to remain in the colony, it would be a benefit not only to the Indians, but also to the revenue of the colony. Those Indians who had been here ten years had become acclimatised, and at the expiration of another five years, they were far less likely to claim their return passage than at present.

Mr. Harry Escombe: The object of the Bill was, that in lieu of spending large sums for the immigration of an additional supply of Indians, they should endeavour to secure the continuance here of the services of skilled and acclimatised Indians; and he maintained that "the House was bound, in the interests of the colony they served, to second every effort which was put forth in this direction, and with this object. That the colony would benefit by the carrying out of such a measure there could not be the slightest room for doubt, because they were under an engagement to provide those Indians now in the colony with return passages, but they would be glad, if these bonuses were offered to them, to embrace the opportunity of making more money here, and some of them would not afterwards claim their return passages at all, in the event of which the colony would be the gainer, as well as the planters.—Oct. 31, 1872.

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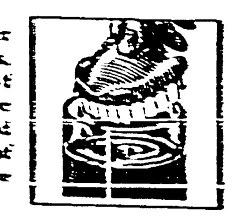

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Hindu Conference

(Continued from Page 5.)

...t religious authorities in India and ...tain authoritative information in re... ...l to Hindu marriages and other import... ...t ceremonies, and upon receipt of the ...quired information to convene a con... ...ence of all Hindu pandits with a view ...bringing about uniformity in the per... ...mance of marriages, etc.

OTHER RESOLUTIONS

A move to consolidate the Hindus of South Africa, though not necessarily ...ing about communal disharmony, ...s made at the session of the South ...rican Hindu Conference on Monday. ...ference rejected motions which had ...political bearing, such as asking for ...repeal of the Pegging Act and the ...ease of the interned Nationalist leaders, ...h as Mahatma Gandhi and others, the ...est for the franchise, the chairman, ...S. R. Pather, declaring that all sec... ...s of the Indian community had one ...itical organisation, namely, the South ...rican Indian Congress, which was the ...ly competent to deal with all poli... ...al matters.

...n order to preserve the Hindu reli... ...n culture, the conference felt that ...was essential to celebrate publicly and ...homes Hindu religious festivals, and ...ealed to all Hindu institutions through... South Africa to take steps to keep ...h observance.

Another resolution declared that in order ...cultivate a spirit of independence and ...racter among Hindus, particularly ...children, "it is essential to bring ...their knowledge the attainments and ...s of great seers and renowned Hindus, ...d requests all societies and organisa... ...s should celebrate the birthday of ...ndu saints and national leaders."

The necessity for a Hindu college as ...ll as for the training of preachers for ...propagation of the Hindu faith was ...ressed by several speakers. The need ...religious propaganda by means of ...distribution of literature conveying ...truths of Hinduism in a simple form ...s also emphasised.

On this subject the conference adopted ...e following resolutions:—

That this conference is of the convic... ...n that the uplift of the Hindu race ...South Africa is impossible without the ...tablishment of a college for the ...ucation and spiritual training of Hindu ...uths, and that the council of the South ...rican Hindu Maha Sabha should en... ...age a scheme for the establishment of ...college in progressive stages.

That this conference is of the opinion ...at it is desirable that an Ashram should ...established for the training of teachers ...d preachers, and for the propagation ...the Hindu Dharma, and this institu... ...n be co-ordinated with the Hindu ...lege scheme.

Speaking during the debate Mr. A. J. ...naidoo said that the college scheme ...uld be an expensive one, so they should ...t embark upon it lightly; otherwise ...ey would make themselves the laugh... ...g stock of the rest of the community.

Mr. R. B. Maharaj said that they were ...ed to cry poverty at all times. The ...ndus had plenty of wealth. To raise ...,000 for this project would mean get... ...g 100 persons to contribute £100 each.

Mr. S. L. Singh declared that they ...uld not maintain vernacular schools; ...w could they keep up a college?

Conference instructed its various con... ...tuent bodies to prevent, by reasonable ...d legitimate methods, conversions "of ...e unwary youths of our community ...other faiths, and wherever possible ...take steps to reconvert the persons ...turned to our folds."

What would be the status, regarding ...ste, of the reconverted people in the ...ndu fold was a question submitted ...Mr. F. Satyapal, but remained un... ...swered by conference.

Other resolutions included:—

This conference instructs the council ...the Maha Sabha to invite Hindu re... ...ous missionaries from India to visit ...uth Africa at the earliest possible oppor... ...nity to assist in the propagation of ...ndu religion.

That this conference, considering the ...riation of the days of observance of ...e Deepawali festival among Hindus, ...reby resolves that the South African ...ndu Maha Sabha be empowered to ...clare the day of public observance ...ternatively each year; and further urges ...at all Hindu business premises be ...osed on that day, and that the Labour ...epartment be approached to declare this ...y as a public holiday for all Hindu ...rkers in the factories.

That this conference, representing re... ...ious organisations, temples, vernacular ...hools and social societies, and which ...nsist of about 85 per cent. of the ...ian community in South Africa, deeply ...plores the action of the Director of ...ducation in delegating powers to school ...anagers of Government-aided Indian ...hools in Natal to the appointment of ...achers of their own religious faith in ...hools under their management. This ...nference appeals to the Director of ...ducation to withdraw this power from ...anagers, and to make appointments to ...aching posts open to members of all ...ligious denominations, subject to their ...ving suitable professional qualifications ...d teaching experience.

A banquet, given by the local recep... ...n committee, to all the visiting dele... ...tes and officials, some three hundred ...n number, brought the proceedings of ...e conference to a close.

Obituary

MISS DOROTHY STELLA FRANCIS

The death occurred on March 30, at her residence, 23 Richborough Road, Clairwood, of Dorothy Stella, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Perumal. The funeral took place the next day at the Clairwood Indian Cemetery. Numerous messages of sympathy by letter and telegram were received from all parts of the Union.

The following is the list of wreaths: Mum, Dad, Ruth, Mitchel and Peter, Grey (brother), Baby and Queenie (sisters), Anthony and Aloysious (brothers-in-law), Rickinm and Flora (cousins), Miss Sigamoney and the Maslamoney's, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Perumall, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Georges, Mr. and Mrs. Green Pillay, Mr. and Mrs. Rungasamy Naicker, Mr. and Mrs. S. Francis, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Chetty (Dundee), Mr. and Mrs. Nagappen Naicker (Dundee), Mr. and Mrs. S. Seebiah Naidoo, Uncle and Aunt P. Thomas, Uncle and Aunt J. Latchman and Sons, Henry and Ruby (cousins), Indian Staff, E.P. Commercial Printing Co., Frank Reddy, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Padayachee, Mrs. C. Francis and children, Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel George, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Francis, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Chinsamy, Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Govender, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Pillay and Yogambie, I. Chinniah and Sons, Arthur and Teddy's Family, Veerasamy Ponsill Naidoo and Sons, Mr. and Mrs. J. Latchman (Junior), and many others without cards.

MR. ANNASAMY NAIDOO

Mr. Annasamy Naidoo, formerly of Maritzburg, passed away peacefully after a long illness at his residence at Rossburgh on Tuesday, April 11, at the age of 95 years. He was one of the first Indian settlers to land in Natal.

He leaves behind his 89-year-old widow and six children, 41 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren to mourn their lose.

The pall-bearers were V. Chinsamy Naidoo (Maritzburg), K. N. Naidoo (Maritzburg), M. John (Rossburgh), and K. M. Naidoo (Frasers).

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THE—
LEADER

SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 1944.

Disputants as Judges

THE decision of the Minister of the Interior, Senator Clarkson, in appointing a representative of the Natal Municipal Association, Councillor A. L. Barns, to the Natal Indian Judicial Commission, has now reduced the commission to the farce of a debating society. The commission arose as a result of the complaints made by Indians at the time of the Pegging Bill that municipalities, and particularly the Durban City Council, had ignored Indian interests. It was Senator Clarkson who said "that the Durban City Council was now on trial." To put the accused now on the bench because of the pressure brought both by the Natal Municipal Association and the Durban City Council, the Minister has not only shown weakness by capitulating to the reactionaries, but has lost sight of the very principles of fair dealing and justice, the fundamental purpose of commissions are for the purpose of bringing an impartial attitude on contentious and like issues, and it is a pity that the Minister, in his weakness, should have ignored this basic principle.

We for ourselves have already stated in these columns that we had sufficient faith in our cause to secure a conviction against the civic authorities, and particularly against the Durban Municipality, for its neglect of Indian housing and such matters without having our own compatriots on a commission to support us. We would rather have had a commission filled entirely with Europeans to whom justice was something that mattered—and there are many such men we know—and to whom we would not be afraid to submit our case. Their verdict would have been far more valuable to the Indian cause than any report coming from a commission of which Indians were members. Even when Indians were appointed we said that we didn't expect them to be partisans on the commission. Their presence on the commission we interpreted as a factual factor rather than deliberate. But in any case the appointment was made and Indians felt that nothing more need be said but to take steps to assist the inquiry.

Yet now for the Minister to make the disputants as judges is to destroy the very purpose of the commission. To the Indian members of the commission we would say that they should reconsider the position a new of their own association with the commission. Even the appointment of a third Indian member does not correct a departure from basic principles. Let the Minister reconstitute the commission with the Judge President of Natal, Mr. Justice Hathorn, as the sole member, or the commission to include Mr. Justice Broome, Senator G. D. Shepstone, Mr. W. M. Power, M.P.C., Mr. F. K. S. Krause (formerly Judge President of the O.F.S.), and a Cape European. This will be far more satisfactory to the country as a whole rather than creating a debating society, as the Minister now proposes to do at the instigation of the Durban City Council. Probably the next move will come from Maritzburg, Ladysmith and other Natal municipalities asking for equal representation. And where will all this end?

Our Readers Speak

INDIAN BEAUTY QUEEN CONTEST

I am sure that the Indians in South Africa will not hesitate to countenance the opening of such an organisation as a Beauty Queen Contest. This will, no doubt, contribute greatly to the social upliftment of the Indian girls. I can predict that there are far too many girls who are as I do and agree on the score that much will the good be as a result thereof. I have no misgivings that this enterprise will sort of give an incentive to our girls to come out and not to hibernate as in the past. Moreover, this will mean that the girls will have to participate unreservedly in physical culture that they might be able to have one of the factors necessary for the competition—a supple body.

I suggest that The Leader take an active interest in the move. The photos of entrants should be published in your paper and given wide publicity throughout the Union.

Durban. J.R.P.

NOT FOR BRAHMINS ONLY

I must correct "Secundus," writing in your issue of the 18th ultimo. For his information the Sabha does not conduct any classes at the Durban Hindu Temple. The only class that the Sabha conducts is a Hindi class, open to both Brahmins and non-Brahmins at the Hindu Tamil Institute, Cross Street, Durban. This class is held on three afternoons in the week and no fees are charged. I am deeply grateful to "Prophet Secundus" for prophesying the failure of the Sabha, for his prediction will be an incentive to greater and far-reaching achievements for the Sanathanists.

R. RAJCOOMAR MAHARAJ.

Conference
Messages

BE INDIAN BE HINDU

THE South African Hindu Con[ference] received, among others, the follo[wing] messages:—

"All good wishes for the success of [the] conference. I, however, hope fer[vently] and appeal to you earnestly to [...] communal differences amongst Ind[ians] in South Africa. All Indians in [South] Africa, whatever be their religion, [...] be Indians first and Indians last."— M. S. KHARE, Minister of Departm[ent of] Indians, Overseas.

"The Hindu Mahasabha[...] public [re]joices to note South African H[indu] awakening. Unity can never precede, must inevitably follow Hindu con[soli]dation. Hinduise all politics and [mili]tarise Hinduism. Hindu Rashtra k[i jai]."—SVATANTRAVIR VINAYAK DAMO[DAR] SAVARKAR.

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"Like Europeans and Arabs, [the] Mussalmans desire sovereignty [...] Koran. Hindus should desire sovereig[nty] based Vedas. Wish conference succe[ss]."— DR. M. J. MOONJE.

"Best wishes your efforts unite Hi[ndus] struggle against reactionary forces [...] advancing national interest." — SYAMAPRASAD MOOKERJEE.

"The Maha Sabha is concerned wit[h] religious, educational, social and econ[omic] welfare and advancement of the Hin[du] community made up of the Ta[mil,] Hindi, Gujerati and Telegu speak[ing] people, the majority of whose fore[bears] came here as immigrants and [whose] work of years has added materiall[y to] the wealth of Natal. The days of [...] ture are long past. The Indian is [...] himself into the complex, racial [and] economic structure of South Africa, [and] has created and developed a field [of] economic effort which is becoming [pecu]liarly his own.

"During all these years the Indian [has] maintained that philosophy of relig[ion] which we know as Hinduism, whose [roots] go back over four thousand years, [and] which is already deep in the spirit[ual] concepts of half the world which [...] Asia. We also know that Hinduism [has] welded together the most heterogene[ous] elements, speaking many languages, [in] a common conception of religion, and [that] its universal tolerance has enabled [it] to live harmoniously side by side. [...] harmonious instinct of Hinduism [...] enable you to fit yourselves more [and] more in the years to come into the [...] ing South Africa without undue [...] either to your own ideals or those [of] the Europeans. I therefore look for[ward] to good work in securing the welfa[re of] the Hindu people in harmony with [the] general development of South Africa.

"I have said nothing about educat[ion] but it should be satisfactory to yo[u to] know that great progress is being m[ade] and within a very reasonable period [it] should not be said that any Indian c[hild] is growing up without proper educat[ion]. I commend also the instruction in [the] Temple schools. There is no loss, [but] much gain, to a child in maintain[ing] complete familiarity with the vernac[ular] of India, which alone will enable him [to] make use of that great heritage of ph[iloso]phic thought and tradition which m[akes] India one of the intellectual store[houses] of the world."—G. HEATON NICHOL[LS,] Administrator of Natal.

"While I am definitely of opinion [that] the Indian race in South Africa m[ust] have one, and only one, political org[ani]sation in each province to express [its] needs and aspirations, the different [ele]ments of which the Indian communit[y is] composed may feel it necessary to m[ake] special arrangements for their spirit[ual] and educational requirements. From [that] point of view the conference will m[eet a] special need in which it has my sup[port].

I have noticed that the young me[n of] the community are gradually losing [touch] with religion, and the danger is th[at a] whole generation may grow up wit[hout] any appreciation of spiritual value[s. I] wish the conference every success. [It is] my fervent prayer that its deliberat[ions] may promote the moral and social [re]generation of the Indian community [in] the Union." — SIR SHAFA'AT AH[MAD] KHAN.

Port Shepstone Debate

An inter-debate between the Y.M.[M.A.] of Port Shepstone, and Muslim S[tudy] Group, of Stanger, was held at the [Port] Shepstone Mohammedan Madressa [hall] on Sunday. The Y.M.M.A. moved, bef[ore] a large gathering: "That united I[ndia] can achieve independence through [non-]violence."

The motion was carried, after a [keen] contest, by 68 points against the Stan[ger] Muslim Study Group's 58.

Among those present were the off[icials] of the Umzinto Muslim Debating S[ociety] and the secretary of the Gincore [...] Debating Society.

The adjudicators were Messrs. [...] Mutukistna and C. M. Dhoodhat.

[TH]E HINDU WAY OF LIFE

MATERIALISTIC, SELFISH ENDS TAKEN

Demand for a Searching Analysis

[S]OLEMN atmosphere pervaded the City Hall, Maritzburg, on Saturday [m]orning when the South African Hindu Maha Sabha Conference held its [openi]ng session. Every seat in the hall was taken except for the balcony, [the] added seats of which was reserved for Europeans only, a condition of the [...] reference to this was greeted with cries of "shame." Otherwise nothing [marre]d the proceedings, the solemnity of which could be felt by every member [of th]e audience. The music, provided by the Durban Satya Nyana Girls' [Orche]stra, still added to the effect. Prayers were offered by Pandit Jugmohan [and M]rs. M. M. Moodley.

[M]r. S. R. Naidoo, chairman of the Reception Committee, indicated the [purpo]se of the meeting as seeking co-operation and unity among the various [sectio]ns—Tamils, Hindustani, Telegus and Gujerati—coming within the fold [of th]e Maha Sabha. An attempt was made to do this by Shree Swami [...] in 1912, but the Maha Sabha had failed to function continuously. [The p]resent attempt, he felt, had come at a time when the machinery had to [run] without stopping.

[...] India, as you know, is the home of our religion, our culture and our [civilis]ation. We as a community have lost our personal contact with our [mother]land. Naturally being in a country where these influences and contacts [are ab]sent, setbacks are the inevitable results. The impact of Western civilisa[tion] upon us has brought about certain changes of life and outlook in us. [We h]ave to some extent adopted Western custom. Deep reverence to our [religi]on is lacking. Our culture and civilisation are not held in the same esteem [as bef]ore," added Mr. Naidoo.

[M]r. R. B. Chetty, in his presidential address, struck a lofty note in his [interp]retation of his religion that "must help man in his struggle for the [spiritua]l progress of his soul."

"During the last one hundred years we have fallen from the high ideals [set be]fore us by our great seers, and instead of pursuing our philosophy of life [for d]ivine ends, we have been aiming at ends far from divine, namely, for [materi]alistic selfish ends; as a result, the Hindu ideals of life and Hindu [instit]utions have become the caricature of what it was and was intended to be [by th]e great men of yore."

[T]hree hundred delegates were present from far and near.

[...]ED to this internal decay," went [o]n Mr. Chetty, "there was an inrush [of ext]ernal forces that have thrown us [o]ff our feet. The aggressive civili[sation] of the West, with their conception[...]e, which is mainly materialistic, [w]hich is fundamentally different to [Hi]ndu conception, has caught us in [it]s grip. It has given us rude shocks, [...]t with Western life for over a century [...] has now made it clear that the [West]ern mode of life has its brighter [and d]arker aspects equally with the pre[...]y Hindu life.

[At] this juncture, we require a search[ing an]alysis of these civilisations, a criti[cal ap]preciation of all that is great [and goo]d in both cultures. A comparative [study] of the two cultures by us has be[come] a vital necessity, and then alone [there] would be a fair prospect for our [comm]unity to survive in the struggle [for ex]istence.

[I invi]te your attention to consider the [prese]nt conditions of the Hindu com[munit]y in South Africa. A preponderating majority of them, though poor and [...], have kept up our tradition and [civilis]ation to some degree despite insu[pe]rable obstacles in their way during [...]nd nearing a century. It indicates [the vi]tality of the spiritual civilisation of [...]. If those of the Hindus who came [under] indenture had had the necessary [faciliti]es for their material, moral and [spiritu]al advancement in this country, [what] a difference it would have made in [the out]look of the European towards us? [...]ite apart from their changed out[look,] it would have afforded opportunities [for t]he European to study the cultural [herita]ge of the Eastern civilisation and [help] this country in her onward march [towar]ds a nobler civilisation. But, unfor[tunate]ly, the Hindu community, not hav[ing] the facilities to demonstrate the [moral] and cultural mind of India, have [remai]ned static.

[I b]eseech you to give thought whether [the o]pportune moment has not arrived [for t]he Hindu community to wake up [from] their slumber and do their duty [by or]ganising their scattered forces into [a com]pact body so as to facilitate the [advance]ment of our social and material [welfare a]long right lines? There was [a time] it was about two or three decades [ago, t]he Hindus were helpless to organise [the] community for paucity of leaders, [lack] of finance and owing to lack of [educ]ation; but now, the state of affairs [is qu]ite different to the one that was [prevai]ling some years ago.

[Now,] we have a fairly large number [of hig]hly educated Hindus, men of means, [...]cent, enthusiastic and self-sacrificing men and women, who are capable [of le]ading the community, and as such, [they] should bestir themselves to rouse [the H]indu masses and educate them in [their] sacred mission to propagate the [ideals] embodied in the spiritual civilisa[tion o]f India.

[The]re was a time when the Hindus, [for lac]k of understanding and education, [could] not come together on a common [platfo]rm for achieving common ends. [But no]w the time has changed. Provincial [and p]arochial differences and jealousies [are gr]adually disappearing; in the cir[cumst]ances, is it not high time for the [Hindu] people to come together to a [greate]r extent than hitherto and carry on the work of the community under the banner of the Maha Sabha, the mother of all Hindu institutions?

"One must frankly admit that we find the Hindu community have swerved from the high ideals set by the forefathers for the conduct of the individual in a Hindu society, and apart from their environment, it is due to a certain extent to lack of religious education both at home and in schools.

"In India, practical religious education is centred in the home, and naturally many a home has produced remarkable men of character, culture and outstanding ability; but in this country there seems to be a total negation of religion both at home and in public.

"As a result of ignorance in spiritual matters, we unfortunately have to admit a tendency for denationalisation of the present generation of Hindus, and the prospects before the coming generation seem to be gloomier."

Referring to the need for a college, Mr. Chetty said that it is of transcendental importance not only to the Hindu community, but also to this country which is the place of our birth and which feeds and nourishes us and as such we owe it a debt of gratitude. That gratitude could not be expressed in a more fitting manner than the founding of a Hindu College, where the cultures of the Eastern and Western civilisations shall meet, and an opportunity shall be provided for the better mind of the Europeans and Indians to cultivate the cultural advancement of the country. South Africa being the meeting ground between the Eastern and Western civilisations, perhaps the founding of a Hindu College may prove a happy augury for the birth of a more humane and less materialistic civilisation, namely, a synthesis of the Eastern and Western civilisations.

Prayers by Pundit Jugmohan and Mrs. M. M. Moodley; welcome by Mr. S. R. Naidoo.

Other speakers at the opening were: Dr. N. P. Desai, Mr. R. R. Maharaj, Mr. V. Gokul (Transvaal), Mr. L. R. Maharaj (Transvaal), Mr. D. S. Chetty, Mr. Rajoo (Kimberley), Mr. A. J. Naidoo (Andhra Maha Sabha), Miss Dhana Lutchmee Maistry, Mr. R. R. Singh, Mr. Manian Pillay (Port Elizabeth), Mr. M. R. Naik, Mrs. Jugmohan, Mr. Sewsunker (Merebank), Mr. Ashwin Choudree, Mr. S. R. Naidoo, Mr. S. M. Naicker.

IRISH MUSIC

Last Monday the members of the Durban International Club and their guests were entertained to a real feast of Irish music given by Mr. Jack Moran, the well-known musical authority.

The Mayoress voiced the feelings of members when, in proposing a vote of thanks to Mr. Moran, she said they had not only thoroughly enjoyed his talk and music, but he had touched their hearts and given them a fresh insight into the meaning of song.

Friday evening at the club was be given over to a display of dancing, while next Monday, April 17, Mr. Dikobe, librarian at the Bantu Social Centre, will lecture on Bantu music.

HINDU MARRIAGE OFFICERS

Husbands Take Advantage of Non-Registration

The non-registration of Hindu marriages owing to the fact that Hindu priests were not appointed as marriage officers, with the subsequent repudiation of marriage ties, was exhaustively discussed during the Sunday session of the conference of the South African Hindu Maha Sabha.

The Relief Act of 1913, which was the consummation of the Gandhi-Smuts agreement, provided for the appointment of such officers, but owing to sectional differences among the Hindus themselves no appointment was made, but today delegates pointed out to the conference that, owing to the omission of marriage registration, husbands were turning their affections elsewhere and their wives were being turned out into the streets.

Stating his experience as a social worker, Mr. S. L. Singh strongly pressed conference to adopt a resolution that representations should be made to the Union Government for the recognition of all Hindu marriages performed according to Hindu rites, and that marriage officers of all sections and views should be nominated. Today, he said, a young man with some sense of dissatisfaction with his married life, though religiously married, repudiated his marital obligations because of the legal loophole.

Another delegate, Mr. D. S. Chetty, who stated that he had 35 years' experience in a legal office, referred to the increase of broken marriages because legal effect was lacking. Mothers-in-law were also a contributory factor.

"We want the appointment of marriage officers who should be priests, and would be able to effect registration simultaneously with the ceremonial part of the marriage," he added.

Supporting the resolution, Mr. T. M. Naicker said that the Union Government had now been more favourably disposed towards the appointment of Hindu marriage officers, so that their marriages would obtain legal sanction provided the conference submitted a scheme which was reasonable and unanimous.

In order to facilitate the appointment of marriage officers, Mr. S. R. Naidoo, in an amendment, suggested that Commissioners for Oaths belonging to the Hindu faith should be allowed to act as marriage officers.

In the debate that followed conference favoured the appointment of priests who performed Hindu marriages to be given legal power to register marriages in the same way as priests of other religions were made marriage officers.

Conference passed: That this conference hereby resolves that representations be made to the Government of the Union of South Africa for the recognition of all Hindu marriages performed according to Hindu rites, so that marriage officers representative of all sections and views be appointed, such officers shall be Hindu priests or purohits, who shall be responsible for the submission of returns of all marriages performed by them to the proper authorities within seven days of such marriages.

PANDITS PROTEST

A resolution requesting the council of the Maha Sabha to contact religious authorities in India and obtain authoritative information in regard to Hindu marriage ceremonies was vigorously opposed by the Hindu priests at the conference, among whom were Messrs. Mewa Maharaj, R. Bunwaru, S. Panday and R. Sukla. They felt that sufficient information in books was available in this country without looking to India. "It would be a stigma on the pandits of South Africa if we wrote to India," summed up Pandit R. B. Maharaj.

Replying to the debate, the chairman of committee, Mr. S. R. Pather, said that to contend that to write to India for information was an insult to their pandits was a mistake. "We want men from India. There is a general view that the Hindu marriage service should be modified. While there are eminent men here, there are still more eminent men in India. One consulted a specialist without meaning offence to the general practitioner. The best of the men are in India, and we want to go to India for our information."

Mr. S. L. Singh declared that to seek enlightenment was not humiliation, but advancement. "We are not defaming our pandits when we ask for information. The pandits should be the first to support it."

After further discussion the conference decided: That this conference requests the council of the Maha Sabha to con-

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LOVE AND LETTERS

OF all the pleas made to support female education I heard a novel one at the South African Hindu Conference during the weekend, writes a Leader reporter.

The resolution, under discussion, was to the effect that conference being of the firm conviction that no community could progress without their girls being educated requested all Hindus to give their daughters the best education possible and so forth.

One delegate contended that a woman, without education, could not express her love to her absent husband. With education would mean the elimination of the middleman, the letter-writer, who was brought in to inscribe all her wifely love and devotion. She would be able to do it herself. Quite a substantial reason in support of girls' education, I should think.

Mainly About People

Mr. Hajee Joosub Hajee Mahomed, the well-known merchant of Pretoria, was in Durban during the Easter holidays.

The marriage of Mr. Soobramoney (Verla), eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Alagiri Naicker, of Derby Street, Durban, to Parvathie, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pavaday Padayachee, of Koesfontein, took place at the Arya P.S. Hall, Carlisle Street, Durban, before a large gathering of relatives and friends.

The wedding took place in Durban on Sunday, April 12, of Mr. E. M. Naidoo, the youngest son of Mrs. and the late Mr. S. M. Naidoo, of Stratford Road, Durban, to Miss Sowbhaikium, youngest daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. Shunmugam Pillay, of Mint Road, Fordsburg, Johannesburg.

Mr. Edris Kahan, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Solayman Kahan, of Sheringham Road, Overport, was married on Sunday last to Hawa Bee Bee, the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Ismail Cassim, of 15a Sheringham Road, Overport, Durban.

Mr. Bobby Francis, of Port Elizabeth, is spending a few days with his parents at Richborough Road, Clairwood.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Paul Moodley and children, of Isipingo, have returned home after spending the Easter weekend in Maritzburg where they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Naicker and sons, of Greyling Street, and Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Lazarus, of East Street.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Maharaj and family, and Mr. J. J. Maharaj, all of Carolina, spent the week in Maritzburg.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Purmasir and Miss Purmasir are on a tour of the Union. They will also visit Portuguese East Africa.

Mrs. Rughnath Singh, Mr. and Mrs. K. R. Singh, Mr. and Mrs. R. Singh, Masters Iaurdeo Singh, Rajdeo Singh, all of Tongaat, spent their Easter holidays with Mr. J. Singh and family at Overport.

Mr. Triluch Singh, of Greytown, has returned to Greytown after spending his holidays with his family in Durban.

Messrs. E. G. Naidoo (Chico), of Doornkop, Stanger, and Mr. P. D. Naidoo and party, of Tongaat, spent the Easter holidays in Northern Natal.

Mr. B. Ganesh, of Doornkop, is away on three weeks' vacation, visiting friends and relatives at Balgowan and Glencoe, where he will be the guest of Mr. V. Soobramoney.

Mr. J. Chatterdarie Singh, of 68 Harbottle Road, Overport, is visiting friends and relatives in the Transvaal.

Mr. Maharaj, of "Vedic Villa," Glencoe, visited Maritzburg this week.

Mr. Hajee Ismail Cassim Adam, a leading business-man of Pretoria, visited Durban last weekend.

Tommy Kapar, of William Street, Maritzburg, spent the Easter holidays in Durban with friends.

WEDDING AT CAPE TOWN

People from all parts of the Union contributed towards making eventful the happy marriage of Ismail Adam Moosa (Butler) and Essop Adam Moosa (Carol), sons of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Moosa, of Maritzburg, to the daughters of the late Mr. Adam Moosa, of Cape Town, which took place at Cape Town recently.

A large gathering presented themselves to witness one of the biggest marriage ceremonies held in Cape Town for quite a long time. Congratulatory messages, through telegrams, etc., from those who were unable to be present, were read out during the occasion.

To enhance the marriage atmosphere, there was a number of parties given by various people to the newly married couples. They were also invited to a party given by Mr. A. E. Parker at the Cape Town City Hall.

On Sunday the Overport Tamil Welfare Society are celebrating the Tamil New Year at the S.R.S. Hall, Overport, Durban.

BIG MARITZBURG WEDDING

Under a beautiful pandal, decorated with coloured papers and picturesque illumination, the marriage of Sonie, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Maharaj, of Maritzburg, to Latchminarian, third son of Mr. and Mrs. Jugroop Maharaj, Cato Ridge, took place in the H.Y.S.A. Hall on Sunday when over 2,000 people, including delegates to the Hindu

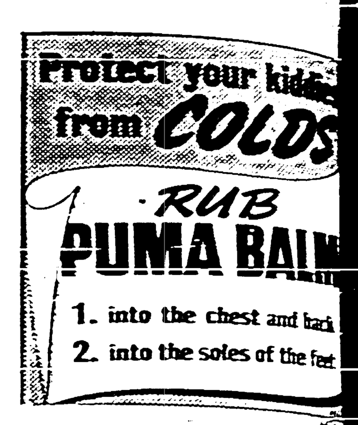
Maha Sabha Conference, were present.

Guests had started to come in a week before the occasion and for the entertainment, the Saraswathee Sungeeth Mundal was engaged on Saturday evening. On Sunday the Mohini Orchestra and the Saraswathee Sungeeth Mundal rendered musical items.

The variegated saries of the women guests added distinction to an already distinguished scene. Mungalams were sung by the Hindi school children and the two orchestras. After the Mungalams Mr. J. J. Maharaj, of Carolina, read a number of congratulatory messages and a list of presentations which, in cash and kind, amounted to over £700.

Pundits R. Bunwarielal Maharaj and J. Sadhanand Maharaj performed the marriage ceremony.

The following telegram has been sent to the Hon. the Minister of Justice: "Pietermaritzburg Branch Communist Party protests against threatened internment of Dr. Dadoo. We urge you to intervene. Internment will be negation of democracy for which war is being waged..."



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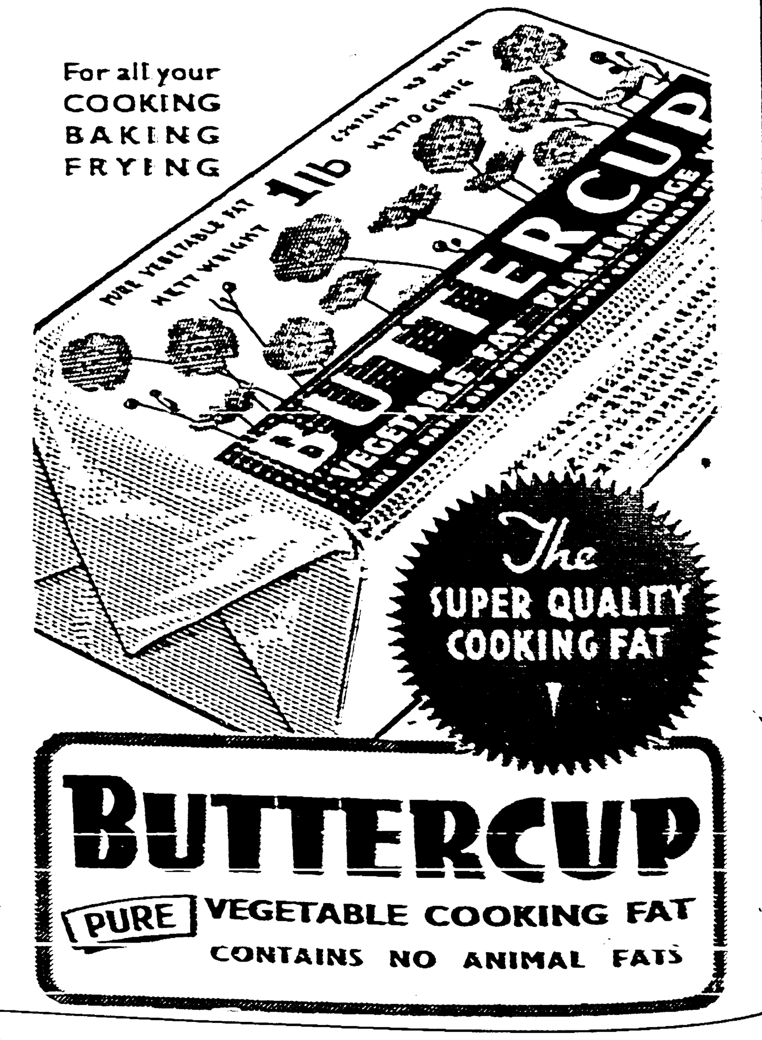

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TALK OF THE BAZAAR

BY "THE FAQIR"

...the Chinese fight for democracy ...ocracy all over the world, and ...seamen risk their lives so that ...ies of European cafe owners can ...their silk stockings, these very ...people cannot buy a cup of tea ...European restaurant. In Cape Town ...week, this led to one European cafe ...smashed up. A friend who was on ...the next day and who paid a ...visit to Durban over Easter tells of an amusing sidelight. When the news had got around that a cafe had been wrecked a large number of people turned up "to do some sightseeing." Among them was my friend. He noticed one Chinese seamen viewing the wreckage with a great amount of amusement. A few minutes later the gentleman decided on another course to entertain himself. He marched from one end of the pavement to the other, looked at the wreckage and laughed till his sides burst. Then he marched to the other end of the pavement and did the same thing. He repeated this performance for the greater part of the morning—to the annoyance of the Europeans who were present, but were powerless to do anything.

NOT CRICKET

Now that the soccer season is in and King Willow goes for a holiday, I am at liberty to tell you of something which occurred in the cricket world recently. Towards the end of the season one team played an ineligible member. A protest was lodged and won by the other side. Not content with this the side which was in default appealed to a "higher court"—[illegible] set and when the "case" was called the appellant team appeared equipped—with an attorney, a European. This had the chairman and the members of the appeal board stymied. They were unable to decide whether to allow the attorney to speak for the appellants or not and were still in a quandary when one member had a brainwave—the constitution, he pointed out, provided that only Indians or persons of Malay descent could participate in their deliberations and if the attorney could prove to the satisfaction of the board that he was an Indian or a person of Malay descent then there could be no objection. The thoroughbred left in discomfiture.

ENGLISH STANDS

English once more came into its own. For one might have thought it would have been supplanted by (Tamil, Telegu, Hindustani or Gugerati at the Hindu Conference. English was used in nine-tenths of the discussion, the translations were made more as a sop to the supporters of vernacular education, who themselves used English in the debate, rather than, except in a few cases, of meeting any hardship for the want of knowledge of the English language. When somebody asked the chairman if printing of the resolutions would be done in the four official languages of the conference, the chairman's prompt reply was: "Oh, no, that will be too expensive. It will be done in English." So, English it will be.

HE DISAGREES

That brings me to Telegu; for it was the first time that I heard Telegu spoken at a conference of the mixed sections. The Andhras took themselves quite seriously and the conference was tolerant. It was left to a Telegu speaker to bring things to a head. He said that he was a Telegu and that as all understood English the Telegu translation of resolutions might be eliminated so as to save time. No sooner had he sat down, up rose an Andhra wallah, making his protest vigorously. When he had finished the audience wanted to know what was said. "He says that he disagrees," was the chairman, Mr. S. R. Pather, succinct translation.

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Senior "B"—
2.15 p.m.: Queens v. Mansfield Hotspurs (No. 1).
3.30 p.m.: Sydenham v. S.W. Rangers. (No. 1).
Junior—
2.15 p.m.: Westridge v. S.W. Rangers (No. 2).
3.30 p.m.: Sastri College v. Stella (No. 2).
Juvenile "A"—
2.15 p.m.: Warwickshire v. Sastri College (No. 3).
3.30 p.m.: Greyville v. Aces (No. 3).
Juvenile "B"—
2.15 p.m.: Sydenham Royals v. Young Railway (No. 4).
3.30 p.m.: Shamrocks v. Mayfair (No. 4).

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11.0 a.m.: Style Bradford v. Ninian Lesley (Main).
11.30 a.m.: Durban Clothing v. Escoma (No. 3).

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League Competition.

"A" DIVISION—SENIORS
2.15 p.m.: Young Ortmans v. Schools.
"B" DIVISION—SENIORS
3.45 p.m.: Stella v. Shamrocks.
"A" DIVISION—JUNIORS
2.15 p.m.: Hillview v. Young Natalians.
"A" DIVISION—JUVENILES
1.15 p.m.: Young Natalians v. Stella.
"B" DIVISION—JUVENILES
1.15 p.m.: Britannia v. Schools.
3.45 p.m.: Woodlands v. Royals.

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CRICKET SEASON ENDS

The Durban Cricket Union closed their season last weekend. Greyville defeated Sastri College in the final for Asmal's Cup, and they are the only club this season to win two cups, having won the "B" Division League and Asmal's Cup; Muslims have won the "A" Division League and Ottomans Panday's Shield.

In the Natal competition (Peters' Shield), Central (Durban) met Ottomans, of Ladysmith, in the final and lost to them on a single innings, though the visitors required two runs for a double innings win; play stopped owing to bad light.

Sastri College, 75 runs (Hassim K. Haffejee 17).

Greyville, 75 runs (S. L. Emammally 22, Harry Singh 20).

Central, 85 (C. R. Naidoo 30, D. Jack 24, A. Soobiah 21).

Ottomans, 117 (G. H. Shaikh 11, Mackeny 17, G. M. C. Asmal 25, Bahadoor 40, E. A. Moolla 16).

Central, 2nd innings, 86 for 4 declared (J. Jack 30 not out, D. Jack 33).

Ottomans, 2nd innings, 55 for no wickets.

A DOUBLE WEDDING

The Nottingham Road Muslim Society's Hall was the scene of a double wedding on Sunday last when Mr. I. M. Morad, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Mahomed Morad, and Mr. A. R. Munshi, second son of the late Mr. Mahmood Mia Munshi and Mrs. Munshi, both of Johannesburg, were married to Misses Khatija and Hafiza, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Mahomed E. Soodedar, of Maritzburg.

Moulana Haniff officiated. Mr. I. Rahim, of Johannesburg, acted as M.C. The pandal was tastefully decorated for the occasion. There was a large gathering of relatives, friends and many prominent Europeans. The guests partook of luncheon, which brought the ceremony to a conclusion.

The Aryan Benevolent Society collected £25 5s. in the precinct of the Hindu Temple, Maritzburg, on Good Friday.

ROSEBANK CLUB

The fifteenth annual meeting of the Rosebank Sporting Club was held at the Rosebank Supply Store recently, when the following officials were elected for the ensuing year: Patrons, Messrs. D. Juddoo, Baboo Paruk, T. Rughubar, R. Krishna, life vice-president, Mr. A. P. Pillay; president, Mr. A. Doorasamy Pillay; vice-presidents, Messrs. G. S. Maharaj, K. Banchoo, A. Dooray, Y. R. Vengtas, M. Chetty, A. K. E. Bux, Dave Naidoo and J. G. Naidoo; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. Sunassie Naidoo; assistant secretary, Mr. B. Mack; hon. auditor, Mr. G. S. Maharaj; manager, Mr. T. R. Durga.

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STANGER MARRIAGE

The marriage of Mr. Punchum Singh, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Lutchoosingh, to Miss Sewrancee Devi, the eldest daughter of J. Bepthram (S.A.P.), of Stanger, was celebrated at the Stanger Sabha Hall on Sunday. About four hundred guests were present.

Congratulatory speeches were made by the Hindi Vernacular School pupils, of Stanger.

Telegrams and letters of congratulations were read to the audience from the various friends and relatives. Pundit R. R. Patak officiated.

It is learned that membership to the Springbok Legion, a soldiers' organisation, is open to non-European soldiers without any restrictions whatsoever. The Legion, which is growing in strength daily, has a membership of over 40,000 today.

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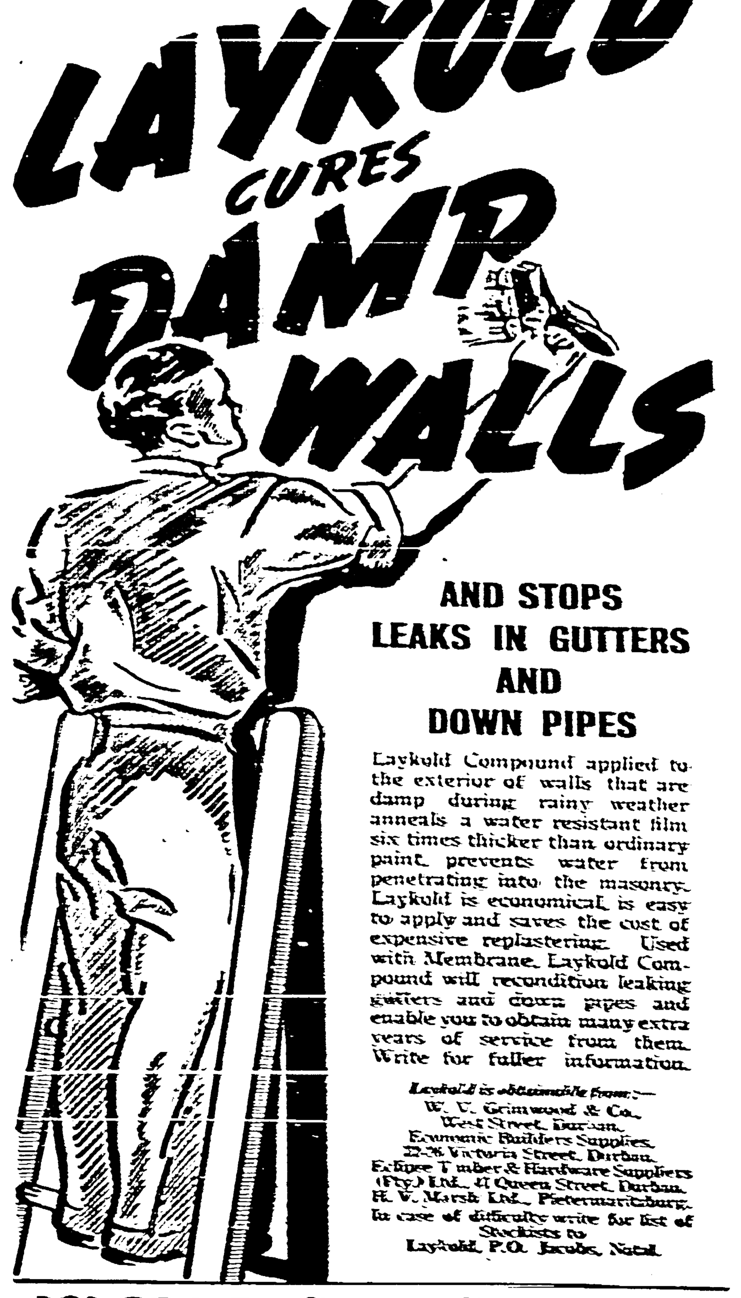

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Unpegging the Pegging Act

REPEAL OF PEGGING ACT FORESHADOWED SHORTLY

Struggle in International Field Recalled

AFTER almost a year's intense agitation, both in India and in South Africa, agreement had been reached this week that the Pegging Act must go. A board of Europeans and Indians, directed towards the end of co-operative effort, will now decide the question of occupation, and at the same time the board will have the results of Indian discontent tabulated at the laxity of the Durban Municipality in providing suitable accommodation for its Indian population.

This discriminary measure, which was regarded as a blot on the fair name of South Africa, was interpreted as being inconsistent with the principles and aims of the present war and the Atlantic Charter. This question was projected on the world's screen, and if anywhere it had moved the people to express its indignation it was in India, where measures of retaliation were taken against South Africa. And if India was in a position to declare war it would not even have hesitated.

But happily negotiation was not broken off and with Lord Wavell, the Viceroy, and Dr. N. Khare, the Minister of Indian Oversea Affairs, were eventually able to impress the Indian point of view on the Premier of South Africa that the retention of the Act was a slur on the whole Indian population of the Commonwealth.

INDIA EXPECTANT

India was already on tip-toes to hear the repeal of the Pegging Act in the week.

In the Assembly at New Delhi, party leaders conferred in the lobby and are reported to have gathered that the personal correspondence proceeding between Lord Wavell and General Smuts was likely to lead to early satisfactory results. Lobby expectations, according to the Times of India's Special Correspondent, is that the Union Government will consider favourably the Indian demand for repealing the "Pegging" Act and for the grant of both parliamentary and municipal franchise. Indian opinion is insisting on common and not communal franchise and the Union Government's reaction is awaited.

There was a feeling of hopefulness in the lobby that the strong stand taken by the Government of India and the personal regard which the heads of the Governments of the two countries have for each other may make it unnecessary for India to launch retaliatory measures.

In the struggle for the repeal of the Act the officials of the Natal Indian Congress, it would be invidious to name them, and the quondam political organisations, played no less a heroic part. They were men who counted not the cost, and they sacrificed and rendered their all ungrudgingly. They apprised the world of the situation to which, the great man that he is, General Smuts had to bow to agitation.

This is no climb down for this international figure for today no one is more actuated than he with the desire to see all parts of the British Commonwealth of Nations live in harmony and peace. To try to settle world disputes, without trying to quench the fire in one's own household, is to be false to the ideals of a peacemaker, and General Smuts is reputed to be that.

Leader Reporter Describes Historic Meeting

From Our Political Correspondent.

PRETORIA, Wednesday.

A deputation of the Natal Indian Congress met the Administrator (Mr. G. Heaton Nicholls) with Mr. D. F. Mitchell, M.E.C., at Pretoria on Tuesday. The discussion, it is understood, lasted an hour on various matters connected with ownership and occupation of property by Indians in Natal.

PRIME MINISTER MESSAGE

The Congress deputation met the Minister of Interior (Senator C. F. Clarkson) with whom was Mr. J. H. Basson, Commissioner for Asiatic Affairs. The Congress representatives, it is learnt, discussed all matters arising out of the Pegging Act and submitted a memorandum through the Minister of Interior, to the Prime Minister, General Smuts. There was a further combined meeting of the Administrator of Natal, Mr. G. Heaton Nicholls, Mr. D. F. Mitchell and the Congress representatives with the Minister of Interior.

In the afternoon a conference took place at the office of the Prime Minister, Gen. Smuts, the Natal Administrator, Mr. D. F. Mitchell, M.E.C., Senator Clarkson and the Congress representatives were present. As a result of the conference with the Prime Minister, at the Union Buildings, which lasted some time, the Minister of Interior, Senator Clarkson, issued the following statement to the Press:—

"The Prime Minister and the Minister of the Interior met the Administrator of Natal (Mr. G. Heaton Nicholls), Mr. D. E. Mitchell, M.E.C., Senator D. G. Shepstone, and the following representatives of the Natal Indian Congress: Messrs. A. I. Kajee, P. R. Pather, S. R. Naidoo, A. B. Moosa, T. N. Bhoola, Mahomed Ebrahim and S. M. Paruk, in connection with matters arising out of the application of the Pegging Act in Natal.

"The discussion took place as the result of representations made by the Indian Congress to find an alternative method of controlling the occupation of dwellings in towns and boroughs of Natal to that adopted under the Act mentioned.

It was agreed that the situation would best be met by the introduction of an Ordinance into the Natal Provincial Council. This ordinance would provide for the creation of a board consisting of two Europeans and two Indian members under the chairmanship of a third European, who will be a man of legal training.

The object of the legislation will be to create machinery for the board to control occupation by the licensing of dwellings in certain areas; and the application of the Pegging Act in Durban to be withdrawn by a proclamation on the passing of this ordinance."

It will be recalled that a deputation from the South African Indian Congress met the Prime Minister at Cape Town last month on the subject of the Pegging Act.

The Leader has already published a summary of the memorandum. The Congress deputation then urged in their memorandum to the Prime Minister that the chief cause of Indian disquiet and misgiving as to his future in this country was the Pegging Act which in effect had freezed the elementary right of ownership and occupation of property.

The deputation stated: "The Indian community whilst in no way giving up its elementary human right of ownership and occupation of property anywhere, has in its considered opinion divided the question into two parts, namely (1) the ownership and acquisition of property for trading, commercial and investment purposes, and (2) the occupation of property for residential purposes. In this division it admits that though unreasonable, there is on the question of living in close proximity between Europeans and Indians a problem on which issues should be joined and to which a solution should be found.

"We, therefore, suggest that the Pegging Act as applicable to Durban be forthwith annulled by proclamation, and in its place, to maintain the position temporarily, so far as it relates to the occupation of residential property, pending the inquiry and findings of the commission, a board or committee consisting of two Europeans and two Indians with a chairman with legal training be established.

"This committee shall have the power to issue occupational licences for residence in areas where there is a sharp racial distinction of residential property occupation. We are confident that by the establishment of such a committee the problem of juxtapositional living and the friction arising therefrom will be overcome and the immediate provision of building sites for the middle class and housing, in the words of the Hon. Harry Lawrence, will ultimately solve the problem without compulsion."

Press statement, issued by the Minister of the Interior, indicates that an agreement has been reached between the Interior Department, representing the Union Government, the Natal Provincial Government and the Natal Indian Congress that a Provincial Ordinance is to be introduced to create machinery to control future occupation of dwellings by system of licence in boroughs and townships.

It seems that the whole aim of the agreement is to regulate by means of the said board juxtapositional residential occupation between Europeans and Indians. This, it is felt, would remove the racial friction which is aroused by the living of Europeans and Indians in close proximity. It is learnt that the application of the Ordinance would be of a general character.

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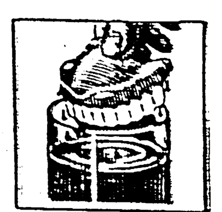

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FOR AND AGAINST

Indian Beauty Contest

Miss J.R.M.: I, as a regular reader, shall be very much pleased if you permit me the courtesy of your column to state my views on the "Indian Beauty Queen Contest."

As an Indian girl I should mention that today we are living in a modern world, a world in which all types of revolutions are in operation. These revolutions, however, do not signal for such contests in the Indian world. My Indian brother, J.R.P., who is roused by the recent European Beauty Cavalcade in this country, through the medium of these columns, is making every effort to bring into force the beauty competition among our girls.

Remember, he may by chance succeed in recruiting a few on his list, and only those who are in the avenue of present-day Indian opinion.

Hitherto, there is no hope in getting the Mahommedans and [...] sections, if possible only one per cent. of the total number.

So, my brother, your beauty contest would not be complete without all our Indian girls participating.

Now I think that some of us girls are quite content without a contest, and also note "that beauty may be fair, but the unseen is fairer."

In conclusion we at present should forget the idea of introducing beauty contests, etc., but the only remedy to settle is to educate our Indian girls. Then in the near future every step can be taken into consideration by the entire community.

TIMES ARE MOVING

C.H.K.: I heartily congratulate your correspondent, "J.R.P.," who audaciously made such a striking move, as suggesting to organise an Indian Beauty Queen Contest in this country.

I am fully convinced that the facts marshalled by our friend with regard to physical fitness is quite in keeping with the condition of our girls as they stand. We might, for instance, compare them with the Baroda Girl Guides, who, many years ago, came to Durban to display their physical culture and acrobatics and other features relative to strength and beauty.

Yes, J.R.P., our girls have been hibernating all these years and this was and still is one of the greatest drawbacks of our girls, especially in Natal. Times are moving fast—good readers of mine—and we must endeavour to keep pace with the times. I am glad that the essentiality of a Beauty Queen Contest has at last been realised. Hats off to you, "J.R.P.!"

But, so far from congratulating you, I might venture to suggest that you should accept the rather appropriate capacity of organiser of the contest, since you were the first and the only one to think of this popular contest.

BEAUTIFUL GIRLS

"Fairplay Indian": The statements of "J.R.P." in your issue of April 15 and his comments on "Indian Beauty Queen Contest" are decidedly interesting and edifying, and surely require looking into.

To remove the uncleanliness prevailing in some Indians I would like also to add my wholehearted support to "J.R.P." on his unique suggestion.

Throughout my visit to various towns of South Africa recently I have been able to see some beautiful Indian girls and, in fact, superior in complexion to that of the Europeans; so it proves that we can surely bring up such an excellent suggestion put before us by your correspondent, "J.R.P."

I really think something should be done by the leading Indians here to encourage a move to organise such a body to function amongst our Indian girls. In response to this appeal I hope the Indian girls will not disappoint to recruit for the competition and to express our conviction that it should be made towards the betterment of our community.

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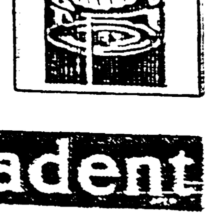

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The death occurred of PARSATHIE, eldest daughter of B. Ramesar, of National Studio, Pietermaritzburg, at an early age of 13 years. Her funeral was attended by a large gathering.

FOR AND AGAINST

Indian Beauty Contest

Miss J.R.M.: I, as a regular reader, shall be very much pleased if you permit me the courtesy of your column to state my views on the "Indian Beauty Queen Contest."

As an Indian girl I should mention that today we are living in a modern world, a world in which all types of revolutions are in operation. These revolutions, however, do not signal for such contests in the Indian world. My Indian brother, J.R.P., who is roused by the recent European Beauty Cavalcade in this country, through the medium of these columns, is making every effort to bring into force the beauty competition among our girls.

Remember, he may by chance succeed in recruiting a few on his list, and only those who are in the avenue of present-day Indian opinion.

Hitherto, there is no hope in getting the Mohammedans and Guzerati sections, if possible only one per cent. of the total number.

So, my brother, your beauty contest would not be complete without all our Indian girls participating.

Now I think that some of us girls are quite content without a contest, and also note "that beauty may be fair, but the unseen is fairer."

In conclusion we at present should forget the idea of introducing beauty contests, etc., but the only remedy to settle is to educate our Indian girls. Then in the near future every step can be taken into consideration by the entire community.

TIMES ARE MOVING

C.H.K.: I heartily congratulate your correspondent, "J.R.P.," who audaciously made such a striking move, as suggesting to organise an Indian Beauty Queen Contest in this country.

I am fully convinced that the facts marshalled by our friend with regard to physical fitness is quite in keeping with the condition of our girls as they stand. We might, for instance, compare them with the Baroda Girl Guides, who, many years ago, came to Durban to display their physical culture and acrobatics and other features relative to strength and beauty.

Yes, J.R.P., our girls have been hibernating all these years and this was and still is one of the greatest drawbacks of our girls, especially in Natal. Times are moving fast—good readers of mine—and we must endeavour to keep pace with the times. I am glad that the essentiality of a Beauty Queen Contest has at last been realised. Hats off to you, "J.R.P.!"

But, so far from congratulating you, I might venture to suggest that you should accept the rather appropriate capacity of organiser of the contest, since you were the first and the only one to think of this popular contest.

BEAUTIFUL GIRLS

"Fairplay Indian": The statements of "J.R.P." in your issue of April 15 and his comments on "Indian Beauty Queen Contest" are decidedly interesting and edifying, and surely require looking into.

To remove the uncleanliness prevailing in some Indians I would like also to add my wholehearted support to "J.R.P." on his unique suggestion.

Throughout my visit to various towns of South Africa recently I have been able to see some beautiful Indian girls and, in fact, superior in complexion to that of the Europeans; so it proves that we can surely bring up such an excellent suggestion put before us by your correspondent, "J.R.P."

I really think something should be done by the leading Indians here to encourage a move to organise such a body to function amongst our Indian girls. In response to this appeal I hope the Indian girls will not disappoint to recruit for the competition and to express our conviction that it should be made towards the betterment of our community.

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ENGAGEMENT NOTICE

NAICKER—NAICKER

Miss Radha (Ranjitham), the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. Naicker, of Glen Albyn, will be betrothed to Mr. J. P. Naicker, the fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. Parthasaradhy Naicker, of Welbedacht, on Sunday, 23rd April, 1944, at Mr. and Mrs. P. Naicker's residence, Glen Albyn, Braemar.

Betrothal Ceremony is between 11 a.m. to 12 noon. Relatives and friends are cordially invited by Mr. and Mrs. P. Naicker.

APPRECIATION

Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Moodley, of 16 First Avenue, Durban, and Mrs. T. L. Veerana Naidoo, of Manning Place, sincerely thank all friends and relatives who sent messages of congratulations and presents on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. S. Maslamoney (Butler), son of Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Moodley, to Miss Kanamall (Baby), daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. T. L. Veerana Naidoo, of Manning Place, Durban.

Thanks Notice

Messrs. G. R. Chetty Bros. and Mrs. G. V. Chetty desire to sincerely thank all friends and relatives in the various parts of South Africa and Mauritius for their beautiful floral tributes, telegrams and letters received in their sad bereavement.

In Memoriam

RAMESAR.—In loving memory of our beloved Father, S. Ramesar, 62 Rosedale Road, Mountain Rise, who passed away on April 19, 1939.
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NATAL INDIAN JUDICIAL COMMISSION

The above Commission has been appointed:—

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(b) the provision of adequate residential, educational, religious and recreational facilities; and

(2) to make recommendations generally as to what steps are necessary further to implement the uplift clauses of the Cape Town Agreement of 1927 and as to all matters affecting the well-being and advancement of the permanent Indian population of Natal.

Interested persons and bodies are invited to furnish information upon any matter within the terms of reference. Such information may be submitted by means of written memoranda or orally at a public sitting. Senders of memoranda may, if they wish, supplement their written information by oral evidence.

Memoranda (10 copies) should be in the hands of the Secretary, P.O. Box 244, Pretoria, not later than 12th May, and the senders should state whether they wish to give oral evidence in addition. Those who wish to give oral evidence without submitting memoranda should so inform the Secretary not later than the above date.

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PRIZE FOR BEST GARDEN

The first annual meeting of the Pentrich and Camps Drift Ratepayers' Association took place at the T.P.A. Hall, Pentrich. There were present about eighty ratepayers of the district and four city councillors, Messrs. Thompson, Hirst, Croft Lever and Tooth. Mr. A. G. Pillay presided.

Mr. Thompson, in congratulating the association for the fine work done during the year, donated a prize of two guineas for the best kept garden during the present year.

The other councillors also spoke in high terms of the good work that was done by the association.

The council, as a matter of goodwill, had agreed to pay for water connections leading to the main, without any charge to the Indians.

The following officials were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. A. G. Pillay; vice-president, Messrs. D. R. Singh and J. M. David; hon. secretary, Mr. R. Poodhan; hon. treasurer, Mr. H. Tayob; hon. auditor, Mr. B. Sawarie; committee, Messrs. S. Pillay, I. Ramcharan, M. Meeran, Rabosram Maharaj, C. S. Woodley, G. Pather, H. Moothal.

FAMINE FUND

The India Famine Relief Fund, Johannesburg, acknowledges two cheques, one from the Rosebergh Kamatic Sungeetha Sabha of £32 15s. 6d., the proceeds of a play, "Bakta Nandanar"; the other from the Maidstone Young Men's Dialogue Club, with which is amalgamated Maidstone Tinetha Ranjitha Drama Company, of £8, proceeds of an entertainment held at the Maidstone Temple Hall on March 12.

THE—
LEADER
SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 1944.

The Red Herring

SENATOR CLARKSON'S address to the Executive of the Natal Municipal Association, urging the Europeans to consider seriously the extension of representation to the Indian people has been another basis—the penetration having been arbitrarily settled to the satisfaction of the European people—for an outburst of anti-Indianism. The Minister of the Interior, Senator Clarkson, is to be congratulated on taking courage in both hands and declaring that the Indians are not foreigners and that South Africa is their home. Durban, which would be the first city in this country to oppose the establishment of a republic and the consequent severance of ties with Britain and the Commonwealth, is again leading the agitation against the Indian. Durban would be the first to uphold the ... cent principles of British justice ... equity and be proud of its association with Britain, yet, paradoxically, it ... been constantly endangering the ... tion of British qualities.

In the course of a letter to the Commissioner for Asiatic Affairs the Durban Joint Wards Committee, which represents the interests of the European ratepayers, states that the policy being pursued by the Minister of the Interior is a dangerous one and yet it was on the ... ance of a policy of taxation without representation that the American Colonies broke away from Britain. If the Indians were given the franchise this country would soon fall under an Indian majority rule, continues the letter.

Nothing could be further from the truth. In South Africa the Indian, bounded from every side, is unable to play a part in power politics. Even if he does get the franchise his numerical inferiority will prevent his playing any effective part in the politics of the country. By dint of perseverance he may have realised some sort of economic security, but this is only for a handful of people. The majority are still victims of the industrial colour bar and the colour restrictions in the ... walks of life. For the Durban Joint Wards Committee to declare that South Africa would fall under an Indian majority rule is to draw a red herring across the trail and cloud the issue. The fact is that these Europeans are motivated by racial hatred not unlike that propounded by the Nazi philosophy of life and yet they would be the last to admit that they are Nazis and the first to crusade against it if it affects them.

The Indians only form one-eighth of the total European population of South Africa. What they ask for—and this is borne out by their last conference—is a restoration of the Parliamentary ... Municipal franchise which they enjoyed in this country until they were deprived of them in 1896 and 1924 respectively. Restoration will not mean the adult suffrage for the Indian people in South Africa. It will be a limited franchise, even then on the common roll, for the Indian women will be excluded. At the outset, therefore, the Indians begin under a handicap and to say that they will swamp the European vote is to distort fact. The Indians cannot at any time endanger the ... nancy of the European in this province. Once the provincial barriers are removed migration to other provinces will ... the strength of the Indian people in Natal.

Another point raised in the letter is that the Indians seek full equality with the Europeans. To the Joint Committee we believe, "complete equality" ... social equality with the European. In this country what the Indians have always striven for is equal opportunity in all spheres of life which will enable them to live decently and without fear. That they have no wish to demonstrate ... equality with the European has been the finding of an eminent Natal judge ... social equality means to the European ... intermingling of European women ... Indian men, as many use this argument to deny the Indian his legitimate rights, then the Indian can only declare that the whole outlook on life is against ... mingling. But he wants opportunities to develop and secure his future in a country which he looks upon as ... all avenues of advancement available to him, but he ... not by any means claim the right ... dance with European women if that ... what the Durban Joint Wards Committee ... be afraid of. He does not want to attend their social functions and participate in their beauty queen contests. He does ... ever, claim full citizenship rights in South Africa.

INDIAN BROADCAST

On Sunday next local artists will broadcast a programme of vocal and instrumental items during the Indian Session from Durban. The Riverside ... Dancing Co., directed by ... will ... accompanied by traditional dancing ... M. G. Abraham's pupils will render Tamil items.

PROGRESS OF COMMERCIAL ASSOCIATION

... rapid progress in membership made by the Pretoria Commercial Association since its formation, was described as "almost phenomenal" by its ... Mr. Hajee Joosub Hajee Mahomed, at the annual meeting held in ...

... the activities of the last six months, Mr. Joosub stated that ... still remained to be done in maintaining their rights, such as the granting of trading licences in and around Pretoria, the recognition of Prinsloo Street as an exempted area, the question of increased residential areas in the Asiatic ... and in and around Prinsloo Street, and also other areas where Indians ... been residing and trading before Union was formed.

... other important feature of the meeting was the joining up of new ... who had at first decided to remain out of the organisation.

... only in 1919," proceeded the ... "that the ban on occupation ... purchase of properties was ... into operation, and trading right ... only came into operation as ... 1939 when the interim legislation ... introduced, except, of course, in the ... areas, where trading restrictions ... enforced in 1908.

... the introduction of the interim ... our trading rights and freedom ... were seriously interfered ... in fact, all our activities ... From then when a new licence ... or a removal of an existing ... from one place to another, application has to be made first of all to the ... of the Interior, who, in his turn, ... to the Department for Immigration and Asiatic Affairs, and application ... to be made to the Local Board ... very often hostile), and it is only ... these three authorities agree that ... is eventually given for a new ... or a transfer, but should any one ... three departments preferred to raise ... objection it is refused, and from this ... will see that we are at the mercy ... one, or perhaps of all three, of ... departments.

... many restrictions are placed upon ... trading and residential rights that ... being strangled, and unless we ... obtain full equality in these ... I am afraid that our hope of ... progress is very remote indeed, and ... afraid that some of these disabilities ... brought about by ourselves in ... we are not standing together as a ... body, but are trying to obtain our ... isolated action.

... as soon as some real endeavour ... to thoroughly organise our community ... suspicion is engendered in the ... of one section or the other, and instead of pulling together we are apt to ... pulling against each other."

... Hajee Suliman Ebrahim impressed ... the meeting the great importance ... Pretoria Indian Commercial Association, and said that this should be the ... channel through which all their ... and just claims should be submitted and ventilated, and urged everyone ... support the association and further its ... in every way possible.

... Mr. Bachoobhai Joshi stated that ... very greatly impressed with the ... of the formation of the association, and the fine work that it was ... which would receive his fullest support and urged everyone present to do ... utmost to bring about real unity ... all sections of our community as ... be in our own interests to do so.

... Ramlal Kooloo also assured the ... of his full support for the association, and said that as a result of his ... commercial experience he realised ... tremendous importance of such an ... organisation, and he then appealed to every ... to forget their differences and to ... together in ... and ... wholeheartedly support the Pretoria Branch of the Transvaal Indian Congress.

... speakers who supported the association were Messrs. Nana Sita, B. K. ..., H. N. Kesharjee and Adam Cassim ...

... conclusion, Mr. Hajee Joosub, the ... said that in planning such an ... organisation mistakes were inevitable and ... only by their mistakes that they ... their lessons. He then asked that ... such mistakes and misunderstandings ... be forgotten and forgiven and ... Mr. Ramlal Kooloo of their future ... relationship in all matters relative to the Pretoria Branch of the Transvaal Indian Congress.

It was on this high note of mutual goodwill and understanding that the meeting ended.

MR. JOOSUB H. MAHOMED

SUPPORT FOR FRANCHISE

IN continuance of its policy the Dominion Party has persistently raised the bogey that at the present rate of increase of the Indian population in Natal, it is only a matter of a few years before Indians will swamp Natal and make it an Indian province," says the Communist Party, in a statement.

"Alarming figures have usually been presented to the European public in support of this fear. We quote the following figures from the official year book:—

"1904: European, 97,109; Asiatic, 100,918; 1911: European, 98,114; Asiatic, 133,420; 1921: European, 136,838; Asiatic, 141,649; 1936: European, 190,549; Asiatic, 183,661.

"The remarkable increase in the Indian population up to 1911 was due to the continued immigration of indentured labourers. Since then, however, the European population has increased at a more rapid rate than the Indians. In 1911, the Indian population exceeded the European population by about 48 per cent. Today, the European total has caught up and passed the Indian total. The total number of Indians repatriated, according to the Year Book, is 29,000. Including this figure, the rate of European increase outpaces the rate of Indian increase.

"So much for the bogey of being swamped by a prolifically increasing Indian population.

"Mr. F. Acutt's claim that the Labour Party fully represents the Indian people is indeed strange. It is sufficient to point out the original Labour Party attitude on the Pegging Act. This attitude denies Indians the right to purchase properties or to live in areas made desirable by social and economic conditions. The Labour Party itself has not hesitated to attack the Indian people on this issue.

"Why does the Dominion Party use such arguments in opposing the extension of the franchise to Indians? The Dominion Party is a party of die-hard Imperialists who still cling to antiquated ideas of Empire and subjugation of colonial peoples—a variation of the Hitler Herrenvolk theory.

"The question of the Indian franchise is raised at the present in order to prepare the ground for the impending Imperial conference—not out of any genuine recognition that the Indian people are entitled to democratic rights. The proposed communal franchise is the negation of democracy. By this means the mass of the Indian people will be deprived of the vote. European workers must be warned in time and ensure that the broadest masses are given the franchise."

INDIA LEAGUE FORMED IN CAPE TOWN

Mr. Debi Singh Explains Indian Deadlock

"The Indian problem can no longer remain the concern of the British Government. It is a world problem and has to be judged from the world plane," said Mr. Debi Singh, chairman of the India League of Durban, at a well attended meeting at the Stakesby Lewis Hostel, Cape Town.

Mr. Cassim Jadwat, the chairman, introducing the speaker, said that Mr. Singh was touring the country on behalf of the India League with the specific purpose of forming branches of the league throughout the Union.

"The ending of the present political deadlock in India is of vital importance to the cause of the United Nations. A free India with a national Government will be able to mobilise vast Indian resources of manpower and material in support of the Allied war effort," declared Mr. Singh.

After discussion a branch of the Durban Indian League was then formed with the following officials: Chairman, Mr. D. ...; secretary, Mr. Y. A. Motala; committee, Messrs. C. I. Amra, ..., A. M. Ahmed, G. Dega, E. Magan.

A FUTURE FOR THE COLONIAL-BORN INDIAN

THE time had now arrived when the Colonial-born element of the Indian people of South Africa must strike out into new avenues and into new channels, particularly that of economics. For too long had this element remained "hewers of wood and drawers of water," bearing the burden without return, declared Mr. P. B. Singh, the chairman of the newly-formed Colonial-born Indian Group, when he spoke at a dinner held by the Group last Thursday.

They owed this awakening as a legacy and a heritage to their children and their children's children. Their forebears had toiled and suffered in this country, but the present generation could promise nothing at all to the generations to come.

It was time they set about it with a will to marshal and consolidate the forces of the Colonial-born Indian people and carve out a place for themselves in the economic fabric of the country.

They must commence building their own independent economic groups.

Explaining the need for such a group, Mr. Singh pointed out that although the Indian immigrants had come to this country over eighty years ago and toiled ever since, their descendants had as yet failed to establish themselves in the life of the community.

Although there had been men of calibre and worth among the Colonial-borns they had not yet assumed the reigns of leadership of the community. They had not played their part in the life of their people. This had been due to one factor—the failure of the Colonial-born Indians to work as one single consolidated group or unit. They had instead been floundering around without guidance.

The group movement was no strange thing in the life of man. It had always been the group which had become the motive power of any people. In Germany it had been Hitler and his group; in England today it was Churchill and his group who guided the destinies of the English people. No charge of sectarianism could be levelled against the Colonial-born Group which, without being antagonistic against any section of the people, stood for the social, economical and cultural development and advancement of that section of the people which had hitherto been neglected.

DRIVING FACTOR

Speaking next, Mr. Albert Christopher declared that without the support of the Colonial-born Indian women the group could not succeed. The woman was the driving factor in the life of man. His success depended upon his woman. He appealed to the women, who were present, to come forward and stand by the group. Mr. Gandhi, the speaker said, had declared that the Indian people of South Africa could not progress without the help and co-operation of the women. His words were prophetic.

This help, said Miss R. F. Peters, referring to the appeal of the previous speaker, would be forthcoming. She would see to it that the members of her organisation helped to build up the Colonial-born Indian Group.

It was the duty of every woman to stand by her man, declared Mrs. G. Christopher. He could visualise the group growing from strength to strength, said Mr. S. C. George.

Among those present were Mr. M. W. Daniels, Miss E. M. Solomon, Messrs. E. Latchman, H. Sewpaul, H. Lazarus, J. Gabriel, G. Daniels, S. Vadival, V. S. V. Pillay, S. Jaynath, V. H. James, Mrs. V. James, Mrs. A. Frank, Mrs. G. Daniels, Mrs. P. B. Singh, Mr. K. R. Moodley, Mr. N. S. Pillay, Miss E. Augustine, Miss M. H. Peters, Mrs. J. E. A. Naidoo, Miss L. Peters, Miss M. A. Lawrence, Messrs. M. M. Govender, D. T. Maistry, Mrs. M. Saunders, Mrs. H. Lazarus and Miss G. Davids.

CLUB HOUSE FOR LIFE SAVERS

The club had ceased to function because on the outbreak of war most of its members had enlisted for active service, declared the president, Mr. A. S. Kajee, when he spoke at the official reopening of the Durban Indian Surf Life Saving Club children's gala sports held at the beach on Easter Monday.

Despite the numerous setbacks and difficulties the club had progressed beyond his expectations. His sincere thanks went to the Mayor and the City Councillors and the president and members of the European Life Saving Club.

The Mayor, Mr. R. Ellis Brown, who inspected the crew, thanked the club and said that the council was taking the necessary precautions against sharks.

"I may add," he concluded, "the City Council is endeavouring to build you a club house in the near future."

Mr. Jacobs, the president of the European Life Saving Club, said that he was at all times prepared to help the Indian Club.

Mr. P. R. Pather praised those members of the club who had answered the call of the King and Country. He was positive that while Mr. Ellis Brown was mayor the club would have the club house promised to it.

The mayor presented the prizes to the lucky children.

No. 2 Squad won the Sir Kunwar Maharaj Singh Floating Trophy by beating No. 1 Squad in the Reel Race, which was the star event of the day.

Mainly About People

To Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Pillay, of 755 South Coast Road, Clairwood, a bonny son on Saturday last. Mother and son well; thanks to nurse.

The engagement is announced of Pratap Singh, youngest son of Baboo Padum Singh, 477 Currie Road, Durban, to Sooshila Devi, only daughter of Mr. Nasib Singh and grand-daughter of Baboo Rangi Singh, of Tugela Rail.

Mrs. M. N. Naidoo and children, of Newcastle, have returned home after holidaying with her parents, and are accompanied by her mother and sister, Mrs. and Miss G. Naidoo, of Mayville, Durban.

Mr. J. R. Panday, of Escombe, was in Port Shepstone during Easter week.

Mr. M. P. Pather (Bobby), fifth son of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Pather, of 155 Seventh Avenue, Durban, recently left for India, where he will study medicine at St. Xavier's and the Grant Medical College, Bombay.

Mr. [illegible] and Mr. [illegible] Bodasingh, of New Guelderland, have left for Cape Town on a visit for three weeks.

Mr. H. Jagesur, of Burnside (Time Office), has been appointed on the teaching staff of the Government Indian School, Estcourt.

Messrs. Nagin V. Morar and Manilall Soni, of Dundee, spent their weekend at Ladysmith and were the guests of Mr. Haribhai Hirjee.

Mr. N. S. Moodley, of Burnside, is spending his sick leave at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Bobby, Umbilo.

Messrs. R. A. C. Moola and C. R. Bhola have returned to Ladysmith, after touring the Cape.

Messrs. Dama Morar, Magan Bodabhi, Bathilall, Haribhai Gheela, Naginlall Umbaram and Bathilall Umbaram, all of Durban, spent a few days in Ladysmith.

S.A.I.C. President's Granddaughter Engaged

The engagement of Mr. Goolam Hoosen S. M. Essa, of Pietersburg, to Shairbanoo, eldest daughter of Mr. Noormahomed O. H. A. Jhaveri and grand-daughter of the late Omar Hajee Amod Jhaveri (the late ex-president of the South African Indian Congress), was celebrated at Durban on April 9.

On the same evening a dinner, in honour of the occasion, was given by Mr.

MR. GOOLAM HOOSEN ESSA

Aboobaker Moosa at the Salisbury Club, Durban, where prominent leaders and businessmen of Durban were present.

Mr. A. I. Kajee presided and other speakers were: Messrs. A. M. Moolla, P. R. Pather, Aboobaker Moosa, Hajee Joosub Hajee Mahomed, who replied for the visitors.

The following is a list of the guests: Messrs. Omar Saleh Essa, Aboo Suliman, S. M. Bhamjee, Hajee Ismail Cassim Kalla, Hajee Joosub Hajee Mahomed, H. S. Ebrahim, O. H. Cassim, Ismail Cassim Tayob, E. N. Mahomed, Ahmed Bava, A. G. Hassim, I. M. Gutta, Hajee Abdool N. M. [illegible]

GNAVANEETHAMA, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Naidoo [illegible], of [illegible] Road, Rossburgh, who was born on March 26, 1943, celebrated her first birthday last Sunday at her residence.

LL.B. FOR INDIAN

Mr. P. Muthukrishna, B.A., son of Mr. R. Muthukrishna, of Port Shepstone, received the Degree of Bachelor of Laws at the recent graduation ceremony of the Witwatersrand University.

Proceeding from Sastri College with a first class matriculation pass, Mr. Muthukrishna has had a career of distinction at the Rand University. Acknowledged as one of the best speakers at the university, he has held numerous positions in student organisations, including that of president of the Debating Union.

Mr. Muthukrishna is now completing his law articles in Johannesburg.

THARANA TAMIL YEAR

At the Tamil new year celebrations, which took place at "Asoka Vilas," Durban, a large gathering was present. Mr. A. Nathamunier spoke on Dravadian Tamilians who, he said, in this colony must observe their self-respect and independence. Also distinction, which prevailed amongst Tamilians, should be abolished and true unity and social welfare to progress must be achieved.

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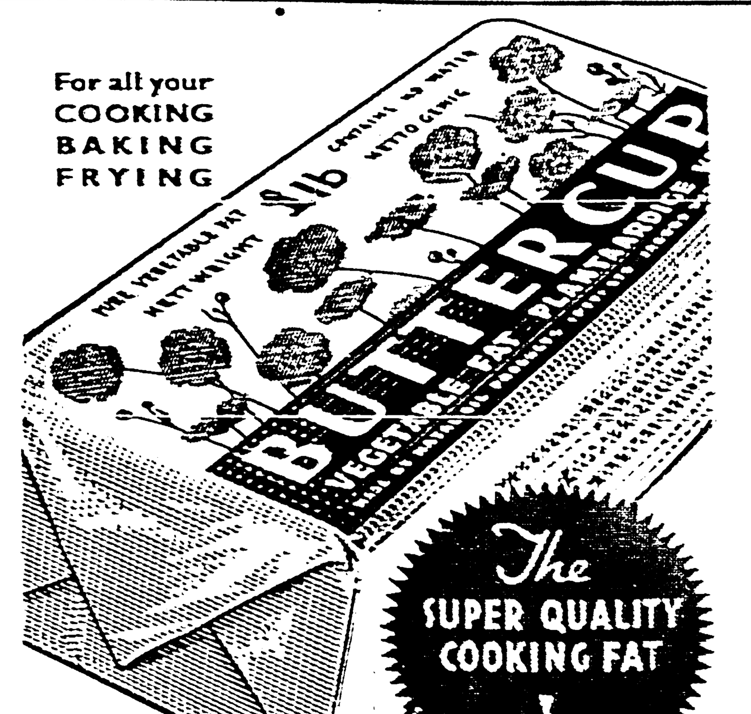

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TALK OF THE BAZAAR

BY "THE FAQIR"

[...] with the Russians scaring Hitler [...] of his wits, Churchill plying the [...] the Japanese becoming a [...] in the Far East, Senator Clark-[...] into a Dominionite cyclone, [...] doing the "Acutt Special" in [...] and the local ratepayers pro-[...] the Commissioner for Asiatic [...] an ordinary human being like [...] finds keeping up with the times [...] Everything seems to be so [...] I was just about giving up all [...] escaping from the serious [...] when I found the following [...] post-bag. It, of course, raises [...] problem: "Railway history shows [...] a train collision the passengers [...] coach suffer the most. With [...] in mind the Railway [...] have wisely decided to ac-[...] non-Europeans in the front [...] the Johannesburg Mail. This [...] safety to the Europeans in [...] It is difficult, therefore, to un-[...] the motives of people who com-[...] against this practice, especially [...] is the product of the Grand [...] The Indians, though [...] of the train, are capable of [...] praiseworthy rearguard [...] In the case of the trains they [...] an opportunity of displaying [...] courage in the front. To further [...] this grand "Dunkirk to safety" [...] my correspondent continues. "I would suggest that the reserved coaches be placed in front of the engines. This would provide the drivers with some of the safety enjoyed by the "rearguard" passengers. Non-Europeans would welcome this move because they can breathe pure air, leaving the steam and smoke, in the case of steam engines, to the rest. This would, of course, reduce throat trouble among the non-European people. This suggestion, you will realise, provides for two things: engine drivers are protected in the case of collisions and the non-Europeans get the fresh air and dodge the throat troubles. The Cape Town Agreement also will not have to bother about poking its nose into minor home matters which have been settled so amicably."

IN CAPE TOWN

In Cape Town the "bottle franchise" has had a different effect, a recent visitor told me. In fact the Indian people of the Mother City of South Africa are now very much satisfied with the Government of this country. They are busy amusing themselves asking the question or, shall I say, the riddle: "When is an Indian a European." Of course, if an Indian could be a European then there would be no problem to be solved in this country. Everybody would be happy including, I suppose, Frank Acutt and his two stooges in Parliament. Maybe I am mistaken, probably they would be very sorry because they wouldn't have a problem to engage their attention, however superficially, and bring them in quite a substantial sum at the end of the year. If you haven't yet found the answer to the riddle here it is: "When he is drunk!" Time the Dominion Party wallahs stopped trying to even deny the Indian people this pleasant feeling!

BEAUTY QUEEN

No, I am in no way responsible for the suggestion that the Indian people should hold a beauty queen contest. Such a suggestion from me would have only created a storm in the household. The letter that you read in the readers' columns was from a reader. It was his idea and I trust this will now stop indignant (and probably ugly-looking females) telephoning me and putting me well and truly on the spot. A young man also phoned me. He was quite happy over the idea and felt that The Leader should immediately start this search for a beauty queen among the Indian people. When pressed for a reason as to why he was so anxious about the thing he admitted rather reservedly that he was attaining marriageable age. An irate woman has also written to record her violent protest. She says that there are other things to which the Indian people can turn their attention. There are more important things than looking for a beauty queen. Now, now, gentle reader, you mustn't think of such things. Nobody has said a word about the looks of this female. Readers are again reminded that the Faqir has nothing whatever to do with the beauty queen business. It all rests with the news editor who (by the way, swore to love, honour and obey a very long time ago) and his correspondents.

REPRIEVE PATHER

The Smith reprieve has caused a Natal-wide storm. Almost without exception every European would have Smith pay the extreme penalty. The Cabinet has reprieved Smith for a crime whose magnitude has already been emphasised by a Judge and jury. A number of Indian people are now going around asking some important people to impress upon the same Cabinet to reprieve Pather who has only contravened constituted authority. His isn't such a terrible crime. Pather's case has again been adjourned. It seems to me that somebody is not particularly anxious to put him into gaol or make a Gandhi out of him. There is no harm in any reader, who is interested enough, drawing up a petition asking for Pather's reprieve and present it to Dr. Steyn. You never can tell what may happen!

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OPENING SOCCER MATCHES

The Durban Indian Football Association commenced their soccer season last Saturday under ideal conditions. The star match of the afternoon was between Stars and Pirates, the former winning by two goals to nil in a high spirited game. Stars scored in the early stages of the game, maintained their lead throughout. Aces has an improved team, but went down to their more experienced opponent, Stella, by five goals to one. Sydenham—S.W. Rangers was an evenly contested game, the latter winning by an odd goal in three. Mansfield Hotspurs went down to the Queens by ten goals to nil.

RESULTS

Seniors: Stars 2, Pirates 0. Stella 5, Aces 1. Queens 10, Mansfield Hotspurs 0. S.W. Rangers 2, Sydenham Unity 1.

Junior: Westridge 1, S.W. Rangers 5. Stella, walk over Sastri College.

Juvenile: Warwickshire 6, Sastri College 1. Greyville 1, Aces 3. Young Railway 5, Syd. Royals 1. Mayfair 5, Shamrocks 0.

Garment Workers

Ninian Lester 6, Style Bradford 2. Durban Clothing 4, Escomba 0.

Commercial League

Maythams 5, Levers 2.

Dimes

Senior League Competition: Markets 1, Foreman of Works 4. Storm Water 1, Public Health 2.

Junior League Competition: London Square "A" 4, London Square "B" 1. Violets 3, Yorks 3.

MARITZBURG

The M.D.I.F.A. commenced their fixtures last Saturday. In the league competition "A" division (seniors), Young Ortmans beat Schools by two goals to one in a well-contested game. There was a crowd of about 500 spectators, including a few Europeans.

In the "B" division, Shamrocks had a narrow win against the Stella (2—1) after an evenly contested match.

In the junior division, Natalians were able to defeat Hillviews by 3—1.

Royals lost to Woodlands, a newly affiliated team, by three clear goals.

AT LADYSMITH

On Saturday last Muslims defeated S.A. Mint "B" by two goals to nil in the opening of the soccer season for the League Cup at Ladysmith.

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WEEKEND SOCCER

FIXTURES (TODAY)

League Cup

Senior "A"—
2.15 p.m.: Aces v. Pirates (No. 2). B. Padayachee.
3.30 p.m.: Warwickshire v. Shamrocks (Main). P. Moosa.

Senior "B"—
2.15 p.m.: Queens v. S.W. Rangers (Main). M. Raman.
3.30 p.m.: Cld. Schools v. Mansfield Hotspurs (No. 1). K. R. Maharaj.

Junior—
2.15 p.m.: Warwickshire v. O. Rangers (No. 2). J. Raman.
3.30 p.m.: Syd. Royals v. Aces (No. 2). P. Naidoo.

Juvenile "A"—
2.15 p.m.: Central v. Stella (No. 3). Y. S. Mulla.
3.30 p.m.: Warwickshire v. Aces (No. 3). K. M. Pillay.

Juvenile "B"—
2.15 p.m.: Grey Stars v. Contals Arts (No. 4). P. Doorsamy.
3.30 p.m.: Syd. Royals v. Mayfair (No. 4). M. Essop.

Garment Workers F.A.

10.30 a.m.: Beakers v. Monarch (No. 1).
11.45 a.m.: Style Bradford v. Durban Clothing (No. 1).
11.30 a.m.: Ninian Lester v. Escomba (No. 2).

Durban Indian Commercial League

11.30 a.m.: Five Roses v. Maythams (Main).
11.30 a.m.: Beacons v. Holdain Corcon (No. 3).

DURBAN COUNTY (TOMORROW)

Senior League—
2.0 p.m.: Riverside Rangers v. Malvern. V. Moodley.
3.15 p.m.: Shaves v. Pinetown. Barney Padayachee.

Junior League—
11.30 a.m.: Shamrocks v. Rovers (T. R. Jack.
12.45 p.m.: Pinetown v. Shaves (A. N. Francis).

GLENCOE

Stella beat Waschbank, 3—0.
Dundee beat Stars, 2—0.
Pirates, w.o., Burnside scratched.

DIMES (TOMORROW)

Senior League Competition—
11.45 a.m.: Storm Water v. Markets.
3.15 p.m.: Foreman of Works v. Public Health.

Junior League Competition—
10.15 a.m.: Violets v. London Square "B."
2.0 p.m.: London Square "A" v. Yorks.

MARITZBURG (TODAY)

League Competition

Senior "A"—
3.45 p.m.: Yorks v. Natalians.

Senior "B"—
2.15 p.m.: Colonials v. Royals.

Junior "B"—
3 p.m.: Schools v. Stella.

Juveniles "A"—
2 p.m.: Stella v. Natalians.

Juveniles "B"—
4.15 p.m.: Britannia v. Schools.

LADYSMITH (TODAY)

League Cup

2.15 p.m.: Muslims v. Shamrocks. Referee, R. Narrandas.
3.30 p.m.: Stars v. S.A. Mint "B." Referee, I. A. Moola.

Tomorrow (Sunday)

2.15 p.m.: Schools v. Thistles. Referee, H. R. Singh.
3.30 p.m.: S.A. Mint "A" v. Shamrocks. Referee, M. Govinder.

GLENCOE (TOMORROW)

League Cup

At Glencoe: 3 p.m.: Stella v. Pirates. Referee, J. C. Maharaj.
At Burnside: 3 p.m.: Stars v. Burnside. Referee, R. Maharaj.
At Waschbank: 3 p.m.: Dundee v. Waschbank. Referee, R. R. Maharaj.

VERULAM CLUB

At the first annual meeting of the Verulam Social and Sporting Club the following were elected as office-bearers: Patron, Mr. S. R. Maharaj (Durban); president, Mr. G. Ramsamy, B.A.; vice-president, Mr. E. Juguth and Mr. Samuel Pillay; secretary, Mr. R. R. Singh; treasurer, Mr. Y. V. Harry; committee, Messrs. V. Juta, Y. S. Chinsamy, D. V. Moodley (Junior), R. Moodley and B. Sewlall.

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STELLA (MARITZBURG)

Stella F.C. (Maritzburg): Patron, Councillor R. S. Williamson, P. M. ... M. Pillay; president, Mr. Joseph ...; life vice-presidents, Messrs. R. S. ... R. S. Pillay, S. Ruthunam; vice-presidents, Messrs. I. S. Cassimjee, ... Poonsamy, S. Chetty, P. T. Pillay, ... Dookran, G. Bishoon, A. A. Pillay, ... Padyachee, G. Rajoo, V. M. Padayachee, Willie Krishnasamy, A. N. Pillay, ... Perumal; secretary and treasurer, S. K. Moodley; committee, Messrs. ... Pillay, Bobby Perumal, G. N. Naidoo, ... Rahman, S. D. Chetty, F. S. David, ... Naidoo, C. O. Naidoo; delegates to M.D.I.F.A., Messrs. R. K. Naidoo and M. Pillay.

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He completed his navigation course in Scotland, in March, 1942, and served in operational units both in England and Scotland.

Before he left England, he was decorated with the D.F.C., at Buckingham Palace by H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester, deputising for H.M. the King-Emperor, who was ill.

Flight-Lieut. S. E. Sukthanker.

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[illegible] has challenged our girls with [illegible] Girl Guides. I wonder [illegible] been to the Cape Province. [illegible] if he has. The girls in Natal [illegible] be really ashamed when com[pared with] our Indian girls in the Cape.

[illegible] in the Cape were asked to [illegible] I am sure they will not hesi[tate].

[Th]rough the medium of your [paper I] wish your correspondents, [illegible] and "C.H.K." good luck!

MISS X (Cape).

CASE FOR CONFERENCE

BY THE EDITOR

Today all sections of the Indian community must calmly and in an impassioned manner consider the Pretoria Agreement. No good purpose is achieved by attributing motives when none exist, playing class against class, and working up oneself in a state of frenzy, or allowing one's indignation to get the better of one's judgment, or allowing one's pride to be hurt because of not being consulted, or running away to form new organisations, as Mr. Christopher has done. Such an action in breaking up the united front of the Indian community is in itself a gross betrayal of the Indian cause.

Those who negotiated the agreement on the Indian side might—and they did not—get all that we might have wanted. It is possible that they committed many acts of omission—they let off the Prime Minister, General Smuts, too lightly, who was going to the bigger arena of world affairs after having "solved" the Indian problem of this country. They acquiesced when they should have repudiated. We all become wise after the event. But they were not the only representatives at the Conference—there was a European point of view also to be considered.

Just as we claim the right to live anywhere, it is also possible that they (the European) also claim the right of wanting to choose their own neighbours. We, as a community, have claimed that we will not go where we are not wanted. Today, it seems, that we want to change this attitude. We want to live where we are not wanted. We want to vindicate our inherent right. By all means do so; we deny nobody in the community the right to have his say. But we must come back to normal.

The members of the congress have a means whereby they can all meet together. There is an overwhelming case made out for the necessity of holding a conference. It is but proper that those they are to condemn should be first heard in their defence. They might have not been able to gather all the suggestions the Indian man in the street wanted, they might have even made mistakes, but of one thing we all are sure, that there are no like body of men who can be matched in the Indian community in having served the community more diligently, more loyally and more conscientiously for many years than those that have become party to the Pretoria Agreement.

If criticism or condemnation there must be, let it come by all means, but let it be seen, too, that there is a correct estimation of values and words don't become barbs. At least we owe them that.

[I]NDIAN CRISIS: DANGER OF BETRAYAL

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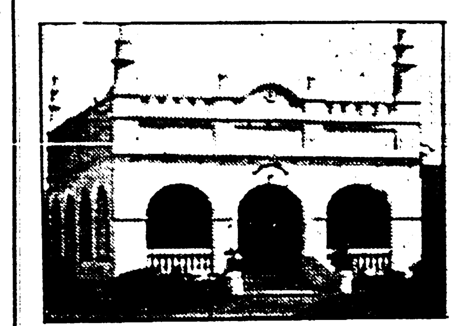

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C.B. AND SETTLERS' ASSOCIATION REVIVED

THE Colonial-born and Indian Settlers' Association was revived at a meeting held at the Centenary Road Indian School on Sunday afternoon.

It was being revived in the political interests of the Colonial-born Indians, said Mr. P. R. Singh.

In view of the latest developments in the Indian community over the Pegging Act it was necessary that the Settlers' Association should again work to safeguard the interests of the middle class and the working man, declared Mr. Albert Christopher.

The meeting was opposed to the agreement arrived at between General Smuts, Senator Clarkson and Messrs. G. Heaton Nicholls, D. E. Mitchell, Senator D. G. Shepstone, A. I. Kajee, P. R. Pather, S. R. Naidoo, A. B. Moosa, T. N. Bhoola, Mahomed Ebrahim, and S. M. Paruk because Colonial-born and Settler Indians were Union nationals and had always claimed from the Union Government treatment as Union nationals in every respect and have time and again asked for the removal of Provincial Barriers and racial discrimination and for the restoration of franchise.

The agreement was further derogatory to the self-respect and national honour of the Colonial-born and Settler Indians.

The problem was the Central Government's and not a Provincial responsibility.

The Indians who were a party to this agreement had done an act by which they acknowledge that the Provincial Administration can pass legislation on the basis of race discrimination—a principle against which the Colonial-born Indian had always been opposed.

There was no difference between a permit issued by the Minister under the Pegging Act and a licence to be issued by the Licensing Board of Indians and Europeans under the proposed Ordinance except that the Licensing Board will not be able to interfere with the purchase of land by wealthy Indians in the areas to be demarcated, but it would demarcate areas as wholly Indian and wholly European; areas open to all races—both of which are acts of segregation; and areas as predominantly European or Indian.

The agreement, in essence, aimed at promoting the interests of the wealthy section at the sacrifice of the common wellbeing and potential rights of the mass of the Indian people.

While the meeting asked for the repeal of the Pegging Act it appealed also to the Union Government and the Provincial Administration not to proceed with the Agreement to create a licensing board.

Mr. Albert Christopher was elected chairman with Messrs. P. R. Singh, N. Tathiah and R. Latchman secretaries, Treasurers, Messrs. S. C. George and A. I. Moodley.

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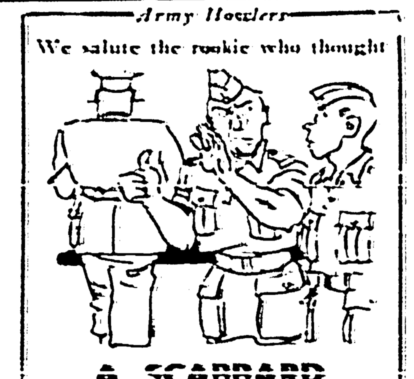

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All members are kindly requested to attend.

BUSINESS

1. Revision of Constitution.
2. Adoption of Rules and Regulations for Mill Groups.
3. Notice of Motion by Mr. Shaikmudeen re Mileage.

N.B.—Copies of Rules and Regulations for Mill Groups; Revised Constitution and Notice of Motion could be perused at Association and Group offices.

D. D. LALLA,
Secretary.

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Notice is hereby given that the EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the NATAL INDIAN CANE GROWERS' ASSOCIATION will be held at the **COKHALE MEMORIAL HALL, TONGAAT, on SUNDAY, the 7th of May, 1944, at 1.30 p.m.**

All members are kindly requested to attend.

AGENDA

1. Minutes.
2. Presidential Address.
3. Secretary's Report.
4. Balance Sheet and Auditor's Report.
5. Remuneration to Officials.
6. Budget.
7. Resolutions.
8. Election.
9. General.

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Interested persons and bodies are invited to furnish information upon any matter within the terms of reference. Such information may be submitted by means of written memoranda or orally at a public sitting. Senders of memoranda may, if they wish, supplement their written information by oral evidence.

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Mrs. P. N. Naidoo, of Pietermaritzburg, and Mrs. V. Pillay, of Port Elizabeth, thank all guests assembled at the H.Y.M.A. Hall on April 23, 1944, on occasion of the marriage of Mr. N. Dhanda Naidoo to Miss Dhanalutchmee Pillay, for their kind response.

The Sea View Care Committee sincerely thank the undermentioned persons for the following: Professor Kisten for giving a free show; The Home Journal Press for printing tickets free; D. S. Padayachee for free chairs; A. D. Naidoo, V. S. Govender and the Sarona Cartage Contractors for free cartage; the Sea View Youth Musical Club for rendering free music; A. P. Devai and Lingala Bros. for their invaluable assistance; and to all those who bought tickets to support the Friends of the Sick to combat T.B. We say, again, thank you."

In Memoriam

BENEDICT.—In loving memory of my dear sister, Margaret Benedict, who passed away on April 28, 1943.

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Gone are you to rest in peace,
My thoughts for you will never cease,
Every remembered by your loving brother, A. P. Benedict.

PECHEY.—In loving memory of our dear daughter and sister, Estherlin, who passed away on the 1st May, 1943.

Fair year her paused close lest the mortal
eltook you away.
And the dream which [illegible]
place.
A deep awakening of it all we saw,
Death cannot here divide
For are you now as if a rose had climbed
The garden wall and blossomed on the
other side?
Ever remembered by Ma, Papa, and family.

will soon become a thing of the past. Therefore, this country, you must play it part and accept the Indians, who have been here for eighty-four years, as a permanent part of the population and treat them accordingly and not as aliens who may some day leave this country.

(See also page 5)

THE— LEADER

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 1944.

Pegging Act Substitute

THE Pegging Act, which has been on the statute book for a little over a year now, will be suspended and in its place will be set up a Licensing Board to determine the question of occupation while there will be no restrictions on the chase of properties. This is, in effect, the Pretoria Agreement. The Indian people have been very definite in their opposition to the Pegging Act. They have at times declared that it must be repealed and the right of the Indian to own and occupy property be restored. In the Pegging Act had put the Indian in an economic straitjacket. Actually only form of investment open to him was that of land ownership. The Act, however, by the Minister's ban of Natal 2 Ch could not invest his money. With the Licensing Board is not all what the Indian people as a community would like it unless a part of the harm done by the Pegging Act in that it opened an avenue of investment. It is not also what the Indian people wanted, but was the best offered by the Executive authority. Even the extremists in the have declared that the Government in making this advance to the Indian have underestimated the City Council, only local authority where the Act applied and where the Licensing Board will function.

The immediate reaction to the Licensing Board has been twofold. The Indian community has taken up two attitudes. It may may be their respective claims that cannot be ignored that under the Licensing Board the Indian people better off than they were under the Pegging Act. We would, however, like to the position prior to the Pegging Act restored and every individual given right to live where he chooses and acquire as before, we assert that the great instinct will triumph for a people who prefer to live among themselves. The Council of Durban, which is opposed the Licensing Board, will also have to its duty by a section of its ratepayers a duty, we assert, it has never yet to faithfully done.

In fact, it was the original neglect Indian areas by the City Council which led the creation of the alleged "penning" problem. If the Council, and the now been admitted on all sides, had neglected the Indian areas, where measures passed for roads and where was probably one street lamp to every six in a European area, Indians would rising standard of living would not expanded into the so-called Location areas.

There is only one way to the solution the Indian problem in this Province in this country. The Pegging Act now the Licensing Board with its reserves in the Lawrence Committee the "Kajee assurance" to the Indian Association merely constitute temporary relief. They are stopgaps which the festering sore, but do not heal. Give the Indian the franchise and feel that this matter should have brought up at the Pretoria meeting we were led to expect arising out the Wavell-Smuts correspondence. Give once the European councillor or M.P. cause to feel that his sojourn in India is dependent to some extent on the Indian vote, also, he will then be aware of the needs of the Indian voters. With the vote the rights of the Indian will not be considered and the Indian in public life relying solely on the vote the white man will play on his weaknesses as occasion and opportunity and maintain his position in the Council in Parliament. This is what gives an periodic agitation which reaches its culmination point at election time.

Racial harmony and the realisation the principles of the Atlantic Charter South Africa lie in the recognition of Indian as a citizen seeing allegiance this country. Place upon him the obligations responsibility. Set to live a useful and upright man, you develop in him qualities that will make him acceptable, he will and self-respect will grow. Give him turn him into a cheese, you lose him. Among the various qualities of man there are some of undesirable qualities. These are the cral laws governing the flow of people the world over. All European countries country may not very readily accept working of these principles in relation to the Indian, but no man, no people the highest in himself if under the he is keepsake somebody else does. Durban municipality should provide housing facilities for Indians, not only in terms of Cato Manor, but also the old Sereneh itself. If we may use a succession the Sarona Cartage Contractors seek such a thing, can be planted at Shongweni, the area municipal water works (like Kloof at Cape Town) and the Sarona Cartage relaid for Indian occupation. If any of the Durban municipality have courage to meet the housing problem Indians, free of Indian [illegible]

(Continued in preceding column)

"THE PRETORIA AGREEMENT

"CONSENT BRINGS NO STIGMA BUT COMPULSION DOES"

Hasty Criticism Without Full Knowledge of Facts—P. R. Pather

THE Pretoria Agreement, which has been strongly criticised in certain Indian circles, such as the leaders sell out of the Indian community, preservation vested interests at the expense of the poor man, and in other approbrious is explained in the course of a statement made by Mr. P. R. Pather, of those who was present at the Pretoria meeting, to The Leader.

Some misleading statements, he says, "have been made to the effect this voluntary arrangement will benefit the rich among us. This is wholly incorrect. Any Indian, rich or poor, can buy or dispose of to whomsoever he any class of property, such as farms, dwellings, shops, flats, etc., anywhere where the Pegging Act is operating. Today our people cannot acquire property in European, either for investment or occupation; with the removal ban placed by the Pegging Act, our people can buy property and live.

PATHER states:—

The agreement arrived at Pretoria between the Union Government, the Provincial Government on the one and the Natal Indian Congress on other hand, has been so distorted and misunderstood that it has become necessary clarify the position clearly.

The right of ownership, sale and disposition in rural areas, that is, outside jurisdiction of boroughs and townships, for the purposes of trade, farming residence is open to Indians unrestricted or term.

The right of ownership and acquisition of property for trade, commercial investment purposes in boroughs and towns is open to Indians without any restrictions. They may sell their property whomsoever they may choose without any restriction as to disposal of property.

The control of occupation of property either by Indians or Europeans in areas wherein either of these races predominate is vested in a board consisting of two European and two Indian members under the chairmanship of a third person with legal training. In other

placed by the Pegging Act, our people can buy property and live.

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As everyone knows, there are practically three classes of areas:—

(a) Restricted areas wherein Anti-Asiatic Clauses apply.

(b) Mixed areas wherein all racial groups reside, and, lastly,

(c) Unrestricted areas which are predominantly of a European character.

The board will not function in areas (a) and (b), but it is only in the last mentioned area control of occupation of dwellings by Indians will take place. It may be that some extreme and rearward elements among us may claim that even this control of occupation is a form of segregation. I keep it, however, on record that representation is given us in the administration control of the property involved, then any grouse about segregation must fall away. Consent brings no stigma, compulsion does. I can only conclude by saying that some of the distorted and alarming statements on the Pretoria Agreement have been made hastily and without full knowledge of facts.

DRAFT ORDINANCE

The draft Ordinance, giving legal effect to the Pretoria Agreement, is to be published shortly. It will be referred to a Provincial Select Committee for public evidence.

As the question of initial positional occupation by Indians in European localities will be considered by the board on a voluntary basis, to make the position more clear any Indian desiring to occupy dwellings in the area of a select European locality will have to apply to the board. Thus it will be seen that this aspect of the Pretoria Agreement has been reduced to the one of the issue of controlling occupation by Indians in predominantly European areas. This also applies to Europeans occupying in predominantly Indian areas. Indians have all along stated that they had no desirous of living in close proximity to Europeans.

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IN DURBAN ONLY

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There will be no demarcation or zoning of areas for any race. The function of the board will only be confined to the consideration of applications by either of the races in specified areas.

If a situation arises, for by voluntary agreement as envisaged by the creation of the board on which Indian representations will be represented, the control of areas by Europeans is to be extended to areas of any kind by Indians anywhere, as a result of the succession of successive [illegible]

Misleading statements have been made to the effect that this voluntary arrangement will benefit the rich among us. This is wholly incorrect. Any Indian, rich or poor, can buy and dispose of to whomsoever he likes. For instance, there are areas of our people residing in the added areas where the Pegging Act is operating. Our people cannot acquire land in a European either for investment or occupation. With the removal of this ban

"SELL OUT" ALLEGED AGAINST LEADERS

CRIES of "shame" greeted the reference made by speakers that the leaders of the Indian community had virtually sold out the Indian people on the issue of the Licensing Board, at a meeting held in the Gandhi Library on Tuesday evening under the auspices of the Communist Party. The Licensing Board, which is to succeed the Pegging Act, was described by several speakers that it was a betrayal of the Indian people because it was the first time in the history of the people that segregation was being countenanced with the connivance and the support of the Indian leaders. Mr. Kajee had been the loudest in his condemnation of the Lawrence Committee, yet he was now a party to the Licensing Board. The Indian people, said speakers at the meeting which was very well attended, would not accept the position. They would renounce the agreement of the leaders who had, for their own prosperity, sold out the interests of the general mass of the people.

The meeting, the chairman, Mr. Billy Peters, explained, had been called to put before the people the implications of the agreement arrived at between the leaders of the Indian community and the Government. These leaders had chosen the easy way out of the struggle. Their compromise meant the acceptance for the first time in the history of the Indian people in South Africa, the principle of segregation with the consent of the Indian people themselves. Through the Licensing Board the Government had relieved itself of the burden of the Indian problem, it had now become a matter of the Provincial Administration. It was a local problem; removed from the international field. The Pegging Act was no more a problem for the world.

Speaking next, Mr. M. D. Naidoo declared that the Pegging Act had not been repealed but a Licensing Board had been established which provided for the extension of restrictions throughout Natal. This was taking place with the actual connivance and support of certain Indians, who posed as the leaders of the Indian community.

"I declare that this is a betrayal, a shameful betrayal of the Indian community; and what is worse, with the support of the Indian people who have been lying asleep."

Explaining the events immediately preceding the agreement Mr. Naidoo said that the first time the question of the Licensing Board was heard in the Natal Indian Congress was when the draft memorandum to the Postwar Reconstruction Committee was submitted to the Executive by Mr. G. H. Calpin (whose authority to do so he, the speaker, questioned). It, however, met with a stormy reception and was thrown out by the Executive.

The leaders then approached the Government through the South African Indian Congress. In a result of these negotiations the substitution for the Pegging Act had been realised.

Members of the N.I.C. had demanded a meeting for the clarification of the position, but the leaders had first committed the community and then had told the people that they had been committed.

Actually the background of this agreement reaches back to the days when Mr. Kajee gave his assurance to the Municipal Association that there would be no encroachment into European areas.

Then there was the Lawrence Committee which had been violently condemned by the same Mr. Kajee who had now accepted the Licensing Board arrangement. Mr. Kajee had condemned the Lawrence Committee from housetops in every part of the Province. The committee, Mr. Kajee had declared, at the time, was a "sell out behind our backs." Strangely Mr. Kajee today was doing the very same thing.

The present betrayal would simply mean that the majority of the Indians would be zoned. Even today Indian areas had been criminally neglected. These Indian areas would be similarly treated.

To those people who were parties to the agreement the move meant a short period of prosperity. The anti-Indian agitation of the Europeans, these self-same leaders had forgotten, had been directed against the commercial class. By their action the Indian leaders had today alienated the sympathy of the Indian people.

The Europeans would soon reintroduce the Pegging Act and proceed to deal with the commercial class without the support of the rest of the people. By Smuts accepting the agreement also he had made his position comfortable at the forthcoming Imperial Conference.

What the Indian people wanted was nothing less than the repeal of the Pegging Act and the extension of the full franchise to the Indian people.

It was time, Mr. R. I. Arenstein, Secretary of the Communist Party in Durban, said that Indian leaders were "pegged" from leaving Durban without a clear mandate from the Indian people of Natal.

For their selfinterests a few had forgotten the vast majority of the Indian people. They had arrived at the agreement just to make a little more money for themselves.

In order to find out the opinion of the Indian people a ballot, the speaker suggested, should be carried out in Natal. General Smuts was an astute politician. He had cleared his path for the Imperial Conference, declared Mr. R. I. Meedla, but what guarantee had the Indian people

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INDIAN BROADCAST

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have that on his return from that conference, he would not reapply the Pegging Act to Durban. There was nothing to prevent his doing this because the Pegging Act had not been repealed. A stroke of the pen would be sufficient.

The following resolutions were unanimously passed at the meetings:—

This meeting of the Indian people held under the auspices of the Communist Party (Durban and District) views with grave concern the repeated attempts made by certain Indian leaders and the Government. This agreement lays down the principle of statutory residential segregation throughout Natal in evidence for the right to invest in property. This meeting condemns the principle of segregation contained in the agreement and denounces the action of those Indian political leaders in bartering away the rights of the Indian people in the furtherance of their selfish vested interests.

This meeting protests most strenuously against individuals coming to a decision of the Indian people on questions of vital importance without consulting the Indian community, as, for example, the N.I.C. Committee.

This calls upon the committee of the N.I.C. to refuse to accept the agreement without going to the Indian people for a ballot on the question.

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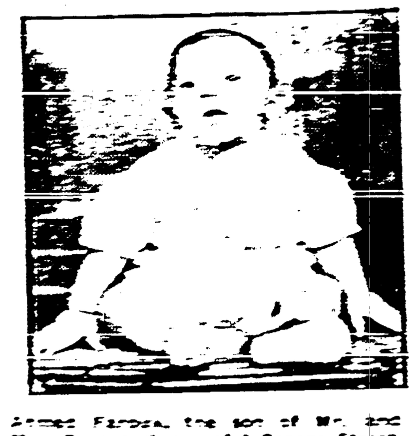

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[illegible] of the most difficult things, if not the most difficult thing, in the world [illegible] to please everyone at the same time. [illegible] might be able to please different people at different times, but to do so at the same time is impossible. A fortnight [illegible] I wrote about an Andhra Wallah who [illegible] "I do not agree," at the Hindu Con[illegible] and took half-an-hour saying it. I [illegible] mentioned the fact that another Andhra Wallah had suggested that there [illegible] no need for the resolutions to be published in Telegu as English would [illegible] the purpose. I had completely forgotten about this until I was waylaid [illegible] last week by a furious gentleman from Andhraland (otherwise Stella[illegible] where all Durban's pukka Andhras [illegible] located) and faced with a barrage of questions: "Why in the name of tarnation do you have to pick us out? What grouse have you against the Andhra? Why don't you do something useful for the community? Why don't you try and make an honest living without slurring people?" He used more powerful language than this. Blue murder was written across his face and I realised at once that I was in one of those tough spots where I would have to use all my brains and a little bit more to get out of. I had to be very tactful if I were to get home healthy. While he was still bawling at me I cut in to say, "But I do admire the Andhra people; just look how interested they are in their own business." And then I had an inspiration: "Look at the Tamil people." That was enough. He had a greater grouse against the Tamil people than he had against the Faqir, the Hindustani-speaking people, the Moslems and even Hitler. He rambled on for half an hour against the Tamil people and at the end of it had forgotten his grouse against the Faqir. His final advice to me was "never marry a Tamil girl." I am still trying to find out why.

SO WHAT?

The Indian community is once more up in arms. I am not commenting, but recording contemporary and past history. The agreement arrived at between the "leaders" and the Government regarding the suspension of the Pegging Act and establishment of a Licensing Board has created a storm in Durban. Actually, unless my knowledge of history is getting very stale, I believe this agreement is nothing new in the life of our community. It has happened before, but, those who were closely associated with the moves previously will hotly declare that it did not have any statutory powers. In 1926 it was Mr. A. I. Kajee who made history when he gave the Municipal Association his "gentlemen's assurance" that he would see to it that the Indian people do not purchase properties in areas which were considered predominantly European. Men in the other camp reviled him roundly. They called it the "Kajee betrayal." Then time passed on. The men in the other camp joined hands with Kajee's Company and the Association came into being. In October, 1937, the Association accepted the Lawrence Committee, Kajee and Co. had broken away and Abdulla took the opportunity of reviling the Association at every turn for what he termed "segregation with cooperation." There is a congress pamphlet under that heading somewhere. Kajee called the Association "policemen" and wanted to provide some members with "bobby" whistles. In Anno Domini 1944 both the groups get together in a new congress and do exactly the same. This time, however, the Licensing Board will have statutory powers! I have only recalled history. I haven't commented. Even Frank Acutt found history a bit disconcerting lately.

Under the auspices of the Stanger Sen-tamil Institute, the members of the Stanger Young Men's Vedic Society, with the cooperation of the local Tamil school children and the Subramanier Barathi Orchestra, staged a variety entertainment at the Sabha Hall on Sunday last, as a part of the Tamil New Year celebrations.

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TALK OF THE BAZAAR

BY "THE FAQIR"

... of the most difficult things, if not the most difficult thing, in the world is to please everyone at the same time. ... might be able to please different people at different times, but to do so at the same time is impossible. A fortnight ... I wrote about an Andhra Wallah who ... "I do not agree," at the Hindu Conference and took half-an-hour saying it. I ... mentioned the fact that another Andhra Wallah had suggested that there was no need for the resolutions to be published in Telegu as English would serve the purpose. I had completely forgotten about this until I was waylaid last week by a furious gentleman from Andhraland (otherwise Stella... where all Durban's pukka Andhras are located) and faced with a barrage of questions: "Why in the name of tarnation do you have to pick us out? What grouse have you against the Andhra? Why don't you do something useful for the community? Why don't you try and make an honest living without slurring people?" He used more powerful language than this. Blue murder was written across his face and I realised at once that I was in one of those tough spots where I would have to use all my brains and a little bit more to get out of. I had to be very tactful if I were to get home healthy. While he was still bawling at me I cut in to say, "But I do admire the Andhra people; just look how interested they are in their own business." And then I got an inspiration: "Look at the Tamil people." That was enough. He had a greater grouse against the Tamil people than he had against the Faqir, the Hindustani-speaking people, the Moslems and even Hitler. He rambled on for half an hour against the Tamil people and at the end of it had forgotten his grouse against the Faqir. His final advice to me was "never marry a Tamil girl." I am still trying to find out why.

SO WHAT?

The Indian community is once more up in arms. I am not commenting, but recording contemporary and past history. The agreement arrived at between the "leaders" and the Government regarding the suspension of the Pegging Act and establishment of a Licensing Board has created a storm in Durban. Actually, unless my knowledge of history is getting very stale, I believe this agreement is nothing new in the life of our community. It has happened before, but, those who were closely associated with the moves previously will hotly declare that it did not have any statutory powers. In 1936 it was Mr. A. I. Kajee who made history when he gave the Municipal Association his "gentlemen's assurance" that he would see to it that the Indian people do not purchase properties in areas which were considered predominantly European. Men in the other camp reviled him roundly. They called it the "Kajee betrayal." Then time passed on. The men in the other camp joined hands with Kajee's Company and the Association came into being. In October, 1937, the Association accepted the Lawrence Committee. Kajee and Co. had broken away and Abdulla took the opportunity of reviling the Association at every turn for what he termed "segregation with cooperation." There is a congress pamphlet under that heading somewhere. Kajee called the Association "policemen" and wanted to provide some members with "bobby" whistles. In Anno Domini 1944 both the groups get together in a new congress and do exactly the same. This time, however, the Licensing Board will have statutory powers! I have only recalled history. I haven't commented. Even Frank Acutt found history a bit disconcerting lately.

Under the auspices of the Stanger Sentamil Institute, the members of the Stanger Young Men's Vedic Society, with the cooperation of the local Tamil school children and the Subramanier Barathi Orchestra, staged a variety entertainment at the Sabha Hall on Sunday last, as a part of the Tamil New Year celebrations.

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WEEKEND RESULTS AT VARIOUS CENTRES

At Currie's Fountain on Saturday Pirates—Aces' match proved of interest and beter tem work of the former won the day.

The chief attraction for the afternoon was the Warwick-hire—Shamrocks' encounter, but it did not come up to expectations. Shamrocks put up a good fight towards the end, but bad shooting caused their defeat.

S.W. Rangers—Queens' game was fast and provided many thrills. Clairwood Schools had an easy win over Mansfield Hotspurs. In the morning matches the Five Roses—Maythams' match was an evenly contested affair.

Results: Senior, Pirates 5, Aces 1. Warwickshire 6, Shamrocks 3. Queens 4, S.W. Rangers 2. Clairwood Schools 5, Mansfield Hotspurs 0.

Junior: Warwickshire 6, O. Rangers 0. Syd. Royals 1, Aces 2. Juveniles, Central 2, Stella 1, Aces 3, Warwickshire 2. Mayfair 5, Syd. Royals 1, Grey Stars 1, Comtals Arts 6.

Commercial League

Maythams 1, Five Roses 1. Beacon 6, Lever Bros. 2.

Garment Workers

Style Bradford 3, Durban Clothing 1. Monarch 5, Beakers 2.

COUNTY

Junior League: Shamrocks 4, Rovers 1. Pinetown 1, Shaves 1.

Senior League: Riverside Rangers 3, Malvern 1. Pinetown 6, Shaves 3.

DIMES

Seniors: Public Health 5, Foreman of Works 1, Storm Water 7, Markets 1.

Juniors: Violets 4, London Square "B" 0. London Square "A" 5, Yorks 0.

MARITZBURG

"A" Division, League Cup: Natalians defeated Yorks, 5—2.

Senior and Junior "B" division results were:—Colonial emerged winners by 7—0 in a slow game against Royals.

Schools encountered an easy win over Stella by 4—0.

In the Juvenile "A" and "B" division, Natalians held Stella to a draw after leading throughout, 2—2.

Schools were unfortunate to lose to Britannia by 4—1, after an exciting match.

MARITZBURG COUNTY

Senior League—
Schools drew with Tannery, 2—2.
Juniors—
Springboks beat the Stars by 2—0.

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League Cup Results

Saturday: Muslims 10, Shamrocks 0. Stars 5, Mint "B" 3.

Sunday: Thistles 3, Schools 2. Mint "A" 2, Shamrocks 0.

GLENCOE

Dundee beat Waschbank, 6—1.
Stellas beat Pirates, 8—2.
Burnside beat Stars, 4—0.

BALGOWAN

Crown Indian beat Michaelhouse Prefects, 3—0.

TONGAAT

The opening matches for the Tongaat and Districts Football Association was played between Maidstone "B" F.C. and Hillview Rangers "A" F.C., combined with the Central Factory F.C. At the termination the result being: Maidstone "B" 4; Combined team 2.

Fixtures

DURBAN (TODAY)

League Cup Seniors "A"

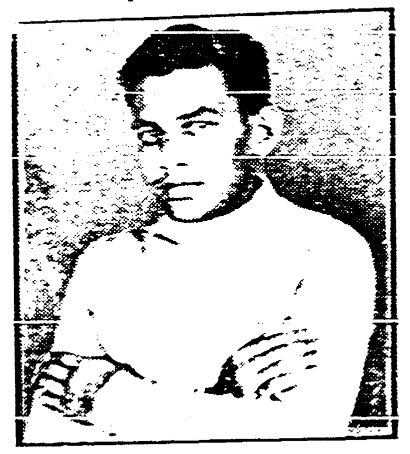
2.15 p.m.: Stella v. Shamrocks, No. 1, Mr. K. R. Maharaj.
3.30 p.m.: Warwickshire v. Stars, Main, Mr. R. Padayachee.

Senior "B"—
2.15 p.m.: Sydenham v. Clairwood Schools, Main, Mr. R. Raman.
3.30 p.m.: S.W. Rangers v. Mansfield Hotspurs, No. 1, Mr. P. Moonsamy.

Junior—
2.15 p.m.: Avondale v. Westridge, No. 2, Mr. J. Raman.
3.30 p.m.: S.W. Rangers v. Sastri College No. 2, Mr. V. V. Moodley.

Juvenile "A"—
2.5 p.m.: Central v. Greyville, No. 3, Mr. D. A. Pather.
3.30 p.m.: Stella v. Sastri College, No. 3, Mr. K. M. Pillay.

Juvenile "B"—
2.15 p.m.: Young Railway v. Mayfair, No. 4, Mr. R. Naidoo.
3.30 p.m.: Grey Stars v. College, No. 4, Mr. M. Reson.



I. E. Shaikh, the young Eastern Province all-rounder, who will turn out for Aces F.C. in Durban this season.

Garment Workers

10.30 a.m.: Durban Clothing v. Ninian Lester, Main.
11.45 a.m.: Style Bradford v. Beakers, Main.
11.30 a.m.: Monarch v. Escombe, No. 3.

Commercial League

11.30 a.m.: Maythams v. Beacon, No. 1.
11.30 a.m.: Five Roses v. Lever Bros, No. 2.

DIMES (TOMORROW)

Storm Water v. Foreman of Works.
Public Health v. Markets.

Juniors 1st Round, League Competition
London Square "B" v. Yorks.
Violets v. London Square "A."

COUNTY

Junior League—
11.30 a.m.: Cliff View Royals v. Rovers. Referee, T. B. Jack.
12.45 p.m.: Pinetown v. Riverside Rangers. Referee, M. P. Joe.

Senior League—
2.0 p.m.: Cliff View Royals v. Malvern. Referee, A. S. Pillay.
3.15 p.m.: Wanderers v. Pinetown. Referee, S. G. Chetty.

MARITZBURG (TODAY)

League Competition

Senior "A"—
3.35 p.m.: Yorks v. Young Ortmans.
Senior "B"—
2.15 p.m.: Stella v. Colonials.
Junior "A"—
3.35 p.m.: Britannia v. Shamrocks.
Junior "B"—
2.15 p.m.: Technicals v. Young Ortmans.
Juveniles "B"—
4 p.m.: Woodlands v. Shamrocks.
Juveniles "A"—
3 p.m.: Hillviews v. Technicals.
Juveniles "B"—
2 p.m.: Royals v. Britannia.

LADYSMITH

Saturday—
2.15 p.m.: Stars v. Muslims.
3.30 p.m.: Thistles v. Mint "B."
Sunday—
2.15 p.m.: Muslims v. Mint "A."
3.30 p.m.: Shamrocks v. Schools.

GLENCOE (TOMORROW)

League Cup

At Glencoe: 3 p.m.: Stars v. Stellas. [illegible] Katanjee.
At Dundee: 3 p.m.: Burnside v. Dundee United. S. Manicknm.
At Waschbank: 3 p.m.: Waschbank v. Pirates. J. A. Paul.

PHYSICAL CULTURE

At the second annual meeting of the Clairwood Gymnastic Physical Culture Club, the following officials were elected for the ensuing year: Patrons, Messrs. B. S. Done, N. Dharmalingam, M. B. Naidoo; president, Mr. A. N. Govender; vice-presidents, Messrs. S. K. Govender and R. V. Peter; hon. secretary and treasurer, Sgt. Lgr. R. Jackie Pillay; health inspector, Lgr. G. P. Naidoo; instructors, Lgrs. P. F. Joe and R. V. Peter; committee, Lgrs. P. A. Naicker, N. Narian, N. Doorsamy, G. M. Reddy, R. Morris, P. M. Chetty, K. V. Govindsamy, A. J. Samuel and R. Rangan.

Bobby Naidoo won the bogey golf competition, Jack Nathan and R. Alladin as runners-up.

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18 Sastri College Teachers Resign

UNSATISFACTORY SALARIES THE REASON

Education Dept. Precipitate Matters

ALL Indian teachers on the staff of Sastri College, excepting three, have tendered their resignation to the Director of Education as from May 1, 1944. Normally the service contract entered into by these teachers and the Education Department states that service is terminable by a notice of three months on either side, but, we understand, the Director of Education has it in his power to allow resignations to operate immediately. If this is done in this case, it will mean the paralysis of Indian secondary education in Durban, which even now is not in a very healthy state.

In all eighteen teachers have tendered their resignations. The length of their service in the teaching profession ranges from 19 years to 7 years with two having 3 and 1½ years' service each. The immediate cause of this is the very unsatisfactory and, in fact, very miserable salaries paid to men with high qualifications.

For a long time these teachers have attempted to arrive at an amicable solution with the Department of Education, through the medium of the Natal Indian Teachers' Society. All their deputations have been received "sympathetically," but no increment in salary has been coming forth.

A few days ago the situation was precipitated by the Education Department when it wrote to the Teachers' Society stating very curtly that it will consider no increases in Indian teachers' salaries whatever."

The teachers at Sastri College, in being the first to take action, feel that they can do nothing but hand in their resignations. In an effort, I believe, to get the teachers to reconsider the position, Mr. Wm. Anderson, principal of Sastri College, got out of sick bed on Wednesday morning, but the teachers are adamant.

There are today six European teachers on the staff of Sastri College. Over the last years there has been a gradual process of Indianisation. There is an approximate difference of 60 per cent. between the maximum salary of the highest paid Indian teacher at Sastri and the maximum of the lowest paid European teacher.

Each of the eighteen teachers has addressed the following letter to the Director of Education, Natal Education Department, Maritzburg:—

"After repeated requests through the Natal Indian Teachers' Society for equitable remuneration for services of Indian teachers in your employ, I see no prospects in the service of your Department and, therefore, along with several of my colleagues, I hereby tender my resignation."

The following letter has been addressed by the teachers to the Principal, Sastri College: "For several years the Natal Indian Teachers' Society, of which we are members, has made representations to the authorities for equitable remuneration for Indian teachers in their service. Working under considerably dissatisfactory conditions we have continued to serve as teachers to the best of our ability in the hope that we would, through the efforts of our Society secure just and fair treatment. But in terms of a communication which the Society recently received from the Department of Education, we now see no prospects in the service and, having considered the implications of our action, we have decided to tender our resignation.

"We shall be pleased if you will forward the letters of resignation enclosed herewith to the Director of Education."

Mr. W. S. Seethal informs The Leader that the matter was also considered by the Education Sub-Committee of the Natal Indian Congress and it was unanimously decided to recommend to the Congress to support the action of the teachers.

The joint secretaries of the Congress together with other important officials have promised all aid to the teachers in a matter which they consider affects the whole Indian community.

If the Department of Education takes the extreme step and allows the resignations of the teachers to become operative immediately Sastri College will have to close down because there is a tremendous shortage of teachers. There are not enough qualified Indian teachers to fill such a vacancy. They cannot be replaced with Europeans for the simple reason that most of them are on active service and in some high schools European women are teaching today. The maximum salary which a European teacher at Sastri can earn is £400 p.a., while an Indian teacher with the same experience and qualifications and the same syllabus to handle can only go up to £333 per annum—a difference of £147! The Indian teachers want to know why?

Teachers in a number of Durban schools have already informed the Sastri College teachers who have tendered their resignation that they will stand by them—even if this means resignation for them also. If the teachers are thrown on the streets monetary help will be forthcoming.

Teacher	Age	Years of Service	Qualifications	Present monthly salary (excluding all allowances) £ s. d.
A	[illegible]	8	B.A., U.E.D.	17 10 0
B	[illegible]	[illegible]	B.A., U.E.D.	17 10 0
C	[illegible]	[illegible]	B.A., T.3.B.	14 10 0
D	[illegible]	8	B.A., B.Sc., U.E.D.	15 10 0
E	[illegible]	7	B.A., U.E.D.	17 10 0
F	[illegible]	7	B.A., U.E.D.	15 10 0
G	[illegible]	[illegible]	B.A., U.E.D.	15 10 0
H	[illegible]	11	B.A., T.4	12 10 0
I	[illegible]	[illegible]	M.A., U.E.D.	15 10 0
J	[illegible]	[illegible]	B.A., B.Com., U.E.D.	15 10 0
K	[illegible]	13	M.A., T.2	[illegible]
L	[illegible]	3	B.Sc., U.E.D.	15 10 0
M	[illegible]	12	B.A., B.Com. T.2	[illegible]
N	[illegible]	12	B.A., U.E.D.	[illegible]
O	[illegible]	[illegible]	B.A., T.3.B.	15 10 0
P	[illegible]	[illegible]	B.A., T.3.B.	[illegible]
Q	[illegible]	[illegible]	B.A., T.4	15 10 0
R	[illegible]	19	B.Sc. (B.Sc. Hons.), U.E.D.	15 10 0
xS	[illegible]	[illegible]	S.T.C.	15 10 0
xT	[illegible]	14	B.A., T.4	[illegible]
xU	[illegible]	14	B.A., T.4	[illegible]
				[illegible]

Average salary, £[illegible] [illegible] approximately.

xThese have not resigned.

The president of the Natal Indian Teachers' Society, Mr. A. D. Lazarus, in the course of a statement, declares:—

"The officials of my society, past and present, have been restraining teachers from taking drastic action as contemplated by them over a year ago, and now the Administration has thrown a spanner into the works by its decision. All the hopes that my society held out to these men as a result of its negotiations with the authorities have been dashed and the society does not now see any hope of restoring equilibrium."

POLICE "HOW DO" TO RETURNING "RED-TIE"

MORE interested apparently in Mr. H. A. Naidoo's arrival in Durban on Monday morning from the Cape than anybody was the local C.I.D., if the number of plain clothes men at the station on Monday was any criterion.

Mr. H. A. Naidoo will be remembered in Durban in connection with his work for the sugar workers. He has been away in Cape Town for some time. He comes to help the Left Wing of Durban in its opposition to the Licensing Board.

Dr. Y. M. Dadoo, from Johannesburg, is also expected to come down and join in the campaign which has been steadily gaining ground in Durban.

Councillor M. Desai, of Port Elizabeth, was also expected but it is doubtful if he will come down as he is engaged in a libel case.

IN Durban the opposition to the Licensing Board has been growing, especially among the left wingers. With the exception of the public statement of the parties to the Pretoria Agreement there has been no public acceptance of that Agreement. Numerous telegrams and protests have been dispatched to the Prime Minister, the Minister of the Interior, and the Administrator of Natal.

Commenting on the statement issued by Mr. A. I. Kajee, Dr. G. M. Naicker states that the Licensing Board is a revival of the Lawrence Committee with statutory powers to control occupation.

The Lawrence Committee broke down ultimately on the question of acquisition which has always been the bone of contention. The second Broome Commission had its terms of reference strictly restricted to the question of acquisition.

"An agreement that does not permanently settle this aspect of the question will be no settlement. The Pretoria Agreement only restores the right taken away by the Pegging Act without any assurance that the right will remain," he added.

The compromise agreement did not represent the views of the overwhelming majority of the Indian people, declared Mr. H. A. Naidoo. Neither the Congress nor the Indian people have at any time agreed to the principle of zoning and residential segregation envisaged by the Agreement. The Agreement is an attempt by the officials of the Congress to sidestep the issue of the repeal of the Pegging Act for the selfish ends of a group of individuals seeking to protect their vested interests at the expense of the right of occupation.