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THE COLONIAL BORN AND SETTLERS' INDIAN ASSOCIATION

MANIFESTO

1. Indians born in this country and those who have made this country their permanent home, have the indisputable right to remain in this country.

The Association will strenuously oppose any scheme which has for its object the sending away of Indians from this country. It will oppose the Colonization Scheme and will fight for the deletion of the Assisted Emigration Scheme from the Statute.

2. The Union Government admits that eighty per cent. of the Indian population of South Africa are born in this country. The Association, whilst safeguarding their existing rights, will work towards Indians attaining full citizenship rights.

3. Recognising the principle that there shall be no taxation without representation, and recognising that Indians contribute in proportion to their earning capacity and wealth, to the taxes of the country, the Association will ~~to claim~~ franchise rights for Indians.

4. The Association will concentrate on the Educational and social uplift of the poorer classes of Indians who have hitherto been neglected.

5. The Association will organise Indian labour so that it may take its rightful place in the industrial fabric of South Africa. It will adhere to the principle of equal pay for equal work. The Association will oppose the white labour policy which is retrograde in its application.

6. The Association accepts the view that Indians in South Africa should conform to western standards of living. To attain that standard the Association will ask for increased facilities for higher education both for boys and girls, and for the industrial and agricultural education of Indians and will press for free primary education for Indian children and for equal economic opportunities.

7. Whilst the Association claims full citizenship rights, Indians will offer themselves for enrolment in the defence force of the country.

8. The Association will organise Boy Scouts and Girl Guides amongst Indians, and will seek for recognition of such movements by Headquarters.

9. The Association will not countenance any illicit entry into this country.

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CONSTITUTION AND RULES

NAME

I. The organisation herein constituted shall be known as the "Colonial-Born and Settlers' Indian Association" and hereinafter referred to as the Association.

HEADQUARTERS

II. The headquarters of the Association shall be in Durban, in the Province of Natal.

POLICY

III. The policy of the Association shall be South African in that it stands for Western standards subject to the retention by its members of their religions and their languages.

OBJECTS

IV. The objects of the Association shall be :

1. To organise into one brotherhood all who have been born in South Africa and have permanent lawful homes in South Africa.
2. To further educational facilities especially technical, industrial and agricultural.
3. To work for the modification of the white labour policy that it be not used to displace Indian labour because it is Indian labour but that it should merely represent white economic standards and generally to work for the improvement and recognition of Indian workers.
4. To work for the improvement of Indian farmers especially peasant farmers.
5. To work for better trading facilities.
6. To safeguard, protect and maintain existing rights and to oppose any encroachment thereon and to win back rights taken away especially the franchise.
7. To oppose repatriation, assisted emigration, colonization, illicit entry and any scheme having for its object the reduction of the Indian popu-

lation.

8. As South African Nationals to work to secure full citizenship rights.
9. To work for the removal of the prohibition against Indians joining the Defence Force.
10. And generally to do everything to further the interests of South Africa and work for inter-racial co-operation and understanding in South Africa.

CONSTITUTION

V. The Association shall consist of :

1. The Association.
2. Branches.
3. Women Auxiliaries.
4. Members.

MEMBERSHIP

VI. The qualifications for membership of the Association shall be :

1. (a) Indians who were introduced to Natal by the Natal Government.
- (b) Indians who have lawful permanent homes in South Africa.
- (c) South African born Indians regardless of sex subject to their being 21 years of age or more.
2. Persons eligible for membership shall become such on joining any of the Branches hereinafter constituted in accordance with the Constitution, or on joining the Association itself.
3. Membership of the Association shall cease when a member ceases to be a member of the Association or of the Branch Association.
4. The Association may make regulations governing the conditions of transfer from one branch to another and for prohibiting or otherwise regulating the enrolment in one branch of any

person who has not paid his dues to another. No member of a branch shall communicate with the Association except through his branch. No person shall be eligible for membership who is a member of another political body.

OFFICIALS

The officials of the Association shall be :

President.

15 Vice-Presidents in addition to the Chairman of Branches and Auxiliaries who shall ipso facto be Vice-Presidents.

3 Honorary Secretaries.

2 Honorary Treasurers.

Auditor (who shall have no vote or voice in the Association.)

COMMITTEE

The Committee shall consist of :

30 members elected at the annual general meeting.

Officials.

One delegate from each branch committee in respect of every hundred members up to three hundred members and thereafter one delegate for every two hundred.

2 delegates from a Women's Auxiliary.

3 members from each industry, trade occupation and calling elected by that industry, trade occupation and calling and failing such election, shall be appointed by the committee

EXECUTIVE

The Executive shall consist of President, 4 Vice-presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and 6 members shall act in all cases of emergency and report a committee. 8 to form a quorum.

ELECTION

The officials and members of the Committee and Executive shall be elected by the annual general meeting and shall hold office until their successors are elected. In the event of any vacancy it shall be filled by the committee subject to confirmation at the next general meeting of the Association.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The annual general meeting shall be held in the month of December and special general meetings may be held as the committee may decide or on a requisition signed by not less than 25 members of the committee. The secretaries shall convene the meeting within 7 days after receipt of the requisition.

Requisitionists must state the objects for which the special general meeting is necessary.

MANAGEMENT

The committee shall manage the affairs of the Association. It shall meet at least once a month preferably on a Sunday. 20 shall form a quorum.

The committee may delegate any of its powers to a sub-committee, and it may also withdraw such appointment.

The committee specially shall appoint sub-committees with specific powers to represent the Association in areas not served by a branch and such sub-committees shall report from time to time.

The committee may pass any bye-laws not inconsistent with or repugnant to these Rules. The President shall preside in his absence one of the Vice-Presidents in rotation, failing a Vice-President, a committee-man shall be appointed to preside.

Any committeeman who without leave absents himself from three consecutive meetings shall ipso facto cease to be a member

XIII. SUBSCRIPTIONS

Every member who registers directly with the Association shall pay an annual subscription of 2/6 (two shillings and six pence) and in the case of his registering with a branch such branch shall pay the Association 40% of such subscription with particulars of the name, address and occupation of such member. Any member who is an unskilled worker in the Mines, Railways, Estates or a farm labourer shall pay an annual subscription of 1s.

For the time being Women's Auxiliaries will not be required to make any financial contribution to the Association.

XIV. FUNDS

The Association may raise funds for any purpose and in the event of any funds being raised for acquisition of immoveable property for the Association a Trust shall be created with specific powers.

XV. CONTROL OF FUNDS

The Treasurers shall issue an official receipt for all moneys received on account of the Association and such moneys shall forthwith be deposited to the credit of the Association with a Bank decided upon by the Committee and shall be drawn by cheques which shall be signed by the President, one of the Secretaries and one of the Treasurers.

All accounts shall be passed for payment by the committee and such authority shall be reflected in the Minute Book. In the case of emergency, expenditure not exceeding £5 (Five Pounds) may be incurred by the honorary treasurers which however shall be submitted to the next committee meeting for its approval.

XVI. MINUTE BOOKS ETC.

Minute Books shall be kept reflecting the proceedings of all meetings and copies of such minutes may be sent to all branches and Women Auxiliaries.

Books of accounts and official receipt books shall be kept.

At monthly committee meetings a financial statement shall be submitted and at the annual general meeting an audited balance sheet and revenue and expenditure accounts.

XVII. BRANCHES

Branches shall be subject to the Rules set out in Schedule "A."

XVIII. WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES

Women's Auxiliaries shall be subject *mutatis mutandis* to the Rules applicable to all branches and shall work in co-operation with their local branch.

XIX. MASS MEETINGS

Mass meetings of Colonial Born and Settler Indians may be called by the Association on questions of importance and at such meetings those present shall have a right to vote on the question submitted to them.

XX. AMENDMENT ETC. OF RULES

These Rules may be altered at the annual general or at a special general meeting provided notice of such amendment or alteration is given 30 days before the date of the annual general or special general meeting. No amendment or alterations shall be passed unless two-thirds of those present shall vote for such amendment or alteration.

SCHEDULE "A"

1. BRANCHES

Branches of the Association shall be established as follows:—

Any 50 or more members or persons eligible for membership may apply to the General Committee

permission to form a Branch. The General Committee shall consider the application and if it is of opinion that a Branch should be formed, permission may be given for the formation of the branch and the area of such branch all be limited.

BRANCH MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES

At the inaugural meeting and thereafter annually the month of November there shall be elected from among the members of the branch, a chairman, vice-chairman, secretary and or treasurer and any other official that the branch committee may decide and a Committee of not less than three nor more than twenty as may be decided at that meeting the members of the branch.

BRANCH COMMITTEE POWERS

Branch committees shall carry out the policy and objects of the association. They shall see the proper working of their branch, in accordance with the Constitution. They shall not proceed to business unless there is a quorum of five or one fourth, whichever is the lesser, committee members present.

BRANCH COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Branch committee meetings shall be held at least once a month but a special meeting may be convened on the instructions of the chairman or on a requisition signed by at least ten members could any branch render such a course necessary. Any member of the committee failing to attend three consecutive committee meetings without leave so facto cease to be a member thereof.

BRANCH SUB-COMMITTEES

Each branch committee may appoint a branch executive committee and sub-committee with specific objects of such members and with such power as they may decide.

POWER OF BRANCHES AND BRANCH COMMITTEES

Branches and branch committees except in so far they may be limited by regulations or resolutions the Association shall have power to do all things necessary to carry out the policy and objects of the Association in the jurisdiction of their branch and shall give effect to the instructions and resolutions of the Association.

SPECIAL BRANCH MEETINGS AND NOTICES

In addition to the ordinary annual general meetings the members special meeting of members shall be convened

- (a) when so ordered by the Association or by the branch committee or
- (b) on a requisition signed by at least 50 members or a third of the membership of the branch whichever is the smaller.

At least seven days notice shall be given of all meetings by hand-bills or circulars or by notice in the public press if the committee so decides unless in case of urgency three members of the branch committee including the chairman approves of shorter notice.

BRANCH MEETINGS: PROCEDURE AND POLL

Every member shall be entitled to vote at all meetings of his or her branch. At all such meetings the chairman or in his absence the vice-chairman shall preside and if neither of these officers be present, the members shall elect a chairman by a show of hands. At any General or special general meetings of the branch, a resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on by a show of hands unless a poll is demanded by not less than twenty members or a third of the members present

whichever number is the smaller present at the meeting. The poll shall be taken in such a manner as the chairman may direct. Twenty members or a third of the members, whichever number is the smaller, shall form a quorum and the chairman shall have only a casting vote.

9. MINUTES ETC.

Every branch shall keep a minute book and books of accounts including official receipt books all of which shall be open to the inspection of the association or its nominee at any time.

Every branch shall in due course forward a copy of its minutes, annual reports and financial statements to the association.

10. DISSOLUTION OF BRANCH

If in the opinion of the Association it is desirable that any branch should cease to exist as such it may by resolution declare such branch to be no longer a branch of the association and either transfer the members to some other branch or to itself or to leave them to apply individually for admission to another branch or to the association itself.

11. SUBSCRIPTIONS

Every member shall pay an annual subscription of 2/6 (two shillings and six pence) on or before the annual general meeting of the branch and any member while he is in arrear with his subscription shall not be entitled to sign a requisition or participate at any meeting.

Forty per cent. of the subscription collected by the branch shall be subscribed by the branch to the Association. A list of members with their addresses and occupations together with the forty per cent. of their subscriptions shall be handed to the Association at the end of every three months.

12. FUNDS

Funds may be raised by a branch within its area for any purpose subject to the approval of the Association. A branch shall at the request of the Association collect funds for it.

13. BALANCE SHEETS

The Treasurers shall submit monthly Financial statements to the monthly branch committee meeting and an audited balance sheet and revenue and expenditure account at its annual general meeting.

14. AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS

A qualified auditor shall be appointed by the branch. He shall audit and certify the statements of accounts to be submitted to the annual general meeting.

15. CONTROL OF FUNDS

All amounts due to or collected by the branch shall be paid to the treasurer who shall issue all receipts for same and all such amounts shall be paid by him to a banking account to the credit of the branch which shall be opened with such bank as the branch shall decide.

All payments must be authorised by the branch and cheques drawn on the banking account shall be signed by the chairman and treasurer of the branch.

All accounts must be approved by the branch before being passed for payment provided nothing in the rule prevents any branch authorising expenditure of amounts up to £5 (five pounds) in case of emergency by someone duly appointed thereto.

16. PROPERTY OF DISSOLVED BRANCH

Where a branch is dissolved under Rule or otherwise ceases to exist the funds and other property, if any, shall be transferred to the Association.