

ANTI-HINDI MARCHER'S PROGRESS

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Enthusiastic Reception Everywhere

Kumbakonam, Aug. 9.

Leaving Papanasam on 8-8-'38, the Anti-Hindi marchers arrived at Sundaraperumal Kovil, where a reception was accorded to them by Comrade Periaswamy. They were also presented with a purse by the public of this place. Later, the marchers left for Darasapuram. There, they were welcomed by the Social Reformers' Reading Room with music. The leaders of the march were garlanded amidst cries of "Long Live Tamil" and "Down with Hindi." They were then conducted to the Tiruvengalam Theatre where they were treated with light refreshments.

In the evening, a public meeting was held under the presidency of Comrade V. Chinna-thambi Pillai. The meeting was attended by well over five hundred. Sri Ramamrithammal and Mr. K. V. Alagiriswami addressing the gathering explained the objects of the march.

The local Muslim League presented the marchers with a purse.

From Darasapuram, the marchers came to Arasalar Palakkarai. More than one thousand Tamilians accorded the marchers a rousing reception. They were garlanded and distributed with sandal paste and pansupari. They were then taken out in procession to the accompaniment of music throughout the principal streets with red flags and shouts of "Long Live Tamil" and "Down with Hindi." Vast multitudes of people collected on either side of the road and cheered as the marchers passed. At Pettai Street, they were welcomed by Mr. Kuttralam Chettiar and Viswa Brahmanas. The processionists were given a very warm reception near Mounaswami Madam, where elaborate arrangements were previously made to receive them.

The marchers then passed through Kumbeswaran South Street, Bazar Street and Sarangapani Swami Koil Street, Mr. M. R. Subramania Moopanar garlanded the leaders. The marchers next passed through Kadalangudi Street, where they were garlanded by Munnetram Press, and Mr. R. C. Venkatraman. They next proceeded towards the Railway Road where they were given a reception by the Nair Reading Room and Krishna Biscuit Factory and others. At eleven o'clock, the marchers reached Saminatha Mudaliar's choultry in Railway Road where they camped for the day.

AT MAYAVARAM

Mayavaram, Aug. 11.

On Wednesday 10-8-38, a public meeting, largely attended by Hindus and Muslims was held at Janab Abdullah Sahib's bungalow under the presidency of Mr. Needur Janab B.A., & Mr. Abdul Khader. Srimathi Ramamrithammal and Mr. Rawoff, Vice-Captain addressed the gathering on "Hindu-Muslim unity and on the danger to Tamil by the introduction of compulsory Hindi."

Mr. K. V. Alagiriswami, Captain, next spoke on the work of the Congress Ministry and said that the introduction of Hindi would do more harm than good to them. He appealed to the Hindus and Muslims to oppose the introduction of compulsory Hindi.

After light refreshments in the evening, the marchers wended their way towards Courtallam.

At Tiruvaduthurai, the Muslim League gave the marchers a reception and was "at home" to them. The Members of the Muslim League joined the marchers at Courtallam and accompanied them to Tiruvaduthurai.

At 10-30 p. m. the same day the marchers reached Courtallam where the Valluvar Sangham, Courtallam Muslim League, Tamilar Kazagam extended them a welcome amidst vociferous cries of "jai". The Valluvar Youth League presented the marchers with an address of welcome.

A public meeting was held opposite to the Courtallam Sub-Registrar's Office to welcome the marchers with Mr. Retnasabapathy Pillai in the chair. Mr. K. V. Alagiriswami spoke for two hours in condemnation of the Congress regime and Mr. Achariar's Hitlerism.

A noteworthy feature of this meeting was that Mr. C. P. Subbiah, Secretary, Tamil Nadu Congress Committee and Mr. Nadimuthu Pillai were seen hearing the speech of Mr. Alagiriswami from beginning to end seated in their cars, at a distance. The Valluvar Youth League presented the marchers with a purse at the meeting. The meeting terminated at about 12-30 a. m. The marchers, after taking their supper, left Courtallam at 1-30 a. m. and reached Muvalur (Sri Ramamrithammal's place) three miles off Courtallam where they passed the night.

The Anti-Hindi marchers at Muvalur took their breakfast in Mr. Muthukumaraswami Mudaliar's house. Mr. Mudaliar garlanded the marchers, after which, they went round the streets of Muvalur. The Adi-Dravida Sangham, The Mayavaram Royalty Muslim League, The Mayavaram Self-Respect League and Tamilar Kazagam respectively welcomed the marchers and garlanded the leaders, amidst cries of "Jai" which rent the air. Throughout the route, there was a spontaneous welcome. When the marchers accompanied by two thousand people strong, reached Mayavaram railway gate, the Royalty Muslim League gave a reception, after which, they passed through Sara Thattu Street, Vyapara Chetty Street, Salai South Street, Peria Erkali Street, Kurai Nadu, and Bazar Street. As they passed the Bazar Street, the Kurai Nadu Tamil Youth League presented them with an address of welcome. They were later conducted to Sariverikkari Vadaparthi Mangalam Estate bungalow at about 11-30 a. m.

AT VYTHEESAWARAN KOIL

Camp, Vytheeswarankoil,

Aug. 12.

Last evening at five o'clock, as many as three thousand were seen going towards Kurai padu Park crying out "Long Live Tamil" and "Down with Hindi". As arranged previously, a public meeting was held at Kurai padu Park with Srimathi Papanasam S. V. Rajam Ammal in the chair. The meeting was attended by about five thousand persons.

After the chairwoman's introductory remarks, Messrs. Periaswami, and Ponnuswami, volunteers sang some Tamil songs. Mr. Kanchi Paravasthu Rajagopalachariar spoke about the present state of Tamil, followed by Mr. K. V. Alagiriswami. The meeting came to a close at 8-50 p. m. as the result of heavy rain. The citizens of Mayavaram presented a purse in aid of the Volunteers' Fund.

The marchers arrived at Vytheeswarankoil early this morning. The Tamilians of this place under the leadership of Mr. Panamangalam Singaravelu welcomed the marchers with music. After

After passing through the streets of this place, they reached the Chidambaram Chettiar's choultry at 11 o'clock. The choultry had plenty of space and as such it accommodated

many persons. The leader explained the objects of the march to those that gathered there. After meals, they took rest till five in the evening, after which they set out for Shiyali.

The marchers arrived here early in the morning. As soon as they reached the second mile, the Adi-Dravida Sangham of Manakudi garlanded them and presented an address of welcome, and at the third mile the Adi-Dravidas of Nattam extended them a welcome.

AT ANIKARANCHATTARAM

Anikaranchattaram, Aug. 13.

The marchers arrived at Shiyali from Vytheeswaran Koil at about seven o'clock in the evening. They were given a reception and later taken to the public meeting attended by well over 1,000 persons. Mr. Chockalingam Chettiar, Mirasdar, presided over the meeting. Messrs. K. V. Alagiriswami and Paravasthu Rajagopalachariar addressed the gathering. With a few remarks from the chair, the meeting terminated. The marchers were the guests of Mr. Chockalingam Chettiar that night. In the morning they reached Anikaranchattaram. The marchers have passed through the Chola Kingdom. Up to this time, the marchers have covered about 140 miles and addressed thirty seven public meetings. To-night, the marchers will camp at Chidambaram.

In the afternoon, the marchers were entertained at dinner by Mr. Palaniswami Pillai, proprietor of a hotel. They camped at the Local Fund choultry. After light refreshments in the evening, the marchers attended a public meeting convened by Mr. Palaniswami Pillai in the Bazar Street. They were welcomed at the public meeting by the organisers. Messrs. Alagiriswami and Paravasthu Achariar addressed the gathering. Mr. Palaniswami Pillai proposed a vote of thanks. The marchers reached Kolladakarai in the evening. Mr. Paravasthu Achariar accompanied the marchers.

AT CHIDAMBARAM

Chidambaram, Aug. 14.

Yesterday evening, the marchers crossed the border of the Colladam River by boats and reached Vallampadukai, a village in the Tanjore Dt. The marchers shouted "We have conquered Trichinopoly", "We have captured Tanjore," and now we are going to enter into South Arcot District. "Success is ours". While at Chidambaram the marchers were given a very grand reception. The road from Ammapettai was watered and decorated with "thoranams" and "kolam". Throughout the route, the marchers were garlanded by merchants of the place, friends, admirers and sympathisers of the Anti-Hindi movement.

In some places, Congressmen hung black paper flags. This caused resentment to the public who deprecated their methods.

As arranged previously a public meeting was held where about five thousand people assembled. Proposed by Mr. P. C. Lingam, and seconded by Vidwan Periaswamy, Rao Sahib I. Kumaraswami Pillai took the chair amidst loud cheers. After the chairman's speech, Mr. K. V. Alagiriswami addressed the gathering. On behalf of Chidambaram purses were presented by Janab Khaja Hussain Sahib, a leading Jeweller of this place and Mr. Ratnavelu Mudaliar.

The speech made by the captain was so impressive that those who attended the meeting and heard later left condemning the methods adopted by the Congressmen and their henchmen.

A week before the marchers came to Chidambaram, some Congress hirelings convened a meeting to boycott the marchers on their visit to this place, whereat they ranted and raved about the marchers. Pam-

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phlets were distributed criticising the marchers and attempts were made by some Congressmen to see that no press should do any kind of help to the marchers. Even Swami Sahajananda's Nandanam School Printing Press gave an excuse for printing some pamphlets. The pamphlets announcing the public meeting had to be printed in Bankpettai. In spite of the Congressmen holding a meeting on the same day, there was large gathering about five thousand in number to accord a welcome to the Tamil marchers. The marchers were escorted by the Police from Vallam Padukai.

Programme Slight'y Altered

Mr. M. Thirumalaswami, another leader Anti-Hindi March writes from Alambakkam under date 16th August '38 that the programme of the marchers was slightly altered. The marchers could not go against the wishes of the citizens of Panruti. So they complied with their request to pay a visit to Kallipattu, and Panamangalam villages in the neighbourhood. Hence, the marchers will start a day late.