
THE
NEW ZEALAND INDIAN
CENTRAL ASSOCIATION
(Incorporated)



**36th Annual Report
and
Balance Sheet**



:: Conference ::
21st and 22nd April, 1962
at Auckland.

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The 36th Annual Conference of The New Zealand Indian Central Association (Inc.) was held at Auckland in "Gandhi Hall" on 21st and 22nd April, 1962. The President, Mr. D. Kesry, taking the chair at 10.30 a.m., declared the meeting opened.

Mr. L. N. Patel, the President of the Auckland Branch, welcomed all the delegates in a most cordial manner and wished the Conference every success.

The House stood in silence for two minutes as a mark of respect to those patriots who sacrificed time and lives for the liberation of Mother India and also to pay homage to the deceased New Zealand Indians who passed away during the last year.

The following delegates represented their respective branches:

AUCKLAND:

1. Mr. L. N. Patel
2. „ Raghubhai Nathubhai
3. „ Vallabhbhai Dayabhai
4. „ Keshavbhai Vallabhbhai
5. „ Dayalbhai Nanubhai
6. „ Khusalbhai Madhubhai
7. „ Moraribhai Patel
8. „ Bhanabhai Dandiker
9. „ Rameshbhai Patel
10. „ Ganeshbhai Somabhai
11. „ Maganbhai Dhirajbhai
12. „ Parbhubhai Patel
13. „ Jekishandas Bhagwanjibhai
14. „ Chhimabhai Vallabhbhai
15. „ Govindbhai Mithabhai
16. „ Haribhai Jagubhai
17. „ Maganbhai Bhikhabhai
18. „ Nanubhai Bhanabhai

19. " Ratanjibhai Bhikhabhai
20. " Lallubhai Dhanabhai

COUNTRY SECTION:

1. Mr. Karam Singh Basi
2. " Piara Singh
3. " Harbans Singh Basi
4. " Soam Parkash
5. " Harbachan Singh

WELLINGTON:

1. Mr. Chhibabhai Parbhubhai
2. " Bhanabhai Naik
3. " Narsinhbhai Vallabhbai
4. " Chhaganbhai Ramjibhai
5. " Haribhai Dahyabhai
6. " Govindbhai Bhagabhai
7. " Rajaram Nanabhai
8. " Dahyabhai Paragbhai
9. " Ranchhodbhai Ramabhai
10. " Ravjibhai Hirabhai

PUKEKOHE:

1. Mr. Juvalla Singh
2. " Ravji Uka
3. " Keshav Parsot
4. " Parag Kanji
5. " R. C. Hari
6. " Ganges Singh

TARANAKI:

1. Mr. C. L. Patel
2. " J. G. Patel

ROTORUA:

1. Mr. Jarambhai Sima
2. " Rambhai Makanji
3. " Narsinhbhai Keshabhai

WAIKATO:

CHRISTCHURCH:

MANAWATU:

As permission was granted to Corso to address this Conference on the subject of the "Freedom From Hunger Campaign", Mr. Quilliam, a Corso representative, was introduced by Mr. L. N. Patel. This United Nation's campaign, which is to be launched in this country next June, was fully explained by Mr. Quilliam. He also replied to the questions asked him regarding this campaign. Mr. Parbhubhai Patel expressed his willingness to take all responsibilities for five years to bring up a child from any under developed country if Corso brings it to this country. The President, Mr. D. Kesry, also expressed his views on the humanitarian work carried out by Corso and thanked Mr. Quilliam for addressing the Conference on the subject of the "Freedom From Hunger Campaign".

Last year's minutes were read by the Secretary. Actions taken for last year's resolutions and suggestions:

1. The Secretary was not able to carry out the resolution of publishing a directory of addresses (with telephone numbers if possible) of all Indians residing in N.Z., as only five branches had forwarded their lists.
2. A letter was written to the Defence Ministry of the Government of India appealing to create a formidable defence to ensure security against aggression from outside.
3. An Executive Committee meeting was held at Wellington to discuss the proposed Constitution of our Association.
4. Two Indians in Wellington were refused membership of the Taxi Owners' Union on the grounds of racial discrimination. No support of the Central Association was asked by the Wellington Branch in this case as the parties involved had no deep interest in this case and left for India. A full report in this case was given by the Wellington delegates.
5. The Secretary had insufficient time to forward copies of our funeral service to all the branches as these were provided very late by the Wellington Branch. The Secretary assured the delegates that copies printed in Hindi and Gujarati with Sanskrit stanzas will be distributed to all the branches at the end of the Conference.
6. The Secretary was not able to publish the census figure of the Indian community in N.Z. as this information was received from only three branches.

The Executive Committee meeting of our Association was held at Wellington during the New Year's Holidays, the minutes

of which were read by the Secretary. The brief report of this meeting was as follows:

1. All the rules of the proposed Constitution were thoroughly discussed, and some doubtful points were left for Conference to decide.
2. The itinerary of the programme of SWAMI PREMANANDA was arranged.
3. It was decided to raise a fund by our Association through the branches for the "Freedom From Hunger Campaign" which is to be launched in June, 1962.

The minutes of the last Conference and the Executive Committee meeting were duly approved and adopted.

Dr. Stayanand, a prominent Indian doctor, was given an opportunity to address the meeting. He expressed his satisfaction at the progress this association has made and also assured of his general support to the Association.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Gentlemen,

Time marches on and on. Mankind has invented through science and technology many new fields, even, has invaded to explore the outer space and the present target is the planets of far distance. However, there is no one who has gained control over the march of time, the only satisfaction is to try to keep in step with the present age by summing up past, and plan for the progress of future. We may on our side think this subject in individual manner. It is high time—we realize this fact for our organisation. It appears to me that we are gradually drifting away from each other. Co-operation among us has declined to a certain extent and we are far from united. We must realize the value of unity and co-operation. Our stability and progress lies within unity and co-operation. It is true that we inherit an ancient culture and civilization. But if we read our history we will find that we were far from united. Fractions and divisions had divided our strength and we befell to the foreign domination for many many years. History has taught us a lesson. We must try to benefit from this lesson.

At present we are passing through a transitional period. Although we are Indians, our Indianism is being dominated by English culture and English manner of life. Our daughters and sons in future may forget Indian culture altogether, and in this respect, some deep thinking gentlemen of our community in certain Centres have already started giving our children a primary Indian education. This is a very highly important work going on behind the scene specially if they teach the history of India. I hope in future it may reach up to a secondary and a higher stage of education. I estimate the value of this work very high and appreciate it very much. I also congratulate them for carrying on this very important activity in our society.

It is often repeated of merging fully with New Zealanders. Time is gradually taking its own shape. Present generation is merging better than past. When we are fully merged with these people I wonder how much Indianism will remain in us; that remains to be thought and seen.

Our problem of bringing intending son-in-laws has been very successful up to present. However, our duty of giving them advice, co-operation and assistance has not been very successful. There are instances where a mere advice and some explanation would have cleared the difference and bitter feelings. We must all bear in mind that no one is under anyone's obligation because they have given him the opportunity of coming and settling in this country. It is also necessary to remember that when we

are dealing with authority, we must always take proper precautions that by gaining our self-interest we are not endangering the interest of our whole society. It is our responsibility to realize this fact whenever we deal with such matters.

Our activities has been limited to correspondence except on one or two occasions. Our working Committee has been able to go through our proposed constitution which is almost ready for your approval. Our General Secretary has been able to attend a very important meeting for a Campaign to FREEDOM FROM HUNGER organised by United Nations and carried on by Government and other charitable institutions.

Situation in our homeland is improving and making steady progress in many fields. Our economy is being stabilized and balanced. India is the largest democratic country in the world, while some Asian Nations have befallen to military dictatorship. India recently went through another general election and the people have once again approved and restored their confidence in present ruling party — INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS. Latest information is such that some negotiation on the peaceful settlement of Indo-China border may be possible. Indian Government's present stand is—China must first vacate the illegally occupied territory of India, then only the negotiation is possible. Many opposition parties' leaders have approved this stand. We morally also support this stand.

Once again I wish to remind you of importance of unity and co-operation. We must be united under any circumstances; our strength and progress lies within.

I intend to bring to your notice to create some stabilized fund and from the income of this fund award some permanent scholarship. These matters could be looked into.

I also wish to remind you not to carry on any prejudice or bitter feelings among our members and only to look to the subject purely.

I am,

Your humble servant,

D. KESRY, President.

The President Mr. D. Kesry presented his report to the Conference. He also gave a report on his representations to the Minister of Immigration for the cases of Mr. Daji Manga and of the son of late Keshav Panch. These cases were handled by our Association a few years ago and unfortunately the present appeal was also unsuccessful.

The President's report and his representation to the Minister were approved and adopted.

The financial statement presented by the Secretary and all the correspondence carried out by him during the year were also duly approved and adopted.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the past officers who faithfully and efficiently served the noble cause of the community.

Mr. L. N. Patel was elected temporary President for conducting the election of the new officers.

The following officers were elected for the year 1962-63:

President: Mr. Dayal Kesry, 207 Great South Rd., Papakura.

Vice-President: Mr. Piara Singh, R.D., Owhango.

General Secretary: Mr. Narsinhbhai, Vallabh, 5 Wilson St., Newtown, Wellington.

Assistant Secretary: Mr. Govindbhai Bhagabhai, 6 Nikau Grove, Lower Hutt.

Auditor: Mr. Khushal Madhu, 478 Richmond Rd., Auckland.

Executive Committee: Messrs. Chhiba Parbhu (Wellington), L.N. Patel

C. L. Patel (Taranaki), Soam Prakash (Country Section), (Auckl)

Jeram Sima (Rotorua), Keshav Parsot (Pukekohe).

~~Chhiba Pancha (Manawatu), Morar Budhia (Christchurch.~~ Nominations were received from the following branches after the Conference as they were not represented at the Conference Chhiba Pancha (Manawatu and Hawke's Bay), Morar Budhia (Christchurch), Phuman Singh (Waikato).

RESOLUTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

1. It was proposed by the Auckland Branch that our Association should donate towards the Maori Education Foundation Fund.

This proposal was widely discussed and finally it was decided to raise this fund through the branches. As this fund was due to close by the end of April, 1962, the branches represented at this Conference declared their contributions towards this fund and the Secretary was asked to contact the branches not represented for their contributions.

2. A suggestion was made by the Wellington Branch to approach AIR INDIA regarding concessions in fares if we travel by AIR INDIA in certain months of the year. Such concessions are given to Indians in Fiji. At the end of the ensuing discussion it was decided to send two delegates from the Association to discuss this matter with Air India in Auckland. The President, Mr. D. Kesry, and Mr. L. N. Patel, were nominated to handle this matter and were requested to make sure that our

approaches would not be harmful to our fellow countrymen in Fiji while discussing this matter with Air India.

3. It was requested by the Country Section Branch to take up with the Government of India the question of the issuing of Indian Passports, to those wives of New Zealand Indians who wish to join their husbands in N.Z. Great difficulties have apparently been experienced and much time is lost before a passport can be obtained from the Passport Department of India. Also it was brought to the notice of the delegates that the applicants were asked to subscribe to loans of the Government of India before they were granted their passports.

This request was fully discussed and it was decided to write to the Government of India on this question with full evidence which is to be produced by the Country Section Branch.

4. It was recommended by the Wellington Branch to alter the wording to "other Indians of N.Z." instead of "Non members" in the address directory to be published by the Association. The majority favoured this recommendation.

It was also decided that the branches who have not submitted their lists to date should be given another six months' time and if they do not forward their lists within that time the Secretary shall proceed with the publishing of the Directory without them. Also, it was pointed out that if a husband is a member of the Association, the wife, if not a member, should not be listed as "other Indians in N.Z."

5. Discussion took place on the proposed Constitution of the Association. Mr. L. N. Patel explained the rules one by one and any recommendation, alteration or opposition raised by the delegates were fully discussed.

The first rule was very widely discussed and finally it was passed by 22 to 20 votes to alter the name of the Association to "The New Zealand Indian Association (Inc.)" This resulted in a deadlock, as International Law requires two-thirds majority to alter such rules. After an appeal by the President to overcome this deadlock, those in favour of altering the name withdrew their votes, and it was passed unanimously to retain the name of the Association as "The New Zealand Indian Central Association Incorporated."

As it was constituted by rule 18 that a branch was entitled to be represented at any meeting of the Association by a number not exceeding 10 per cent. of its financial membership but not more than seven members, some delegates suggested to alter the subscription fee accordingly and proposed that the subscription fee to the Central Association should be 10 per cent. of branch's subscription, but not more than £5. The majority voted against this proposal and retained the 10 per cent. subscription fee.

Besides these two rules a few points were raised by the delegates which were duly clarified by Mr. L. N. Patel.

At the end of the discussion it was resolved that the new Constitution, which included alterations, amendments and additions, be adopted as read and the Secretary was asked to file it at the Registration Office of the Incorporated Societies.

6. A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. L. N. Patel, who had done a great task in drafting the Constitution and thus rendering honourable service to the community.

The copies of our funeral service provided by the Wellington Branch were distributed to the branches.

The Pukekohe Indian Association extended an invitation to hold the Annual Conference next year at Pukekohe during the Easter Holidays. This was thankfully accepted.

All the delegates and the visitors were entertained by a wonderful programme arranged by Mr. Ramesh and his party and also by the showing of the film "Dil Apna Aur Preet Parai" under the auspices of the Auckland Indian Association.

All the branches thanked the Auckland Indian Association for the hospitality and the entertainment they received from that branch.

The Conference concluded at 11.30 p.m. on 22nd April with the singing of the National Anthem "Jan Gan Man".

All communications to be addressed to
The General Secretary,
The N.Z. Indian Central Association (Inc.),
G.P.O., Box 1941, Wellington.

ADDRESSES OF ALL THE BRANCHES

The Secretary,
Auckland Indian Association,
57 Williamson Ave.,
Grey Lynn,
Auckland.

The Secretary,
Wellington Indian Association,
Bharat Bhavan,"
90 Tasman St.,
Wellington.

The Secretary,
Manawatu and Hawke's Bay
Indian Association,
79 The Square,
Palmerston North.

The Secretary,
Christchurch Indian Association
122 Ferry Road,
Christchurch.

The Secretary,
Taranaki Indian Association,
63 Egmont Street,
Patea.

Mr. Ravji Uka,
The Secretary,
Pukekohe Indian Association,
Union Road,
No. 3 R.D.,
Pukekohe.

The Secretary,
Waikato Indian Association,
Parawera Store,
Parawera
via Te Awamutu.

The Secretary,
Bay of Plenty (Rotorua) Indian
Association,
P.O. Box 294,
Rotorua.

Mr. Harbans Singh Basi,
Secretary,
Country Section Indian Asso-
ciation,
R.D. No. 6,
Otorohanga.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

CREDIT		DEBIT	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Last year's Balance in Bank of N.Z.	137 0 0	General Secretary's last year's owing	1 1 3
Last year's Balance in P.O. Savings Bank	446 8 11	Printing of Annual Reports	26 10 0
Affiliation Fees—		Exchange on Cheques	0 1 6
Christchurch, 1959-60, 1960-61	4 0 0	40 Copies of Rules for 1961 Conference	7 16 6
Taranaki, 1957-58, 1958-59, 1959-60	6 0 0	Rent—Post Box, 1961-62 and 1962-63	5 0 0
Pukekohe, 1959-60 and 1960-61	13 0 0	Postal Stamps, Posting Annual Reports and Registered Letters	3 2 0
Rotorua:		Toll Calls to President	1 4 9
1957-58	3 10 0	Sympathy Telegram to Lady Holland	0 6 8
1958-59	3 15 0	Sympathy Telegram to Rt. Hon. Mr Nash	0 6 8
1959-60	4 0 0	Mahatma Gandhi Prize	5 0 6
1960-61	3 15 0	£5 0 0 Prize	
	15 0 0	£0 0 6 Exchange	
Country Section, 1960-61	6 10 0	Registrar—Incorporated Societies:	
Wellington, 1960-61	25 12 0	Filing Fee of our Financial State- ments for 1957-58, 58-59, 59-60 and 60-61	1 0 0
Interest on Current Account	4 8 4	Poundage for Postal Note	0 0 5
Interest on P.O.S. Account for 1960-61 and 1961-62	27 3 0	Papers for printing 80 copies of Rules, President's Report, etc., for Confer- ence	2 14 7
		Stencil Papers for the above	1 0 0
		Telegrams to two Branches—Re: Repre- sentation at Meeting	0 4 7
			55 9 5
		Balance in Bank of N.Z.	156 0 11
		Balance in P.O. Bank	473 11 11
			Total £685 2 3
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Results of the General Elections in Indian this year.

LOK SABHA
(House of the People)

Congress	343	
Communists	29	
Swatantra	18	
Jan Sangh	14	
Independent and other Parties	68	
		Results Declared 472
		Total Seats 494

STATE ASSEMBLIES

	Congress	Communists	Hindu Mahasabha	D.M.F.	Swatantra	Jan Sangh	P.S.F.	Utkhand	Forward Block	Independent and Other Parties	Peasants and Workers' Party	Praja Parishad	Akali Dal	Socialists	Postponed	Not Declared	Total	
Andhra	176	51	—	—	19	—	—	—	—	53	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	300
Assam	79	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	105
Bihar	185	12	—	—	50	—	29	20	—	22	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	318
West Bengal	157	50	—	—	—	—	3	—	13	27	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	252
Gujarat	113	—	—	—	26	—	7	—	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	154
Madras	138	2	—	50	6	—	—	—	—	9	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	206
Mysore	138	3	—	—	9	—	—	—	—	37	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	208
Madhya Pradesh	142	1	6	—	—	41	33	—	—	65	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	238
Maharashtra	213	6	—	—	—	—	9	—	—	20	15	—	—	—	—	1	—	264
Punjab	90	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	34	—	—	19	—	—	—	—	154
Rajasthan	88	5	—	—	36	15	—	—	—	32	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	176
Uttar Pradesh	248	14	—	—	15	48	38	—	—	41	—	—	—	24	2	—	—	430
Jammu and Kashmir	57	(National Conference)				—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	17	75

Fresh elections in Kerala and Orissa will not become due until 1965 and 1966 as they had mid-term elections in 1960 and 1961 respectively.

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