

ANTI-HINDI MARCHERS

Public Meeting at Villupuram

(From a Correspondent)

Villupuram, Aug. 23.
The Anti-Hindi Marchers, in accordance with the desire of the citizens of Villupuram, started here for another day at the bungalow of Mr. N. Govinda Rajulu Naidu.

Later in the evening at 5 o'clock, the Marchers left for Tandavarai with bugles and drums, and went in procession through the principal streets, followed by a large crowd of Hindus and Muslims. As the processionists passed by the street where the Muslim League Youth's Association was situated, they were joined by the members of the Association.

A meeting was held at 5 p.m. under the auspices of the Muslim League Youth's Association in Mandakalai Maidan with Janab Dr. N. Kader Khan Sahib Bahadur, Hony. Magistrate in the chair.

Messrs. Ponnuswami and Periaswami sang Anti-Hindi songs.

The meeting was attended by well over 1,000 persons.

Mr. Kanagopalachari Raja- chandran, Mr. C. Kalyanasundaram, Mr. S.A. Rawoof and Mr. M. Ramakrishna Reddiar addressed the gathering.

With concluding remarks of the chairman and a vote of thanks, the meeting terminated at 11-30 in the night.

AT V IKKARAWANDI

Leaving Villupuram in the early hours of the morning of 23rd August, the Anti-Hindi Marchers reached Vikkrawandi, a village, at eight miles off at 3 a.m.

It was only in this village, out of the thirty-two places where they had camped, the Marchers had to cook food for themselves. Fortunately for the Marchers, Mr. A.M. Mahmood Dawood Rowther, Merchant, and Mr. A. Veeraswamy Mudaliar came to their help. Mr. Joul Khadeer Batch Sahib was also of great help to them.

In the garden in which the Marchers were camping, a public meeting was held. There was a large gathering of men and women. Mr. S.A. Rawoof, Vice-Captain of the Marchers, thanked the public for the welcome given to the Marchers, Sri Ramakrishna Reddiar, and Mr. C. Kalyanasundaram then addressed the gathering.

The meeting over, the Marchers left Vikkrawandi and proceeded towards Padirippuliyur.

AT PADIRIPPULIYUR

The Anti-Hindi Marchers arrived at Padirippuliyur last night at 8 p.m. They were given a rousing reception by a large number of Chettiar gentlemen, Adi-Dravidas and women of that place and garlanded, after which they went out in procession through the principal streets.

A meeting was held at 9 p.m. in front of Padirippuliyur Coronation Hall. The meeting was attended by a large number of people from villages in the neighbourhood. One noteworthy feature of the meeting was that there were as many as five hundred women, and most of them belonged to the Adi-Dravida community.

Proposed by Mr. A. Ramakrishna Reddiar and seconded by Mr. Muthuramalinga Reddiar of Kayappakkam, Mr. Nemmili Vankataram Reddiar a Congressman occupied the chair.

After the introductory remarks of the chairman, Mr. S.A. Rawoof thanked the public for the reception accorded to the Marchers.

Sri Ramakrishna Reddiar and Mr. C. Kalyanasundaram then addressed the gathering.

Since it began to rain at this

stage, the meeting was dissolved at 10 p.m.

Those responsible for the grand reception given to the Marchers here were the following.

Messrs. A. Ramakrishna Reddiar, C.R. Chinnaswami Reddiar, K. M. Subbiah Reddiar, V. Konda Chettiar, C. L. Ramakrishna Reddiar, C. L. Veeraswami Reddiar, and Sadasiva Reddiar.

Prominent citizens present at the meeting were—Mr. Nemmili Ramanuja Reddiar, Mr. C. R. Ramaswami Reddiar, Mr. Muthuramalinga Reddiar of Porayur, Maduranthakam, Mr. Ramakrishna Reddiar of Alapakkam, Mr. Pattabi Reddiar, Mr. Dhannu Reddiar of Palappattu and others.

The Marchers passed the night at Padirippuliyur.

Many Reddiars and other enthusiasts of the Congress took a prominent part in the reception given to the Marchers, and it is a matter for rejoicing that Congressmen here gave the Marchers a warm welcome.

AT MAILAM

The Anti-Hindi Marchers left Padirippuliyur on the morning of Aug. 24 at 3 a.m. and reached Mailam at 3 a.m. At Mailam, they were given a reception. They then camped at Mr. Appu Chettiar's choultry.

In the afternoon, a public meeting was held in front of the choultry in which they were camping. Mr. Anba Ganapathi, a Tamil Vidwan of Pasupathykottai, Mr. Salem Manickam and Mr. Nellathambay, of the Marchers addressed the gathering. Mr. S. A. Rawoof, Vice-Captain, thanked the public for the reception given to the Marchers. The meeting then terminated.

The Marchers left Mailam at 3 p.m. and proceeded towards Tindivanam eight miles off from here. They were presented with a purse by the Alagramam Youth League, and they left for Tindivanam.

AT TINDIVANAM

A mile ahead of Tindivanam, a large gathering of the Tamilian public were anxiously awaiting the arrival of the Marchers including Mr. Balu Chettiar, Mr. V. Gopala Gounder, B.A., B.L., Vakil, Mr. Swami Chettiar, Union Chairman, Mr. Jabbar Sahib, Mr. Maniam Kandaswami Mudaliar, Mr. T. M. Thanickachala Mudaliar, Mr. Maniam Krishnaswamy Gounder, Mr. M. Anna Thango of Gudiyatham, Mr. M. Rangaswamy Mudaliar, and Mr. T. Arumugam, Ex-President, District Board, representing the Adi-Dravidas and Arundathees. The Marchers, on arrival, were profusely garlanded. A procession was organised to receive the Marchers with music and Tamil placards. The procession consisted largely of women and Adi-Dravidas.

The streets of Tindivanam were adorned with flags, festoons, and welcome arches. The Marchers after going out in procession through the main street of Tindivanam reached Droupadiamman Koil compound at 7-30 p.m. where a meeting was held. On their way, the Marchers were garlanded on behalf of the Bus Owners' Association.

The meeting held in the compound of the Droupadiamman Temple was attended by about 8,000 people, and was presided over by Mr. V. Gopala Gounder.

Mr. C. Kalyanasundaram addressed the gathering on the reasons why they opposed the introduction of Compulsory Hindi.

Sri Ramakrishna Reddiar spoke on "Compulsory Hindi and Women."

Mr. S. A. Rawoof next addressed the gathering on the reason why Muslims opposed compulsory Hindi. He also thanked those responsible for the reception given to them, on behalf of the Marchers.

With the concluding remarks of the chairman a vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Abdul Sayeed Sahib, the meeting terminated at 10-30 p.m.

It is stated that the meeting was the biggest ever held in this place. The public contributed to its success in a very great measure.

The Marchers passed the night at this place.

AT ONGUR

After breakfast, the Anti-Hindi Marchers left Tandavarai on Aug. 25, and after passing in procession through the main streets of the place reached Gajalakshmi Vilas Theatre at 8-30 a.m. A meeting was held there which was largely attended. Mr. A. Doraiswami Chetty presided over the meeting. The meeting terminated at 11 a.m. amidst cries of "Down with Hindi" and "Long Live Tamil."

The Marchers, in the evening, attended a meeting held in front of the Droupadiamman Temple. Mr. Kaviraja R. Doraiswamy Mudaliar of Singanore presided over the meeting.

Speeches were made by Sri Ramakrishna Reddiar of Alapakkam, Mr. C. Kalyanasundaram and Mr. Rathnam criticising the Congress Government for introducing compulsory Hindi in the schools of the province.

The meeting came to a close at 6 p.m. after which the Marchers started for Saram. On their way, they were entertained to tea by the public at Gajalakshmi Theatre. The Marchers were given a grand send off by a band of young men under the leadership of Mr. G. Adinarayan who have been waiting to receive the Marchers for the past two days. The band wished the Marchers all success in their mission. The Marchers, during their stay here, were looked after by the leading citizens of this place.

They were presented by Mr. Raghavulu of Madras with a sum of Rs. 5/- towards their expenses.

On their way to Saram, the Marchers passed through Salavadipattai, a village, where a large gathering under the leadership of Mr. Vadivelu Gounder gave them a reception. Sri Ramakrishna Reddiar thanked the organisers of the reception on behalf of the Marchers.

Leaving Salavadipattai the Marchers had to march in rain till they reached Saram. At 9 p.m. a public meeting was held at Saram.

Mr. Gopal Gounder, B.A. in a short speech requested Mr. Vedachala Reddiar to preside over the meeting.

Mr. C. Kalyanasundaram, Mr. Balakrishnan and Sri Ramakrishna Reddiar next addressed the gathering, on the evils of compulsory Hindi.

With the chairman's concluding remarks and with a vote of thanks, the meeting terminated at 10-30 p.m.

The Marchers, after taking their supper at 11 o'clock took rest and spent the night there.

Those responsible for organising the reception at this place were: Messrs. N. Doraiswami Reddiar, Vedachala Reddiar, V. Raghavasu Reddiar and S. Govindaswami Reddiar.

AT ACHARAPAKKAM

Budur, Aug. 29.
Leaving Acharapakkam on the morning of Aug. 27, the Anti-Hindi Marchers passed through Sottrumbakkam, a village and reached Pakkam at 7 o'clock. They had their breakfast in the garden of Mariamman temple.

The Marchers were next garlanded and taken out in procession accompanied with music through the main streets of the village.

A public meeting was held in the garden of Mariamman temple, where the Marchers were given a reception by the members of the Kayapakkam Zamin family and Messrs. Pakkam Maniam Rajaram Naidu, Sreenivasulu Naidu and other leading persons of the place.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. Sreenivasulu Naidu. Messrs. Murali Ramakrishna Reddiar, Agniswaran of Tuticorin, Manickam of Salem and C. Kalyanasundaram then addressed the gathering.

With a vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Anna Thango of Gudiyatham, the meeting terminated at 12-30 p.m.

The Marchers left for Maduranthakam, a neighbouring village after mid-day meals, at 1 o'clock.

AT MADURANTHAKAM

The Marchers reached Maduranthakam at 5 o'clock in the evening on the same day. They were given a rousing reception by a large number of Tamilians, and after being garlanded, they were taken in procession with music through the principal streets of the village. They next reached the compound near the railway station where a meeting was held under the presidency of Mr. Natesa Bathar. Messrs. Anna Thango of Gudiyatham and C. Kalyanasundaram addressed the gathering.

With the chairman's concluding remarks, the meeting terminated at 8 o'clock in the night.

The Marchers went in procession amidst vociferous cries of "Long live Tamil" and "Down with Hindi" to another place in front of Droupadiamman Temple where another meeting was held with Sri Ramakrishna Reddiar in the chair.

Messrs. Anna Thango, C. Kalyanasundaram and others addressed the meeting.

Towards the close of the meeting, Mr. K.V. Alagiriswami, Captain of the Marchers, spoke at length on the evils that would be wrought by the introduction of compulsory Hindi and the tyranny of Brahmins.

The meeting over, the Marchers camped at Sri Bana Vasa Buildings. After taking rest, they proceeded towards Karunguzi at 5 o'clock.

S. AREOT SOCIAL SERVICE ASSOCIATION

(From a Correspondent)

Cuddalore, Aug. 31.

The fifth meeting of the Executive Committee of the South Arcot Social Service Association, Cuddalore, was held in the Collector's Bungalow at 4 p.m. on Sunday 28-8-1938. Mr. S. Rangarathan, O. B. E., I. C. S., Collector of South Arcot, presided.

After passing the account presented by the Secretary, the Committee sanctioned the following items of expenditure:

- (1) Rs. 15, for giving mid-day meals to the children of the day School in Thanancheri.
- (2) Rs. 6, for furniture to the Night School in Pallikuppam.
- (3) Rs. 209, for acquisition of T.S. No. 586 for the extension of the day School under the Land Acquisition Act.
- (4) Rs. 70 being the value fixed by the Revenue Divisional Officer, Cuddalore, of the public Municipal latrine situated on T.S. No. 572 proposed to be alienated to the Association for the Rural Reconstruction Centre.
- (5) Rs. 50, for the construction of a strong shed for the Night School in Sellankuppam on a site to be selected by the Hon. Secretary.

Mr. C. B. Chetty, Municipal Health Officer, was co-opted as a member of the Executive Committee and Mr. M. S. Balasubramania Mudaliar, Engineering Contractor, was appointed Hon. Treasurer.

A Committee consisting of Mrs. Crossley, Messrs. D. Gnanapillai, G. Soundararajan and M. Peter (Convener) was appointed to co-operate with a Committee of two members to be appointed by the Ladies' Club for organizing the Joint Variety Entertainment.

It was resolved to request the Red Cross Society to sanction money for purchasing materials for the sewing classes at Thanancheri, Pallikuppam and Vilvaranyatham organized by the Ladies' Group of the Association.

By Mr. R. Krishna- swami Ayyangar, Advocate, and seconded by Mr. D. Gnanapillai, Commissioner, a resolution was unanimously passed placing on record the appreciation of the Committee of the sincere and devoted services rendered to the Association during the three years of her membership by Mrs. R. S. Subramania Ayya, who is leaving Cuddalore for Chingleput on transfer of her husband as Subordinate Judge to the latter place.]