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**Durban**  
**International Club**

PRESENTS

**"Sacrifice"**

by

**RABINDRANATH TAGORE**

at 7 .45 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY, 6th DEC.,**  
1950.

at the  
**GANDHI HALL,**  
**LORNE STREET**



*This play is dedicated to those heroes who bravely stood for peace when human sacrifice was claimed for the goddess of war.*





# The Durban International Club



According to its Constitution the essential object of the International Club is "*To enable people of goodwill of all creeds and races to meet one another, to undertake common cultural activities, to have an opportunity of studying and appreciating each other's several difficulties and to take such steps as may be desirable and practicable to promote racial understanding and harmony.*"

The Club is, and always has been, strictly non-political in its activities and undoubtedly one of its major strengths lies in the fact that Conservatives, Liberals and Socialists of all races and creeds are included in its membership. In consequence, although no restraint is placed on discussions within the Club, they are without acrimony, and friendship and understanding are most evident.

Participation by members in a wide range of activities helps to draw together persons who would otherwise suffer from lack of contact. Members drawn from many nations and races meet in the Art, Bridge, Chess, Film, Photography, Theatre, Table-Tennis and Study Groups, and the versatile Catering Committee provides lunches and teas for members and their friends.

It has often happened that the only opportunity afforded to Durban's citizens of all races to meet and hear eminent overseas artists, scholars and scientists has been within the premises of the International Club.

Since its foundation in 1943, the Club has more than proved its worth in this diverse and fascinating City of Durban. By many, the Club is regarded as a significant social experiment. Your help in this experiment is invited. The Club will welcome applications for membership from all who subscribe to the essential objects stated above.

The Secretary will be pleased to furnish additional information. Telephone **29634** or call at **7a Plowright Lane, Durban.**



Irene Barratt : The year under review brought sadness to all when Miss Irene Barratt died in July 1950 after a severe illness which she bore with characteristic courage and patience. Her gentle humour kindness and selflessness were in evidence until the end. All who had the privilege of knowing Irene Barratt admired her greatness of spirit and we shall remember her life and work.

GENERAL REVIEW :

The Club has completed a very successful year in which it has once more proved its great value as a social centre where individuals of different nationality, race and culture may meet to create and cement bonds of sympathy and understanding. Group activities have continued to provide the greater part of the Club's organised entertainment and recreation, and new Groups have come into being. Viewed from the income angle the Club has never had a more successful financial year and we are deeply indebted to certain members whose energy and enthusiasm have enabled the Club to undertake major entertainment ventures both within and outside the Club premises. Apart from their spectacular financial success these ventures proved themselves to be of the greatest cultural benefit to the community at large.

The Club was glad to welcome a number of distinguished visitors during the year. Professor Hussain and Sir Eric MacLagan made contributions to our understanding of Indian culture. Canada Lee and Charles Macrae, the stars of "Cry the Beloved Country", spent a most enjoyable evening with us, and the United States' Consul and his lady, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McGregor, were good enough to make a special effort to be present. Mr. Jack Grant, Head of Adams College, came in to enlighten us on race relations in the West Indies and Mr. W. Rasul has given generously of his knowledge of Tagore and the cultures of India and Pakistan. Dr. M. Kiesler, a Polish lady, working with Dr. Allan Taylor at McCord's Zulu Hospital gave a most interesting account of her experiences in the U.S.S.R. during the war years. Mrs. Rebecca Reyher, author of "Zulu Woman" also visited the Club shortly before her return to the U.S.A. Recently at a farewell luncheon given by the Executive Committee to Mr. Roger Carter the members present were privileged to be addressed by Mr. Quintin Whyte, Director of the South African Institute of Race Relations, who was down from Johannesburg on a hasty business visit to Durban.

Certain Group functions will be discussed later but one should record in this introductory review the visit of Senator Dr. the Hon. Edgar Brookes who honoured us by presenting an outstanding address on the "Dynamics of Race Relations" Series of lectures and discussions organised by the Study Group. No Study Group meeting has ever drawn a larger audience and the enthusiastic applause which greeted Dr. Brookes indicated the high regard in which he is held by all.

Other events which spring to mind are the celebration of United Nations Day on 24th October 1950 and the Childrens' Christmas Party held early in December. Both occasions were thoroughly international in character and a happy spirit prevailed.

Towards the close of the Club year and at the last "Club Social", a large audience was delighted by an evening of song and pianoforte. Miss Florence Tatham played a number of piano solos and her school-girls sang to a very appreciative audience. Mr. O. Nkwanyana

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brought Mr. Masinga of the South African Broadcasting Corporation, and Mr. Masinga kindly introduced many excellent African artists who entertained us royally. It is hoped that such evenings will be repeated frequently.

To end this review on an individual note one recalls the recent visit of our popular Founder, Mr. K.A. Hobart Houghton, who came up from the Eastern Province en route to the United Kingdom. One also thinks of our popular Miss Mary Barr who recently left to carry on her work in Western Europe. We wish both Godspeed and a safe return to us.

#### Organisation and Management of the Club :

The Constitution : Last year certain anomalies in the Constitution were noted and a Constitution Revision Sub-Committee was appointed by the Executive. The revised section regulating the election of Office Bearers and the Executive Committee came into operation for last year's Annual general meeting and during the past year the new constitution was presented and adopted as a whole. Our special thanks go to Mr. Ishwar Amin for his aid in the legal drafting of the Constitution.

The President : Dr. Mabel Palmer has continued to be a source of strength and encouragement to the Executive and all members of the Club. Advancing years, health considerations and her many duties however, have made it necessary for Dr. Palmer to request that she be released from her office so that her place may be taken by some one who can devote more time and attention to the Club and its affairs. All members of the Executive are of the opinion that while they must regretfully accede to Dr. Palmer's request, it is necessary for most careful consideration to be given to Dr. Palmer's successor. Because there was inadequate time to make known Dr. Palmer's request to all members, so that members could exercise their right to submit nominations for the office of President before the Annual General Election, a special general meeting will be held at a convenient date in the near future. Members are requested to give thought to this important matter.

There is little need to remind members of the great debt of gratitude which the Club owes, and will always owe, to Dr. Mabel Palmer. Her leadership in the field of race relations in Durban and her achievements in the field of higher education for Africans, Coloureds and Indians, and for the community at large, require no emphasis. As a foundation member of the Club it is felt that some special recognition is due to Dr. Palmer so that she may continue to be closely associated with the Club. For this reason the Chairman proposes that members consider the desirability of instituting the office of Hon. Life President, an office to be limited to not more than two or three persons. It is convenient at this stage to indicate that the names of Dr. Mabel Palmer and Mr. K.A. Hobart Houghton come to mind immediately as candidates for such office.

After writing the above I have learned that Dr. Mabel Palmer's 75th birthday was on Tuesday 22nd May, 1951. The Club should consider making May 22nd "Palmer Day" and instituting a lecture series, for example, in her honour. We all hope that if the idea is approved Dr. Palmer will herself be able to preside for many years to come.

Vice-Presidents : During the year your Executive Committee exercised its powers under Section 8 (d) to elect Mrs. E.E.M. Russell and Mr. K.A. Hobart Houghton as Vice-Presidents of the Club.

We are grateful to all Vice-Presidents for their continued interest and support. The frequent attendance of Mr. D.G.S. Mtimkulu at Executive Committee meetings has been much appreciated.

The Chairman : Having served for two years the Chairman considered it best to resign to make way for a new member and in a circular letter of 4th February, 1951 addressed to members of the Executive Committee he  
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made clear his reasons.

Because this letter evoked strong reactions from a number of members of the Club who opposed the resignation, and also because it has been made plain that incorrect interpretations might be placed on the fact that your Chairman did not seek re-election, an extract from the letter is quoted below :

"My reasons for making this decision can be stated simply. I think it unhealthy and undesirable in any organisation when a Chairman becomes a "permanent feature", and although there is a very strong temptation to do "just one more year", especially when one is the Chairman of a splendid institution like the Club, I have decided to resist the temptation. The research, University and family obligations which made me hesitate to accept original nomination, and re-nomination last year, have also become more varied and time-consuming".

Thus while determined to continue as an enthusiastic member and supporter of the Club, the Chairman considered it necessary to hand over his exacting duties to some one who can be sure of bringing a fresh approach to bear and who can devote the required time and effort to Club affairs in the coming year. The calibre of the Chairman-Elect, Mr. Ian Allan, must remove any doubts about the Chairmanship and the stability and future of the Club.

The Executive Committee : By virtue of its powers under Section 8 (d) the Executive elected a Vice-Chairman, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer at its first meeting.

Vice-Chairman : Mr. Arthur Lazarus was elected to this office and throughout the year he has given every support to the Chairman and he has thrown himself into a wide range of activities on behalf of the Club with all his customary good humour, energy and enthusiasm.

Hon. Secretary : Mr. Jack Naidoo accepted this important office and although hampered by lack of efficient clerical assistance, and pressure of other work, he has managed to achieve a great deal for the Club. In particular one must record our appreciation of the excellence of Mr. Naidoo's production of the monthly Club Bulletins which serve as one of the most important links between members.

Hon. Treasurer : Mr. Ian Allan filled this office with his well-known ability and energy and the Executive Committee had ample cause to be grateful to him for his strict accounting of Club funds and for his vigorous attention to financial policy.

Chairman of the Activities Committee : Mrs. Peggy White served in this difficult and important position throughout Miss Barratt's illness but found it necessary to hand over to Mr. C.R. Warriner in August, 1950. Since August Mr. Warriner has led the Committee at its weekly meetings. To both, and to all members of this essential Committee, our thanks are due for their untiring work.

The Catering Committee has continued its good work under the chairmanship of Mr. J.B. Chetty. Mr. Chetty with his colleagues, Mrs. Barmania and Mrs. Morel, has undertaken this work for some years, and without his help it is very doubtful if this most fundamental of Club activities could have been carried on successfully.

All members of the Executive Committee have taken a keen interest in Club affairs and have done their utmost to fulfil their responsibilities as guardians of the Club's welfare. For the information of new members the elected members of the Executive Committee under Section 8 (c) of the Constitution are :

Messrs. I. Allan, R. Arde, Mrs. Barmania, Messrs. J.B. Chetty, E.H. Ismail, A.D. Lazarus, Mrs. Morel, Messrs. J. Naidoo, Sol Paruk, N.M. Pillay and Dr. G.H. Vawda.

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It is regretted that Mr. Oscar Nkwanyana was compelled by personal reasons, to resign his position as a member of the Executive and our thanks go to him for his conscientious work which he is continuing as a member of the Club.

The presence of Group Representatives at meetings of the Executive has been invaluable. This representation has ensured that the members of the Executive Committee have been kept fully informed of the Group activities and have so been in a position to help where necessary. Most Groups have been represented by an elected member of the Executive but the regular attendance of Mrs. Ehid Howard as representative of the Theatre Group deserves special mention.

Permanent Staff : Criticisms of the cook and the catering which were led by a well-informed member of the Executive who has always given considerable support to the Club's catering activities, and criticisms of the Club's secretarial assistant caused the Executive to appoint a Sub-Committee to consider ways and means of effecting improvements. The Sub-Committee, composed of the Chairman, Hon. Secretary and the Hon. Treasurer, duly reported their findings and recommendations to the full Executive who endorsed the view that the Club was not receiving full value for the expenditure on the paid staff, and further that the Assistant Secretary had not shown the expected improvement from the date of his appointment.

The Executive Committee then agreed unanimously :

- (i) That the designation of the paid full-time officer be changed from "Assistant Secretary" to "Clerical Assistant".
- (ii) That ~~the~~ Activities Committee be requested to appoint an Hon. Secretary, the Clerical Assistant to assist as recorder at all its meetings.
- (iii) That the cook be replaced at a convenient time and when a more talented cook was available.

The cook in question has now left us; he was given generous notice, thanked and furnished with a suitable testimonial.

Membership: Each month of the past year has brought us new members and to the 65 people who have joined the Club since last May we extend a hearty welcome. Resignations from the Club have been very rare and the handful of members who have left us have explained that their departure from Durban or their complete inability to participate in Club life has necessitated their withdrawal. These are healthy signs and make for general confidence in the Club.

Mrs. Morel has completed the Membership Book presented by the Chairman last year and this has enabled us to obtain a better picture of the membership position. A new card system of registration was also introduced during the year and this is now in full operation. For the first time for many years it is possible to give an accurate picture of the Club membership.

We now have on our records a total of 606 members. Of these some two-thirds, or 390, are fully paid-up members. One-fifth of the members, or 120, are in arrear with their current subscriptions, while the balance, 96, owe subscriptions for more than one year. In addition to the successful appeals which have been made in the Bulletin and by letter an organised personal drive is being conducted under the direction of Mr. A.D. Lazarus and it is confidently expected that this will bring the great majority of erring members back into a state of financial grace.

Experience has taught that members of groups other than European dislike the thought of differential subscription rates and for this reason it is not proposed that there be any differentiation, although the Executive would be very pleased to see more and more African members enrol under the reciprocity / . .



reciprocity agreement with the Bantu Social Centre. The financial and transport difficulties of the majority of Africans in Durban are fully understood, but the steady increase in African membership has met with general approval and it is hoped that this trend will continue. Miss Ngubane and Mr. DuBe have served on the Activities Committee for some time now and this has ensured full consideration of African interests in Club activities. Europeans and Indians continue to be roughly equal in number and these groups comprise the greater part of the membership. Africans come next, and lastly members of the Coloured group. Once again we urge men and women of the Coloured community to join the Club which supplies the venue for a wide range of activities of the community.

Recently Mr. Ray Forsyth and Miss Jeanette Kruger raised a matter of considerable interest when they requested that the Club open its doors more widely to the youth of Durban. Your Executive warmly approved the principle of interesting young people in the Club, although it also decided at the same time that the minimum age for membership, 18 years, as prescribed in the Constitution, should remain in force.

Complaints and Criticisms: Special attention was directed last year to the essential healthiness of growls and grouses but members were requested to register their complaints and criticisms where they would do most good, namely, through the Hon. Secretary. Those members who followed this course are thanked. Unfortunately there are a small number of members, estimated at not more than one per cent, who seem to delight in trouble-making and who, while they avoid the proper channels, magnify the smallest incidents and express themselves in an exaggerated manner on grievances which often prove to be more imaginary than real. Such individuals exist in all organisations and frequently fulfil a valuable function, but most organisations are in a better position to deal with them by assessing them and ignoring them if necessary. But a Social Club primarily concerned with human relations, however, is peculiarly vulnerable to disruption from mischievous or thoughtless trouble-making and many man-hours can be consumed quite unnecessarily in settling difficulties which could be adjusted by the employment of a little common-sense at an early stage. No one wishes to include statements such as the above in an annual report, and they are unnecessary for 99 per cent of members, but with a new and possibly difficult year before us it is as well to make a request for frankness and urge that all energies be directed towards constructive mutual achievement.

Fire Precautions: During the year fire-extinguishers and other aids for the prevention and suppression of explosions and fires were purchased and the Club received a certificate from the near-by Fire Station

Premises: In last year's report it was predicted that the expiry of our lease might necessitate a change of premises although we all hoped that our lease would be extended on favourable terms. A sad and serious blow came during the year under review, however, and it is regretted that because our present building has been purchased by a company it will be necessary for the Club to vacate its premises by 31st December, 1951, at the latest. In the meantime our rent has been raised to a much higher figure than was paid before the change of ownership took place.

A special sub-committee was formed and the Chairman, Mr. R. Arde and Mr. Sol Paruk carried out extensive investigations. After numerous fruitless letters had been written and much shoe-leather worn in pursuit of new premises, our anxiety was relieved. Details cannot be given at this stage but the new premises should prove as convenient as the present from all points of view and it is possible that certain amenities will be improved.

Fund Raising and Finance: The Hon. Treasurer will account for the year's revenue and expenditure and draw attention to the details of financial policy and practice, but because it was decided last year that the Finance Committee should be dissolved and the Executive Committee as a whole be made directly responsible for fund-raising, it is necessary to recount here certain fund-raising activities:



(a) Fund Raising: Pride of place must be given to the magnificent effort of Mrs. Pauline Morel who produced the Tagore play "Sacrifice" at the Bantu Social Centre, and later at the Gandhi Hall, in aid of Club funds. After tax deductions the Club received just over £250 from Mrs. Morel to help meet the rising costs which are being felt everywhere. It is impossible to thank Mrs. Morel and her splendid volunteer caste and other voluntary helpers sufficiently for their efforts on behalf of the Club. No venture in the history of the Club has been more successful.

Mrs. Peggy White, Mr. C.R. Warriner and their helpers must also be thanked warmly for the International Fete, a very happy function which was conducted entirely within the Club premises and enjoyed by all. A sum of £42 was handed over to the Treasurer for Club funds, a splendid effort which must rank as one of the Club's most successful internal functions.

In addition to these major undertakings the various Groups have made important, regular contributions to Club funds which have helped considerably.

Members' subscriptions naturally continue to form the bulk of our income. Some members have been tardy in meeting their subscription obligations, a fact which is no doubt related to the rising cost of living, but recent appeals have brought a satisfying response. Those members who are in arrears are again asked to pay as soon as possible.

(b) Finance: Under this head one must record that the Club is now completely free of all debts, other than current liabilities, and that there is a reasonable balance in the Bank. This happy state of affairs is due primarily to the efforts of those who raised funds for the Club during the past year; at the same time it will be clear to all that the skill and devotion of our Hon. Treasurer has ensured that the Club's funds were expended to best effect.

There should be no need, however, to repeat the warning given in last year's Annual Report, especially in view of the pending change of premises. The Club must build up an adequate reserve fund and there can be no complacency until this is done. Plans are under way for further fund-raising by means of Plays, the International Cookery Book and the sale of Christmas Cards and the support of members for these projects is essential.

(c) The Phelps-Stokes Foundation: Some time ago the Chairman, with the approval and support of the Executive, explored the possibilities of obtaining assistance from overseas foundations interested in the promotion of harmonious race relations in Africa. As a strictly non-political organisation it was felt that the Club could confidently request such aid. It is with great pleasure that we are now able to announce that through the kind offices of friends such as Mr. Quintin Whyte, Mr. J.D. Rheinallt Jones and Dr. Ray Phillips the Club will receive a grant from the famous Phelps-Stokes Foundation, which is well-known and greatly admired for its deep interest, and long history of constructive achievement, in Africa. While acknowledging our gratitude to the Foundation and the friends who have helped us we express our determination to prove ourselves worthy of such aid. It is the intention of the Club to expend these funds on suitable undertakings with which the name of the Phelps-Stokes Fund can be directly associated.

Group Activities: The Groups have again proved their great value and all members are grateful to the Group Chairmen and Secretaries for their splendid efforts. The names of Mr. Allan, Miss Fannin, Dr. Vawda, Mr. Pillay, Mrs. Howard, Miss Lawrence, Mr. Ken Hill and Mr. Tom Wardle come to mind immediately one thinks of group undertakings in the past year and a series of happy memories flash by. We record our appreciation of the Theatre, Table Tennis, Study, Photographic, Chess and Bridge and the Film Group's activities.

Mr. Ken Hill's formation of the new Chess and Bridge Group and Mr. Tom Wardle's work in the new Film Group might be separately noted. It is appropriate / . .



appropriate here to welcome Mrs Jean Hill and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wardle who came from the Cape to bring a breath of fresh life and enthusiasm into the Club. Mr. and Mrs. Wardle came to Durban from Cape Town primarily because our International Club is here and they have already given much evidence of their value and vitality. In welcoming them we wish Mr. Wardle well in his work with us and assure him of our full support.

Library: The Executive has given much thought to the building up of a good library and many valuable suggestions have been made by members and visitors like Sir Eric MacLagan. A Library Sub-Committee consisting of Mrs. Howard (convenor), Miss Logsdon, Mr. Lazarus and Mr. Arde was appointed to consider and recommend ways and means for improving the library.

Mr. W. Rasul obtained a generous grant of money from Mr. Motala to be expended on suitable books and our sincere thanks go to both gentlemen.

Use of the Club Premises by Other Organisations: Previously we have expressed doubts about the extensive use of the Club by outside organisations and we did suggest that it might become necessary to curtail such usage in 1950-1. None the less, a large number of youth, charitable, welfare and similar bodies have continued to use the Club premises, all of whom we have been pleased to assist. In granting permission for these organisations to use the Club premises the Executive have attempted to interpret what they considered to be the wish of the majority of members, but it is your Club and expressions of opinion are requested, especially now that more outside organisations are making use of the Club, and also because each request which is approved must mean inconvenience for some members.

Conclusion: When accounting to their masters stewards are always faced with the problem of what to insert, what to exclude. Inevitably there must be some omissions but members are asked to exercise their right to elicit information on matters which concern them.

Last year we agreed that there was never a time when it was more important for South Africans of goodwill, no matter their race, religion or political ~~affiliation~~, to meet in a friendly environment to strengthen the bonds of mutual respect and understanding. We also accepted the late General Smuts' call to practise the larger faith and to follow the larger vision with goodwill, sympathy, understanding and tolerance. The need to do these things remains. We have achieved much in the past year but the future challenges us. Material considerations are important and there could be no Club without premises and funds, but we must at all times remember that they are but essential adjuncts to the fulfilment of the declared objects of the Club. The acid test of the Club's achievement lies in the quality of the human relations which are in evidence within it. In few organisations can there be so many different viewpoints represented; there are differences of religious faith, of political belief, and differences over fundamental questions such as peace and war. Outside the Club our lives follow many different courses. But notwithstanding these differences we all admit the need for respect for different outlooks and we all accept the essential unity of mankind.

When bidding us "tot siens" Mr. Roger Carter said that the Club had made Durban worth-while for him and he reminded us of the fundamental importance of the individual in the work of promoting understanding between groups, no matter where any particular person might find himself at any particular time. Mr. Carter's last simple message and his whole outlook and behaviour underlined a profound truth. The Durban International Club is the most important institution in Durban, but an institution is given life and meaning by individuals. Together, with each making his or her own small contribution, we can strengthen the Club and make its influence felt throughout South Africa.

JACK NAIDOO

KENNETH KIRKWOOD

Hon. Secretary.

Chairman



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THE DURBAN INTERNATIONAL CLUB.

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PROGRAMME FOR MARCH 1951.

<u>FIRST WEEK</u>	Friday, 2nd	Open Evening.
<u>SECOND WEEK</u>	Monday, 5th Wednesday, 7th Friday, 9th	Photographic Group. Table Tennis. Open Evening.
<u>THIRD WEEK</u>	Monday, 12th  *Wednesday, 14th  Thursday, 15th Friday, 16th	* Lecture by Mr Tom Wardle on the "World Federalist Movement". Table Tennis. *(3.30 p.m. Meeting of Ladies of Club to arrange International Fete.* * Film Evening.* Open Evening.
<u>FOURTH WEEK</u>	Monday, 19th Wednesday, 21st Friday, 23rd	* Club Social. Table Tennis. Good Friday. Club Closed.
<u>FIFTH WEEK</u>	Monday, 26th Wednesday, 28th Friday, 30th	Easter Monday. Club Closed. Table Tennis. Open Evening.

All Club Functions Commence at 7.45 p.m.

SPECIAL FUNCTIONS FOR MARCH 1951.

\* Monday, 12th March 1951 : Lecture by Mr Tom Wardle.

Mr Tom Wardle will speak on "The World Federalist Movement". The speaker has travelled extensively and has recently come out to South Africa where he is carrying out some extremely interesting and helpful projects. Come and hear a new point of view on "World Government".

\* Wednesday, 14th March 1951 : at 3.30 p.m. - Ladies Meeting.

Mrs Peggy White is anxious to meet as many Club members (women) as possible in order that arrangements may be made well on time for another of our highly successful "International Fetes". It is most essential to hold a "Fete" this year. You are therefore kindly requested to ensure its success by giving as much support as possible. Please contact Mrs White.

\* Thursday, 15th March 1951 : Film Evening.

This is a new venture arranged by our Film Society, and judging by the success of its first show last month, another interesting and enjoyable evening is promised to Club members.

Watch the Club Notice Board for Further Details.



\*Monday, 19th March 1951 : Club Social.

All members are invited to attend the Second Club Social of the year. The one held last month proved a great success, and new and old members alike felt that many more of these functions should be held. There will be games and musical items, a spelling bee, and another hit by the Theatre Group entitled "The Invisible Duke".

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CLUB NEWSLETTER.

Dear Member,

It is indeed a privilege to be able to say 'Hello' to you again since I addressed my last bulletin in December. Our Chairman very kindly wrote the January Bulletin which I know you all thoroughly enjoyed reading. Knowing what a busy man he is, we are greatly indebted to him for keeping us informed of Club activities during the period when most of us were holidaying in some part of S. Africa - away from our regular surroundings and 'doings'. I hope you have all had a refreshing holiday and have returned with added zest to continue with your work and your interests in the other aspects of our existence. This year is perhaps rather significant as far as the Club is concerned. Other arrangements may have to be made regarding premises. An earnest appeal is therefore made to each and every one of you to put your "shoulder to the wheel" and give active support in order that difficulties may be overcome. Your practical suggestions are most welcome and I am sure that the Executive will be glad to receive any form of help and assistance you can offer. I am therefore appealing to members to keep in close touch. You can do this by visiting the Club regularly, taking part in our functions, enrolling new members, and in numerous other ways.

International Discussion Group.

As from Sunday, 4th March 1951, an International Discussion Group will meet in the Lounge of TOC H HOUSE, 155 St. Thomas Road, (off Musgrave Road). The Group will discuss matters of universal interest and will be open to all. There are no membership conditions. Sessions will commence at 8.30 p.m. and end at 10.00 p.m. Tea is being graciously provided by TOC H. A programme of subjects and topics is in preparation. Suggestions and speakers will be most welcome. Club members and friends are asked to come along. Please contact Tom Wardle for full particulars.

International Cookery Book.

It is proposed that the Club should publish a book of "International Recipes". Members are kindly asked to co-operate by sending suitable recipes to Miss A. Fannin. The recipes should as far as possible be national in character, and in each case the country to which the dish belongs should be stated. Members can also help by letting Miss Fannin know what recipes they would like to be included in the book, and efforts will be made to obtain these.

"PLEASE DO THIS NOW".

Looking Back - The Month of February.

Although very few special functions were held, these sessions were well attended and highly successful. Our congratulations go to Film Society for their entertaining programme, and to Debating Society of the Bantu Social Centre on their deserving win.

A pleasant and well-attended social evening was held on the 23rd.



~~Mr A.D. Lazarus acted as host. Many old and new members were present and an enjoyable time was had by all. The Theatre Group produced "The Dear Departed". Mr H.K. Naidoo's rendered operatic songs and Mr Furlong gave a number of vocal items. Miss Pillay presented two Indian dances. Members then settled down to tea and talk. So much did members enjoy themselves that the view was openly expressed that more such evenings should be held.~~

(Note - Next Social Evening - Monday, 19th March).

Our sincere thanks go to Mrs Hill, Mrs Howard, Mr Wardle, Dr Somers, Mr Forsyth and all the others who helped to make this evening so interesting.

Please make a point of coming to the next Social Evening.

PERSONAL.

1. Mr E.K. Sempira who was studying at the Lincoln College in the U.S.A. returned to S. Africa and is at present attending the University of Natal.
2. Dr H. Coblans, Librarian of the University of Natal, who was on study leave in the U.S.A. and who was attached to the U.N.E.S.C.O. headquarters in Paris, returned to S. Africa early this year.

Welcome Home!! Dr and Mrs Coblans!!

Dr Coblans will speak at the Club during the month of May.

3. Dr Hobart Haughton, our founder, is in town. Welcome to Durban and the Club, Dr Haughton. Club members will be delighted to see you.

With best wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

J. Naidoo.  
HON. SECRETARY.



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7a Plowright Lane,

Monday, 30th April 1951.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CLUB : MONDAY, 28TH MAY 1951 AT 8.00 P.M.

Notice is hereby given that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the DURBAN INTERNATIONAL CLUB will be held in the CLUB PREMISES on MONDAY, 28th MAY 1951 at 8.00 p.m. sharp.

As matters of very grave importance affecting the Club in regard to premises, policy, membership, etc. will come up for consideration, every member must make an honest endeavour to attend.

THE DURBAN INTERNATIONAL CLUB

NOMINATIONS FOR THE COMING YEAR.

Nominations for the POST of PRESIDENT, CHAIRMAN, and FOUR MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE duly proposed and seconded (by fully paid up members of the Club) must reach the HON. SECRETARY not less than 14 (FOURTEEN) DAYS before the date of the ANNUAL MEETING, i.e. BEFORE the 14th MAY 1951.

The retiring officials are :

- (a) President : Dr Mabel Palmer. (Subject to re-election).
- (b) Chairman : Mr K. Kirkwood. (Who is not available).
- (c) Four Members of the Executive Committee
  - \* (I) Mr J.B. Chetty. (Chairman of the Catering Committee).
  - \* (II) Mr E.H. Ismail.
  - (III) Mr O. Nkwanyana. (Resigned).
  - \* (IV) Mr Jack Naidoo. (Hon. Secretary of the Club).

\* The following retiring members of the Executive Committee are eligible for re-election :

MESSRS J.B. CHETTY, E.H. ISMAIL and JACK NAIDOO.

A FURTHER NOTICE GIVING FULL PARTICULARS OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CLUB WILL BE CIRCULATED IN DUE COURSE.

J. NAIDOO.

HON. SECRETARY.

30th April 1951.



APPENDIX:

From the Chairman.

THE DURBAN INTERNATIONAL CLUB.

PAY YOUR SUBS. APPEAL.

Dear Member,

The Club rent has been almost doubled and we are faced with rising costs in many directions. The main part of the club income comes from subscriptions and it is urgent that members pay their subs. immediately they fall due. Fund raising activities are being planned and every attention is being given to the need to build up a reserve fund for future removal, and other expenses. If members do not pay their subs. we must eat into the reserve which has been created mainly by the efforts of a few hard-working members. This last statement is intended as a reminder, not a criticism, because not all members can participate in fund-raising projects such as plays, fetes, etc. But all members can and indeed MUST meet their subscription obligations promptly if the Club is to continue as a healthy, lively organisation.

You can best show that you support all that the Club stands for by paying your subs. NOW, if they are overdue, and by making a note to pay them immediately the reminder notice comes, if they are not overdue.

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held soon and our annual stock-taking will take place. Please see to it that overdue subs. are sent to the Hon. Treasurer within the next few days so that we can report favourably on the subscription position - the surest sign that we want the Club.

Yours sincerely,

Kenneth Kirkwood.

CHAIRMAN.

1st May 1951.



DURBAN INTERNATIONAL CLUB.

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BULLETIN FOR MAY 1951.

<u>FIRST WEEK</u>	Wednesday	May, 2nd	Table Tennis. (International Club vs Iqbal.)
	Thursday	May 3rd	Holiday - Club Closed.
	Friday	May, 4th	* Film Evening - B. I. C. A.
<u>SECOND WEEK</u>	Sunday	May, 6th	* Concert at Avalon by B.I.C.A.
	Monday	May, 7th	Photographic Group.
	Wednesday	May, 9th	Table Tennis.
	Friday	May, 11th	Open Evening.
<u>THIRD WEEK</u>	Monday	May, 14th	* Lecture by Dr H.Coblans on "U.N.E.S.C.O."
	Wednesday	May, 16th	Table Tennis.
	Friday	May, 18th	* CLUB SOCIAL.
<u>FOURTH WEEK</u>	Monday	May, 21st	Study Group.
	Wednesday	May, 23rd	Table Tennis.
	Thursday	May, 24th	Holiday - Club Closed.
	Friday	May, 25th	Open Evening.
<u>FIFTH WEEK</u>	Monday	May, 28th	* ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.
	Wednesday	May, 30th	Table Tennis.
	Thursday	May, 31st	Holiday - Club Closed.
<p>P.S. Wednesday to Saturday : MAY 30 - JUNE 2nd</p> <p>* SASTRI COLLEGE DRAMATIC FESTIVAL.</p>			

\* SPECIAL FUNCTIONS FOR MAY 1951.

\* Friday, 4th May 1951 - Film Evening by B.I.C.A.

B.I.C.A. is holding another Film Evening in conjunction with the Club. There will be a number of films on Art. Members of B.I.C.A., members of the Club and friends are invited.

\* Sunday, 6th May - Concert by B.I.C.A. at Avalon Theatre.

A variety concert in aid of B.I.C.A. will be held in the Avalon Theatre on Sunday, 6th May 1951 at 2.30 p.m. Doors open at 1.30 p.m. A good programme is assured and it will be a Sunday afternoon well spent.

\* Monday 14th May 1951 - Lecture on "U.N.E.S.C.O." by Dr Coblans.

Dr H. Coblans needs no introduction to the Durban public. He is the chief Librarian of the University of Natal and has spent a considerable period of time in the U.S.A. when he was awarded a Carnegie Grant to study Library work. In 1949 he was appointed to the U.N.E.S.C.O. head-quarters in Paris where he remained for over a year. Club members now have the privilege of hearing this distinguished speaker and it is hoped that you will all take advantage of this opportunity.



\* Friday, 18th May 1951 - CLUB SOCIAL.

This will give you an opportunity to meet old and new members and also make new friends.

Miss Tatham of the Durban Girls High School will present a programme of music and African choirs will present a number of musical items and songs.

\* Monday, 28th May 1951 - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

This is a very important item in the life of the Club and every member (if he is at all interested in the Club) must make it his duty to be present. This year is perhaps rather significant and matters of great importance must come up for consideration. The new constitution has now been adopted and members should make themselves acquainted with this document. Copies will be available after the 10th May.

Nominations for the post of President, Chairman and Four Members of the Executive Committee must reach the Hon. Secretary before the 14th May 1951.

(Please see attached sheet for full information regarding this meeting).

Please make an effort to be present :

Remember the Day	:	Monday, 28th May 1951.
Remember the Time	:	8.00 p.m.
Remember the Business	:	Annual General Meeting.

P.S. Annual subscriptions due must be paid in as soon as possible. They will also be accepted prior to the commencement of the meeting. Please see the Secretary for any information you may require in this connection.

\* Wednesday, 30th May - Saturday, 2nd June ; Sastri College Dramatic Festival.

Another Feast in Store for you !!

Wednesday and Thursday : May 30th & 31st at Sastri College,

- (I) X = O (Greek Drama).
- (II) Allisons Lad (Cavalier - Roundhead Drama).
- (III) A Man of Destiny (Napoleonic Comedy).

Friday and Saturday : June 1st & 2nd at Sastri College.

"TWELFTH NIGHT" (Shakespeare).

The Club has always supported the high standard of productions by the Sastri College Dramatic Society. Mr Warriner and Mr Shields have gone to great lengths to make this year an outstanding one in the life of the College.

A good evenings entertainment is promised by our young amateur high school actors and you will be supporting a worthy cause.

Please tell your friends about these plays.

CLUB NEWSLETTER.

Dear Member,

This month I have great pleasure in bringing you greetings from the Glasgow International Club. This Club celebrated its Silver Jubilee last year and issued a special Silver Jubilee Brochure. For this length of time it has given and still does give, a practical realisation to a great longing to promote



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