

ANTI-HINDI MARCHERS

Enthusiastic Reception Along The Route

(Camp) Cuddalore, Aug. 17. The Anti-Hindi Marchers left Chidambaram on the evening of 14-8-38 and reached Bhuvanagiri at 6 o'clock. On arrival, they were welcomed by the Bhuvanagiri Tamil Sangham and the Tamilian public of that place numbering about well over 1000 persons under the leadership of Swami Singaravelu, and garlanded amidst shouts of "Long live Tamil" and "Down with Hindi". The Marchers were taken round the Bazaar Street to a place in front of the Sub-Registrar's Office, where a public meeting was held. Near the Bazaar Street, Mr. Annamalai Chettiar garlanded the leaders and volunteers of the March.

Some Congressmen from Chidambaram waved black flags in front of some bazaars in the Bazaar Street.

The meeting was attended by about 3,000 persons. Swami Singaravelu presided and Mr. Periaswamy sang some Tamil songs. Mr. Kanchi Paravasthu Achariar and Mr. K. V. Alagiriswamy addressing the gathering dwelt at length on the danger to Tamil by the introduction of compulsory Hindi.

With a few concluding remarks and a vote of thanks by Mr. P. C. Lingam, the meeting terminated at 10 o'clock.

The Marchers were later entertained to supper by Senguntha Mahajana Sangham, Melbhuvanagiri.

The next morning, after breakfast, the Marchers left Bhuvanagiri and proceeded towards the direction of Parangipettai, a distance of ten miles. At Anikaranchatram, a place three miles off Parangipettai, the Marchers were entertained at a tea party given by Mr. Padayachi.

At Parangipettai

On the 15th of August, the Marchers reached Parangipettai at about 11 o'clock in the morning.

On the border of the village, the Marchers were received by Muslims consisting of over 1000 persons and garlanded. At 2 o'clock

in the afternoon the Marchers had their meals, after which they took rest till 4 in the evening.

Later, the Marchers attended a meeting held in front of the hospital. The meeting was

largely attended by Hindus and Muslims. Ali Janab

J. Oli Mohamed, Secretary, Muslim League, presided over the meeting. Ali Janab S. T. Ismail

Meera welcomed the Marchers.

Mr. Paravasthu Achariar addressed the gathering on the need for Hindu-Muslim unity.

Mr. K. V. Alagiriswami explained the objects of the meeting and giving a crushing reply

to a notice issued by some Congressmen in the name of Vedarathna Hindi Prachara Mandal, Parangipettai. He drew the attention of the gathering present at the meeting to the name of the Mandal and explained the meaning thereof. He also requested them to find out a suitable meaning in Tamil for that organisation.

After the chairman's concluding remarks, Ali Janab Zainulabuddin proposed a vote of thanks and the meeting terminated at 10 o'clock in the night. That night they stayed at the Peria Durga. It was raining heavily and the Marchers had them-

selves drenched till they reached their camp.

At Poondiyankuppam

The Marchers reached Poondiyankuppam on the morning of 16th August from Parangipettai. They had their supper at Mr. Ramachandra Padayachi's house where they passed the night. Early in the morning, at about 4-30, the Marchers left Poondiyankuppam for Cuddalore. In the midway, the marchers had their breakfast at Mr. P. Velayudha Nadar's house.

At Cuddalore

The Anti-Hindi Marchers reached at Cuddalore yesterday morning at 7-30. Messrs. K. Deivasikamari Mudaliar, V. Subramaniam K. Dandapani Chettiar, V. A. S. Govinda Nadar and T. Devanathan along with four hundred persons gave a reception to them near the Cuddalore toll gate and took them in a procession, accompanied by music round the principal streets of Cuddalore.

The Marchers passed through Manikoondu Street, Sankara Naidu Street, Pallivasal Street,

Bazaar Street, Lord Clive Street and terminated at the residence of Mr. Nagarathnam Chettiar.

The route thought out was decorated with flags and festoons.

Attempts were made by some

Congress hirelings to create

disturbance, but they proved in vain.

The Marchers, after their mid-

day meals and light refreshments in the evening attended a

public meeting arranged previously, at Gandhi Park. The

Marchers went in a procession to the meeting and on their way, they were garlanded by Messrs.

P. M. Muthu Durai Maracair, Y. Mohamed Eamid, Y. Ibrahim

K. Kajjali, E. Syed Ahmed, E.

Ebrahim, C. Yakub and M.

Mohamed Ghose on behalf of

the Muslim public near the Jinnah Youth League premises.

Mr. S. V. Lingam on behalf of

the Marchers thanked the

organisers for the reception

given to them.

The meeting was attended by

as many as three thousand

people, and was presided over

by Janab Ismail Maracair.

After the chairman's intro-

ductory's remarks, Mr. K. V.

Alagiriswami, Captain of the

Marchers, explained the objects

of the march, and answered

questions put by some Congress-

men.

The Congressmen began to

behave in a disorderly manner,

but those present at the meeting

sent them out.

Mr. S. V. Lingam and Sree-

mathi Ramamirthamal addressed the gathering next.

Mr. Paravasthu Achariar

said that since he was not well

in health, he could not be able to

reply to some charges levelled

against him and announced that

he would deal with the matter

in detail at a meeting to be

held at Manjakuppam.

The meeting came to a close

with the Chairman's remarks

and a vote of thanks at about

9-15 p.m. Towards the close of

the meeting, Mr. Ponnuswami,

one of the marchers sang some

songs in praise of Tamil culture.

The Congressmen who at-

tempted to disturb the meeting,

and who were later sent out

from there, held a meeting in

support of Hindi with a view to

get the audience assembled at

the meeting held to give a recep-

tion to the Marchers. The

meeting held by Congressmen

was not even attended by 30

persons. The Marchers spent

the night at Cuddalore.

At Vandipalayam

The Anti-Hindi Marchers left

Cuddalore yesterday morning at

8 o'clock and reached Vandipalayam at

7 o'clock, where the public under

the leadership of Mr. Y. Kandaswami Mudaliar, Municipal, Councillor gave them a very

warm reception. They were

garlanded and taken in a procession

accompanied by music through the

principal streets of the locality.

Later, they were conducted to the house of Mr. Y. Arumuga Mudaliar. As the

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At Manjakuppam

At Manjakuppam, the Marchers were welcomed by Mr.

Vijaya Raghavulu Naidu, B.A., B.L., along with other Tamilians.

There were many welcome

arches seen here. As the Marchers passed by the house of Mr.

Naidu, they were garlanded and

were given tea. The Marchers

camped at Mr. Puduvali Chinniah

Mudaliar's bungalow. Later, the

Marchers were entertained to

dinner and tea in the evening by

Rao Bahadur T. M. Jambulinga

Mudaliar.

In the evening a largelv-

attended meeting was held at

Manjakuppam Maiden under the

presidency of Mr. Vijayaraghavulu

Naidu, B.A., B.L. Messrs.

Bharatidasan, S. Sivaprakasam.

L. Durairajan Lucas Nambikaimari,

M. Subbuoyan, N. Thangavelu, Lenin Siddantham,

Roche and twenty five others

from Puduvali attended the

meeting.

After the Chairman's intro-

ductory remarks, Mr. Kanchi

Achariar addressed the gather-

ing for about one hour and a

half.

One noteworthy feature of

the meeting was that in spite of

the attempts made by Congress

coolies to disturb the meeting,

the gathering listened to the

speeches of the leaders from

beginning to end.

Sreemathi Ramamirthamal

addressing the gathering referred

to her services to the Con-

gress in the past and compared

