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(Incorporated)



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AND

BALANCE SHEET



CONFERENCE

28th March, 1964, at Rotorua

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GENERAL

The 38th Annual Conference of The New Zealand Indian Central Association (Inc.) commenced at 10.30 a.m. on 28th March, 1964, in Market Garden’s Buildings, at Rotorua. Mr. Shivial Master, the President of Bay of Plenty branch, welcomed all the delegates in a most cordial manner and wished the meeting a great success. This was followed by Maori welcome by Guide Rangi and her party with Maori songs and dances arranged by Bay of Plenty branch.

Two minutes’ silence was observed by the assembly as a mark of respect to those patriots who sacrificed time and their lives in achieving and defending Independence for Mother India, and also in remembrance of those New Zealand Indians who passed away during the year.

Mr. Keshavhai, M.A.B.T., a teacher in a high school in Navsari, India, and also Mr. Taher from Assam, a student at Auckland University under Commonwealth scholarship, to whom invitations were extended by the President to attend the Conference were introduced by the President. Thanking the President for giving the opportunity of addressing the Conference, Mr. Keshavbhai outlined the aim of his visit to this country, which was to study the educational and social problems of the Indians in New Zealand. He also gave a brief report of the standard of education in India and suggested to establish a New Zealand educational foundation through which we can promote the standard of education in this country. Mr. Taher, who has come to New Zealand under a research work on Asian immigrants in N.Z., thanked the President for inviting him to the Conference. He gave some statistical figures on

Indian population in N.Z. and also suggested that we may review aims and objects of our Association so as to help our future generation.

Also, Mrs. Pharma from Rotorua, was introduced and allowed to address the Conference. She was the first Indian lady to address the Conference. She was going to approach the appropriate authority through her local Member of Parliament to make a change in the immigration policy to allow the nearest relative of a widow to come to New Zealand to look after her if she had no relatives in New Zealand. She asked for the assistance of the Association in this matter. She was suggested to bring forward her resolution through the local branch when the meeting opens for discussion or resolutions.

Secretary read the letter from Mr. Karam Singh, the Vice-President of the Association, who was unable to attend the conference due to his health. Mr. Karam Singh wished the meeting a great success.

DELEGATES PRESENT

The following delegates represented their respective branches:

AUCKLAND:

1. Mr. Parbhubhai K, Patel
2. Mr. Kantilal Bhagwanji Patel
3. Mr. Nanubhai Bhanabhai
3. Mr. Lalbhai Nathubhai Patel
4. Mr. Maganbhai Bhikhabhai
6. Mr. Dayal Kesry
7. Mr. Khushalbai Madhu
8. Mr. Moran Soma
9. Mr. Jaikishanbhai Bhagwanji
10. Mr. Vallabh Dahya

WELLINGTON:

1. Mr. Narshihbhai Vallabhbai
2. Mr. Chhaganbhai Ramjibhai
3. Mr. Amratbhai Dullabhbai
4. Mr. Ravjibhai Hirabhai
5. Mr. Ranchhodhai Ramabhai
6. Mr. Govindbhai Kanjibhai
7. Mr. Govindbhai Bhagabhai

WAIKATO:

1. Mr. Ramabhai Tjnkabhai
2. Mr. Maganbhai Parbhubhai
3. Mr. Bhanubhai Patel

4. Mr. Hirabhai Dahyabhai

PUKEKOE:

1. Mr. P. K. Chhiba
2. Mr. Morar Parsot
3. Mr. S. L. Singh
4. Mr. K. Parsot
5. Mr. Lakhu Unka

TARANAKI:

1. Mr. Jerambhai Govindbhai
2. Mr. Dhirubhai N. Patel

CHRISTCHURCH:

1. Mr. Hirabhai Gopaiji

COUNTRY SECTION:

1. Mr. Piaia Singh
2. Mr. Harbachan Singh
3. Mr. Sarwan Singh
4. Mr. Harban Singh Radhawa

ROTORUA:

1. Mr. S. B. Master
2. Mr. Ambu Ramji
3. Mr. Narsinhbhai Kesha

MANAWATU and HAWKES BAY:

1. Mr. Haribhai Naranbhai

Minutes of the last year's Conference were read by the Secretary. Actions taken on last year's

Resolutions and suggestions:

1. Further Aid to India: Only Wellington branch forwarded £759 14s. towards the further aid to India. Taranaki, Country Section and Auckland Branch gave the reports about the progress of the fund at their Centres. Other branches gave the reasons for not being able to carry out this resolution but assured they will try their best to raise the fund for further aid as resolved last year. With the exception of Pukekohe Branch the end of May was the time agreed by all branches to send the fund to the Central Association. Pukekohe, however, did not agree with the time limit, but assured to make every effort to raise the fund as resolved last year.
2. A letter was written to AIR INDIA RADIO as suggested, and their reply received, was read.
3. A letter written to Mr. Babubhai Vishwanath Bhatt was also read.
4. Mr. L. N. Patel informed that the clause 18 of our Constitution was redrafted and was sent to Incorporated Society for approval. No reply was received.
5. All the informations provided by the Country Sections in the case of Mr. JAGIRI SINGH was forwarded to Mr. L. N. Patel for consultation. Mr. Patel intimated that in all his experiences with Immigration Department, this was the first case where the application for re-entry permit was declined. Then Mr. Patel gave a brief account of the case of Mr. Jagiri Singh and suggested that a representation be made to the authority concerned.
6. DHYANCHAND TROPHY was donated to the New Zealand Indian Central Sports Organisation as resolved last year. A letter of acknowledgment from the Sports Organisation was received.
7. A letter from Mr. N. C. Patel of Singapore regarding the activities of Swami Premananda was read.

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Gentlemen,

Since long, it has been my sincere desire to find ways and means to mould Unity amongst members of our community. The task is not as easy as it could be preached, as it involves the feelings of minds and thoughts of fellow members. Let us remember that the difference of opinion on different subjects must not divide us altogether. One should be always patient enough to listen to reason of the subject and be

open to conviction. There are many other factors also play a part in the minds of fellow members. Majority of us are well able to stand on their feet, and feel well secured of their safety and future of their children and for a moment may think that the Unity of their Community is a last thing to be thought of. Ours is a small community, living distance apart (except three centres, Wellington, Pukekohe and Auckland). Let me remind you of, it is not the distance that divide us, it is the feelings and the lack of tendency to co-operate that divide us. May GOD help us to overcome such tendencies. In spite of such, we are prepared to stand together in time of crisis and have stood together and have proved worthy. If we only realise the reality of the march of time and the need of unity for the progress of community, we may be proving ourselves worthier. We have a great example before us, such as "Colombo Plan". Under the scheme of this plan, many western countries are helping Asian undeveloped and under-developed countries and spending several thousand pounds a year. Helping to install Industries and also providing ways and means to run them properly, until such time as our people are completely ready to bear the responsibility of running by themselves. Also educating and training young men to a higher standard of skill and knowledge by which these countries could benefit from. Is it not our duty to think in this direction? Has the time not come for us to think in such a way? From my point of view it is high time we think these subjects more seriously and also play our little part in this world.

Our effort on "Defence of India Fund" were much greater than many places. Proportionally our contribution is well above the ladder, perhaps it may be well on top, this of course, I do not intend to boast proudly of, yet let there be no doubt in any one's mind. The Indians of New Zealand have proved themselves by this contribution of how much they value the freedom of Mother India. During my recent visit to India, my personal circumstances had given me the opportunity, and I took your liberty to meet Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, and on behalf of our Association, presented to him the last draft of £7,721 stg. of the first collection of Defence of India Fund. During the course of my meeting with Prime Minister the following subjects were referred to:

First Indian settlers to New Zealand.

Present position of Indians in New Zealand.

Indian immigration to New Zealand.

Immigration laws of New Zealand and also colour bar situation; such of Australia also.

On behalf of all of you, I extended to him an invitation to visit New Zealand, which he gratefully acknowledged and said: "I would very much like to, but I do not know when."

Situation on the Northern border with China remains the same. Border dispute is still unsolved and our Jawans are guarding our territory, always vigilant to meet the attack. Political situation in India is not as clear as it looks from abroad.

Economic life of Indians in East Africa has been seriously effected by the recently gained Independence of those colonies. For them situation has taken a grave turn. Many families have already migrated back to India; some have gone to England and some are considering leaving these countries. Somehow, the Indians feel that their respect, safety and security are not fully guarded in new laws, therefore, this matter has been of grave concern to them.

In South Africa, the segregation act is taking its final shape and is also leaving a deep effect on the economic life of Indian people there. This is not a straight out murder, it is a long term slow poison,

even if it does not kill, it definitely cripples them. Comparing their situation with ours here, we are almost living in a paradise. No problems and no difficulties of life, yet we have not mastered the art of serving the Society or have achieved any unity.

Our annual work of this Association is given to you in detail, by reading of full correspondence of inwards and outwards, and full and frank discussion on any and every subject with all the necessary clarification from us. Our files and accounts are always open to any member whomsoever feels to check some important points. I am making these remarks specially to point out that the large sums of money which have been handled for the Defence of India Fund has been very carefully handled and not a slight error of mismanaging the affairs at all. I and my colleagues who share the responsibility with me have been completely sincere and loyal to the best of our consciousness. We always remained open to your inquiries and prepared to give clarification on any subject required.

Once again, I draw you attention to the subject of our young educated people, not showing any active interest in the activities of our community. If such things go on and on, then the future of this organisation is not as bright as it should be. The ideology of origin should survive or die is for all of us to consider.

I remain,
Your most humble servant,
D. KESREY

The President, Mr. Kesry, presented his report to the Conference. This was approved and adopted.

The work done by the President and the General Secretary for the last five years was highly appreciated by the delegates and a vote of thanks was accorded to all the outgoing officers who rendered their honorary service for the cause of the community.

When the Conference resumed in the evening after dinner, the Secretary called for temporary President to conduct the meeting of electing Officers as the President, Mr. Kesry, was temporarily indisposed. Mr. L. N. Patel was elected as a temporary President.

OFFICERS ELECTED

Following Officers were elected for the year 1964-65:

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

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

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

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

Auditor: Mr. Khushalbhai Madhu, 478 Richmond Road, Auckland.

Executive Committee: Messrs. L. N. Patel (Auckland), Ranchhod Rama (Wellington), P. K. Chhiba (Pukekohe), Rama Unka (Waikato), Jeram Govind (Taranaki), S. B. Master (Bay of Plenty), Sarwan Singh (Country Section), Haribhai Naran (Manawatu and Hawke's Bay), Hirabhai Gopal (Christchurch).

In the absence of Mr. Kesry, the Vice-President, Mr. Piara Singh conducted the affairs of the meeting.

RESOLUTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

1. A letter from Christian Medical 'College (N.Z. Council) written to Mr. L. N. Patel, the President of Auckland branch, asking for a donation to enable them to complete the work at Ludhiana Hospital, India, was read by the Secretary. Auckland branch forwarded this letter to the Central Association as they considered this matter be dealt with by the Central Association. After a fair discussion it was proposed to donate £100 towards this Medical College.
2. Secretary read the letter of the Auckland branch asking the Central Association to approach the Indian High Commissioner to waive the guarantees asked by the Reserve Bank of India before issuing of the passports to intending son-in-laws for their maintenance in New Zealand. An employment guarantee as well as financial guarantee of £150 is asked by the New Zealand Government in order that intending son-in-law would not be left in lurch if marriage did not take place and therefore same guarantees should not be asked by the Government of India. Secretary was asked to approach the High Commissioner for this matter.
3. An application from Mr. Babubhai Vishwanath Bhatt from India was received this year also by the Central Association appealing to sponsor him in order that he may come to New Zealand to render his service to the community as a teacher and as Brahmin. This application was declined again.
4. A letter from Mrs. Prabha Devi of Suva, Fiji, asking the Association to arrange tour for her in New Zealand where she intended to give Indian musical programmes. She was to bear the expense of her travel but she had to rely on the Association for accommodation. However, no branch was willing to accept responsibility to sponsor her and therefore decided to write to her that we could not help her in this matter.
5. The discussion took place on the details given by Mr. L.N. Patel about Jagiri Singh who has been refused to be granted re-entry permit. Finally, it was decided that a representation be made by the Association to either the Minister concerned or the Prime Minister. Mr. L. N. Patel expressed his desire to help in this case by drafting out memorandum. It was decided that the President, Vice-President, General Secretary, and L. N. Patel, to make up the deputation to attend the Minister.
6. Mrs. Pharma presented her case through her local branch asking Association to assist her in her approach to the appropriate authority to make a change in the immigration policy to allow the nearest

relative of a widow to come to New Zealand to look after her if she had no relatives in New Zealand. This case was widely discussed. Mr. L. N. Patel outlined the Immigration laws which would effect the situation and intimated that under the present laws there is no provision to look favourably on such cases. All the delegates unanimously agreed that the Association should not handle this case and Mrs. Pharma conduct this matter herself.

Taranaki branch extended an invitation to hold the next Annual Conference in Taranaki District during the Easter holidays. This was thankfully accepted.

All the branches represented thanked the Bay of Plenty (Rotorua) Indian Association for the hospitality and cordial welcome extended to them during their stay in Rotorua.

The Conference concluded at 11.30 p.m. on 28th March, 1964, with the singing of the National Anthem "Jan Gan Man".

ADDRESSES OF GENERAL SECRETARY AND ALL THE BRANCHES

All communications to be addressed to:

The General Secretary,
The N.Z. Indian Central Association (Inc.)
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ADDRESSES OF ALL THE BRANCHES

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Balmoral,
Auckland

The Secretary,
Pukekohe Indian Association,
P.O. Box 149,
Pukekohe.

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

The Secretary,
Wellington Indian Association,
Bharat Bhavan
90 Tasman Street,
Wellington.

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

Mr. Karam Singh
Secretary,
Country Section Indian Association
R.D. No. 3,
Te Awamutu.

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

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

The Secretary,
Christchurch Indian Association
122 Ferry Road
Christchurch.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1964**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

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CREDIT				DEBIT			
Last year's Balance in Bank of N.Z	142	5	10	Freedom from Hunger Fund to CORSO	15	0	0
Last year's Balance in P.O.S. Bank	487	15	9	Printing of Annual Report	29	17	6
Affiliation Fees:				Writing Pads	4	19	0
Manawatu (1962-63)	3	0	6	Directories	162	6	11
Christchurch (1961-62)	2	0	0	Dhyanchand Trophy			
Taranaki (1960-61, 61-62, 62-63)	7	0	0	Donated to N.Z. Indian Central Sports Organisation	25	0	0
Waikato (1958-59, 59-60, 60-61, 61-62, 62-63)	15	0	0	Engraving Trophy	0	12	6
Auckland				Mahatma Gandhi Prize	5	0	6
1961-62	31	18	0	To Massey college			
1962-63	38	14	0	Cheque Book	0	5	0
	70	12	0	Exchange on Cheques	0	5	0
Wellington (1962-63)	33	12	0	Cables to:			
Pukekohe (1962-63)	6	10	0	President of India 26 th January	1	6	3
Maori Education Foundation Fund:	15	0	0	Prime Minister, Mr. Nehru, re Health	2	14	11
Waikato				Telegrams to:			
Freedom from Hunger Fund:	15	0	0	Rt. Hon. Mr Holyoake re election	0	7	0
Country Section				Branches	0	5	3
Directory Account:				President	0	2	4
Christchurch	2	0	0	Registrar Incorporation Societies	0	2	6
Pukekohe	12	10	0	Financial Statement Filing Fee	0	5	0
Wellington	50	0	0	Poundage on Postal Note	0	0	3
Manawatu and Hawke's Bay	7	10	6	Stencils and Duplicating Papers	7	12	0
Second India's Defence Fund:				Postage			
Wellington	759	14	0	Annual Reports	0	9	8
Interest on Current Account	10	16	4	Directories	0	16	2
Rotorua Affiliation Fee	10	0	0	Postage Stamps	1	8	8
					258	16	5
				Balance in Bank of N.Z.	903	14	9
				Balance in P.O.S. Bank	487	15	9
Total	£1650	6	11	Total	£1650	6	11