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SECOND CONFERENCE

HELD ON THE

25th AUGUST, 1940

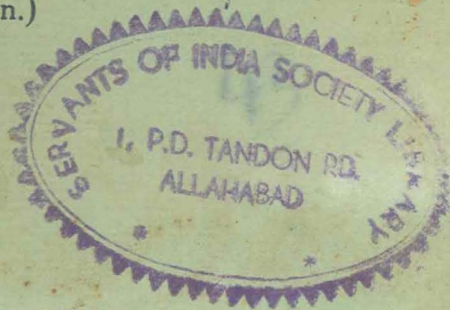
AT THE

AVALON THEATRE,
DURBAN.

OPENED BY

Councillor WM. WANLESS, Esq.

(Deputy Mayor of Durban.)



PRESIDENT:

HAJEE E. M. PARUK.

Mr. _____

Delegate: NATAL INDIAN CONGRESS

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I N D E X

- (a) Agenda of Conference.
- (b) Foreward.
- (c) Swami Bhawani Dayal's Remarks.
- 1. STANDING ORDERS.
- 2. PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS.
- 3. PENETRATION.
 - (a) Resolution on Land Ownership
(Passed on 11/12/1938).
 - (b) Resolution passed on 26/2/1939.
 - (c) Resolution passed on 21/5/1939.
 - (d) Petition to Provincial Council.
 - (e) Swami Bhawani Dayal's Statement.
 - (f) Statement of All-India Congress Committee.
 - (g) "OUR MEN OF MUNICH" by Dr. V. M. Dadoo.
 - (h) "INDIAN OPINION" on Penetration.
 - (i) Anti-Indian Jihad.
 - (j) Paper by Professor Raymond Burrows
(Natal University College)
- 4. LAWRENCE COMMITTEE.
 - (a) Extract from City Council's Meeting.
 - (b) Memo by Indian Representatives on
Lawrence Committee.
 - (c) Memo by Town Clerk.
 - (d) Report of Lawrence Committee to the
Indian Penetration Commission.
 - (e) Indian Penetration Commission.

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-: CONFERENCE :-

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CONFERENCE WILL OPEN AT 2.30 P. M.

1. Prayers.
2. Welcome to Delegates by Swami Bhawani Dayal.
3. Conference will be opened by the Deputy-Mayor of Durban, Councillor Wm. Wanless, Esq.
4. Presidential Speech of Hajee E. M. Paruk.
5. Reply to Welcome on behalf of visiting Delegates.
By Mr _____
6. Motion to adjourn Conference.
Proposed by Mr. _____
Seconded by Mr. _____

CONFERENCE WILL ADJOURN AND RESUME AT
TIME AND PLACE TO BE ANNOUNCED
AT TIME OF ADJOURNMENT.
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-: ORDER OF THE DAY :-

- (1) Roll Call.
- (2) Adoption of Standing Orders.
- (3) Indian Penetration Commission.
- (4) Resolutions.
- (5) General.

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SECRETARIES TO
CONFERENCE.

Aboobaker Moosa
Hans Maghrajh

ASSISTANTS TO SECRETARIES
FOR CONFERENCE.

S. Goordeen
K. R. Govender
S. R. Naidoo
Ganas Pather
J. Gokool.

Delegates are requested to make all enquiries and ask for their requirements from the Assistants to the Secretaries.

F O R W A R D.

In the absence of His Worship the Mayor who is unable to attend this afternoon. I have been invited to open the Second Conference, and willingly consented to perform this very pleasant duty.

The question of "Indian Penetration" into exclusively European areas is a subject which for many years has been generally introduced during election campaigns, and strong feelings engendered thereby. Force of public opinion has moved the Durban City Council to make an approach to the Union Government, with a view to an enquiry being held. A local Committee of representatives of the Indian community and members of the Town Council have made certain investigations, and the Union Government has now appointed a Judicial Commission, and three eminent gentlemen have been nominated to make enquiries and investigate the position.

I had the privilege to attend as a delegate to the first British Commonwealth Labour Conference in 1925 at Westminster. Delegates were present from all parts of the British Empire, and Labour Members of Parliament were also in attendance. The question of conditions of Indians in South Africa was a subject of very deep interest, but after a long and futile discussion, I ventured to suggest a Round Table Conference between delegates from India and representatives of the Union Government which eventually took place and resulted in the Capetown Agreement. Perhaps this Conference might be able to suggest some form of compromise which will help establish better and more lasting relations of goodwill and understanding in the general interest of the community.

(Sgd) "WM. WANLESS"
Deputy Mayor.

DURBAN,
25th August, 1940.

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