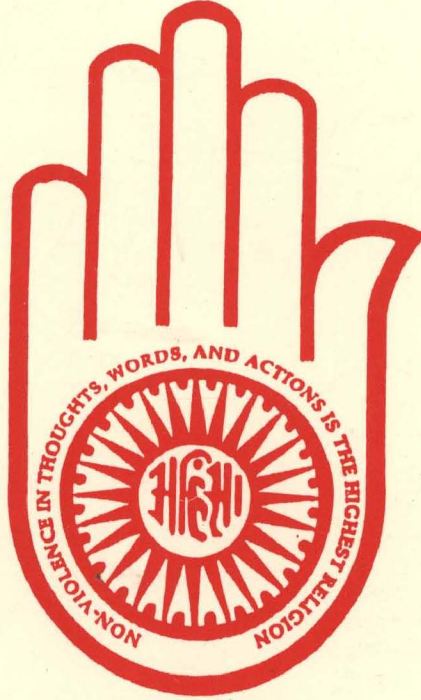


THE JAINS



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Live and Let Live

A profile
WORLD PARLIAMENT OF RELIGIONS
CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS
1893 to 1993
28th August to 5th September, 1993
at Chicago

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CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS
THE PARLIAMENT OF THE WORLD'S RELIGIONS
AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, USA
AUGUST 28TH TO SEPTEMBER 5, 1993

I. INTRODUCTION

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE WORLD'S RELIGIONS

1. 100 years ago - 1893

The first Parliament of the World's religions was held at Chicago in 1893 as a part of World's Columbian Exposition. It was the first meeting of the representatives of the major religions in the history of the world. About four hundred persons spoke about their faiths to audiences of four thousand or more. The parliament marked the beginning of interfaith dialogue in the modern world. Jainism, Hinduism, Buddhism, Zoroastrianism trace their beginnings in the west to their participation in the parliament. Hundred years ago the Parliament was more of a familiarisation and introduction of religions.

The Jain Representation

A Jain Acharya Shri Vijayanandsuri (popularly known as Atmaramji) was invited to attend the parliament to represent the Jains. The rules of the conduct of Sadhus prevented the Acharya from going to Chicago. He deputed Shri Virchand Raghavji Gandhi (VRG) to fulfil the mission. VRG was the first honorary secretary of Jain Association of India. He travelled by boat with Swami Vivekanandji and others. VRG gave several lectures on Jainism at various cities in USA after the conference.

2. 100 years after - 1993

The centennial Parliament is scheduled for nine days from Saturday 28th August to Sunday 5th September, 1993. It will bring together leaders and representatives of the World's faiths, experts on economic, social, scientific, environmental and political issues, and spiritual pilgrims from all over the globe. The centennial celebrations in 1993 will be a historic event.

* Encourage the spirit of harmony and to celebrate with openness and mutual respect, the rich diversity of religion.

* Renew the role of religions of the world in relation to personal spiritual growth and the challenges facing the global community.

* Develop and encourage interfaith groups and programmes which will carry the spirit of the Parliament into the twenty-first century.

* Total attendance over 9 days period will exceed 50,000. It will be a highly publicised event of the century of multi-faith get togethers.

GLIMPSES OF 1993 PARLIAMENT

- * Opening invocation by Native American Elders from four directions.
- * Closing address by His Holiness the Dalai Lama
- * Conferences on Pluralism
- * Conferences on religion and the critical issues of the 21st Century
- * Assembly of religious and spiritual leaders
- * International film festival
- * Presentation of the 1993 Templeton Prize
- * Plenary Sessions, including:
 - 'What shall we do?'
 - 'The critical issues'
 - 'Voices of the dispossessed'
 - 'Voices of spirit and tradition'
 - 'Interfaith harmony'
 - 'The inner life'
 - 'The next generation'

3. The parliament will focus numerous presentations, workshops, seminars, demonstrations and performances on a broad range of themes, including:

- * Interfaith dialogue
- * Environment and ecology
- * Women's and men's issues
- * Spirituality of indigenous people
- * Ethics
- * Death and dying
- * Education
- * Science and technology
- * New religions
- * Religious and cultural pluralism
- * The next generation
- * Peace
- * Literature
- * Health and wellness
- * Economics and justice
- * The religious life
- * Power, politics and liberation
- * The feminine in religion
- * Architecture
- * Religion in Chicago
- * Sacred space and sacred time
- * Meditation and contemplation
- * Prayer
- * Myth, ritual and tradition
- * The history of religions
- * Art, music and dance

4. Many of the world's religious and spiritual leaders have been invited to participate in the parliament.

5. Participation in the 1993 celebrations at Chicago are by way of Co-sponsors open to groups or institutions or individual registrations.

5.1 Criteria for co-sponsorship

5.1.1 Co-sponsors is open to group or institution, that wish to endorse the missions of the council for parliament of world's religions, Minimum contribution US\$500.

5.1.2 Co-sponsors should have means to lend active support as partners and such support to include financial help, publicity, personal and organizational leadership. Co-sponsors should possess a measure of stability and standing in their communities.

5.1.3 Co-sponsors should work together for the benefit of the human race and the planet we inhabit. Co-sponsors should respect the right of others, cooperate and understand rather than convince and convert.

5.1.4 Co-sponsors must be nominated by atleast three existing co-sponsors or three members of the Board of Directors and approved by the council's Board of Directors.

5.2 Individual Registration

5.2.1. Full Registration (excludes meals and accomodations but includes all sessions of the Parliament (including seminars and workshops, preferntial access to plenary events open to public. For a few events, seating is limited and tickets will be issued on first -come, first-served basis. There may be admission charge for some off-site events, exhibits, and for post-parliament retreats).

Costs: US\$200 before June 1,1993 US\$ 350 after June 1,1993
Youths under age 18 accompanied by an adult with full registration may register for half the above amount.

5.2.2 Family Regsitratio

Costs: US\$350 before June 1,1993 US\$500 after June 1,1993
For couples and/or parent(s) with children

5.2.3 Three-day Registration

Costs: US\$200 to include all the benefits of a full registration but limited to any three consecutive days of parliament.

5.2.4. One-day Registration

Costs: US\$75 to include benefits of a full registration but limited to any one day of the parliament.

5.3 A limited number of half-price registrations will be available to persons without income.



Council for a Parliament
of the World's Religions
P.O. Box 1620, Chicago, IL 60690 USA

1993 Parliament of the World's Religions

Saturday 28 August	Sunday 29 August	Monday 30 August	Tuesday 31 August	Wednesday 1 September	Thursday 2 September	Friday 3 September	Saturday 4 September	Sunday 5 September
Sunrise	Prayer / Meditation	Prayer / Meditation	Prayer / Meditation	Prayer / Meditation	Prayer / Meditation	Prayer / Meditation	Prayer / Meditation	Prayer / Meditation
8:00	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
9:00	Welcoming Services & Programs at Palmer House and at Chicago-area Temples, Churches, Mosques, Shrines, Synagogues, etc.	PLENARY Voices of the Dispossessed	PLENARY presentation	PLENARY presentation	PLENARY presentation	PLENARY presentation	Programs at local co-sponsoring organizations	
10:00			Sessions A: Seminars, Workshops, and Major Presentations*	Sessions A: Seminars, Workshops, and Major Presentations*	Sessions A: Seminars, Workshops, and Major Presentations*	Sessions A: Seminars, Workshops, and Major Presentations*	Programs, dialogues, and lectures at Palmer House	
11:00								
12:00	THE COMMON MEAL and address/presentation	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	POST - PARLIAMENT TOURS AND RETREATS (optional)
1:00								
2:00		PLENARY Voices of Spirit and Tradition	Sessions B: Seminars, Workshops, and Major Presentations*	Sessions B: Seminars, Workshops, and Major Presentations*	Sessions B: Seminars, Workshops, and Major Presentations*	Sessions B: Seminars, Workshops, etc.	Assembly of Religious and Spiritual Leaders: with Experts on Critical Issues	
3:00	OPENING PLENARY • Procession • Invocation • Address by Native American elders • Blessing	PLENARY "What shall we do?"					Concert for the Twenty-first century	
4:00			Sessions C: Seminars, Workshops, and Major Presentations*	Sessions C: Seminars, Workshops, and Major Presentations*	Sessions C: Seminars, Workshops, and Major Presentations*	Sessions C: Seminars, Workshops, etc.	THE COMMON MEAL and address/presentation	
5:00								
6:00	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner		
7:00		Worship	Worship	Worship	Worship	Worship		
8:00	PLENARY Interfaith Understanding	PLENARY The Critical Issues	PLENARY The Inner Life	PLENARY The Inner Life: Interfaith Harmony	Twenty-first presentation of The Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion (Rockefeller Chapel) Concert (Palmer House)	PLENARY The Next Generation	CLOSING PLENARY • H.H. The Dalai Lama • The calls to action • The Universal Declaration of Human Values • Invocation of Blessing on the 21st Century	

* Also scheduled during the week: exhibits, performances, lectures and presentations, interfaith dialogues, children's programs, and meetings of specialized groups.

COUNCIL FOR WORLD PARLIAMENT OF RELIGIONS

The Council for World Parliament of Religion was formed in spring 1988 for planning the centennial celebrations in 1993. The centennial celebrations are likely to cost about US\$ 2.3 million. Rockfeller Foundation, Templeton Trust and private individuals are currently financing the expenses. The premises for the office has been given to the Council free of rent by Continental Bank.

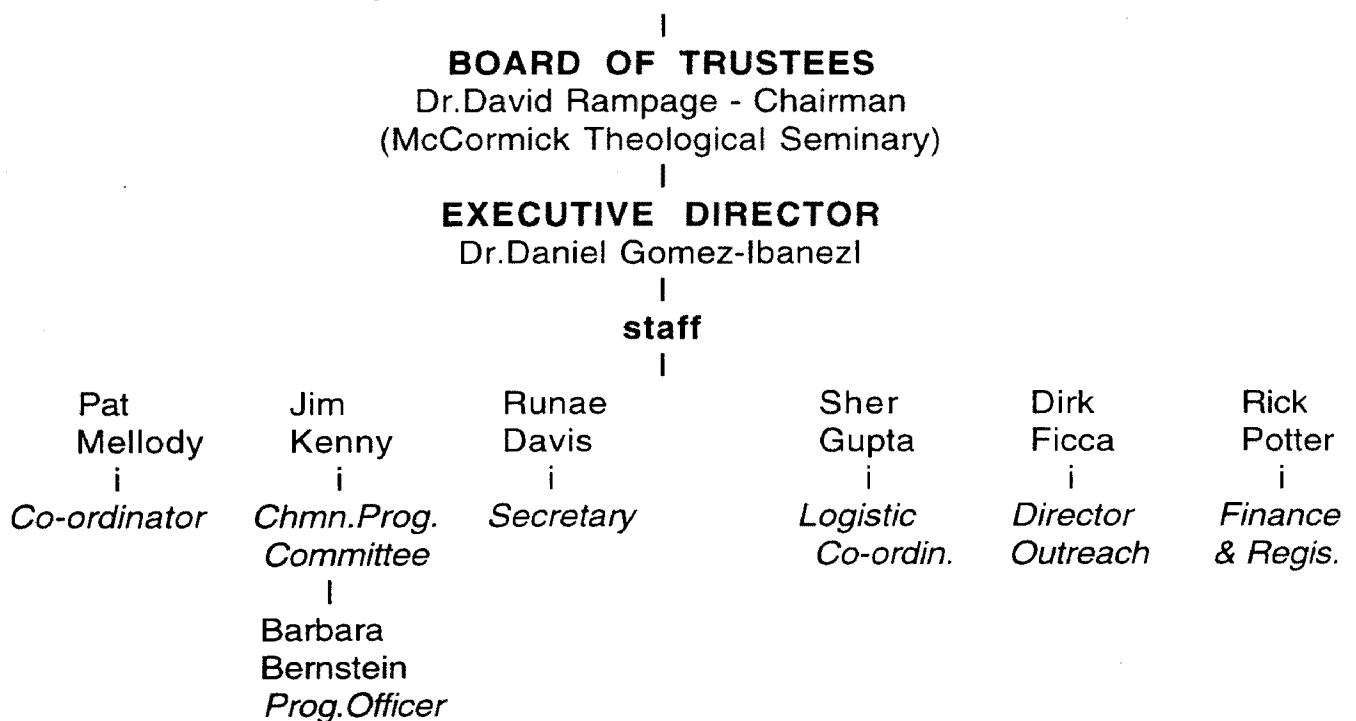
All the faiths are expected to contribute towards the expenses. Hindu host committee is expected to contribute US\$150,000. Jains are also expected to contribute.

Each faith is expected to form a host committee for representation of faith/religious tradition to the parliament, fundraising for the parliament event and faith/religious representation, publicity, volunteers and 'Window of Faith' bus tour.

The main events of the celebrations will be held at PALMER HOUSE HILTON HOTEL, 17 EAST MONROE STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60603. Other off-site events may be held at Grand Park, Arvey Fields, First Presbetrian Church, St.James Episcopal Cathedral, Chigao Theatre. North Shore Congregation Israel.

All the faiths are expected to comment and make suggestions on a draft declaration 'STATEMENT ON GLOBAL ETHICS' now under preparation by Dr.Hans Kung. Final decalartion will be signed by spiritual leaders before the end of the celebrations.

STRUCTURE OF THE COUNCIL



THERE ARE SIX **VICE-CHAIRPERSONS** WHO HEAD SEVERAL COMMITTEES.

PARTICIPATION BY THE JAINS

I. Three important events are to take place in Chicago in 1993 and it should be a pride for all the Jains in the world and in particular for the Jain Society of Metropolitan Chicago and the Federation of the Jain Associations of North America. These are:

1. **Pratishtha Mahotsav of the Jain Derasar in Chicago - June 1993**
2. **Centennial celebrations of the World Parliament of Religions held in 1893**
3. **Launching of the first book of Jain Scriptures 'Tattvaratha Sutra'**

II. So far five Jain Organisations have registered to participate in the centennial celebrations at Chicago. At a meeting held in Chicago on Friday 13th November, 1992 between Jain Society of Metropolitan Chicago, Federation of Jain Associations in North America and the Institute of Jainology it was unanimously agreed that the Jains throughout the world should unite and participate under the banner of one name **THE JAINS**. Such a unity would **not only be economical but will create a desired impact in promoting the Jain philosophy**. It was further agreed that as the co-sponsors will not have any special privileges and as the individual registration in personal capacity was still mandatory, all efforts should be made to convince the other potential Jain institutions not to register as co-sponsors.

III. Members present at this meeting agreed as follows:

1. Jains throughout the world should unite and pull their resources together for best presentation and maximum impact.
2. Jain Society of Metropolitan Chicago to be the HOST SOCIETY for the delegates who attend under the banner of THE JAINS.
3. Approved the budget of US\$50,000 to meet the costs of scholars, exhibition, and donations to the World Parliament of Religions. (see page 8 for details).
4. Following persons agreed to become members of the co-ordinating Committee for the purpose:

Dr. Tansukh Salgia	- USA
Dr. Rashmi Gardi	- USA
Dr. Kumarpal Desai	- INDIA
C.N. Sanghavi	- INDIA
Somchand Shah	- KENYA
Nemu Chandaria	- U.K.

IV. Members present suggested following programmes:

1. Exhibition - to include
 - Duratron slides with lights and mounted on frames
 - Models of Jain Derasar , Idol of Mahavira , minature sizes of Jain monks
 - Models of Sametshikhar, Palitana, Girnar, Bahubaji, Jalmandir etc
 - Tatva Charts
 - Jain Agams & Manuscripts
 - Paintings
 - Virchand Raghavji Material
 - Others (suggestions welcome)
2. Audio/Visual show on Mahavira, and films on Ahimsa & Jainism
3. Slide shows on Jain artefacts
4. Publication of selected books and speeches of VRG
5. Participation in opening, planary and closing sessions ,demonstration with banners, red turbans and silver kadash on head
6. Sale of selected Jain Books in english
7. Launching of Tattvartha Sutra
8. Speeches, seminars, workshops on Ahimsa, Anekantvad, Vegetarianism, enivronment, meditation etc
9. Jain ritual ceremonies at Jain Derasar - Chicago
10. Youth participation
11. Publication of JAINISM AT A GLANCE for mass distribution
12. Others (all suggestions welcome)

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ESTIMATED COST OF PARTICIPATION
IN
WORLD PARLIAMENT OF RELIGIONS AT CHICAGO

1. Jain Scholars from India [to include air fares, visa, medical insurance, registration fees and other incidentals	\$1700	x 10 persons	Total	\$17,000
2. Jain Scholars from Europe and USA to include air fares, and medical insurance in some cases	\$ 800	x 5 persons		4,000
3. Cost of Exhibits from India, USA, rent for exhibition space, publicity & printing costs, shipping and freight etc, food, postage, photograph s, rentals of equipment, utilities etc				10,000
4. Provision for donation to the World Parliament of Religion				15,000
5. Contingencies				4,000

TOTAL			US\$	50,000

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Jain Society of Metropolitan Chicago will act as hosts to all the Jain Delegates. Jain Delegates will be accomodated with the Jain families in Chicago.
In order to assure the delegates for assignment of the host family is is imperative that they register with the Council for World Parliament of Religions and the coordinators in USA not later than 31st May,1993.
Delegates in USA can register for the World Parliament of Religions through JAINA so that their donation may be tax deductible.

FUND RAISING:

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| 1. Jain Society of Metroploitan Chicago and JAINA Federation in North America | :To send profile of the project to all Jain Organisations and potential private individuals with an appeal for contribution. |
| 2. Bhagwan Mahavir Memorial Samiti and others in India | :To all Jain Organisations and private individuals, send project profile with an appeal for contribution. |
| 3. Institute of Jainology Europe, Africa and Far East | : To send profile of the project to all the Jain Organisations and private individuals with an appeal for contribution. |

PUBLICITY

Extensive publicity to be given in all Jain Newspapers, Newsletters, Magazines and by circular etc throughout the world

VOLUNTEERS

Essentially major requirement of the volunteers will have to be organised locally by the Jain Society of Metroplitan Chicago. Jains from neighbouring cities should also be encouraged to register as volunteers.

ATTENDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS OF CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

It is very essential that appointed members from the Jain Society of Metroplitan Chicago regularly attend these meetings for better understanding and coordination.

SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR THE SPEAKERS

1. Jainism on Environmental and Ecological Concerns
2. The Personalistic and Social Dimensions
3. Evolution of Jain Literature
4. The Religious Life of Monks/Lay People
5. Role of Women in Jain Religion
6. Meditation in Jainism
7. Religious and Cultural Pluralism
8. Power of Prayer
9. Myth, Ritual and Tradition
10. Jainism: Some Western Perceptions
11. The Jain Philosophy of Religion
12. Jainism as a Religion of Non-Violence (Ahimsa Dharma)
13. Fellowship of Faiths: the Jain Approach
14. Religious Harmony: The Jain Perspective
15. Implications of the Jain Theory of Karma (for religious-spiritual transformation of human life)
16. The Jain Doctrine of Relativism Revisited
17. Vegetarianism: The Jaina way of life (from religious, moral, ethical and medical points of view)
18. Concept of God in Jainism
19. Can Jainism survive in the 21st Century?
20. Jainism: A scientific Religion
21. Is Jainism the Oldest Religion: An Historical Persepective
22. Is Jainism a Global Religion
23. Ethical Relativism: The Jain's Response to the critic

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HOST COMMITTEE
Suggested Activities

The following are six ways the Host Committee of various faith and religious traditions are seeking to participate in the 1993 Parliament of the World's Religions (to be held in Chicago next August 28 to September 5):

1. REPRESENTATION OF FAITH/RELIGIOUS TRADITION TO THE PARLIAMENT

The host committee is to decide how their own faith or religious tradition will be presented at the parliament. Through the choosing of speakers, workshops, exhibits, presentations, and performances of various kinds, the Host Committee will represent their faith/religious tradition in the Parliament forum.

2. FUNDRAISING FOR THE PARLIAMENT EVENT

Each Host Committee is asked to raise funds for the general budget and operations of the 1993 event.

3. FUNDRAISING FOR FAITH/RELIGIOUS REPRESENTATION

Each Host Committee will need to raise funds to under write expenses of speakers, workshops, presentations, etc, that will represent their faith/religious tradition to the Parliament.

4. PUBLICITY

Host Committees are asked to publicize the Parliament event within their own faith/religious community. making their own members aware of the 1993 event and encouraging registrations.

5. VOLUNTEERS

Host Committees are asked to recruit volunteers from their own faith/religious community to help with the necessary planning and activities leading up to the 1993 Parliament. And of course, hundreds of volunteers will be needed at the actual event itself.

6. "WINDOWS OF FAITH" BUS TOUR

Plans are being made for a "Windows of Faith" bus tour, on which persons attending the Parliament could visit places of worship or religious centers of the various faith and religious tradition represented in the Chicago metropolitan area. Each Host Committee would designate the place of worship or center of activity to be visited on the tour, and would have an opportunity to share about their faith or religious tradition with visitors.

VIRCHAND RAGHAVJI GANDHI

VIRCHAND RAGHAVJI GANDHI (VRG) was born at Mahuva, near Bhavnagar. After primary and secondary education at Bhavnagar, he joined Elphinstone College in Bombay and graduated with honours. He mastered fourteen languages and at the age of 21 he became the first honorary secretary of the Jain Association of India

VRG was a great exponent of Indian culture and religion, besides being a brilliant scholar of Jainism. His speeches at the parliament of World Religions at Chicago in 1893 echoed the true spirit and culture of India. He was accorded a warm reception and shown highest appreciation from clubs, literary and church societies, philosophical branches and spiritual associations in USA. He impressed the American public about the Jain religion as a rational religion and speeches received extensive publications in several leading news papers in USA. He corrected the false, twisted and perverse impression of India as being the land of Maharajahs, tigers and cobras.

VRG stayed in USA for about two years and visited several cities. He returned to USA twice and in 1896 organised a ship load of grain and about Rs.40,000 cash for famine relief in India. He also visited England, France, Germany and other places in Europe. Herbert Warren studied Jainism under VRG. He qualified as Barrister in London at one of the Inns of the Court.

SOME OF THE EXTRACTS OF COMMENTS FROM NEWSPAPERS AND INDIVIDUALS IN USA:

1. 'Now here is VRG, the Jain, whom you well know in Bombay. This man never takes anything but pure vegetables even in this terribly cold climate and tooth and nail tries to defend his countrymen and religion. The people of this country like him very well.

Letter written by Vivekanandji to Shri Diwanji - November 1894

2. These lectures are instructive to both, old and young, and should be seen and heard all over America.

The Rochester Herald - October 3, 1893

3. His lecture was a most scholarly production both in matter and form, and showed a thorough grasp of oriental philosophy.

Rev. R.A.White, Chicago

4. It was rarely, if ever, been my good fortune to meet a man whose reading and culture have been so wide and varied, and who, withal, has so sweet, sincere and teachable a spirit as Mr. Gandhi.

Hon.E.B.Sherman, U.S.Circuit Court

VRG'S EVENTFUL LIFE

- August 25, 1864 : Born at Mahuva, near Bhavnagar, Saurashtra, Gujarat
- 1872-73 : Moves to Bhavnagar for education
- 1879 : Married
- 1880 : Complete High School Education at Alfred High School
- 1881 : Moved to Bombay for University education
- 1884 : Earned a BA degree from Elphinstone College
- 1885 : Honorary Secretary to Jain Association of India and commenced social and community activities
- : Obtained Governor's orders to commence inquiry on Satraunjay case
- 1885-86 : Joined as a law articulated clerk in Little Smith Friar and Nicolson solicitor firm
- 1886 : Succeeded in obtaining tax exemption for pilgrims to Satrunjay tirth with the assistance of Governor Lord Ray
- : Letter of merits awarded to Governor Lord Ray on mount Satrunjay
- 1886-87 : Solution to Makhshiji tirth dispute
- 1890 : Father Raghvibhai passes away
- 1891 : Succeeded in closing the Animal Fat manufacturing plant on Sametshikharji
- 1893 : Jain Sangh and Pujya Atmaramji nominate VRG to represent Jains at World Parliament of Religion - Chicago
- 1893 August : Departs by steamer 'ASSAM' for Chicago
- 1893 September : Jain delegate to the World Parliament of Religions - Chicago and presented discourses on Jainism and defended Hindu religion.

- 1893-95 : Remains in USA and gives lectures on Jainism at several places. Establishes School of Oriental Philosophy
- 1894 : Translated from French and published in Chicago 'AN UNKNOWN LIFE OF JESUS CHRIST' found in a Buddhist monastery in Tibet.
- 1894-95 : Arrives in London and addresses meetings chaired by Lord Ray on Indian Philosophy
- 1895 : Returns to India and addresses meetings organised by Aryasamaj and Budhivardhak sabha. Establishes Hemchandracharya Institution
- 1895 September : Represents Jains at DHARMAMAHOTSAV held at Ajmer which was organised on the same basis as World Parliament of Religions programme at Chicago
- 1896 August 20,21 : Sails for USA with his wife. Awarded a letter of recognition at a function presided over by Sheth Premchand Raichand
- 1896 : Established a famine relief committee in USA, raised Rs. 40,000 and organised despatch of a steamer load of grain to India
- 1897 : Visits England to defend Satrunjay case
- 1899 : Attends International meeting on languages as all Asia representative.
- 1901 : Returns to India
- 1901 August 7 : Departs for heavenly abode

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VIRCHAND RAGHAVJI'S LITERATURE

PUBLISHED WORK

<u>Title</u>	<u>Pages</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Language</u>
1. JAINA PHILOSOPHY Speeches and Writings of VRG Collected by Bhagu F.Karbhari Publisher : Shri Agamodaya Samiti, Bombay	359	1907	English
2. KARMA PHILOSOPHY Speeches and Writings of VRG Collected by Bhagu F.Karbhari Publisher: Shri Agamodaya Samiti, Bombay	191	1913	English
3. YOGA PHILOSOPHY Speeches and Writings of VRG Collected by Bhagu F.Karbhari Publisher: Shri Agamodaya Samiti, Bombay	280	1912	English
4. THE UNKNOWN LIFE OF JESUS CHRIST Translated and published by VRG while he was in Chicago, from an ancient manuscripts found in Tibet.	128	1894	English
5. ESSAY-RADVA KUTVANI HANIKARAK CHAL Author & Publisher VRG	37	1886	Gujarati
6. THE SYSTEMS OF INDIAN PHILOSOPHY Speeches & Writings of VRG Edited by: Dr.K.K.Dixit Publisher: Shri Mahavir Jain Vidyalaya, Bombay	148	1970	English
7. SAVIRYA DHYAN Second Edition Author: Acharya Shri Shubhachandradev Translator: VRG, Commentry: Anandnandan Lalan Compiled: Panalal R.Shah Publisher: The Jain Association of India, Bombay	134	1902 1989	Gujarati Gujarati
8. SELECTED SPEECHES OF VRG Speeches taken from books 1 , 2 and 3 above Publisher: Vallabh Samarak Nidhi, Bombay		1964	English

UNPUBLISHED WORK

At the one Hundreth year birth celebration of VRG in India, the family members of VRG donated his unpublished work, letters. medals and other material to Shri Mahavir Jain Vidyalay and efforts are being made to locate these so that some of them could be exhibited at the centennial celebrations in 1993.

OTHER RELATED LITERATURE

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| <p>1. Chicago Prashnottar - Questions & Answers
 Author: Shri Vijayanandsuri (known as Shri Atmaramji 1837-1897) wrote questions & Answers on Jainism for the Parliament of World Religions held at Chicago in 1893. It was translated from Hindi and published by Atmanand Jain Pustak Pracharak Mandal in 1918</p> | 111 | 1905 | Hindi |
| <p>2. HERBERT WARREN's JAINISM
 Jainism in Western Garb, as a solution to life's great problems written by Herbert Warren, chiefly from notes of talks and lectures by VRG. Printed by Thompson & Co. Madras in 1912</p> | | | English |
| <p>3. VISHVA DHARMA PARISHAD & JAIN DHARMA
 Author: Prof. Pruthviraj Jain
 Publisher: Shri Vallabh Samarak Nidhi, Bombay
 This book explains under what circumstances, the World Parliament of Religions was convened and Shri Atmaramji and VRG participated (copy could not be located)</p> | | 1963 | Hindi |
| <p>4. BUDHDHI-PRABHA (A Jain Journal)
 In 1964 at the time of one hundredth birth day celebrations, Budhdhi-Prabha had published a special issue dedicated to VRG which covered articles about his life and work.</p> | | 1964 | Gujarati |
| <p>5. SHRI ATMARAMJI MAHARAJ
 In memory of Shri Atmaramji Maharaj, a volume of his work and biography was published. It includes several articles on VRG (available with Kanubhai Sheth of L.D.Institute)</p> | | | |
| <p>6. SHRI VIRCHAND RAGHAVJI GANDHI
 A BIOGRAPHY - Author: Kantilal Upadhyay
 Publisher: Divya Jnan Sangh</p> | 25 | 1964 | Gujarati |
| <p>7. SHRI VIRCHAND RAGHAVJI GANDHI
 A BIOGRAPHY - Author: Pranlal R.Shah
 Publisher: Jaybhikhkhu Sahitya Trust</p> | 64 | 1988 | Gujarati |

CURRENT WORK IN PROGRESS

1. Dr. Lalit Shah of Jain International, Ahmedabad has planned to publish and launch 'JAIN PHILOSOPHY' at the 1993 centennial celebrations. The book will consolidate the work of VRG on Jaina and Karma Philosophy.
2. Collection of VRG's photographs and other materials while visiting cities in India such as Mahuva, Bhavnagar, Bombay, Ludhiana is being pursued by Dr. Kanubhai Sheth.

AWARDS RECEIVED BY VRG

- Gold Medal : Awarded by - Kutchhi Dasha Oshwal Jain Community, Bombay, August 19, 1896
- Silver Medal : Awarded by CASSADAGA CAMP in USA as token of esteem and unity 'THE OCCIDENT TO THE ORIENT.'

REPUBLISHING OF VRG'S LITERATURE

Following books are being recommended for republishing in 1993 for centennial celebrations in Chicago:

1. THE JAIN PHILOSOPHY

As prepared by Dr. Lalit Shah and Dr. Nagin Shah under JAIN INTERNATIONAL

2. THE SYSTEMS OF INDIAN PHILOSOPHY

(re-print)

3. THE YOGA PHILOSOPHY

(re-print)

4. THE UNKNOWN LIFE OF JESUS CHRIST

(re-print)

5. SHRI V.R.GHANDI's BIOGRAPHY

Re-write the biography in English using all the information available including his current family tree.

Necessary permission will have to be obtained for the reprint of the above books.

SUGGESTIONS FOR EXHIBITING VRG'S MATERIAL AT THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS IN CHICAGO IN 1993:

- * Literature of VRG (original work)
- * Photographs
- * Statues of VRG and Shri ATMARAMJI
- * Medals and Awards
- * Original hand written notes and articles
- * News clips and announcements of various newspapers
- * List of places visited and organisations in USA and EUROPE
- * Other accomplishments



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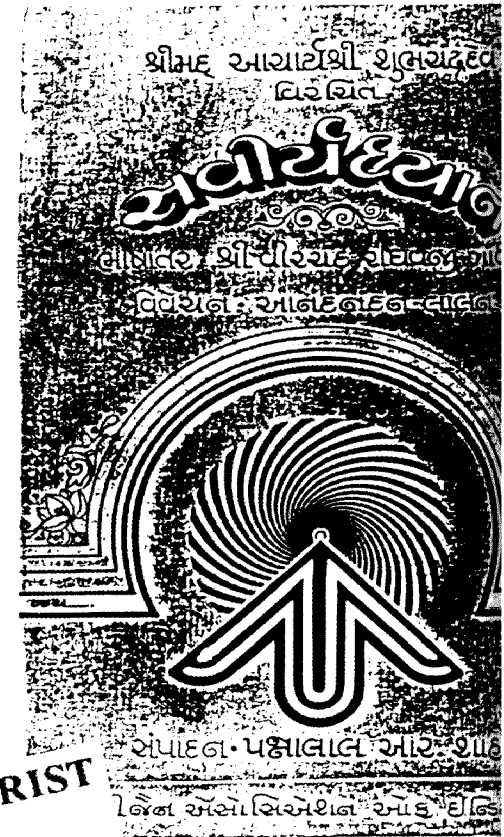
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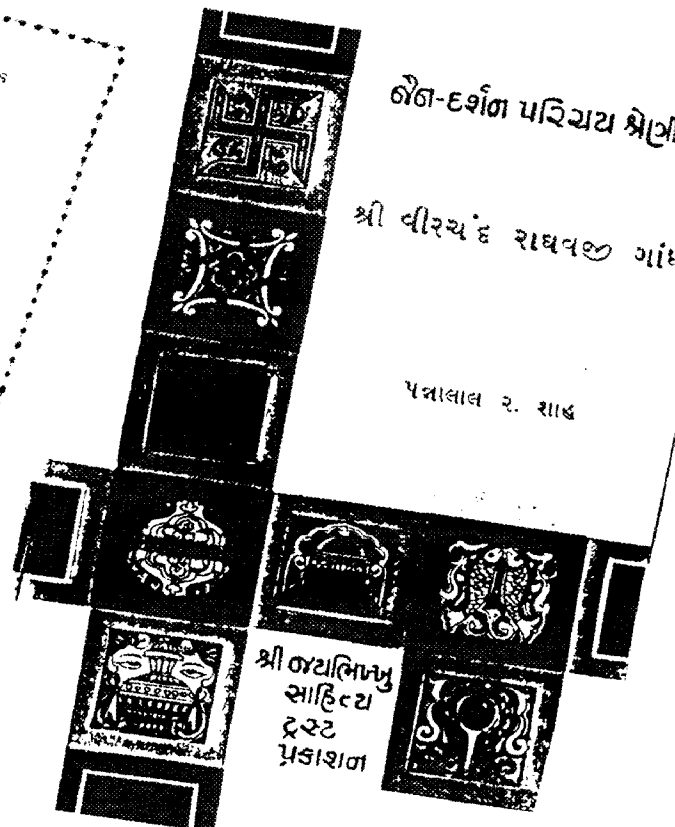
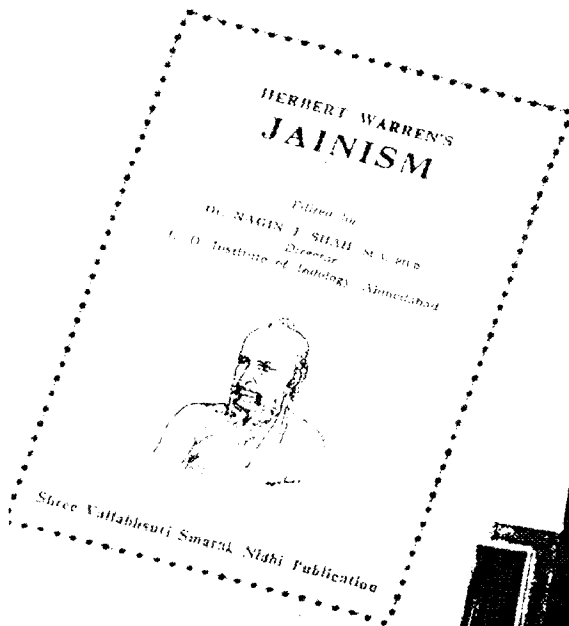
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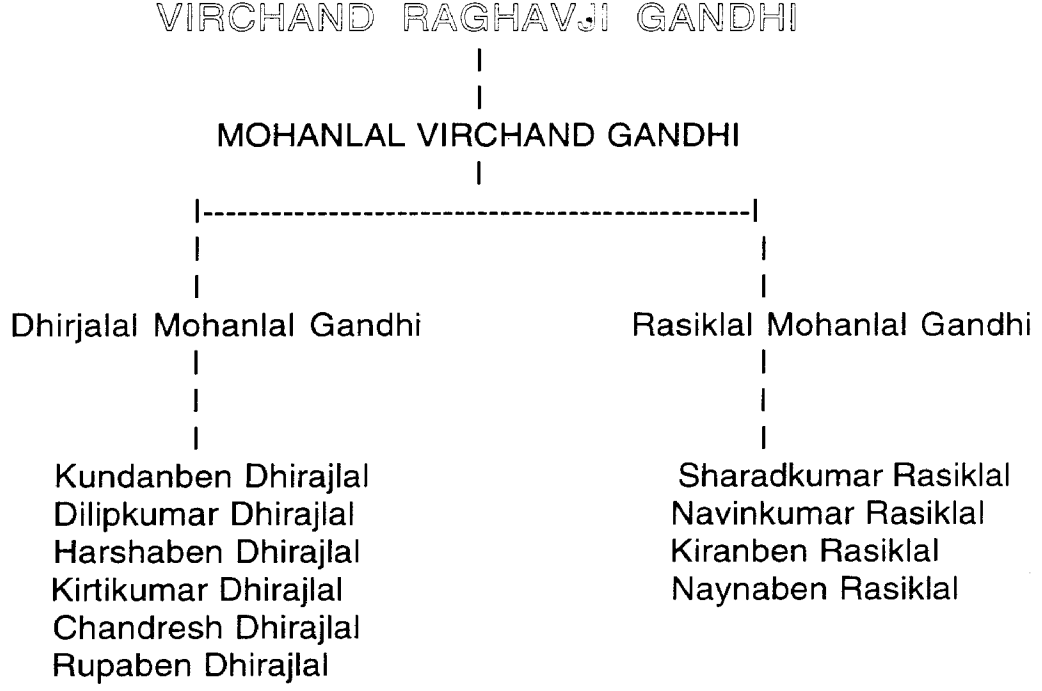


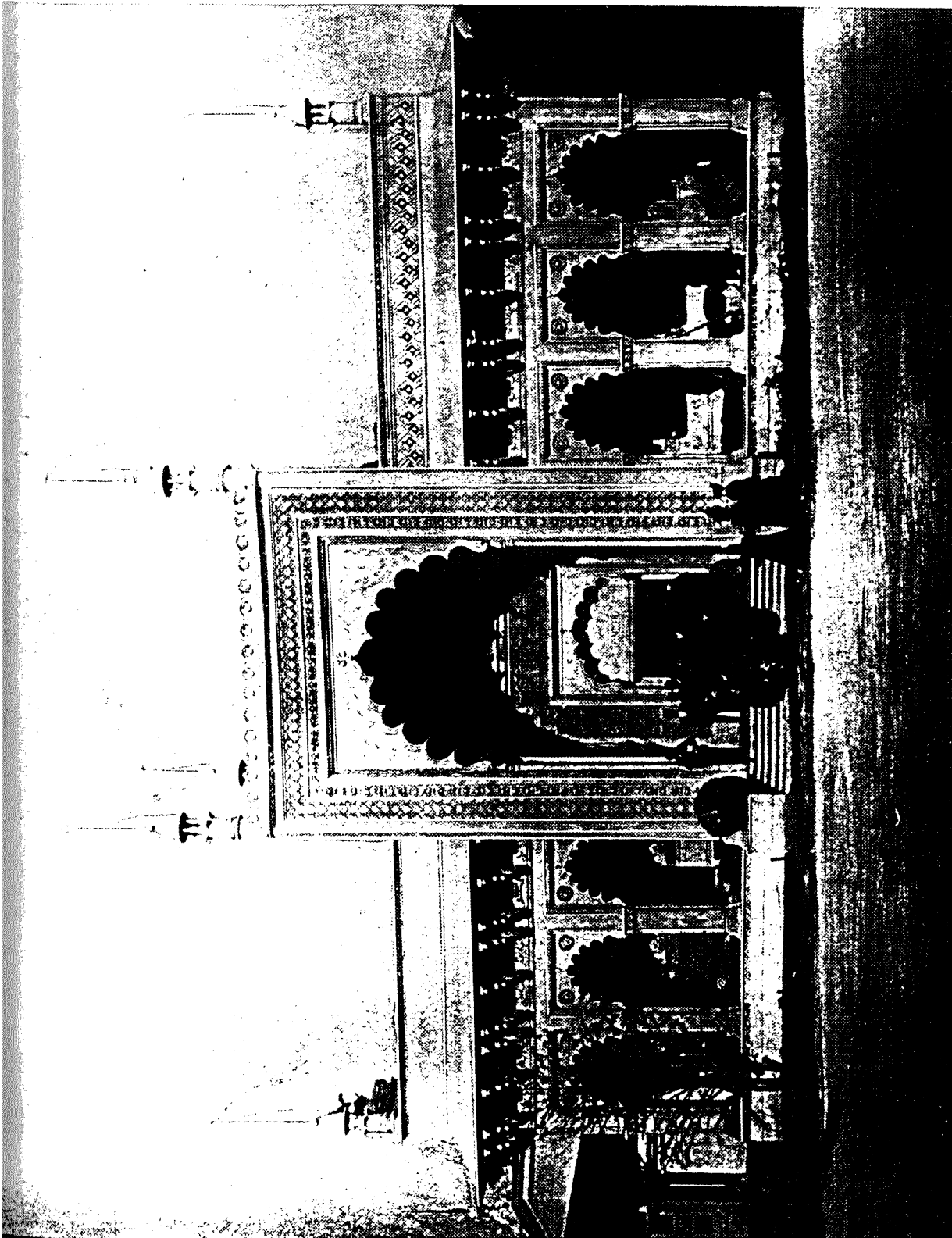
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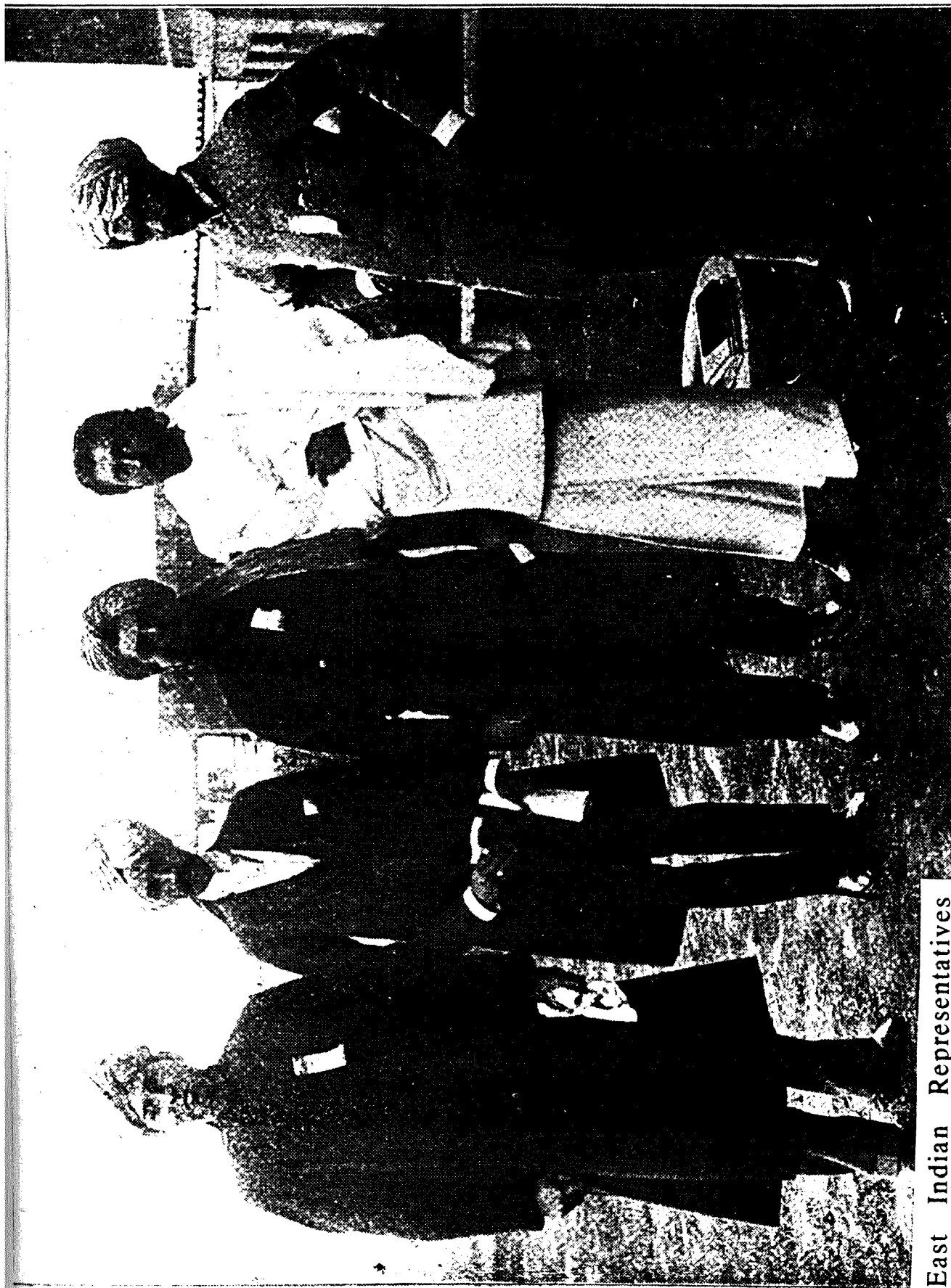
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