

MADRAS MINISTRY SHOULD RESIGN

Resolution Of Rate- Payers' Meeting

(From a Correspondent)

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To protest against the introduction of Hindi as a compulsory subject in schools a public meeting of the Ratepayers of the Trevelyan Basin (14th Municipal Division, Madras, was held in front of the Dharmaraja Temple in Anna Pillai Street G. T. Madras on Monday the 25th inst. with Mr. C. Mohanaranga Mudaliyar in the chair.

A large number of ladies was present.

The meeting began with songs by Mr. Kadirvelu specially composed for the occasion.

The Chairman, in his introductory remarks, expressed the necessity for holding meetings against the introduction of compulsory Hindi in certain schools of the Presidency.

Mr. Balasundara Pavalar spoke referring to the tyranny perpetrated by the Brahmins in general and Congressmen in particular, and exhorting Tamilians to fight the alien language thrust on an unwilling people.

Enthusiastic speeches were made by Messrs. N. V. Natarajan, (Congress) Mr. T. B. Nithianandam, Marai. Thirunavukkarasu, S. Natesa Mudaliyar (Labour) S. Namasivayam, (Congress) and Jayaraman. The speeches were often punctuated by applause.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

"Resolved that the Ratepayers of the Trevelyan Basin (14th Municipal) Division, Madras, have no confidence in the Madras Ministry as they have not paid heed to the requests of Tamilians and others to give up compulsory Hindi and given up the repressive policy followed against Anti-Hindi agitators, and requests them to resign as they no longer command the confidence of the public."

The chairman, in the course of his concluding speech, referred to the dangers of imposing an additional language on the people, particularly as the language was not useful in any way to the masses. He also referred to the actions of the Divisional Congress Councillor, Mr. M. Radhakrishna Pillai, in supporting the introduction of Hindi, without the consent of his Divisional voters. He appealed to the said Councillor to withdraw his support for Hindi as a representative of the Division and as a Tamilian, failing which he said that several meetings will be organised in every part of the Division to condemn his action.

The meeting terminated at 10.30 p. m. after a vote of thanks.