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## NOTES AND NEWS

### Publisher's Notice

THERE will be no issue of **INDIAN OPINION** published on October 27 and November 10. The Special Number will be published between November 3 and November 10.

### Agitation Against Indian Encroachment In European Localities

The following motion was submitted by Councillor S. M. Petterson at the Durban City Council meeting held on Monday, October 16 :—

"That the City Council instruct the General Purposes Committee to consider and report on the advisability of approaching the Union Government or Provincial Council for the introduction of the necessary legislative authority to prevent Indians and other non-Europeans from purchasing property and land in European localities on lines similar to those applying to natives who are not permitted to purchase land in urban areas, except under certain conditions, after reference to the Government and the local authority concerned. That the City Council also instruct the General Purposes Committee to consider and report on the advisability of obtaining legislation enabling the Licensing Officer to refuse a licence to a non-European if it is intended to trade within European areas."

The City Council agreed to instruct the General Purposes Committee likewise.

### Agitation Extending

A further petition is being presented to the Mayor and Town Councillors of Durban from residents in the Botanic Garden Road area protesting against the encroachment of Indians into the district. There are 87 signatures on this supplementary petition, the sponsor of which states that it would be considered a disgrace to the good name of Durban if this area, one of the oldest residential areas in the city, were to become Indian owned.

### Natal Indian Association Sends

#### Protest

The newly formed Natal Indian Association, with which are amalgamated the Natal Indian Congress and the

Colonial Born and Settlers' Indian Association, has sent a letter of protest against Councillor Petterson's motion. The letter points out that the percentage of Indian to European ownership is 8.5% to 91.5% or £45 to every Indian against £475 to every European person resident in the City of Durban. The total rateable property owned by 88,226 Indians, after nearly 80 years' residence in Durban may, at a liberal estimate, be put down at £4,000,000 out of a total valuation of £48,998,500. These figures only apply to the City of Durban. "We desire to point out," states the letter, "that any principle enunciated to segregate Indians residentially or commercially will be a breach of the uplift clause and of the licence clause contained in the Capetown Agreement, and we would submit that any request for deciding upon a policy of segregation in breach of that agreement, is a matter for the Union Government. We may say that when a deputation of the South African Indian Congress interviewed the Minister of the Interior in February of this year strong objections were taken to any policy of segregation. The allegation of penetration by Indians as a whole is unfounded and baseless. In regard to segregation of Indian traders we would point out that the existing licensing law relegates all Indian traders to what is regarded as Indian localities. This the Indian community has always objected to as being tantamount to racial discrimination. On the question of licences it is extremely difficult for us to reconcile these two factors namely (a) the Indian is required to conform to the industrial legislation of the country, (2) the Indian licensee is not to be given the choice of a site and the class of business as is contemplated by Councillor Petterson. It should be remembered that Indian labourers contributed materially to the development and prosperity of Durban in no small degree and it does not redound to the reputation of Durban to attack the rights of Indians who came

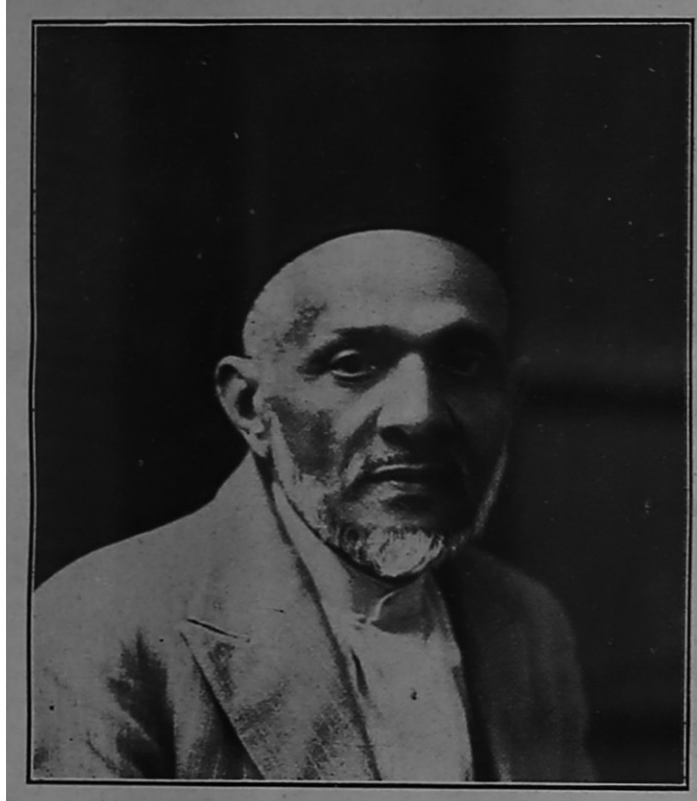
to its rescue in the days of its adversity. Moreover our last but not the least ground of protest to the motion being discussed is that, in this time of international turmoil and conditions of war in which the British Empire is engaged, nothing should be done to aggravate racial feelings and create racial discord."

### Natal Indian Association

The first Committee meeting of the Natal Indian Association was held on Sunday, October 15, at the Surat Hindu Association Hall, Victoria Street, Durban. Mr. A. Christopher was elected as chairman of the Committee. An Emergency Committee of the Natal Indian Association was formed composed of four vice-presidents, seven committee members with the President, the jt. secretaries and the jt. treasurers. The following is the personnel of the Emergency Committee: Hajee A. M. M. Lokhat (president); Messrs. P. R. Pather and Sorabjee Rustomjee (jt. secretaries); Messrs. A. E. Shaikh and P. B. Singh (jt. treasurers); Messrs. V. S. C. Pather, J. W. Godfrey, L. Gabriel, A. Christopher, M. B. Lazarus, M. John, P. D. Hargovan, A. S. Kajee, A. M. Moola, and P. S. Aiyar. The following were elected as representatives of the Natal Indian Association on the South African Indian Congress: Hajee A. M. M. Lokhat (president); Messrs. P. R. Pather and Sorabjee Rustomjee (jt. secretaries); Messrs. A. Christopher and J. W. Godfrey. It was reported to the Committee, among other things, that the European Fruit Growers' Association, Point Road, Durban, had applied for Indian fruit packers to pack fruit overseas and the Association was able to send 60 men who were all accepted. The Consolidated Agency and Stevedoring Co., Point, had also asked for seven men and they too were supplied by the Association and were accepted. Various important matters were left over for discussion for the next meeting

## First President of the Amalgamated Bodies

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HAJEE AHMED MAMOOJEE MOOSA LOKHAT  
who has been elected President of the Natal Indian Association.

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જેઓ નાટાલ ઇન્ડિઅન એસોસીએશનના પ્રમુખ ચુ'ટાયા છે.

# Doings In India

## Rebuke To Muslim Leaguers

**A**T a meeting held under the auspices of the Peshawar City Congress Committee presided over by Khan Abdul Qayum Khan, M. L. A., (Central), at which 20,000 Muslims were present, Moulana Mohamed Khan Mir Halali, General Secretary Provincial Congress Committee and a prominent Red Shirt leader, in the course of his speech said: "We are being accused of joining hands with the Congress-minded Hindus for the liberation of our country by our Muslim League friends, but I assert that the leaders of the Muslim League have made common cause with the enemies of the Indian aspiration to keep India, the land of their birth, in perpetual bondage. Whereas we are out to secure self-government for the entire population of our country, these so-called champions of Islam are betraying the cause of their motherland against the tenets of Islam. We have got our reasons for the accusations which we publicly level against the Muslim Leaguers. I enquire of you as to who was responsible for humiliating you, for sending you to prison, and for depriving you of your livelihood. Were they Congress minded Hindus, who came to your rescue at the hour of their trial or were they the Muslim Leaguers, who sided with the bureaucracy in giving all sorts of troubles to their co-religionists during the several phases of the national struggle in this province. For God's sake tell me who are the enemies of the nation and the community. If the Muslim Leaguers have real admiration for Islam they should first bid farewell to their *Jagirs* and pensions which they had secured for disservice to their country. If you cannot persuade them to do this then I appeal to you in the name of your culture and your religion to muster strong under the Congress flag."

## Pandit Jawaharlal's Visit To China

"Pandit Jawaharlal's visit, if it materialises, is sure to evoke great enthusiasm among the Chinese people and will undoubtedly strengthen the bond of mutual sympathy already subsisting between the two countries," observed Prof. Tan Yun Shan of Cheena Bhawan at Santiniketan on being asked by the *United Press* to give his views on the recent visit of Pandit Jawaharlal to China. Continuing, Prof. Tan said: "When I went home last time I carried a message from Panditji to China. This message was published in all the papers of China and gave great inspiration to the Chinese people. They are eager to welcome him and show how they appreciate the good wishes of India. China

is engaged in a grim struggle with a wanton aggressor, but she is determined to shake herself free from its ever-widening tentacles. Her agonies will be great, her sacrifices will be immense, but she will bear them patiently in the knowledge that she is fighting for a just cause and that she has the sympathies of all right-thinking men in her hour of trial."

## Congress Committee's Resolution

**A** REUIER'S message from Wardha dated October 10 states:—The All-India Congress Committee has passed a resolution to the effect that a continued state of peace and freedom could only be established and preserved by the extension of democracy to all colonial countries, and by the application of the principles of self-determination thereto. In particular India should be declared an independent nation, and every effort should be made to apply this status to the largest possible extent.

A resolution condemning Nazi aggression and inviting the British Government to define their war and peace aims was adopted by the All-India Congress Committee by 188 votes to 58. Socialist and other Left Wing amendments which attempted to pin the Congress down to past declarations condemning Indian participation in any "imperialistic" war were rejected by an overwhelming majority.

## Tagore's Message To Pandit Jawaharlal

Among the messages sent to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru on his recent visit to China was the following interesting one from the Poet Dr. Rabindranath Tagore: "As to the present crisis in the Congress I fully share the deep concern at the turn the affairs have taken. I have no doubt also that the creative forces of the nation will pass the test and come out stronger after the main issues have been clarified even if we have to pass through a temporary phase of painful adjustment. My warmest good wishes are with you in your mission of good neighbourliness to China,

I feel proud that the new spirit of Asia will be represented through you and our best traditions of Indian humanity will find their voice during your contacts with the people of China. My tours in the Far East have convinced me in the main that our people have maintained the Asiatic tradition of cultural interchange; we have not fought with each other in the name of hungry nationalism as the Western countries are doing in Europe. The Japanese aggression, therefore, seems to be essentially a case borrowed with pugnacity which I feel sure has not touched the deep heart of their people. Let Japan take the warning not to betray the basis of her civilisation which she shares with China. India will be with you in your appeal to the moral conscience of Asia which Japan cannot afford to kill in the mania of spiritual suicide, the pathway of which was led from India to her great neighbours in the East, now partly closed through centuries of neglect. We have to remove the weeds and also the recent barriers erected by fratricidal politics, so that once more the traffic of human interference will continue the linking of our country with Japan and China."

## Be Prepared For What Is To Come!

Presiding over the 10th Coimbatore District Political Conference at Bhavani Mr. C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliar, M.L.A. (Central), deprecated the idea of forming separate parties of groups inside the Congress, as, to do so would weaken the "supreme institute of the country." Referring to federation, Mr. Mudaliar said they ought to make it impossible for Government to introduce it. Nobody wanted it. The opposition to federation would be the last fight before they obtained Purna Swaraj. The country must, therefore, be prepared for the impending fight.

## India's Contribution In The Last War

In the last war India sent overseas 1,250,000 men and 3,500,000 tons of supplies. She made a direct money contribution of £160,000,000 to Great Britain's expenditure on the war.

## Poet Tagore's Work In 25 Volumes

The *Utsava Bharati* is shortly publishing a complete edition of Poet Tagore's work in 25 volumes, the first of which was released on September 18.

G. M. A. Vawda, when singers in the vernacular entertained the party until quite late. Refreshments were served and the bridal parties left for their homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Vawda desire to thank all friends and relations for having responded to the invitation to the marriages of Mr. Vawda's two sisters. They also desire to thank the officials and members of the Muslim Young Men's Association for all their assistance; to those who rendered personal services towards making the function a huge success and to those who sent wedding presents and messages of congratulation. Mr. and Mrs. Gattoo of Volksrust, and Mr. and Mrs. Mamoojee Omarjee of Kromdraai, also wish to express their profound thanks.

### Nizamia Muslim Society

A council meeting of the Maritzburg Nizamia Muslim Society was held on October 5. Mr. Shaik Madar presided. Many applications for membership were read and accepted. The following were elected to the building committee: Messrs. Shaik Yusuf, Moulana M. Hanieff, Shaik Madar, I. S. Cassimjee, S. M. Badruddin, Amod Moosa, D. E. Bhayat, Adam Habib, Abbas Haj Mia, Abbas Bayat, A. G. Bennie, Ismail Amod Cassimjee, A. B. Sabiah, A. K. I. Bayat, H. Khan and A. R. Deenally. The vacancies on the committee were filled by Messrs. Haffejee and Mahomud Parak. The total membership of the society shows 332 members on the roll. The secretary reported that many good services had been rendered to the Muslim community by the society during the month. Before closing the meeting Mr. Shaik Madar, president, asked Moulana Mahmood Hanieff to say prayers in memory of the recent deaths among the Muslims.

### Native Disabilities

Since the Johannesburg Joint Council published its series of pamphlets many years ago, no comprehensive statement has been given of the legal, social, economic and political status of the Native. This has now been achieved in a concise little pamphlet by Dr. H. J. Simons, entitled "Disabilities of the Native in the Union of South Africa," published by the South African Institute of Race Relations, P. O. Box 97, Johannesburg, and costing 4d. post free. Dr. Simons, who is lecturer in Native Administration in the University of Capetown, describes the existing means of representation of Natives under the 1936 legislation, and then discusses civil liberties in respect of legal procedure in courts, right of assembly and of free speech, and powers of edictal legislation. This is followed by an account of the system of taxation, pass laws, freedom of urban residence, the right to acquire land, and the restriction of opportunity in farm, industrial and mine labour. The pamphlet ends with a consideration of the scope for development,

### £100,000 In Nurses' Box

Reuter reports from London that a cheque for £100,000, probably the largest sum ever paid for a flag-day emblem, was placed in the collection box of two nurses by Lord Nuffield at the Mansion House on Tuesday October 10. It was his contribution to the Lord Mayor's Red Cross and St. John's Ambulance Fund.

### India Will Be Represented

The Government of India has accepted the United Kingdom's invitation to send a representative to participate in the forthcoming discussions with Dominion Ministers in London. The Indian representative will be Sir Muhammad Zafullah Khan, Knight Commander of the Star of India, member of the Governor-General's Executive Council for Commerce and Labour.

## Our Special Annual Number

OUR Special Annual Number will be published this year as usual during the Deepavali festivals. Readers are requested to send articles of interest, poems, topical cartoons, pictures etc., which will be much appreciated. Those who wish to send advertisements for the Special Number are requested to send them before Oct. 15 together with their cheque. The advertisement rates are as follows: Full page £5, half page £2 10s., quarter page £1 5s.

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### Death Of Mrs. C. K. Moodley

The death of Mrs. C. K. Moodley, wife of Mr. C. K. Moodley, the joint hon. secretary of the Chaka's Kraal and District Branch of the Natal Indian Congress, came as a great shock to many friends and relatives. At the early age of 20 she fell ill and peacefully passed away on October 2. Born at Estcourt she received her early education at the Estcourt Government Indian School and Malvern Indian School. The funeral which was attended by a large number of Indians took place on October 3 at the Seaview Hindu cemetery. Deceased leaves behind her husband and an year-old son. Many letters and telegrams of condolence were received from Johannesburg, Cape, Natal Indian Congress, Durban and Districts. Floral tributes were received from friends, relatives and the Congress.

## The Sporting World

### Last Saturday's Wrestling Results

THE result of last Saturday's non-European boxing and wrestling at the City Hall, Durban, were: (Wrestling)—Young Tarzan beat Wild Cat, one fall to nil; V. Chetty beat Sonny Moodley on a foul; Puckree Pillay and Ahmed Khan drew; Rughbeer Maharaj and Hero Barry fought a draw, one fall each. (Boxing)—Totee Singh and Speedy Phillips fought a draw; P. M. Pillay and Young Veean fought a draw.

### Central Factory Vs. Maidstone

On Sunday, October 8, the Central Factory Football Club "A" and "B" teams met the Maidstone Sporting Club "A" and "B" teams in a friendly soccer match on the Central Factory Grounds. Central Factory "B" beat Maidstone Sporting Club "B" by 1 goal to nil; Central Factory "A" beat Maidstone Sporting Club "A" by seven goals to nil.

### Newcastle Indian Cricket Union

The fourth annual meeting of the Newcastle and district Indian Cricket Union was recently held, five teams being represented, two from Dannhauser and three from Newcastle district. Mr. A. M. Ephraim was in the chair. It was decided to affiliate with the Northern Natal Indian Cricket Union in terms of the arrangement arrived at with the Natal Cricket Union. The following officials were elected for the ensuing year:—Patrons: Messrs. I. S. Vawda, R. Luckrajsingh and Sheik Abdool; president: Mr. O. J. Christopher; secretary: Mr. N. Puckree Naidoo; record clerk: Mr. M. A. Amra; vice-presidents: Messrs. A. M. Ephraim, A. Thajmoon, Loganathan, S. M. Vawda, G. M. A. Vawda, O. Gopaul, and O. Pachai; auditor: A. K. Naidoo.

### Port Elizabeth Aryan C.C.

The annual general meeting of the Port Elizabeth Aryan Cricket Club was recently held at the Gujarati Hall. The following election for the new season took place:—Life hon. presidents: Messrs. J. D. Dhru, R. G. Teikandas, M. F. Bansda and R. G. Varma; president: Mr. M. M. Balsara; joint hon. secretaries: Messrs. D. Mohanlal and D. Nagarji; hon. treasurer: Mr. Ramdas Ranchhodji.

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