

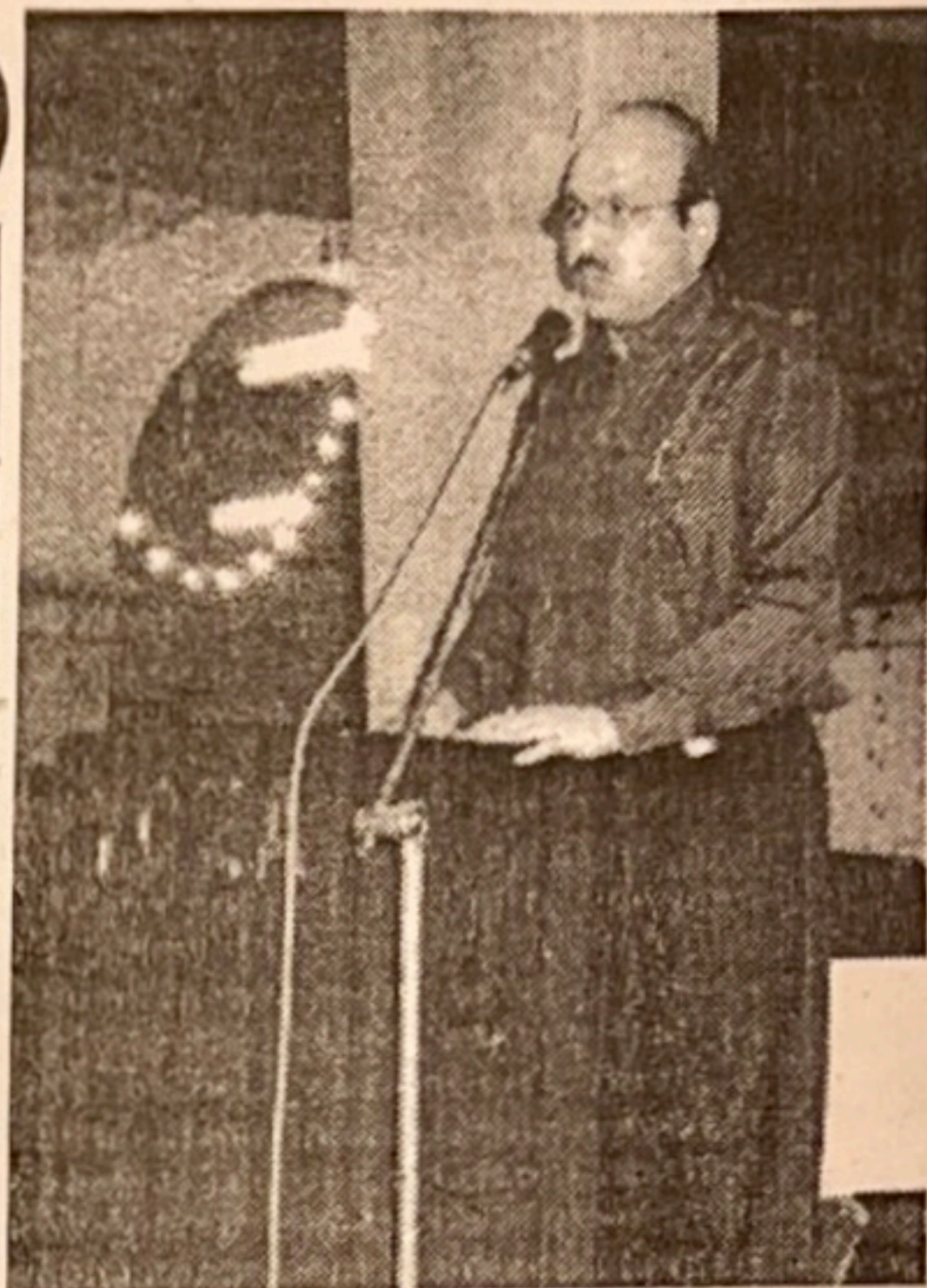
# Y.C.Z.A. ALUMNI ASSOCIATION LAUNCHED



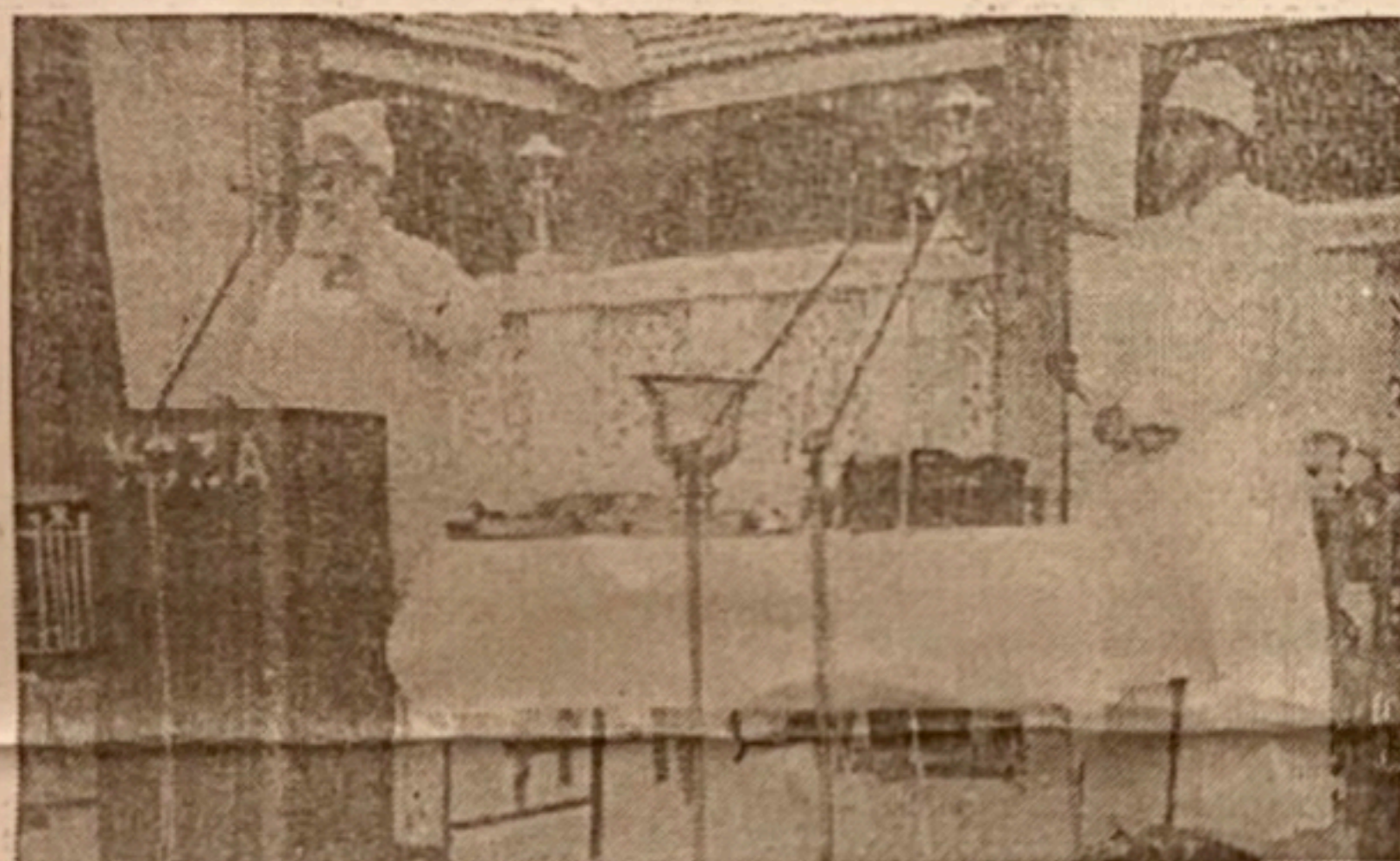
Prof. Khurshed Sheriar addressing the gathering.



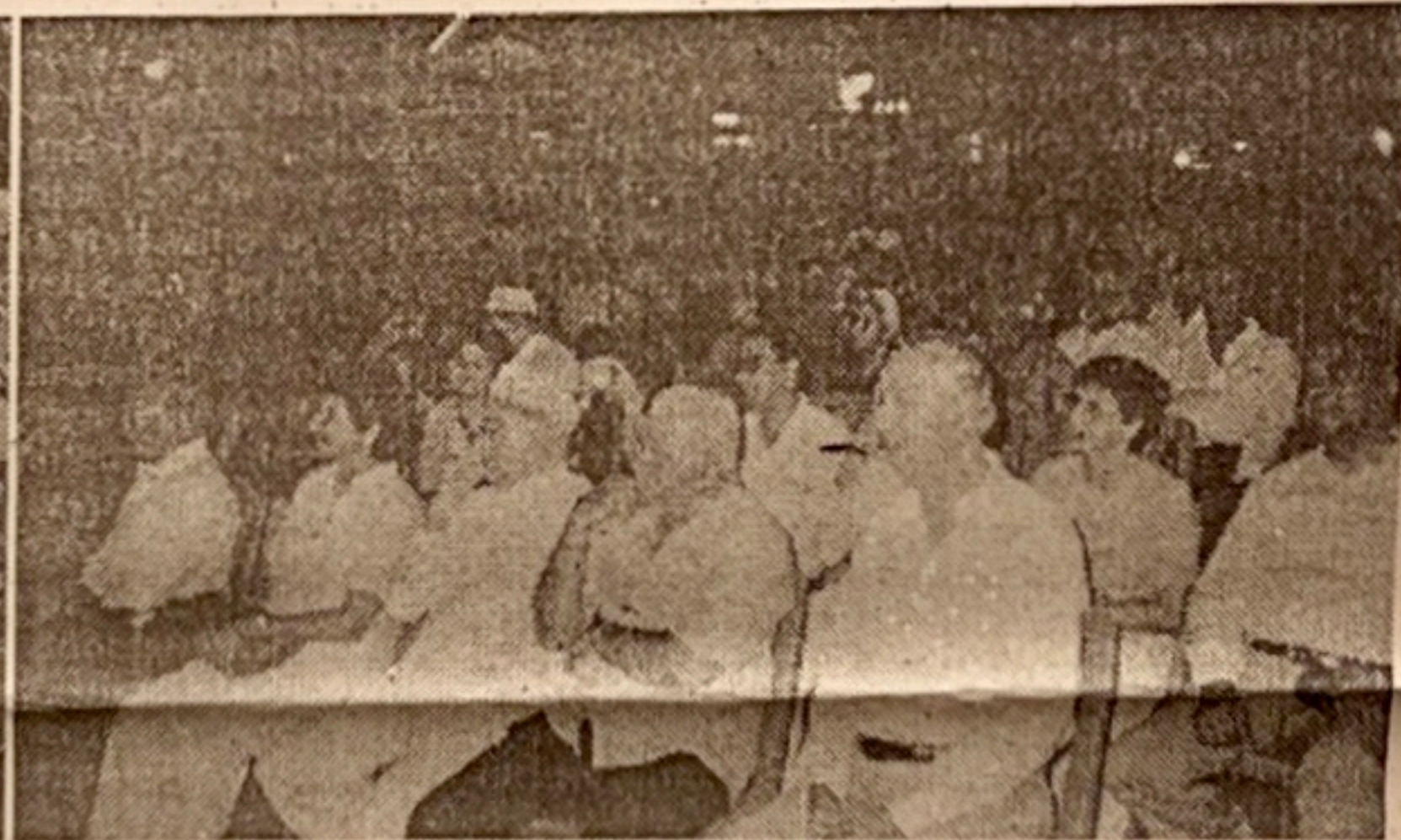
Mrs. Zanne Commissariat compering the show.



Mr. Aspi Billimoria at the mike.



Ervads Saheb Aspandiar and Hormuzd Dadachanji explaining the significance of Jashan Ceremony.



A section of the audience.

On the evening of Saturday, May 24th, 450 ex-members of the YCZA and their guests got together at Albless Baug, under a sweltering Mumbai summer sky. It was a celebration to mark the culmination of the Golden Jubilee year of the Y.C.Z.A., which took birth 50 years ago under the guidance of **Prof. Nadir A. Modi** (Chairman) and **Prof. Khurshed Sheriar** (Vice Chairman) to mobilize Parsi collegian youth into various productive activities. They nursed and groomed the Y.C.Z.A. baby, which grew steadily in strength over the years to evoke a strong feeling of camaraderie amongst its members.

The function, which started with a jashan ceremony, helped cement this feeling of brotherhood, and thus was born the YCZA Alumni Association. The

jashan ceremony was followed by a very enlightening explanation and demonstration of the ceremony by **Ervad Saheb Aspandiar** and his son, **Ervad Hormuzd**. The ancient Iranian traditions and significance of the various jashans practised now and then were very significantly revealed by **Aspandiarji** and their clear-cut definitions certainly enlightened the attentive gathering. **Prof. Khurshed Sheriar** appreciated **Ervad Saheb Aspandiar** and his son's explanation/demonstration in particular, and his guidance and services to the community in general.

This was followed by hilarious, typically Parsi gags by T.V. artistes, **Mr. and Mrs. Dinyar Tirandaz** and their very entertaining group.

**Zarine Commissariat**, an ex-YCZAite, the most popular emcee at such

communal gatherings, was at her voluble best. She outlined the objects of the YCZA Alumni Association and invited past members to join. **Zarine** stated that this Association would provide an excellent opportunity for networking and at least two functions would be organized each year. Forthcoming events include an overnight visit to Udwada in September and a moonlight cruise later in the year.

Another ex-member, **Aspi Billimoria**, gave a brief but interesting talk on the activities of the Y.C.Z.A. He said that the Alumni Association can play a vital role by reviving and revitalizing the YCZA itself for the youngsters and he wished that today's generation of teens and twenties could draw the same enjoyment and benefits of the YCZA that we once did.

**Marazban Mehta's**

'Darling Orchestra' kept everybody's feet tapping and torsos swaying with the sound of his traditional Parsi and other popular tunes and certainly livened up the event, as the crowd mingled and renewed old friendships and memories.

The 'Chhaiye Hume Zarthosthi', led by **Adi Davar**, the main volunteer for the function, was sung

with heartfelt fervour by the orchestra singers as well as the crowd.

And as all good events that end well, this too ended with **Tanaz Godiwalla's** excellent dinner in true Zoroastrian spirit and form.

We sincerely hope that the flames of our ancient fires keep burning by more gatherings such as this.