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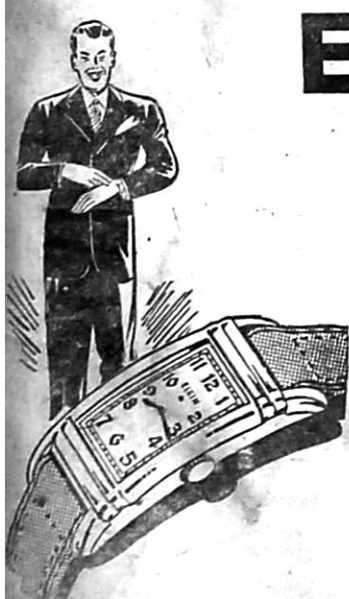
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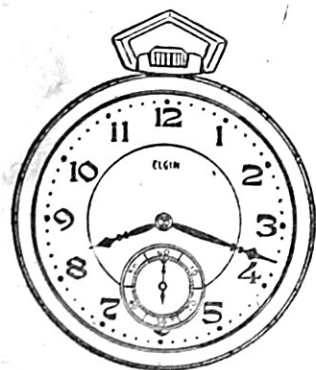
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POWER POLITICS

“THE present method of selecting leaders or representatives to legislatures and offices of power was defective as the selection was often made with an eye on vote-catching rather than on the past record of service. Leadership should be built up from below through mass contact, service and selflessness rather than through mere intelligence, academic qualifications and financial ability. They should be the natural leaders, not manipulated ones. It was this type of artificial creation of leaders that had led to the domination of power politics.”

SRIMATI KAMALADEVI.

Indian Opinion

FRIDAY, 19TH OCTOBER, 1945

Congress Annual Meeting At Last

JUST over two years ago the present Natal Indian Congress was formed. There was a shout by those who were a party to the formation that unity was achieved. Less than a year shewed that there was no unity within the ranks of this new organisation. Many of the members were dissatisfied with the dictatorship in the Congress and set up a body which they named the Anti-Segregation Council. This Council had a Constitution of its own. It held meetings in the Red Square. By this and other means, it opposed some things being done by the Congress. It protested that the Congress in which its members were still members did not represent the Indian community. The Congress Committee persisted in carrying on in spite of these protests and without calling at any time a meeting of the general body of its members or the masses.

The Anti-Segregation Council looked forward to the annual general meeting

as an opportunity to put things right according to its outlook. This meeting should have been held a year ago. It was not held. By an Order of the Supreme Court, the honorary secretaries of the Congress were compelled to supply Drs. Naicker and Chetty and Mr. Docrat with the names of the Congress Committee. Then followed an application for an Order to compel the Congress Committee to hold the annual general meeting. The Court ordered the meeting to be held before the 22nd of October. The Congress Committee decided to hold the meeting at the City Hall which has an accommodation for 2100 persons. The same applicants as before with Dr. Goonam lodged an application asking the Court for an Order interdicting the holding of the meeting at the City Hall on the ground that there was a approximate membership of 18000, most of whom could not be accommodated in the City Hall.

A change of venue was sought. The Durban Indian Sports Ground Association

agreed to the meeting being held on its grounds.

As applications were being served, an approach was made by one of the respondents and there followed discussions and the officials of the Congress offered to resign and the applicants agreed to assume office, which is reflected in the report published in another column of this issue.

The Anti-Segregation has by its persistency been able to bring about the holding of the annual general meeting. It had through its members who were also members of the Congress to go to the Supreme Court. It was only after the third application was filed that the other side gave in. Dr. Naicker, Dr. Chetty and Mr. Docrat in the first two applications and Dr. Goonam with them in the third application came forward to make the application at financial risk to themselves.

The Council and they have rendered a service to the Community in this regard.

Those who held office and their supporters who were members of the Executive or the Committee have resigned and will not take part in the annual general meeting. And statements have been made that another body will be formed.

The Anti-Segregation Council is now faced with

the fact that there is an apparent unworthy boycott by the men some of whom are termed capitalists. It is based on the fear of the masses. The Council has it appears made a list of candidates from its members for submission to the annual general meeting. If this method is adopted, it will be the continuation of a method which eliminates the individual nomination by a member of his candidate for any office and proceeds by block nomination subject to any amendment. In this case the Council will put forward a block list.

The divisions in the community continue. Such divisions the High Commissioner holds are a domestic matter. That it is for the Indian community to settle it. Nero fiddled while Rome was burning. Tigellinus on drawing Nero's attention, Nero without stopping his fiddling told Tigellinus to see to it. So speaks in effect the High Commissioner.

The position of the Indian community worsens. The men of yesterday who cried Unity at any price and those in the then Natal Indian Association who in addition to the cry of Unity shouted: Let us give it a year's trial, now sit with folded arms or are active in advising others not to have anything to do with the Congress. Unity is a very much abused word. There will be growing differences. There will be among Indians different schools of thought just as there are in any nation. But there must be a common platform now for action in the Indian community. The need for such is great at the moment. The community is at the cross roads.

Fundamental issues are in question. We need the help of India at the cross roads and we must now be united as we decide our direction at the cross roads. It means our future in this country.

We still think the way out of our divisions in the community even it be to meet the demands of our present position is the holding of a non-party South African Indian Leaders Conference to work out a plan to achieve the maximum unity possible, which is now necessary.

If the larger Conference is not immediately possible, the urgency of the moment calls for a Non-party Conference of Natal Indian Leaders.

At the elections on Sunday many will be present but there is a doubt whether all interests will be represented there. And it is for those who are now in office to do the big thing. Even if it be necessary to adjourn the meeting to bring about the maximum unity in the Indian Community and at the same time to do away with Dictatorships. This could never be done without the co-operation of all Indian leaders. The happiness of the Community must not be sacrificed to the inclinations or whims of the Individual.

Farewell To Pundit Rishiram

PUNDIT Rishiram came at the invitation of the Gandhi-Tagore Lectureship Trust which in co-operation with the Hindu Maha Sabha has been arranging the tours of the Punditjee.

Wherever he has lectured in South or East Africa he has been well received. He has spoken of things that matters in relation to the soul according to the Hindu Religion and Hindu Philosophy. He is a liberalising lecturer who takes Indians to the motherland while he speaks. But we think these lectures should not have been confined to the town

and city dwellers. They should have been extended to the dwellers in the countryside.

Gandhi and Tagore represent, dead or alive, the universal in the world. And this Trust which bears their names should act in their spirit to bring the good, true and beautiful in any religion and philosophy to the people.

We do not know what are the objects of the Trust except in a general way. Such a Trust should be published for the information of the public.

Punditjee has been associated with the creation of this Trust which can be of great benefit to the people and it is for him to impress upon the controllers of this Trust that it should stand for the universal in all that it does. His name will be always associated with the Trust.

We wish him on the eve of his departure from this country bon voyage and safe return to India and that he may be long spared by God's grace to continue the good work he is doing.

THIRD SUPREME COURT APPLICATION

Against Congress Committee

AN application by Dr. G. M. Naicker, Dr. B. T. Chetty, Dr. K. Goonam and Mr. A. K. M. Docrat was set down for hearing on the 18th October, 1945 at Maritzburg for an Order this time against the officials and members of the Committee of the Natal Indian Congress interdicting them from holding the belated annual general meeting at the City Hall, Durban.

The Durban Indian Sports Ground Association agreed to the meeting being held on its grounds. But the Congress Committee preferred to hold the meeting at the City Hall which had a seating capacity for 2100 persons.

The Congress membership had increased approximately to 18000 men and women, most of whom would not be able to find accommodation in the City Hall. The Congress Committee contended that the meeting could only be controlled in the City Hall.

The then Congress officials came to an agreement with the applicants as follows:

(1) The present application to the Court be postponed *sine die* and in the event of the non-observance of this agreement in any respect either party shall be entitled to set down the application of the hearing; provided, however, that as soon as the First Party have assumed office as officials of the said Committee meeting and have secured a majority on the Executive Committee they shall unreservedly withdraw the said application.

(2) The venue of the annual general meeting be changed to

the Currie's Fountain Sports Grounds and the change of venue shall be advertised forthwith.

(3) Each Party shall pay its own costs of the present application.

(4) The joint hon. secretaries report and the joint hon. treasurers' statement be presented at the said Committee meeting and the First Party hereby undertakes not to oppose its confirmation. The First Party further undertakes to present the said report and financial statement at the annual general meeting for adoption.

(5) The debts of the Congress up to the 14th October, 1945, and a sum not exceeding £75 to defray further expenses of the annual general meeting be discharged by the present officials. Notwithstanding the resignation of the officials as aforesaid at the Committee meeting of October 14th, 1945 they shall be allowed to collect until the 15th November all outstanding dues and further donations in the name of Congress to liquidate the debts of Congress referred to.

(6) The present officials Messrs. J. W. Godfrey, A. I. Kajee, P. R. Pather, A. B. Moosa, A. M. Moolla and T. N. Bhoola volunteer to resign as such at the Committee meeting of the 14th October, 1945, and in order to give the First Party a majority on the Executive Committee undertake to prevail upon as many as possible of the Execu-

tive who support them to do likewise.

(7) All records, files and correspondence of Congress will be handed over to the incoming officials after the Committee meeting on the 14th October, 1945, but not later than the 15th November, 1945.

(8) The Second Party jointly and severally agree and undertake to discharge the debts of the Congress as referred in paragraph (5) and hereby indemnify the incoming officials of the Natal Indian Congress in respect thereof.

I confirm—

A. K. M. Docrat, G. M. Naicker, M. D. Naidoo, A. I. Kajee, J. W. Godfrey, B. T. Chetty, K. Goonam, P. R. Pather, A. B. Moosa, A. M. Moolla, "for T. N. Bhoola-Ashwin Choudree."

The then officials and some members of the Executive and of the Committee numbering 57 persons have resigned. Others were appointed to fill the vacancies. The application to the Court has been withdrawn.

The annual general meeting will be held on the Sports Ground on Sunday the 21st October at 10.30 a.m.

Publisher's Notice

Owing to the publication of our annual Diwali Special Number, in the first week of November, there will be no issue on October 26th and November 9th.

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SOUTH AFRICAN HINDU MAHA SABHA

The general Hindu public of South Africa is hereby informed that Deepawali this year will be celebrated on Saturday and Sunday 3rd and 4th November, 1945.

All Hindus, inclusive of professionals, businessmen, farmers, workers etc. etc. are requested to observe the great national festival in a befitting manner. Hindu institutions too, are requested to cause the proper observance of the festival in their respective areas.

All Hindu business establishments are requested to kindly remain closed on Saturday, 3rd November, so that every one could observe the day as a National Holiday.

R. REGNATH,
Gen. Secretary

NATAL HOUSING ORDINANCE

"To establish a board to be known as the Natal Housing Board; to define its functions, powers and duties; to compel local authorities to carry out schemes for the construction of dwellings in certain circumstances; and to provide for other incidental matters."

(Concluded From Last Week)

8. (1) The board may from time to time, after obtaining the approval of the Administrator, raise moneys by way of loan in such amounts as the Administrator may authorise, for the purpose of—

- (a) constructing dwellings or carrying out schemes;
- (b) acquiring such land, rights or other property as are referred to in section 6;
- (c) repaying any moneys advanced to it under this Ordinance;
- (d) redeeming any security for any part of a loan; or
- (e) paying interest in respect of any loan, for such period as the Administrator may approve, but not exceeding five years from the date of issue of the security therefor.

2. The provisions of section 91 and sections 93 to 102 (inclusive) of the Local Government Ordinance, 1942 (Ordinance No. 21 of 1942), shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, in respect of all moneys raised by the board by way of loan in terms of sub-section (1) which shall be deemed to be a special law.

(3) The board may also borrow moneys by way of overdraft from its bankers, or otherwise, to defray its ordinary expenditure, subject to the provisions of section 88 of the Local Government Ordinance, 1942, *mutatis mutandis*.

(4) In addition to the powers to raise moneys for the purposes aforesaid, but subject in so far as capital or non-recurrent expenditure is concerned, to the provisions of sections 5 and 11 of the Financial Relations Consolidation and Amendments Act, 1945 (Act No. 38 of 1945), the Administrator may out of moneys appropriated by the Provincial Council for the purpose, advance moneys to the board to enable it to carry out any of its functions, duties or powers; provided that any such advance shall be subject to such terms and conditions as the Administrator may prescribe; and provided further that the moneys and any interest thereon shall be a liability of the board and shall be charged on the property, assets and revenues of the board.

(5) The Administrator may from time to time out of moneys appropriated by the Provincial Council for such purpose, make grants of money to the board for any purpose connected with its activities, upon terms and conditions to be prescribed by him.

9. The finances of the board shall be regulated and be administered by the board in accordance with regulations made by the Administrator in that behalf.

10. (1) The board shall cause to be kept such books of account as may be necessary to maintain a proper record of all matters relating to its financial transactions, including all cash receipts and cash payments, the revenue owing but not received, and expenditure incurred but not paid, clearly distinguishing in each case between capital and revenue, and generally showing the assets and liabilities of the board.

(2) The board shall, not later than three months after the close of each financial year, cause the aforesaid books to be closed and balanced to the end of such year, and shall thereafter, within one month, prepare separate income and expenditure accounts and balance sheets of the revenue account and of all other funds or accounts. It shall also cause to be prepared an aggregate balance sheet wherein shall be included in summarised form the whole of the liabilities and assets of the board. Such accounts and balance sheets shall clearly distinguish between capital and revenue in each case.

11. The accounts and records of the board shall be examined in the manner provided for the audit of accounts of boroughs in Part 6 of Chapter IX of the Local Government Ordinance, 1942 (Ordinance No. 21 of 1942) and subject to the provisions thereof which are hereby incorporated in this Ordinance, *mutatis mutandis*; provided that the expenses of and incidental to the audit shall be borne and paid by the board.

12. The board shall on or before the 31st day of December in each year furnish to the Administrator a report upon its work during the previous financial year including *inter alia*—

- (a) a balance sheet and a complete statement of revenue and expenditure, duly audited;
- (b) the report of the auditors;
- (c) the revenue derived by the board and the expenditure incurred by it in respect of each dwelling and scheme;

(d) the extent and value of all classes of property owned by the board;

(e) the amount of securities for loans still outstanding, and the interest thereon, whether paid or unpaid;

(f) the position of each of the funds which may be required by the regulations to be established and maintained;

(g) the expenses of management and administration and all other expenses;

(h) the erection and construction, repairs, improvements and alterations of plant, machinery and buildings and the cost thereof;

(i) the price or rent of any land or rights or interests in or over each or any property acquired or hired;

(2) The board shall as early as possible after the close of each financial year, submit to the Administrator and to the Minister of Welfare and Demobilisation, a report on its activities during such financial year.

(3) Every report under sub-sections (1) and (2) shall be laid by the Administrator upon the Table of the Provincial Council, within fourteen days of the receipt thereof by him if the Provincial Council is then in session or, if the Provincial Council is not then in session, on the first day of its next ensuing session.

13. Whenever application has been made by a local authority to the Administrator in respect of any matter referred to it in the Housing Act, such local authority shall through its proper officials render the board all the assistance in its power to enable the board to carry out any investigation which it considers necessary or desirable for the purpose of advising the Administrator upon such application.

14. (1) If the Administrator has reason to believe that in the area of jurisdiction of any local authority there is an acute shortage of dwellings available for the poorest section of any race or races of the inhabitants, or for persons generally of any particular race, he may refer the matter to the board for enquiry, at which enquiry the local authority shall have an opportunity of being heard.

(2) In conducting such enquiry the board shall have due regard to the special circumstances and resources of the local authority, and if upon the conclusion of its enquiry it is of opinion that a necessity exists for the provision of dwellings for persons of any race in respect of whom the matter was referred to it for enquiry, and that a scheme within the resources of the local authority including the provision of any essential services such as roads, water, sewerage and light is feasible, it shall so report to the Administrator who, if he approves of such report, shall transmit a copy thereof to the local authority, and by written notice call upon the local authority to prepare and submit to him proposals for the carrying out of such scheme and any other works, and to make application under the Housing Act for the approval by the Administrator of such scheme and for the borrowing of the moneys required to carry out such scheme and other works.

(3) For the purpose of such enquiry the Administrator may confer upon the board any of the powers, jurisdiction and privileges which were conferred upon the commission referred to in Act No. 6, 1918.

(4) If the said local authority fails within a period of six months of the Administrator's notice aforesaid, or any extension of that period approved by the Administrator, to comply with such notice or to commence work upon such scheme, the Administrator may request the board to prepare and submit to him its proposals for such scheme and any other work, including plans and specifications and an estimate of the probable cost thereof, and upon receipt thereof the Administrator may further request the board to carry out the scheme and any other works subject to any modifications approved by him, and upon the completion thereof authorise the board to recover the expenditure incurred by it together with such reasonable charges for its services as may be approved by the Administrator, from such local authority, against transfer to such local authority at its cost of the land and buildings comprised in the scheme; or, alternatively, the Administrator may require the board to administer the scheme and to sell or let the dwellings constructed by it, in accordance with the authority conferred upon it by this Ordinance.

(5) A certificate by the Administrator shall be evidence of the amount due by the local authority to the board under sub-section (4), and the provisions of section 94 of the Local Government Ordinance, 1942 (Ordinance No. 21 of 1942), shall apply *mutatis mutandis*, to such amount as though it were the principal money of a loan made by the board to the local authority remaining unpaid after the date fixed for its payment.

15. The Administrator may from time to time out of moneys appropriated by the Provincial Council for such purpose, advance moneys to any local authority on such conditions as he may prescribe, to enable it to finance any preliminary investigations which he may deem necessary in connection with any scheme which such local authority proposes to carry out; or he may in any special circumstances make a grant of money to any local authority for such a purpose upon conditions to be prescribed by him.

16. (1) The board or any member thereof or any officer or person generally or specially authorised by the board may, at any hour reasonable for the proper performance of the duty, enter any land or premises to make any inspection or investigation or carry out any survey or do anything which may be necessary for the proper performance by the board of any duty imposed upon it by or in terms of this Ordinance.

(2) Any person who fails to give or refuses access to any member or officer of the board or person mentioned in or authorised under sub-section (1) if he requests entrance on any land or premises, or obstructs or hinders him in the making of any such inspection or investigation or the carrying out of any such survey or the doing of any such thing as is referred to in sub-section (1), shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding ten pounds.

17. The Administrator may make regulations in respect of the appointment of members of the board including the disqualifications of persons for appointment or for holding office as members, the meetings of the board, the conduct of proceedings thereat and the number of members which shall constitute a quorum for any meeting, and generally prescribing and regulating any matter in respect of which he is authorised by this Ordinance to make regulations or which he considers necessary or expedient for the more efficient carrying into effect of the provisions of this Ordinance.

18. This Ordinance shall be known as the Natal Housing Ordinance, 1945.

NATAL AND THE INDIANS

THE *Natal Daily News* on the 13th October under the above caption deals with the Indian question as follows:—

The signs are multiplying that the complex of racial, communal, cultural and economic relations that has become known as the Indian "Problem" is being brought to the fore again. A deputation from the Durban City Council waited upon the Prime Minister to submit the Council's case for control of the acquisition and occupation of property by Indians. The Administrator of Natal, accompanied by Mr. E. C. Wilks, M.E.C., is also in Pretoria for discussions with the Government on the related subjects of housing and the expropriation of land. Later, a deputation from the Natal Indian Congress will probably be received by the Prime Minister. In all these activities and the various statements that have provided a running accompaniment can unhappily be traced clear indications that no advance towards a joint solution has been made. The City Council is adamant in the conviction that the only solution is residential zoning resting on the strict control of both the purchase and the occupation of

property. It is strongly argued that by such means the "penetration" of European areas by Indians can be prevented and the declared policy of keeping Durban a "European city" be maintained. Against this, the Indians, while accepting the principle that European culture shall prevail, are turning towards a different leadership and are now claiming the right to live and buy where they like.

As we feared, the period of inaction and delay has widened rather than narrowed the gulf between the differing points of view. Is there any middle way left? There is good reason to believe that the Pegging Act will not be renewed and that there will be a return to the Pretoria Agreement. On that Agreement, it will be recalled, were based certain Natal ordinances designed to control the occupation but not the purchase of property. There was then no chance of the ordinances being passed by the Provincial Council. Do they not now, however, represent the only workable compromise? In this clash between differing rights there is a danger that extremism will result in chaos. If the Pegging Act were allowed to lapse next

year—as it almost certainly will be—without any alternative being agreed on, a situation of great potential danger would arise. The Durban Council would then have lost such order as the control of acquisition might give while the Indians can be fairly certain that they

would be faced with growing antagonism and would get no amenities that could be withheld. It is an eventuality that all concerned should seriously consider before committing themselves to courses of action from which it might be difficult to retreat.

DRAFT ORDINANCE

"To establish a board for the determination of the compensation to be paid in respect of land expropriated by the Provincial Administration and in certain cases by local authorities; to authorise the Provincial Administration to expropriate land for certain public purposes; and to provide for other incidental matters."

(Concluded from Last Week)

18. (1) Whenever the Administrator has expropriated any land in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance, he may in his discretion pay to the lessee under a lease of that land other than a lease referred to in the definition of "owner" contained in section 1, in respect of his lease, an amount of compensation to be determined by the Administrator—

(a) if the Administrator is opinion that it would be equitable to pay compensation; or

(b) if the land or part thereof is used by the lessee for the purpose of carrying on farming operations or a business; and except as is herein expressly provided the Administrator shall not pay or be liable to pay compensation to the lessee,

(2) For the purpose of this section "lessee" shall include "sub-lessee."

19. So soon as the *dominium* in any land has passed to the State in terms of section 17, such land may be transferred to the State in accordance with the provisions of section 31 of the Deeds Registries Act, 1937 (Act No. 47 of 1937).

20. Whenever a local authority proposes to expropriate any land or any existing works or undertakings or other rights of property under the authority of the Local Government Ordinance, 1942 (Ordinance No. 21 of 1942), or any other law not being an Act of the Union Parliament, it shall, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in such Ordinance or law but subject to the observance of such preliminary formalities as may be prescribed by such Ordinance or law, and subject to any rights which may possess under contract, expropriate that land or those works or undertakings or other rights of property in accordance with the provisions of Part II of this Ordinance, for which purpose any references therein to the Administrator and the State shall be construed as like references to such local authority.

21. Nothing in this Ordinance contained shall apply to Crown land or other land belonging to the State or land of the South African Native Trust or the Electricity Supply Commission.

22. The Administrator may make regulations not inconsistent with this Ordinance, for all or any of the following purposes—

(a) the circumstances under which a member of the board shall vacate his office;

(b) the allowances to be paid to members of the board for travelling and subsistence while engaged upon the business of the board;

(c) prescribing the procedure to be followed by the board in the conduct of its proceedings;

(d) the duties of the secretary to the board;

(e) prescribing the fees payable in connection with proceedings before the board and the fees payable to expert witnesses and other witnesses required to attend proceedings of the board; and

(f) generally prescribing and regulating any matter which may in terms of this Ordinance be prescribed or which he considers necessary or expedient for the more efficient carrying into effect of the provisions of this Ordinance.

23. This Ordinance shall be known as the Provincial and Local Authorities Expropriation Ordinance, 1945, and shall come into operation upon a date to be notified by the Administrator by proclamation in the *Gazette*.

SAPA-REUTER NEWS

Indian Emigration

New Delhi, Wednesday.

Emigration from India to other parts of the Commonwealth and Empire is suggested by a commission of inquiry into the 1943 Bengal famine in its final report published today. The analysis indicated that in the absence of major calamities the population would increase from 400,000,000 to 500,000,000 in the next 20 or 25 years. The report looks forward to the day when the people of India will be able to emigrate as colonists entitled to full rights of citizenship to sparsely populated parts of the Empire. The report says that there is a general tendency for the excess of births over deaths to increase and that great possibilities exist for a further reduction of the death rate by the development of public health services.

Curfew Withdrawn

Bombay, Thursday.

The curfew order imposed in Bombay a fortnight ago because of the Hindu-Moslem disturbances was withdrawn today in view of the return to normal conditions. The riots, which started on September 26, resulted in 31 deaths with over 170 people injured mostly from stabbing. British and Indian troops called in during the troubles were withdrawn two days ago.

Stabbing In Bombay

Bombay, Friday.

Three persons were stabbed in Bombay last night in the first incident following a week of quiet leading on Wednesday to the withdrawal of the curfew. One of the persons stabbed was a plain-clothes policeman who was attacked while walking through an area where there was rioting recently. Shops in the city closed earlier than usual last night.

Things In General

Prime Minister Faces Thorny Problem

Senator S. J. Smith, Durban Mayor, who returned by air from Pretoria said in an interview that he had gained an impression of a worried Prime Minister facing the most difficult problem of his whole political career. Senator Smith led the deputation which put the City Council's case on the Indian problem to General Smuts. "At the end of the interview," said the Mayor, "the Prime Minister remarked: 'You are throwing the whole burden of this problem on my shoulders, and you are not helping me at all.' 'In my opinion,'" stated Senator

Smith, "General Smuts is faced with the thorniest and most difficult problem he has ever had to handle. This is the only country in the world where the colour bar feeling is so pronounced, and the Prime Minister's status in the international sphere of politics would seem to be in jeopardy, because other great statesmen of the world, who come from countries where the colour bar is not a burning question, would never be able to understand how a statesman of General Smut's calibre could permit legislation of the sort which appears to be the unanimous wish of the European population of Natal."

No Confidence In Government

Mombasa, Saturday.

A unanimous vote of no confidence in the present Kenya Government was passed by the East African Indian National Congress today. The Congress is representative of Moslems as well as Hindus and comprised about 100 delegates from Kenya, Tanganyika and Uganda. The Congress also passed a resolution demanding increased Indian representation on Kenya Councils, and another stressing the urgent need for a comprehensive inquiry by a Royal Commission on political and other factors concerning all races. Another resolution, deploring the "hurried implementation of the Kenya reorganisation proposals" said "it is painful to observe that even Britain's Labour Government is unable to withstand racial aggrandisement on the part of European communities in the colonial empire." The delegates have also called for a special session if the repeal of wartime immigration restrictions are not achieved before April, 1946. One resolution approved in principle of the appointment of an Indian Government High Commissioner for Kenya, but not until a popular government was established in India.

Mr. Richard Casey

London, Thursday.

While there is no confirmation of reports that Mr. Richard Casey, Governor of Bengal and former British Minister of State in the Middle East, will return to Australia next year to resume his political career, it is understood that he only accepted the Governorship of Bengal until Japan was defeated. It will, therefore, come as no surprise, say Reuters Diplomatic Correspondent, if Mr. Casey were to return to Australia in the next few months.

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Accidental Death

Mr. Maganbhai Ishverbai Patel proprietor of Patel's Agencies, a well-known merchant of Johannesburg, died in Durban on his way to India just two hours before the sailing of the ship in which he was taking his young son to India. He was taken seriously ill on Friday night and died at 11 a.m. on Saturday. He leaves two grown up daughters and two minor sons to mourn their sad loss. We tender our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family and pray Almighty to give peace to the departed soul.

Obituary

Harilal, son of Ranchhod Rama of Patel's Vegetarian Tea Room, 202 Grey Street, Durban, passed away on the 10th October. Our sympathy goes out to them. Mr. Ranchhod Rama thanks all those who expressed their sympathy in their loss.

Mrs. Laxmibahen the wife of Madhavbhai Jeevan of Patel's Tea Room, 139 Brook Street, Durban, died on the 11th October at their residence. We express our sympathy to the bereaved husband and family. Mr. Madhavbhai desires to thank all for their kind expressions of sympathy in their said loss.

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AGENDA:—1. Minutes, 2. Correspondence, 3. Presidential speech, 4. Secretarial report, 5. Treasurer's financial statement, 6. Election of one Trustee, 7. Election of office-bearers, 8. General.

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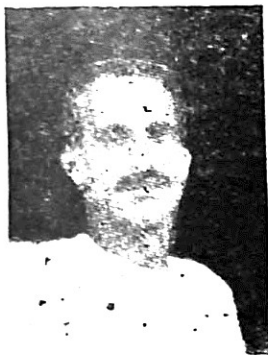
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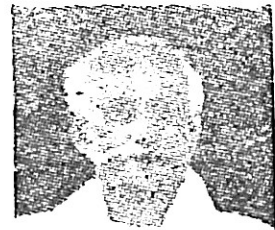
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INDIAN OPINION
MAHATMA GANDHI



I shall work for an India in which the poorest shall feel that it is their country, in whose making they have an effective voice, an India in which there shall be no high class and low class of people; an India in which all communities shall live in perfect harmony. There can be no room in such India for the cause of untouchability, or the curse of intoxicating drink and drugs. Women will enjoy the same rights as men. This is the India of my dreams.

MAHATMA GANDHI.

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