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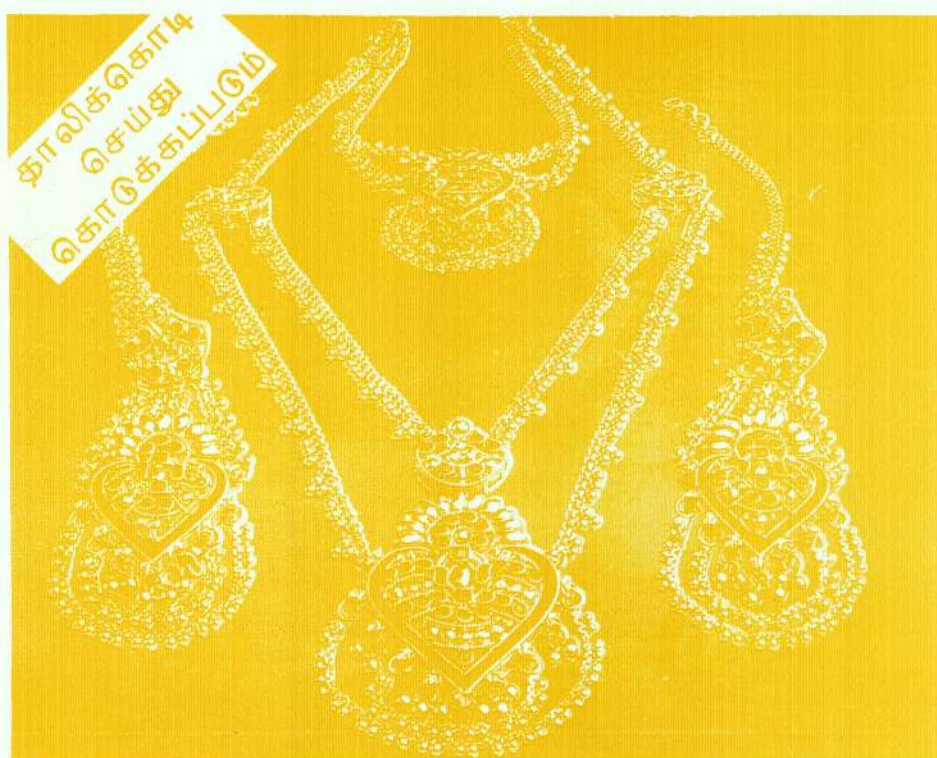
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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends and Members of TWAN,

I have great pleasure in wishing you all a happy and prosperous Tamil New Year and pray to God - Almighty to shower His blessings for the continued functioning of this organisation in a more meaningful manner. We have successfully surmounted many difficulties and hardships in the past with the unstinted Co-operation of our members and have survived to celebrate this sixth Tamil New Year cultural night so grandly.

I take great pride in presenting to you some of our humble achievements in the past.

We have strongly resisted an attempt by the government to deport the refugees to their troubled and war torn motherland.

Besides our organisation has helped to find accommodation facilities to Tamil refugees and assisted them in getting financial support from the DSS.

TWAN has strongly voiced its protest and sentiments against all rules and regulations that affected the interest of minority communities in this country.

We had the privilege of listening to a special Radio broadcast in Tamil sponsored by TWAN for our Tamil community. Thousands of our people enjoyed the programme though it was for a very short period. Hence we earnestly appeal to the Radio Authority to revive it and make it a permanent feature. I would be failing in my duties if I don't mention the financial assistance and guidance given by Newham Borough Councillors. The Newham Central Grant Unit has been extremely considerate and helpful in releasing funds to employ an advisory worker permanently and also to furnish and redecorate our office premises.

We thank them most sincerely for their generosity and encouragement. I also wish to thank you all for your co-operation and assistance, without which our organisation would not have progressed to this extent.

Thanking you.

V. LOGANTHAN

COUNCILLOR STEPHEN TIMMS

Leader of the Council



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The Secretary

Tamil Welfare Association (Newham) UK

Dear Colleague

Greetings, on behalf of Newham Council to Tamil Welfare Association (Newham) UK, on the occasion of its 1992 New Year celebrations. I look forward to joining you for the celebrations on that occasion.

Many thousands of members of the Tamil community now have their homes in Newham. The Council's job is to make sure that our Borough provides not only a place to live, but safety and security, opportunities for employment and leisure and the best possible quality of public services in all fields. We want Newham to provide a home where people want to stay, bring up their children and to take a full part in our community.

There will be great changes in Newham in the next few years and we hope that they will be for the better. Through working together, we can make sure that Newham becomes the kind of place we all want it to be.

With all good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Councillor Stephen Timms

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TAMIL NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS

I am very pleased to have the opportunity on behalf of the Saiva Munnetta Sangam to send a message of best wishes and congratulations. We pray to Gods that they shower their blessings for the success of your above celebrations. It gives us added happiness to associate with your activities and be invited to give a message as we too exist for similar purpose in that serving the Tamil community.

We are delighted to note that your association which was formed in 1986 principally for the purpose of helping the Tamil refugees and uniting the Tamil community. Our Sangam's motto is no different and we stand for "Community Service Through Hindu Concern". We advocate the policy of being oneness or togetherness as an essential requirement for the continued growth of any community oriented service organisation. Your association like ours is no exception.

We look forward to working in close co - operation which would no doubt help to achieve our common goal of service to our community with unity in diversity. Lets ask ourselves, 'What have we done to the community rather than asking the community what have you done for us'. We therefore congratulate you for the contribution and the impact you have made on the Tamil community through your services be large or small. We wish you every success in the years to come.

C. Sithamparapillai

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The Tamil New Year

The Tamil New Year dawns in the month of April with the movement of the Sun God from the Zodiacal sign Pisces to that of Aries.

It is essentially an annual religious festival closely woven with rituals, religious observances and traditional customs to be followed at auspicious times as mentioned in the Tamil Almagest to invoke health, wealth and prosperity to humanity.

The New Year rings in a feeling of warmth, good will and happiness. It is also an occasion to forge greater bonds of brotherhood love and understanding among all communities.

As the New Year day dawns people usually get up early in the morning, have an oil bath, wear new clothes, clean and decorate their homes in their traditional fashion, and visit temples of worship. Special Poojas are organised on that day to invoke Gods blessings.

All activities of the day-lighting of the fire, part taking of the first meal, exchange of gifts and cloths, monetary transactions and commencing work are all carried out at various auspicious times.

This is a festival which involves the participation of all family members, friends and relatives. It is also a time for self assessment and self-appraisal.

New Year resolutions are also made to start life anew and make it more useful and meaningful.

Another notable feature of the day is to organise and have cultural sports programmes and to forge in unity and friendship among all members of the community. It is an occasion to discard hatred and animosity and to embrace truth and non violence.

In short the New Year festivals are all meant to renew, revive and relish our old customs and traditions to enrich our lives.

It is also meant to foster better understanding and relationship among ourselves.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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AGENDA

1. Opening Speech
2. Election of AGM Chair Person
3. Apologies
4. Speech by Chair Person
5. Annual Report by Secretary
6. Project Report from Co-ordinator
7. Finance Report From The Treasurer
8. Constitutional Amendments
9. Election of Committee Members

1. Opening Speech

Leader of the Central Committee Mr. Loganathan welcomed the gathering and called for the nomination of Chair Person to AGM.

2. Election of AGM Chair Person

Mrs. M. Balasingham was unanimously elected as Chair Person. She was proposed by Mr. J. Asokan and seconded by Mr. P. Sivasubramanian.

3. Apologies

Mr. Krishnamanan

4. Speech by Chair Person

Mrs. M. Balasingham said that she approached TWAN a year ago to get some help for herself. She was so impressed that she became involved with the Association herself.

5.0 Secretary's Speech

5.1 Change of Name

Changing the name to British Tamil

Association (B.T.A) has to be delayed and the Association will continue to function under the existing name (TWAN) for the following reasons:

a. TWAN has been well established, a change of name would confuse people and the council.

b. It will take time to advertise and establish under the new name of B.T.A.

5.2 Membership

TWAN exceeds its membership by over 100. It was suggested that members should pay in the form of standing orders to alleviate TWAN's financial difficulties.

5.3. Permanent Building

We are still unable to find a suitable office. As a result confidentiality and security are put at risk. We have approached the council for assistance. Meanwhile membership by standing order mandate could help the organisation financially in funding such a place.

5.4. Voluntary Organisation

TWAN continues to function as a voluntary organisation despite financial difficulties. All the members of the organisation render their services to TWAN. To improve the quality of the services we urge for more well wishers to come forward.

5.5. Office Administration

At present we have seven Executive Committee Members, fifteen Central Committee Members and one Office Staff.

a. The Office Staff at present works 30 hrs/wk. which is inadequate to meet all the functions of TWAN. Therefore we ought to

increase her working time by 2 hrs/day. Due to high demand we need a paid full time office staff and a typist. Newham Council was approached and are responding favourably.

b. Council of Churches For Britain has come forward to help financially to meet some of the office expenses. Initial payment of £1500 has been received and a further £2000 will be released on submission of the financial report.

c. Our Landlord has increased the rent of the premises from £70 to £80 per week.

6.0 Project Report from the Co-ordinator

PROJECT 1 ADVISORY PROJECT

6.1 Immigration & Nationality

6.1.1 Asylum Application

This project was started two years ago to cater to increased number of refugees seeking help in completing their asylum seekers application form. Due to inadequate knowledge in reading, understanding and writing of English they turned up to TWAN in desperation. This exercise has been going on ever since the Home Office stopped interviewing asylum seekers. Instead they asked refugees to complete the detailed application form. Over 500 application have been handled by us every year. Although our office worker coped with the situation, it is a heavy strain on her. In this respect our office worker Mrs. Loganathan owes a big thank you from the tamil speaking community of Newham and suburbs.

6.1.2 Work Permit

Refugees who have stayed in this country for more than 6 months have the right to work in this country. Those claimants who made their initial application through TWAN are seen again after 6

months and helped in this process of applying for work permits. Many people are not aware of it. As a result they are working without permits and getting into trouble. These people are also being helped through TWAN.

6.1.3 Educational Enrolments & Grants

All refugees who have completed one year in this country have the right to enrol themselves in colleges and other educational institutions. TWAN has enlightened the refugees in this matter and number of students are studying at Newham College and Little Ilford Adult Education Centre.

6.1.4 Travel Documents

After getting the visa stamped on a standard form TWAN is helping the claimants to apply for travel documents to travel to other countries for Social or on urgent matters. Social travelling is a priority for families who are scattered around the other European countries. This project was started due to lack of co-operation to help these clients in issuing them with passports by the Shri Lanka High Commission.

6.1.5 Getting Visas for Asylum Seekers

It is normal procedure in this country that the Home Office should not hold the passport of any asylum seeker for more than a year. But there are cases in which passports were held without any decision being taken by the Home Office. We make our representations to the Home Office on their behalf. We were able to get their passports endorsed with valid visas. This has helped the asylum seekers to seek employment and live in this country with renewed hope.

6.1.6 Visa Renewals

TWAN helps the clients in obtaining the visas by presenting the necessary supporting statements. It also undertakes to help those who have

overstayed their visas due to lack of understanding of the law.

6.1.7 Changing the status

TWAN has helped to change the status of stay in the U.K. to those people who entered this country on a student or visitors visa and unable to return to Sri Lanka due to present political situation. Last year we have helped the Sri Lankans who arrived here from Middle-East due to Gulf War.

6.1.8 Family Reunion

Those who have been given exceptional leave for four years have the right for reunion with their family. There are hundreds of families in this country where the father has not seen his wife and children for more than five years. For people of this category, we submit their applications to the Home Office and we have succeeded in a few cases, where the husbands and wives have been reunited.

6.1.9 Entry Visa Refused Appeals

Sri Lankans who have been refused visa either in U.K or in Sri Lanka have been helped by TWAN in making their appeals. It is illegal to refuse visa at the port or to refuse without giving valid reason at British Embassy in Colombo. TWAN helps to appeal and monitors the progress.

6.1.10 Social Welfare Rights

a. Income Support

Being new to the country the asylum seekers are ignorant of this benefit. Those who know about this too fear to apply for it, thinking that, by doing so their asylum cases would get affected. We advise these people on this matter and enable them to get the maximum benefit.

Due to lack of communicating skills a large majority of claimants face lot of difficulties in filling DSS forms and speaking to officers. TWAN has succeeded

in helping out the claimants in filling it up properly and forwarding to appropriate Departments. TWAN assists DSS in providing them with relevant information about the claimants who have difficulty in speaking English.

Last year a lot of claimants came to TWAN for help because they were unable to get adequate advice and help from local DSS Office. Reason for this is lack of knowledge and training of those working in local DSS Office. This has put a lot of burden on TWAN in dealing with claimants. We have had several negotiations to work out ways to prevent the above happening again and again.

b. Housing Benefit

The refugees who are generally new to this country do not know about this claim. they used to spend a major portion of their income support for their accommodation and face utmost difficulty in meeting their living expenses. The meagre amount left in their hands for living made their lives miserable. TWAN has found accommodation for such refugees and the rent is being made payable by the council. This has greatly relieved the sufferings of these refugees. Delays in processing housing benefit applications make the landlords impatient and they harass the tenants by issuing threats and taking court action. TWAN plays the role to mediate between landlords and tenants quite successfully. The root cause of this trouble is the delay in payment of rent to landlords by the council. In this situation we urge the housing benefit office to process the application without undue delay. Considerable delay is caused due to application getting stuck at either DSS or Housing Benefit Offices. TWAN has to follow up applications to keep the delays minimal. We try our utmost to see that the rent assessing officers from housing benefit office visit the properties and give their assessment without undue delay. This way TWAN has brought about a greater

understanding between the landlord and tenant.

Due to drastic cuts in funds by the Central Government the council has reduced the rent paid to landlords. Landlords who couldn't meet the mortgage repayment as a result of this, try to evict the tenants. The tenants who become the victims have to struggle again looking for further avenues for accommodation. In this circumstances TWAN urges the council to take the following steps.

1. Review the rent cuts imposed on landlords.
2. Work out reasonable rent allowances to satisfy the cost for accommodation of refugees.
3. Improve the quality of the services of homeless person unit or to create a special unit that would deal with the housing affairs of the refugees.
4. Develop better understanding between the council and the refugee community.

6.1.11 Community Charge

Community charges levied from refugees is sometimes unreasonable. Particularly refugees who are on temporary admission and who could be forced out of the country at any moment, should be treated with all fairness as regards payment of poll tax. Some of these refugees face court charges which eventually leads to bailiffs taking away their belongings. If the 20% rule is correctly applied to these youth who are either students or unemployed all these problems could have been averted.

It would be more appropriate if the council doesn't impose community charges on those refugees who are on temporary admission in this country.

Lack of co-ordination and

communication between the council and Finance Department has led to poll tax being miscalculated and imposed on several refugees. For example a person who arrived in this country in November was asked to pay poll tax for the whole year. When refused, the council insisted 100% payment and they are charged a legal fee also in addition.

6.1.12 Social fund for Refugees

TWAN has discussed this matter in detail with DSS Managers and has recommended that the Central Government should allocate more money to those DSS concerned and the Managers should set aside certain amount for this purpose.

6.1.13 Child Benefit & Maternity Benefit

TWAN has been educating and advising clients to apply for both maternity & child benefit. Particularly in maternity benefit there has been a confusion between the amount paid by the employer & the DSS contribution. TWAN has been helping in sorting out this matter.

6.1.14 Other Benefits

We advise people on claiming family credit if they are entitled. These people are also eligible to claim certain percentage on housing benefit. During last year we also faced another problem with persons under 16 years of age. By law the local Social Services Department should look into their needs. We highlighted these problems with those concerned and look forward to have favourable response. If anyone who needs help on this matter should contact TWAN.

6.1.15 N.I. Number

It has been a practice with DSS to ask for employer's letter, when applying for N.I number. When we highlighted this problem to the Minister for Immigration Mr. Peter Lloyd (MP), he has supported us by saying that, this is irrelevant. The irony is that some officials are still refusing to co-operate in this matter.

People who have been working for one year or more could claim back the N.I contribution they made for the 1st year. They will also be entitled to claim back any tax over paid being taxed at emergency rates.

6.1.16 Registration of Marriages & Births

Refugees who go to the registrar office for registration of marriages were asked to produce identification. The identification could be: producing passport, driving licence, credit card etc. The passports are with the Home Office in majority of cases. Due to this setback they are even unable to open a bank account or obtain credit cards. Under this circumstances TWAN was able to approach the registrars concerned and resolve the matter. Nowadays the refugees don't face any more of this problem.

6.1.17 Educational Grant

TWAN gets in touch with all the educational institutions in and around London and get necessary information that would be helpful to choose the suitable course of study and institution to refugees students.

Getting admission to schools for the children of refugees has been a problem for some time. It is due to the fact the schools or the Education Authority needed identification. The passports of these refugees are generally with the Home Office. Hence the identification of these refugees became a problem. TWAN was able to explain to the Education Authority and was able to resolve the matter. Our sincere gratitude to Newham Education Authority for their understanding and co-operation.

At the moment the clients should have been living in the area for 3 years in order to qualify for a grant. This causes undue delay in starting the courses they want to do. Therefore we urge the council to reconsider this regulation for refugees to enable them to obtain the grant in one year.

6.1.18 Employer/Employees problems

TWAN has been helping refugees by negotiating and providing necessary references to employers. TWAN also helps to mediate with employers on behalf of refugees relating to wages, O/T, Sick pay and other relevant matters.

6.1.19 Racial Harassment & Police

Harassment:

Refugees faced a lot of problems during 86-87. Since Sasiharan's murder the community has become very concerned with the way the police have handled this matter. TWAN has been supporting the Newham Monitoring Project which has been raising protests.

6.1.20 Domestic Problems

Family problems have been on the increase. In majority of cases reported to TWAN we have found that the root causes of the trouble are their uncertain future in this country and poverty.

It has been found that the male member of the family harasses the partner to an extent that she cant tolerate. TWAN has succeed in bringing about settlement between the parties in many cases.

6.1.21 Translation & Interpretation

The central grant unit has assured TWAN that funds from section 11 would be made available to employ a translator/interpreter. In the meantime we do get volunteers to help us in this work. However this is not on a regular basis.

PROJECT 2

6.2.0 Accommodation

6.2.1 Private Tenant Association

Last year this has been a major success. We were able to accommodate over 250 people through this project. This has eased the pressure on detention Centres as well as on relatives. TWAN supports the

claimants, in advising & directing them to get the accommodation through Estate Agents & Private Landlords.

6.2.2 Housing Co-op

Due to nonavailability of houses from council, this project is unable to meet the needs of the families. Council needs to look into this and should increase the number. Meanwhile we are looking for alternative ways to fill the short fall in number.

6.2.3 Council Accommodation

During last year council has agreed to allocate certain percentage of council properties for refugees through homeless person unit. TWAN will be monitoring this system. This system will operate from next year.

PROJECT 3

6.3.0 Children's Project

6.3.1 Tamil Class:

These classes are held on every Saturday from 2 pm to 4 pm at Froud Centre. The classes have been going on regularly since February 1991. So far eleven children have been attending the classes regularly. The services of the teachers is almost voluntary. On the TWAN's Christmas Party, we presented the teachers with some money that was collected from parents of children who attended the classes.

6.3.2 Holiday Project

From 1986 to 1989 TWAN carried out this project with overwhelming success. Large number of children used to attend the scheme with great enthusiasm. It is unfortunate that TWAN was forced to abandon this project because the council couldn't give us any financial assistance. We urge the council to reconsider this decision to enable us to reactivate this scheme.

PROJECT 4 SOCIAL PROJECT

6.4.1 Summer Trip

Four coach load of both adults and children numbering 230 made a successful trip to Weymouth. It was a great satisfaction for the organisers to see that all the people who joined the trip enjoyed the day thoroughly.

6.4.2 New Year Cultural Show

The New Year Cultural Show conducted at the Town Hall has been of reasonable success. A large gathering attended the programme. The Mayor of Newham and Leader of the Council Mr. Stephen Timms and many other important people attended and graced the occasion.

6.4.3 Christmas Party

A large gathering of children, parents, teachers and general public had an enjoyable evening on 23.12.91 at St.Paul's Church Hall. Children had a lot of organised games and fun. They received christmas presents from Father Christmas. Food and drinks were in plenty and everyone enjoyed it.

6.4.4 Star Sound Radio

Permission was granted to Star Sound Radio by Radio Authority twice (4 weeks on each occasion) during last year. Tamil programme was in air for a duration of one hour on every day of transmission. Live programmes of London Murugan Chariot festival and Pongal Celebration were brought to air by Tamil Manjari.

7.0 Finance Report From The Treasurer

SEE PAGES 20 & 21

8.0 Constitutional Amendments

8.1 Item 3.3

- a) Executive committee
- b) Central committee
- c) General committee
- d) Members

Is amended as,

- a) Executive committee
- b) Central committee
- c) Members

The Executive committee and the Central committee form the Management committee.

8.2 Item 3.4 (g)

Co-ordinator is amended as Public relations officer.

Wherever Co-ordinator appears in rest of the constitution is amended as Public relations officer.

8.3 Item 3.5.3 Is amended as,

Any vacancies in the central committee or in the Executive committee up to the limit of three shall be filled by electing members from "Members" by the Central committee and the Executive committee together within Thirty days from the date on which vacancies occur.

8.4 Item 3.6 Is amended as,

Annual subscription is £6 and members should pay it to the Association during the month of January every year.

8.5 Item 3.62 Is amended as,

Secretary shall acknowledge the application and the payment and He/She should inform the applicant whether He/She has been accepted or not as a member of the association within Seven days from the receipt of the application.

8.6 Item 3.7

Every member has the right to raise any questions or clear any doubts regarding the activities of the association. The Secretary is responsible for answering any such questions and clearing doubts raised by the

members.

8.7 Item 3.9

No confidence motion should have the support of three quarter(3/4th) of the members present in the meeting.

8.8 Item 3.11

Emergency executive committee meeting can be convened with or without notice by the Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Public relations officer acting together when necessary.

8.9 Item 3.16

Annual general meetings should be convened by the leader of the Central committee or the Secretary and any special general meetings can be called for on the request of any fifteen (15) members of the Executive and Central committees put together.

8.10 Item 3.18

Any amendments to this constitution should have the support of Two third, (2/3rd) of the members.

8.11 Item 3.22

The premises and the resources of the Association shall only be used for its "Welfare Activities".

8.12 Item 3.26

If majority of members feel that a certain member carries out activities which are detrimental to the Association, action could be taken against this member.

9.0 Election of Committee Members

9.1 Out of the 42 nomination received, 22 were elected as Management Committee Members. The names of the elected committee members appear on page 32.

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Cultural Night

25th April 1992

PROGRAMME *

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PINNAL KOLATTAM

Students of Thiru Valluwar Tamil School

Abirami Gopal

Brinda Gopal

Suganya Sagathevan

Maithili Manoharan

Abirami Yogarajah

Mangayakarasi Ramachandran

Presented by: SMT.Ragini Rajagopal

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By Shamini Rajagopal " London Natyalaya "

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**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/03/92**

INCOME	£	£
Subscription		720
Grant		<u>24050</u>
		24770
Donation & Well-Wishers	5929	
Special Events	<u>4617</u>	
	10546	
Less: Building Development Reserve	<u>9000</u>	
		<u>1546</u>
		26316
Less: EXPENDITURE		
Rent & Rates	3800	
Volunteers Expenses	2725	
Transport & Travelling	1808	
Printing,Publicity & Reports	2864	
Computer Expenses	780	
Maintenance	1159	
Cultural Activity	3049	
Stationery,Postage & Office Materials	823	
Bank Charges	198	
Accountancy Fees	250	
Audit Fees	250	
Legal & Professional	300	
Heating & Lighting	741	
Telephone	642	
Hall Hire	588	
Miscellaneous	357	
Insurance	630	
Depreciation	<u>3109</u>	
		<u>24073</u>
Income in Excess of Expenditure for the year		<u>2243</u>
		=====

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31.03.91

FIXED ASSETS	£	£	£
	Cost	Dep	Net Book Value
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Office Equipment,Fixtures & Fittings			
As at 1.4.91	4489	1252	3237
Addition	9198		9198
Charge for the Year		3109	(3109)
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	13687	4361	9326
	=====	=====	

CURRENT ASSETS

Bank,Debtors & Prepayments	12765	
Less: CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Creditors & Accruals	8681	
	<hr/>	4084
		<hr/>
		13410
		=====

PRESENTED BY:

Accumulated Funds brought forward	2167
Income in Excess of Expenditure for	
the year	<u>2243</u>
Accumulated Fund as at 31.3.92	4410
Building Development Reserve	<u>9000</u>
	13410
	=====

AUDITORS REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF TWAN

We have audited the financial statements on pages 20 and 21 in accordance with auditing standards.

In our opinion the financial statements, which have been prepared under the historical cost convention, give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the club at 31st March 1992 and the results for the year ended on that date in accordance with the information and explanation supplied.

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DECLARATION BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF TWAN

We approve the above accounts and confirm that we have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.

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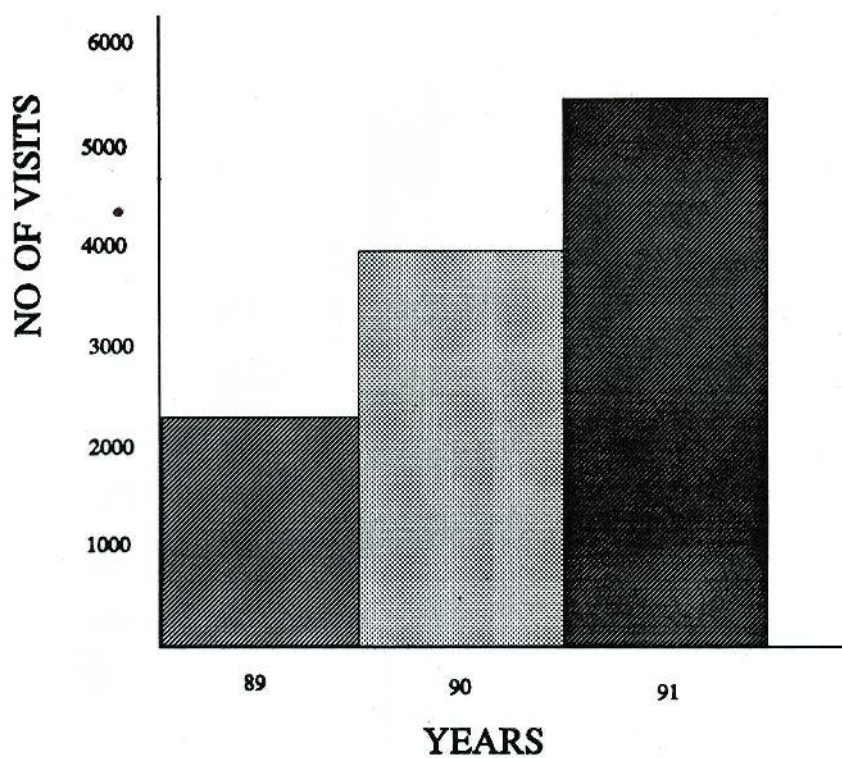
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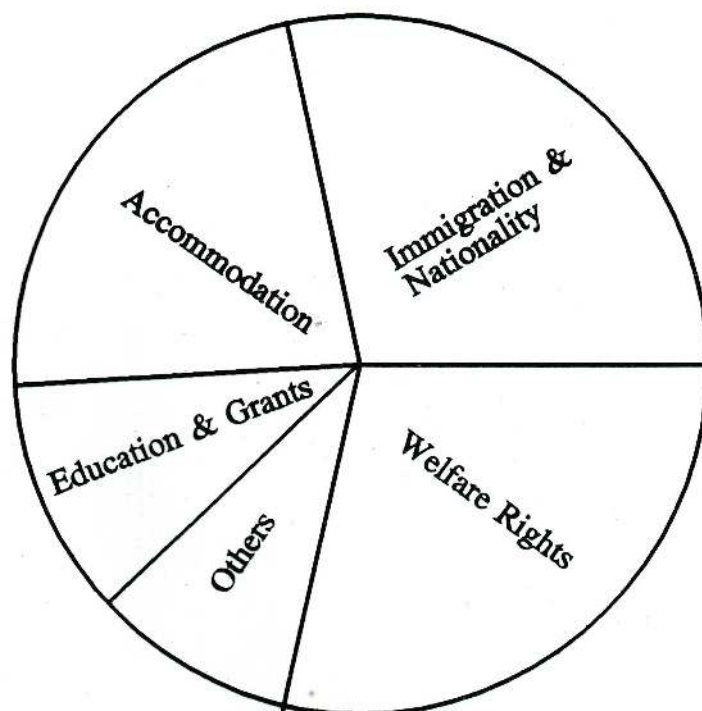
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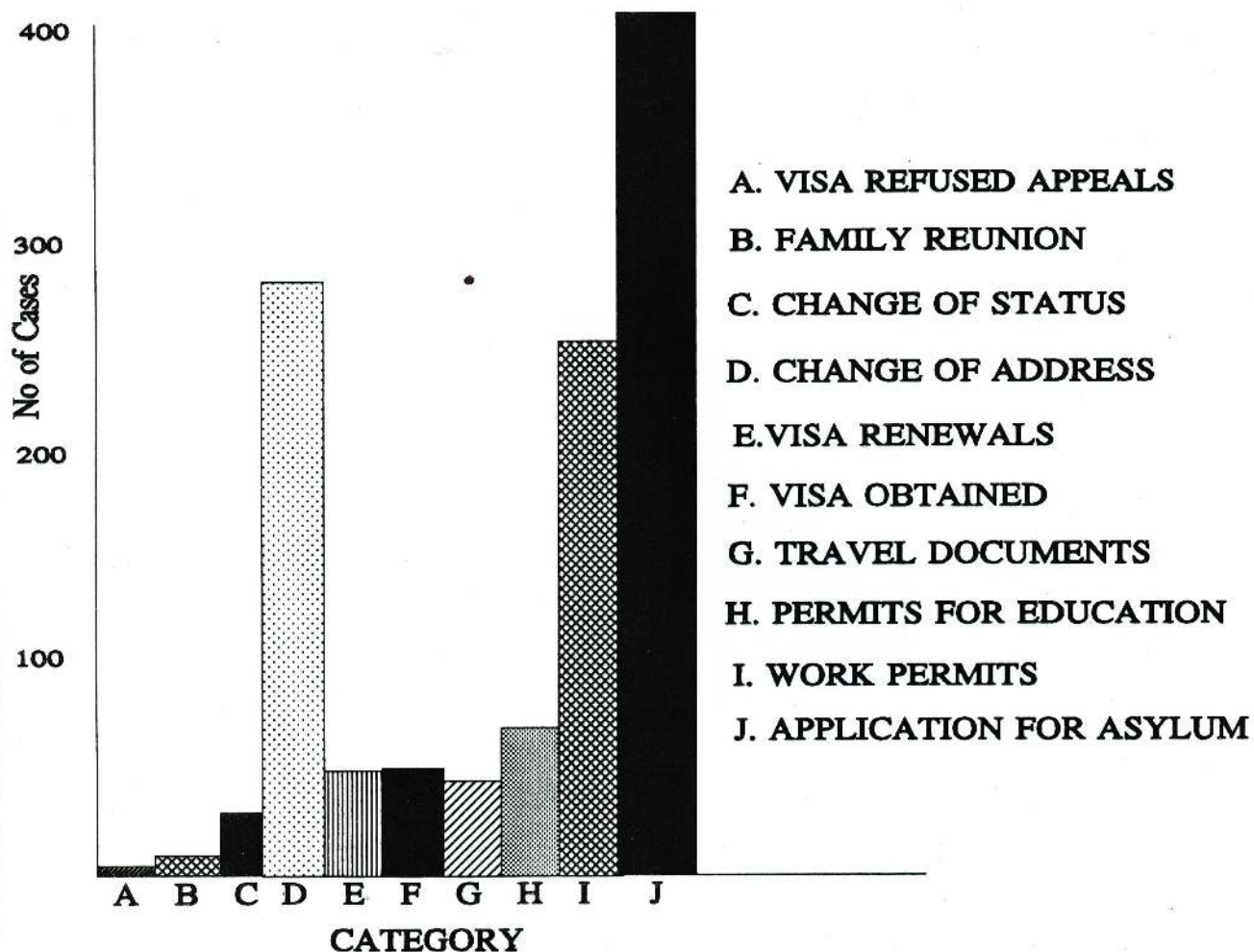
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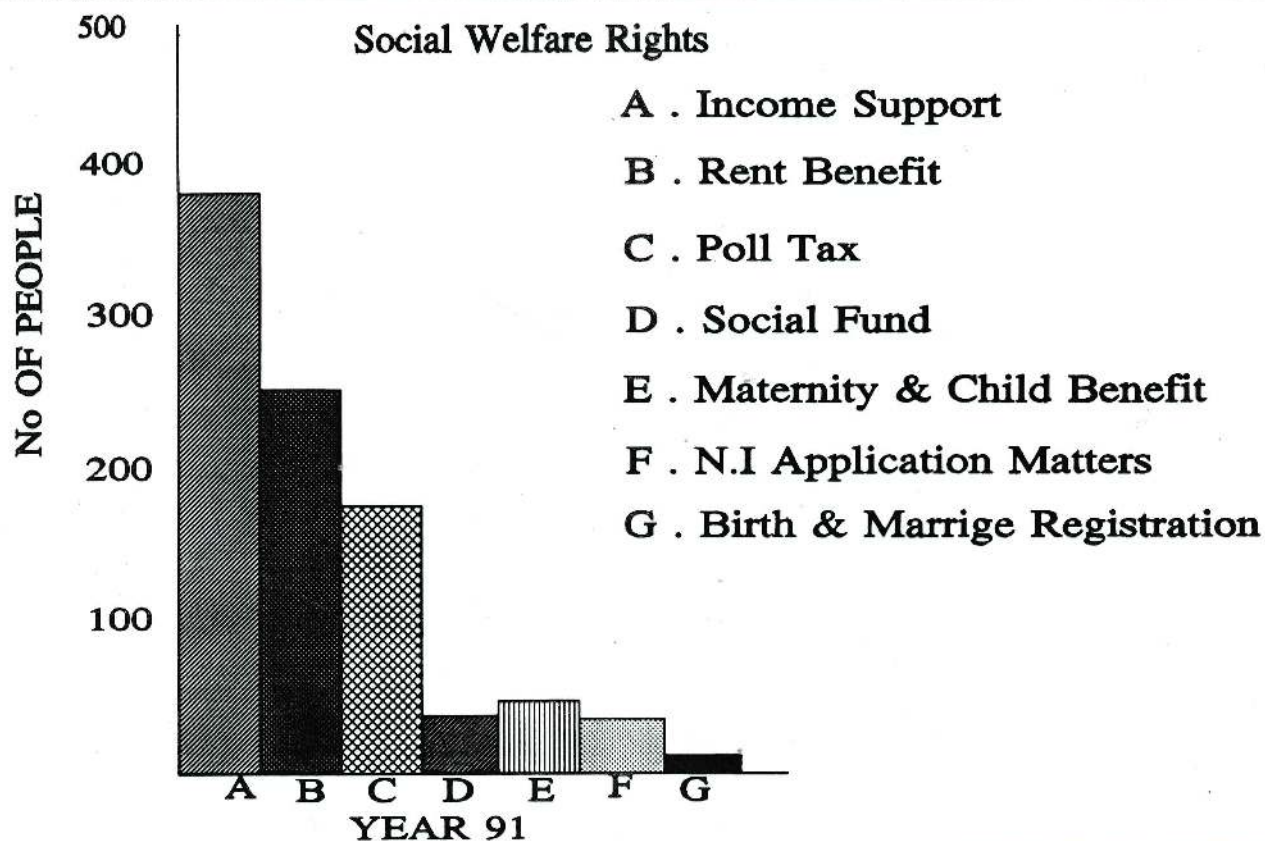
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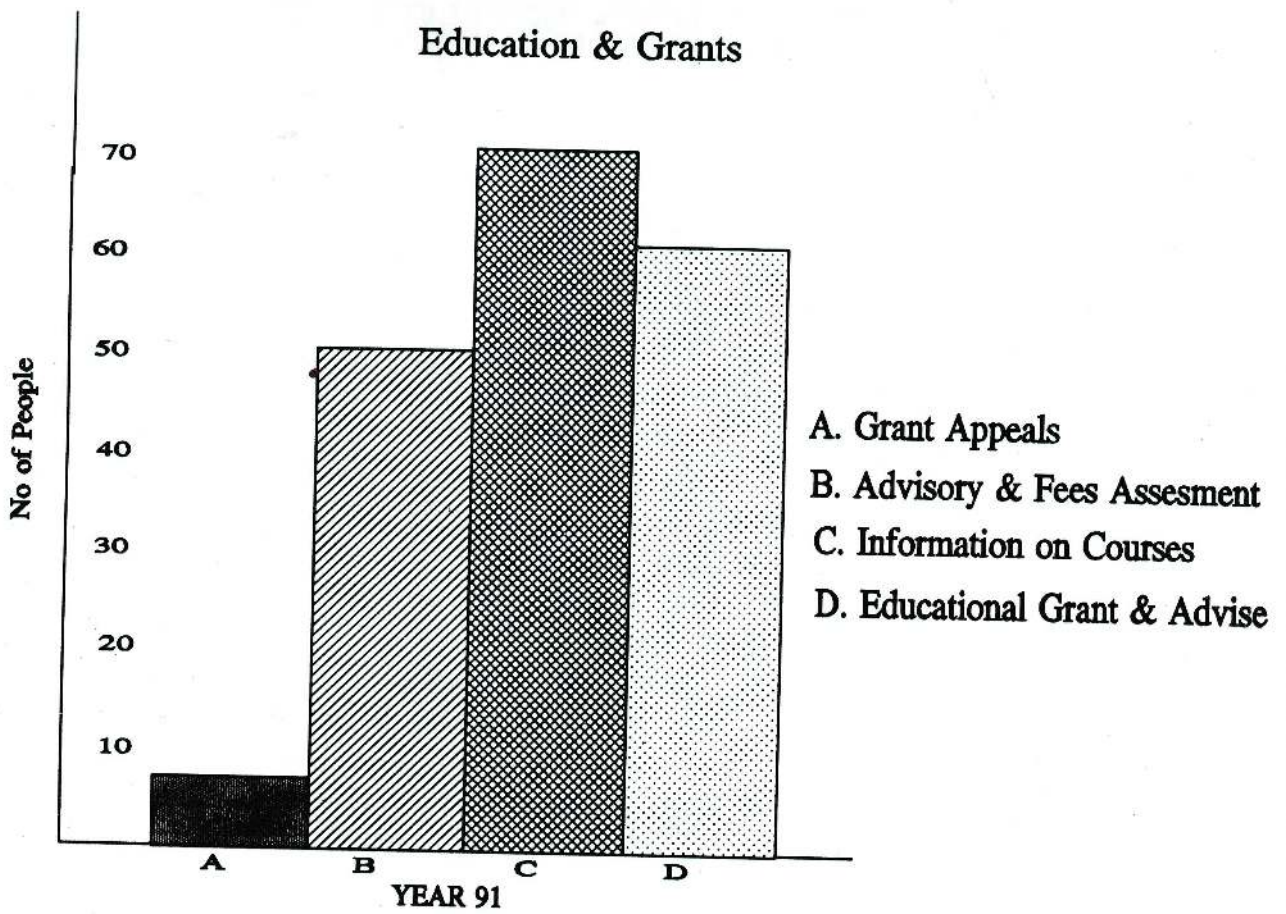
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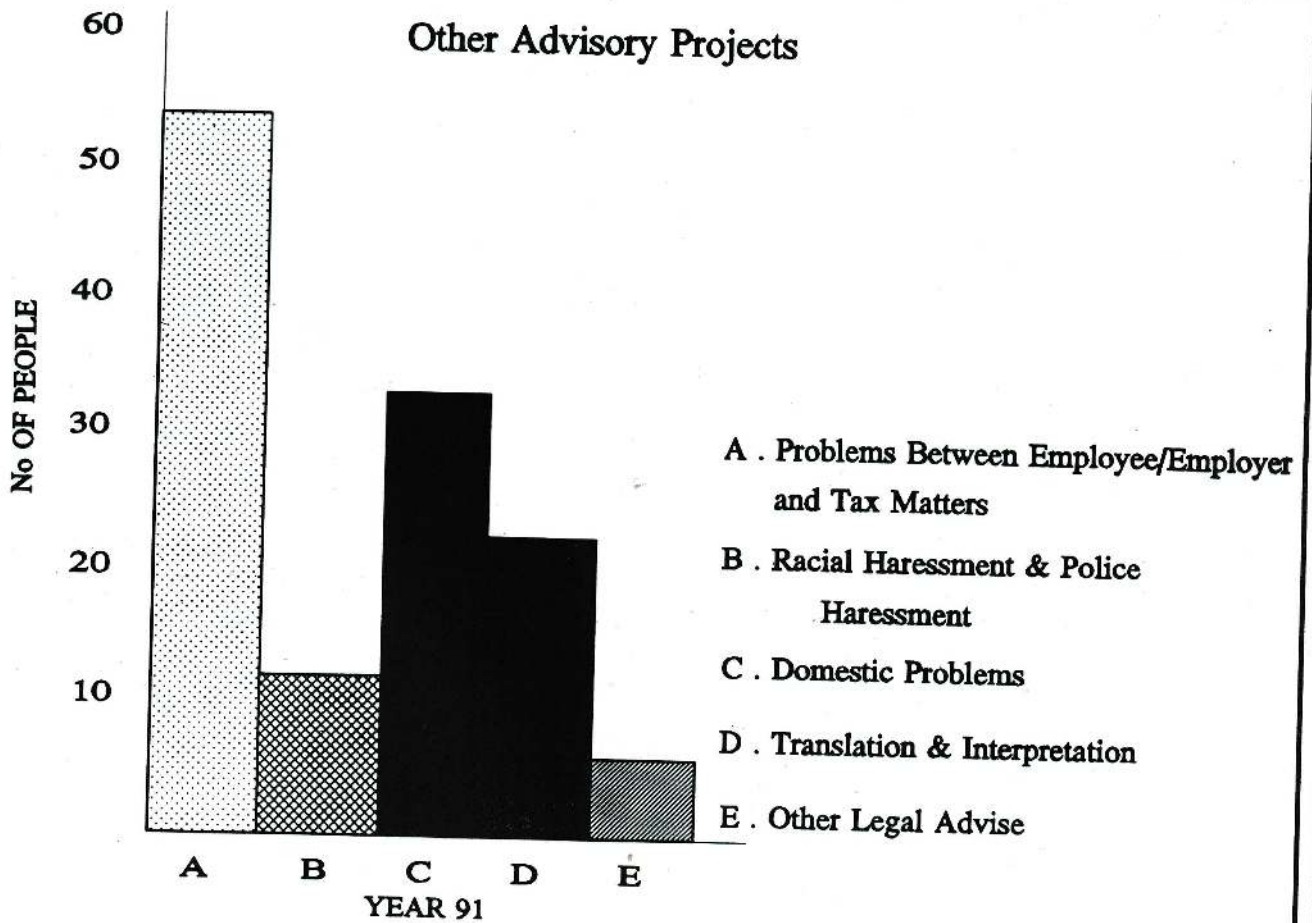
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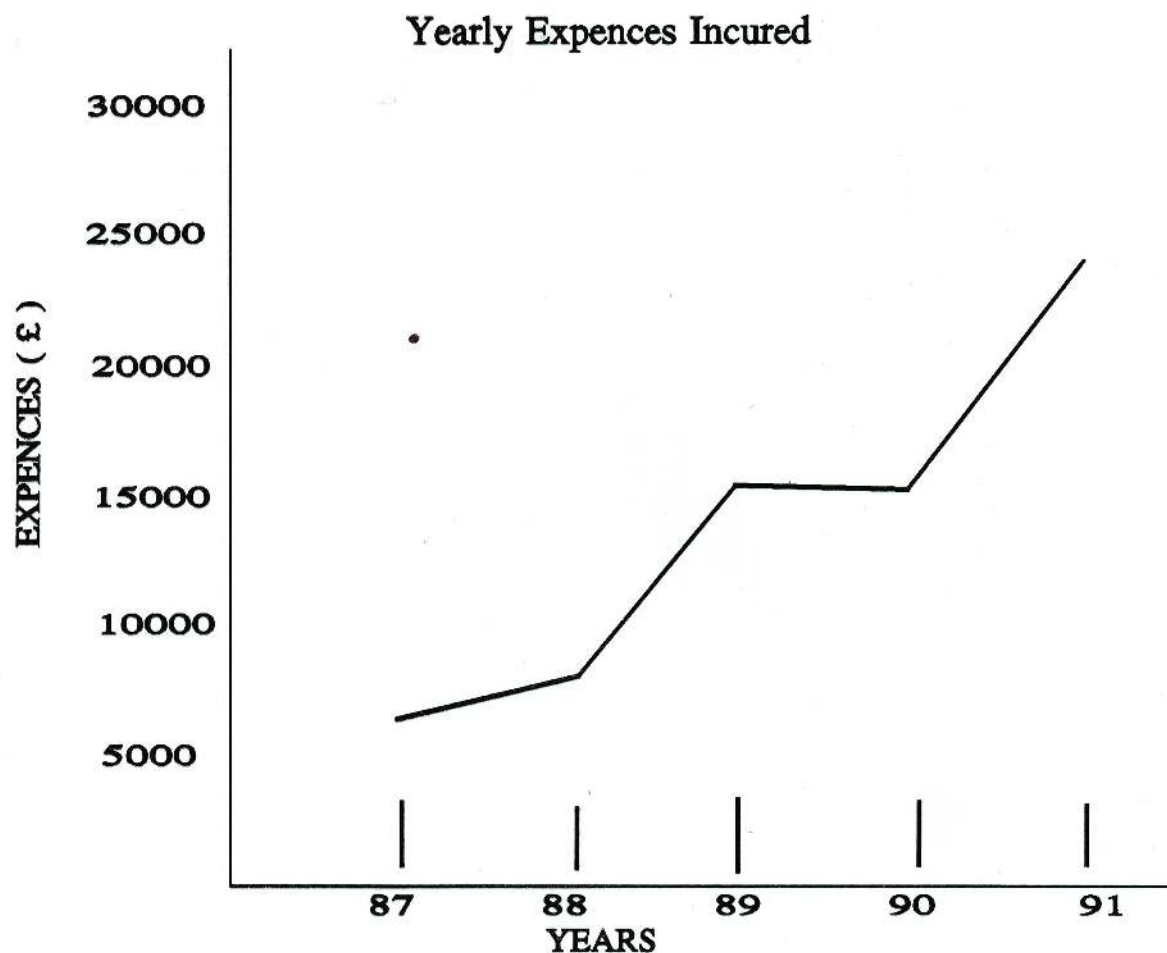


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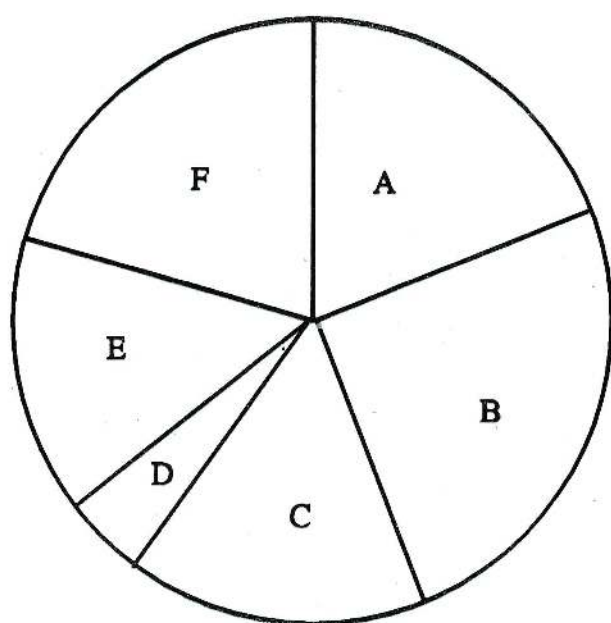


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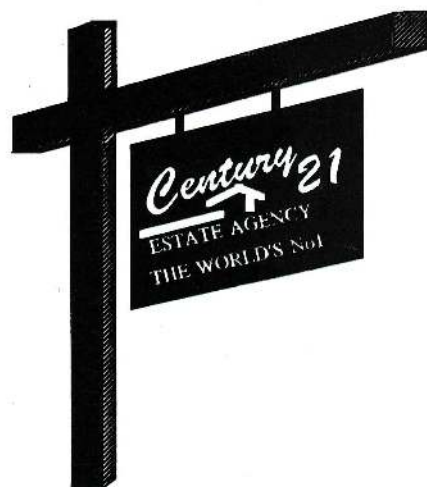
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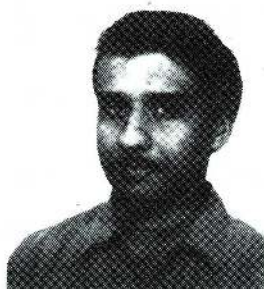
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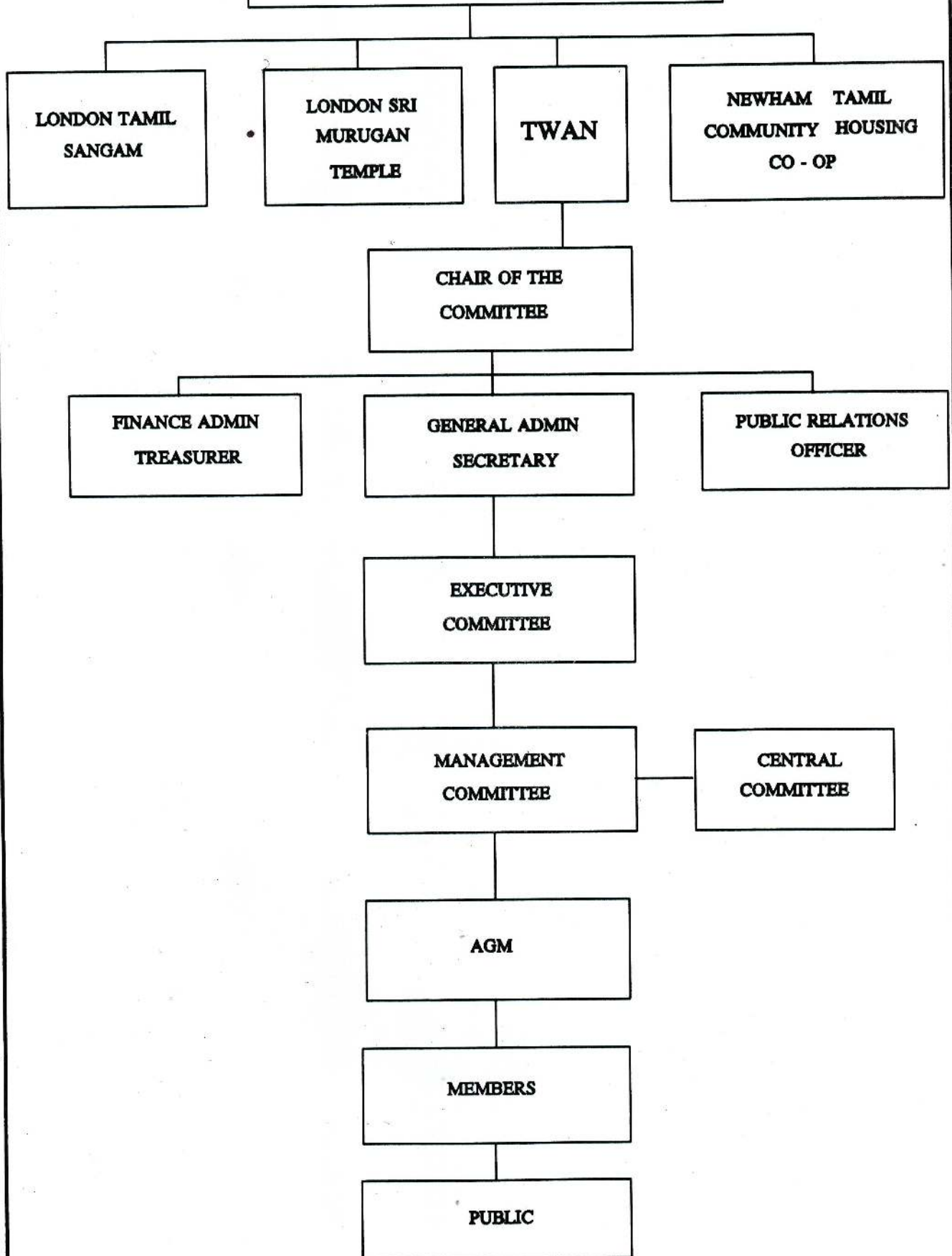
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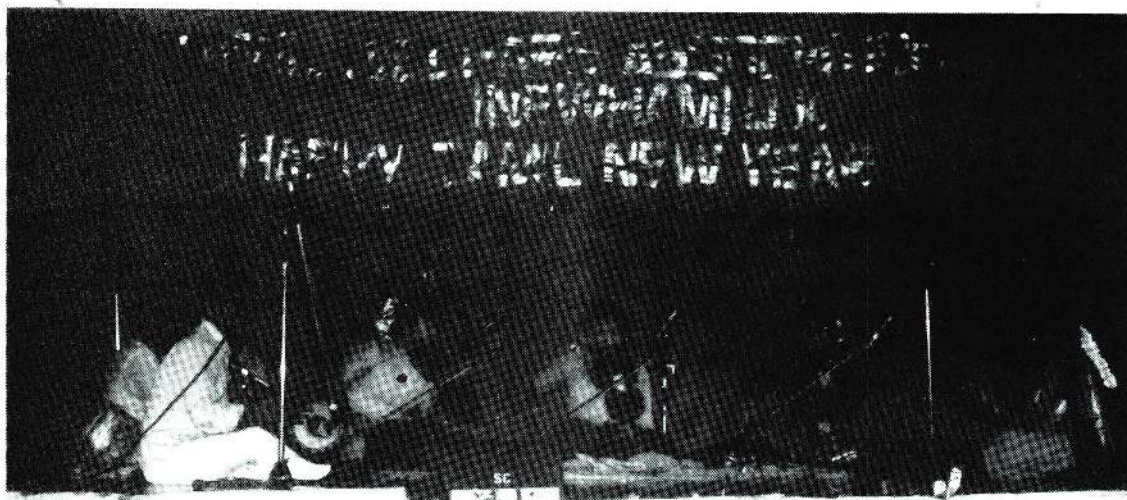
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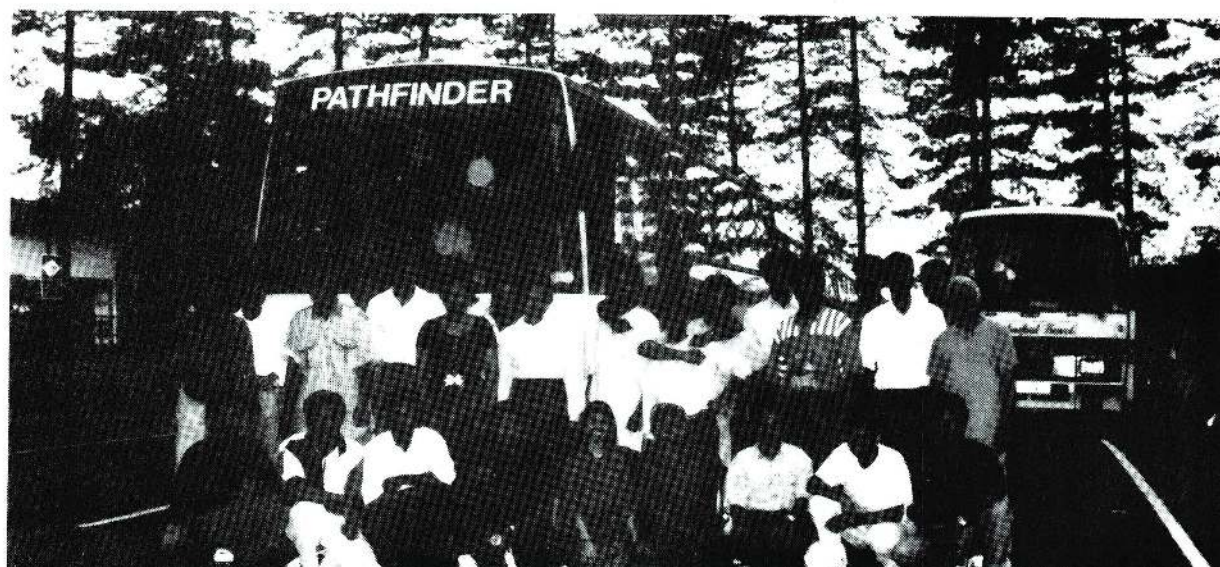
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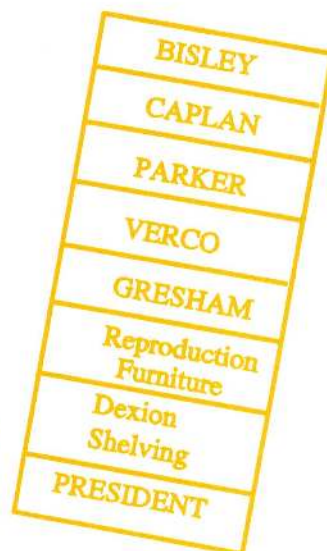
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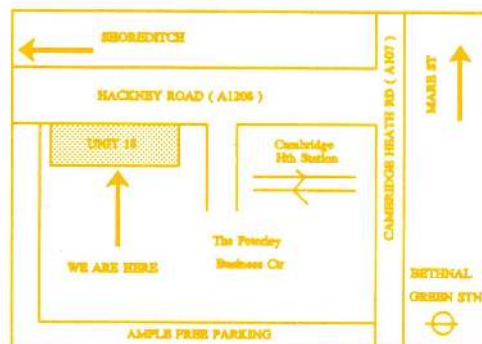
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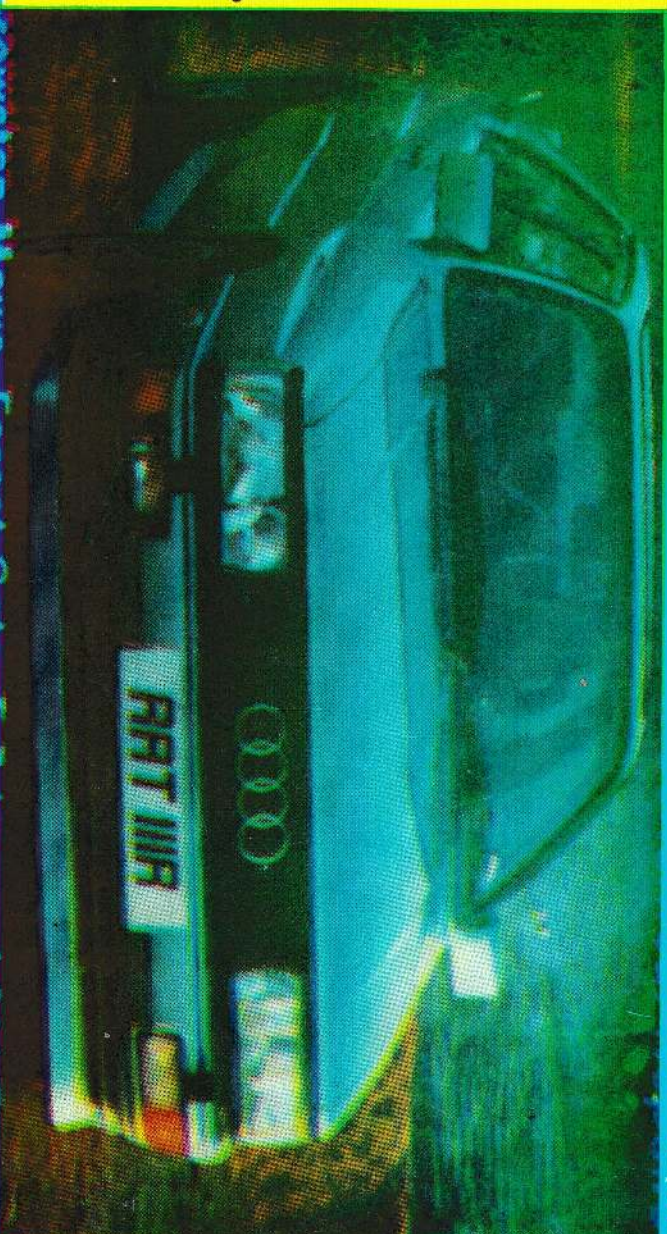
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