

1. Shadow Council for 1974/75

A marked lack of quorum existed at the Society's Annual General Meeting held on 13th July 1974. However, the eighteen members present at the meeting, unanimously agreed to conduct the scheduled business and elected the following "shadow" council for the year 1974/75.

President : Mr. Abnash Singal  
Vice-President : Mr. Santosh Bose  
Council Members: Mrs. Hira Bose  
Mr. Ikram Naqvi  
Dr. (Miss) Hurrjehan Hussain  
Mr. Saleh Parkar  
Mr. Bijay Dutta  
Mr. Allan Browne

The members recommended that a sub-committee comprising of three members be formed for the purpose of examining and recommending to the Council any amendments to the Constitution that it considers necessary to obviate the lack of quorums at general meetings. The members who were subsequently elected to this sub-committee were Messrs. Santosh Bose, Maurice Hardaker and Ikram Naqvi.

The "Shadow" Council held its first meeting immediately on conclusion of the general meeting and appointed Messrs. Ikram Naqvi and Saleh Parkar to the executive positions of Secretary, and Treasurer respectively.

2. Raffle

The Council has decided to hold a raffle to boost the Society's ailing funds due to the low membership subscription rates in existence.

The raffle tickets, each priced at \$1.00 are now available.  
The three prizes for the raffle are worth \$270.00 at retail price and are:

- 1st Prize: A.V.A.a.c./d.e. 12" portable television set
- 2nd Prize: National cassette tape recorder
- 3rd Prize: Digital battery clock

All members are urged to support the raffle by buying as many tickets as possible. They are also requested to further support the raffle by obtaining booklets of tickets from Mr. Abnash Singal (Residential Tel. No. 725239) for the purpose of selling these tickets to their friends and the general public.

3. Tandoori Dinner

All financial members and associate members as well as their children are invited to a dinner comprising of exotic Indian Tandoori (roast) dishes, to be held in the Polish Club, 20 Newtown Road, Newtown at 6.30 p.m. on Monday 18th November, 1974.

The dishes for the dinner will be cooked by lady members of the Society and Mrs. Hira Bose will co-ordinate all cooking details with these lady members.

Purchases of alcoholic and soft drinks may be made at the bar of the Club.

Members are requested to bring their children in fancy dress costumes as valuable cash prizes for the best and original costumes will be given by the Society.

If time permits, it is proposed to play party games and hold impromptu musical items.

The following charges will be made at the door to defray the costs of the dinner and entertainments:

Per adult members or child 12 years of age and over : \$2.50  
Per child under 12 years of age : \$1.50

Members and their families who will be attending the dinner are requested to advise their intentions before Monday 11th November, 1974 to either Messrs. Santosh Bose or Ikram Naqvi whose telephone numbers are as follows:

Santosh Bose : 285375  
Ikram Naqvi : 478341

4. Tagore Day

The public celebration of Tagore Day, similar to the public functions held for Diwali and Id-Milani early in November during the last two respective years, was approved by the Council and was originally scheduled to take place early in November, 1974.

Difficulties were experienced in obtaining a suitable hall in which to hold the functions during the selected period with the consequence that the Council has decided to postpone the function to Saturday 29th March, 1975.

Further details of the function will be given in subsequent newsletters.

5. Easter Group Holiday, 1975

The Society is making tentative plans for a family group holiday for at least three days to a popular seaside resort during the Easter holidays next year. The holiday will involve community living, cooking and general bouhommie in cottages between the attending families. Children of all years would be able to enjoy themselves by swimming in the sea and in the playing of beach games under adult supervision.

Members interested in the holiday should ring the Secretary Ikram Naqvi (Residential Telephone No. 478341), for further particulars.

6. Adult Education Board - Course on India

The Society has co-ordinated with the Adult Education Board to hold a course on "INDIA - ITS PEOPLE: THEIR CULTURE" in a total of 7 sessions at the Board's Domain House.

The first session commences at 8 p.m. on Monday 23rd September, 1974 with the remaining sessions held at the same time every subsequent Monday up till and including Monday 4th November, 1974.

The enrolment fee is \$6.00 with the A.E.B., 40 Murray Street, Hobart, for the full course of 7 sessions.

Each session will comprise of lectures/talks for about one hour followed by discussions.

The panel of tutors and speakers for the course are Dr. Philip Eldridge, Mr. Santosh Bose, Mrs. Hira Bose, Mr. Brian McNab, Mr. Rex Glasby, Mr. Ikram Naqvi, Mr. George Wilson, Mrs. Rupa Rao and Miss Patricia Hewitt.

The course should be a very interesting one for all members particularly as some of the members of the Society are on the panel of tutors and speakers. The Society recommends your support for the course by attending it and further information on the course, if required, may be obtained from Mrs. Jane Naqvi by telephoning her (Residential Telephone No. 478541).

7. United Nations International Ball

The ball will be held at 8 p.m. on Friday 11th October, 1974 in the Polish Hall, New Town Road, New Town. The ball is open to the general public and the donation for entrance is \$5.00 per person. Tickets are available for purchase from the Secretary, Ikram Naqvi (Residential Telephone No. 479476).

A continental band will be in attendance and an international flow show will be staged. An international supper will also be provided during the ball.

Alcoholic and soft drinks will not be provided but the general public may take their own requirements.

All proceeds from the ball will go to the Austere/Freedom from Hunger Campaign.

Members are urged to support the worthy cause by attending the ball and publicising the function amongst their friends.

Ethnic groups in Hobart are assisting the organisers of the ball by contributing free of charge, dishes of their countries for the supper so that these organisers will not be put to any expense as every cent conserved could be spent on very worthwhile causes throughout the world particularly in the poorer and underdeveloped eastern countries. Members of the Society desiring to assist with the provision of Indian dishes for the supper on a free of charge basis are requested to contact Mrs. Jane Naqvi (Residential Telephone No. 478541) for further particulars.

8. Indian High Commission Grants for 1974/75

The Society has been exploring avenues for the disbursements of the grant of \$113.00 received from the Indian High Commission, Canberra, A.C.T., for the promotion of cultural and social activities for better relations between India and Australia.

The Council is planning to hold an essay competition for all high schools on a statewide basis and a public speaking contest for matriculation students from Matriculation colleges in Hobart.

The subjects for the competition and contests will be selected by the Council and cash prizes will be awarded from the grants for the best essays and public speakers from amongst the students contestants.

9. Activities for 1974/75

Activities planned for the current year comprise two dinners (for-members only), a public function (Tagore Day), a raffle, an Easter group holiday, a picnic, an essay competition and a public speaking contest.

Suggestions for additional types of activities will be welcomed by the Secretary, Ikram Naqvi, who can be contacted by telephone on No. 478311.

Dear Member,

Due, no doubt, to pressures of everyday modern living you have omitted to renew your membership subscription to the Society for the current year.

The Society is greatly dependant on your valuable full membership/associate membership and subscription of \$ . The remittance of this amount to the Society (GPO Box 14A, Hobart, Tas. 7001) at an early date would be very much appreciated.