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Our Candidate, Noshir N. Pundole, addresses the Inaugural Session of the First South West Asian and African Convention held at Nairobi in April 1966.

Preface

WE THE 17,000 LIONS OF INDIA ARE DEEPLY CONSCIOUS OF THE privilege which is ours in belonging to the worldwide movement of Lionism and express our gratitude to the Founding Fathers, International Presidents and International Directors of Lions International who sponsored Lionism in India and over the last eleven years gave us inspiration and guidance in our search for happiness through selfless service that men of means must render to their needy fellowmen, not so much out of a feeling of generosity, but in gratitude for the many bounties bestowed on them by a kindly providence.

We are also deeply conscious of the responsibility devolving on the leadership of such a large, effective and fast developing international movement with a future as limitless as the vast horizons before us.

It is our good fortune to have in our midst one who has indefatigably persevered to establish and develop Lionism in our country as also in many another, who has several years experience of closely working with Lions International leadership, who has faith in the Philosophy, Ethics and Objects and the future of Lions International and who can,

given an opportunity, provide the kind of global stewardship our organisation deserves and demands.

In fact this is but an echo of the very strong feelings of the Lions of the two large continents of Asia and Africa who expressed themselves clearly when they unanimously resolved: "Be it resolved that we delegates of the First South West Asian and African Convention of the Lions International assembled in Nairobi on the 27th day of April, 1966 do highly commend International Director Noshir N. Pundole and his wife Roshan for the outstanding inspiration given during the past ten years in their meeting the clubs and districts throughout the South West Asian and African area and congratulate them for a career devoted to the continued development of Lionism. "Be it resolved that the Lions of South West Asia and Africa feel that since they have an outstanding Lion in the person of International Director Noshir N. Pundole that he should be prevailed upon to run for the office of Third Vice-Presidentship for a suitable year and that the following committee be formed to take further steps as thought necessary.

• Andre Soujol	Past	Dist.	Gov.	403	(West Africa)
• Dr. Przemyslaw Gorecki	"	"	"	409	(Central Africa)
• J. D. Byramjee	"	"	"	411	(East Africa)
• Azriel Barak	"	"	"	356	(Middle East)
• Cyrus F. Minwalla	"	"	"	305	(Pakistan)
• Rohit C. Mehta	"	"	"	304	(India)

This fraternal display of confidence by Lion leaders of many lands, encouraged us Lions of India to offer Lion Noshir N. Pundole for the office of Third Vice-President, Lions International and consequently in Calcutta, on June 4, 1966 at our Annual Convention, we unanimously passed the following Resolution with a standing ovation: "WHEREAS Lion Noshir N. Pundole has served the cause of Lionism in India and Multiple District 304 with great distinction and has dedicated his time and talents to the establishment, building and development of the movement, and

WHEREAS Lion Noshir N. Pundole has served the Lions Club of Bombay as its Charter President, and the Lions of District 304 as their District Governor for the years 1956-59

WHEREAS Lion Noshir N. Pundole has served the Board of International Relations of Lions International for the year 1961-62 and

WHEREAS Lion Noshir N. Pundole has served on the Board of Directors of Lions International for the years 1964-66 and

WHEREAS Lion Noshir N. Pundole has inspired the Lions of North America, Australia, Africa, Asia on his many visits to these lands as

International Director, Lions International and advanced the cause of Lionism and

WHEREAS the Lions of India who have been helped, guided and inspired for ten years by the dynamism of Lion Noshir N. Pundole and they feel that they have in him a sincere and dedicated Lion who has the capacity and qualities to lead the Lions of the world and

WREREAS the Lions Club of Bombay by its resolution dated March 24, 1966 has nominated Lion Noshir N. Pundole for the office of Third Vice-President and

WHEREAS the Lions of District 304 South at their District Conference held at Madras on May 8, 1966 and the Lions of District 304 East at the District Conference held in Calcutta on June 3, 1966 have endorsed the nomination of Lion Noshir N. Pundole for the office of the Third Vice-President of Lions International and

WHEREAS the Council of Governors of Multiple District 304 at their meeting held in Calcutta on June 4, 1966 have likewise endorsed this nomination,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lions of Multiple District 304 in Multiple District Convention assembled at Calcutta on June 5, 1966 hereby endorse Lion Noshir N. Pundole as a candidate for the office of Third Vice-President of Lions International for a suitable year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Lions International for their records."

"East is East and West is West, and never the twain shall meet," said Rudyard Kipling a century ago, but on the platform of Lionism, East and West blend beautifully. And in the case of our International Third Vice-Presidency Candidate Noshir N. Pundole both the occident and the orient merge together. Steeped in eastern culture and its deeply religious traditions, widely travelled and loved by Lions everywhere in the world, Lion Pundole is a liberal oriental who is so palpably international.

It was Mendel who said that a man is a product of both heredity and environment. Rich cultural traditions... traditions of spiritual consciousness, religious learning, spirit of selfless service so typically Indian... breed a good Lion. Abundant opportunities intelligently and zestfully met, prepare a great Lion leader for a task of epoch-making significance. And this is what makes our Indian offering, so appropriate for the office of international Lion leadership.

This publication is a humble presentation of Lions of the world... describing our land, our culture and our leonine fervour...and presenting our candidate whom we offer in a spirit of devotion, sincerity and faith.

RUSI B. GIMI
Chairman

Sponsoring Committee

Blessings

Many Messages of blessings and encouragement have been received from Indian national leaders and we proudly publish a few if only to indicate the exuberance they display for our candidate.



RASHTRAPATI BHAVAN,
NEW DELHI-4

March 28, 1967.

Dear Mrs. Pundole,

I am glad to get your letter and know that your husband is a candidate for the Third Vice-President of the Lions International. He has my best wishes for his success.

Yours sincerely,
Sd/- S. RADHAKRISHNAN
President, Republic of India.

Vice-President
INDIA
NEW DELHI

January 12, 1967

I am glad to know that Mr. Noshir Pundole has been nominated for the Third Vice-Presidency of Lions International. I send my congratulations to him and wish him success in this term of office.

Yours sincerely,
Sd/- ZAKIR HUSAIN

Minister for Railway
INDIA
New Delhi

January 19, 1967

I am glad to know that the Lions Clubs all over India, at their Annual Convention, have nominated Lion Noshir N. Pundole for the Third Vice-Presidency of the Lions International. As the first President of the first Indian Lions Club, a leader of the Lions Movement in India, and by his dedication to the cause of Lionism, Mr. Pundole richly deserves this honour. He has my best wishes.

Sd/- S. K. PATIL

Speaker
Legislative Assembly
West Bengal
Calcutta

The 21st Jan., 1967

India is on the threshold of progress and prosperity. In the near future India will stand side by side with all other advanced nations of the world. For such a nation with a population of about 490 millions, it would be a matter of deserving pride if one of its citizens gets international recognition in consideration of his rendering outstanding social services for the benefit of the people in general. In this background, it is not too much to expect that Lion Noshir N. Pundole, a man, who has given lead in this country in the field of Lionism from its very first day and through whose efforts Lionism spread its wings wide in India within a short time, is given the honoured chair of the Third Vice-President of Lions International.

Sd/- KESHAB CHANDRA BASU

JUDGE SUPREME COURT,
INDIA
New Delhi

January 27, 1967

I have received circulars indicating that the Lions Clubs in India are sponsoring Lion Pundole for the office of the Third Vice-President of Lions International. He has my best wishes. I know that he is eminently suited for that office and will only enhance the prestige of our country while holding that post. May the efforts of the sponsors meet with success.

Yours sincerely,
Sd/- V. BHARGAVA

High Court,
Bombay, 10th January, 1967

I know Mr. Pundole personally since many years and know also that he is doing excellent and inspiring social work through the Lions Club, where he has attained a unique position.

Sd/- S. P. KOTVAL
Chief Justice.

I am glad the Lions of India have nominated Mr. Noshir N. Pundole for the Third Vice-Presidency of Lions International. Selfless service which is the basic tenet of Lionism, is an ancient Indian tradition and I feel Mr. Noshir Pundole will be able to represent our country and Lions International.

My best wishes for the success of the Lions of India and their nominee.

Sd/- G. L. MEHTA
Ex. Ambassador to the U.S.A.



The Pundoles with President Radhakrishnan and Past President and
Mrs. Claude de Vorss and Minoo Engineer

The Pride of Lions

*"He above the rest
In shape and gesture proudly eminent
Stands like a tower."*

The leaders give guidance, the workers lend method, the rank and file provide power and muscle and the prestigious provide status to a growing organisation. The eminent who lend their name by their association, encourage its votaries to greater heights of achievement.

Providing encouragement and prestige to Indian Lionism are great men of the stature of (1) Dr. Zakir Hussain, President of the Republic of India (2) Dr. A. Ayanger, Dr. P. V. Cherian, Mr. N. Kanungo, Mr. V. V. Giri, the Maharaja of Mysore, Mr. Sampurnanand and other State Governors (3) Mr. Y. B. Chavan, Mr. S. K. Patil, Mr. A. K. Sen and Mr. M. C. Chagla, the Union Ministers (4) Mr. J. R. D. Tata and Sir Jehangir Gandhi the industrial magnates and (5) eminent men of letters like Mr. K. M. Munshi who are on the rolls as Honorary Members.

Quite a few amongst 17,000 Lions in 400 Indian Lions Clubs are outstanding men like Ambassadors and administrators, industrialists and financiers. Mayors and Ministers, scout leaders and social workers, educationists and scientists, businessmen and traders, doctors and the clergy and various other men of national, state and local distinction.

Mr. R. S. Pande, Director of Tata Iron & Steel Co., Ltd. (and other Tata enterprises), Mr. K. P. S. Menon, India's Ambassador to Russia and Hindustan Steel Director, Late Mr. Phiroz Kutar amongst others, were founder Presidents of Clubs in Jamshedpur, Ottopalam and Ranchi.

Mr. Keshab Chandra Basu, ex-Mayor and Speaker, Legislative Assembly Government of West Bengal is a very active Lion in Calcutta where every Mayor for the last few years has been a Lion. Since 1956 every Mayor of Bombay has been an Hony. Member of the local Lions Club.

Judges of Indian High Courts at Delhi, Chandigarh, Allahabad, Bombay, Ahmedabad and Cochin have been and are keen and active Lions.

These are the men of emirience—the pride of Lions—who by their association and participation have blessed and guided the movement of Lionism in India. Under the benign influence of these great men and the wise counsels of the leadership that is ours, the 17,000 Lions of India will continue to strive for the cause they have zealously espoused.

The Candidate

While the history of mankind—be it social, economic or political, whether pertaining to organisations or continents—is a record of doings of the general masses of peoples, it is always dominated by some individuals who appear like shooting stars, illumine the firmament with full force and sparkle, chart out a new course, infuse a new enthusiasm and then disappear. Their role goes down in history to inspire generations that follow.

The history of Lionism in India bears the unmistakable stamp of the great leaders who dominated the scene and shaped it over the years with fond dévotion and loving care but, without doubt, the foremost amongst them is Past International Director, Noshir N. Pundole who with distinction has served both Lions International and Indian Lionism in various capacities these last eleven years.

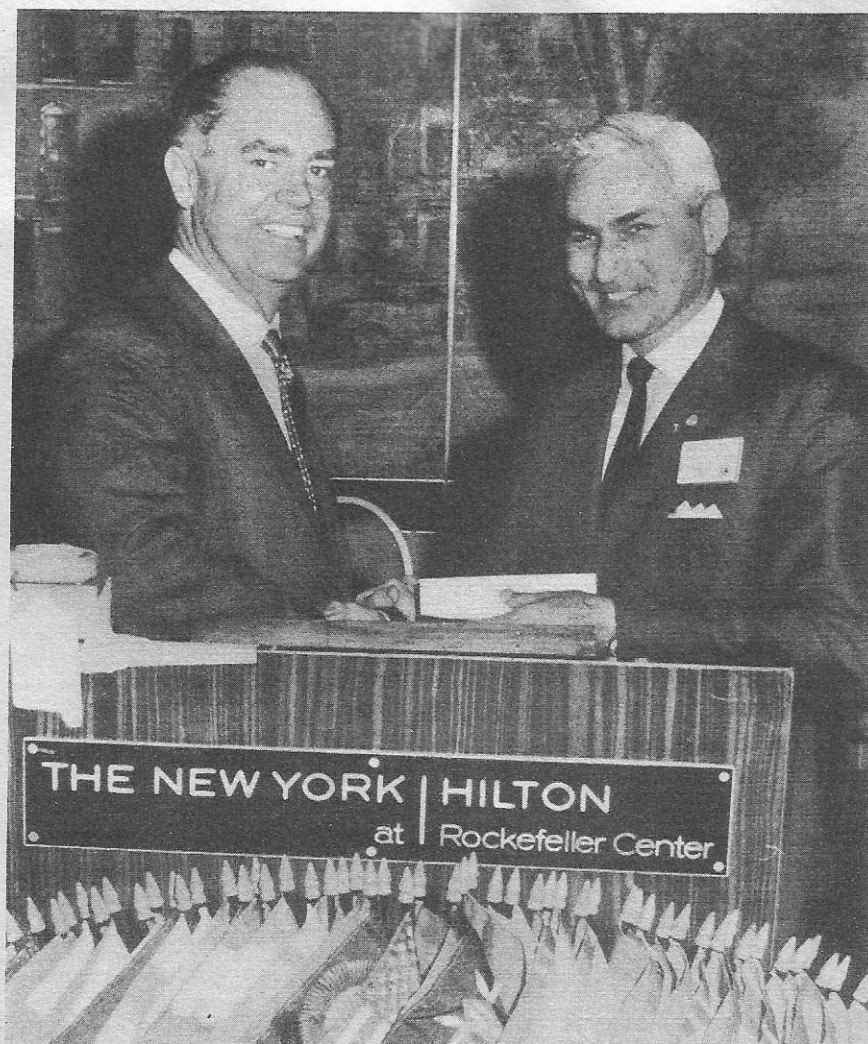
Lion Pundole at whose fountain of inspiration thousands of Lions and Lion leaders have drunk deep, is acknowledged as the founder, builder, friend, philosopher and guide of Indian Lionism which is credited with remarkable achievements both in growth and activities during a brief span of eleven years. And in many Asian countries he has ably introduced the movement which is now a powerful force for good in the developing areas.

Young, energetic, meticulous, hard-working, practical minded and far-sighted Noshir N. Pundole is blessed with a razor-sharp intellect, winsome manners and the gift of oratory. Added to this is his devotion to the cause he has espoused with almost a religious fervour.

His association with Lionism began in 1956 when he was elected President of the first Lions Club to be organised in India. Then he took upon himself the task of spreading the movement in India, and soon became the country's first District Governor. During his year as District Governor, he put the movement on a solid foundation and brought out its inspirational quality by his personal example and through his speeches and writings.

An ex-member of the Board of International Relations, a veteran of numerous world conferences and Lions International Conventions and undoubtedly a very able organiser. Lion Pundole has livened up many a District Conference and Multi-District Convention by his masterly handling of parades, floats and banner presentation cere-

Past International President
Dr. Walter Campbell
presenting a Presidential
award in appreciation of
services rendered by
Lion Pundole.



monies. The Solemn Necrology Ceremony he has conducted in India has deeply moved the assemblage everytime. The convention programme invariably became lively and interesting under his alert eye and his uncanny knack for variety and interest. Every issue of The Indian Lion magazine has been brightened with a topical article by him. The training programmes for Club Presidents and Club Secretaries which he inspired and assisted have proved of immense benefit to the Lions of India.

In April 1964 Lion Pundole was persuaded by the Lions of India to accept their nomination for the office of International Director and two months thereafter he was elected at Toronto.

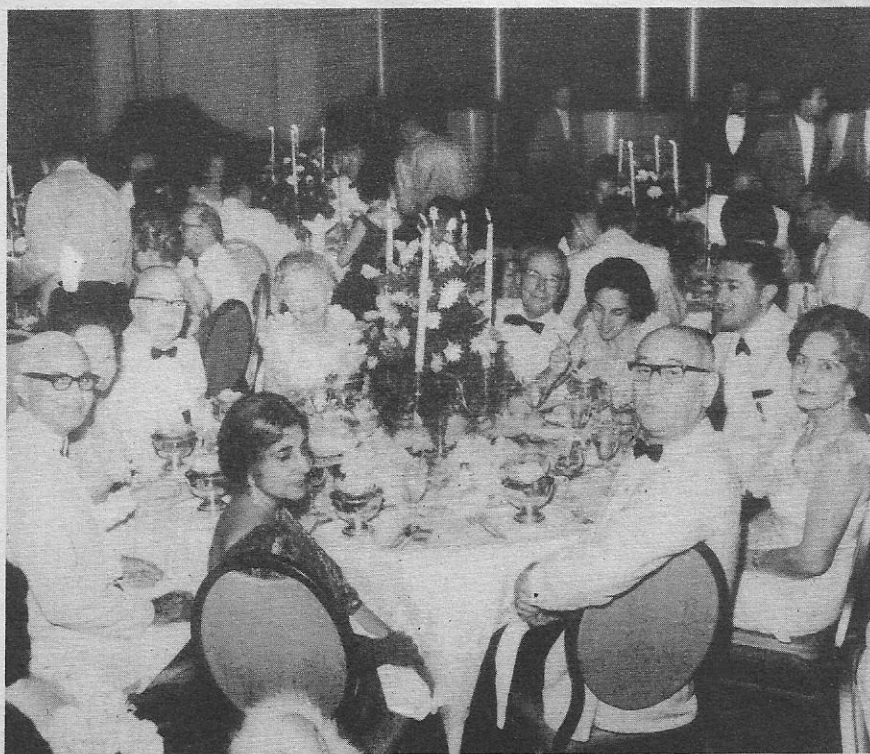
As International Director, he chartered the first Lions Club in Ethiopia, the Kingdom of the Lion of Juda, organised and chaired the first area Convention of Africa and South West Asia in Nairobi, Kenya in April 1966, inspired many Club and Convention gatherings as a guest speaker and propagated the Ethics and Objects of Lions International with a missionary zeal.

The April 24, 1966 "San Angelo Standard Time" of Texas, U.S.A. announcing Lion Pundole's visit to San Angelo said "The Lions are extremely fortunate to have Lion Pundole in attendance. Director Pundole is regarded as one of the most capable speakers and an outstanding member of the International Board of Directors and is sought by Lions throughout the world as their special guest." This assessment is amply justified by many trans-continental tours made by Lion Pundole on assignments Lionistic during his two-year term of office as International Director.

At the Fortieth Anniversary Celebration of the Bristol Lions Club, Connecticut, U.S.A. Where Noshir Pundole was an invited International speaker.



Besides the usual International Board meetings, Lion Pundole addressed 85 Lion gatherings in 18 different countries of the world during his two-year term of office. His exposition of the philosophy of Lionism in his inimitable style impressed and inspired Lion gatherings in 22 National Conventions and District Conference and created a new enthusiasm and leonine fervour in Africa and S. W. Asia at the first Convention of the area in Nairobi. In great demand as a speaker, Lion Pundole left his imprint on the minds of a great many leading Lions at the 45th anniversary of Ennis, Texas, 40th of Boston, Connecticut, 30th of Palestine, Texas, 25th of Big Lakes, Mertzon, Houston and Humboldt (U.S.A.) and the 10th Anniversary of Indian Lionism in Bombay.



The Pundoles at the New York Convention with Lion Leaders of South America and Past President Humberto Valenzuela.



The Pundoles at a Mayoral reception in Adelaide, Australia.

Commenting recently on the frequent International travels of Lion Pundole, a widely circulated magazine pointedly exclaimed:

"You seek him here

You seek him there

The Lions seek him everywhere."

Lion Noshir N. Pundole served as Chairman of the re-districting Committee of the International Board, attended every Board Meeting and took a very active part in the deliberations that shaped the destiny of the movement during his two year term as International Director. During the last two decades on his many travels abroad for business and for Lions assignments, globe-trotter Pundole has enriched his personality and acquired an international background so essential for world leadership of any organisation with international ramifications. Vigorous and active in Lionism, with or without office, Lion Pundole continues to encourage outstanding Lionistic efforts, the recent successful Golden Anniversary Celebrations in India, being a tribute to his organising ability.



The Pundoles with
International President Lindsay,
Mrs. Lindsay, the President's
brother and his wife.

Active in Free Masonry, Lion Noshir N. Pundole held the rank of Regional Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of India. In the past, he ably served as a Justice of Peace and a State Commissioner for The Bharat Scouts and Guides.

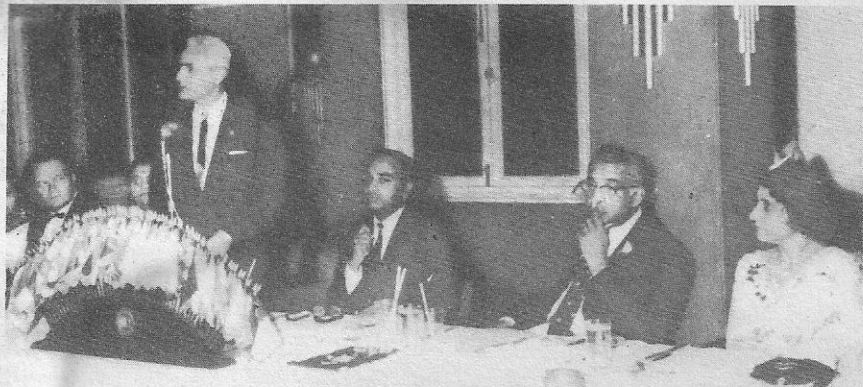
Many are the Lion awards he has received, principal among which are a Master Key, two Merit Awards, The Supreme Extension Award and International President's Award for eight years.

Monarchs of foreign lands decorated him for his work in promoting the concept of Lionistic service in their respective countries.



The Pundoles seen with Her
Majesty The Queen of Iran after the
investiture of the Order of Humayun.

Noshir Pundole addresses
Lions of Ceylon. Seated
beside Roshan is the Prime
Minister of Ceylon
Mr. Dudley Senanayaka.



Lion Pundole is a deeply religious man and not a single day of his life begins without at least a half hour of prayer of supplication and gratitude to Almighty God as a true Zoroastrian. Noshir and his charming wife Roshan have three children, two girls and a boy. Lionaide Roshan who is considered the nightingale of India, has enthralled many a Lion gathering including an International Convention, by her singing.

The Pundole family is complete with grandpa Lalkaka, too old to be left by himself in far away Bangalore. And then there is "Happy" the cute Dachshund who rightfully sets the mood of contented domesticity. This then is the Pundole family, presided over by Noshir, the pace-setter of Indian Lionism whom the 17,000 Lions of India offer as a candidate for International Third Vice-Presidency, sanguine in the knowledge that in him they have the man who can deliver the goods.



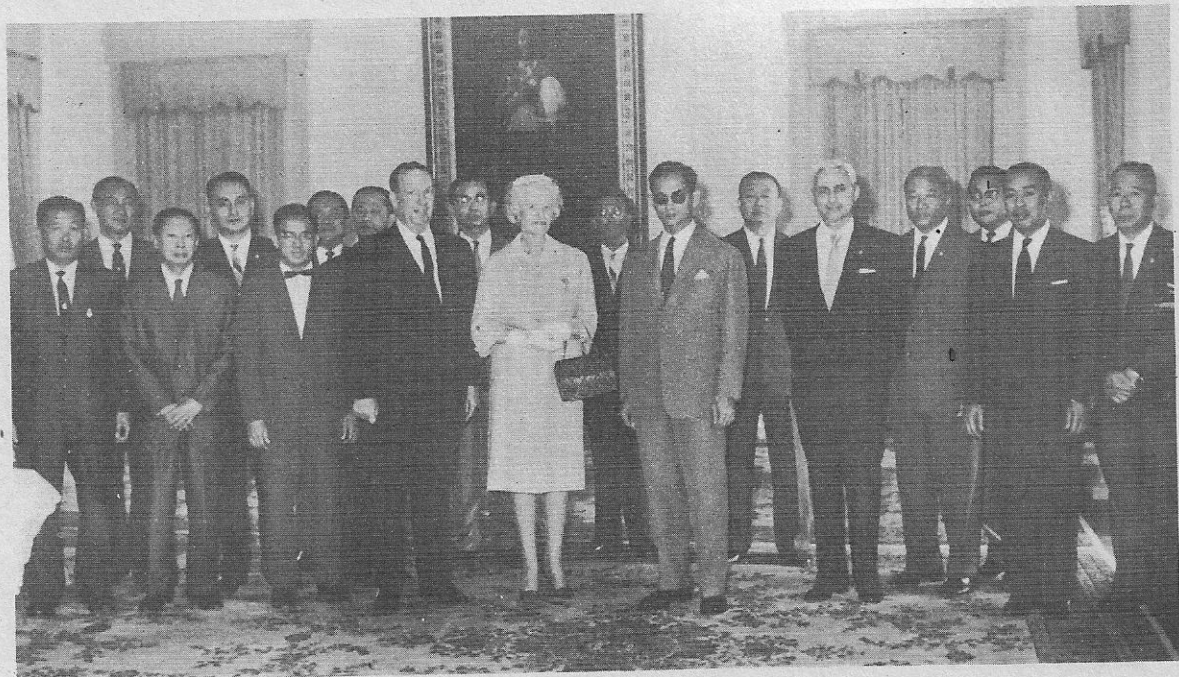
Happy, the dachshund
sets the mood of contented
domesticity in the
Pundole family, represented
here by three generations.

“Part of a man’s mind . . .”

*“Wisdom is to the Soul
What health is to the body”.*

From the many speeches and writings of Lion Noshir N. Pundole, here are a few gleanings which reveal the substance and sparkle that guided and inspired numerous Lion votaries in India and elsewhere: “Lionism wants part of a man’s mind, part of his body, his influence and his money. Lionism wants his word, his goodwill, his willingness to help those in trouble but most of all I believe, it is his spirit Lionism asks for, his unyielding faith, his fighting determination, his sense of purpose and destiny, his concept of fairness and all those attributes which set a man apart from his fellows on every level of life.”

Pundole with His Majesty the King of Thailand, Past President and Mrs. Curtis Lovill.



"It has been said that Faith works miracles. It does, when it is established on honest values and backed up with tireless, intelligent effort. It can work a miracle in us and having attained faith, we can transmit it to others. Together as a team we begin to work miracles of life and labour and achievement, doing things together that previously seemed impossible."

"Lions have prestige in the Service Club field because they have kept faith with the present and past generations by liberally repaying their obligations in terms of unselfish service to mankind."

"Lionism is not a commodity. It is a way of life. It builds great individuals. It builds communities. It is seeping into every corner of nations all over the world, fusing men into a compact organisation, holding them together as no compulsion, no mere paper and seal could possibly do."

"There are two kinds of great men. Some by the sheer brilliance of their intellectual genius are lifted to greater heights, but others much less highly endowed find greatness in another way. They perceive in their generation the movement of thought and life to which their future belongs, identify themselves with it and stand for it. The first kind of greatness, individual brilliance, is the gift of destiny to a very few. The second kind of greatness, indentifying oneself with the movements of one's times is open to all."

"In order to accomplish big things one has to develop the habit of looking up and trying to reach a little higher, which makes for character—it adds to the worth, solidity and substantiality of man and it leads to the accomplishment of big things."

"No power on earth can hold us back from success—the success of serving Lions International accepted as one of the movements which will help eradicate the scourge of want and disease and make the world a garden of Eden."

An indian offering

"Some call him a saint and some others call him a genius, some admire his meteoric escalation in Lionism and some others envy him. But all agree that he is the principal architect of Lionism in India. This man is Noshir N. Pundole who is acknowledged as the Founder of Indian Lionism and Lionism in many Asian Countries.

This is the man for us, he is the man for the Lions of Asia—the Lions of the world, our man for the Vice-President of Lions International."

"Nagpur Times"—Nagpur, India
March 3, 1967