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Atrocities On Sugar Estates

Recent events in the relations between the Sugar Capitalists and the labourers of the Sugar estates indicate the existence of crude atrocities that is carried on by the Management of the Sugar Estates on the labourers.

The treatment meted out to labourers, who are Indians in the majority, are such that nauseates the human mind and is far worse than anything that the Germans or Japanese have committed in their Concentration Camps.

We invite impartial persons to view the conditions of life in the Sugar Estates and after full investigation into the hours of work, the wages paid, the filth in which the people are compelled to live, the

Nazism In British Guiana GUIANA GRAPHIC TAKES NAZI STAND AGAINST EAST INDIANS— THE HEIL HITLER BOOTS ON THE HEADS OF INDIANS

BY LIBERTY

At last I am convinced that the Sugar owned Guiana Graphic has gone completely Nazi, and smells as if Hitler has a hide out somewhere in its office; or may be, I may be mistaken, one of his subtle agents is around; who knows it may be one of the local born Germans:

Nazi loving Guiana Graphic has made itself clear as to how it intends to push its serpent's head into every corner of Guiana, spreading its evil of false propaganda and turning the minds of one people against the other and worse yet trying to create disunion among Indians themselves.

But, to Mr. Editor Goebels of the Sugar Nazis your tune is sickening. Go take your curse to those of your own kind, as they, being accustomed to it will fall asleep with its lullaby.

I want to impress upon you, labour bating Guiana Graphic editor, that your salary comes from the misery, sweat and blood of the same people you are stabbing in the back.

You know and I know that Nazism, Capitalism, Imperialism and *Exploitation* have lost their battle and Communism is taking shape; so why worry change your feathers and join the band now, before it is too late; or else we (communists) may strip your feathers for you.

emaciated general physical condition of the labourers due to malnutrition, the existence of Tuberculosis and allied diseases, the continuous victimization and advantages that is being high handedly perpetrated by the Management on these people; to make a pronouncement with regard to conditions on Sugar Estates and the German Concentration Camp at Belsen.

We invite the attention of the Government and the Capitalists to the fact that we want a commission of investigation into these conditions by impartial observers such as our Neighbours from Brazil and the United States of America.

We are further of the opinion that it is time that a commission of investigation from India be asked to come and investigate into the condition of the labourers of the Sugar Estates.

Medical Student Home On Holiday

Here for a short holiday with her parents before leaving for England to continue her medical studies, is Miss Rosie Ali, daughter of Mr. Rajah Ali and Mrs. Ali of 16 de Verteuil Street, Woodbrook.

Miss Ali is one of the 24 West Indian medical student who have secured admission to London University.

Holder of the Bachelor of Science degree, Miss Ali spent three years at McGill University in Canada. There she had the distinction of being the first girl and the only West Indian so far to gain election to the executive of the Pre-Medical Society.

Apart from membership in many university clubs, she was an active member of the McGill Detachment of the Canadian Red Cross Corps.

Preserve your Teeth and Save your Money

By Cheddi B. Jagan, D. D. S.

It is surprising how little people actually know about their teeth. Every day one looks in the mirror—to comb the hair, to put on makeup, to shave, etc. It will be a good thing to cultivate the habit of also looking daily inside the mouth—at the teeth, gums, cheeks, tongue, tonsils, etc. These oral tissues have been called the barometer of the state of nutrition of the body.

Qualified dentists and physicians can recognise decay of the teeth (caries); inflammation of the gums (gingivitis), caused by tartar (calculus), bad-fitting crowns, crooked teeth, etc., leading finally to destruction of the fibres of the bone with loosening of the teeth and discharge of pus (pyorrhoea); syphilis; cancer; infected tonsils; vitamin deficiency conditions, etc. You too can learn to look inside of your mouth so that you can recognise when something is beginning to go wrong. It is not expected of you to know what is wrong—the realization that something is going wrong is enough.

Let's take cancer for example. Cancer treatment in the early stages can be very successful. It is said that dentists can recognise cancer even before the physician, because of the fact that it occurs so frequently inside the mouth. If you are in the habit of looking inside the mouth you can be aware of it even before the dentist and so get early successful treatment.

Look at the teeth. Do they look sparkling, or dingy and covered with food? The latter are more likely to decay. See that the back teeth are just as shiny as the front ones even though no one else may see them. Learn to brush them *correctly* at least twice as a day, preferably immediately after every meal. As soon as you see a cavity many times we have to use X-Rays to detect them, so look closely—have it fill-

HAGUE SETTLEMENT SHOULD STAY FOR EVER

—:o:—

Hague Settlement
W. O. Demerara
2nd Oct 1945

To the Editor
of the Indian opinion

Thanking you for space in your
Valuable Columns

We the settlers of Hague remember the time when people came from different places to erect houses and to settle themselves at the above mentioned place. Some unbalanced men came and inspected the place saying that the place was not suitable

ed Delay will lead to extraction. This in turn will lead to bridges and plates. Any dentist will tell you that operative dentistry (fillings) is much cheaper than prosthetic dentistry "bridges, plates". The main thing to remember is that in the first case you preserve your own teeth. A survey was made among college men in the U. S. to determine what feature they most admired in women, and the answer was "perfect teeth".

Look at the gums. Do they look firm and healthy—or do they bleed quite easily? Is there a slight discharge of pus on gentle pressure to the gums? Is there a dark brown deposit of tartar "calculus" around the teeth near the gums? These are all signs that something is wrong. Do not wait until the teeth become so shaky that they can be pulled out with the fingers. Tartar is a deposit on the tooth from the salts of the blood and saliva. Thorough brushing usually prevents this deposit from forming. However, if it is allowed to remain there undisturbed for a few days, it becomes hard, and will then have to be taken out by the dentist. If not it destroys the fibres and bone, and ultimately leads to loosening of the teeth with discharge of pus. This in turn leads to extraction and plates. So look carefully inside your mouth, preserve your teeth and save your money.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE OFFICE BEARERS OF THE BUSH LOT-BRANCH OF THE B. G. E. I. A.

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to live. Then we had to write the Hon. Dr. J. B. Singh and Mr. A. K. Amin (B.L.) to visit the place, they came and representation was made, two weeks after permission was granted to erect houses, and settle.

After two years Mr. Green the then Commissioner and the Sanitary Inspector from G.T. visited the settlement, we were permitted to leave ten rods of land house spot, in which we could plant Greens but not padi and consider the place to be very healthy.

We started saving our money. Labour to be life settlers, Time and time had past until we invited Hon. C. R. Jacob President of the Guiana United Trade Union, to see the condition of the road we had. Mr. Jacob also made representation and it was carried, today we have a brick road for our ups and down travelling also Doctors and Nurses, can visit us any time in case of urgent need Our Settlement should be a wonder to all Guianese, to see we are only East Indians settle here unitedly.

During War we were happy with our Live Stock—gardening Cows-milk also our rice, also we transfer mostly to Ptn Leonora Georgetown (etc).

Now we are prepared to petition His Excellency the Governor as an invitation to visit Our settlement, of which we will stand unitedly to receive:

Million of thanks to all the Gentlemen help us to be settlers here.

We say Namaste to one and all.

Your most humble
and obedient Servant
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Letter to the Editor

CAPITALIST AND GOVERNMENT TAKE ADVANTAGE ON INDIANS

The Editor,

"Indian Opinion".

Dear Sir,

The Indians came here to work under contract to return after five years of hard labour but on arrival they found at the cost of living was beyond their earning; and if they were to return they had to rob their bodies of proper clothing and foodstuffs and found that was even not enough.

The trend of the agreement in the contract, as can be seen, was such as to encourage a stay of a further five years making it ten years. The contract says, "if you remain ten years" you will be entitled to free passage to India with wife and children if any, while for a duration of five years the worker had to pay a part of his passage. Another encouragement to stay for his cheap labour says that part of the contract if you decided to stay and make B.G. your Home-land you will be entitled for Land or money in lieu of back passage as option for the contracted parties.

But has the Government of British Guiana ever offered any money to the poor underfed immigrants? This I feel is an immoral Sin which will lie on the heads of those responsible for the decision forever; Those Indians that died, and now have to die have a grief against the British Guiana Government. The British People are equally guilty by their act of remaining quiet over such an important and unchristian act. Its a shame on the British life and thought.

The Indians are really the builders of British Guiana and British Guiana owes them more than any other race. They are an unprotected people, dissatisfied continuously being taken advantage of. Had it not been for East Indians and the exploitation to which they have been subjected there would have been no sugar industry today.

What is the secretary of State doing about this matter the poor people remain stricken underfed and naked. They are in the majority illiterates, who is responsible? They are deprived of the vote on account of being illiterates in spite of the economic of the country depending on them. They want their cash or land in lieu of their back passage. They are old infirm and cat-

"SPEND LESS ON MARRIAGES"

Mahratta Guru's Proclamation

A Proclamation permitting Mahratta soldiers who have returned from service overseas to perform marriage ceremonies at any time of the year has been issued by Shrimat Kshatra Jagadguru of Patgaon Peeth, in Kolhapur State. The Jagadguru has also proclaimed it to be undesirable for Mahratta soldiers to spend large sums of money on marriage ceremonies.

The text of the proclamation, signed by Sadashivrao, Jagadguru of Patgaon Peeth, is as follows:

"The opinion of this Dharmapeeth having been asked, whether marriages could be performed in the months of Ashadha, Shraavan, Bhadrapada, and Ashwin by Mahratta soldiers who have returned from overseas to their mother-country, it is proclaimed that marriages could be performed in any month of the year not only by soldiers who had been engaged in war but also by all Hindus who have never seen war service. In support of this the following authorities are quoted from the Shastras.

[to be continued]

READ THE Indian Opinion

Just go home they have lost their home-land by trying to build B.G. Just fancy what an old man or woman can do in India after their life blood had been sucked and dried in the cane fields. Let any honest person think without an impartial mind whether the British Guiana Government is fair and impartial with these people.

What right has the Government of B.G. to withhold their money and let them die of want and starvation. This Government will take this money as if they have worked for it. Its a downright shame. How can a Government take what does not belong to them. A Sin that cannot be washed. Other colonies please note, while you have paid in cash or land, B.G. contemplates over the people money, waiting for them to die to sieze it.

J. R. SINGH

FROTH BLOWING VINCENT MAKES HIS ANTI INDIA DEBUT

The Editor,

"Indian Opinion"

Please Mr. Editor allow me to tell Mr. Vincent Roth, through these columns to go on blowing beer froth and smoking his pipe under the Mango-tree, as the Indians in British Guiana are contributing substantially to his present existence and they have to do so at enormous sacrifices of sweat and misery. So Dear Vincent just keep blowing beer froth its most becoming, dont help to make the lives of the Indians more miserable than it is at present. They are contributing to your pensions.

Yours

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Dramatic Society News And Views

President Balkaran Singh announced at the last meeting, held on Friday 28th September last, at 8. p. m., that the considered amendments to the rules of the Society will be finally put to the house at the forthcoming fortnightly meeting fixed for Friday 11th October commencing at 5 p. m. All members are requested to regard this publication as due notice. The considered amendments are posted up on the bulletin board, at 273 Lamaha Street, and could be perused by members.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING

The last meeting indicated beyond a shadow of a doubt that numbers are not the major contributing factor to an enjoyable meeting. The subject of evening was "Impromptu Speeches, interspersed with musical items, and believe it or not, it will go down in the History of the Society, as one of the most instructive, edifying, and enjoyable. Among the subjects dealt with were "Books" by Indar Persaud, "Hitler" by Guya Persaud, "The Art of Lying" By Ramjattan Singh; "Snooping" by Kampta Persaud, "Screens" by Mr. Ohunnitall, "Noses, big and small, By Dr. J. B. Singh;" "Art of Kissing" by Mr. Balkaran Singh, "Marriage" by Akbar Khan, and the "Art of Persuasion" by Jenarine Singh. The musical items were rendered by Miss Raj Singh and Mr. Indar Persaud who gave us two beautiful Indian ecogs, Mr. Akbar Khan ex President, who made his debut, much to the pleasant surprise of all present. His rendition of "A little love a little kiss" was indeed very beautiful. There was also a piano duet by Miss Nelly Singh and Mrs. J. Singh. The programme concluded with community singing and the Bande Mataran.

MAZURAS ALI

We are pleased to welcome back to our shores, Mr. Mazuras Ali, an honorary member of our Society, whose Recitals on his first visit are still evergreen. We wish him a bigger and better season.

HERE AND THERE

Barry begs to apologise to his many readers for the mass of misprints and errors in last week's publication.

The Baron (5161) during his talk on "The art of Persuasion introduced another phrase of his own coinage "driving the

Distinguished Visitor Expected In Trinidad Shortly

A distinguished Visitor in the person of His Exalted Eminence Al Haj Moulana Hafiz Quari Hakim Shah Muhammad Aboul Aleem Saddiqui Al Qadri of Meerut City, India is expected to arrive in Trinidad shortly.

His Eminence will, be the guest of the Anjuman Sunat-ul Jamaat Association of Trinidad It is understood that the Moulana Sahab will spend about three months on the Island.

The distinguished visitor is understood already to have left India for the United States via Europe and Trinidad.

hammer with the nail" you will recall "we thank you from our bottoms." Kampta P's definition on "Snooping" is worth while considering...he should know.

"It is never too late to try. For Akbar K— took eight years and "just a little love a little kiss" to make his debut into the singing world.

Mr. Chips screened his three-minute talk on "screens" with various types of screens.

President Balkaran S. declared that "his art of Kissing" was not up his alley—The Guru concurred that our Customer's voice is like wine—mellows with age.

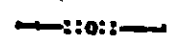
The House is looking forward for the "diplomats" presence at the next meeting. His contributions will be useful.

We have been hearing much about the forthcoming issue of the "Dramag" but seeing is believing.

When is Akbar K—going to call this "building committee" meeting. Does "Sir John," know he is a lazy fellow—

TOODLEDOO

Members of the Executive Tour Berbice



Messrs Jenarine Singh—Sugrim Singh Cecil Hinocoma and L. A. Sookho representatives of the Executive of the B.G. East Indian Association toured Berbice last week.

The Party left Georgetown on Saturday last 29th September and motored to New Amsterdam. Meetings were held at Pt Albion, Canji, Rosignol, and Bush Lot West Coast Berbice.

The Meetings at Pt Albion and Bush Lot were largely attended and several important matters were discussed. Branches were formed at Canji Rosignol, and Bush Lot Great emphasis was laid on the importance of Adult Education and the necessity of learning the Vernaculars.

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