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"What if a man think
scorn of me. . ."

What if a man think scorn of me? That will be his affair. But it will be mine not to be found doing or saying anything worthy of scorn. What if he hate me? That will be his affair. But I will be kindly and good-natured to everyone, and ready to shew even my enemy where he has seen amiss, not by way of rebuke nor with a parade of forbearance, but genuinely and chivalrously. For such should be the inner springs of a man's heart that the Gods see him not wrathfully disposed at anything or counting it a hardship. Why, what evil can happen to thee if thou thyself now doest what is congenial to thy nature, and welcomest what the Universal Nature now deems well-timed, thou who art a man intensely eager that what is for the common interest should by one means or another be brought about?

Marcus Aurelius

Society Of Brothers

THE following contents of a letter appearing in 'Harijan' dated June 14. by Art Rosenblum, Society of Brothers, Primanera, alto, Paraguay, S. America, will be read with interest and appreciation by many of our readers in South Africa:

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We believe that the teachings of Jesus require men to live together in true brotherhood and love for one another. For this reason we have all surrendered our private property so that it may be shared with all who wish to come and live with us. Our door is open to all men regardless of rich or poor, white or black, German, English, or Indian.

In addition to giving up our money and property, we are giving *ourselves* that, is, our life and our strength and our bodies and our minds; all must be surrendered to God that a new order may be established on this earth. Each of us works, not for himself, but for the society, and the society as a whole, cares for the need of its members. Each serves according to his ability and receives according to his need, so that no money is used between us.

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These times are times of growing unrest throughout the world, and many people are seeking for a new way of life. A terrible catastrophe is approaching our whole civilization--atomic warfare. All over the world there are people who see this catastrophe approaching and many have come to realize that it is being brought about by their own selfishness and greed for money.

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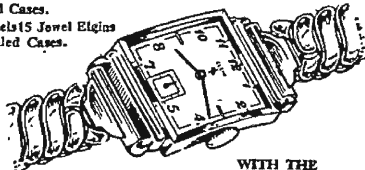
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Durban Extended Powers Private Ordinance

THE Natal Indian Congress has strongly condemned the City of Durban Extended Powers (Private) Ordinance passed by the Provincial Council as "yet another measure exposing the true character of the Durban City Council and those who supported this racialist measure." In a statement issued to the Press the Natal Indian Congress says that the Durban City Council "has indeed a black record as far as civic amenities for non-Europeans of Durban are concerned, and even the Central Government has on more than one occasion pointed out how it has failed to discharge its duties to over two-thirds of its population. In the face of this record it is ludicrous for Mr. Leo Boyd to talk of the City Council's 'extremely honourable' record in cases of regulations dealing with segregation. 'The very fact that the Durban City Council wanted to take away even the testing rights of Court, shows how under Councillor Osborne and Mr. Leo Boyd, Natal's leading City is talking the very language which the Nationalists are using in Parliament and outside of Parliament to side-step the law courts. It is the height of hypocrisy for the Natal Provincial Council to attack the Malan Government and yet in the same breath to pass legislation authorizing discrimination on racial grounds, a discrimination which has been condemned by the democratic world as containing the germs of fascism, and world conflict. The new Ordinance is totally unacceptable to the non-European people of Natal, whose voice is never heard in the legislative bodies of our country. This is another unjust legislation which the non-European people will relentlessly oppose."

No Change Of Strategy

In a Press statement the Natal Indian Congress states: It has been alleged in certain quarters that the strategy of the Defiance campaign has been changed and that under the "New Plans" only groups will go into action. This is completely untrue. The Joint Council's plan issued a few months back made it clear that in the first stage "selected and trained persons will go into action" and there has been no departure from this Plan.

Apartheid In Universities How To Avoid It Coming Into Disrepute

Dr. G. W. Gale, Dean of the Durban Medical School, which at present has an enrolment of about 50 non-Europeans, said at a meet-

ing of the University Finances Commission last week that salary scales at the school should be the same as in other medical schools. If the existing disparity was perpetuated, not only would the school be handicapped in its formative years, but the policy of apartheid in university education would be brought into disrepute. He told the Commission that non-Europeans would see that vacancies advertised by the Durban Medical School were £200 to £300 less than at other schools. A feeling might well rise among them that they were being catered for by an institution inferior to the Witwatersrand and Cape Town Medical Schools. Dr. J. E. Holloway, the chairman, said he believed that the position at present was that professors in anatomy and physiology at the school were paid the same as professors in the European medical school at Pretoria University. There the rate was £1,200 a year. Salaries at Cape Town and the Witwatersrand were higher.

Duties Of A Married Woman

If a husband held the correct ideals of marriage he would regard it as a disgrace that his wife had to work, says Dr. J. R. Albertyn secretary of the Federale Armesingrad of the Dutch Reformed Church writing in the *Kerkbode*. He says that it was one of the disturbing features of the modern world that women were more and more entering public life. "Even her marriage does not mean that she gives up her earnings (for which she prepared herself by many years of study) and concentrates on her domestic duties. "It is understandable that this has many disadvantages. "It makes her less dependent on the man, with the result that divorce becomes easier. It reacts unfavourably on her willingness to accept motherhood and birth control is often practised. "And where there are no children one of the strongest bonds between married people is absent. The excuse of many Dr. Albertyn says, is that the high cost of living forces them to have a second income, but, he adds this was not always the case. "It is purely the craving for luxury and pleasure which moves the mother to leave her home, and work." The church census, Dr. Albertyn discloses showed that in 1948 only 12,000 mothers worked, but in 1951 the figures rose to 21,000. Referring to the decline in the birthrate Dr. Albertyn states that parents who purposely stay child-

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less miss the happiness of family life and prepare themselves for a lonely old age. Ministers had in the past hesitated to speak about these matters in churches, but he adds, they should now speak openly about it to their congregations.

Non-White Girl Sat In White's Coach

An 18 year-old girl was cautioned and discharged by a Durban Magistrate after he had found that in appearance she was not a European and was therefore guilty of a charge of travelling in a coach reserved for Europeans between Greenwood Park and Avoca on May 17. Railway Constable Hermanus Johannes de Jager said that when he told the girl she had no right to be in the coach she replied that she was a Mauritian and was entitled to travel in a European coach. He asked her to produce her birth certificate at the charge office within seven days, but she did not do so. She refused to move from the coach.

Native Laws Amendment Bill Passed

Speaking during the report stage on the Native Laws Amendment Bill, which amends a number of Native laws and regulations and is regarded as one of the final major adjustments of the Union laws to fit the Apartheid policy, Mr. W. H. Stuart (Natives' Representative, Transkei), said the worst feature of the Bill was that that no Native would be free after he or she had reached the age of 14 years. It introduced compulsory labour. Mr. J. W. Mushi (U.P. Vasco) said that if the Government tried to enforce this legislation there would be such trouble among the Natives as there had never been before. The Natives could not be kept down for ever, although with aircraft and other methods they might be kept down for a little time. The Government should be considering legislation which would win the goodwill of the Natives. This Bill would banish any remnants of goodwill that were left among the Native people. The Minister of Native Affairs (Dr. H. F. Verwoerd) replying, said the Opposition's propaganda was aimed at creating dissatisfaction among the Natives and at giving the impression to the outside world that this was a totalitarian measure. The third reading was approved by 73 votes to 47.

Dr. Maria Montessori

Dr. Maria Montessori, whose death was announced recently

made a revolution in the field of education writes Mr. K. G. Masbrowala in 'Harijan' dated May 24. Less than half a century ago, the school was looked upon by children as a branch of the jail department, and the teacher as a hard hearted cruel warder. Parents had to spend a lot of time and to use various methods to coerce or induce their children to go to the school. Punishment was held to be the most efficient method of imparting knowledge. Not that there was no love between the teacher and the pupil, or that the pupil harboured dislike of the school throughout its school life. But crude theories of education and discipline made even loving teachers think that it was their duty to use the rod unsparingly in the interest of the child. It was given to Dr. Montessori to make the school even a happier place than the average home. She banished punishment, and even threat of punishment and compulsion in the sphere of training. I believe Dr. Montessori received a warmer welcome in India than in Europe. Her method of training is eminently fitted to build a non-violent social order. Countries which want to prepare their youth for war, bloodshed and torture, it seems, did not give her much encouragement. The Montessori outlook has come to stay in India. Though physically Dr. Montessori is dead, she will rank among the immortal benefactors of mankind.

EID FESTIVAL

On Tuesday the Muslim world celebrated their great Eid Festival which follows the month of Ramadan when all true Muslims are enjoined to fast from sunrise to sunset. Prayers were offered in all mosques for goodwill among mankind and alms were given liberally to the poor and the day was spent in visiting friends and relatives and in feasting and merrymaking. A very pleasant function took place at the residence of Mr. E. H. Ismail, a well-known social worker. Over fifty guests were present. They were served with light refreshments. Sacred passages from the Koran were recited and speeches were made suitable to the occasion. Mr. E. H. Ismail was also celebrating his fiftieth birthday on the same day and the speakers took the opportunity of expressing their good wishes to him. Among the speakers were the high priests of the Durban and the Verulam Mosques, Messrs. V. Lawrence, Tayob Saccor, Manilal Gandhi and others. Mr. E. H. Ismail expressed his thanks to the guests who had kindly responded to his invitation.

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Freedom versus Tyranny

THE Union Parliament session has ended this week. It has been one of the stormiest one South African history has known. Its legislative programme was a farce. It began by the passing of the High Court of Parliament Bill, seeking to end the jurisdiction of the Court on Acts of Parliament and ended by the Group Areas Amendment Bill and the Native Laws Amendment Bill. One of the Bills passed was the Natives (Abolition of Passes and Co-ordination of Documents) Bill. This Bill was deceitful in that it gave one the impression that the African passes had been abolished—a thing the Africans were fighting for. The truth was that it was made more convenient for the Africans to carry these passes since they would be preserved in a sort of booklet. It would also make it easier for the police to examine them. As though there were not sufficient laws restricting the rights of the Africans another law has been added which, as one of the M.P.'s has said, will make it impossible for any African male or female over the age of 14 to live as a free person. The Government has vividly shown that it did not care in the least degree about the welfare of the country as a whole. Laws were enacted with the only object of tightening up the chains that bound the non-Europeans that they may not be able to raise their heads and to entrench its own Party se-

curately so that it can rule over the country with an iron fist. In so far as tightening up the chains of the non-Whites is concerned there is little doubt that the other parties are at one with the Government, notwithstanding the fact that some have spoken strongly against it. It is this fact that has made the Nationalists so powerful to deal with the non-Whites callously.

Natal which is so jealously fighting to preserve the constitution is far from being any better than the Nationalists in violating it. The City of Durban Extended Powers (Private) Ordinance, which the Natal Provincial Council has passed with a minor amendment is a case in point. "On the over-riding issue of freedom versus tyranny there can be no compromise." These sentiments are voiced by an English-speaking South African. Are they meant only for the White people? When will it dawn upon the White people of South Africa, both English-speaking and Afrikaans-speaking, that the non-Whites have the same feelings and sentiments as the White people have and that they must be equally respected. In so far as the non-White policy is concerned we see no difference between the Nationalist Party and United Party. The latter is worse because it acts in a more subtle way. For the frustration that has led the non-White people to declare a non-violent war

against the unjust laws of the country both the Parties are equally to blame. There is no limit to the pin-pricks the non-Whites have to suffer which, some time or other, must provoke them to take drastic action.

We read a report in the daily Press that "high-level discussions which may result in a State-aided scheme to import skilled workmen in all branches of industry to South Africa were referred to at a meeting of the Executive Council of the S.A. Chamber of Industries in Maritzburg. The president of the Chamber, Mr. E. W. Swann, is reported to have referred to the "alarm some branches of organised industry in this country felt over the general shortage of skilled artisans."

"So bad was the position that some industries had, on their own account, brought out workmen from overseas in order to maintain progress and development in their own fields.

Mr. Swann said that a lack of a suitable immigration policy was certainly having the effect of slowing development, which should be progressing at a greater rate.

"Whenever industry needs skilled workmen who are not available in this country, and they can be obtained from overseas, it must be the Government's duty to make them available through immigration," said Mr. Swann. "If not, industry in this country will be stultified."

And there was no denying that there was a great shortage of skilled artisans, he said.

Speaking of the possibility of absorbing non-Europeans into the ranks of the skilled workers, Mr. Swann said this would be "unwise" apart from being largely impracticable in certain classes of industry.

If organised industry gave the green light to a policy of training non-Europeans so as to augment its skilled labour force there would be a "terrific reaction" from European workers, said Mr. Swann.

If this is not a form of tyranny suffered by the non-Whites, one does not know

what is. The freedom of the non-White to develop his or her faculties must be curbed in order to prevent the "terrific reaction" from European workers! Skilled labour must be imported by encouraging European immigration but the non-Whites—the sons of the soil—must be denied the opportunities to train themselves as skilled workers! There is neither a sense of practicability nor sanity in this argument. There is nothing but selfishness and greed of the worst type, which destroys every vestige of regard the non-White can possibly have for the White man or his civilisation. This is a thing which merits the most serious thought of every White man in this country. The non-White is no longer going to tolerate being treated as "hewer of wood and drawer of water." He rightly claims to be treated as a human being and given the opportunity of full development of all his faculties. The White man must destroy the evil of colour prejudice. If he does not do so it will surely destroy him. Let him read the writings on the wall.

Non-European Students Denounce Segregation In Universities

The non-European Students' Representative Council of Natal University has issued a statement urging the introduction of non-segregation as "the only solution to the financial problem besetting the university." The statement says: "The Students' Representative Council wishes to reiterate its view that as far as Natal University is concerned the financial difficulties are multiplied to a great extent by the present setup whereby the university is not only split up for geographical reasons." The Council points out that there is no academic segregation in the Universities of Cape Town and Witwatersrand and "the majority view in the Rhodesian Parliament, in spite of the apartheid menace, is determined to establish a university which embraces the true ideals of learning."

CAMPAIGN AGAINST UNJUST LAWS

OVER a thousand Non-Europeans assembled at the Nicol Square, Durban on Sunday, June 22 at a Mass Rally called jointly by the African National Congress (Natal) and the Natal Indian Congress, and pledged full support to the Campaign for the defiance of unjust laws which was to commence on Thursday June 26.

Chief A. J. Luthuli, President of the Natal African National Congress, who took the Chair at this meeting announced that that both the A.N.C. and the Natal Indian Congress officials have already volunteered, and he issued a call to "the people of Natal of all races to join as volunteers."

Mr. Nelson Mandela, the National Volunteer-in-chief of the Campaign, who had specially come down for the rally from Johannesburg informed the gathering that the National Campaign Committee, whose headquarters are in Johannesburg, has decided to begin the campaign with volunteers going into action on June 26 in Johannesburg and in Port Elizabeth. He said that he was very satisfied with the position in Natal. "You must wait," he added, "for the call from the National Committee for you will be told soon when you should go into action."

Both the offices of the African National Congress and the Natal Indian Congress were busy until late at night after the meeting enrolling volunteers who had called at these offices in response to the call made by Chief Luthuli.

The Mass Rally was called after a joint meeting of the Executives of the two Congresses. This was the first occasion in Natal for these two bodies to hold a joint meeting and to decide on a campaign of defiance in which all Non-Europeans and Europeans are called upon to participate.

A resolution passed at the meeting by a unanimous vote strongly protested against the arrest of Dr. Y. M. Dadoo, Messrs Moses Kotane, J. B. Marks, David Bopape and Ismail Bhoola all leading members of the Congress, on whom the Minister of Justice has imposed a ban under the Suppression of Communism Act. The resolution supported them "in their defiance of the ban" and demanded "the immediate release of these African and Indian leaders."

Addressing the gathering, Chief Luthuli said that the Rally was a demonstration of the unity that had been forged among the Non-European peoples. "The Indians are our foremost allies," he added and appealed to the Non-Euro-

pean people to join their organisations and build them into powerful weapons for democracy.

Chief Luthuli said that South Africa was large enough for all its people and the Non-European people aimed at a larger unity embracing all peoples of goodwill, White and Non-White. "We must instil in our people the spirit: 'I am a man' and not 'boys' as we are often referred to,"

Dr. G. M. Naicker said that South Africa was heading for fascism. "We must remember," he continued, "that racialism is the most diabolical form of fascism. We must eradicate racialism in South Africa."

Dr. Naicker warned the United Front of the United Party the Labour Party and Torch Commando that they could not achieve anything in the cause for democracy as long as they themselves preached racialism against the Non-White people of the Union. "It is ludicrous to talk of fighting the Nationalists in a constitutional manner when they are tearing up the present constitution itself—a constitution which has little to offer the Non-European people in any case."

The meeting ended with the singing of the African National Anthem and with the cries of 'Africa!'

Meetings In Other Parts

"Defiance Campaign" meetings were held by the African National Congress and the Transvaal Indian Congress in most of the Reef locations and Native townships. At Newclare, one of the largest townships round Johannesburg, a procession arrived at the meeting led by a bass band. Senior police officials were present, and a detective took notes of the speeches made.

A member of the African National Congress, Mr. S. Mapula, referred to the disturbances at Vrededrop, a Johannesburg suburb, on Monday last week, where fighting broke out at a Torch Commando meeting.

"We are more civilised than they are. We will defy the unjust laws without throwing stones 'or assaulting anyone,'" he said.

In Port Elizabeth in pouring rain and bitter cold, about 1000 men, women and children marched from New Brighton to Korsten, where a Meeting was held, carrying banners with slogans such as "volunteer now 'to defy unjust laws,' for freedom in our lifetime," and down with Malan Government."

The Reverend W. B. Tsbume, who delivered a sermon, said that the grievances of the Native people had not only been ignored, but had been replied to with threats

that the "armaments of destruction" would be used to enforce obedience. In frustration and affliction, the non-Whites have solemnly decided to defy oppressive laws," he said.

"If man has claimed the right to kill another man to attain his comfort and peace, we feel justified in declaring a non-violent war against oppressive laws which deny us freedom and peace.

A Vereeniging report says (states Sapa) that because plain clothes detectives refused to leave

the annual conference of the African National Congress at Ewaton, the chairman Mr. J. M. Kumalo, closed the meeting before any business had been transacted.

The chairman, a Native, asked the police to give their reasons for not leaving. According to the laws of Congress, only members could be present when the committee stage had been reached, he said. The police remained silent and stayed at the meeting which was then declared closed.

DURBAN ACQUIRES INCREASED POWERS TO INTRODUCE APARTHEID

THE City of Durban Extended Powers (Private) Ordinance which was introduced in the Natal Provincial Council passed its third reading last week but without the proviso attacked, by Mr. Denis (Fannin (U.P., Point) stating that the City Council should not be obliged to provide substantially equal facilities for Europeans and non-Europeans in making by-laws.

Moving the deletion of the provision, Mr. Fannin said that he did not doubt the bone fides of the City Council, but the proviso sought, to make it the judge in its own case.

The City Council was still entitled to make regulations, and in a country of many race groups like South Africa he was not suggesting for one moment that they should not.

But the right to test by-laws made by local authorities, considered partial or unequal between races to a substantial or unreasonable degree, should rest with the Courts.

"I consider this introduces a new and extremely undesirable feature into local government, and it would be wrong to allow it," he said.

Defending the measure, Mr. Leo Boyd (Independent, Greyville) said that the City Council had an extremely honourable record in cases of regulations like this. The City Council had voluntarily withdrawn its own non-European motor carrier certificates on some of its bus routes to give non-European operators a chance.

On another occasion when the Transport Commission had given a rise in fares to some non-European operators the City Council had voluntarily altered its own fares so as not to enter into too close competition.

Mr. J. Leslie Smith (U.P., Maritzburg District) said his training as a lawyer would not allow him to support the section as it stood.

Mr. Lester Hall (U.P., Pine-town) agreed, stating that the Council was legislating for a group of people who had no say—the non-Europeans, and that they had to be exceptionally careful.

The draft Ordinance as it now stands, enables the City Council to set aside all or portions of vehicles, shelters or other premises in its transport service for the exclusive use of Europeans or non-Europeans, and defines certain beach areas in similar terms.

But the section ruling in effect that there can be no appeal against the regulations is deleted.

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The Africa Bureau

FROM Britain, Michael Scott sends details of the Africa Bureau which he has been instrumental in setting up. "The Bureau," he writes, "has come into existence as the result of work done over the past two years by a number of people interested in African affairs, who felt the need for an organisation dealing specifically with African questions."

"We are reaching a critical turning point in the history of Britain's relations with Africa, and it is therefore all the more imperative that the struggle of the peoples in Africa should be interpreted, so that it should have the fullest possible understanding of the British people."

Already the Bureau has an impressive record of work done—conferences, newspaper publicity, public meetings, assistance to delegations—much of it in connection with the burning issue of Central African Federation. Much more is planned for the future. Some of the questions with which the Bureau will be particularly concerned—civil liberty in the Union of South Africa; the High Commission Territories; the problem of South-West Africa; the position of Indians in Africa; the Tanganyika constitution; Kenya land problems. A regular Newsletter will shortly be published and the Bureau will welcome enquiries and comments. The address is: The Africa Bureau, 69 Great Peter St., London S.W.1.

Election Time

I must confess I find the American electoral methods a little confusing. It is inordinately difficult to get a clear picture. And the machinery seems so cumbersome—and not a whit more democratic for all that, as far as I can see. Perhaps the most alarming feature of the whole business is the quite unjustifiable (by any democratic standards) degree of power which the U.S. President inherits. Even in normal times the

political influence of the "top executive" is staggering. And in time of "emergency" he may assume what amounts to absolute power. Perhaps that's why all the parties take so much trouble, spend so much money and make so much fuss to see that their man gets the job.

It's at times like these when electioneering is in the air—in America and here—that the whole question of political representation is thrown up afresh. Practical democracy is certainly no easy matter, even the very system of the simple majority vote, the basis of South Africa's electoral system, can be shown to be far from democratic. It leaves a substantial minority of voters without any representation at all. This is a bad thing and should be put right. There are any number of alternative methods of election which would ensure a fairer representation. But worse than this, of course, is the fact that within the context of any society pretending to democracy there can be incorporated the suggestion that millions of tax-paying citizens should be deprived of the rudimentary right of going to the polls. Candidate Eisenhower has declared his "unalterable support of fairness and equality among all types of American citizens." I wonder how long it will be before a Prime Minister elect in South Africa will say the same.

World Buddhism

The production of the Tagore play "Natir Pujā" in Durban recently has resulted in some discussion on the merits of the Buddhist philosophy. The play, as readers will remember, deals with the devotion of a dancing girl to the Lord Buddha. It seems that this awakened interest in Buddhism is not confined to Durban. Published about a year ago, by Pelican Books, and now available in South Africa is a brilliant study of the history, beliefs and practices of this extensive religion. Entitled simply "Buddhism" it ranges over the whole story of the rise and spread of the Buddha's teaching, discourses learnedly on the various "Schools" and finally concludes with the hopeful belief that by virtue of modern methods of communication it seems likely that a new integration of Buddhist thought is in the offing. To the anxious mind of the twentieth century the purity and calm of the ancient religion-philosophy come as balm to the soul. It is perhaps a significant sign of the times that this valuable work (certainly the most comprehensive of its kind) should come from the pen of a Wāterner—Mr. Christmas Humphries—founder

"But though the democratic doctrine can be justified by logical argument, it is not by argument that a man is persuaded of its truth. This idea of human equality is at bottom a religious idea. It has been affirmed—by saints rather than by politicians—in all times and places; and it is by intuition, not by taking thought, that men have perceived its truth."—GERALD BULLET.

of the Buddhist Society in London. His concluding words in the book are symptomatic of a small but vital change of outlook in Western intellectual circles—"Peace to all beings."

Cape Club

Twenty-four-year-old Amrut Chavda was in Durban this week. He tells me about a project of his which seems to be developing very healthily indeed. This is the New India Centre, a cultural group which meets fortnightly in Cape Town. It celebrated its first anniversary last month. Activities include lecture-discussions on topical subjects by local and visiting lecturers, and educational film-shows. The Centre also runs a speakers' bureau which provides speakers to organisations wishing to hear talks on Indian affairs. The Centre is now considering introducing its own library.

Mr. Chavda is to be congratulated on this—he tells me that audiences at the meetings are always of the order of fifty to sixty persons—because it is of the first importance that opportunities for fellowship and education should be exploited wherever possible. Purely social clubs do no doubt serve a useful purpose, but that purpose is limited, and it is not the highest purpose. Moreover there is a disproportionate number of such clubs about. What we really need in South Africa, for all sections of our population, are more facilities for communion between human beings on a deeper level than a table-tennis club provides. There are great defects in our educational system in this country; there are enormous tears in the fabric of human relationships. But we don't have to wait for authority or even massive amounts of money before we can do anything to repair these shortcomings. There must be dozens of halls and suitable rooms (even in private houses if necessary, in many cases this is preferable), where little discussion groups, art circles and meditation cells could be set up. The Worker's Educational Association in Europe came about through the vision of a few people who saw the opportunity for providing first-class adult education on a voluntary basis. Subscription rates were low and the movement has now flowered into the major adult education scheme in Britain. Something similar could take place here.

First Humanist International

Five Humanist and Ethical Associations in America, Britain, Austria and the Netherlands have combined in calling a First International Congress on Humanism and Ethical Culture to be held at Amsterdam, August 21st to 26th, this year. The Congress, under the Presidency of Dr. Julian Huxley and a distinguished list of Vice-presidents including the eminent thinkers Gilbert Murray O.M., and Jules Romain, will be concerned to think out the Humanist attitude to contemporary world problems and to lay the foundations for a world humanist movement. This is an encouraging sign. It means that at last the amorphous body of humanist thought will take on a distinct form and shape. Many of the early ideas of humanists have been discredited in the past quarter century. Their implicit belief in science and inevitable progress has been sadly shaken. But there are good signs that the reasonableness which has characterised the thinking of men like Dr. Huxley is beginning to grapple realistically with the essential problems of our time. Hence this preamble in the Conference notes dealing with the first session—"The old belief, justified in its day, that enlightenment and emancipation would ensure human progress has proved to be too simple a faith. Science of itself only builds science. Democracy of itself only establishes and defends democratic institutions.(The) creative use of the instruments of a common civilisation depends on an awakened sense of characteristic human values which it is our task to strengthen and deepen."

This reads almost like an extract from the writings of Aldous Huxley, the brother of Julian. Is it possible that these two who have been so far apart in their beliefs and conceptions may now be coming closer together under the pressure of ineluctable reality? That Congress should really be worth attending.

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INDIA LETTER

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Nagpur June 16.

FOOD SITUATION STILL THE BURNING TOPIC OF THE DAY

GOVERNMENT TACKLES THE POSITION

THE food situation still continues to be the burning topic of the day. The Government of India is moving swiftly in the matter and adopting measures to afford relief to the people affected. Two outstanding pronouncements have been made so the subject during the week, one by the Prime Minister and the other by the Food Minister.

Prime Minister Pandit Nehru declared that prices were on the down grade and that the Central Government was adopting steps to reduce the pool prices of wheat and milo all over the country. For the first time, he said, there were large stocks of foodgrains and prices, generally speaking, had shown a downward tendency, except for the foreign imported grains.

The Prime Minister revealed that they did not propose to abandon controls and procurement, though the manner of procurement may vary. He emphasised the importance of crop competitions, which, he hoped, will spread to every village in India.

Food Minister's Assurance

Addressing a Press Conference Mr. Rafi Ahmed Kidwai brought home the fact that there was enough food going round the country to last them more than a year, supplemented by what they expected from abroad. It was difficult to lay down one policy with regard to control or decontrol for the whole country, said the Food Minister.

Separate Andhra State

Swami Sitaram is doggedly pursuing the formation of separate Andhra State. Three weeks ago he launched Satyagraha by fasting for the attainment of his objective, which he broke on June 15. His condition is reported to be satisfactory, although he has lost ten pounds in weight and is reported to be very weak.

The Satyagrah does not end with the breaking of the fast by Swami Sitaram, for his followers have decided to keep up the Satyagraha by fasting until the Andhras' cherished

goal of a separate State is established. Another aspect of the Satyagraha will be picketing of Government offices and appealing to the staff for the adoption of Telugu in all correspondence.

Pandit Nehru is not averse to the formation of Andhra State. In a letter to Dr. Lanka Sundaram, M.P., he has made it plain that he is anxious to find a solution in consonance with the wishes of the people and so soon as one or two hurdles were removed they will move in the matter.

Nehru Criticises Atlantic Pact Countries

Replying to the debate on foreign policy in Parliament Prime Minister Pandit Nehru launched an attack against the Atlantic Pact countries for having apparently extended the object of the pact to the defence of their colonial possessions. He indicated how the nations of Asia and Africa found themselves unable even to raise discussion on Tunisia in the Security Council. If the whole of Asia and Africa combined, he commented, could not get a subject discussed in the Security Council because two or three great powers object, then a time might well arrive when the countries of Asia and Africa will feel that they were happier in their own countries and not in the United Nations. That will be a tragic decision, he remarked.

Reaction To Nehru's Foreign Policy Speech

A cable from Washington says that the Prime Minister's foreign policy speech in the Parliament was mainly a reiteration of his well-known views, in the opinion of the United States officials. They saw no cause for alarm in the Prime Minister's appeal to the countries of Asia to remain aloof from the east-west struggle.

Bhudan Yagna

Acharya Vinoba Bhave is having a successful drive in Uttar Pradesh for his Bhudan Yagna. Rana Swayambar Singh, a Zamindar of Rae-

bareilly district donated 4000 bighas of land in the Bhudan Yagna. The people of Magroth, District Hamirpur, gifted practically all the land of the village, nearly 700 acres, to Vinoba Bhave. It is estimated roughly that over two lakhs of acres have been gifted until now to the Bhudan Yagna.

Rehabilitation Ministry

The Central Rehabilitation Ministry has given relief on a large scale to the refugees. The Ministry had made provision up to March 31, 1953 for about 444,000 families out of about 500,000 displaced families from West Pakistan for whom residential accommodation had to be found. This leaves about 56,000 families still to be provided for.

Construction of houses for displaced persons from West and East Pakistan accounted for nearly one third of the entire expenditure, Rs. 146 crores and thirty lakhs, that has been incurred on displaced persons up to March 31, 1952, the total expenditure on housing amounting to nearly Rs. 45,86,00,000. This is disclosed in the annual report of the Minister of Rehabilitation for the year 1951-52.

Refrigerated Concrete

For the first time in India refrigerated concrete has been used for constructing a "cement concrete solid gravity dam" across the river Vaitarna, 80 miles from Bombay city, according to Messrs Hindustan Construction Company, who are in charge of building the dam.

U.K.'s New India High Commissioner

Mr. G. B. Kher has been appointed High Commissioner for India in the United Kingdom, in place of Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon, the External Affairs Ministry announced in New Delhi. Mr. Kher is a solicitor by profession. For some time he was Prime Minister of Bombay. He is a well known Congress leader who suffered imprisonment during the struggle for Independence and a staunch believer in and follower of Mahatma Gandhi's principles.

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WE reproduce from "Harijan" June 14, the following from an article by Mr. E. Kirshoriel Mashruwala, the editor of the paper "..... The defect, which creates in a man like me a great aversion to Communism, is its thoroughly untruthful, violent and untrustworthy career. It is power politics in the most abject form. Attainment and consolidation of political power seems to be its only fixed principle. Every thing else, every act and every move, is a part of 'tactics' for gaining and consolidating power. There is no rule of conduct which is sacred and inviolable. You cannot put faith on anything the Communists might even solemnly assert. And as to respect for life, it is a superstitious sentiment in their opinion. Their amoral code makes even their good men unreliable.

An example of this has been recently given in a bulletin of the British Information Services of India. It is reproduced below:

(Writing under the heading "The Road to Power," *The Times* comments on the rise of the Communist Party from underground to domination in Hungary.

After a review of the handling of events by M. Rakosi, Deputy Prime Minister, the newspaper says: "As early as the land reform in the spring of 1945,

WHAT CREATES AVERSION TO COMMUNISM

M. Rakosi claims, his party used these tactics of division: 'Whenever it was possible we started by putting forward modest claims, thus preventing the enemy from joining and mobilizing forces against us. Then we increased demands, and used whenever possible, temporary forms. For instance, first we demanded only government control over the banks, later we demanded nationalization of the three largest banks.'

"The truth is that the democratic state run by a progressive coalition was itself a 'temporary form' and the process by which first the Smallholders' Party and then the Social Democratic Party were first invited to collaborate, then confused, divided and brought into discredit, and in the end suppressed when they had lost the strength to resist further, is a matter of history now expounded with great lucidity by its principal engineer (in a lecture to his party now published by the Hungarian Social Review)"

The Times continues: "M. Rakosi describes one stage in it as 'salami tactics,' by which slices of the Smallholders' Party were cut away, and its strength worn down even while the Smallholders' leader was the Prime Minister, and M. Rakosi his

deputy. The first great demagogic stroke, the redistribution of land into small family holdings, was a 'temporary form,' for M. Rakosi relates how, in 1948, having won the working people over, his party could raise the question of collective large-scale farming.

"Within four years the regime, which set out on the road to power by distributing the land, had gone so far along the road that it could safely broach the subject of bringing the land back into 'collective hands. By that time the rivals for power had been removed, and the 'people's democracy as a variety of the dictatorship of the proletariat' established."

The Times concludes: "there could be no clearer warning than this cynical confession to the countries that still keep their freedom."

Perhaps it will be retorted that a pot may not call the kettle black. This is not the point here. The British like all other belligerent and ambitious nations have their lies and false propaganda and their own deeds might also be shown to be equally bad. The point is whether having regard to the circumstances mentioned in this bulletin, the present Chinese policy may not be regarded just

as a temporary and transitional stage in the final plan, which will be the same as in Russia, Shri Kumarappa and others have assumed that China would always retain its present policy, and it is that that has attracted them. This is doubtful.

As to their capacity for ruthless destruction of life and suppression of those who are allowed to live what shall we compare it with? They combine both the Nazi method and perhaps our own past treatment of those whom we reduced to the state of untouchables or *adivasis* through centuries. As to ourselves, our conscience has been awakened against our misdeeds, and we aim to make amends for our sins. The Communist countries are pursuing this career with all its modern and up-to-date technique. How can we say that the objectives of Communism and Gandhism are similar, or that Communism should be established in India by non-violent methods? Gandhiji so far as my information goes, would have preferred absence of State altogether. If a State had to be suffered, it could be only a well-regulated perfect democracy. With a totalitarian and dictatorial regime, whether of the Fascist or the Communist type, he had no love whatever. And Communism is inseparable from totalitarian and dictatorial regime.

NATURE CURE GUIDANCE

By Robert Lawrence McKibbin

[The following is one of a series of articles on Nature Cure, written by Mr. Robert Lawrence McKibbin, 40 (a), Commissioner Street, Johannesburg. Mr. McKibbin will be pleased to answer through these columns any questions the reader may wish to ask.—Ed. I.O.]

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SOME SIMPLE REMEDIES

(Concluded from last week)

white-coated experts with grave faces and a lot of complicated apparatus, let the physician use long words that are not understood, make a fuss and put on a bit of an act, and then charge a stiff fee—and the patient is greatly impressed ready to boast to his friends and acquaintances of the wonderful treatment he is taking. I suppose that is why they are ill in first place. And many of them come, gradually, to learn that, though the particular complaint for which they went to the specialist may have been cured (not always so though), the patient himself remains sick. He develops some other complaint that then needs the attentions of another specialist. And so it goes on. The complaint gets cured but the patient gets worse...

But, to return to the subject... many a bad diphtheria case has been saved by the application of wet packs to the entire body from neck to feet. Such wet packs work with almost miraculous speed to reduce congestion and heat and thus open up the breathing passages to enable the patient to respire freely. Similar treatment in cases of pneumonia have made the visiting doctor wonder what miracle had occurred between his visits.

The simplest way to make and use a wet pack is to soak a large towel in water (warm or cold according to the needs of the case. Usually, I think, it is better to use warm water.) Wring out lightly and wrap around the part to be treated. If the whole is to be done, sufficient towels will be needed,

or a large sheet or even small blanket may be used. Whatever the circumstances, the damp material is laid next to the skin. Then over this is placed some dry material, either further towels, sheets, cloths, or a blanket.

After an hour or so, the pack is opened up and the wet towel or sheet replaced by a fresh towel soaked in water and wrung out as in the beginning. This is, of course, again covered by dry towels.

When the desired results have been obtained, the patient is quickly sponged off, dried and wrapped up in dry blankets sufficiently to avoid any chance of getting a chill.

Water is also a most valuable remedial agent in the form of sitz baths, partial baths, foot-baths, alternating hot and cold baths, and so on. Many headaches can be greatly relieved by merely bathing the

feet in hot water; and if this does not work, alternate hot and cold footbaths may be tried. In cases of varicose veins, chronically swollen feet and similar conditions, however, it is not advisable to have hot footbaths.

A cold water poultice on a boil is one of the simplest treatments of this painful trouble and often it produces as good results as anything. The cold

water reduces the painful inflammation greatly and at the same time the water itself is heated, so that the poultice actually keeps growing warmer and thus helps to relieve the local congestion and to draw the boil. This same treatment is also very helpful in many cases of festering or inflamed wounds and sores. If to the water some Tincture of Calendula is added, the results will be still better.

for the past few months. More and more organised sports such as these are required in all schools and is the only road to success.

Inter-Provincial Table Tennis Tournament And Championship

In view of the forthcoming National Table Tennis Championships preparation is well under way. The visiting teams

from Cape and Transvaal are due to arrive on Saturday, when the S.A. Table Tennis Board will hold a banquet in honour of our guests.

The Inter-Provincial Tournament will commence on 30th June and will be played for a duration of three days and followed by the S.A. Championships. The finals will be played on the 4th July. All the matches will be played at Bantu Social Centre.

Sports Notes

By "RAJAH"

S.A. INDIANS Vs S.A. AFRICANS

A record-breaking crowd is expected to see the first official match of the South African Soccer Federation on Sunday 6th July 1952, at Curries Fountain. A Durban Coloured XI will play a Durban African XI to provide the Curries Raleer, match.

The Indian team announced in Johannesburg yesterday, is—Jaggie Naidoo (S.N.) Goals, K. Rajagopal (S.N.) L. backs, Mannie Naidoo (S.N. Capt.) R. backs, S. Moodley (Tvi) R. half, Eddie Khan (S.N.) O. half, A.M. (Titty) Govender (S.N.) L. half, T. Rampath (N.N.) O. right, Billy Keady (S.N.) I. right, Bob Pillay (N.N.) C. forward, T. Links Padayasee (Tvi) I. left, P. Somalingam (S.N.) O. left. Reserve: S. Paddy (Tvi), Manager: Mr. Willie Ernest.

Durban Sunday League To Play Maritzburg Districts

Announced following team to represent Durban Sunday League against Maritzburg Districts on Sunday 29th June, at Maritzburg. E. A. Hansa (Goals), K. Rajagopal (L. backs), S. Siva (R. backs), S. Jacobs (R. half), Sunny Singh (O. half), A.M. (Titty) Govender (L. half) S. Morgan (O. right Capt.) R. Obiniah (I. right), J. Oliver (C. forward), L. Naidoo (Boys) (I. left) P. Somalingam (O. left). Reserves: M. A. Govender and A. Mariemuthoo Ohetty.

Transvaal Avenge Defeat

Transvaal beat The Rest of South Africa 3-2 in their home ground before a large crowd. Apart from the Natal Players the others were passengers for the Rest of S.A. The Transvaalers quite accustomed to hard grounds used it to advantage while the 'banana' boys found their feet, only too late.

The first half provided some spectacular passes from Trans-

vaal winger 'Links' who dominated play throughout and some mention must be made of S. Moodley who impressed the selectors with his fine display of soccer. Neither side impressed in the second-half and the game became a tame one with Transvaal having won the match by a narrow margin.

Narrow Win For Rangers

Rangers beat Railway 2-1 and Cosmopolitan trounced Becon 7-1 in the Natal Cup Competition at Curries's Fountain. This gave Rangers their fourth successive victory for the season. They will meet Warwickshire for the second time to decide the League.

Young Aces drew with Young Stella without scoring a goal, while Pirates-Shamrooks match also ended in a 2-2 draw game in the league divisional final.

Detailed results were:—senior A Natal Cup Rangers 2, Railway 1; senior B Young Aces 0, Young Stella 0; Cosmopolitan 7, Becon 1; Glarwood Schools 5, Bydenham Unity 4; senior C sectional final Pirates 2, Shamrooks 2; junior A Stella 7, Crusaders 3; junior B, Blue Bells w.o., Warwickshire junior C, Becon 3. Lombardy 0; League Cup divisional final juniors O and B. Jacobs United 1, Puntan's Hill 2; juvenile—Natal Cup. Crusaders sec., Stella w.o., Dhallas 1, Sastri College 2; Crimson League 1, Shamrooks 3.

School's Athletic Sports

Athletic Sports have been revived by Durban Schools and very keen competition is being held by the various zones as a preliminary to the Natal Schools Sports Association when the second Inter-zonal competitions will be held on Thursday, 3rd July 1952, when schools from all over Natal are expected to participate.

Schools from various branches are holding organised sports and are undergoing serious training

THE WORLD'S WEEK

AMERICA

Historic Decision

A decision was announced last week which put an end to "the last legal remnants of racial discrimination" in California. The State Supreme Court ruled that a generation-old law forbidding Japanese and other Asiatics to own land in California was invalid in view of the fact that the United Nations Charter is the supreme law of the United States and the California law violated those provisions of the Charter which call for the observance of human rights without distinction as to race. The issue was a test-case brought against the California Alien Land Law.

"There can be no question," said Chief Justice Gibson, "that the rights to acquire, enjoy, own and dispose of property are among the civil rights intended by the 14th. amendment to be protected from discriminatory State Action." California Attorney-General, R. G. Brown said, "Every Californian can take pride that by the Court's decision California will legally no longer persist in adhering to a "philosophy of 'super-race.'"

Against Segregation

The fifth Congress of Racial Equality-Fellowship of Reconciliation workshop to be held in Washington starts this July. The aim of the Congress workshop is to reinforce the campaign against racial discrimination which are going on all the year round in Washington. Teams of volunteers assume certain tasks—the elimination of segregation at some club, restaurant or public place—and then set out by means of delegations, leaflets, meetings and public-opinion polls, to achieve their object. The workshop already has quite a number of successes to its credit.

BELGIUM

Out Of A Job—For Peace

Baron Antoine Allard, writer, painter and one of the first members of the Belgian section of Federal Union, recently resigned from the board of Directors of a Brussels company because they were proposing to submit a tender for the construction of 400 new aerodromes in Belgium, France and Spain. The Baron also appealed to all workers, who may be asked to undertake the work of air-field construction, to refuse to do it, and to farmers and land owners to refuse to give up their land for such a purpose. The Baron has now given up painting, in order to devote his whole energies to the work of preventing a third world war.

KOREA

Anniversary Of A Blunder

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But Kroom is not finished yet! He flings Lena to the floor and seizes a heavy vase to strike Sally down as she phones.



Peter comes to the flat. Through the window he sees the emergency and, smashing the glass, leaps through!



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શુનીયન પાર્લામેન્ટ આ અઠવાડીયામાં પુરી થઈ. સાઉથ આફ્રીકાના ઇતિહાસમાં આજ પથ ત બાણવામાં આવેલી નથી એવી તોફાની ઘેઠક એ હતી. કાયદા ઘડવાનો તેનો કાર્યક્રમ મબકકરૂ હતો. પાર્લામેન્ટે પસાર ફરેલા કાયદા પર અદાલતની હકમત નાણુદ કરનારૂ હાઈ કોર્ટ એક પાર્લામેન્ટ બીલ પસાર કરવાથી તેની શરૂઆત થઈ અને ગ્રુપ એરીયાલ એન્ડેન્ડમેન્ટ બીલ અને નેટીવ લોલ એન્ડેન્ડમેન્ટ બીલથી તેની પુણું-હુતી થઈ. પસાર થએલાં બીલો માંતું એક નેટીવ્સ (એબીલીશન એક પાર્સીસ એન્ડ કો-ઓર્ડીનેશન એક ડોક્યુમેન્ટ્સ) બીલ હતું. આ બીલ લોકોને છેતરનાઈ હતું. સાધારણ છાપ તો એવી પડે કે આફ્રીકનોના પાસે નાણુદ કરવામાં આવ્યા—કે જેને માટે આફ્રીકનો લડી રહ્યા છે. ખરી હકીકત એ છે કે સઘળા પાસે સાચવવા વધારે સુગમ થઈ પડે તેથી તેને એક નાની પુરતીકાના આકારમાં એકત્ર કરી ગાંધવામાં આવશે અને આફ્રીકનોને છુટા પાસે રાખવાને બદલે આ એકજ દસ્તાવેજ પોતાની પાસે રાખવું પડશે. આફ્રીકનો પર કેમ બાણ પ્રતિબંધિત કાયદા હાજી લાદવામાં આવેલા હોય છે હવે તેમાં એક નવા કાયદાનો ઉમેરો કરવામાં આવ્યો છે જેથી, એક એમ. પી. એ જણાવ્યા મુજબ, ૧૪ વર્ષની ઉંમરના કોઈ પણ આફ્રીકનો છોકરા કે છોકરીથી સ્વતંત્ર રહેવું અશક્ય થઈ પડશે. સરકારે સ્પષ્ટ રીતે બતાવી આપેલું છે કે તેને સમગ્ર દેશના હિતની કશી પડી

જ નથી. કાયદા પસાર કરવાનો એક માત્ર હેતુ બીન-ગોરાઓને બાંધવામાં આવેલી સાંકળો વધારે મજબુત કરવાનો છે કે જેથી તેઓ પોતાનું માથું ઉંચું નહીં કરી શકે અને પોતાની પાર્ટીની સ્થિતિ એવી મજબુત બનાવવાનો છે કે જેથી દેશ પર તે લોખંડી હાથથી રાજ્ય થવાની શકે. બીન-ગોરાની સાંકળો મજબુત કરવાના સંબંધમાં, બીજી પાર્ટીના કોઈક સભ્યો કે તેની વિરૂદ્ધમાં સખત બોલેલા છે, પરંતુ એકંદરે જોતાં તે પાર્ટીઓ નેશનલીસ્ટ પાર્ટીની સાથે મળતીજ છે. આજ વસ્તુ એ નેશનલીસ્ટોને બીન-ગોરાઓ પ્રત્યે એપરવાઈથી વર્તવાને બળ આપેલું છે.

નાટાલ જે બંધારણને ટકાવી રાખવાને એટલી ધગશથી લડી રહ્યું છે તે તેનું ખંડન કરવામાં નેશનલીસ્ટો કરતાં જરાયે ઉતરતું નથી. તેના પુરાવારૂપે સીટી એક ડરબન એકસ્ટેન્ડેડ પાવર્સ (પ્રાઇવેટ) ઓર્ગાઈનસ છે, જે નાટાલ પ્રાંતિક કાઉન્સિલે થોડાક સુધારા સાથે પસાર કર્યો છે. “આઝાદી વિરૂદ્ધ જીલમના મહલના સવાલ પર સમાધાની થઈ શકે તેમ છે જ નહીં.” આ શબ્દો સાઉથ આફ્રીકાના એક એન્ગ્રેજના છે. શું એ માત્ર ગોરી પ્રબલને જ લાગુ પડે છે? સાઉથ આફ્રીકાની ગોરી પ્રબલ એ વસ્તુ કયારે સમજતી થશે કે બીન-ગોરાઓ પણ ગોરાઓના જેવીજ લાગણીઓ ધરાવે છે અને તેને સમાનપણે માન આપવું જોઈએ. બીન-ગોરા પ્રત્યેની નીતીના સંબંધમાં નેશનલીસ્ટ પાર્ટી કે યુનાઇટેડ પાર્ટી વચ્ચે

અને કશો તફાવત જોતા નથી. યુનાઇટેડ પાર્ટી વધારે ખરાબ કહી શકાય કેમકે તેની રીત વધારે દાવપેચવાળી છે. જે નિરાશાએ આને બીન-ગોરી પ્રબલને આ દેશના અન્યાયી કાયદા એ સામે અર્હાસક યુદ્ધ બાહર કરવાને પ્રેરેલી છે તેને માટે દેશની બન્ને પાર્ટીઓ સમાનપણે જવાબદાર છે. બીન-ગોરાઓને થઈ રહેલી રીળામણીની કંઈ હદજ નથી. અને એજ તેઓને આકરૂં પગલું લેવાને ઉરકેરનારી છે.

દૈનિક અખબારમાં અને એક હેવાલ વાંચી રહ્યા છીએ કે ઉચ્ચ અધિકારીઓમાં ચર્ચા ચાલી રહી છે જેને પરિણામે સાઉથ આફ્રીકાના ઉદ્યોગોની સઘળી શાખા ઓમાં કેળવાયેલા કામદારોને સરકારી મદદથી બહારથી આયાત કરવાની યોજના અમલમાં સુકારો. આ વસ્તુનું સા. આ.ની ચેમ્બર એક ઈન્ડસ્ટ્રીઝની મેરીટલબર્ગમાં મળેલી એકઝેક્યુટીવ કાઉન્સિલની મર્ટીંગમાં સુચન થયું હતું. ચેમ્બરના પ્રમુખ મી. ઇ. ડબલ્યુ. સ્વેને કેટલાક ઉદ્યોગોમાં કેળવાયેલા કામદારોની સામાન્ય અછતને લીધે આ દેશમાં ચીના થઈ રહેલી હોણતું જણાવ્યું હતું, તેમણે કહ્યું કે :

સ્થિતિ એટલી ખરાબ છે કે ટેટલાક ઉદ્યોગોપતિઓને પોતાના ક્ષેત્રોની પ્રગતી ટકાવી રાખવાને બલે પરદેશથી કામદારોને લાવવા પડ્યા હતા

ગી. સ્વેને કહ્યું કે ચોમ વસા દતની નીતીની ખામીને લીધે, પ્રગતી તે વેપ ધણેજ થતી નથી. જ્યારે જ્યારે કેળવાયેલા કામદારો ની ઉલ્લોગોને જરૂર પડે અને જો તે આ દેશમાં મેળવી શકાય તેમ નહીં હોય તો સરકારની ફરજ છે કે તેણે વસાહતથી તે મેળવી આપવા જોઈએ, નહીં તો આ દેશમાં ઉદ્યોગો પડી બાંધશે.

કેળવાયેલા કામદારોની ઘણી જ અછત છે એ વાતનો ઇન્કાર થઈ શકે તેમ છે જ નહીં.

કેળવાયેલા કામદારો તરીકે બીન-ગોરાઓને લેવાના સંબંધમાં ગી. સ્વેને કહ્યું કે એમ કરવું “ગેર કલાપ્ય બરેઈ” ગણાય અને એ ઉપરાંત અધિક જાતના ઉદ્યોગોમાં અવ્યવહાર પણ ગણાય.

ઉલ્લોગો જે બીન-ગોરાઓને કેળવાની નીતી પ્રદણ કરે તે ગોરા કામદારોમાં “જખરદરત ઉદા પોહ” થઈ પડે.

આ જે બીન-ગોરાઓ પર એક બાતનો જીલમજ નહીં કહેવાય તે ખીણું શું કહેવાય? ગોરા કામદારોમાં “જખરદરત ઉદા-પોહ” થઈ પડે એટલા ખાતર બીન-ગોરાને પોતાની શકિતઓ ખીલવવાની સ્વતંત્રતા ન આપી શકાય! કેળવાયેલા કામદારો ગોરા વસાહતીઓને ઉત્તેજન આપી આયાત કરવા જોઈએ પરંતુ બીન-ગોરાઓ—આ દેશના સંતાનો—ને કેળવાયેલા કામદારો તરીકે તાલીમ લેવાની તક ન આપી શકાય! આ દલીલમાં કશું વ્યવહારૂપણું કે અકકલ જેવામાં આવતાં નથી. કેવળ ગુસ્સે સ્વાર્થ અને લોભવૃત્તિ જેવામાં આવે છે, જે બીન-ગોરામાં ગોરા પ્રત્યે જે જીજ્ઞ પણ માન રહ્યું હોય તે નાણુદ કરનારાં છે. આ વસ્તુનો આ દેશના પ્રત્યેક ગોરા એ જબીરપણે વિચાર કરવો ઘટે છે. બીન-ગોરા હવે પોતાને “કઠીયારા અને જલધરીયા”ની સ્થિતિમાં રાખવામાં આવે એ સહન કરી યેસી રહેવાનો નથી. તે માનવી તરીકેના વર્તાવને માટે અને પોતાની સઘળી શકિત એ સંપૂર્ણપણે ખીલવવાની તકો ને માટે વાસ્તવિક રીતે દાવો કરે છે. ગોરાએ વર્ણવેશની બદીનો પોતાનામાંથી નાશ કરવો જ પડશે. નહીં તો એ બહી તેનોજ નાશ કરશે. વિધિના લેખ કોઈ થી ટાળી શકાવાના નથી.

પરજીલ્લી સ્ત્રીઓએ નોકરી કરવી જોઈએ કે નહિ

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૩૫ રીફોર્મ્સ યુના વિચારો અને રૂઢીઓને વળગી રહેનાર છે. સ્ત્રીઓએ પુરૂષો જેવા પોષાક પહેરના, પુરૂષોની નકલો કરવી, અર્ધ નગનાવસ્થામાં ફરવું, યાદ, ગાદ રંગવા વિગેરે પ્રયાગોનો તે વિરોધ કરનાર છે. તેના કેટલાક ધાર્મિક વિચારો સારા છે જ્યારે કેટલાક સારા નથી. દાખલા તરીકે ધર્મચૂરત હોવા છતાં તે બતી અને વજીનેદમાં માનનાર છે અને ગોરી પ્રખરે ધર્મ રંગવર્ણી પ્રખ કરતાં ઉંચી રહેવાને સરજેલી છે એમ તે માને છે. એટલેજ સકારની એપાઈઝેન્સી નીતીને તે ટેકો આપે છે. આ જો કે સાઉથ આફ્રિકાના ૩૫ રીફોર્મ્સ અર્થનેજ વિષે છે. આ દેશની બહારના ૩૫ રીફોર્મ્સ અર્થે બીજા બાબતોમાં અફ્રિકાના ૩૫ રીફોર્મ્સ અર્થની સાથે મળતાં યાવ છે પરંતુ બતી અને વર્ણના બેદની નીતીને તે સખત રીતે વખોડી કાઢે છે.

૩૫ રીફોર્મ્સ અર્થની "ફેડરેશન આર્મ્સ ઓફ ટ્રાડ" નામની સંસ્થાના સેક્રેટરી ડો. જે. આર. આલખરડીન "ડીકલેમેન્ટ" પત્રમાં લખે છે કે "પતિ, જો લગ્નના ખરા આદર્શો સેવતા હોય તે પોતાની પત્નીને નોકરી કરવી પડે તેને તે ઘરમળરેલું ગણે. પરજીલ્લી સ્ત્રીઓ વધારે ને વધારે જાહેર જનમમાં દાખલ થતી જાય છે એ આધુનિક ડુનિયાંનું એક ધર્મજન ચર્ચાતબ્જક સ્વરૂપ છે. લગ્ન થવા છતાં પણ પોતાની કમાણી, કે જેને માટે ધણા વર્ષ સુધી અભ્યાસ કરી તેણે શક્તિ મેળવી, તે ઘર કામમાં રોકાવાને જતી કરતી નથી.

તેના ગેરલાભો ધણા છે એ સમજી શકાય છે, એથી પુરૂષને તે ઝોઝી પરવશ બને છે અને તેથી કારગતી મેળવવી સહેલી થઈ પડે છે. માતા યાત્રાની તેની ઇચ્છા પર તે પ્રતિકૂળ અસર કરે છે. અને સંતતી નીયમનના સાધનોને બહેનો ઉપયોગ કરે છે. અને જ્યાં સંતતી હોયજ નહિ ત્યાં પરજીલ્લા લોકો વચ્ચેના સૌથી મજબૂત સંબંધનો અભાવ હોય છે. ડો. આલખરડીન કહે છે કે પતિને ને નોકરી કરાવવાના પક્ષમાં બહાનું એ આપવામાં આવે છે કે રહેણીનો ખર્ચ ધણો વધી ગયેલો હોવાથી વંધારાની આવક કરવાની ફરજ પડે છે, પરંતુ એ વસ્તુ હમેશાં ખરી નથી હોતી- માતા કેવળ જોઈ જોઈ જોઈને પાતરજ પોતાનું ઘર જોડી નોકરી કરે છે.

ડો. આલખરડીન જણાવે છે કે અર્થનું વસ્તીપત્રક બતાવે છે કે ૧૯૪૮ માં ૧૨૦૦૦ માતાઓ નોકરી કરતી

હતી પરંતુ ૧૯૫૧માં એ આંકડો એકવીસ હજાર પહોંચ્યો હતો.

જન્મ પ્રમાણમાં થઈ રહેલા ઘટાડાનું સૂચન કરતાં ડો. આલખરડીન કહે છે કે જે માયાઓ બચી કરીને સંતાન વગરના રહે છે તેઓ કૌટુંબીક જીવલે નો આનંદ યુમાવે છે અને ઘડપણમાં એકલવાયું જીવન જોગવવું પડવાની તકબારી કરે છે.

વધુમાં તે કહે છે કે જૂતકાળમાં પાઠશાળા આ બાબતોમાં ચર્ચોમાં મોલતી સંક્રાયાતા હતા પરંતુ હવે તેઓએ શુદ્ધી રીતે મોલતું બેઠ્યો.

બધા મંજબનાર સુસ્લીમ આલખે પોતાનો રમઝાન છેવનો પવિત્ર ઉત્સવ ઉજવેલો હતો. એ પવિત્ર દિવસે જુદી જુદી મસ્જીદોમાં સોને ધુલેચ્છા ઇસ્ખાની બંદોબો યજ હતી, મરીમો તે ઉદારતાથી દાન આપવામાં આવ્યું હતું અને મીત્રો અને કુટુંબીઓને અરસપરસ મળી બેટયા હતા અને ખાનખાન થયાં હતાં. એ દિવસે બપોરે ડરખનના બખૂતા સામાજિક કામકેતી મી. ઇ. એચ. ઇસ્માઇલે પોતાના યુવાને એક સુંદર જલસો કર્યો હતો જેમાં સહજા હારીએ તેમજ ૫૦-૬૦ જેટલા અન્ય મહેમા

નો હાજર થયા હતા. તેઓને આ, નારતો કરાવવામાં આવ્યો હતો. કુરાનની કેટલીક પવિત્ર આપતો પઠવા માં આવી હતી અને પ્રસંગાનુસાર બાપજો થયાં હતાં. એજ દિવસે મી. ઇ. એચ. ઇસ્માઇલની પચાસવી વરસમાંક પણ હોઇ તેમને સૌએ સાલ યુખારક ઇચ્છવાની તક લીધી હતી. બાપજુ કરનારાઓમાં ડરખન તેમજ વેલમની મસ્જીદના મોલવીઓ, અને મેસર્સ વી. લોરેન્સ, તૈયબ સકર, મણીલાલ ગાંધી વિગેરે હતા. મી. ઇ. એચ. ઇસ્માઇલે પોતાના આમંત્રણ ને માન આપી હાજર થયેલા બાઇ ઓનો આબાર માન્યો હતો.



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ભગવાન યુદ્ધ

એક થેટી પહાડ પરથી ઉતરતી હતી. તેને બે બચ્ચાં હતાં. એક બંઝડું હતું. તેનાથી ચાલી ચાકાડું પથ્થુ નહતું. પરાજી ચાલતું હતું. બીજું સાણું—સાઈ હતું અને આમળ ને આમળ ગેલ કરતું, કુરૂંટ દોડતું હતું. થેટીની દશા કફોડી હતી. એ આમળના સાળ બચ્ચાને સંભાળતી ચાલતી હતી અને પાછળ રહી અચેલા લંબડા બચ્ચાની યાદથી ડુખી થતી હતી. એને તો બનેય બચ્ચાં વહાલાં! પહાડ પર ફરતા એક બાળકે થેટી અને તેનાં બચ્ચાંને જોયાં. બાળકને લંબડા બચ્ચાની દશા આવી. તેણે તે લંબડા બચ્ચાને ઉઠાવી લીધું. અને પોતે થેટી સાથે ચાલવા લાગ્યો. આવી રીતે તેણે આખો પહાડ લંબડા બચ્ચાને ઉચ્ચી લીધું. આ બાળકનું નામ જાણો છો? એ આપ્યા ભગવાન યુદ્ધ! એમનામાં નાનપણથી જ દયાના ઠેવા સુંદર ગ્રંથ હતા!

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સ્વામી દયાનંદ

એક દિવસની વાત છે. જલધરના સરદાર વિક્રમસીંહે સ્વામી દયાનંદને કહ્યું—'બલચારીઓ વધારી પૂજવાન હોય છે એ વાત ખરી છે?'
સ્વામી કહે, 'હા, શસ્ત્રોમાં પથ્થુ લખ્યું છે. વાત સાચી છે.'
સરદાર વિક્રમસીંહ કહે—'એનો પુરાવા?'
સ્વામીએ કહ્યું જ ન મોલ્યા.
સરદાર બગી પર એકા. થોડા કંઠાંથી ચાલુક માયાં. પથ્થુ થોડા ન ચાલ્યા. સરદારે પાછળ જોયું. સ્વામીએ બગીનું પૈડું પકડીને ઉભા હતા. સ્વામીએ પૈડું છુટા દેતાં કહ્યું—'આ પુરાવા.'

સ્વામી દયાનંદ 'બલચાર્ય' પાળતા હતા, એટલે એમનામાં અધામ તાકાત હતી.

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દાગોરના પિતાણ

એક વખત દાગોરને લાહોર જવું હતું. તેમણે પિતાણને કહ્યું—'પિતાણ! હું યુસાફરી બજાવવાની કરીશ.'
પિતાણ: 'એ તો સાઈ! રસ્તામાં કુદરતી ફરેશો જોવાનાં મળશે.'
દાગોર થોડીવાર પછી આવીને કહે, 'પિતાણ! હું યુસાફરી આમઝાડી થી જ કરીશ.'
પિતાણએ કહ્યું: 'એ તો બજાવઝાડી થી મ સાઈ! કેટલો બધો સમય બચશે!'
આવા હતા એ દાગોરના પિતાં. દાગોરની વાતમાં કોઈ દિવસ આડા ન આવે, દાગોરને પ્રોત્સાહન આપે. મતુબાઇ લ. પટેલ.

વિવિધ

નેટીવાને લાખતા કાયલાઓ

સુધારનાઈ ખીલ પસાર નેટીવ લોન્ડ એન્ડ રેપ્યુટેશન્સ એજેન્ડ મેન્ટ ખીલ જે નેટીવાને લગતા વધુ કાયલાઓમાં સરકારની એપાઈટેન્ડની નીતી અતુસાર ફેરફારો કરનાઈ છે તે જ ક વિરૂદ્ધ જા મેં કમીટી રેલ્વમાં ત્રણ વાંચનોમાંથી પસાર થઈ ગયું. નેટીવાના પ્રતિનિધિ મો. ડબ્લ્યુ. જે. રુઝવર્થે મનો દરમીયાન જાણ્યું કે ખીલનું સૌથી ખરાબ સ્વરૂપ એ છે કે ૧૪ વર્ષની ઉમરે પહેંવ્યા પછી કોઈ પથ્થુ નેટીવ ઊઠકરો કે ઊઠકરી સ્વતંત્ર રહી શકશે નહિ. એ ખીલ ફરજીયાત મજૂરીની પ્રથા કામલ કરનાઈ છે. યુનાઇટેડ પાર્ટીના સભ્ય મો. જે. ડબ્લ્યુ. મયુરોટે કહ્યું કે જે સરકાર આ કાયદો અમલમાં મુકવા જશે તો નેટીવામાં કડી નથી થયું તેવું તોકાન થશે. નેટીવાને ત્રાસ પ્રવર્તનથી થોડો વખત

દયાથેલા રાખી શકશે પરંતુ આખો વખત નહિ રાખી શકાય. સરકારે નેટીવાની શુભેચ્છા છતી શકાય તેવા કાયદા સાવવા જોઈએ. આ ખીલ તો રહી સહી શુભેચ્છાનો પથ્થુ નાશ કરનાઈ છે. નેટીવ એજેન્સીના પ્રધાન ડો. ફરયુઅર્ડે કહ્યું કે વિરોધ પક્ષ નેટીવા માં અસંતોષ ફેલાવવાનો અને બહાર ની કુનીયને મા કાયદો આપણી બરેલો છે એવી છાપ પાડવાનો અચાર કરી રહ્યો છે.

હાંસવાલ ભારત ભજન મંડળ

જોહાનીસમર્ગનાં હાંસવાલ ભારત ભજન મંડળની સુટણી સભા ગોર્નાઈ બાઇ પ્રેમાભાઇના મુકમે તા. ૨૨-૬-૫૦-૫૦ના મીટિંગમાં પી. મેરવીઆના પ્રમુખપદ હેઠળ મળી હતી. દેશથી આવેલ સુખાભાઇ પી. ચોઢાણ અને પ્રજાભાઇ માધવભાઇ ગોરીલના સત્કાર કરવામાં આવ્યા હતા. સુખાભાઇના માતૃશ્રી દેશમાં અવસાન પામ્યા હોવા થી તે બદલ સભા તરફથી તેમના આત્માની શાંતિ માટે પ્રાર્થના કરવા માં આવી હતી. બાદ, માનડ મંત્રી શ્રી. કાંતિલાલ ભગવાનદાસ ચૌહાણ તરફથી મત સભાની મીનીટસ અને વાર્ષિક રિપોર્ટ સભા સમક્ષ રજૂ કરવામાં આવ્યાં હતા જે સર્વોત્તમને પાસ થયા હતા. ખજનચી હાજર ન હોવાથી આવતી સભામાં તેમનો રિપોર્ટ રજૂ કરવા માટે સભાજનો તરફથી સુચવવામાં આવ્યું હતું. બાદ નિચે મુજબ નવાં કાર્યવાહીની સુટણી થઈ હતી:

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કેટલો: કાંતિલાલ ભગવાનદાસ ચૌહાણ અને રજુજોડભાઇ માધવભાઇ ગોરીલ. કમિટિ સભ્યો: રામજીભાઇ લાલજી બાઇ, સુખાભાઇ પી. ચૌહાણ, વનમાળીભાઇ પી. સીંહલ, રતનજીભાઇ યુશાસભાઇ સોલંકી; સીમભાઇ સુખાભાઇ પટેલ, હમનલાલ ડી. પટેલ અને ભજુભાઇ લખજીભાઇ પડ્યા. હાંસવાલની હોદ્દા જનતાના ધર્મ પ્રેમીઓના ભજન માટેના આમંત્રણ સ્વીકારવામાં આવશે. મંત્રીજી, ડબ્લ્યુ, ૧૬મી રફીટ, ફિઝીડીપના સરનામે આ મંત્રણ માટે પત્રવ્યવેહાર કરવે.

પરજુ રજુ

—કેપટાઉનના જાણીતા વતની શ્રી. બી. ડી. ચાવડાના પુત્ર શ્રી. અમૃતલાલ બી. ચાવડા, જેઓ એક લેસાઈ યુવક છે અને કેપટાઉનમાં યંમ ઇન્ડિઆ નોમની સંરેશ સ્થાપી હોઈનાં સાહિત્ય, સંસ્કૃતિના વાંચના હોદ્દા નવયુવાનો તેમજ યુરોપીયનોમાં પ્રચાર કરવાનું સુંદર કાર્ય કરી રહ્યા છે તેઓ પાંચ અઠવાડીયાંથી યુનીવર્સની મુસાફરીએ નિકળ્યા છે. કેપ, હાંસવાલ ફરી ગયા શુક્રવારે તેઓ ડરખન આવ્યા હતા. અઈ કાવે (યુરવારે) એથેલોન કાસલમાં કેપટાઉન જવા વિદાય થયા છે.

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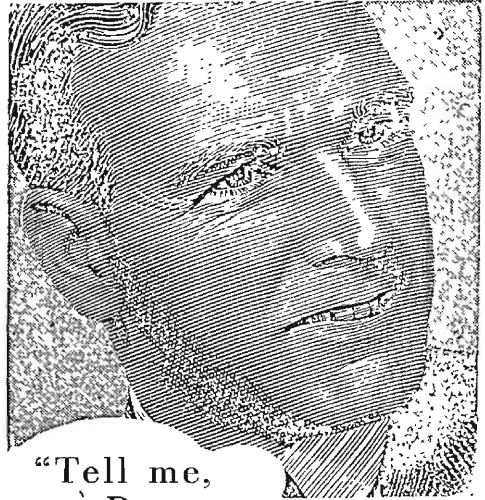
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