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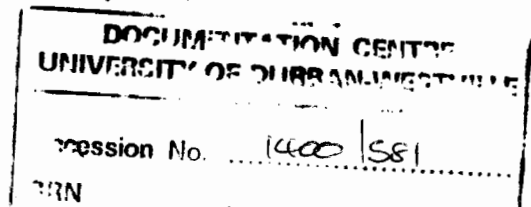
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South Africa Welcomes the New State President

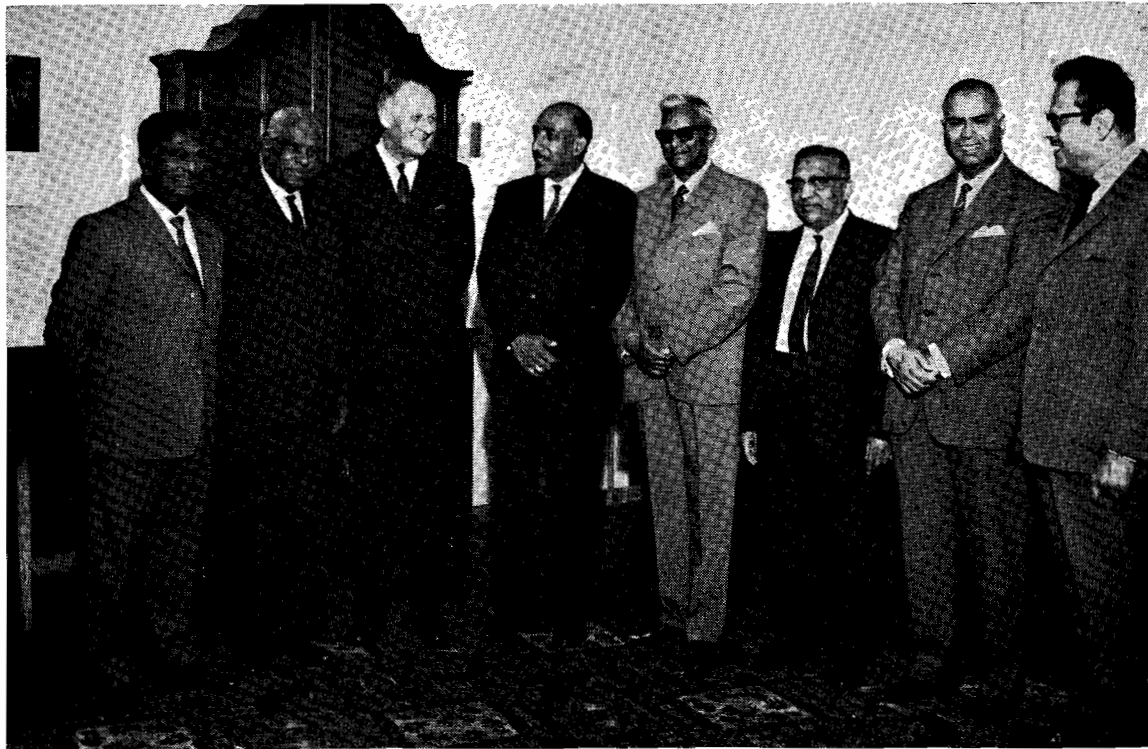
On the 10th April, 1968, a day rich in pageantry and precision shared by a crowd estimated at about 100,000 of all races on the streets of Cape Town and on the Grand Parade, Mr. J. J. (Jim) Fouché was invested as South Africa's second State President. The City of Cape Town was in a festive mood and the streets and buildings were gaily decorated for the great occasion.

Mr. Fouché was escorted by a mounted police guard bearing pennant-tipped lances to the historic Grootte Kerk in Adderley Street, where the investiture took place. The formal ceremony at the church commenced at 10 a.m. in the presence of the Prime Minister, Members of the Cabinet, the Diplomatic Corps and other dignitaries. Amongst those invited to at-

tend the ceremony, were Messrs. H. E. Joosub (Pretoria), G. N. Naidoo (Kimberley), Y. S. Chinsamy (Verulam) and M. D. Coovadia (Bethal), all members of the South African Indian Council and three other prominent Indians viz. Messrs. P. R. Pather, A. M. Rajab and M. E. Sultan of Durban.

The swearing-in ceremony was conducted by the Chief Justice, Dr. L. C. Steyn, who called Mr. Fouché to the table on which the Bibles and documents of attestation were placed. All the guests in the church stood silently as the Chief Justice read the presidential oath in English.

Mr. Fouché replied in Afrikaans and English as he took the Oath of Office. The Chief Justice then draped the State President's sash



Representatives of the Indian Community chatting with the Secretary for Indian Affairs, Mr. J. H. H. van der Merwe, prior to leaving for the Grootte Kerk.



The Presidential car draws up at the Grootte Kerk.

around Mr. Fouché and the Republic's new State President stood solemnly as the Lord's Prayer was sung.

To the sound of the 21 gun salute, which was fired from Signal Hill, and sirens and hooters from the ships in the harbour which were dressed over-all for the occasion, and church bells which rang out all over the city, the State President, wearing the Presidential sash emerged from the church where he was welcomed with the spontaneous applause of the many thousands of people who lined Adderley Street.

A smiling Mr. and Mrs. Fouché then drove down Adderley Street in procession behind their escort of mounted policemen and a squadron of armoured cars to the Grand Parade, where a huge crowd of all race groups awaited their arrival.

As he proceeded to the rostrum amidst waving flags and greeted by much applause, an impressive fly-past by jet aircraft of the South African Air Force took place.

Besides the Indian representatives who attended the ceremony at the Grootte Kerk,

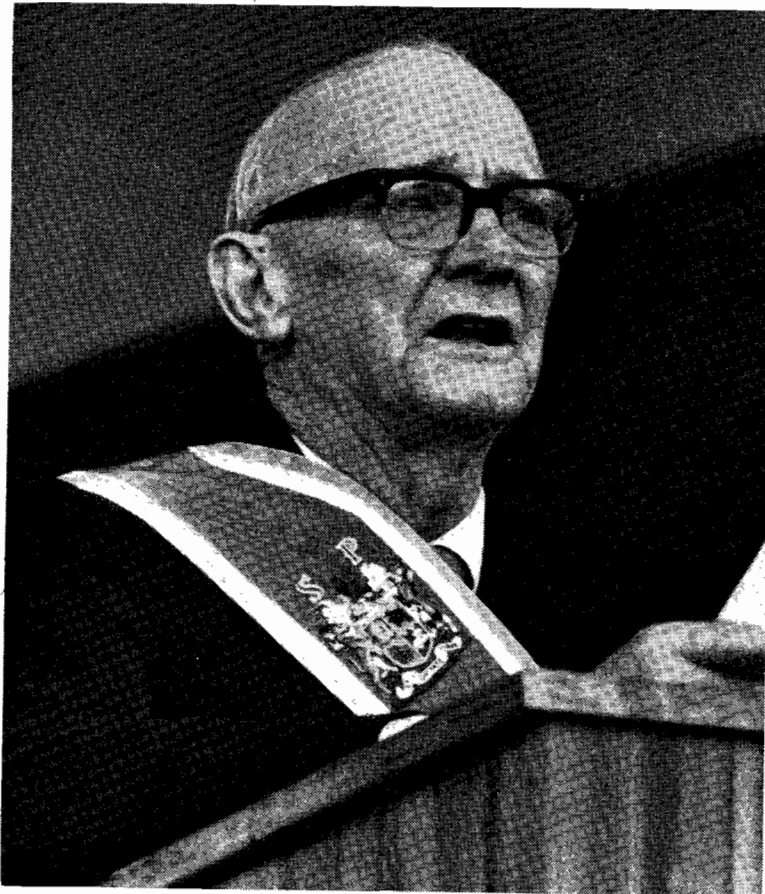
Messrs. G. M. Patel, a member of the S.A. Indian Council and Messrs. C. C. Palsamia, M. M. Vinoos, B. D. Chavada and Munsoon all of Cape Town were also given seats of honour at the Grand Parade.

Introducing the State President to the people of South Africa, the Prime Minister, Mr. B. J. Vorster, assured Mr. and Mrs. Fouché of the support and loyalty of all the citizens of the Republic. In paying tribute to Mr. Fouché he added:

"For many years you have taken part in the public life of South Africa on local, provincial and governmental level and now you stand here as President of the Republic of South Africa, having been unanimously chosen by the electoral college to fulfil this, the highest post in our land.

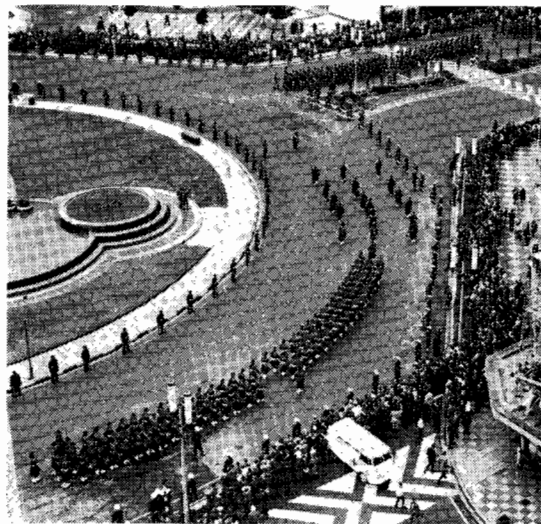
That is the highest tribute which could have been paid to you and Mrs. Fouché.

Our people know that you are extremely well-equipped to fill this highest post — a person to look up to, a person to follow and a man who will, in our tradition, lend lustre to the office of President."



The State President delivering his inaugural address.

Units of the South African Defence Force march in procession along the Presidential route.



*If we can bid a helping hand to those who want to accept it even though they live beyond
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LIVE AND LET LIVE

In his address Mr. Fouché stressed the need for unity and sound human relations, and said that South Africa accepts the philosophy of live and let live.

"Large numbers of our non-whites have gained knowledge and have made a substantial contribution in all fields. In our growing cities we of necessity intermingled and had to rub shoulders. So we learnt to get on together to build together and appreciate each other. Yes, so we gradually found our national unity to such an extent that we are prepared to build a united nation in a spirit of live and let live."

"Let us all accept it as our bounden duty to see to it that all peoples in our State get the opportunity to develop in an orderly way to the highest heights of self-respect and everything that goes with it.

To develop our own people should be our first aim—but our duty to live and let live also stretches to beyond our borders.



The State President meets Indian representatives at the Castle, Cape Town.

From left to right (seated): Mr. H. E. Joosub, The Minister of Indian Affairs, Senator the Hon. A. E. Trollip, the State President, Mr. J. J. Fouché, The Secretary for Indian Affairs, Mr. J. H. H. van der Merwe, Mr. P. R. Pather.

Back row: Messrs. Y. S. Chinsamy, G. N. Naidoo, M. E. Sultan, A. M. Rajab, M. D. Coovadia.

INDIAN REPRESENTATIVES MEET THE STATE PRESIDENT

On the 11th April, 1968 the representatives of the Indian Community who had attended the investiture of the State President were afforded an opportunity of meeting the State President personally. The Minister of Indian Affairs, the Hon. A. E. Trollip, was also present at the meeting which took place in Cape Town's historic Castle.

At this meeting brief congratulatory addresses were delivered by Messrs. H. E. Joosub and P. R. Pather on behalf of the Indian Community, to which the State President replied.

Mr. Joosub, in his address said:

"It is indeed a privilege and an honour for the opportunity accorded us, of meeting you personally, Sir, this afternoon, and for this I must express our thanks and appreciation. On the occasion of your inauguration as our State President, Sir, I wish to extend on behalf of Indian South Africans and particularly on behalf of the Indian communities in the Cape and in the Transvaal, our heartiest congratulations.

I am aware Sir, that your gracious appointment has been a unanimous decision . . . this decision is shared and acclaimed by all South Africans . . . and I may state, without any fear of contradiction, that Indian South Africans are equally delighted and welcome your appointment to this highest office in our country, because we have confidence and complete trust in you.

Over the years, we have followed your political career with admiration and interest. Sir, your magnanimous services and your valuable contributions made in local affairs, in Provincial matters and during your term as Minister holding various portfolios, will remain an immortal monument for the people of South Africa. Your words of wisdom and deeds will not only be a source of inspiration and strength to us, but, they will be engraved in golden letters in the glorious chapters of our history . . . for posterity to emulate the very fine example set by your esteemed self . . .

It gives us pride and gratification, to know that the Indian community is accepted as a permanent population group of the Republic.



The State President accompanied by the Minister of Indian Affairs and Messrs. Coovadia, Joosub and Chinsamy, leads the way to the reception room.

In that I wish to assure you of our undivided loyalty and allegiance to South Africa, our country of birth. Just as we are prepared to share in the joys and potentialities of this country, so are we also prepared to share in any adverse eventuality with our fellow South Africans. In addition Sir, we are prepared to share increasingly more responsibilities for the welfare and development of our great country.

It is in this spirit of loyalty, affection, goodwill and dedication that South Africans of all races will find perpetual happiness, prosperity and peace under your Presidency. May God give you health and long life to steer the destiny of our fatherland."

Mr. Pather, in expressing his own congratulations and good wishes as well as conveying those of the Indian people, particularly those resident in Natal, referred to the significance of this historic meeting and added that the Indian people would cherish this event because it gave them the sense of belonging. It also afforded further proof that the Indian people were regarded as an integral part of South Africa.

Recalling the State President's address at the Parade the previous day, he said that the whole concourse had been deeply touched by the sincerity and devotion with which Mr. Fouché proposed to fulfil the duties pertaining to his high office.

Mr. Pather expressed the hope that when Mr. and Mrs. Fouché visited Durban they would find it possible to attend an Indian function in order that they might meet more of the Indian people.

He reiterated the unswerving loyalty of the Indian people to the Republic of South Africa and said that they joined the rest of the country in pledging their full support to the State President during his term of office.

The State President, after thanking Messrs. Joosub and Pather for their good wishes and expressions of loyalty said:

"It is both a pleasure and a privilege to meet the leaders of our Indian Community here today. In this land of ours there are indeed many homes and at this juncture it is my duty to be Head of all the different homes in our fatherland. Yes, to be the symbol of all the different nations in the Republic.

Because we are so used to the good overall order in our State we do not always realise our wonderful achievement. I am referring to the fact that the different nations can live together and develop side by side. Yes, to develop economically and socially in an atmosphere of mutual goodwill. Of course we have our problems—many and difficult problems—but in an orderly State we are developing ways and means to live together, to develop together.

Gentlemen, in the Republic of South Africa we Europeans have our Western civilisation, you have your old Eastern civilisation and we also have an African way of life but in spite of these diversities we have one of the most peaceful countries in the present-day world. What a wonderful achievement! It is my ambi-



Mr. P. R. Pather meets the State President.

tion to develop that national co-operation which has been the master key to our success up to now. In the past we have felt our way. We are now on our way. The birth pains of our State of many homes, are past. We have now reached the nursing stage. It will be my duty and my pleasure to help to lead our different peoples on the road to full maturity and of course of self respect.

Along with other race groups of the Republic, you people of Indian origin have embarked on the road of parallel but separate development and in this way share in the benefits to be derived from peaceful coexistence in a multi-racial society. You fully realise that here in the Republic you can retain your own identity, religion, culture, a heritage of which you are rightly proud. I know you are prepared to shoulder your part of the responsibility as citizens of the Republic of South Africa.



The Minister of Indian Affairs, Senator the Hon. A. E. Trollip, looks on as Mr. Y. S. Chinsamy is introduced to the State President.

South Africa welcomes the new State President

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our borders, we should do so.

At present we live in a bewildered world. May God grant us the opportunity to help to restore order, not by interference but by example and goodwill and by evolving a workable political philosophy for a multiracial country.

In our different approaches to life there were also clashes, but, in the diversity of our self-imposed tasks, we first of all built a fatherland which became the pride of us all.

I will endeavour to make everyone realise that they are worthy people with one joint task—to build up homes for us all in a peaceful way, worthy of this fertile country.

It will be my aim during my term of office just to remain myself. As a farmer I am a product of nature and through my life I have been able to be nothing but a natural person.

As in the past I offer the people of South Africa my services. I offer them my love. I know that I am as of now the State President of the Republic of South Africa, but may it be my privilege to remain "Oom Jim" in the thoughts of the nation.

May it also in future be granted to me always to be the friend of all population groups and nations. May I in the dignity of this post be the friend and father of all groups in our fatherland."

Mr. Fouché paid tribute to his predecessor, Mr. C. R. Swart and Mrs. Swart and to the late Dr. T. E. Dönges.

He went on: "I am a believer in the continuity of progress. I believe in a great future for South Africa. I base my confidence on the power of the Almighty, on the potential of our country and on the character of our people."

"I believe, yes I honestly believe, that with a will to live in peace and with a will to work we can build this fair country of ours into one of the greatest civilised and orderly countries of the world. I am positive that very few of us, no matter to what cultural group we belong, would want to live in any country but our own Republic of South Africa."

The State President's address was loudly and enthusiastically applauded by the great crowd present which dispersed slowly after the National Anthem had been played and the presidential party had departed.

Let us keep our eyes open and see what is happening in other parts of the world and let us stand together to develop our fair land and its peoples. As I said yesterday, I am sure there are not many places in the world, if any, in which we would rather be than our Republic of South Africa.

Ek wil afsluit deur u die versekering te gee dat dit vir my, as Afrikaanssprekende Suid-Afrikaner, 'n vorreg is om my deel by te dra om ook die Indiërbevolking in die Republiek van Suid-Afrika tuis en gelukkig te laat voel.

Let us live in peace in this, our land of many homes but with a single loyalty. I am glad, gentlemen, to have met you."

After the address had been delivered, the Indian representatives were received individually by the State President and they all expressed their sincere gratitude and appreciation for the cordial reception accorded to them.

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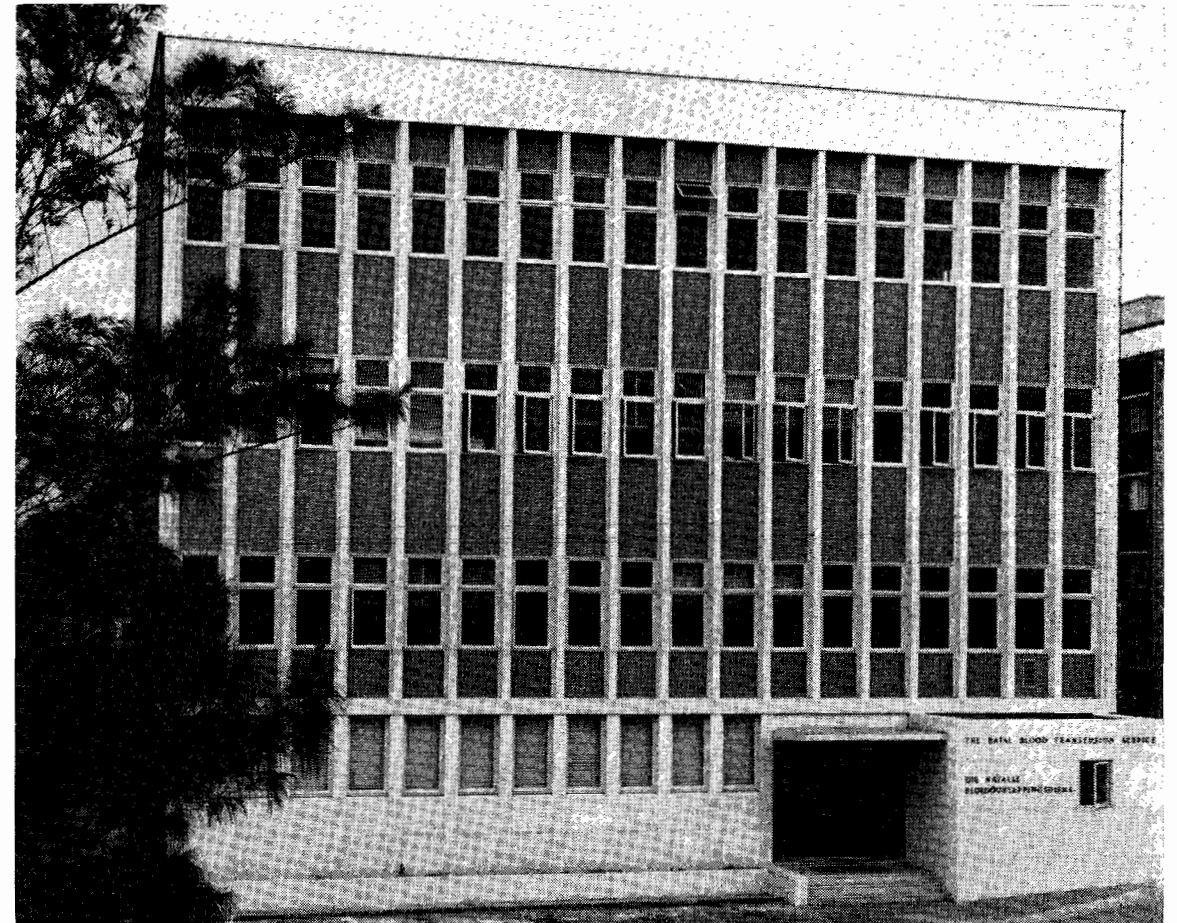
The Indian community of Natal has for many years given enthusiastic support to the Natal Blood Transfusion Service, which was the subject of an article in the April, 1967, issue of *Fiat Lux*. Now Natal is to have an Institute for Immunological Research, which will develop from the Blood Transfusion Service, and fund-raising committees are already active.

Why has the Institute been established and what will its function be?

Dealing with the first part of this question; the spotlight that has fallen on South Africa since Professor Chris Barnard's successful

heart transplant operations has revealed clearly to all the importance of the science of immunology. The Natal Provincial Administration were quick to realise this and The Honourable the Administrator of Natal, Mr. T. J. A. Gerdener, said:

"Through the lead which South Africa has established it has won world-wide acclaim and it is generally accepted that this lead must never again be lost. It is of the utmost importance, not only for the sake of medicine itself but for the sake of the international image of the Republic, that the lead be further increased by ever more



Headquarters of the Natal Blood Transfusion Service.