

ANTI-HINDI MOVEMENT

A WARNING TO ANDHRA CONGRESSMEN

(From a Correspondent)

Rajahmundry, Dec. 22.

Mr. Pandrangi Kesava Rao, President, Andhra Parliament, Bezwada arrived here on Sunday last. He addressed a public meeting on the question of Andhra Province. Mr. D. Sriramamurthi, M.L.C., presided.

Mr. Kesava Rao said: "The present Hindi movement is not merely a common language movement, but combined with the unwillingness of Mahatma Gandhi to insist on immediate separation of linguistic provinces, it looks more like an aggressive expression towards the dismantling of the provincial characteristics of each language race. In my opinion, it is not the Bengalis, Maharattas or Andhras that are aggressively Provincial, rather it is the Indian National Congress with its defective idealism that is aggressive." That time for introduction of Hindi as a common language is not yet come, not before the formation of the Andhra Province and before being passed by the newly constituted Andhra Legislative Assembly. It must be a language not over our heads but one below our feet and capable of being resisted if there is a difference of opinion. Witnessing the experiment in Tamil Nadu we find that we have power only to welcome Hindi and not to kick against it if we dislike it. This is one of the serious defects of Congress politics that inspiration is forced from the top downwards and not from the bottom upwards. The Congress stands for political freedom and we shall continue to offer any sacrifices demanded of us as we did in the past, for that purpose. One of the Andhra Congress Ministers must sacrifice himself in order to bring home to the Congress authorities the seriousness of the Andhra Province problem. Non-Congress men are going to bring about a crisis in internal politics from January next. How can Congressmen, being Andhras, refuse to extend their sympathy to those who are working for their common good? If they stand by any longer on the supposed instruction from the High Command, the voters will refuse to send Congress candidates to the legislature next time. "Andhras must utilise the Congress for their own purpose rather than themselves be utilised by the Congress, and then alone can we get our province, not otherwise."

ANTI-HINDI AGITATION

Appeal To Secretary Of State For India

(From a Correspondent)

Madras, Dec. 22.

The following is the appeal sent to the Secretary of State for India, H. E. the Viceroy and H. E. the Governor as decided at a largely attended meeting of the women of Madras held at Theagarayanagar on 10-12-38 to protest against repressive

policy of the Congress Ministry.

Even after a century of British rule in India the percentage of literates is so low as 8. For the past 30 years our leaders had been agitating for the introduction of compulsory and free elementary education. The congress party was promising that they would introduce the scheme immediately after their entry into office. Under the new constitution the control over the purse also is in their hands. Under these circumstances they ought to fulfill their promise. But they plead inability to introduce compulsory and free elementary education stating that funds are not available. At the same time they have introduced Hindustani as a compulsory subject to be taught in all schools of our Tamil Nad.

Already every pupil has to learn first his mother tongue and then English. Besides that, a third language, which is as foreign to us as any European language, has been introduced in the schools. Our leaders have pointed out that the compulsory introduction of Hindi was against the best interests of the masses. A number of protest meetings had been held. Since those meetings brought no change in the policy of these Congress ministry, the Tamilian had to adopt other ways of protesting against the introduction of Hindi. Consequently "Satyagraha" had been offered and over 500 men, a number of women with children arms, and Sanyasins (ascetics) have been sent to jail.

The much adored leader E. V. Ramasamy Periyar of Erode, who had dedicated his whole life for the emancipation of women has been arrested and has been sentenced to undergo 2 years imprisonment and pay a fine of Rs. 1000.

We appeal to Your Excellency as the final custodian of law and order in the land to take necessary measures to see that the will of the public is not thwarted by a political party which got into the legislatures on entirely different promises and programmes. Your Excellency has ample opportunities to learn that the overwhelming opinion in this Province is against the introduction of compulsory Hindi, and it is the privilege and duty laid on Your Excellency by your Majesty's Government to see that the will of the people prevails in order that the peace and tranquillity of the land may be preserved.

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Salt had something of a sacred character in the estimation of ancient nations. It was a symbol of friendship and fidelity, due to guests, friends, or servants from their entertainers or masters. To this day, in some Eastern countries, if a guest has tasted salt with his host, his person will be held inviolable, even though the individual may be discovered to have done his entertainer a grievous wrong.

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It is believed that millions of years ago the moon formed part of the earth, but that by some great convulsion of Nature it was thrown into space. The earth being the larger body, offered the greater attraction to the molten matter of which the moon was composed, and gradually delayed its revolution, causing it to turn more and more slowly, until it revolved at only about one-thirtieth of the earth's pace.