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# NEW ZEALAND INDIAN CENTRAL ASSOCIATION (Inc.)

## GENERAL

The Annual Conference of the New Zealand Indian Central Association was held at Wellington on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> February, 1951.

All meals and sleeping accommodation were provided by the members of Wellington Association.

Delegates from all branches were present excepting Waikato Branch. The first meeting was opened at 2.30 p.m. on 3<sup>rd</sup> February with a welcome speech by Swagat President Mr. Sukhabhai Narainji.

Copies of the President's Annual Report were distributed among the delegates for perusal and Study.

The chair was then taken over by the President of the Central Indian Association and the Conference was duly declared open by the President, Mr. J. K. Natali. The Indian National Anthem, "Jan—man—gun," was sung and two minutes silence was observed in respect for India's departed leaders and members of the New Zealand Indian community.

Following delegates were in attendance, together with a large number of the local members of the Indian community:-

**DELEGATES PRESENT****WELLINGTON**

Mr. J. G. Nager  
Mr. Dullabh Madhav  
Mr. Ravji Hira  
Mr. Lala Bava  
Mr. Hari Dahya  
Mr. Ranchhod Bhikha  
Mr. Chandu Mavji  
Mr. Lakhu Vasanji  
Mr. Ranchhod Govind  
Mr. Ranchhod Rama

**COUNTRY SECTION**

Mr. Phuman Singh  
Mr. Inder Singh Radhawa<sup>i</sup>  
Mr. Harbans Singh Radhawa<sup>ii</sup>  
Mr. Piara Singh  
Mr. C. S. Dardi  
Mr. Jassa Singh  
Mr. Swarna Singh  
Mr. Sarup Singh  
Mr. Harnam Singh

**AUCKLAND**

Mr. Davji Kanji  
Mr. Magan Bhikha  
Mr. Morar Soma  
Mr. J. K. Natali  
Mr. Parbhu Patel  
Mr. Lallu Nathu

**PUKEKOHE**

Mr. R. C. Hari  
Mr. Kashav Parsot  
Mr. Dahya Chhiba

**ROTORUA**

Mr. Kadar Mia  
Mr. Jeram Bhana  
Mr. Dahya Ratanji  
Mr. Unka Kanji

**MANAWATU**

Mr. Chhima Patel  
Mr. Parbhu Jogi

**CHRISTCHURCH**

Mr. Ismail M. Kara  
Mr. Ranchhod Morar

**WAIKATO**

No delegates

The secretary, Mr. Parbhu Patel, read the minutes of the last meeting, also all the correspondence which was handled during the year.

The financial report of the secretary-treasurer, audited by Mr. Ravji Hira, was also approved.

The President, Mr. J. K. Natalie<sup>iii</sup>, read an annual report outlining various aspects of the activities of executives during the past year, also a reference was made to the passing of Mr. Sardar Vallabhai Patel and Mr. Fraser.

**NEW ZEALAND  
INDIAN CENTRAL ASSOCIATION**  
(Incorporated)

Annual Report (1950) of "The New Zealand Indian Central Association" as presented by the President to the Annual Conference held at Wellington on the 3rd February, 1951.

Dear Friends, —

On behalf of the Executive of "The New Zealand Indian Central Association," it gives me great pleasure to welcome you all to our Annual Conference in this Capital City.

Last year we joined with the people of this country in mourning the loss at the death of the Rt. Hon. Mr. P. Fraser, the Leader of the Opposition and the Prime Minister in 'the last Labour Government. There is no need for me to tell you anything about this great man. Suffice to say that he was a noble humanitarian, a champion of the oppressed and a true friend of India. A message of sympathy and a beautiful wreath of red roses were sent by the Central Association. God bless his soul.

On 18th December, 1950, soon after Mr. Fraser's death, another great blow was struck to us and India and Indians all over the world were plunged into profound sorrow to hear the news of the death of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. We all know about Sardarji's devotion to and love for India and his sufferings and sacrifices for India's freedom. He was an architect of New India. However, in the words of our President, Shri Rajendra Prasad, "Let us pledge ourselves today to serve the cause of the Nation as he has done." A message of sympathy was cabled by the Central Association. May his soul rest in peace.

Calamity after calamity has befallen India. Earthquakes, floods, drought, etc. have upset all her plans for becoming self-supporting in food grains. Troubles have broken out in our neighbour States of Nepal and Tibet. However, it is gratifying to know that our leaders are forging ahead nationally and internationally according to their plans.

The first Indian Trade Commissioner in New Zealand, in the person of Shri B. Sanyal, arrived last year with Shrimati Sanyal and they were met by the Executive of this Association at the air base in Auckland. They have taken up their official residence in Wellington and are doing a great job in their official and private capacities, propagating all that is best in India and for Indians. All those who have been privileged to meet this charming couple will agree that they have proved themselves very popular with Indians and New Zealanders by their charming manners and hospitality. Shri Sanyal is a very capable Trade Commissioner. He knows his position and we are very fortunate in having a man of his calibre representing India in this country.

Another event of importance last year was a visit from an Indian Parliamentary Delegation under the leadership of Shri Govind Das to attend the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association's Conference held in Wellington. Your Executive met most of the delegates on their arrival at the air base and entertained them in our humble homes, You are all aware that by their spirited and intelligent debates in the Conference on problems of the Commonwealth and by their public speeches on India and the international situation they created good impressions and made a number of friends in this country. We are proud to have these worthy sons of India to represent our Motherland.

All remits passed in the last Conference have been acted upon as follows and your Executive are very grateful to the Secretary, Shri P. Patel, and the Assistant Secretary, Shri Singh Radhawa<sup>v</sup>, for their duties performed in a very efficient manner.

### LAST YEAR RESOLUTIONS

1. Your Executive have been successful in getting the extension of time of entry in this country from the Customs Department or seven out of fifteen minor boys who were unable to come here during the war period. I understand all seven have now arrived in New Zealand.
2. **No Objection Certificate.**— From the full text of the letter circulated by the Secretary to all Branches of this Association it is shown that we have succeeded in this matter and are assured by the Controller General of Emigrants in India that there will be no difficulty in securing an exit permit for the New Zealand Indians in India in future.
3. **Re Accommodation in Sydney.**—This matter was taken up with the Indian High Commissioner's Office in Canberra and I am pleased to report that a satisfactory arrangement has been made. Full particulars regarding the same have been circularised to all Branches.

I welcome all Indians who have arrived last year in New Zealand to reside permanently and pray they will make loyal and law-abiding New Zealanders and at the same time retain their own culture.

I also take this opportunity to thank the members of the Executive for their sincere and helpful co-operation in helping me to discharge my duties.

Friends, I wish you all a very happy and peaceful New Year.

JAI HIND.

On behalf of the Executive,

February 3, 1951.

J. K. NATALI,  
President.

The resolution was passed unanimously by the delegates that a vote of thanks be given to the officers for their services during the year 195051 for the excellent work in the interest of this Association.

### ELECTED MEMBERS

The following new officers were then elected:—

**President:** Mr. Inder Singh Radhawa<sup>v</sup> (Country Section).

**Vice-President:** Mr. Unka K. Dhanji (Rotorua).

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

**Assistant Secretary:** Mr. Hari Dahya (Wellington).

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

**Committee:** Mr. Phuman Singh (Country Section), Mr. Piara Singh (Country Section), Mr. Lakhu Vansanji (Wellington), Mr. Dullabh Madhav (Wellington), Mr. R. C Hari (Pukekohe), Mr. Dahya Chhiba (Pukekohe), Mr. Dahya Ratanji (Rotorua), Mr. Chhima Patel (Manawatu Section), Mr. Davji Patel (Auckland), Mr. Moran Soma (Auckland), Mr. J. K. Natali (Auckland), Mr. Ismail M. Kara (Christchurch), ? (Waikato).

### **NEW RESOLUTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS**

1. A letter of sympathy should be sent to the President of the Indian Congress Party in South Africa from the New Zealand Central Association expressing their sincere sympathy with the Indian community there regarding the unjust treatment by their Government of the Racial Discrimination Policy.
2. The New Zealand Indian Central Association deeply mourns the passing of the great Sardar Patel at such a critical juncture when his noble services were greatly needed. This Association subscribes to the view that Sardar Patel will always be remembered as great leader in fighting for freedom and also as a builder, unifier and consolidator of New India.
3. Mr. Harman Singh, of Cambridge, considers he is being under credited for his cream test in the past season, and finds all attempts to right this on his own account have failed, so therefore has asked help from the Central Association to approach the authority concerned.
4. The members of the associations feel that the Central Association should approach the officials of the Reserve Bank to increase their allowance per year to be sent to India for wife £100 and each child £50, as the present amount is inadequate with rising costs.
5. The New Zealand Indian Association should have its own postal box in the General Post Office. Inquiries are to be made and finalised.
6. The Association fund of £338/8/2 in the Bank of New Zealand, Te Aro, is to be reduced to £

138/8/2 and the balance of £200 is to be withdrawn and deposited in the Post Office Savings Bank.

7. A letter should be written to the Indian Trade Commissioner in New Zealand, Mr. Sanyal, for the purpose of making some arrangements for travellers to and from India in the nature of accomodating when they have to break their journey in Sydney waiting to connect with the shipping.
8. To renew the New Zealand Indian Central Association registration as an Incorporated Society.
9. All branches should send a yearly list of their members and an annual report of their Association to the Central Association Secretary.
10. A decision was made by the Association to abolish October 2<sup>nd</sup> as a holiday and to observe only January 26<sup>th</sup> India's Republic Day.
11. An approach should be made to the proper authorities the details of Mr. L. N. Patel for his grant to take up personal residence in New Zealand.
12. The annual subscription from all branches in future will be reduced from 20% to 10%.
13. The annual Central Conference will in future be held during the Easter period instead of the month of January.
14. A longer time be granted on travelling Indian permits for Indian permanent residents in New Zealand.
15. An approach to be made to the Customs Department concerning the rights of New Zealand-born Indian children to obtain the same permits as European New Zealand-born children.

#### **FLAG-HOISTING CEREMONIES BY INDIAN MISSIONS AND NATIONALS ABROAD ON INDIAN NATIONAL DAY, Etc.**

It has been the practice until now to observe the National Day, etc., by commencing the celebrations with a ceremony involving the hoisting of the Indian National Flag and, the singing of the National Anthem. The flag-hoisting ceremonies were eminently suitable and effective during the days of political struggle for independence. Now that India is independent, the flag assumes a much greater importance. In order to ensure the greatest possible respect and dignity for the flag, it is necessary to discourage unauthorised persons from handling it in a ceremonial manner. The Indian Army, Navy and the Air Force and other authorised organisations are the only competent bodies who may normally be entrusted with the performance of ceremonies connected with the flag. The Government of India have accordingly decided that no flag-hoisting ceremonies should be held in future in their missions and posts abroad on the National Day or on other special occasions like the Independence Day, Mahatma Ghandi's birthday, etc. Indian nationals residing in foreign countries should also be advised to bear these views in mind in order that they may so regulate their attitude towards this question as not to jeopardise the greater interests of national discipline and unity.

An invitation by Mr. and Mrs. Sanyal for the delegates to lunch was declined as time would not permit. A compromise was made and Mr. and Mrs. Sanyal joined the afternoon tea party at Mr. and Mrs. Laxmipathy's, India's Assistant Trade Commissioner.

An invitation was accepted from the Christchurch Association to hold next years Annual Conference in their city.

This Association appeals to all members of all branches to give every assistance to the annual appeal of Corso, who plays a vital part in India's times of famine.

As the Conference came to a conclusion the President, Mr. Inder Singh Radawha<sup>vi</sup>, in closing the meeting, 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 Wellington Branch for their kind hospitality and the commendable manner in which they had taken care of the delegates.

Delegates representing various branches also expressed their appreciation of the Wellington Branch in a very touching and sincere manner.

The Swagat President, Mr. Sukha Narain, on behalf of the Wellington Indian Association, said it was a pleasure to serve their country and whatever they had done they deemed it a pleasure.

**In future all Official Telegrams and Cables to India of sympathy, congratulations or, otherwise are to be handled by Central Association instead of individual Branches.**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1951****THE NEW ZEALAND INDIAN CENTRAL ASSOCIATION (Inc.)****SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**

<b>Date</b>	<b>CREDIT</b>	£	s.	d.	<b>Date</b>	<b>DEBIT</b>	£	s.	d.
<b>1950 —</b>					<b>1950 —</b>				
Jan 22	Credit Balance in Bank	296	13	10	Jan. 27	Cable to Dr. Rajindra Prasad, Republic Day	1	18	9
Jan 22	Wellington Assn. member, fee, 1948/49	28	0	0	Jan. 27	Stamps	0	3	4
Jan 13	Country Section Member Fee 1949/50	8	0	0	Jan. 27	Telegram to Dr Ragonath Raro	0	4	6
Nov 11	Wellington Member. Fee, 1949/50	40	16	0	Feb 20	Mahatma Gandhi Prize to Massey College	5	0	6
Feb 2	Auckland Member. Fee, 1949/50	20	0	0	Feb 24	Mr. J. K. Natali	2	15	0
					Feb 24	Paid to Past Secretary, Mr. Morari, for Expenses, 1949	9	8	1
					Feb 24	Telephone to Mr. Sanyal, Wgtn.	0	9	6
					Feb 27	Cable to Hon. Mr. Attlee for his party's victory	0	17	1
					Feb 27	Airmail Letter to External Affairs, India	0	1	0
					Mar 3	Printed Envelopes and Rubber Stamp for Cheque Book	4	6	6
					Mar 9	Bank Fee	0	5	0
					Mar 13	Cable to High Commissioner Duleep Sinji (Aust.)	0	6	7
					Mar 3	Reg. Letter to. Wellington Assn.	0	1	3
					Mar 20	Postage of N.Z.I.C. Assn. Report	0	1	6
					Apr 11	Stamps	0	1	6
					Apr 11	Printing—1949/50 Annual Report	1	17	6
					May 20	Stamps	0	1	6
					June 6	Exchange on Country Section cheque	0	0	6
					July 26	Stamps	0	2	0
					Aug 3	Stamps	0	1	6
					Aug 4	Book Post no Objection Certification	0	3	0
					Aug 1	Letterheads, No Objection Certificate & Printing & Rubber Stamp	10	17	8
					Sep 7	Bank Fee	0	5	0
					Nov 29	Telegram to President & Book Post of Envelopes	0	1	11
					Nov 29	Expenses on India Delegation	6	2	6

	to N.Z. Conference			
Dec 16	Sympathy Cable to Mr. Nehru on sad news of Late Sardar Patel	1	4	6
Dec 16	Sympathy Telegram to Mr. Nash on sad news of Late Mr. Fraser	0	7	6
<b>Date</b>				
<b>1951 —</b>				
Jan 26	Stamps, President's Expenses	2	8	0
Jan 26	Envelopes	0	5	0
Jan 26	Duplication of Freedom of India Movement	0	7	6
Jan 26	Wreath for Late Mr. Fraser Exchange	0	0	6
	1951 President's Annual Report	1	12	6
		34 <sup>vii</sup>	2	7
	Total	55	1	8
	Credit in Bank	338	8	2
		<u>£393</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>

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