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Talking Turkey!

Krishna Vaikunthavasan is well known for the dramatic feats he had performed in Tamil politics, both by his utterances as well as actions. He hit the international media headlines when he announced the "Unilateral Declaration of Independence of Tamil Eelam" in 1982 "Pongal Day" and earlier by his *unorthodox* entry into the U. N. General Assembly on October 5th 1978 where during the course of that interruption he had said ".....There was real danger of the Tamil problem threatening the peace of the Indian Region. The problem in Sri Lanka would develop to be as serious as the Palestinian and Cyprus problems unless the world leaders, intervened and helped in its solution"

According to Krishana Vaikunthavasan all three have now become as intractable as the Irish one. So, in his latest advice to the Tamil Leadership, he requests them to support the Turkish Government in its recognition of the Government of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, as to seek the help of Turkey to raise the Tamil problem in the U.N. General Assembly. The full text of Krishna Vaikunthavasan's statement is as follows:—

The Government of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus headed by Mr. Denktash already recognised by Turkey, continues to make headlines because of the deep involvement of the United Nations Secretary General, Mr. Perez de Cuellar, to find an acceptable solution between the Greek majority (400,000) and the Turkish minority (150,000) in the Island of Cyprus.

It is understood that Bangladesh Malaysia and Pakistan are also likely to grant recognition

President Junius of Sri Lanka, obviously in a mood of utter despair and helplessness, mingled with a tinge is impotent waring to his people, recently declared that the way the Tamil freedom fighters are waging their struggle, Sri Lanka would soon be partitioned as has happened in Cyprus.

From the on-going 'involvement' of India in the 'internal' affairs of the Sri Lankan ethnic crisis, it would appear that the Indian Government policy makers regard the Tamil crisis as their own backyard problem and therefore do not welcome outsiders such as even the Commonwealth Secretary-General to offer his good offices to solve the crisis.

Turkey to raise our issue at the United Nations and at

Missionaries-in-Residence Project

Daniel and Thaya Thiagarajah, our Workers at Kilinochi are now Missionaries-in-Residence with Indiana Kentucky Conference (U. S.) for a year from September this year. They will have an opportunity to visit Churches and work in a variety of Church settings and groups, relating specially to young people.

The Project is handled by a Task Force. Among the members of this Force, we find one name familiar to people in our Churches — Bicknell.

The Indiana-Kentucky News introduced Daniel as one who has been involved in work with rehabilitation farms and community development and Thaya as one who has been involved in work associated with health clinics, day care centres and orphanages.

the same time for countries such as Turkey to support India in its gallant efforts to solve our problem, then I think India would be the first to welcome it. As far as the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus is concerned, it is true Cyprus is a country that is a member of the Non-Aligned Movement and therefore India supports the Cyprus (Greek) Government in Nicosia and not happy to recognise the newly formed Turkish Cypriot Government. But Turks say that Cyprus was able to continue in the Non-Aligned Movement because in 1974 the Turkish Government sent its Armed Forces into Cyprus and secured a de facto partition which prevented Cyprus itself joining the NATO.

Are we to be bound all the time by Delhi's likes and dislikes even when it means hundreds of our compatriots, men, women and children are being wantonly shot and killed by the Sri Lankan chauvinist and notoriously ill-disciplined soldiers?

Now then there is a chance for some new dimension-new force to come to our help. The 52 million Turkish people almost 100% Muslim, can help us and assist India in its efforts. So, how do we set about it?

The Tamil leadership should support the Turkish Government in its recognition of the Government of Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, and if a political formula could be found, then the Tamils can themselves "recognise" the Government of Denktash.

No doubt the Turkish Government, its people and the Turkish Cypriots will do whatever they can for the Tamils of Eelam to win back their freedom and independence.

— V. K. R. of 18-10-86.

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Asia Youth Week

Youth Rally

The National Christian Council Youth Representative for the Christian Conference of Asia and Youth Programme convenor for the Manipay Circuit Rev. Christo T. Roberts conducted a Youth Rally on Saturday the 18th of October at Manipay C. S. I. Church. It was organized to mark the Asia Youth Week. Seventyfive young people from the Methodist, Church of Ceylon and C. S. I. Churches participated.

The theme of the Rally was "To Build and to Plant (Jer 1:10)". It was also the theme of the Asia Youth Week. The Morning Service was led by Miss Selvaranee Vijayarajam assisted by the Youth of the Manipay Church. The sermon was preached by Rev. E. A. Jeyarajah of St. Johns Church.

Main address was delivered by Rev. Fr. Jeyaseelan the Vice Rector of The Francis Xavier Seminary and a member of the Human Rights Organization in Sri Lanka from its inception.

A meaningful Bible Study was conducted on the theme by Rev. K. D. Jebanayagam of Vannarpannai Methodist Church which was followed by a group discussion on the questions given by the main speakers.

After lunch different groups presented their findings and the youth came out with new ideas and suggestions to bring about Justice and Peace in our Society. There was a colourful variety entertainment by the youth of different Churches.

The organizer of the Rally in his vote of thanks mentioned that there should be more and more interdenominational fellowship

Combined Carol Festival

Against all odds and difficulties and amidst a climate of fear and uncertainty the youth of the North conducted the annual festival of Carol singing in Jaffna. This festival took place on the morning of the 8th November at St. John's College Hall and twelve schools and groups participated viz: Nuffield School, Vembadi, St. John's, Chundikuli, Uduvil, Jaffna College, Holy Family Convent, Tamil Convent, Hartley College, M. G. H. S. Pt. Pedro and University choir.

Mr. Jayasingh David, Principal of Nuffield School conducted the combined choir and the Western violin ensemble rendered a melody of Carols. Miss Kirupaimani Thevathasan of Uduvil Girls College conducted the combined choir for the singing of the lyrics. The Oriental Orchestra was from Uduvil School and its Centre for Further Education. The Rev. K. P. Govindaraj gave the Christmas message while the Ven. S. D. Horshington pronounced the benediction. The function was very well attended.

The standard of singing was of an extremely high order both in Tamil and English. An encouraging feature was the participation of a University choir for the first time in the programme. This was due to the initiative of the newly appointed University Chaplain Mr. Dev Anandarajan. However, most notable was the participation of Hartley College and Point Pedro Methodist Girls High School. Their presence inspite of the devastations and ravagss of the present conflict was in itself a source of inspiration. This festival proved to be a re-affirmation that "in the midst of hunger and war, in the midst of death on every side.....we celebrate the promise of the living Christ."

meetings which will enable the youth of the North to build up a Youth Movement and he particularly thanked the Youth of Manipay for their untiring effort to bring this Seminar a success. The Seminar ended with the Prayer and Benediction by the Manipay Parish Priest Rev. D. R. Ambalavanar.

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[தெய்வ வார இதழ்]

[வெள்ளிதேனும் வெளிவருவது]

“நீதி ஜனத்தை உயர்த்தும்: பாவம் எந்தக் குலத்துக்கும் இழிவாம்”

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செய்திக் கோவையில்

உதய தாரகைக்குப் புதிய
உதவி ஆசிரியர்

உதய தாரகையின் உதவிப் பத்திராதிபராகத் திரு. வே. பத்மதேவன்வரன் தெரிவு செய்யப்பட்டுள்ளார். இவர் காரைக்கர்த் திருச்சபையைச் சேர்ந்தவர்.

கல்முனையில் இனக்கலவரம்

— ஒரு கண்ணோட்டம் —

இலங்கைத் தமிழர்களின் பிரச்சனையில் இங்கியா மிகவும் அக்கறையுடன் ஒரு சமாதானத் தீர்வை ஏற்படுத்த முயற்சித்துக் கொண்டிருக்கும் வேளையில் அம் பாரைமாவட்டத்தில் சிறுபான்மை இனங்களுக்குள்ளே வேண்டத் தகாதமுறையில் அடிக்கடி நிகழும் துர்ப்பாக்கிய சம்பவங்கள் அறிவுள்ள எந்த மனிதனது மனத்தையும் வருத்தாமலில்லை. ஒரு தாய் பிள்ளையாக அடுத்தடுத்த விடாக வாழ்ந்து கொண்டிருக்கும் தமிழ் முஸ்லிம் மக்களிடையே குரோத உணர்வைத் தூண்டி விட்டு மதம் என்ற போர்வையில் மனித உயிர்கள் குறையாடப்படுவது தொடர்ந்து கொண்டிருக்கிறது.

இதற்குச் சாதகமாக ஆவணி பத்தில் முஸ்லிம் ஒருவர் கொலை யுண்ட காரணத்தால் கொலைவெறி பிடித்த விஷமிகள் சிலர் கல்முனை 3ம் வட்டாரத்தை சின்னப்பின்னப் படுத்தினர், துவம்சம் செய்தனர்.

விடுகள் தியுடன் சங்கமமாகின, பொருட்கள் குறையாடப் பட்டன, உயிரினங்கள் துப்பாக்கி வேட்டுக்கும் வரன் வேட்டுக்கும் இலக்காகின. திடீர்த் தாக்குதல் மக்களை நிலைகுலையச் செய்தது, அடிப்பட்டபொருட்களுடன் உயிர் பிழைக்க அகதிமுகாம் நாடினர், தீவைப்பினால் தினம் தஞ்சமடைந்தோர் ஏறக்குறைய 8650 பேர், பதட்டநிலை ஒரு வாரம் நீடித்த ஓய மக்கள் சிலர் தம் இல்லிடம் ஏகினர்.

சமாதானக்கூட்டங்கள் உயர் மட்டத்தில் சரமாரியாகக் கூடி சமரசம் பேசின. கீழ்மட்டம் இதனை ஏற்கவில்லை. முடிவு ஆவணி 30ம் நாள் இரண்டாம் தீவைப்பு, அகதிகள் தொகை 9160 ஆக படியுயர்ந்தது. தயாள சிந்தையுடையோர் உணவு உடை வழங்கத் தயக்கமில்லை. சமயப் பிரகாரங்களும் சமூகத் தொண்டர்களும் இரவு பகலாகப் பணி புரிந்தனர்.

மழை ஓய்ந்ததும் துவானம் ஓபனிலை, மக்கள் மனதிலே

நல்லறிஞர் சித்தனைகள்

★ நாம் படிக்கப் படிக்க நம் மிடமிருந்த அறியாமையைக் கண்டு கொள்கிறோம்.

— வெஷ்லி

★ எந்த ஆராய்ச்சிகளிலும் நாம் சிறிது ஊன்றிக் கருத்தைச் செலுத்தினால் அது நமக்கு இன்பமளிக்காமல் இராது.

— போப்

★ வாழ்க்கைக்கு பயிற்சி பெறுவதுதான் கல்வி.

— வில்மாட்

★ வேலை மனிதனைக் கொல்லவில்லை வேலைதான் கொல்லும்.

— பீச்சர்

★ குடும்பங்கள் எப்படியோ அப்படியே சமூகம்.

— தேயர்

யாழ். மத்திய கல்லூரி
மாணவ முதல்வன் விழல்

30-10-86 வியாழன் அன்று அகால மரணமடைந்த பொ. விபுலானந்தனின் மறைவு; குறிப்பாக இளைஞர் சமுதாயத்திற்கே பேரிளப்பாகும். “கல்லவர்க்கு காலமில்லை” என்பதற்குப் போல், ஒரு கல்ல மாணவனை இழந்து விட்டோம். இந்த சிறிய வயதிலேயே இவர் பல சாதனைகளை நிகழ்த்தியுள்ளார். தோன்றினால் தோன்றினால் புகழுடன் தோன்றும் அன்றேல் தோன்றாமைமேல், தனது 17-ம் ஆண்டு வாழ்க்கையிலேயே தனது கல்லூரிக்கும் தனது சமுதாயத்திற்கும் புகழை சேர்த்துக் கொடுத்த மாணவமணி. இவர் ஒரு சிறந்த விளையாட்டு வீரன்! சிறந்த கலைஞன்! சமூகசேவகன் இப்படிப்பட்ட மாணவர்கள் மறைந்தாலும் அவர்களின் வாழ்வு முடிந்து விடாது!!

பீதியும் கவலையும் நிம்மதியற்ற நிலையும் குடி கொண்டுள்ளது. என்று கல்முனை மீண்டும் சகஜ நிலைக்குத் திரும்புமோ?

கார்மேல் பரத்திமாக் கல்லூரி
நிரந்தர அகதிகள் பட்டியல்

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— சிறுவர் மலர் —

யோசேப்பு

மாண்ட தம்பி யோசேப்பு மடியில்லை
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கேசக்காரம் தந்து பாசமுடன் ஏற்று நின்று
தேசம் காக்க தெரிந்தார் இறைவன் என்னை
மாசற்ற அன்பால் மறுபடியும் நாமெல்லாம்
சேய்மை நீங்கி ஒற்றுமையாய் வாழ்வோம்
காலத்தால் செய்த தீமை இறைமூன்றே
ஞாலமில் நன்மை ஆயிற்றே என்றான்.

A. V. Y.

ஏன் இந்தத்துன்பம்?

ஏனையா என்னைப் படைத்தீர்?

எங்கு பார்த்தாலும் பயக்கா இருள்!

ஏனையா இவ்வழியில் நடத்தினீர்?

எங்குபார்த்தாலும் கற்கள் முடிகள்!

ஏனையா என்னை இங்கு வைத்தீர்?

எங்கு பார்த்தாலும் அக்கிரமம்!

ஏனையா இங்கு அனுப்பினீர்?

எங்கு பார்த்தாலும் தரித்திரம்!

மகனே —

இருளில் ஒளியை நீ காட்டவும்,
முட்செடி போக்கிப் பூச்செடி காட்டவும்,
அக்கிரமக் கட்டுகளை அகிழ்க்கவும்,
ஒடுக்கப்பட்டோரை விடுவிக்கவும்,
சிறுமையானவரைக் காக்கவும்,
பசியுள்ளோர் பசியைத் தீர்க்கவும்,
உன்னை நான் படைத்தேன்! மகனே
மறவாதே! எழுந்திரு! செயலாற்ற !!

செய்திக் கோவை

ஊழியர் இடமாற்றம்

தென் இந்திய திருச்சபையாழ்ப்பாண அத்தியட்சகரின் தின் ஊழியர்கள் அனைவரும் 1987-ம் ஆண்டு மே மாதம் முதலாக திகதி இடமாற்றம் பெறவுள்ளனர். இந்த இடமாற்றத்தை செய்வதற்காக மூன்று பேரைக் கொண்ட ஒரு குழு 31-10-86 அன்று யாழ். அத்தியட்சகரின் தின் நிர்வாக சபையினால் நியமிக்கப்பட்டுள்ளது.

யாழ்ப்பாணக் கல்லூரி

தர்மகர்த்தர் சபைக் கூட்டம்

யாழ்ப்பாணக் கல்லூரியின் தர்மகர்த்தர் சபைக் கூட்டம் இம் மாதம் 7-ம், 8-ம் திகதிகளில் பொஸ்டனில் நடைபெற்றது. யாழ்ப்பாணக் கல்லூரி ஆளுனர் சபைத்தலைவர் திரு. எஸ். இராசநாயகம், கல்லூரி அகிபர் திரு. இ. கதிர்காமர், அத்தியட்சர் மகாகணம் D. J. அம்பலவாணர் ஆகியோர் இக்கூட்டத்தில் கலந்து கொண்டனர்.

உதைபந்தாட்டம்

மூன்றாவது சுற்றில் யாழ்ப்பாணக் கல்லூரி வெற்றி

மாணவர் மன்றமும் மறுமலர்ச்சிக் குழுவும் இணைந்து நடாத்தும் உதைபந்தாட்டச் சுற்றுப் போட்டியில் 4-11-86 சென்வாயன்று யாழ்ப்பாணக் கல்லூரியும் ஒஸ்மானியாக் கல்லூரியும் மோதின. யாழ்ப்பாணக் கல்லூரி ஏற்கனவே நடைபெற்ற இரு வெற்றிபெற்றது. ஒஸ்மானியாக் கல்

பல்கலைக்கழகம் வித்யை

மறித்துப் போராட்டம்

பல்கலைக் கழக மாணவன் A. விஜிதான் கானாமர் போனதையிட்டுச் சென்ற வியாழக்கிழமை (7-11-86) முதல் பல்கலைக் கழக மாணவர்கள் போராட்டம் நடத்தி வருகின்றனர். சென்ற திங்கட்கிழமை இவர்கள் விதிகளை மறித்துப் போராட்டம் நடத்தினார்கள்.

கரோல் ஆராதனை

யாழ்ப்பாணக் கல்லூரி ஆரம்ப பாடசாலையின் நத்தார் ஆராதனை சென்ற ஞாயிற்றுக்கிழமை மாலை 5.30 மணிக்கு போலயத்தில் நடைபெற்றது. பெருந்திரளான மக்கள் இத்தொழுகையில் கலந்து கொண்டனர்.

லூரிக்கும் யாழ்ப்பாணக் கல்லூரிக்கும் இடையேயான இவ் ஆட்டம் விதிகளின்படி இடம்பெற்றது. இறுதிவரையும் போட்டியில் வெற்றியாரிற்சென்பது புதிதாகவே இருந்தது. மேலதிக கோல் கொடுத்தும் இரு அணிகளும் கோல்கள் எதுவும் போடாததால் பனாலி (Penalty) மூலம் போட்டி முடிவு தீர்மானிக்க வேண்டியிருந்தது. இதிலே இறுதியில் யாழ்ப்பாணக் கல்லூரி 4-3 கோல் அடிப்படையில் வெற்றி பெற்றது. ஆட்டம் ஒஸ்மானியாக் கல்லூரி மைதானத்தில் இடம்பெற்றது.

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EDITORIAL

Peace and Political Developments

Unprecedented scenes were witnessed in Jaffna on Sunday (9-11-86) and on Monday (10-11-86). At a Conference held in an LTTE Camp on 9-11-86 two Army Commanders, Colonel Ananda Weerasekara and Captain Kotelawela met the LTTE leader, Kittu and his group and came to an agreement about the release of the two servicemen in LTTE custody and the reciprocatory release of the two LTTE men, in army custody, in a ceremony outside the Jaffna Fort, on Monday 10-11-86.

At the time of our writing these notes, the exact details of the ceremony are not available. According to news accounts of statements made by the LTTE leader in Jaffna, Kittu, he expects some foreign journalists, a member of the clergy of the Buddhist or Christian Faith and the SLMP Leader, Vijaya Kumaranatunga to be present at the historic handing over ceremony in Jaffna of the two servicemen and the two LTTE warriors by the respective authorities.

"Peace comes drooping slow" and it is our hope that the land, long in the grip of agony is on its way to see the dawn of a new day.

The euphoria over these happenings has not, however been unmitigated. A pall of gloom currently covers the University of Jaffna Campus where a third year student of Commerce is missing from his private residence at Palaly Road according to reports, from Tuesday 4-11-86. The Vice-Chancellor, Staff and Students are making a frantic bid to get information about the youth who is from Batticaloa and who, it is learnt, had come to Jaffna for security reasons. Ripples of our long-drawn out confrontation are unpredictable, but most crippling to parents are the 'disappearances' of their children.

The release of the two servicemen by the LTTE and the release of the two LTTE men by the Sri Lankan government cannot be taken as an isolated event, in the long drawn-out battle, significant only for its human warmth and camaraderie. The episode raises the whole question of the accountability of the government for the hundreds now in custody in jails and detention camps and those in the category of "enforced or involuntary disappearances" of whom the *Amnesty International* has recently highlighted in its 89-page document titled "Sri Lanka Disappearances". The government in reply has called upon the AI and other organisations to lodge their complaints with the police. If Peace is to be a reality in the country, there has to be mutual gestures of the kind we have witnessed on the 9th and 10th of this month and a humanitarian approach to human problems.

The visit of the GMOA delegation to Jaffna on 4-10-86 is another glowing page in our otherwise dark annals. The Constitution of Sri Lanka provides for the acceptance of health as a fundamental right. In February 1980, the commitment was re-affirmed by signing a charter to provide "Health for All by 2000 AD".

But the security forces in the Jaffna Fort had decided to put the Jaffna residents outside the pale of this Charter. The GMOA had to step in to avert this disaster for the Jaffna people, the Jaffna doctors and above all for the UNP government itself which was responsible for the Charter. The extract from the GMOA Press release touches the core of the problem:—

"We wish to point out that however grave the situation in Jaffna, we cannot afford to expose the hospital to the dangers described above, in view of the nature of the service rendered by it and particularly in view of the patients associated with it and also considering the measures adopted internationally in situations of this nature." (Italics ours)

The members of the GMOA team were Dr. Stanmore de Alwis (who led the team), Dr. W. M. S. Ratnapriya, the Secretary of the GMOA and Dr. S. Piyasiri. The team spent two days in Jaffna and left on 6-11-86. That the area around the hospital be declared a zone of Peace is the suggestion of this Team.

Certain sections of the media in Sri Lanka are still playing up the war effort, with President Jayawardene's statement which he is reported to have made to the Indian High Commissioner, J. N. Dixit before the latter left for New Delhi to set the stage, if possible for a Third Round of Talks:— "I'll do what I can to end terrorism."

Contemporary events in U.S. are a pointer to the unreality of President Reagan's image which he tried to project the State as representing accumulated violence to be organised for offence or defence.

Target Number One of the New Democratic controlled Senate is Reagan's SDI on which he even refused to compromise with Mikhail Gorbachev in Reykjavik, last month. There was nothing creative in approaching security through more of the same old device, was the view of the Senate.

As we have once before pointed out in these columns, Sri Lanka will be on the verge of a technological stone age at the rate in which funds normally intended for higher education and health are being diverted today for defence. Army — Rs. 3.1 billion; Navy — Rs. 918 million; Air Force — Rs. 1 billion; Police —

Service of Thanksgiving

A service of Thanksgiving for the life of the late Mr. Mano Kadirgamar who died in London on the 19th of October was held at the C. S. I. Chapel, Wellawatte at 6.15 p.m. on Tuesday the 4th of November. Mr. Kadirgamar was 54 years of age at the time of his death when he succumbed to a second heart by-pass surgery in London. Mano was the second son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Kadirgamar of Vaddukoddai and was married to Pathmaranee Thurairajasingham. Besides his wife Rane, a son and a daughter and brothers Messrs. Thiru and Rajan Kadirgamars and sister Mrs. Saras Rajamohan he leaves behind a large host of friends and relations to mourn his loss in Sri Lanka and Britain. The funeral service in London we are informed was attended by a very large crowd of friends and relations. Mr. Mano Kadirgamar was a senior Executive in the Lloyds Bank of London for more than 20 years, was an elder of the local Methodist Church, a Vice-President and active member of the Jaffna College Alumni Association of London and an enthusiastic member of a committee to raise funds for the Tamil refugees in Sri Lanka. He had his education at Jaffna College where he stood out as an excellent sportsman and was also a popular student leader and School Councillor.

He was also a very active member of the Vaddukoddai Church Youth League and maintained his Churches relationships very devotedly wherever he went, with the local church of his residence.

The service in Colombo was conducted by the Rev. J. J. Ratnarajah and tributes were paid by Mr. J. G. Arasaratnam who was also present at the funeral service in London and Mr. A. S. Kadirgamar. The Prayers were led by Mr. A. R. Kadirgamar and the lessons were read by Mr. C. I. Kunanayagam. Special solos were sung, one in English by Miss Shiranthi Kadiagam and one in Tamil by Mr. Mano Devasagayam. The sermon was preached by Rev. Ratnarajah.

The tributes, prayers and sermon referred to Mr. Mano Kadirgamar as a very successful, enthusiastic, kind-hearted and pleasant Christian gentleman who overcame the hardships of life with hard-work, perseverance, hope and courage.

Not only did he make a tremendous success of his career in the Bank, he also nurtured a beautiful Christian family that was an example to many. Reference was also made to his great spirit of service and his consideration to those in need. The service order at the funeral in London summarized Mr. Kadirgamar's life with an apt phrase "encouraged by his courage".

Rs. 1.6 billion: Ministry of Defence — Rs. 3.8 billion: Higher Education — 102 billion: Health — 2.9 billion.]

Hotels and tourism even if they resume the normal pre-war tempo, cannot make up for the loss of upper-level intellectual and technical man-power. The story is told that in a certain country only those under 45 and with 'needed skills' were given immigrant status. A millionaire who applied was turned down because immigration officials ruled that his "occupation" was not on the list of those needed.

But there is also another side of the story. Commenting on the unexpected death of Dr. Kanapathipillai Arumugam on 9-10-86 in London, (an Old Boy of St John's College, Jaffna) who obtained a First Class in Civil Engineering at the Peradeniya University, where he was on the Staff for some time after obtaining his doctorate abroad, the President of the *Standing Committee of Tamil Speaking People (SCOT)* says:

"Arum was a classic example of a generation of Tamil academics whose brilliant services were lost to Sri Lanka as a result of their being treated as 'second class citizens' in the land of their birth."

[Dr. Arumugam specialised in *Fluid Mechanics* and was Senior Lecturer in the Department of Civil Engineering at the City University.]

As for the Peace Proposals, the press-inflated reports paint a political Sky which is "scribbled over". But according to the *TULF*, the Tamil groups have by no means rejected the proposals. They have only underscored the "gaps" which still constitute the whole or part of the core issues—the single linguistic unit, crown lands, to be vested in provincial councils; safeguards in the use of Emergency Powers etc., etc., all within the ambit of legitimate claims to make the Provincial Councils, a working reality.

The statement of the LSSP on "Provincial Councils" issued during the Colombo Talks bears in the present context the imprint of political wisdom:—

"Nothing that has the effect of limiting structure of power or of the powers devolved should be laid down in advance as an insuperable obstacle for a political settlement."

The Citizens Committee of National Harmony hit the nail squarely when it said "some positive signs from the government and a Sinhala consensus will help to achieve the peace process."

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