

Coimbatore Dt.

Anti-Hindi Marchers

ROUSING RECEPTION AT BHAVANI

Mr. E. V. Ramaswami's Speech

Bhavani, Sept. 7.

The Coimbatore Dt. Anti-Hindi Marchers who left Erode on Sept, 6, and after passing through Peria Agraharam, Chittode, and other places reached Bhavani to-day.

They were given a rousing reception by Messrs. V.K.S. Palaniappa Mudaliar, Ramaswami Konar, Ponniah, Ramaswamy, Krishnaswamy, Chelappan, Haneef and others, after which they were taken out in procession. At Bharati Press, they were entertained at tea.

The Marchers went out in procession through the main streets of Bhavani amidst loud cheering and reached Chellaiandiamman temple where arrangements were made to hold a meeting.

The meeting was attended by people from Jambai, Kumarpalayam, Salem and other places in the vicinity. The gathering at the meeting is estimated to be more than 2,000. Among those present at the meeting were Dr. V. I. David. Mr. E. V. Krishnaswamy, Mr. E.O.C. Muthuswami Gounder, Mr. H. Badsha Sahib, Mr. Mohideen Badsha Sahib, Mr. A. Shanmugam, Mr. Natesan of Salem, Mr. P. K. Varadarajulu and others.

The proceedings commenced with the singing of Anti-Hindi songs by Mr Kalidoss and Srimathi Raniammal. The meeting was presided over by Mr. V.K.S. Palaniappa Mudaliar President, Panchayat Board.

The Marchers were presented with an address of welcome by the Bhavani Tamil public.

Mr. N. P. Kaliappan thanked them for the welcome address and explained the objects of the march. He also referred the way in which the Congress Government was conducting itself and the means that it had employed to treat those who opposed the introduction of compulsory Hindi.

Mr. E. V. Ramaswami, on rising to speak was given a tremendous ovation. He spoke for more than two hours exposing the double-dealing transactions of the Congress and gave a crushing reply to the questions asked of him.

Messrs. Gupta and Natesan of Salem also addressed the gathering.

With a few concluding remarks from the chair, the meeting terminated with a vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Arokiaswami.