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Mr. G. Ponen      Dr. M. Motala.  
Dr. H. E. Omar.   Dr. A. H. Sader.

Executive Committee: On the result of a ballot vote, the Chairman declared the following elected as members of the Executive Committee:

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| Mr. C. I. Amra  | Mr. M. P. Naicker. |
| " H. R. Deoduth | " G. S. Naidoo.    |
| " F. Ephraim    | " S. V. Reddy.     |
| " I. C. Meer    | " R. A. Pillay.    |
| " A. C. Meer    | " K. Moonsamy.     |
|                 | " J. N. Singh.     |

Mr. Y. A. Cachalia and Mr. N. Tandray (of the Transvaal Indian Congress) were the scrutineers of the ballot.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

On behalf of himself and Mr. S. M. Mayet, Dr. M. N. Padayachee, Joint Hon. Treasurer, submitted the Audited Revenue and Expenditure Account for the period 1st September 1950 to 11th September 1951 and the Audited Balance Sheet as at 11th September 1951. (Annexure "D").

On the motion of Mr. A. Choudree, seconded by Mr. A. I. Meer, it was resolved:

"That the Audited Revenue and Expenditure Account and the Audited Balance Sheet as submitted by the Joint Honorary Treasurers be and are hereby adopted."

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION:

The following motions for amendments to the Constitution were unanimously passed:

Rule 6(e): "In the fourth line insert a full stop after the word 'annually', delete the word 'or' and in place thereof insert the following words: 'In the event of the Branch Committee failing to convene the Annual General Meeting'"

Moved by Mr. Debi Singh, seconded by Mr. H. R. Deoduth.

Rule 6(1): "After the words 'to all members' in the third line, add the words 'by ordinary post and the General Secretary at Headquarters by registered post'".

Moved by Mr. Debi Singh, seconded by Mr. I. C. Meer.

Rule 8(c): "Delete the words 'the delegates and' and the words 'they represent'".

Moved by Mr. Debi Singh, seconded by Mr. K. Moonsamy.

Rule 8(d): "Delete the words 'the delegates and' and the words 'they represent'".

Moved by Mr. Debi Singh, seconded by Mr. K. Moonsamy.

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Rule 8(e): "Add the following words to this Rule:  
'These details shall be transmitted to all delegates, whose names and addresses have been received by the General Secretary, seven (7) days prior to the date appointed for the holding of Conference."

Moved by Mr. Debi Singh, seconded by Mr. F. Ephraim.

Rule 25(a): "Delete the word 'nine' and insert the word 'eleven' in place thereof"

Moved by Mr. Debi Singh, seconded by Mr. C. I. Amra.

Rule 31(a): "Delete the words 'shall cease to be a member of such Committee' and insert the words 'may be removed from his position by the Working Committee' in place thereof"

Moved by Mr. Debi Singh, seconded by Dr. A. H. Sader.

Rule 31(b): "Delete the words 'shall cease to be a member of such Committee' and insert 'may be removed from his position by the Executive Committee or Branch Committee respectively' in place thereof"

Moved by Mr. Debi Singh, seconded by Dr. A. H. Sader.

DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT CONFERENCE:

Mr. J. N. Singh moved, seconded by Mr. S. V. Reddy:

"That the Executive Committee be and it is hereby authorised to appoint the date and venue of the next Annual Provincial Conference."

Mr. Cassim Nakhoda, seconded by Mr. S. Govender, moved the following amendment:

"That the next Annual Provincial Conference be held in Dundee and the Executive Committee be authorised to appoint the date."

The motion was carried by an overwhelming majority.

GENERAL:

The President, Dr. G. M. Naicker, thanked the delegates and all those who had helped to make Conference a success. He particularly mentioned:

- (a) The fraternal delegates from the Transvaal Indian Congress.
- (b) The Congress clerk, Mr. A. R. Bux, and young Baboo Seedat, who had rendered splendid voluntary service during the period of preparations for Conference.

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(c) The officials and members of the Madressa Hall.

Dr. Naicker called upon Dr. Y. M. Dadoo, President of the South African Indian Congress and Mr. Nana Sita, President of the Transvaal Indian Congress, to speak and both of them addressed Conference.

TERMINATION:

Conference terminated at 7.45. p.m.

CONFIRMED BY WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON \_\_\_\_\_

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PRESIDENT

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GENERAL SECRETARY

STATEMENT MADE TO GENERAL  
SECRETARY BY MR. G.M. SINGH,  
JOINT SECRETARY OF NEWCASTLE  
BRANCH.

1. At a Special General Meeting of the Newcastle Branch of the N.I.C. convened for the 26th September, 1951, about three hundred members were present.
2. Mr. T. M. Padayachee the Branch Chairman was in the Chair.
3. I submitted to the meeting the circular notice convening the meeting and the requisition signed by 25 members. The Chairman ruled the notice out of order on the ground that the agenda was not given on it.
4. I then tabled the requisition and read it to the house. The Chairman declared the requisition out of order on the ground that all 25 members were not registered members of Newcastle Branch. I spoke to the meeting on the validity of the requisition contending that all 25 were registered members. But the Chairman would not reverse his ruling.
5. After this the Chairman moved a resolution expelling me from the Newcastle Branch. The resolution was not voted upon but the Chairman declared it carried. I cannot say whether the Chairman moved the confirmation of resolutions passed by an emergency committee meeting held on 13th September, 1951 because there was too much noise in the hall. A vote of no confidence was moved and seconded against Mr. Padayachee. There was no amendment to the motion. He refused to accept the motion.
6. I and my supporters contended and held that the resolutions moved and declared carried by the Chairman were out of order because the Chairman had already declared that the notice and the requisition were out of order, and therefore the meeting was invalid.
7. After this the Chairman and his supporters left the hall. The Chairman did not declare the meeting closed.
8. After they had left I occupied the Chair. They were about 150 members still present. I proceeded with the meeting which had not been closed by Mr. Padayachee.
9. A motion of no confidence was moved and unanimously carried in Mr. Padayachee, Mr. H.I. Singh and a few members of the Branch Committee.
10. Then elections were held. I was elected protem Branch Chairman, Messrs A.I. Patel and P. Dadoolram Secretaries, and Mr. A.I. Patel, Treasurer. Messrs Jimmy Mohan, A.I. Patel and G.M. Singh were elected delegates to the Provincial Conference.
11. I then declared the meeting closed.

(Sgd) G.M. Singh.

STATEMENT MADE TO GENERAL SECRETARY  
BY MESSRS T.M. PADAYACHEE AND H. I.  
SINGH, CHAIRMAN AND JOINT SECRETARY  
RESPECTIVELY OF NEWCASTLE BRANCH.

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1. Meeting was called by Mr. G.M. Singh on 26th September 1951 without authority of Branch Committee. We only came to know of it when we saw circular notices of meeting.
2. Meeting started at 7.30.p.m. under the Chairmanship of Mr. T.M. Padayachee. About 150 members and 75 non-members were present.
3. Mr. G.M. Singh read the circular convening the meeting. The meeting rejected the circular as out of order on the ground that the requisition for the meeting had not been presented to the Branch Committee.
4. Then Mr. G.M. Singh produced the requisition before the meeting and the meeting decided to accept the notice convening the meeting.
5. The Chairman then called on the signatories to the requisition to state their case as set down in the requisition, namely:

(a)

To deal constitutionally against the attitude of Mr. T.M. Padayachee, Chairman and Mr. H.I. Singh, Joint Secretary of the Newcastle Branch N.I.C. for violating the Constitution.

(b)

To discuss the present policy of the Congress, and to take decisions on Resolutions for Provincial Conference.

6. Mr. G.M. Singh spoke on the two points, but did not move any resolutions.
7. Mr. T. M. Padayachee then spoke, after which he moved the resolutions contained in the letter to the General Secretary dated 27th September. The resolutions were unanimously adopted.
8. Then the Chairman called upon Mr. G.M. Singh to move any resolutions that he may wish to. He said he had none.
9. The meeting then passed a further resolution of full confidence in the Headquarters and the Branch Officials.
10. Then the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

DURBAN: 29/9/51.

(Sgd) T.M. Padayachee  
H. I. Singh.

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