

# Swami Arunagirinathar Released

## A ROUSING RECEPTION

Madras, Nov. 13.

A rousing reception to Swami Arunagirinathar who was released from Vellore jail after serving his term of imprisonment in connection with anti-Hindi movement, was accorded on his arrival at the Central Station on Tuesday last. Long before the scheduled time, thousands of men and women gathered in and around the station. As the train steamed into the station shouts of "Long Live Arunagirinathar," "Long Live Tamil," "Tamil Nad for Tamilians" and "Down with Hindi" rent the air. As Swami Arunagirinathar got out of the train, he was besieged by the people and literally drowned with rose garlands. In spite of the strong police bandobust, the crowd was unmanageable. Swami Arunagirinathar was then taken in a coach in procession which was half a mile long and it went about the General Hospital Road, Eroding Bazaar, Rattan Bazaar, China Bazaar, Mint Street and at last terminated at Kasi Viswanathar temple in Peddannaickenpet. A strong contingent of police accompanied the procession.

At the Viswanathar Temple, a reception was accorded to Swami Arunagirinathar. Swami Shunmugananda presided.

The Chairman in the course of his speech welcomed Swami Arunagirinathar in their midst and said that although he had come across several Sanyasins who had renounced the world, he had not come across a Sanyasin of the type of Arunagirinathar with the triotic fervor. Saints might renounce the world but they could not sacrifice their culture. When their language was in danger, Swami Arunagirinathar came forward to resuscitate Tamil to its former position and courted imprisonment. They could not rest content until Tamil nad became their own.

Pandit Thiruganasambandam, on behalf of Madras Tamilians, presented a welcome address to Swami Arunagirinathar.

Swami Arunagirinathar in reply to the address thanked them for the welcome accorded to him and said that he took it that it was a honour done to their culture, to the leaders of the movement and to their Tamil Nad. Continuing he said: "I have only done my duty and I expected you to do your duty to our culture. It was the first time that I experienced jail life although I was confined for ten months in my mother's womb. It would not mind going to jail if it is a question of affecting their tradition and glory. Proceeding he said that during the Justice Ministry Congressmen who went to jail said that the Justice Ministry ill-treated Congressmen in jail. But what was the condition of anti-Hindi prisoners in jail to-day? He was sent to jail for no fault of his. He did not know the reason why the Government had been releasing anti-Hindi prisoners before the expiry of their term of imprisonment. (A voice: Hindi is dead). Opposition to Hindi was an infection which was spreading virulently throughout the province. He exhorted them to go ahead till they achieved their goal.

Srimathi Parvathammal and Pandit Narayanammal spoke congratulating Swami Arunagirinathar on his release.

### Temple Thrown Open to Adi-Dravidas

Swami Arunagirinathar then proceeded to Anjaneya Temple in Perumal Modali street where he threw open the temple to Adi-Dravidas and unveiled the portrait of the late Mr. Abhai Naidu the trustee of the temple.

Messrs. Murugesan and Natarajan spoke appealing the other temple trustees to throw open the temples to Adi-Dravidas.

### AT VELLORE

(From a Correspondent)

Vellore, Nov. 7.

Under the leadership of Dr. (Mrs.) Dharmambal, a procession consisting of more than 3,000 people, Hindus and Muslims, carrying Tamil flags started from the Local Justice Committee office with the accompaniment of music to accord a rousing reception to Swami Arunagirinathar at the Central Jail. Three horses carrying Tamil flags led the procession.

As Swami Arunagirinathar along with other released volunteers, Messrs. Abdul Rashid of Erode, Perumal Nadar of Nellore, Kasi Nadar of Ettayapuram came out of the Jail, shouts of "Long Live Arunagirinathar," "Down with Hindi" and "Long Live Tamil" rent the air. The released men were garlanded by Messrs K. A. P. Viswanatham, and Dr. (Mrs.) Dharmambal amidst cheers and taken in a procession along the streets. As the procession was coming along Thorapadi Road, the processionists found a 'thoranam' of sandals put up by certain Congress hoodlangs on the road. This was much resented by the processionists. Mr. K. A. P. Viswanatham appealed to the processionists to be calm and orderly and not to stir out from the road until the Police booked the offenders. The processionists accordingly squatted on the road. A few minutes later a Police Inspector along with the constables arrived on the scene and removed the thoranam. Although a certain Congress rowdy who was responsible for this incident was brought before the Inspector, the police officer paid no heed to them and let the man free. Mr. Viswanatham protested against the action of the Police Inspector in failing to discharge his duty. Thereupon the Circle Inspector said that he would warn the offender whom he knew and that he would take steps to see that there would be no repetition of such incidents in future. The Police Inspector then requested the processionists to proceed. The procession then left the road and continued their march. The released persons were enthusiastically cheered and garlanded at several junctions by the people. Even women gave aratis to the released men.

Messrs. Sriramulu Naidu, Municipal Councillor, Thiruvannamalai and Namiasavayam presented addressed to them. The procession terminated at the local Justice Committee office at 2-30 p.m. Swami Arunagirinathar thanked them for the honour done to him.

In the evening a public meeting under the auspices of the Justice Committee, the Muslim League, and the Scheduled League was held to honour Swami Arunagirinathar and other four released volunteers at the Fort Maidan. Moulana Mouli Sharabuddin presided. The police were posted in large numbers.

The meeting commenced with anti-Hindi songs by Mr. Annamalai Mr. Abdul Rashid and Srimathi Devi Bai.

The Chairman in the course of his speech congratulated the volunteers who were released from prison and condemned the repressive policy of the Ministry. He exhorted the audience to oppose the introduction of Hindi.

Swami Arunagirinathar, rising amidst cheers, thanked them for the honour done to him and

said that if the Congress Ministry thought that they could put down the anti-Hindi agitation by applying the Criminal Law Amendment Act, they were mistaken. The movement was growing from strength to strength in spite of repression. He appealed to them to carry on the agitation until Hindi policy was given up.

Mr. Viswanatham protested against the proposed levy of fresh taxes, like marriage tax and death duties. Taxation, he said, under the Congress rule, was heavier than that under the British Ministry.

With a vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Annal Thango, the meeting terminated.

### RECEPTION TO RELEASED VOLUNTEERS

Vellore, Nov. 4.

Messrs. N. K. Santanam and Iswaran of Salem who went to Jail in connection with picketing against the introduction of compulsory Hindi were released this morning from the Vellore Central Jail. They were received at the jail entrance and garlanded by friends and admirers. The released volunteers were then taken to the branch office of the S.I.L.F. In the evening a meeting was held at the Fort Maidan. Mr. Annal Thango presided. The Chairman congratulated the volunteers on their release and said that they were the true sons of Tamil Nad who made sacrifices for the cause of their culture.

Mr. O. P. Chinnarajulu said that the Congress which condemned the repressive laws had blessed these laws now by using them against the peaceful anti-Hindi volunteers. People thought that if the Congress came into power they could enjoy freedom of speech and action. On the contrary the Congress Ministry curtailed the civil liberties of the people. He referred to the promises made by Congressmen during the elections and said that the Congressmen never fulfilled any one of the promises. On the other hand they acted against the wishes of the people. He exhorted them to strengthen the anti-Hindi movement.

Mr. V. L. Raju of Salem was also released to day.

Vellore, Nov. 5.

Messrs. Mahomed Iqbal of Virudhunagar, Karl Marx of Pattukottai, K. Ramaswami Pandithar of Erode, Rangaswami Nadar of Kumbakonam and Santanam of Tanjore were released from the Central Jail. They came to the Justice Committee office unexpectedly. Asked about their early release, they said that this morning the jail warden took them before the Jailor who told them that they were set free and gave them railway passes to go to their respective places.

### AT SALEM

(From a correspondent)

Salem, Nov. 6.

A mass meeting to accord a reception to the released volunteers of Salem was held this evening at the Victoria Maidan. About 6,000 people attended. Mr. N. Nanjaya presided.

Mr. M. K. Rangaswami, on behalf of the citizens of Salem, presented a welcome address to the released volunteers who were garlanded.

Messrs K.A.P. Viswanatham, Y.A. Arumachalam, Palladam Ponnuswami, C.N. Dandapani (Madras) and Moulvi Sherfuddin, spoke congratulating the released volunteers and condemning the repressive policy of the Congress Ministry.

Dr. Sheikh Ahmed Saheb entertained the audience with anti-Hindi songs in Urdu.

### AT TRICHY

(From a correspondent)

Trichinopoly, Nov. 4.

Messrs. L.P. Swami of Rajapalayam, Arumachalam, Alaguratham, Vervalkali, Mayandi and Rajamoni who courted imprisonment in connection with the introduction of compulsory Hindi were released from the Trichinopoly Central Jail to-day. They were received at the

jail entrance and taken in a procession which consisted of more than a thousand people through important streets of the town amidst shouts of "Long Live Tamil and Down with Hindi". The procession terminated at the Municipal dramatic hall where a reception was accorded to the released volunteers. Mr. T. P. Vedachallam presided.

Messrs. L. P. Swami, Mahomed Jamalathin, Sulaiman, Palladam Ponnuswami, Viswanatham and Srimathi Sarojini spoke congratulating the released volunteers on their release and protesting against the introduction of compulsory Hindi.

### AT ARUPPUKOTTAI

(From a Correspondent)

Aruppukottai, Nov. 3.

Under the auspices of the Anti Hindi Committee a reception was given to Messrs. T. Muthuswami, Chokkalingam, Palaniswami and N. P. Raju who were released from jail and they were congratulated at a public meeting on 3rd October at the premises of "Pagutharivu". Mr. K. A. P. Viswanatham presided.

The Chairman in the course of his speech congratulated the released volunteers on their sacrifice and said that if the Tamilians wanted to uphold their dignity and self-respect they should unite and oppose Hindi which was making inroads into their culture.

Messrs. S. S. Palaniswami, S.S. Karuppalah and Kandaswami spoke congratulating the released volunteers.

Messrs. T. Muthuswami and N. P. Raju on behalf of the released volunteers thanked them for the honour done to them and narrated their hardships in jail.

### AT ERODE

(From a Correspondent)

Erode, Nov. 9.

Messrs. K. Ramaswami, M. Amir and Abdul Rashid who were released from the Vellore Jail before the expiry of their term of imprisonment were congratulated at a public meeting held yesterday at the maidan in the eighth ward.

The meeting commenced with anti-Hindi songs by Messrs. Kanthamuthu Pandithar, and Abdul Rashid.

Mr. Rangaswami who presided explained the object of the meeting.

Mr. S. S. Arogiaswami spoke congratulating the released volunteers.

Mr. E. V. Ramaswami Naicker in the course of his speech explained the object of the anti-Hindi movement and referred to the violation of election pledges by Congressmen.

The released volunteers narrated the hardships in jail.

### AT NAGAPATAM

(From a Correspondent)

Nagapatam, Nov. 7.

Messrs. Ingarsal and Ganesan who were released from jail before the expiry of their term of imprisonment arrived here to-day. They were given a hearty reception by the residents of Nagapatam.

### AT KUMBAKONAM

(From a Correspondent)

Kumbakonam, Nov. 7.

A reception was accorded to Mr. L. Rangaswami who was released on 5th instant from the Trichinopoly Jail before the expiry of his term of imprisonment on his arrival here last evening. He was taken in a procession to the premises of the Nadar Mahajana Sangam.

### RASIPURAM ANTI-HINDI MARCH

(From a Correspondent)

Rasipuram, Nov. 11.

Under the leadership of Mr. G. P. Somaasundaram, Gounder, Mittadar, Belukkurich, an anti-Hindi march consisting of 101 members will start from Rasipuram very shortly. The marchers will tour round the Nammakkal, Sankariki, Salem, Omalur and Dharmapuri.