

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 Poondiyanakuppam

The Marchers reached Poondiyanakuppam 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 Poondiyanakuppam 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 Manikoond 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 Hamid, Y. Ibrahim K. Kajjali, E. Syed Ahmed. E. Ebrahim, O. Yakub and M. Mohamed Ghouse 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 introductory remarks, Mr. K. V. Alagiriswami, Captain of the Marchers, explained the objects of the march, and answered questions put by some Congressmen.

The Congressmen began to behave in a disorderly manner, but those present at the meeting sent them out.

Mr. S. V. Lingam and Sreemathi Ramamrithammal 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 attempted 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 reception to the Marchers. The meeting held by Congressmen was not even attended by 25 persons. The Marchers spent the night at Cuddalore.

At Vandipalayam

The Anti-Hindi Marchers left Cuddalore yesterday morning at 6 o'clock for Vandipalayam.

They 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 Marchers came near the Subramanya Temple, Mr. S.A. Rawoof Vice-Captain on behalf of the Marchers thanked the organisers for the reception given to them.

From Vandipalayam, the Marchers proceeded to Pudupalayam where they were welcomed by Vidwan P. Adimulam. As many as thousand persons attended the reception given to them. They were taken in a procession through the principal streets of Pudupalayam.

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. Pudukai 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 largely-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 Nambikkaimari, M. Subburayan, N. Thangavelu, Lenin Siddantham, Roche and twenty five others from Pudukai attended the meeting.

After the Chairman's introductory remarks, Mr. Kanchi Achariar addressed the gathering 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 Ramamrithammal addressing the gathering referred to her services to the Congress in the past and compared the present state of affairs of the Congress with the past. She exposed the Congressmen and the mean methods employed by them to put down their agitation for the preservation of their culture and language. She also condemned the Congressmen for their having attempted to disturb the meeting.

The Tamil public of Manjakuppam presented the Marchers with a purse.

The meeting terminated at 9 o'clock after the Chairman's concluding remarks, and the singing of songs by Messrs. Ponnuswami and Periaswami.

At Nellikuppam

Camp. Panrutti, Aug. 20.

The Anti-Hindi Marchers started from Manjakuppam yesterday morning at 5 o'clock and proceeded towards Nellikuppam. At Manjakuppam, the Marchers had their breakfast in Mr. Vijayaraghavulu Naidu's house. Later they left Manjakuppam and passed through Varkalapattu, Karamanikuppam and other villages, and reached Nellikuppam at about 8 o'clock.

At Nellikuppam, near Bulokanadhar Temple, the Marchers were welcomed by Messrs. P. A. Karim Sahib, Govindaswamy Thambiran, Padmanabha Pillai, Abdul Syed Sahib, W. Ramaswami Reddiar, N. Kanakasabai and others, were garlanded. They were later taken to Koththavarpall compound where a meeting was held under the presidency of Mr. Balasundaram Nainar. The meeting was largely attended by Hindus and Muslims. The proceedings began with song sung by Messrs. Periaswami, Ponnuswami, and Rathnam.

Sreemathi Ramamrithammal then addressed the gathering on "Tamil and Hindi" and Mr. Pudukai Saranganipani spoke on

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laws will be repealed? Sir, my main argument is that the application of the Criminal Law Amendment Act is absolutely unnecessary and is unwarranted by the situation and we expect the head of the Government to recognise that it is absolutely unnecessary to continue the application of the said Act and that repressive laws must cease to apply.

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the need for opposing the introduction of compulsory Hindi.

Mr. Rahim who spoke, explained the reason as to why the Muslims opposed Hindi and Mr. S. A. Rawoof, Vice-Captain spoke on the dangers that would be wrought by the introduction of compulsory Hindi, for about one and a half hours.

The meeting terminated with the chairman's concluding remarks at 12.30 p.m.

The Marchers then camped at the bungalow of Mr. P. A. Karim Sahib, Ex-Chairman, Union Board. They dined at Mr. Karim Sahib's house, and in the evening, they were entertained at a tea party by Mr. Ramaswamy Reddiar, Village Munsiff, Nesalur and Mirasdar.

The Marchers, later left for Panruti.

ANTI-HINDI JATHA FROM MADURA

Madura, Aug. 23.

Mr. A. S. Arunachalam, Secretary, Anti-Hindi League, Madura Dt. writes under date Aug. 24 that the Anti-Hindi Jatha which is to start on the 25th of this month has postponed its programme due the Neelakottai Justice Party Conference to be held in Sholvandan under the presidency of Sir P. T. Rajan. The Jatha will start on September 11, 1938.

In connection with the tour of the Anti-Hindi Jatha, Mr. A. S. Arunachalam, and Mr. Thanga Meeran, Sahib will be touring the following places, Madura on Aug. 26 and 27, Madura and Sholvandan on Aug. 25.

ANTI-HINDI JATHA IN TINNEVELLY DT.

Dr. Chockalingam To Lead

Tinnevely, Aug. 23.

A Correspondent writes that arrangements are being made here to organise a Tamilians' March to tour the Tinnevely District, by Dr. R. V. Chockalingam, M. B. B. S., and that details of this march will be published later.

OMALUR TAMILIANS' MARCH

Omalur, Aug. 19.

Mr. Dasappa Goundan, Mottupatti writes under date Aug. 19 that the Omalur Tamilians' March consisting of 25 volunteers will carry on Anti-Hindi propaganda in Omalur Taluk under the leadership of Mr. T. V. Kadiri Chettiar for a fortnight.

Many prominent persons have lent their support to the March. The Marchers have their own food supply.

Any one desirous of enlisting himself as a volunteer should write to the organiser before 1st September, 1938 stating his name and address. Only those who are willing to offer their services will be enrolled as volunteers.

The date on which the march is to be begun and the route and other details will be announced later.

TAMILIANS' TOUR IN COIMBATORE DT.

Erode, Aug. 19.

Mr. S. S. Joseph, Anti-Hindi Headquarters, Okkiliar Street Erode, writes that arrangements are being made to organise a Tamil march consisting of about 50 volunteers to carry on Anti-Hindi propaganda in the Coimbatore District and that many ladies and leading men of this place have assured of their whole-hearted support to this movement.

Those who are desirous of participating in this movement should write for details before Aug. 27. In doing so, they should kindly state their age educational qualification and profession and if possible a recommendation letter at the hand of either the Secretary of the Anti-Hindi Committee or the Muslim League.

If any one is desirous that the Marchers should camp at his place, he should let us know before the above-mentioned date. The details of the march such as the route and the date on which it proposes to start will be announced later.

After the completion of their tour in the district the Jatha might probably go over to Madras.

At Panruti

Camp, Villupuram, Aug. 21.

The Anti-Hindi Marchers proceeded towards Panruti from Nelikuppam on the evening of Aug. 19, nine miles off from there. Scarcely had they covered two miles, than there was a heavy downpour of rain. The Marchers covered the remaining distance drenching in the rain. They arrived at Panruti at about 9 o'clock in the night. They camped at the Chettiar choultry, where they were entertained at dinner by Mr. Gopala Maistry and the members of the Muslim League.

After breakfast on the following morning (20-8-38) the Marchers went out in a procession round the streets of Panruti, and reached Lakshmi Theatre at 10 o'clock, where a public meeting was held. There was a large gathering of Hindus and Muslims present at the meeting. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Kareem Sahib, and Messrs. Periaswamy and Rathnam sang Anti-Hindi Songs.

Messrs. C. Kalyanasundaram, S. A. Rawoof addressed the gathering.

Some youngsters who were reported to have been brought by Congress to disturb the meeting were seen leaving the place of the meeting.

With a few concluding remarks and a vote of thanks, the meeting terminated.

The Marchers, after their mid-day meals left Panruti and after passing through Kandirakottai carrying on propaganda in almost all the villages in the vicinity, reached Agaram at 6 o'clock in the evening. Mr. A. R. P. Bhuvargaswami Pillai of Valavanur entertained the Marchers at dinner in his bungalow. Later at 7 o'clock, they left Agaram for Koliyanur. They reached Koliyanur at 10 o'clock in the night where they stayed at M. Bhuvargaswami Gounder's residence for the day. Mr. Gounder presented the Marchers with a purse.

On the following morning (21-8-38), the Marchers left Koliyanur for Valavanur at 6 o'clock. On arrival at Valavanur, they were accorded a reception by the Tamilian public and went out in procession, after which they rested in the local rice-mill. Mr. Munuswami Pillai, Manager Raja Vilas Hotel entertained the Marchers to breakfast.

At 10 o'clock in the morning, a public meeting was held under the presidency of Mr. S. V. Lingam, when Messrs. C. Kalyanasundaram and S. A. Rawoof addressed the gathering. The speakers also answered some questions put to them by some persons among the gathering. The meeting terminated at 12 p.m. The Marchers left Valavanur and came back to Koliyanur and passed through Salai, a village on their way to Villupuram.

ANTI-HINDI PROCESSION

Police Interference

Madras, Aug. 21.

From Mr. V. M. S. Rajan's house in Savarimuthu Street, Mannady, an Anti-Hindi procession started on Sunday last. (21-8-38). The procession was composed of a large number of Muslims, Adi-Dravidas, ladies, school students, Tamil Pandits and others. The procession was more than a furlong in length.

The Inspector of Police stopped the processionists and asked as to who was their leader.

Since Mrs. Meenambal Sivaraj, the organiser of the procession, came late, Mr. Pavalar, told the Inspector that he was responsible for organising the procession.

The Inspector told the processionists that they should not shout anything else except "Down with Hindi" and "Long live Tamil" and that they should go a few yards off the road.

Mr. Pavalar: We shall go a few yards off the road side. You should not prevent us from expressing our views, and that you should not dictate to us to say what and what not to say.

The Inspector said that he did not know anything about it, and that he carried out the orders of his superiors.

If they were to say anything else, he said that he would have to stop the processionists.

Mr. Pavalar requested the Inspector to show the order, if there was any, and further asked the Inspector to write an order to that effect.

Since Mr. Pavalar had to attend a meeting at Sivagnam Park, he told the Inspector later that they would abide by his orders.

The procession went round the streets of Mannady and proceeded to Sivagnam Park. On seeing the processionists, some Congressmen took to their heels.

The number of people that participated in the procession is estimated to be about 10,000. The Muslims of Mannady played a prominent part in organising the procession. The procession was led by Dr. Dharmambal, Sri Pushpavathiammal, and others. It dispersed at about 12 o'clock in the midnight.

Camp, Villupuram, Aug. 22.

The Anti-Hindi Marchers arrived here yesterday afternoon from Valavanur. A large gathering of Muslims, Hindus and others including the members of the Muslim Youth League and Tamil Kazagams extended to the Marchers a warm reception and garlanded them amidst cries of "Long live Tamil" and "Down with Hindi". The Marchers stayed at the house of Mr. Govindarajulu Naidu, Municipal Councillor and Director, Land Mortgage Bank, and they were entertained to dinner by Mr. Naidu. Mr. M. Shanmuga Udayar, Municipal Councillor and Secretary, Land Mortgage Bank, and Mr. Muthuthandava Padayachi, Municipal Councillor and Treasurer, Land Mortgage Bank.

Later in the evening at 4 o'clock, the Marchers passed through the principal streets of Villupuram in a procession. At 6 o'clock, a public meeting was held at Nawab Tope Maidan under the presidency of Mr. Muthuthandava Padayachi. The gathering present at the meeting is estimated to be about 8,000.

Mr. Kalyanasundaram Kanachi Paravasthu Achariar and Mr. Rawoof addressed the gathering.

With the chairman's concluding remarks and a vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Karim Sahib, Secretary, South Arcot Dt. Muslim League, the meeting terminated at 11 o'clock in the night.

As desired by the public of Villupuram, the Marchers are staying here. Arrangements are being made by the Muslim Youth League to convene a public meeting.

ANTI-HINDI MARCHERS FROM NORTH ARCOT

A correspondent from Vellore writes under date August 23, that Moulvi Sharbuddin Sahib has kindly consented to participate in the North Arcot Dt. Tamil Protectors' March. The Moulana is a leading member of the Muslims of this district, and was a staunch Congressmen. He played a prominent part in the Khilafat Movement. During Non-co-operation days, he was one of those who boycotted the Councils, and was for some time the Secretary of the North Arcot District Congress Committee. At present, the Moulana is the moving spirit of the Muslim League in this district, and it is a matter for pride that the

CITY BUS STRIKE ENDS

INTERIM AGREEMENT ACCEPTED

Madras, Aug. 27.

The bus workers in the city went on strike, rather suddenly on 26th instant, with a view to securing redress to their grievances. But soon after, negotiations between the authorities of the Motor Workers' Association and the president of the Public Passenger Service, took place, as a result of which an interim settlement has been reached and bus traffic has been consequently, resumed this morning.

Earlier Report

Though the possibility of a strike in the event of negotiations falling through had been foreshadowed by the Madras Motor Drivers' Association, the strike yesterday came as a surprise both to the public and the bus-owners. At a meeting held on Wednesday night at the Congress House, the workers agreed to a negotiation by the President of the Association with the owners of the vehicles on the following basis:

Drivers should be paid not less than Rs. 47-8-0 and conductors not less than Rs. 30 per month. The drivers should be paid on the 3rd of every month and no deposits should be demanded from workers already in service.

At that meeting, it was resolved that failing to secure redress of their grievance by the end of this month, the workers would be free to go on strike.

Therefore yesterday morning there was no work of an immediate strike. The strike started in the Park Corner-Perambur line on the ground that some permanent conductors were not being given work for the past four or five days. The buses were abandoned at Kelly's Road terminus. Following the example of the workers in this line workers on other lines also struck work in a short time; bus transport in the City came to a standstill.

Interim Settlement Proposed

Mr. Sarma, President of the Motor Workers' Association, A. R. V. Achar, Vice-President, and Mr. Govindarajulu Naidu, Secretary of the Association, met Mr. Ladden, President of the Public Passenger Service, Mr. N. Sundaram Aiyar, City Motor Service, Mr. Viswanthi Rao of the Perambur Service and Mr. V. R. S. of the Hindustan Transport. The discussions took more than an hour.

After discussion, Mr. Ladden proposed an interim settlement on the following lines:—

The Workers' Union should agree to restore the status quo which existed before the strike. Nobody will be victimised for participation in the strike. Regular work will be given to all the companies and no hands will be employed, pending a final decision, which will be reached before the end of the month.

The five conductors who were sent out of service in Park Corner bus service will be given work. As regards the question of remuneration to drive main conductors which is still under consideration.

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Arcot District Tamil Marchers should have secured the services of a person of the calibre of Moulana. Prominent among those who are to participate in the March are Sri S. V. Annamalai, Papanasam, Sahib, G. M. Annal Thango, Muthu of Vaniambar, Moormulam of Ambur, Native of A. Shanmugasundaram of others.

In connection with the Arcot District Tamil March, Messrs. Kaliam, Ramiah, Balasundara, Patha Annal Thango, Hanumdin Rao and Moulvi Sharul Sahib will be touring the district and making the necessary arrangements.