

ANTI-HINDUSTANI PROPAGANDA

MEETING AT ERODE

(From a correspondent)

Erode, Oct. 27.
Under the auspices of the Erode Tamil Kazagam, a public meeting was held last evening at 'Theyagaraya Ghat' (riverside compound) under the presidency of Mr. Alavandar, Tamil Pandit, Mahajan High School.

The proceedings commenced with the singing of anti-Hindi songs by Mr. K. Kalidas and a Muslim gentleman.

After the Chairman's speech, Mr. R. P. John, a Christian Missionary from Ceylon spoke about the glory of Tamil literature.

Mr. M. A. Mohamed Mohideen of Tiruppur then spoke referring to the promises extended to the electorate by Congressmen at the time of the elections and their failure to perform them. He also referred to the Hindi issue, and criticised the Congress Ministry for pursuing a policy of repression against those who opposed Hindi.

With a few concluding remarks from the chair, the meeting terminated at 9 p.m.

AT TIRUPPUR

Tiruppur, Oct. 28.

To protest against the introduction of compulsory Hindi, a public meeting was arranged for by the Tamil public of this place, last evening.

Mr. E. V. Ramaswami Naicker accompanied by Messrs. K. A. P. Viswanathan, R. Natesan of Salem and Palladam Ponnu-

swami arrived here from Erode by the 5.30 train. A very large gathering collected in the station to accord a reception to the leaders. They were next taken to the house of the proprietor of V. M. S. Motor Service, where they were entertained with refreshments. Later, they attended the public meeting.

People from Palladam, Salur, Coimbatore and other places in the vicinity attended the meeting. The gathering was estimated to be more than three thousand. Mr. S. Subramanian proposed that Mr. T. R. Sundaram take the chair.

The proposition, being duly seconded by Mr. Gururamalingam, Mr. T. R. Sundaram took the chair amidst cheers.

Mr. E. V. Ramaswami Naicker and Mr. K. A. P. Viswanathan were garlanded and presented with addresses of welcome on behalf of various associations.

The chairman, after his introductory remarks, called upon Mr. K. A. P. Viswanathan to speak.

Mr. Viswanathan spoke for about one hour and a half referring to the introduction of Hindi by Congressmen, and the motive behind it.

Some people in the audience wanted that Mr. E. V. Ramaswami Naicker should speak.

Soon after Mr. Naicker began to speak, it began to rain. Mr. Naicker continued to speak for about five minutes being drenched in the rain.

When it began to rain hard, some Brahmin Congressmen shouted out saying: 'rain, rain, no meeting.'

The chairman dissolved the meeting on seeing that the people began to disperse.

The audience requested that the meeting should be continued

and that they were prepared to hear the speeches in spite of the rain. Thereupon, the meeting continued. For about 20 minutes, it was drizzling, and none stirred from the place.

Mr. Naicker spoke for about two hours, and gave a crushing reply to questions asked of him.

Mr. Palladam Ponnuwami and the Secretary of the Muslim League also spoke.

After the chairman's concluding remarks, the meeting terminated at 10 p.m.

Public opinion here is that a meeting of the kind held to-day had no parallel in the history of Tiruppur. It is also understood that arrangements are being made to invite Mr. S. Somasundara Bharathi and Mr. E. V. Ramaswami Naicker to Tiruppur once again.

AT MANNARGUDI

(From a correspondent)

Mannargudi, Oct. 23.

A resolution strongly protesting against the compulsory introduction of Hindi in the Schools and condemning the repressive policy of the Government against the peaceful Anti-Hindi agitators was passed at the Chidambaram Taluk Lalpet-Mannargudi Muslim League Political Conference held to-day.

The Conference which was presided over by Mr. Abdul Wahab Bokari, M.L.C. was held in a specially erected pandal.

Mr. S. Mahomed Kasim, Chairman of the Reception Committee, welcomed the delegates.

Moulvi Sharifuddin of Vellore hoisted the Muslim League flag and exhorted the Muslims to rally round the flag.

The President in the course of his speech paid a tribute to Mr. Jinnah for his able guidance and statesmanship and said that the interests of Muslims were safe in his hands.

The Conference passed a resolution expressing full confidence in the leadership of Mr. Jinnah.

The Conference condemned the activities of Mr. Basheer Ahmed Syeed both in the Madras Legislative Assembly and outside in flagrant violation of the policy and programme of the All India Muslim League and called upon him to resign his membership of the Assembly meeting.

AT DHARAPURAM

(From a correspondent)

Dharapuram, Oct. 25.

A public meeting to protest against the compulsory introduction of Hindi was held to-day in Shadi Mahal. Mr. T. N. Arumugam Pillai, Tamil Pandit presided.

About three thousand people attended the meeting. Besides the Municipal Councillors, Merchants both Hindus and Muslims, and Teachers of Dharapuram; leading persons from Keeranur, Palani, Alangam, Dalaveipatinam, Karur and other places were present.

The meeting commenced with Anti-Hindi songs.

Messrs. Palladam Ponnuwami, Palanikumarar and K. A. P. Viswanathan made speeches explaining the present political situation in Tamil Nad and protesting against the compulsory introduction of Hindi and condemning the repressive policy of the Ministry.

With a few concluding remarks from the chair and a vote of thanks proposed by Mr. V. Muthukrishnan the meeting came to a close late in the night amidst shouts of "Down with Hindi" "Tamil Nadu for Tamilians" and "Long Live Tamil".

AT COLOMBO

(From a correspondent)

Colombo, Oct. 22.

To protest against the compulsory introduction of Hindi in Madras a public meeting was held last night at No. 299, Kolupatti Kali Road. Mr. C. K. Kunjiraman, B. A., presided. There was a large gathering.

After the speech of the Chairman, Messrs. C. Ramalingam, T. S. Subramanian, S. T. Sourisathan, and A. S. Joan spoke protesting against the arrests of the

Editor and the repressive policy of Mr. Rajagopalachariar, who they said, was responsible for class hatred.

Resolutions were passed supporting Anti-Hindi movement requesting the Tamilians to carry on an intensive propaganda against Hindi and protesting against the arrests of the Editor and the Publisher of Viduthalai."

AT VELLORE

(From a correspondent)

Vellore, Oct. 20.

To protest against the compulsory introduction of Hindi, a public meeting was held near the Vellore Fort last evening. Janab Shukur Saheb presided.

The meeting was attended by several thousands of people. The flags of Justice Party and the Muslim League were displayed prominently.

Messrs. T. Mani and Hanumatha Rao Mudaliar made speeches congratulating the citizens of Madras for rejecting the Congress candidates in the Municipal elections, and condemning the Hindi and the repressive policy of the Congress Ministry.

AT RASIPURAM

Rasipuram, Oct. 27.

Mr. E. V. Ramaswami Naicker accompanied by Messrs. K. A. P. Viswanathan, Palladam Ponnuwami, S. V. Lingam of Mayavaram and R. Natesan of Salem arrived here from Salem by car this evening at 5.30 p.m.

They were taken out in a procession to the accompaniment of music and with shouts of 'jais'. As many as two thousand people participated in the procession.

As the procession passed, some Congressmen threw yellow notices. People were heard saying that the Congress was dead here.

At about 6 p.m. the procession reached Santhepet maidan where about five thousand persons gathered. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Somasundara Gounder, Mittadar of Belukurichi.

Mrs. S. V. Lingam of Mayavaram spoke for some time explaining the objects of the meeting.

Mr. K. A. P. Viswanathan spoke on the present political situation for about an hour.

Mr. E. V. Ramaswami Naicker spoke on 'Tamil Nad for Tamilians' for about two hours. His speech was often punctuated by applause. Mr. Naicker in the course of his speech, gave a crushing reply to questions, numbering about fifteen, put by a Brahmin. Those who asked the questions, hung their heads in shame, and were not to be found later. People present at the meeting then ridiculed persons who put the questions and who left the meeting-place suddenly.

Mr. Palladam Ponnuwami then spoke narrating his experiences in the jail, and referred to the tyranny prevalent there in general and the incident of his tongue having been cut with tons in particular.

With the Chairman's concluding remarks and a vote of thanks, the meeting terminated at 10.30 p.m.

The leaders and others who were present from Salem, Namagiripettai, Vellalappatti, Seerappur, Makudanjavadi, Kalipatti and others were later entertained to a grand dinner.

The success of the meeting and the procession was due to the efforts of Mr. G. S. Mohideen Sabih and Mr. Angamuthu.

AT AUDIPATTI

(From a correspondent)

Audipatti, Oct. 19.

The Madura District Anti-Hindi Marchers of the Muslim League arrived here yesterday morning. In the evening they went round the village in procession.

A public meeting was held under the presidency of Mr. A. M. Guruswamy Nadar.

Janab Thanganeer Sahib in the course of his speech explained the object of the March and said that the introduction of Hindi would do incalculable harm to Tamil culture. The

Debt Relief Act and the Prohibition Act of the Ministry were only a myth and had not brought any prosperity to the poor people. Though Congressmen gave assurances that they would reduce taxes, they were introducing new kinds of taxation. In the name of nationalism, and Mr. Gandhi, Congressmen exploited the poor people. He exhorted the Tamilians to unite together, and strengthen the Anti-Hindi movement.

Mr. Nagalingam of Dindigal also spoke.

Tinnevelly Dt. Anti-Hindi March

(From a Correspondent)

Tuticorin, Oct. 20.

Arrangements are afoot for organising the Tinnevelly District Anti-Hindi March Lovers of Tamil, both Hindus and Muslims are sparing no pains to make the March a success.

ANTI-HINDI PRISONERS' EXPERIENCES

Madras, Oct. 30.

A public meeting to protest against the introduction of Hindi was held on Monday last in Bandar Ramiah Naidu Gardens, Georgetown. There was a large gathering of ladies and gentlemen. Mr. C. M. Rajarathnam presided.

T. V. Murugesan in the course of his speech said that it was an irony of fate that the Congress which condemned repressive laws in the past should handle the Criminal Law Amendment Act to-day against the Anti-Hindi volunteers. He accused the Congress Ministry for their apathy towards the labourers and said that though Congress gave pledges that they would improve the lot of the labourers they had not done so.

Mr. K. V. K. Ramaswami of Rasipuram who was released from Vellore jail on Sunday last spoke on his experiences in jail. He said that the Anti-Hindi prisoners were given worst kind of treatment by the jail authorities. They were given bad food and insufficient quantity of water to bathe. If they asked for medicine for certain ailments, they were kicked and put in a dark cell. They were asked to do all sorts of menial work. When Mr. Seshadri Iyer, Congress M.L.A. paid a visit to the jail, the Anti-Hindi prisoners made representations to him but he never took any notice of their complaints. Ramaswami, continuing said that the jail was virtually a hell to the Anti-Hindi prisoners. Though they asked for other newspapers, they were supplied with 'Ananda Vikatan'. As a protest against the supply of 'Ananda Vikatan' they went on hunger-strike for two days. The speaker finally appealed to the Tamilians to unite together and put a stop to the barbaric treatment meted out to the Anti-Hindi prisoners.

Swami Shunmugananda said that Congressmen who preached Ahimsa from the house tops did not translate those tenets into action. On the contrary they were practising Ahimsa on the peaceful Anti-Hindi prisoners. Tamilians could not tolerate any more such a state of affairs in Tamil Nad. They should not be rest content until and unless the Ministry gave up their Hindi policy.

Messrs. Doraiswamy and Swaminathan spoke protesting against the ill treatment of Anti-Hindi prisoners by the jail authorities.

The Chairman, in the course of his concluding remarks, said that Tamilians should sacrifice their all for the preservation of the tradition and glory of their forefathers. They should live as self respecting Tamilians and should not be under the subjection of this alien Ministry.

With a vote of thanks proposed by Mr. S. M. Mohideen, the meeting came to a close at 9.30 p.m.