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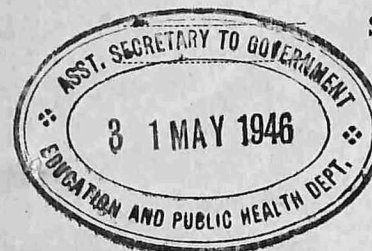
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Education Department
 From (Name) G.L. Lobo, Esq., B.A.,
 (Hons.), Cantab.
 Designation Dy. Director of Public
 Instruction (Incharge)
 Station Madras.
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 To The Secretary to Government,
 Education and Public Health
 Department, Madras.

Enclosures :

Re. No. 576-D/46, dated 28-5-1946.

Sir,



SUB:- Grant - The Indian Students Union and Hostel,
 London - 1945-46 - Payment - Recommended.

In submitting herewith a copy of the application dated 16-5-1946 from the Finance Secretary, National Council of Y.M.C.A., Calcutta for the usual grant to the Indian Students Union and Hostel, London, I have the honour to recommend that the payment of a grant of Rs.3000/- may be sanctioned during 1946-47. Payment of a similar grant of Rs.3000/- was sanctioned last year in G.O.No.Mis.844, Edn., dated 4-6-1946.

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Necessary provision exists in the Budget Estimate of the current year under the head "37(r) Edn. - General-Miscellaneous - (r) B.8) - Other grants authorised- the Indian Students Union and Hostel."

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The Annual report of the Union for 1943-44 together with the
audited statement of receipts and charges for the year
ended 31-12-44 is herewith enclosed.

R. Narasimha

for Director of Public Instruction.

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Copy of letter

From

The Finance Secretary,
National Council Y.M.C.A.,
5, Russell Street, Calcutta.

To

The Director of Public Instruction,
Government of Madras,
Madras.

Sir,

Re:- Grant towards the maintenance of Indian Students'
Union & Hostel in London.

I have the honour to make an application for the payment of the annual grant towards the maintenance of our Indian Students' Union & Hostel in London. The Government of Madras has been good enough to make an annual contribution of Rs.3,000 towards the upkeep of this institution for a number of years.

For your information and record I am sending herewith two copies of the last printed report which has been received from the London Hostel for the year 1943-44. I am also sending two copies of the audited accounts for the year ended 31st December 1944. As you will see from the Income & Expenditure account the grant paid by the Government of Madras is given at the bottom along with the grants paid by the Government of India, other provincial Governments, by Indian States and by trusts. Copies of the report for 1945-46 or audited accounts for 1945 have not yet been received. As soon as they come two copies of the same will be forwarded to you.

In order to provide hostel accommodation for Indian students our Committee in London has arranged to rent two buildings at Woburn Square. These buildings are being repaired and will be ready for occupation within a month or so. A full-time Warden for the Hostel has also been appointed by the Indian National Council. He left for London about the end of April and will commence his work before long. Our Executive Committee has also approved of the construction of a new building in place of the one which was damaged through enemy bombs, at a cost of approximately £.50,000 of this amount we expect to get a compensation of £.12,00 from the Government. The balance will have to be raised largely in India. Since the war is now over a large number of Indian students are proceeding to England for foreign study. After the construction of the new building we expect to have as much accommodation for Indian students in London as in pre-war days.

We shall be grateful if you will kindly see your way to sanction the usual grant towards the maintenance of the Indian Students' Union & Hostel for the current year. But for the help given to us by the various provincial Governments, by the Government of India and by the Indian States, it would have been almost impossible for us to continue this piece of useful service to the Indian students in London.

With due appreciation of your generous help in the past,

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

V.G. Siremani,
Finance Secretary.

R. Narasimha

for Director of Public Instruction.

INDIAN STUDENTS UNION AND HOSTEL.

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st December, 1944.

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We have examined the Books and Accounts of the Indian Students' Union and Hostel for the year ended 31st December, 1944. The National Council of Young Men's Christian Association Incorporated, certify that they hold the Title Deeds of the Freehold Property which is registered in the name of the Indian National Council of Y.M.C.A's.

Subject to this, the above Balance Sheet, in our opinion, is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the position at 31st December, 1944, according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the Books.

67, WATLING STREET,
LONDON, E.C.4.

2nd July, 1945.

FAIRBAIRN, WINGFIELD & WYKES,
Chartered Accountants.

112, Gower Street, London.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st December 1944.

[P.T.O.]

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LONDON COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT, 1943.

OFFICERS.

<i>Chairman</i>	-	Sir EWART GREAVES, D.L.
<i>Hon. Treasurer</i>	-	HAROLD G. JUDD, C.B.E.
<i>Hospitality Secretary</i>	-	SHORAN S. SINGHA, B.A.
<i>Secretary</i>	-	GEORGE M. PULIMOOD, B.A.
<i>Accountant</i>	-	MISS L. UNDERWOOD.

MEMBERS.

LIONEL AIRD.	HY. S. L. POLAK.
Capt. S. T. BINSTED.	H. G. POOLER.
REV. ALAN BOOTH.	Lady RUNGANADHAN
PHILIP COX.	ADAM SCOTT.
PRAKASH DATTA.	MAURICE WEBB.
Mrs. S. LALL.	A. T. WESTON.
G. H. LANGLEY.	

Bankers: The Midland Bank Ltd.

Auditors: Messrs. Fairbairn, Wingfield & Wykes.

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FOREWORD.

MR. G. M. PULIMOOD'S report deals with the period to the end of 1944 and as he states in the end of his report we had to discontinue most of our programme during the concluding months of that year owing to the menace of the Flying Bombs.

The Committee have been trying for a considerable time to find some temporary premises until the houses in Gower Street can be re-built, the matter has become an urgent one since the termination of the war in Europe, as an influx of students from India is likely. Premises are not easy to find in these days, but thanks to the kindness of the authorities of The University of London we hope to be able to rent from them two adjoining houses in Woburn Square after some necessary repairs caused by war damage have been carried out. These houses will provide living accommodation for about 30 students and club facilities and it is hoped a restaurant. In the meantime 112, Gower Street is still open and is visited by students and old friends.

On the recommendation of the President of the Royal Institute of British Architects, Mr. Ralph Tubbs, A.R.I.B.A., has been appointed to draw the plans for the new building and he has produced an excellent design which has been sent to India for approval. A Committee, under the Chairmanship of Mr. Vishna Nath Prasad, A.R.I.B.A., is in process of formation to prepare plans for the interior decoration of the building and to introduce into the interior of the new building features of Indian art.

EWART GREAVES

(Chairman of the Committee of Management).

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF THE INDIAN STUDENTS' UNION FOR THE PERIOD AUGUST, 1943 TO DECEMBER, 1944.

The Indian Students' Union, at 112, Gower Street, London, continued to be of service to Indian students in London, as well as the Provinces. The Provincial students made use of the services of the Union in finding accommodation during their visits to London. The Union is still being used by many of the students throughout the British Isles as a receiving and forwarding centre for cables, letters, parcels and remittances. We have attempted to do, though on a considerably reduced scale, the good work the Union had been carrying out in the past; the following is an account of the activities till the end of 1944.

CELEBRATION OF INDIAN HOLIDAYS.

During the previous year several meetings were held to bring Indian students in contact with people of different nationalities; more than six meetings of this kind were held from time to time. As a change from this programme an attempt was made to bring together Indian students with people of different Indian communities resident in London. For this purpose we decided to celebrate the important holidays of the principal Indian communities, the Hindu, Muslim, Parsi and Christian.

"DEEPALI DAY". Saturday, 6th November, 1943, was observed by the Students' Union as "Deepali", the Hindu festival. The interior of the premises was partially illuminated at 4 p.m. made possible by the black-out conditions. There was a happy gathering of Indian students and their friends of all communities, numbering about sixty. Mr. S. Baburao explained to the gathering the meaning of "Deepali" and why it was celebrated as a festival all over India. This was followed by a programme of Indian music; tea was served with Indian sweets.

BAKR-ID, THE MUSLIM FESTIVAL was observed by the Union, on Saturday, 4th December, 1943. Mr. Shah Bahn, an Egyptian student spoke to the gathering explaining the meaning of Bakr-Id. There was a programme of Western and Indian music and also a recitation of an Urdu poem by Mr. Misra. After tea Mr. Yusuf Ali brought the meeting to a close thanking the Union for observing this Muslim festival.

CHRISTMAS GATHERING. On Saturday, 18th December 1943, we held a Christmas Party when about eighty people were present. Miss Mary Trevelyan, Warden of The Student Movement House spoke on "What Christmas means to me." This was followed by singing of Christmas carols and other songs of the season.

FAREWELL TO MR. AND MRS. LALL. The occasion of the Christmas gathering was also made use of to bid farewell to Mr. S. Lall, Deputy High Commissioner for India and Mrs. Lall who had been good friends of the Union during their stay in London. On behalf of the Union, Mr. Langley expressed our appreciation and thanks for all the help they rendered to the Union. While replying to Mr. Langley's speech, Mr. Lall expressed the hope that the I.S.U. would rise again as a greater institution after the war and he assured the gathering that he would keep alive his interest in the work of the Union.

NAVROZ, THE PARSİ FESTIVAL. On Saturday, 15th April, 1944, the Students' Union observed "Navroz" the Parsi New Year Day. About eighty people were present, forty being members of Parsi families resident in London. Mr. Cowasji Jehangir was present with a group of Indian airmen on their way from Canada to India. Mr. Danby also brought a party of Canadian air force men. There was a musical programme organised by Miss Doulat Nanavaty, a Parsi student of the Trinity College of Music.

These celebrations of Indian festivals marked the cordiality existing between people of all communities from India, while they are abroad.

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INDIAN STUDENTS MEET DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

On Tuesday, 21st March, 1944, Mr. Kingsley Martin, Editor of "The New Statesman and Nation" met about seventeen Indian students at an informal gathering and had tea with the students. For about an hour the students discussed with him the current political situation in India.

DAME SYBIL THORNDIKE. On Friday, 5th May, at 5 p.m., Dame Sybil Thorndike visited the Union, when a group of Indian students and their friends numbering in all about thirty, spent a very profitable hour in discussing with Dame Sybil matters connected with Dramatic Art.

MR. JOHN SARGENT, Educational Commissioner to the Government of India, visited the Students' Union on Tuesday, 23rd May, at 5 p.m., and met a gathering of about thirty members of whom twenty were students. Mr. Sargent gave a short account of the educational scheme he hoped to introduce in India after the war.

INDIAN TRAINEES VISIT THE I.S.U. On Saturday, 25th September, 1943, twenty-five members of the Eighth Batch of Indian Industrial Trainees (Bevin Boys) visited the Students' Union with their Superintendent, Mr. S. Mahmud. Mr. Langley welcomed them in a short speech on behalf of the Indian students present on the occasion.

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MUSICAL EVENINGS AND SOCIAL GATHERINGS.

On Saturday, 16th October, 1943, a social gathering was held when about forty people were present. There was a short musical programme and a group of dances given by Miss E. P. Quigly, Assistant Librarian at India House. About ten United States soldiers were present at the gathering and one of them gave a short talk on his work in civil life as "Wild Game Technician."

On Saturday, 20th November, 1943, another Musical Evening was held when about thirty were present. Students of the Trinity College of Music provided a programme of music.

MUSIC COMPETITION. On Saturday, 29th January, 1944, a Music Competition was held for the benefit of all the artists who helped us in our last year's programme; about forty of our members were present. Prizes were given to six of the winners as a token of our appreciation of their services.

A Social Gathering was held on 19th February, 1944, to meet members of the International Friendship League. Forty-five of our members were present. There was an attractive musical programme in which the Russian singer, Miss Ina de la Haye, took part.

On Saturday, 11th March, Miss Victoria Kingsley, the well known guitar player and singer entertained a gathering of thirty of our members to an interesting musical programme of the Folk Songs of this country.

LANGUAGE CLASS. A language class in Hindustani was held regularly every Thursday from November, 1942, till January, 1944. Of the eight who attended the Class, five completed the course of lessons.

READING ROOM. At present our Reading Room has about twenty different periodicals, Indian and English. Indian daily papers like the "Hindu" and "Statesman" do not reach us

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as they used to during the past several years, probably due to war conditions. However the Reading Room is well stocked with current English periodicals.

Several meetings arranged for the period July to October, 1944, had to be cancelled owing to the intense Flying-bomb menace. As our present building is part of premises already bombed, it was less likely to withstand bomb blast; the Management Committee accordingly decided in July, 1944, not to hold any further meetings in our premises until conditions improved.

G. M. PULIMOOD,
Secretary.

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The Govt sanction the payment during the year 1946-7 of a grant of Rs 3000 (Rupees three thousand only) to the National Council, Y.M.C.A., Calcutta towards the expenses of the Indian Students Union and hostel, London.

The expenditure will be met from the appropriation under 37 - Education - General - Miscellaneous B.P. - Other grants - Authorized - The Indian Students Union and Hostel" in the detailed annual Estimate of expenditure for the current year

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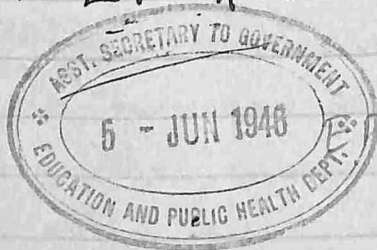
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