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he stayed in Travelers' Bungalow, the college students of Karaikudi led processions to Travelers Bungalow they opposed the imposition of Hindi and congress rule in Tamil Nadu. Later police intervened and dispersed the mob. From the above it is crystal clear that Karaikudi, played an inevitable role in the History of Tamil Nadu in respect of Self Respect Movement.

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## Praises on Periyar and Periyar about Periyar

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Periyar's life is a pilgrimage from east to west, from faith to reason, from inequality to equality, from subordination to challenge, from slavery to liberty, from a businessman to a powerful leader, from orthodoxy to heterodoxy, from Temple administrator to Idol Breaker, from Brahmin protagonist to Brahmin antagonist, from blind belief to enlightened path, from an uneducated man to mass educator, from Gandhi devotion to Gandhi opposition, from a champion of Congress party to founder of self-respect party, from resigner and refuser of government posts to the position of King maker in Tamil Nadu, from Sainly inclination to scientific Inclination, from divinity to humanity and from sympathiser for justice party to leader of justice party. It is a march towards modernized, globalised and humanized, rationalized and scientific world. It is a quite an unshakable march against ignorance, superstitions, slavery and subordination. It was a brave and glorious march for the sake of his race to liberate themselves from the imperialism of British and Brahmins.

### Praises on Periyar E.V.R.

Periyar was praised by an agency of the United Nations organization, U.N.O., by some of the Leaders of Tamil Nadu, Researchers, Journalists, etc. of which we mention some of them here:

About this great leader of Dravidian movement UNESCO citation rightly says: "Periyar, the prophet of the new age, the Socrates of south East Asia, father of the social reform movement, and arch enemy of ignorance, superstition, meaningless customs and bad manners."<sup>1</sup>

Even before UNESCO; Philips Bread, an Englishman writes, "I met Periyar and spoke to him. He was a popular Congress leader then. I was wondering how such a leader with so much love for his race was working as a Congress leader".

Express Publications (Madras) Ltd., in its book *India 1000 to 2000*, under the title "Makers of modern India" writes: "The enormous privileges given to Brahmins by the Vedas were sacrosanct only as long as

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