

ANTI-HINDI AGITATION

Accused Charge Sheeted

Madras, June 17.

The Crime Branch of the City Police have filed charge-sheets against Mr. Palladam Ponnuswami, Mr. C. D. Nayagam and Swami Shanmugananda before Mr. K. Kunnikrishna Nair, Acting Chief Presidency Magistrate, Egmore, this morning.

The charge against Mr. Ponnuswamy was that he, on 1-6-38, at Mambalam with intent to cause cancellation of the recent Government Order introducing Hindi, which the Premier had a right to introduce, loitered near the house of the Premier and has thus committed an offence punishable under Section 7, 1(a) of the Criminal Law Amendment Act.

The charge against Mr. C. D. Nayagam and Swami Shanmugananda was that they abetted A-1 (Ponnuswami) in the commission of the offence, and had thus committed an offence punishable under Sections 109 and 117, I.P.C.

They were further charged that between 8-5-'38 and 1-6-'38 abetted in the commission of the offence by A-1 under the Criminal Law Amendment Act by asking more than ten Tamilian persons to volunteer their services to offer satyagraha at or near the house of the Education Minister and committed similar acts with intent to coerce the Premier to cause the cancellation of introducing Hindi in schools of the Presidency and thereby committed an offence punishable under Sections 109 and 117, I.P.C.,

Mr. Ponnuswami was further remanded to Custody till June 24th to which, date, the case stands posted for further hearing.