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## NEW ZEALAND INDIAN CENTRAL ASSOCIATION (Inc)

The Annual Conference of the New Zealand Indian Central Association was held at Christchurch on the 12th and 13th April, 1952.

Excellent accommodation and meals were provided by the Christchurch Indian Association. As this Association has so few in members the hospitality given to the delegates was a credit to the community.

Delegates from all branches were present including a representative from the Waikato branch, after an absence of two years.

The Conference was opened at 10 a.m. on the 12th April with a welcome speech by the Swagat President, Mr. Jaga Gopal.

Copies of the General Secretary's Annual Report were distributed to all Delegates for perusal and study.

In the absence of the President, Mr. Inder Singh Radhawa, the Vice-President, Mr. Unka K. Dhanji, presided and two minutes' silence was observed in respect to all deceased members of the Commonwealth.

The following Delegates were in attendance together with a number of the local Indian community.

### AUCKLAND

Mr. Devji Patel  
Mr. Morari Soma  
Mr. Magan Bhika  
Mr. Lalu Nathu

### CHRISTCHURCH

Mr. Daji Manga  
Mr. Ismail M. Kara

### PUKEKOHE

Mr. U. Chhiba  
Mr. M. Master

### WELLINGTON

Mr. J. G. Nager  
Mr. Dullabh Madhav  
Mr. Ravji Hira  
Mr. Dahya Parag  
Mr. Lakhu Vasanji

Mr. B. S. Jhooty  
Mr. Hari Dahya

### COUNTRY SECTION

Mr. Piara Singh  
Mr. H. S. Radhawa  
Mr. G. S. Belling  
Mr. Phuman Singh

### MANAWATU

Mr. H. Naran  
Mr. G. Jhala

### WAIKATO

Mr. Chhima Vallabh

### ROTORUA

Mr. Unka Kanji  
Mr. Chhima Dubha  
Mr. Vallabh Bhana

The Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting also the correspondence which was handled during the year. The financial report of the secretary-treasurer, audited by Mr. Ravji Hira was approved.

The report of the activities achieved during the year are as follows:—

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## Annual Report (1951-52) of the New Zealand Indian Central Association

Presented by the Secretary Mr. J. G. Nager.

A great many advents have taken place since we last met at the Annual Conference in Wellington last year. There has been sorrows and rejoicings.

Early in the year we had the honour of entertaining the Captain, Officers and men of the "Rajput"—first warship of the Indian Navy to visit New Zealand since India obtained its freedom—and many other visitors from India have been met and entertained during the year.

Then we had our sorrows: one came as a shock to all Indians throughout New Zealand of Mrs. Sanyal our Trade Commissioner's wife, loved by all, as she endeared herself to all members of the Indian community and was one of India's greatest workers, in as much to right wrong views peoples of other lands have held of India, our Mother country, we indeed owe a lot to this woman, who devoted her life's work to make better understanding between India and the many countries of the world. A wreath in the shape of India and made with the colours of the Indian Flag was sent by the Central Association.

Again we had sad news of our King's (George VI) death, it shook the Nation and the whole Commonwealth of Nations was plunged into deep sorrow. A message of sympathy was cabled to the Queen by the Central Association.

A cable was sent from this Association to Mr. Manilal Gandhi on 4th April, 1952, of good wishes, in his effort to fight Racial Discrimination in South Africa.

A great disaster struck Fiji early this year, making many people homeless and bringing on a shortage of food.

India's people who are entitled to vote made another stepping stone in the history of India this year, by returning to power the Congress Party with large majority. A cable of congratulations was sent from Central Association.

An executive meeting was held on 21st October, 1951, at Taumarunui, to discuss the following items:—Eighteen months'

permits, N.Z. born child, results of the resolutions past in last Conference (up to October), and secretary's resignation.

A further meeting was held at my residence, 100 Freyberg Street, Lyall Bay, in the presence of Mr. Ravji Hira, Mr. L. N. Patel (Advisor), Mr. B. Singh, Mr. Laxmipathy and Mr. J. G. Nager (first week in January).

~~On February 17, 1952,~~ a letter of resignation was received from the President, Mr. Inder Singh Radhawa, on account of his leaving New Zealand for India.

There has been appointed High Commissioner of India to New Zealand His Excellency K. S. Duleep Sinhji, and it is understood that His Excellency will be accompanied by Kaorani Duleep Sinhji, will be at Christchurch during the Easter holidays. An invitation to attend the Conference was air-mailed to Australia, and through unavoidable circumstances was declined by His Excellency, also an invitation to attend was sent to the Trade Commissioner, Mr. Sanyal and was accepted.

### LAST YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

**1. Race Discrimination, South Africa.**—A letter of sympathy was sent to the Secretary of the South African Indian Congress Party regarding unjust racial discrimination policy by the South African Government.

**2. Late Mr. Sardar Vallabh Patel.**—The memory of the late Sardar Vallabh Patel has been recorded in the minute book of the New Zealand Indian Central Association.

**3. Mr. Harman Singh, Cream Test.**—Satisfactory arrangements have been made with the dairy factory.

**4. Remittance, Wife and Family.**—Successful arrangements have been made with the Reserve Bank £55/0/0 per quarter for wife, and £5/0/0 per quarter for each child up to four children to be remitted to India.

**5. N.Z.I.C.A. Post Box.**—We have obtained a Post Box at General Post Office, Wellington (1941), all correspondence should be addressed to G.P.O. Box 1941.

**6. Savings Bank Account.**—Central Association has opened a Savings Bank account at Kilbirnie Post Office, Wellington.

**7. Accommodation in Sydney.**—The Trade Commissioner, Mr. Sanyal, has advised that intending travellers to India who need accommodation in Sydney can write to his office, five weeks before departure from New Zealand.

**8. Registration, N.Z.I.C.A.**—A renewal of registration has been made for N.Z.I.C.A. and has been accepted by the Registrar of Incorporated Societies.

**9. Yearly List and Annual Report.**—The secretary has requested all branches to send a yearly list of members and Annual Report. This has been neglected by some branches, we desire you to rectify this in the near future.

**10.** A decision was made to abolish October 2nd as a holiday.

**11. Mr. L. N. Patel, Citizenship.**—Mr. Patel on returning to Auckland was to receive a telegram from the Minister, and forward the results to us but we have heard no more of the case.

**12. Subscription Fee, 20%-10%.**—All branches are paying 10% now.

**13. The N.Z.I.C.A. Conference.**—To be held at the Easter Holidays. This was published in last year's Annual Report.

**14. Longer Travelling Permits.**—This resolution has been a difficult one and will take time to right. It has been essential to take it to higher hands in the person of Dr. O. C. Mazengarb, Q.C., on whose legal advice we are relying for a satisfactory result.

**15. N.Z. Born Child.** The committee decided to leave this resolution at present as we fear antagonism in this respect may add difficulties to the longer travelling permits problem.

**Thanks.**—I wish to thank all members of the Executive and others for their help in the past year, to enable me to carry out my duties; also I take this opportunity to thank all Indians throughout New Zealand who assisted in the good work of the organisation known as CORSO.

J. G. NAGER, Secretary.

The resolution was passed unanimously by the delegates that a vote of thanks be given to the officers for their services during the year 1951-1952 for the excellent work in the interests of this Association.

The following new officers were then elected:

**President:** Mr. Unka Dhanji (Rotorua).

**Vice-President:** Mr. Devji Kanji (Auckland).

**General Secretary:** Mr. J. G. Nager (Wellington)

**Assistant Secretary:** Mr. H. S. Radhawa (Country Section).

**Auditor:** Mr. Ravji Hira (Wellington).

**CORSO Representative.** Mr. B. S. Jhooty (Wellington)

**Committee:** Mr. Morari Soma, Mr. Magan Bhikha, Mr. Lalu Nathu (Auckland), Mr. Piara Singh, Mr. Phuman Singh (Country Section), Mr. Jaga Gopal (Christchurch), Mr. H. Naran (Manawatu), Mr. Chhima Dubha, Mr. Vallabh Bhana (Rotorua), Mr. Unka Chhiba (Pukekohe), Mr. Dahya Parag, Mr. B. S. Jhooty, Mr. Hari Dahya (Wellington), Mr. Parbhu Dahya (Waikato).

### NEW RESOLUTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

1. To make inquiries at Customs Department in the case of minor children entering New Zealand after losing their mother.

2. To write a letter to the Immigration Department concerning unnecessary delay in granting a permit.

3. All Branch Secretarys should send a list of their members and also Annual Report of their Association, to the Central Association General Secretary, by September.

4. All Branches should pay their Subscription Fee to the Central Association by end of December.

5. In future the Central Association books will be closed for further entries at the end of February each year.

6. Approach the Indian High Commissioner in Canberra regarding the delay of issuing passports in Punjab Province to New Zealand Indian Community.

7. To interview the manager of Coker's Hotel in Christchurch for refusing to serve any Indians with liquor. If no satisfaction gained with the manager further steps to be taken.

8. Registration of Rotorua Rules was accepted by the Association on condition that all nationalities other than Indians be ordered. The Rotorua Delegates agreed to this.

9. The sum of £20/0/0 was allowed to the Secretary instead of as stated in the Central Association Rules (Rule 29 Par. F.).

10. An invitation by the Auckland Association for next year's Conference to take place in Auckland was accepted.

11. Resolutions 14 and 15 of last year were renewed. If a Deputation or a Petition is to be presented to Parliament for longer travelling permits, and N.Z.-born child, the following Committee was elected headed by Dr. Sataynand:—Messrs. Unka K. Dhanji, J. G. Nager, Devji Kanji, B. S. Jhooty, Ravji Hira, L. N. Patel, Phuman Singh, J. K. Natali, Banta R. Singh. X

A letter of good wishes for a successful Conference was received and presented from CORSO.

The President, Mr. Bhana Vallabh, of Christchurch Association entertained all the delegates for afternoon tea on Saturday 12th.

India's five-year plan was briefly outlined by the Trade Commissioner Mr. B. K. Sanyal, such as: Hydro Electricity, Irrigation, Increased Jute Production, Agricultural Expansion, Increase in Factories, Etc.

Four Fijian Indians were present and Mr. Premashver outlined relations with Fijians and the latest disaster in Fiji. He thanked the New Zealand Indian Community for their generous donations in their time of need. He said that the Indians and Fijians worked together as brothers.

As the Conference came to a close the President, Mr. Unka K. Dhanji expressed his gratitude to the Delegates for their co-operation and help in bringing this gathering to a successful conclusion. He also thanked the members of the Christchurch Branch for their kind hospitality and commendable manner in which they had taken care of the Delegates.

Indian National Anthem was sung "Jan Man Gun."

The Trade Commissioner, Mr. B. K. Sanyal, has requested that all branches send him a list of Storekeepers, Tobacconists or any business people of the Indian Community interested in selling Indian cigarettes.

# THE NEW ZEALAND INDIAN CENTRAL ASSOCIATION (Inc)

## SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Date	STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS	£	s.	d.	Date	STATEMENT OF DEBIT	£	s.	d.
3/2/51	Balance in Bank of New Zealand	338	8	2	14/2/51	Expenses for "Rajput Reception	14	3	11
20/3/51	Country section memb. fee 50-51	9	0	0	7/3/51	Bank Fee	5	0	0
3/5/51	Christchurch members' fee 50	12	0	0	20/3/51	Exchange Country Cheque	8	0	0
27/8/51	Wellington members' fee 50-51	38	0	0	20/3/51	1½d. Stamps	8	0	0
28/1/52	Manawatu members' fee 50	3	5	6	20/3/51	2d. Stamps	3	5	0
31/3/52	Waikato members's fee 50-51	10	0	0	20/3/51	Four N.Z.I.C. Association Pads	1	7	6
27/8/51	Christchurch Bihar Fund	12	0	0	20/3/51	200 Envelopes N.Z.I.C.A.	1	0	6
7/12/51	Country Section Corso Fund	5	0	6	6/4/51	Cable Manilal Gandhi	1	0	6
7/12/51	Rotorua Corso Fund	5	0	6	7/4/51	Post. Annual Reports to Branches	7	10	0
7/12/51	Wellington Corso Fund	15	0	0	17/4/51	12 Books of Rules N.Z.I.C.A.	3	5	6
28/1/52	Auckland Corso Fund	15	0	6	3/5/51	Postages Rules to all Branches	12	0	0
28/1/52	Christchurch Corso Fund	2	10	6	14/5/51	300 Annual Reports (Printing)	5	6	0
28/1/52	Manawatu Corso Fund	2	10	0	5/6/51	Exchange Christchurch Cheque	2	3	0
30/1/52	Pukekohe Corso Fund	5	0	0	10/6/51	Exchange Christchurch Cheque	1	7	1
1/4/52	P.O. Savings Bank A/c. Interest	6	3	7	10/6/51	Pukekohe Wedding Congratulation telegram	8	0	0
					1/8/51	Stamps	19	6	0
					27/8/51	Toll President (18-mths. Permit)	1	0	0
					28/8/51	Exchange Christchurch Cheque	1	7	1
					28/8/51	Airmail Letter to Indian Govt.	1	7	1
					28/8/51	Six Months P.O. Box Rental	1	7	1
					20/9/51	Bank Fee	8	8	0
					1/10/51	Wreath (late Mrs. Sanyal)	6	0	0
					1/10/51	Sympathy Telegram (Mr. Sanyal)	6	0	0

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1/10/51 Toll to Pres. (Mrs. Sanyal, death)	1 0 0
1/10/51 Bereavement telegrams, branches	1 2 7
8/10/51 Telegram Pres., Comte. Meeting	4 6
28/1/52 Exchange on Auckland, Manawatu Christchurch cheques	1 6
26/1/52 Congrat. Cable India's Republic Day	1 6 0
4/2/52 Mr. Sanyal's Corso Appeal (sent to Corso)	50 0 0
7/2/52 Bereavement Cable to Queen Elizabeth (King's death)	2 17 0
22 2 52 Trophy Cup Presentation Fiji Athletic Club	9 5 6
26 2 52 Congrat. Cable Mr. Nehru (Re- taining Power)	2 3 0
3 3 52 Bank Fee	5 0
17 3 52 Ptg. 200 N.Z.I.C.A. Envelopes	1 15 0
25 3 52 G.P.O. Box Rental 12 months (31/3/53)	2 10 0
28/3/52 20 Immigration Regulation and Amendments Books	1 8 5
1/4/52 Lawyers Fee for Registration As- sociation Incorporated	4 3 6
2/4/52 Ptg. Secreeary's Annual Report	1 15 6
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Balance in P.O.S.B.	290 9 1
Balance in Bank of N.Z.	80 11 9
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