

# THE NEW REPUBLIC BANK BREAKS NEW GROUND

THE ALL-INDIAN New Republic Bank, in Durban, opened its doors on Monday, 1st of February, 1971.



People who were directly responsible for the coming into being of The New Republic Bank were (left to right): Mr A. B. Shuter, Manager of the Durban Training College of the Standard Bank, who helped with the training of the bank's staff; Mr M. de Wit van Eyssen, Regional Representative of the Department of Indian Affairs; Mr J. N. Reddy, the Managing Director; Mr D. W. Temlett, Assistant Manager, Organisation and Methods Division of the Standard Bank of S.A. Ltd., who supervised the establishment of systems, and Mr M. M. Palmer, on whose shoulders, as Secretary Accountant, now rests the responsibility of carrying on.

The launching of the New Republic Bank Ltd. is an important milestone in the steady progress of the Indian community in South Africa. The bank can help to mobilise savings of all sections of the Indian community and assist in promoting the maximum economic development and expansion which can result in greater opportunities and an increasing standard of living for all.

The major development plans recently announced for expanding industrial growth in various parts of Natal alone, gives cause to examine the Indian community's future role,

and urgent efforts will have to be made for an increasingly greater participation by them in industry and to diversify commerce. A steady flow of trained manpower, and the availability of savings and capital to finance development, exports, imports and the need for their own financial institutions to canalise effectively, is therefore required.

There are already several educational institutions in existence capable of training an ever-increasing number of persons with a variety of special skills who will be employed in new business and industrial ventures and who will



Encouraging young people to save is one of Mr Reddy's ideals. Here he is seen assisting a group of young executives who came into the bank on the first day it opened its doors.

Banking is a pleasure in such pleasant surroundings.



when South Africa herself became a new Republic.

"I realised then that there was tremendous need for Indians to have their own Bank or Building Society," says Mr J. N. Reddy, the bank's Managing Director.

"Not only because of business needs, but at that time — as now — there were a lot of youngsters leaving university and high school who sought a career in banking and allied fields. The big banks were closed to them when it came to specialist opportunities, and the bright graduate with a B.Com. could not use his talents to the full. So I accepted it as my duty to create opportunities for these people."

And his people did not leave him in the lurch. Indians from all walks of life made the opening possible by taking more than R600 000 worth of shares.

There was a steady flow of people to the bank's modern air-conditioned ground floor offices in Goodhope Centre on the day it opened, when many investments and savings accounts were opened.

Mr Reddy said that from the interest shown in the new venture, the bank's directors were confident that the bank's authorised capital of R1 000 000 would be fully subscribed in the next few months ●



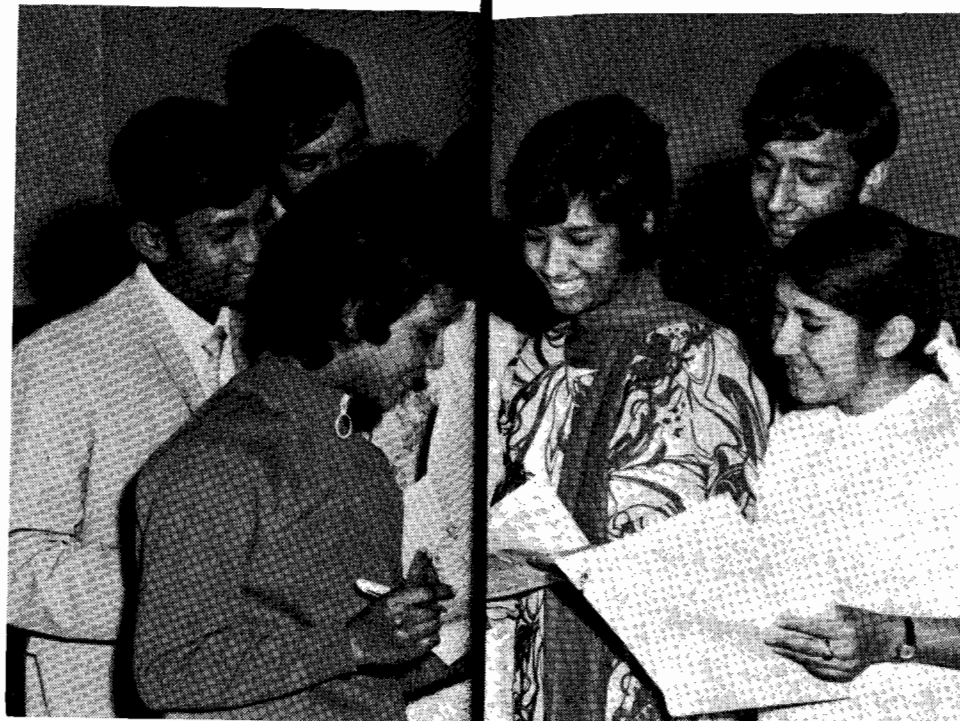
Mr J. N. Reddy, Managing Director of The New Republic Bank.

be able to help in expansion of existing businesses.

A banking institution specially geared to the needs of the Indian community will be an essential means of providing facilities and services to help accelerate these developments. The promoters of the New Republic Bank have no doubt that as the bank develops, it is destined to play a major role in the future progress and well-being of the Indian community and it will serve industry, commerce, agriculture and the general public in many different ways.

The story of the Bank goes back to

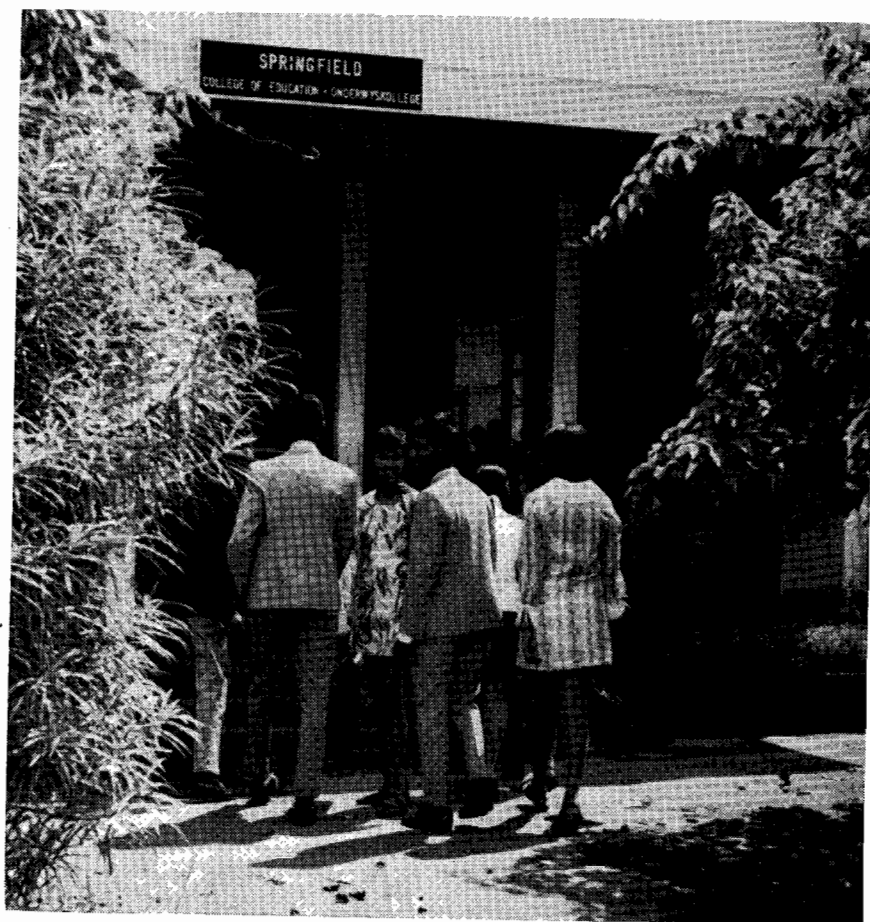
# Teachers of tomorrow



*It's a pleasure to start a new career.*

During 1970, the Rector of the Springfield College of Education, Mr J. M. de Wet Brandt, visited most of the Secondary Schools in Natal who send students to Springfield to train as teachers. He met and spoke to Matriculants who intend coming to the College in 1971, with the result that when the first-years enrolled in February they felt at home and happy.

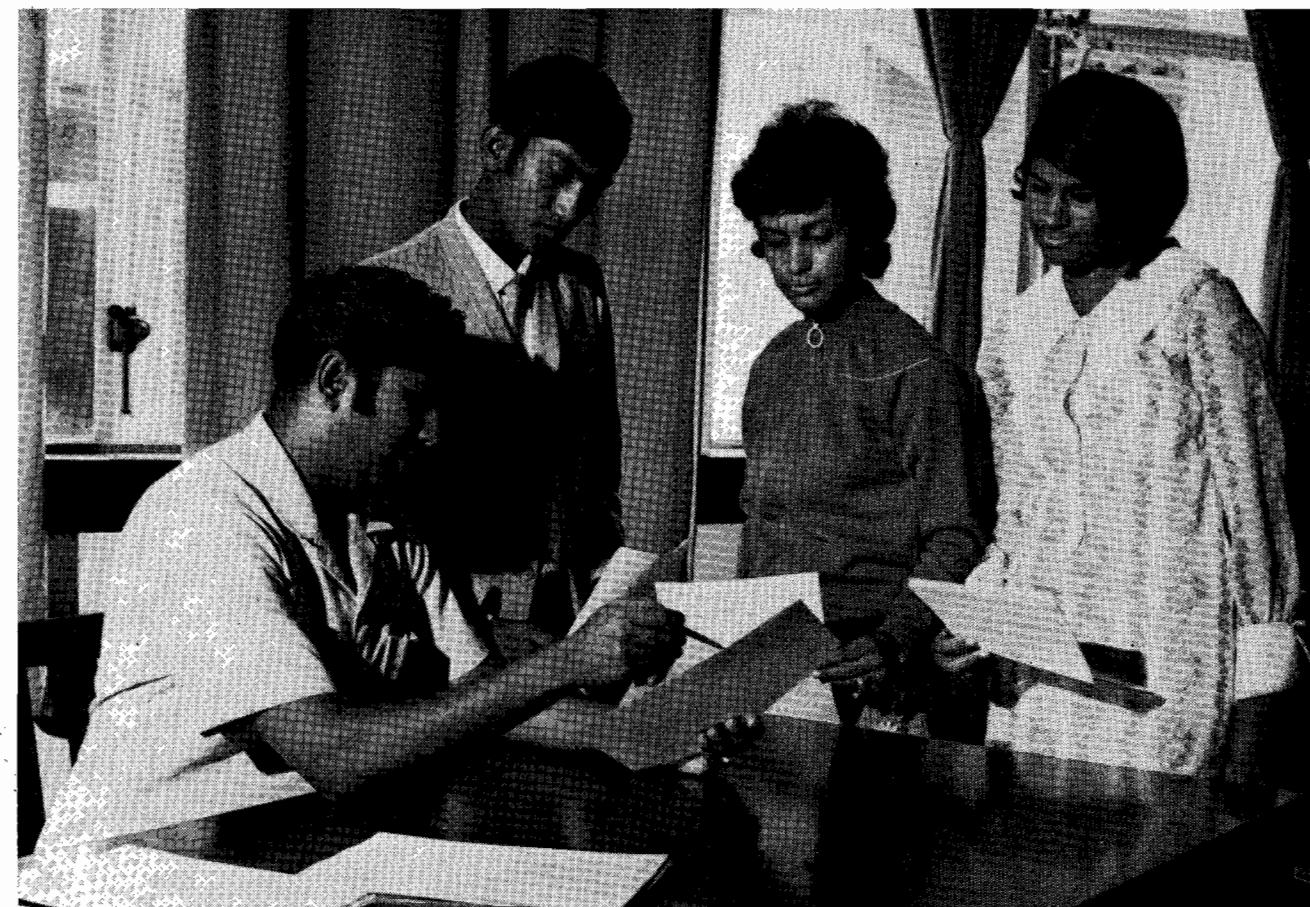
Courses will all be of three years' duration, both Primary and Secondary, with the privilege to specialise in the subject of the student's choice during the final year.



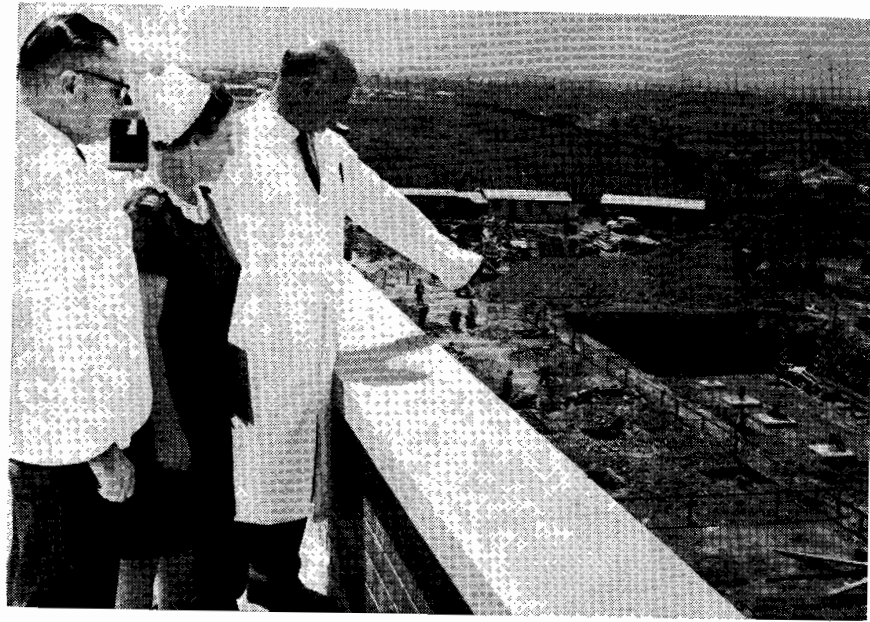
*Filling in forms to enter the College was part of the first day's procedure. Our group are, from left to right: Mr R. Singh and Mr K. Maharaj, with the girls, the Misses M. Kannipran, N. Naidoo, S. Singh and F. Motala. The gentleman on the right is Mr A. H. Docrat.*

*Mr R. Moodley, Assistant to the Registrar, had a lot of explaining to do.*

*"Just write your full name and address here . . ." says Mr S. Pather, the Registrar, to first-year student R. Singh, while Miss M. Kannipran and Miss N. Naidoo look on.*



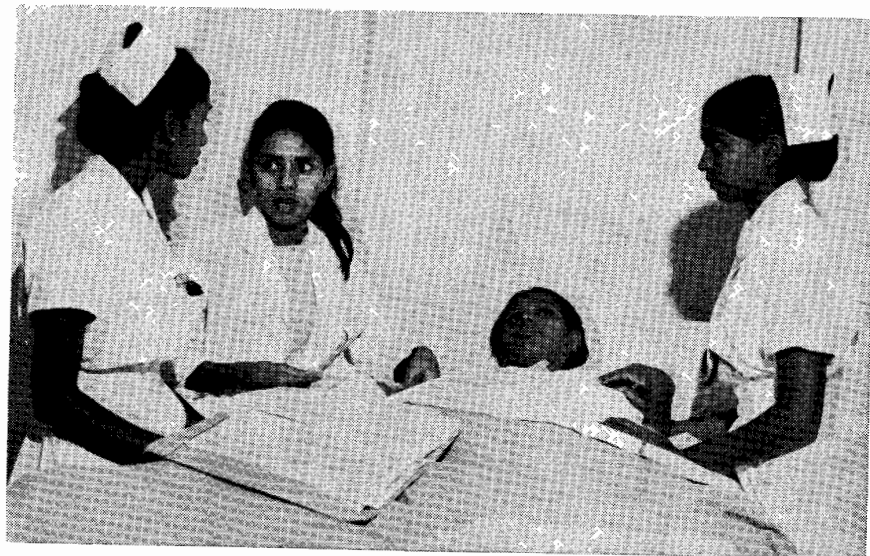




The proposed X-Ray/Maternity/Paediatic/Orthopaedic block now under construction should be ready in 1973 when 314 additional beds will be available. The picture shows the Medical Superintendent of the Hospital with the Matron of the Nurses' Training Section, explaining future developments to the Senior Hospital Secretary, Mr P. J. Barnard.

## What's new at the R.K. Khan?

Nursing is a passport all over the world. And apart from having quite a number of benefits a bright future looms ahead. Here Nurses L. Sunder and G. Naidoo (right) listens attentively while a lady doctor explains to them the condition of the patient. The doctor is one of four Indian female students who qualified last year at the University of Natal and are now doing their year of internship in a hospital.



**T**HE R. K. KHAN Hospital, one of South Africa's most modern and spacious hospitals, is devoted entirely to the Indian community of Natal. It has under its auspices a well-appointed Nurses' Training Section. Latest acquisition to this section is the introduction of a two-year Enrolled Auxiliary Training Course. Girls with a Junior Certificate can now enrol and on the successful completion of this training they may then proceed to undertake the Diploma in Nurse Training. Duration of this course is three years.



Nurse G. K. Saiman busy attending to patients in the Casualty Department of the R. K. Khan Hospital. She is one of the first Indian girls who started the new course this year.

## TRAINING OF INDIANS AS TELEPHONE MECHANICS FOR THE G.P.O.

**D**R ALEC SOLOMON, the Rector of the M.L. Sultan Technical College (an Institution for Advanced Technical Education) is pleased to announce that after negotiations with the Department of Posts and Telegraphs formal approval has been obtained for the training of the first twenty Indian males as Telephone Mechanics.

Dr Solomon said that his College received this news with great acclamation since not only was it a milestone in the history of the Republic of South Africa by virtue of the fact that the G.P.O. was probably the first State Department to give formal approval for the training of Indians for technical posts, but that in addition, Dr Solomon foresees this as a forerunner for training Indian personnel for other technical posts, such as Telecommunication Technicians and so forth.

Dr Solomon stated that the Department of Posts and Telegraphs is to be felicitated on its farsightedness in making available facilities for the technical training of Indian lads, since this was

a source of labour which could be used to tremendous advantage in alleviating the acute shortage of manpower in the many facets of the various technical fields.

On behalf of the College Council, Dr Solomon gave the assurance that the College would do all within its power to ensure the success of the training and he stated that he was convinced that the confidence shown by the Department of Posts and Telegraphs in the Indian youth would not be misplaced. Dr Solomon said an excellent feature of the scheme is the assurance of employment for the trainees on completion of the course at the College.

The course started during February, 1971, and applicants for this course had to be in possession of at least the Junior Certificate. The trainees were enrolled as employees of the G.P.O. and are thus receiving a salary while being trained at the M.L. Sultan Technical College.

The Department is pleased to announce that Mr H. A. C. de Beer, who occupies the post of Local Representative at Pietermaritzburg, has, by reason of outstanding merit achievements, been promoted to the rank of Administrative Control Officer. The photograph shows Mr M. J. de Wit van Eyssen, the Department's Regional Representative, handing Mr de Beer a letter notifying him of his promotion. Mr E. J. Turner, Under Secretary, looks on, together with some of the staff members.

## Pietermaritzburg in the News

Our picture shows two members of the staff, Miss F. V. E. David and Mr J. A. Moodley, who have joined forces permanently in matrimony.





# PHOTO FLASHES



## WELL WORTH WHILE

The Local Affairs election at Isipingo Beach, which took place during January, 1971, was a colourful and exciting occasion. Our picture shows a candidate being decorated by a well-wisher.



## POTCHEFSTROOM IN THE NEWS

Special honours went to Solly Yacoob and Shaida Ismail, of the Potchefstroom Indian School, for winning the Sir Ahmed Khan Memorial Shield at the annual Speech Contest, held in Potchefstroom at the end of 1970. This was the third year that this school succeeded in winning the prize.



## WELL EARNED REST

MR S. DWARIKA retired as principal of Roopsingh Centenary Memorial State-Aided Indian School at the end of December, 1970. He served education for 51 years, commencing as a pupil teacher at Tinley Manor. He also taught at Fairbreeze, where he was vice-principal for a short period. He later became principal at Shakaskraal before resuming his position at Roopsingh. In 1967/68 Mr Dwarika toured India, Ceylon and Mauritius.

## A NEW ARRIVAL

Chatsglen is the new Post Office in Chatsworth, the biggest housing complex for Indians in the Southern Hemisphere.

Mr M. Govender, the postmaster, was formerly postmaster at Isipingo Beach. All normal postal services, except delivery of letters, are provided at the new post office. It has a spacious interior, adjacent to the premises of the Department of Justice, which has the local courts there as well as the Department of Indian Affairs.

The postmaster, Mr Govender, is seen here with his two delivery men, Mr Moghamberry and Mr L. G. Pather, who were on their way to deliver telegrams when "Fiat Lux" paid a call.



## AN HISTORIC OCCASION

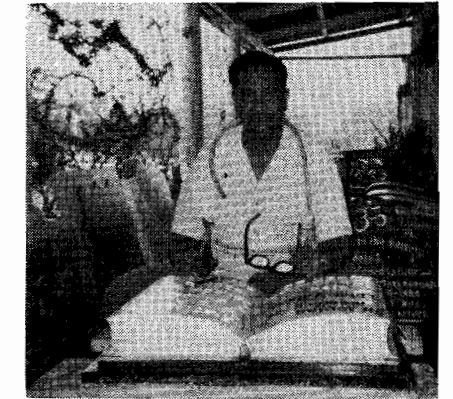
TWELVE students of the Springfield College of Education were engaged to assist with the processing of the 1970 Junior Certificate results. This was the first time since Indian Education took over that Indian students were used for this task. The Department of Indian Affairs still run the

Junior Certificate as an external examination.

The students as they appear with Mr J. M. van den Berg. (Left to right): Mr Dhunasagran Munsamy with Miss Kamla Ramnarian. At the machine Mr Jay Morar and Mr L. C. Maharaj, while Mr M. H. S. O. Hoosen is partly obscured by Miss Puni Naidoo.

## A MASON AND HIS ART . . .

MR HABIBULLAH KHAN, of Dundee, is a person interested in raw materials, such as marble and granite. Making tombstones, laying terrazzo floors and sculpturing in granite is part of his daily task.



## A KIND GESTURE

Indian ladies are taking a big part nowadays to provide facilities for their community. The members of the Arena Park Mathar Sungam, Chatsworth, were lucky in receiving a cheque of R100 from Mrs M. Vodiar at a fund-raising bazaar. Here we see the chairlady, Mrs M. Moodley (left) with Mrs Vodiar, while other members look on.

