

E. V. R. IN JAIL

Public Meetings

(From a Correspondent)

Trichinopoly, Dec. 10.

To condemn the Madras Congress Government for its having convicted and sentenced E. V. Ramaswami Periyar, a largely attended meeting was held last evening in the Town Hall square with Mr. T. P. Vedachalam, B.A., B.L., in the chair.

Prior to the meeting, a procession with a portrait of Periyar in a car started from the Clock Tower, and after passing through the Big Bazar Street, reached the meeting place.

The processionists, as they marched, shouted "Long live Periyar", "Long Live the leader of Tamil Nad", "Long live Tamil", "Down with Achariar's repressive policy" and "Down with Hindi".

The meeting commenced with the singing of Anti-Hindi songs by Mr. Venugopal of Bheemnagar.

The Chairman, in the course of his remarks, referred to the actions of the Congress Government, and characterised them as opposed to the principles of democracy.

Mr. Sultan Bagdadi spoke condemning those responsible for disturbing the proceedings of the Karaikudi Conference, and announced that he would join the Justice Party under the leadership of Periyar.

Mr. K. A. P. Viswanathan speaking next said that E. V. R. had entered into Jail. Mr. Achariar had now come formed to give battle to thousands of 'E. V. Ramaswamis'. He felt that there was no guarantee for the safety of Tamilians under Mr. Achariar's regime, for, if any one were to shout "Long Live Tamil" he or she would be thrown into jail. He asked whether shouting "Long Live Tamil" was a crime. Further, the speaker said that Mr. Achariar had committed a very grave blunder in having been responsible for the conviction of Periyar. It was a well-known fact that Periyar had been elected as the Leader of a party which held sway over the Madras Province for nearly two decades, and that party was in opposition to the Congress. Mr. Achariar perhaps thought that by the conviction and sentence of the leader of the party in opposition, the party would cease to function. The speaker had now changed his opinion of Mr. Achariar as a political diplomat ever since the conviction and sentence of Periyar. The sentence passed against Periyar, and his being classified under a very low class, had now given a momentum to the Tamilians in their fight for their language. A movement without a leader had now become a movement of the masses. The Anti-Hindi movement, the speaker continued, was deprived of a leader by the conviction and sentence of Periyar. On the eve of his going to jail, Periyar had made some arrangements so far as the Justice and Self-Respect movements were concerned. But, the Periyar had entrusted the Anti-Hindi movement to the care of the masses.

One of the reasons why Tamilians opposed the introduction of compulsory Hindi by Mr. Achariar, was not merely because the school-going children would be affected, but, because there would be appointments and jobs given only to those who know Hindi. Concluding, Mr. Viswanathan said that the agitation against Hindi would be carried on, in spite of the adoption of repressive methods to crush it. (Hear, hear).

The meeting terminated with a few remarks from the chair and a vote of thanks.

League met yesterday with Mr. C. Balasubramaniam, Vice-President in the chair, and congratulated E. V. Ramaswamy Periyar, founder of the Self-Respect Movement and the only leader of Tamil Nad on his having gone to jail for the sake of Tamil culture and in connection with the anti-Hindi agitation.

The meeting also condemned the repressive policy pursued by the Madras Congress Government.

AT KUMBAKONAM

(From a Correspondent)

Kumbakonam, Dec. 9.

To accord a reception to Mr. Sengolnathan on his having been released from jail, and to congratulate Periyar on his having gone to jail, a procession started from Rayiladi Street, and after passing through the principal streets of the town, reached the premises of the Nadar Mahajan Sanghan where a meeting was held under the presidency of Mr. R. C. Venkatarama Naidu.

Messrs. K. K. Neelamegam and M. K. Gupta of Tinnevelly addressed the gathering after which the meeting terminated.

MADURA PUBLIC MEETING

Madura, Dec. 9.

To congratulate E. V. Ramaswami Periyar on his having been convicted and sentenced to jail, a largely-attended meeting of the Tamilians was held in the Krishna Rao Tank Square, under the presidency of Mr. S. Somasundara Bharathi.

There was elaborate Police 'bandobust' at the meeting, and the crowd that collected is estimated to be more than 3,000 people.

Mr. Kanchi Parvasthu Rajagopalachariar, Janab Thanga Meoran Sahib and others spoke congratulating Periyar on his having gone to jail.

A resolution, congratulating Periyar was next passed, after which the meeting terminated.

HARTAL AT SRIRANGAM

(From a Correspondent)

Trichinopoly, Dec. 8.

The Srirangam public observed hartal yesterday on account of the conviction and sentence of Periyar by the Madras Congress Government. Many shops were closed and the merchants suspended their business for the day.

MR. E. V. RAMASAMY NAICKER CONGRATULATED

(From a Correspondent)

Harur, Dec. 8.

The news of the sentence passed on Mr. E. V. Ramasamy, president-elect of the S. I. L. F. Confederation and a leader of the Anti-Hindi movement, reached here yesterday morning, when the S. I. L. F. taluk committee convened a public meeting in Bus Stand maidan. A procession with the portrait of Mr. E. V. Ramasamy came around the important streets of the town.

The meeting began at 6 p.m. when a large audience attended. Mr. R. Chenni Chetty presided.

Messrs H. V. Vinayagam, Malang Sahib and a young girl sang anti-Hindi songs.

Condolence resolutions on the demise of Kamal Attaturk and Moulana Shaukat Ali were moved by the chair and duly passed.

Then Mr. Vinayagam addressed the gathering. He explained at length the cause of the Anti-Hindi movement and the present policy of the congress government to repress it. Resolution congratulating Mr. E. V. Ramasamy, on having courted imprisonment was passed.

With the vote of thanks, the meeting terminated at 8 p.m.

E. V. R. CONGRATULATED

(From a Correspondent)

Madras, Dec. 12.

To congratulate Mr. E. V. Ramasamy Periyar on his incarceration a meeting of Madras ladies was held at 30

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