

PROTEST AGAINST COMPULSORY HINDI

MASS MEETING AT TRIPLICANE BEACH

CONGRESS MINISTRY'S ACTION CRITICISED

MADRAS, July, 2.

To condemn the introduction of compulsory Hindi in Schools by the Congress Ministry, a public meeting of the citizens of Madras was held under the auspices of the Compulsory Hindi Boycott Committee, at the Triplicane Beach on Sunday last (26-6-38) under the presidency of Khan Bahadur P. Kalifullah Saheb, M.L.A., of Trichinopoly and Ex-Minister to the Government of Madras.

The meeting was attended by well over fifty thousand persons. Processions carrying Anti-Hindi placards such as "Long Live Tamil" and "Down with Hindi" from 15 Municipal Divisions of the city, after going through the principal streets of Madras, terminated at the meeting place. Loud speaking equipment was installed, and the speeches were heard distinctly.

Mr. K. N. Stalin Jagadeesh who is on a fast of protest against compulsory Hindi since May 1st, 1938 was brought in an easy chair, which was placed on the platform.

Khan Bahadur P. Kalifullah Sahib in opening the proceedings of the meeting made an admirable speech in Tamil. He said:

"I thank you most heartily for the honour you have done me by asking me to preside over this meeting. It is needless for me to refer to the reasons for convening this meeting. The Anti-Hindi agitation is gaining ground, and growing from strength to strength not only in Tamil Nad, and Madras, but in the whole of India. Charges have been levelled by our opponents against us that persons like Sir K.V. Reddy and Sir M. Krishnan Nair, who do not know Tamil are leading this agitation against Hindi, due to their political differences with the Congress. I ask you, all those assembled here, whether you have seen either Sir K.V. Reddy or Sir Krishnan Nair and whether they have persuaded or asked you to attend this meeting. I know, and know fully well, that you have come here to join with us to protest against the introduction of compulsory Hindi. You are well aware that there are thousands of languages in this wide world. But we have not ever heard of a language being forced on a people who have another language which has been in existence for more than five thousand years. We are all lovers of Tamil literature and we feel that the introduction of a language like Hindi will endanger its existence. It is stated by the members of the opposite camp that Mr. E. V. Ramaswami Naicker of Erode and a few others are the only leaders of the Anti-Hindi agitation. Speaking on this platform, I would like to make it clear that mine has been the proud privilege to sow the first seeds of this movement in South India and not others.

It was on May 15, 1937, I opposed the introduction of Hindi, speaking at a meeting held in Rajagiri. From that date till now, I have opposed Hindi. To say that the Anti-Hindi agitation was of very recent origin, is nothing short of a deliberate and malicious lie.

I have never dreamt that Mr. Rajagopalachari will make Hindi a compulsory subject. The reasons why I oppose Hindi are varied. The Government of the day want the students to learn

studied and sphinx-like silence to my letter. Like my humble self, Mr. Bharathi of the Annamalai University had written a letter to Mr. Rajagopala Chariar, expressing his reasons for opposing Hindi. Eight months have elapsed, and a reply is yet forthcoming. It was an open letter that was written by Mr. Soma-sundara Barathi, in his own inimitable style, eloquently expressing the damage that will be done to one of the time-honoured cultures of India.

Tulasi Ramayana Argument

The only reasons that Mr. Achariar adduced and advanced are that one could be able to appreciate Tulasi Ramayana and get jobs in up-country, if they were to learn Hindi. Friends, I need not tell you anything about Kamba Ramayana which has made a name all the world over, and, nay, has even eclipsed and embalmed Valmiki Ramayana. Should such a Ramayana be consigned to the corner, and Tulasi Ramayana be read instead? To say that Tulasi Ramayana should be read is ridiculous as it is ludicrous. Eminent scholars of Tamil, after having made a comparative

pieces by speakers who are opposing Hindi.

Wonder Of Wonders

It has also been stated by those at the head of affairs of the Government that it is necessary for us to learn Hindi before we attain Swaraj. This is amusing as well as amazing. They go further and say that failure in Hindi will not be a bar to promotion. That stunt of theirs has been exposed and laid threadbare before the public. The worst of it all is that they want the Hindus to learn Hindi in one script and the Muslims to learn it in Urdu script. This is the wonder of wonders. We know that many countries are yearning to have freedom. We equally know that some countries have a common language. But History does not record of any country having a common language in two different scripts! At every stage, you will find an attempt made to further suppress and oppress us. For instance, I learn Hindi in Urdu script. I happen to have a friend who has learnt Hindi in another script. I enter into some business correspondence. The script in which I have to write the letter will be difficult for my friend to read. To him,

48 lakhs. Is it becoming Mr. Muthuranga Mudaliar a person whose patriotism is stated to be above suspicion and beyond question, to have indulged in such a travesty of fact? Is he justified in saying that 15 crores of people speak Hindi, while in truth it is only 48 lakhs? As such, how can either Mr. Rajagopalachari or his satellites say that 48 lakhs constitute the majority of the population of our country?

Is Hindi A Language?

The Tamil language is acknowledged to be the oldest language of India, and it has received the recognition at the hands of seers, sages and saints, not to speak of eminent scholars of the West. Have we at any time heard Hindi being acknowledged as a language? Have we heard any University in India recognising Hindi as a language? Can Congressmen in general, and Mr. Achariar in particular, acquaint us with the fact whether any University in India has recognised Hindi as a language? At least, has it been included in the curriculum of schools and colleges as a subject? Under such circumstances, what is the need for a language, which has

to seek. He should first understand that it was myself who started this agitation against Hindi and not Mr. E. V. Ramaswami Naicker. It is myself, a Muslim, who has started this agitation. Hence, Muslims support it. Let me tell Mr. Achariar, who has not the courage or courtesy to reply to the letters written by friends, that it is not only myself, who is opposed to Hindi, but the All-India Muslim League of which Mr. Mohamed Ali Jinnah is the spokesman. The Muslim League is opposed to it, because, they think that it would sidetrack their Urdu language and culture. It is not only that, but there are many more reasons why Muslims are opposed to it. The Congressmen want our children, especially Muslims to learn Hindi in Urdu script. To ask our children to learn Hindi is asking our children to forget their religion and culture. In Behar the Congress Government have prescribed a Hindi primer in Urdu script for the benefit of Muslim children. It is stated that, in that primer, mention is made that Prophet Mahomed was an incarnation of Sri Rama. There can be no greater calumny and misrepresentation than this. You might know that ever since the Moghuls have conquered India, they made Urdu the common language of the country. The proceedings in courts, schools and legislatures were in Urdu. Can a language like, Urdu, with all its past glory and grandeur and richness of literature, be hurled to the depths of degradation?

The worst of it all is that Mr. Achariar says that there is absolutely no difference between Hindi and Urdu. I know not with what authority he says that. We, Muslims, fear gravely that our interests will not be safe and secure under the Congress Raj. A Raj which has sought to introduce a language which, we feel, will kill the very culture and tradition of ours, and may do worse things than these in future.

Communalism Of Congressmen

Another incident of recent times also requires to be told for your information. In Patna Muslim College, there occurred the vacancy of a Munshi for instructing the students in religion. The appointing authority was Dr. Syed Mahomed. As many as hundred applications were received for the post. The Congress Government, all powerful as it is to-day by some stroke of fortune, passed orders appointing a Hindu for the post, ignoring the claims of the ninety-nine Muslims. This speaks volumes of their communal rancour. Why should a Hindu be appointed to teach Muslim students, something about Islam? On what ground the Congress Government did it is a question which we are entitled to ask, and they are bound to answer. But they have not answered, and I am sure, they will never answer. Theirs is not to answer, but theirs is to give evasive replies, in which art they are past masters.

Concluding, Mr. Khalifullah Sahib said:—It fills me with joy unspeakable to see the ladies assembled in large numbers at this meeting. It is but proper that they should participate in this agitation, an agitation to safeguard the interests of a language which is dear to them, and that is why they have come leaving their hearths and homes. My Hindu sisters are placed in a much better and privileged position than my Muslim sisters, who cannot come out. You will

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A flashlight photograph of the Triplicane Beach Meeting, held to protest against the compulsory introduction of Hindi in schools in Madras Presidency. Mr. E. V. Ramaswami Naicker is seen addressing the gathering.

Hindi, by compulsion. I would like to ask them as to what authority they have to force Hindi on the people. Why should it be made compulsory and not optional? Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru wrote to me from Burma where he was on tour, asking me to let him know the reasons why I opposed Hindi becoming the Lingua Franca of India. As far as my recollection goes, I remember to have written him a letter by way of reply. I admit that Pandit Nehru is held in high esteem everywhere. Though I cannot stand in comparison with him, yet, it should be remembered that the party with which I am identified, is a party which cannot be destroyed, because its principles are sound and its methods are constitutional and fair. To-day, I can tell without any fear of contradiction either before the learned Pandit or men of his way of thinking, that we have already attained success in combating against Hindi. Speaking at Tanjore in June, 1937, I once again asked as to what Pandit Nehru had got to say to my letter. Upto this time, I have not received a reply from him. I do not know why, he has observed such a

study of both the Ramayanas have pronounced a verdict in favour of Kamba. Inquiries made by those who have read Tulasi Ramayana showed that there was nothing greater in it than the rest of the Ramayanas. Tulasi Ramayana, according to some accounts, was an ordinary treatise. There was nothing literary or classical about it. None has said that it is greater than other Ramayanas except Mr. Achariar and his tribe. I see no reason why Tulasi Ramayana should be read by us, when we have already Kamba Ramayana in our country.

As for getting jobs in the up-country, I should like to say something about it. There is no use disguising the fact that many educated unemployed persons in Northern India have become either rickshaw-pullers or police constables, not to speak of those who are dying of hunger and thirst. When such is the position in the up-country, how can it be possible for us to get jobs there, granting that we learn Hindi? Our opponents say that our children should learn Hindi in First, Second and Third Forms, and later give it up. This argument has been torn to

my script will be something strange, and he will not be able to read and understand it. From this you can understand the motives, sincere or sinister, of the sponsors of Hindi. It is only an attempt to separate, instead of unite. Till such time Mr. Achariar withdraws his measure, we will be carrying on this agitation against him and his 'Goshti'.

Now let us next examine the question whether or not Hindi should become the 'lingua franca' of our country. They say that Hindi is the only language which is being spoken by the majority of the population of India. This is a hoax played on the public. Mr. Muthuranga Mudaliar, speaking at the Beach meeting held to support the introduction of Hindi, stated that Hindi was a language spoken by not less than 15 crores. May I ask Mr. Muthuranga Mudaliar from where he had taken the statistics and from which report. We all know that he is "His Master's Voice" repeating and reiterating 'ad nauseum' what Mr. Achariar says. I would like to tell you for your information that according to the census report of 1931, the people who speak Hindi are

no place amidst other languages, being made compulsory? What does it show? Does it not show that there is something ulterior and unworthy behind it? Let us not leave it there. A step further will show us that this strange language has no alphabets. Four thousand years ago saw the invasion of India by a race known as the Aryans. They invented a language for themselves; it was Sanskrit. Long before their conquest, Tamil was flourishing there as a great language. Where is Sanskrit to-day? Who speaks Sanskrit? Who learns Sanskrit except a few? It has become antiquated, rotten and rusty, so much so, that it requires a place in the corner.

We are unable to understand what exactly these Congressmen want us to do? To say that Erode Ramaswami Naicker is the moving spirit and the only one man who opposes Hindi is preposterous. I do not know what Mr. Achariar and his tribe will say when they see this monster meeting to-day. It has often been asked why should Muslims join the agitators against Hindi, and oppose Hindi. The reason, I would like to tell Mr. Achariar, is not far

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be surprised to learn that your Muslim sisters are in no way lagging behind you at all in their readiness to sacrifice their pleasure and time for this cause. Indescribable is their interest in this agitation and they have promised and assured us of their sympathy and assistance to this cause, because it is righteous and just. They have read "Viduthalai" and in it they saw the portrait of Mr. Stalin Jagadeesh. Mr. Jagadeesh's picture seems to have touched their heart, and they have made known to others that they would collect funds to help the cause. Muslim ladies of respectable families in Trichinopoly have also assured us of their co-operation and help—help for a cause which is dear to one all, be they Hindus, or Muslims. (Applause).

Miss Rane Bai then sang some songs describing the glory and grandeur of Tamil language and literature and the harmful effect compulsory Hindi would have on the people.

The Chairman next read a message from Mr. Stalin Jagadeesh appealing to the public to join the Anti-Movement in larger and larger numbers.

MR. C. N. ANNADORAI

Mr. C. N. Annadorai speaking next said:—During the past few months, conferences were convened, all over Tamil Nad, at which resolutions were passed protesting against the introduction of compulsory Hindi in the schools of our presidency. Meetings were held all over the presidency and speeches were made criticising the action of the Government of the day as unwise, and pamphlets and bulletins were circulated to one and all explaining the reasons why we are opposed to Hindi. Yet, the Chief Minister has not come down in his policy. Wherever he goes and whenever he speaks Hindi is on his brains. Recently at Kumbakonam and Trichinopoly, Mr. Achariar spoke of Hindi as a chutney. (laughter). Mr. Achariar has said, on more than one platform, that the Anti-Hindi agitators were a few, but he finds, wherever he goes, black flag demonstrators in hundreds and thousands. The measure of compulsory Hindi is as good as dead and is awaiting burial. Mr. Achariar's Ministry is one which has held out large promises at the time of the elections. Mr. Achariar's Ministry is one which has unnecessarily resorted to repressive methods of suppressing public opinion. Mr. Achariar's Ministry is one which is sure to tumble down in six months. Mr. Achariar might address meetings under the auspices of the Madras Police and mounted sowars. Our Police friends charge us under laws repealed some time ago and not in existence now. Mr. Achariar's Government had our volunteers who picketed before the Premier's house, arrested. Recently there was organised what was known as the clove boycott and picketing before the shops which were doing business in cloves. Why were they not arrested? Just because they were the members of their tribe, they were allowed to do as they please. What does this show? It looks as though worse things are in store for us at the hands of Mr. Achariar's Ministry. The Ministry has no morality in its conduct of the administration. There will be no jobs for those who do not learn Hindi. Tamilians, as a whole, cannot exist as an entity under this inglorious regime. In conclusion, I would only request those who have assembled at this meeting in thousands carry on the fight against Hindi.

MR. E. V. RAMASWAMI NAICKER

Mr. E. V. Ramaswami Naicker, on rising to speak, was given a tremendous ovation. He

said:—"Let me at first proffer my thanks to the promoters of this meeting for giving me an opportunity to speak on this occasion. My pleasure is intensified and enhanced by the fact that I have been asked to say something against Hindi. Everyone present here knows that the Premier addressed a meeting to support the introduction of compulsory Hindi at this very place, under the auspices of the Madras City Police and mounted sowars. We have not invited the Police to help us to conduct our proceedings without any disturbance or breach of peace. The Police have come here uninvited. I hope the Press will not mention that our meeting also was held under police protection. I hope, Mr. Achariar, after hearing about this meeting will be wise to withdraw the measure and resign from office. Mr. Achariar is now on tour at public expense. He does not even stay in Madras for a day. As soon as he comes here, he starts immediately for another place. He knows full well that if he happens to stay here, he will be asked as to what he has got to say about the Anti-Hindi agitation, which is growing stronger and stronger. It might be remembered that when a resolution was moved to present Sir K. V. Reddy with an address on his having become the Acting-Governor of Madras, Mr. Satyamurthi opposed it, on the ground that Sir K. V. Reddy was a person like them and that he was an Indian and therefore there was no need to honour our own man. In that case, why should our Ministers be presented with addresses by the Corporation? Are they not born in our country or, are they foreigners?"

Leaving that aside, let us turn our attention to fasts. The precedent of fasts was set up by Mr. Gandhi himself. Personally speaking, I have no belief in fasts of this kind. If Mr. Gandhi fasts, he is fasting for a good cause, and if others do it, it is otherwise. How many times have we heard of Mr. Gandhi fasting? He fasted for Hindu-Muslim unity. He fasted for a romantic incident which happened in his Ashram. Mr. Gandhi was arrested and sent to jail. There he wanted some privileges to work for Adi-Dravidas. He began the fast. The Government wanted to get rid of him and his fast: So they sent him out. I do not know what Gandhiji has done to further the interests of the Depressed Classes. He coerced the Depressed Class leaders by his fast and made them agree to joint electorates. Thus these fasts had each a definite object. There was nothing spiritual in them. I am referring to these fasts only to make you understand that Mr. Stalin Jagadeesh's fast is a similar one. When Gandhiji can claim a certificate for Mahatmaship, why not Mr. Stalin Jagadeesh? Speaking at the meeting held here the other day, Mr. Muthuranga Mudaliar said the fasts that were undertaken by the Anti-Hindi workers, were no fasts at all. Mr. Ponnuswamy Mr. Mudaliar stated, was not fasting in the jail. Mr. Ponnuswamy never said that he would fast in the jail. Mr. Ponnuswamy said only that he would fast before the Premier's house. If he was released he would immediately go and fast before the Premier's house.

Anti-Hindi Reports Suppressed By Newspapers

Mr. Mudaliar asked as to why should Sir Krishnan Nair or Sir K. V. Reddy or Khan Bahadur Khaliullah Saheb protest against Hindi here, instead of in their respective places. I would like Mr. Mudaliar to read "Viduthalai", "Janavani" and "Viditavadi", and he will find that that protest meetings

are held in Andhra Desa and Malabar, but reports of these meetings are suppressed by the Brahmin-ridden Madras Press. Our Congress friends were never tired of saying that they would send the Britishers out of India bag and baggage. How far have they kept up to their words is a question which I leave to be answered by you. We are also of the opinion that the Britishers should leave India. What do we see to-day? Our Congress friends, ever since they have come into power, have been doing all that they can to see that the Britishers are not driven out of India. They have sworn by their sacred thread that they would be loyal to His Majesty the King and his successors to the throne of England.

If Congressmen want us to learn Hindi, why not they also conduct the deliberations of the legislature in Hindi? I know they dare not do it in the legislatures, for according to the rules and regulations of the legislature the proceedings should be conducted only in English. Why not Mr. Bulusu Sambamurthy speak in Hindi in the legislature? They say that English is an alien language, and yet they speak that language. If they are only sincere in what they say and act, they must speak only in Hindi. Why should the Ministers who want us to learn Hindi send their children to England for studies?

Our opponents ask why should Muslims join with Mr. Ramaswami Naicker, who proclaims himself an atheist. I would like to ask the Congressmen why should they have Hon. Mr. Ramaswami Naicker, an atheist, in their ranks, and Mr. Jeevanandam, another atheist, in the Congress Socialist Party? A few days before his departure for Europe, Pandit Jawaharlal was called to give evidence in the Court. When he was asked to swear in the name of God, he is reported to have stated that he had no belief in God and so would not take the oath. Is not Pandit Nehru an atheist? Why should Congressmen have that atheist at the helm of Congress affairs, and why was that atheist elected Congress President more than once? What have Congressmen got to say to this?

Unfair Tactics

It has been brought to my notice that some Congressmen have been bringing pressure to bear upon the Anti-Hindi volunteers who have been arrested and sent to jail, to apologise and say that they would not participate in the agitation in future, by promising them some appointments. Some Congressmen, I was told engaged the services of some advocates to appear for those persons and defend them. I know that out of the ninety-six persons arrested, there are a number of Congressmen who have been specially sent in by interested men to discredit the Anti-Hindi Movement. They are now coming out, even as many Congressmen did during the civil disobedience movement by tendering apology. This does not show the strength or weakness of a Movement.

Leaders like Mr. T. R. Venkatarama Sastri, Rt. Hon. Mr. Srinivasa Sastri, and Mahamahopadaya Swaminatha Iyer have pointed out that there was no need for introducing compulsory Hindi at all. Why should not the Congressmen point out their finger of scorn at them and call them by the names they call us? Is it because they belong to your tribe you have them left free?

Mr. Achariar always puts forward the claim that prohibition in Salem is a success. Salem, he says, has become dry. It has become dry in the reports that appear from time to time in the Brahmin Press. Even to this day, toddy shops in the vicinity are trafficking in liquor and other intoxicating drinks. To make good the loss sustained by the prohibition experiment, as many as 80 schools have been closed, as the result of which about 200 schoolmasters have been thrown out of employment. It is also understood that some

of the hospitals are going to be closed. They have taken a grant of two and a half crores from the Government. We do not know for what purpose they have taken this grant. Is it for these things that the people have cast their votes in the yellow box?

A Blessing In Disguise

The introduction of compulsory Hindi, I am of opinion, is a blessing in disguise. So much so, people will have realised by this time their folly in sending Congressmen to the legislature in large numbers. Let this at least be an eye-opener to the public who have been swept off their feet by the promises that were held out by Congressmen. The British Raj seems to be far better than the Brahmin or Congress Raj. We feel that we cannot live as free citizens of our country, judging by the way in which Congressmen are doing things. Wherever Congress Ministers go, they are greeted with black flag demonstrations. By this time, Mr. Achariar must have realised what an amount of opposition he will have to face if he persists in making Hindi a compulsory subject in the schools of our presidency.

MRS. MEENAMBAL SIVARAJ

Mrs. Meenambal Sivaraj, speaking next said that a question had been asked of her as to why Dewan Bahadur R. Srinivasan, one of the leaders of the Depressed Classes, had supported Hindi, and the reply she could give was that Dewan Bahadur Srinivasan could not have supported Hindi. For, Dewan Bahadur Srinivasan himself presided over a meeting, held some time ago in the city, to protest against Hindi. The Premier, Mrs. Sivraj continued, was reported to have stated that the Anti-Hindi agitators were something like thorns in a jungle. Perhaps the Premier did not care to find out what kind of thorns they were. He must know that if the thorns were poisonous, the wound caused by them might necessitate the amputation of the leg.

MR. K. A. P. VISWANATHAM

Mr. K. A. P. Viswanatham said that he was glad to note that many people who had attended the last Beach meeting of Congressmen had attended this meeting, that processions from 15 Municipal Divisions of this city had arrived at the meeting place, and that one of the Congress Ministers was hearing the speeches from a car stationed on the road. At the same time, there had occurred to-day two unpleasant things. One was that some mischief-makers had cut the electric connection of the loud-speaking equipment and the other was that the Police were keeping the horses hungry on the sands of the beach. (Laughter). When Congressmen came into power, he was one of those who believed that judging by the programme they had set before themselves, they would stick to their places at least for twenty years. The reasons that led him to entertain such a belief were: (1) their sworn loyalty to His Majesty the King, (2) their communal patronage, (3) Compulsory Hindi (4) Repression, and (5) Congress hypocrisy. At the time of the last elections, what were the promises that were held out to the masses if they cast their votes in the yellow boxes? They promised Swaraj on April 1st. What is it they had substantially done to further the country's cause? Nothing.

Repressive Methods Criticised

The introduction of compulsory Hindi received a chorus of condemnation all over the Tamil Nad, and what was Mr. Achariar going to say to this? Ten days ago, at the meeting held to support Hindi, the mounted sowars treaded on the people assembled there, following a lathi charge. Were they not entitled to fight for the prestige of our mother-tongue and culture? Why should repressive methods be adopted to put down the Anti-Hindi agitation? Speaking of repression, the speaker was reminded of the

happenings in connection with the Premier's visit to Krishnagiri. As soon as the Premier arrived there, he was greeted with black flag demonstrations. Seeing the vast multitude of people demonstrating with black flags, Mr. Achariar made his way back through another street and came to the meeting place by a backdoor. All the while, the police were there keeping guard over him. Never had he seen such handbust, not even on the occasion of the Viceroy's visit. He asked why should public money be spent unnecessarily for all these police arrangements.

The Self-Respectors were always on the brains of the Premier and other Congressmen. They seemed to be a veritable nightmare to Mr. Achariar and his 'goshti', for they knew full well that they were the proper persons who can expose them and their disgusting methods.

Resolutions

Mr. Viswanatham then moved two resolutions protesting against the introduction of compulsory Hindi in the schools of the presidency and condemning the repressive policy followed by the Government of the day, which were passed.

Mr. E. V. Ramaswami Naicker at this stage replied to a question asking him to join the Congress and purify it, and referred at some length to the manoeuvres made by the Congress to keep the Non-Brahmins at a distance, and he cited the pitiable instances of Messrs. S. Venkatchalam Chetty, P. K. Vinayaga Mudaliar, Dr. Varadarajulu Naidu and T. V. Kalyanasundaram Mudaliar.

Mr. K. A. P. Viswanatham announced to the audience that a Congressman had sent a chit stating that the Premier was going to give a vegetarian dinner in honour of Mr. Brackenbury at Hotel Bosotto during this week and that all the radio programme assistants were Brahmins.

MR. K. M. BALASUBRAMANIAM

Mr. K. M. Balasubramaniam, speaking next said he had got one foot in the prison and one foot in the Madras Beach. Very soon he would be thrust into jail, and this might be the last occasion he was addressing a public meeting. He was very much overjoyed to see the vast sea of human beings assembled at the Beach to record their emphatic protest against Hindi. The audience might like him to carry a message to their comrades who were in prison. He would tell them that at the meeting held to protest against Hindi, on the sands of the Triplicane Beach, there were thousands and thousands of persons assembled. He would tell them that Mr. Stalin Jagadeesh was there. He would tell them that one of the Ministers heard the speeches from his car near the beach. Mr. Achariar had asked the people not to say Hindi hereafter, but Hindusthani. Evidently he thought by this method the opposition could die down. But Mr. Achariar was mistaken.

Concluding, Mr. Balasubramaniam said that the acts of the Ministry were getting intolerable day by day, and it was time that such things were stopped.

MRS. KUNJITHAMMAL

Mrs. Kunjithammal said that the papers of this province were pursuing a policy of 'suppression veri and suggesti falsi'. She appealed to the newspaper reading public not to go in for journals the services of which were engaged by the Congressmen. If they wished to know more about the Anti-Hindi agitation, they should only read journals which were fighting for that cause.

The chairman next read a message received from Sir P. T. Rajan, addressed to Mr. Stalin Jagadeesh:—"Regret inability owing to illness, May God be with you".

In the course of his concluding remarks, Khan Bahadur Kaliullah Sahib said:—

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Bangalore, C. & M. Station:—K. E. Anti-Tuberculosis Fund, Bangalore, C. & M. Station. Rs. 2,500.

Kolhapur Residency Area:—Kolhapur Camp (Residency Area) Gymkhana members. Rs. 31.

Centre:—Collections by the Appeal Committee in London. Rs. 13,403-2-3; Dr. J.J.S. Henriques Cardoso, Diu, Hospital. Rs. 5; Distrital, Loutulim, Goa. Collections made among the Indian community in Aden. Rs. 1,267-4-0; Total Rs. 14,675-6-3.

States:—Charkhari Rs. 2,000; Ratlam Rs. 9,600; Jaora Rs. 757-14-3; Datia Rs. 500; Lugasi Jagir Rs. 30; Karwai Rs. 363-9-0; Jamkhadi Rs. 1,000; Patna Rs. 5,000; Chhuikhadan Rs. 28; Kalahandi Rs. 1,253; The Raja and Ruling Chief of Athmalik. Rs. 500; Jawhar Rs. 4,710-7-6; Kashmir-Swimming gala and dance held at the Srinagar Club. Srinagar. Rs. 162-2-0; Jaipur Rs. 3,581-5-6; Alwar Rs. 10,000; Jind Rs. 8,519-3-9; Tehri-Garhwal. Rs. 5,000; Total Rs. 48,003-10-0; Grand Total 44,12,919-2-1.

"Our opponents say that we are agitators. Agitation is their profession, not ours. We believe in peaceful and constitutional methods of fighting for the country's cause. I appeal to one and all present here to join the agitation against Hindi in larger numbers and contribute to its success."

With a vote of thanks proposed by Mr. K. A. P. Viswanatham, the meeting terminated at 11 o'clock in the night.