

Anti-Hindi Marchers At Pattiveeranpatti

MR. W. P. A. SOUNDARAPANDYAN'S SPEECH.

(From a Correspondent.)

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The Madura District Muslim League Anti-Hindi Jatha reached Pattiviranpatti in the forenoon of Tuesday, 11th Oct. They were accorded a reception and taken in procession to Mr. W. P. A. Soundarapandyan's Bungalow where they rested and feasted. In the evening the teachers of the N. S. V. V. Sala, got up a public meeting in front of the school, presided over by Mr. W. P. A. Soundarapandyan. The people mustered strong to hear the Leaders.

Anti-Hindi songs were sung by the teachers and others. Mr. Abdul Latif Khan, leader of the Jatha, explained the position of the League vis-a-vis the Congress, and the aim of the Jatha namely educating the masses on the baneful influences that Hindi might have on their mother tongue.

Janab Thanga Meeran Sahib in a vehement speech lasting well over a couple of hours denounced the activities of the Congress and pricked the Hindi bubble.

In the course of his speech, Janab Thanga Meeran said that while the Jatha entered Aiyempalayam, an adjacent village, Congress hooligans pelted stones and cow-dung on them and threatened them saying "We will cut your noses and belabour you if you enter the village," and abused the Anti-Hindi Leaders in the most obscene and objectionable language. The Jatha, undaunted, entered the village, and, emerging out, the hooligans attacked the Jatha volunteers and removed their head gear. The Jatha uttered not a word even of protest but requested them to return their property, which the hooligans never did. The Janab queried if this was the non-violence and truthfulness of the Congress.

The president rising amidst cheers, surveyed the present political situation and asked the people to do their duty by the country. He emphasised that the Anti-Hindi-ites were not communalists nor do they preach class hatred. He warned people against the danger of introducing Hindi in Schools as a compulsory subject.

The President and the Leaders were profusely garlanded and the meeting terminated late in the night when shouts of Jai's for Mr. E. V. R., Mr. W. P. A. S., Sir A. T. Pannirselvam and to others, Cries of "Down with Hindi and Long Live Tamil" also rent the air.