

GENERAL REPORT
OF
N. Z. CENTRAL
INDIAN ASSOC.
HELD IN
ROTORUA
21ST – 22ND JAN 1950

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GENERAL

THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE N. Z. INDIAN CENTRAL ASSOCIATION WAS HELD AT ROTORUA ON THE 21 ST AND 22ND OF JANUARY, 1950.

DELEGATES FROM ALL PARTS OF NEW ZEALAND (EXCEPT CHRISTCHURCH) WERE PRESENT IN FULL FORCE. MEMBERS OF THE ROTORUA BRANCH WERE HOSTS AND PROVIDED DELICIOUS MEALS AND COMFORTABLE SLEEPING QUARTERS FOR THE GUESTS. GREAT CREDIT IS DUE TO THIS EFFICIENT BRANCH AND WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY OF RECORDING OUR APPRECIATION.
WELL DONE ROTORUA !

THE MEETING WAS TO BE COMMENCED AT 2P.M. ON THE 21ST BUT AS THE DELEGATES FROM VARIOUS BRANCHES WERE DELAYED AND AFTER CONSULTING THE MEMBERS PRESENT IT WAS FELT THAT THE MEETING SHOULD BE POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT MORNING. MEANWHILE COPIES OF THE PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT WERE DISTRIBUTED AMONGST THE DELEGATES FOR THEIR PERUSAL AND STUDY.

AFTER PARTAKING MEALS OF DELICIOUS INDIAN DISHES DELEGATES WERE CONVEYED BY MESSRS. KADAR MIA AND MR. P. PATEL TO MOUREA PA, SEVEN MILES FROM ROTORUA, WHERE THE SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE FOR THE DELEGATES. .

ON ARRIVAL THE DELEGATES WERE WELCOMED BY THE MAORI CHIEF OF THE PA IN A TRADITIONAL MAORI MANNER FIRST IN MAORI AND THEN IN ENGLISH, SAYING HOW PLEASED HE AND HIS TRIBE WERE TO RECEIVE THE INDIAN PEOPLE AND ASKED US TO MAKE OURSELVES AT HOMES, ADDING THAT HE AND HIS TRIBE WERE AT OUR SERVICE TOGETHER WITH ALL HUMBLE AMENITIES OF HIS PA AT OUR DISPOSAL. INDEED HE WAS SORRY THAT HE WAS NOT ABLE TO ARRANGE ANY ENTERTAINMENT FOR US AT SUCH A SHORT NOTICE BUT HE WOULD BE PLEASED TO ARRANGE FOR A MAORI CONCERT PARTY IF WE DECIDED TO SPEND ANOTHER NIGHT IN THE PA.

ON BEHALF OF THE DELEGATES MR. J. K. NATALI THANKED THE CHIEF AND HIS TRIBE FOR HIS KIND WORDS AND A VERY WARM WELCOME AND SAID INDIANS ALWAYS CONSIDERED MAORIS AS THEIR KINSMEN. HE ALSO CONGRATULATED THEM FOR HAVING SUCH A FINE PA WITH ITS CLEAN AND PLEASANT SURROUNDINGS. KIA ORA. MOUREA PA!

AFTER THAT THE DELEGATES WERE ENTERTAINED WITH SONGS TO THE ACCOMPANIMENT OF AN HARMONIUM AND 'TABLAS' BY THE TALENTED MEMBERS OF THE ROTORUA BRANCH. THE ENTERTAINMENT WHICH LASTED TILL 12 P.M. WAS HIGHLY APPRECIATED AND APPROVED BY FREQUENT APPLAUSE FROM THE GUESTS.

NEXT MORNING THE GUESTS WERE TAKEN TO THE ROTORUA GARDENS "TO EAT THE AIR," AND WASH THEIR 'SIN' IN "UNAI-MATA", THERMAL WATERS OF THE ROTORUA BATHS!

AFTER BREAKFAST THE DELEGATES GATHERED IN "REGENT HALL" AT 9A.M. AFTER A WELCOME SONG BY ROTORUA "JAWANS" AND AN ADDRESS OF WELCOME BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE RECEPTION COMMITTEE OF ROTORUA BRANCH MR. KADAR MIA, THE CONFERENCE WAS DULY DECLARED OPEN BY THE PRESIDENT MR. J. K. NATALI FOR ITS DELIBERATIONS AFTER RAISING THE NATIONAL FLAG. NATIONAL ANTHEM "JAN-MAN-GAN" WAS SUNG. TWO MINUTES SILENCE WAS OBSERVED IN MEMORY OF THE DEPARTED INDIAN LEADERS AND MEMBERS OF

THE INDIAN COMMUNITY IN NEW ZEALAND.

DELEGATES PRESENT

FOLLOWING DELEGATES WERE PRESENT TOGETHER WITH A LARGE NUMBER OF THE LOCAL MEMBERS OF THE INDIAN COMMUNITY.

AUCKLAND

MR. DEVJI-PATEL
MR. J. K. NATALI
MR. MORARBHAJ PATEL
MR. PRABHUBHAI PATEL
MR. MAGANBHAI BHIKHABHAI
MR. GANDABHAI HIRABHAI
MR. FAKIRBHAI UNKABHAI
MR. LALBHAI NATHUE3HAI
MR. BUDHHIABHAI GOPALBHAI
MR. DAJIBHAI LALABHAI

WELLINGTON

MR. LAKHUBHAI VASANJI
MR. RAVJIBHAI HIRABHAI
MR. RANCHHODBHAI GOVINDJI
MR. RANCHHODBHAI RAMABHAI
MR. LALBHAI MORARBHAI
MR. BALDEV SINGH JHOOTY
MR. CHANDULAL MAVJIBHAI

COUNTRY SECTION

MR. INDER SINGH RADHAWAⁱ
MR. HARBAN SINCH RADHAWAⁱⁱ
MR. GURDEV SINGH
MR. BHAGAT SINGH
MR. CHAMMAN SINGH
MR. HARI SINGH
MR. KALVAND SINGH
MR. DALIP SINGH

WAIKATO

MR. RANCHHODBHAI SUKHABHAI
MR. PARBHUBHAI DAHYABHAI

PUKEKOHE

MR. RAVJIBHAI CHHANABHAI
MR. KESHABHAI PARSOTAM
MR. DAHYABHAI CHHIBABHAI

ROTORUA

MR. MANGABHAI
MR. VALLABHAI BHANABHAI
MR. UNKABHAI KANJIBHAI

MANAWATU

MR. PRASHUDHAJ PATEL (SAMAPORIA)
MR. HARIBHAI

CHRISTCHURCH

NO DELEGATES.

THE PRESIDENT MR. J. K. NATALI READ AN ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATION OUTLINING VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE INDIAN COMMUNITY'S STANDING IN THIS COUNTRY, EMPHASISING ON DUTY AND LOYALTY TO THIS COUNTRY OF OUR ADOPTION AND ALSO MENTIONED ACTIVITIES OF THE EXECUTIVE DURING THE PAST TWELVE MONTHS.

THE SECRETARY MR. M. PATEL READ THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING TOGETHER WITH INWARD AND OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE WHICH WERE ADOPTED ON THE MOTION OF MR. P. PATEL (AUCKLAND), SECONDED BY MR. MAGANLAL BHIKHABHAI (AUCKLAND).

FINANCIAL REPORT OF SECRETARY-TREASURER AS AUDITED BY MR. RAVJIBHAI HIRASHAI WAS ALSO APPROVED ON THE MOTION OF MR. LALBHAI PATEL (AUCKLAND) AND SECONDED BY MR. INDER SINGH RADHAWAⁱⁱⁱ (COUNTRY SECTION)

A RESOLUTION MOVED BY MR. LALBHAI PATEL (AUCKLAND) AND SECONDED BY MR. LAKHUBHAI VASANJI (WELLINGTON) THAT THIS CONFERENCE THANKS THE OFFICERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION FOR 1948/1949 FOR THEIR EXCELLENT AND UNSELFISH WORK IN THE INTEREST OF THE ASSOCIATION WAS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

AFTER LENGTHY DISCUSSION ON THE PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT, IT WAS APPROVED AND ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY ON THE MOTION OF MR. DEVJI PATEL (AUCKLAND) SECONDED BY MR. VALLABHBHAI BHANDABHAI (ROTORUA).

AFTER THIS MEETING WAS ADJOURNED FOR LUNCH UNTIL 2 P.M. AGAIN DELEGATES HAD FURTHER TASTE OF ROTORUA'S HOSPITALITY.

LADDUS, DALS, PURIS AND TASTY CURRIED DISHES WERE MET WITH GENERAL APPROVAL AND FULL JUSTICE WAS GIVEN TO THEM.

MEETING RESUMED AT 2 P.M.

NOMINATIONS WERE CALLED FOR THE NEW EXECUTIVE AND THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR WERE ELECTED UNOPPOSED.

<u>PRESIDENT</u>	MR. J. K. NATALI, AUCKLAND (SECOND TERM) NOMINATED BY MR. P. PATEL (AUCKLAND) SUPPORTED BY MR. P. DAHYABHAI (WAIKATO)
<u>VICE PRESIDENT</u>	MR. DEVJI PATEL, AUCKLAND, NOMINATED BY MR. INDER SINGH RADHAWA ^{iv} (COUNTRY SECTION) SUPPORTED BY MR. FAKIRBHAI UNKABHAI (AUCKLAND)
<u>SECRETARY-TREASURER</u>	MR. P. PATEL, AUCKLAND, NOMINATED BY MR. DAHYABHAI (PUKEKOHE) SUPPORTED BY MR. HARIBHAI (MANAWATU)
<u>ASSISTANT-SECRETARY</u>	MR. HARBAN SINGH RADHAWA ^v , COUNTRY SECTION, NOMINATED BY MR. B. JHOOTY (WELLINGTON) SUPPORTED BY MR. M. PATEL (AUCKLAND)
<u>AUDITOR</u>	MR. RAVJIBHAI HIRABHAI, WELLINGTON, NOMINATED BY MR. RAVJIBHAI (PUKEKOHE) SUPPORTED BY MR. VALLABHBHAI BHANABHAI (ROTORUA).

ELECTED MEMBERS

FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE ELECTED TO THE COMMITTEE:-

MR. MAGANBHAI BHIKHABHAI (AUCKLAND)
 MR. RAVJIBHAI CHHANABHAI (PUKEKOHE)
 MR. PARSHOTBHAI KESABHAI (PUKEKOHE)
 MR. HARIBHAI NARANBHAI (MANAWATU)
 MR. PARBHUBHAI & DAHYABHAI (WAIKATO)
 MR. UNKABHAI KANJIBHAI (ROTORUA)
 MR. PUMAN SINGH (COUNTRY SECTION)
 MR. INDER SINGH (COUNTRY SECTION)
 MR. RANCHHODBHAI GOVINDBHAI (WELLINGTON)
 MR. RANCHHODBHAI RAMBHAI (WELLINGTON)

IT WAS ALSO DECIDED TO INVITE CHRISTCHURCH TO NOMINATE A MEMBER OF THEIR ASSOCIATION TO THE ABOVE COMMITTEE.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

1. “THE N. Z. CENTRAL INDIAN ASSOCIATION NOTES WITH GREAT SATISFACTION THE FACT THAT INDIA IS TO BE A REPUBLIC ON THE 26TH JANUARY, 1950. THE INDIA HIGH COMMAND DESERVES GREAT CREDIT FOR THIS MASTERPIECE OF WORK TO PLACE INDIA POLITICALLY IN HER RIGHTFUL AND FITTING POSITION. THIS ASSOCIATION ALSO WELCOMES WHOLE-HEARTEDLY THE APPOINTMENT OF DR. RAJENDRA PRASAD AS THE FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA AND THE INDIAN COMMUNITY IN NEW ZEALAND WISHES HIM EVERY SUCCESS.

MOVED BY MR. INDER SINGH RADHAWA^{vi} AND SECONDED BY MESSRS. VASANJI AND MAGANLAL.

2. “THE N. Z. CENTRAL INDIAN ASSOCIATION HAVE THE PLEASURE OF VOICING THE APPRECIATION OF THE N. Z. INDIANS AT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA. THAT THIS ASSOCIATION OFFERS ITS HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PRESIDENT MR. SOEKARNO AND THE PRIME MINISTER MR. HATTA, FOR THEIR SINCERE EFFORTS OF SACRIFICIES IN THE DIRECTION OF THEIR PEOPLES FREEDOM WHICH RESULTED IN GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENT. THAT THIS ASSOCIATION FIRMLY BELIEVES THAT INDONESIA IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH INDIA WILL ADD MATERIALLY TO ENHANCE THE PEACE OF THE WORLD.”

MOVED BY MR. INDER SINGH AND SECONDED BY MR. VASANJI.

3. “THAT THE N. Z. CENTRAL INDIAN ASSOCIATION STRONGLY OBJECTS TO THE PROCEDURE OF ‘NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATES’, ISSUED TO THE INDIANS BEFORE THEIR DEPARTURE FROM INDIA BY THE WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF EMMIGRANTS, AND REQUESTS TO THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT THAT THIS PROCEDURE BE ABOLISHED AS FAR AS THE N.Z. INDIANS ARE CONCERNED.”

MOVED BY MR. UNKABHAI KANJIBHAI. AND SECONDED BY MR. KESHABHAI PARSOTAM.

4. "IT WAS ALSO SOLVED THAT THE RESOLUTION NO. 8 PASSED AT PUKEKOHE IN THE ASSOCIATION'S LAST ANNUAL MEETING REGARDING ACCOMODATION FOR INDIANS IN TRANSIT IN SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA, BE ACTED UPON AND THE SECRETARY WAS INSTRUCTED TO TAKE THIS MATTER UP WITH THAT HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR INDIA IN AUSTRALIA."

MOVED BY AUCKLAND, SECONDED BY PUKEKOHE AND ROTORUA.

5. "IT WAS ALSO DECIDED TO ABOLISH THE 15TH OF AUGUST THE "DOMINION DAY OF INDIA" AS A PUBLIC HOLIDAY AND DECLARE THE 26TH OF JANUARY, "REPUBLIC DAY OF INDIA" AS A PUBLIC HOLIDAY FOR INDIANS IN NEW ZEALAND.

MOVED BY MR. B. JHOOTY AND SECONDED BY MR. MAGANBHAI

6. "THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO ALL BRANCHES OF THIS ASSOCIATION TO TAKE SUITABLE STEPS TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL ELIGIBLE MEN OF OUR COMMUNITY, TO JOIN THE MILITARY SERVICE REQUIRED BY THE LAW AND THAT THIS ASSOCIATION ABSTAIN FROM TAKING ANY ACTION IN SUPPORT OF AN APPEAL ON BEHALF OF ANY INDIVIDUAL."

MOVED BY MR. B. JHOOTY AND SECONDED BY MR. LALBHAI PATEL.

7. "THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO ALL BRANCHES OF THIS ASSOCIATION THAT THEIR ANNUAL REPORTS IN ENGLISH (IF POSSIBLE) SHOULD BE CIRCULATED TO THE SECRETARIES OF EACH BRANCH DIRECT, SO THAT EACH BRANCH CAN BE CONVERSANT ABOUT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE REST."

MOVED BY MR. INDER SINGH AND SECONDED BY MR. B. JHOOTY.

THE QUESTION OF THE PLACE FOR THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING THEN CAME UP FOR DISCUSSION. ON BEHALF OF THE WELLINGTON INDIAN ASSOCIATION, MR. RAVJIBHAI EXTENDED AN INVITATION TO HOLD THE NEXT ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN THE CAPITAL CITY. THIS INVITATION WAS ACCEPTED WITH THANKS. TE ACTUAL DATES TO BE ARRANGED BY THE WELLINGTON BRANCH BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR.

AS THERE WAS NO OTHER IMPORTANT BUSINESS FORTHCOMING THE PRESIDENT MR. J. K. NATALI IN CLOSING THE MEETING EXPRESSED HIS GRATITUDE TO THE DELEGATES FOR THEIR CO-OPERATION AND HELP IN BRINGING THIS MEMORABLE GATHERING TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION. HE ALSO THANKED THE MEMBERS OF THE ROTORUA BRANCH FOR THEIR VERY ENJOYABLE HOSPITALITY AND IN A COMMENDABLE MANNER THEY HAVE LOOKED AFTER THE DELEGATES.

DELEGATES REPRESENTING VARIOUS BRANCHES ALSO EXPRESSED THEIR APPRECIATION OF THE ROTORUA BRANCH IN A VERY TOUCHING AND SINCERE MANNER.

MR. KADAR MIA, ON BEHALF OF THE ROTORUA BRANCH IN A SUITABLE REPLY SAID THAT "IT WAS A PLEASURE AND HONOUR FOR THEM TO SERVE THEIR COUNTRYMEN, AND WHATEVER THEY HAVE DONE IN THEIR HUMBLE WAY WAS THEIR DUTY TO DO SO! JAI HIND!" THIS SINCERE EXPRESSION WAS RECEIVED WITH LOUD APPLAUSE AND AFTER SINGING "FOR HE IS A JOLLY GOOD FELLOW" THE MEETING CAME TO AN END AT 6 P.M. THE RELISHING DINNER WAS SERVED AGAIN! IT WAS NOTHING BUT EATS AND DRINKS IN ROTORUA! MEMORIES OF ROTORUA'S HOSPITALITY WILL LINGER IN DELEGATES' MINDS FOR A LONG TIME. AFTER

DINNER MOST OF THE DELEGATES DEPARTED FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE DESTINATIONS. FOR THE CORRESPONDENCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE CENTRAL ASSOCIATION FOLLOWING ADDRESSES MAY BE USED FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.

PRESIDENT. MR. J. K. NATALI, 25 BAYVIEW ROAD, BROWNS BAY, AUCKLAND.

SECRETARY. MR. P. PATEL, GLEN EDEN, AUCKLAND.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1950INCOME

TO BALANCE	397.	3.	0.
CASH AT BANK			
SALE OF 4 COPIES PHOTOGRAPHS OF TE KUITI CONFERENCE 1948 SUBSCRIPTIONS	1.	0.	0.
ROTORUA BRANCH	6.	4.	0.
WAIKATO BRANCH	5.	8.	0.
 AUCKLAND BRANCH	17.	0.	0.
COUNTRY SECTION	5.	0.	0.
PUKEKOHE BRANCH	6.	0.	0.

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EXPENDITURE

BY PREVIOUS YEARS EXPENSES - PAID MR. U. G. NAGER	26.	5.	2.
CABLE TELEGRAM TO SOUTH AFRICA AND TO			
		13.	9.
INDONESIAN REP. AT NEW DELHI		14.	2.
MASSEY AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE FOR MEMORIAL PRIZE	5.	0.	0.
CABLEGRAM TO PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA ON THE OCCASION OF THE SAD DEATH OF MRS. NAIDU		14.	9.
JANBHUMI PRESS RE ADVERT.		14.	3.
POSTAGE AND TOLLS	1.	2.	10.
STATIONERY FOR REPORTS	8.	16.	4.
TELEGRAM TO THE LEADER OF NATIONAL PARTY		2.	4.
CABLEGRAM TO MR. NEHRU ON THE OCCASION OF BIRTHDAY		14.	9.
TELEGRAMS TO BRANCHES RE OBSERVANCE OF HOLIDAY		15.	8.
RELIEF FUND TO SOUTH AFRICA	101.	3.	2.
TOLL CALL TO WELLINGTON RE EXECUTIVE MEETING		11.	0.
POSTAGE		2.	8.
CABLEGRAM TO MR. NEHRU AT COLOMBO RE IMMIGRATION	1.	15.	1.
CABLEGRAM TO INDONESIAN PRESIDENT	1.	4.	0.
BALANCE	287.	5.	11.

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