

## HOT SPRING

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"In a few months time, a Jewish State will exist in Palestine. That is natural. We shall pay for it with our blood. That is normal. The best among us will fall, that is certain. But what is equally certain is that our morale will not waver no matter how numerous our invaders, may be"

Golda Meir, in 1943

# UNHCR Condemns Arrest of Refugees in Camps

The United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) has condemned the arrests of refugees living in refugee camps by the Armed forces of the Sri Lankan Government.

In a note to the Government of Sri Lanka the UNHCR has said that the Government should ensure that arrests within Refugee camps do not take place at least hereafter.

There are refugee camps run by the UNHCR in the Mannar District.

Earlier there were reports to the effect that some refugees in the refugee camp in

the Mannar island were arrested by the Sri Lankan army. The island of Mannar is under occupation by the Sinhala Army.

The UNHCR, it is reported, has severely condemned the arrests and has requested the Government of Sri Lanka to ensure that no such arrests of refugees take place in the future.

## Bishop Kulendiran Passes Away

We regret to record the death of Rt. Rev. Dr. S. Kulendiran. He passed away at Vaddukudai on 14-02-92. It may be recalled that he was the First Bishop of the Church of South India in Jaffna following its Union with South India. He was earlier Bishop of the American Mission in Ceylon.

Bishop Kulendiran was one of the three members of the Public Commission appointed by the Jaffna Public Affairs Committee in 1974 to inquire into the nine deaths at the Fourth International Tamil Research Conference held at the Viceroy's Hall, Jaffna.

He was an active member of the Youth Congress and was the author of many books on religion, social affairs and biographies.

His funeral will take place at Vaddukudai on the morning of 17-2-92.

## Musings of Mr. Meddle



A curfew for 72 hours beginning from 6.00 a.m. on February 15 and ending at 6.00 a.m. on February 18 has been imposed all over Jaffna peninsula excepting the islands under occupation by the Sri Lanka Army according to a communique issued by Joint Operations Command of the Sri Lankan Government.

- News

Wonder whether 72 hours is sufficient for the Sinhala forces for the conquest of the peninsula.

## TAMIL VILLAGES BEING CHANGED INTO SINHALA VILLAGES

Reports from Batticaloa state that Tamil villages on the borders of the Batticaloa and Polonnaruwa District are being fast changed into Sinhala villages. Tamils have left their villages as refugees.

According to the same reports within the last three weeks three Tamil villages have been entirely colonised with Sinhalese people. During the last year in all 15 Tamil villages on the borders of the Polonnaruwa District have thus been changed to

Sinhala villages. The Sinhala settlement of what were once Tamil villages is being done with the protection and assistance of the Sinhala Army. The reports further state that six Tamil villages which were under the administrative control of the Government Agent of Batticaloa have now been transferred to the administration of the Government Agent of Polonnaruwa after Sinhalese persons have been settled in these former Tamil villages. Moves are afoot

to transfer many other once Tamil villages also out of the Batticaloa administrative district and attach them to the Polonnaruwa District.

## All Young men Arrested 5 Shot Dead

News reports from Trincomalee state that the Sri Lankan Army surrounded the villages of Kiliveddi, Samour and Seethanaveli from the 21st of last month and arrested all the young

men in the villages. The fate of the arrested persons is not known. The same report adds that during the round up five Tamils were shot dead by the Sinhala soldiers. The report also says that a number of Hindu temples in the areas surrounded have been damaged and efforts are being undertaken to construct a new Buddhist temple at Kiliveddi.

## 7 SHOT DEAD IN TRINCO Sinhala Army continues Terrorisation

The Sinhala Army's terror campaign in the Trincomalee District continues. According to reports seven Tamils have been shot dead; two have lost their legs and many have sustained injuries.

According to the reports in an indiscriminate firing indulged in by the Sinhala Army at Paattalipuram in the Trincomalee District four Tamils died on the spot. They are Pattakutti Siva-

kumar, Packian Yogan, Arul and Chelliah Chitravel.

Pattakutti Sivakumar's mother Packiam and sister Jeyamalar (aged 9) lost their legs. Also many others were injured.

At Mutur Sinnathamby Sivapal of Koonitivu, a pedestrian was shot and killed by the Sinhala Army.

Also the same report adds that two Tamils were shot dead by the Sinhala Army at a place called Mahinthapura.

## Four Tamils Shot Dead

Four Tamils were shot dead at Panchenai in the Batticaloa District when on Sunday, February 9, the Sinhala Army surrounded the village and arrested many persons in the village.

The four persons shot dead have been identified as Palipodi Ratnam, Gnana-suntharam, Gopalapillai Velapody, and Vellayar.

## MUSLIMS ROB REFUGEE FOOD

According to reports a gang of Muslim hoodlums have attacked Tamil refugees at Vakara and robbed relief provisions given to them.

The report adds that Tamil refugees in the area are provided relief food only once in two months by the Government whereas Sinhalese are given equal quantity of provisions thrice a month.

Tamil refugees have to go a long way to Vakara to get these provisions. Recently incidents have been reported where Muslim hoodlums have attacked Tamil refugees and relieved them of the

relief provisions when the latter went to Vakara to obtain their provisions.

## Navy Shoots at Fishermen in Mullaitivu

Sri Lankan Navy is reported to be shooting at fishermen fishing in the seas off Mullaitivu.

It is reported that a number of fishermen have been injured and fishing boats and other implements damaged.

Two fishermen, Nagarajah Theivendran and Sellathurai Selvin Arany are reported missing from Saturday February 1. They had gone out to sea fishing.

## Canadian Government's Gift to Refugee Children

The Canadian High Commissioner in Colombo has gifted a sum of Rs. 735,000/- to the Refugees' Rehabilitation Fund 1983. The Aid has been given in the form of school uniform material and stationery for the use of children living as refugees in Vadamaradchy from Palaly and Trincomalee.

The Refugee Rehabilitation Fund has in a Press Note acknowledged the receipt of the goods and has stated that it would shortly distribute the materials to the refugees concerned. It has also expressed its heartfelt thanks to the Canadian Government and the Canadian High Commission in Colombo.



## OUR READERS' CORNER

Dear Mr. Editor,

The aid consortium in Paris has sanctioned 850 Million U. S. Dollars as aid to Sri Lanka this year. This has come as an anti-climax to protests here and abroad over the gross violation of human rights and disappearance of thousands of Sinhala and Tamil citizens. The donors have also turned a blind eye to several mass killings such as the Kokkatticholai incident where 67 Tamil civilians, including children were done to death by the Sri Lanka army, which the American Time Magazine described as the worst army in the world, not excluding the Congo Regiment. As regards disappearance, Sri Lanka is streets ahead of any other country and can easily get into the Guinness Book of records, if it wished. The ethnic tragedy is dragging on to its 9th year devouring its children everyday. The govt. has worsened the plight of the Tamils by a brutal blockade of essential food fuel and medical supplies, creating famine conditions and starvation. How could the civilized christian west overlook this Neo-Nazi record and grant aid to the Black Sheep, except on the principle "The more you kill the more you will get."

The world shaking events in the Soviet Union Yugoslavia and Eastern Europe

## Aid to Sri Lanka

do not seem to have made the slightest impact on our Sinhala rulers. They should understand this is the death knell of the era of one race ruling over another race. The Russian Red Army which was occupying the countries of Eastern Europe and the 15 States of the former U. S. S. R. since the end of the Second World War, has withdrawn and gone home to Moscow. The evil empire built by the Czars and consolidated by communists has been completely dismantled. As a result all these countries have regained their freedom once more. Sri Lanka is the ugly duckling where a 100% Sinhala army has to occupy a 100% Tamil Jaffna, when the spirit of liberalisation and openness is everywhere.

A friend of mine gave me some old Colombo Newspapers. I was shocked to

see them full of contempt and redicule of Mr. Thondaman and his proposals to solve the ethnic problem. They poured venom and scorn and even challenged the fact that North East is the traditional homeland of the Tamil speaking people. But they did not give any alternative plan of their own. Neither the govt. nor the main opposition party has cared to make representation to the Select Committee. So where is the solution going to come from?

The Sinhala politicians are dreaming whether they will get less votes or more votes at the next elections years away, if they did this or did not do that now. The Tamil tragedy is lower down the list as far as they are concerned.

yours truly

R. L. Thevathasan

Erlalai,

## I. P. K. F. Killings of Eelam Civilians

The Editor,  
Hot Spring.

President Premadasa appointed a commission to inquire into the excesses committed by the Sri Lankan Forces at Kokkatticholai primarily at the instance of Joseph Pararajasingam the

TULF Member of Parliament for Batticaloa.

This commission had found the army personnel guilty of 67 innocent Tamil civilians including women and children. President Premadasa has promised that action will be taken against the guilty army personnel.

A very similar incident took place at Valvettiturai, when six IPKF soldiers were killed in an ambush by our freedom fighters. The IPKF then ran amok and killed 71 innocent civilians including women and children. In addition they also set ablaze hundreds of shops and houses.

No one has yet raised objections in Parliament to this wanton killing by the Indians. Is there one law for the Sri Lankan forces and another law for the Indian forces? Or is anyone in Parliament going to take up this matter and bring the Indian miscreants to book?

There have been several other such wanton killings by the IPKF, e.g. storming into the Jaffna Hospital and

killing doctors, nurses and patients in all about 80 or the dropping of bombs at Chavakachcheri market square which killed 17 civilians. If some M.P. brings this matter up, the President will have to appoint a Commission to inquire into these wanton killings by the IPKF. If none of the members of Parliament wishes to raise his voice either perhaps through fear of India or his antipathy towards the Tamils, I am sure the International Community as represented by Amnesty International or like Organisation has a moral obligation in the name of humanity to force the President to appoint a Commission.

S. Alagaratnam

Urumpirai.

## Educational Standard in Consonance with Aim

Editor,  
Hot Spring

It is high time now that the standard of education in Jaffna schools is geared to make up for the drawbacks of the past - civil disruption and ethnic violence, which has not yet ended.

The prime responsibility of raising the educational standard rests with the teachers.

Students should be taken through their subjects smoothly without making the

subjects difficult. When students make mistakes in their answers, it is enough if they are asked to re-write their answers once, twice, thrice, four or the maximum of five times. It should not be case of imposition where children have to re-write the answers hundred times or more.

All teachers must also make it their unavoidable duty to correct the exercises done by students.

V. N. Kandasamy  
English Tutor

Kokuvil.

The death of Miss K. Charavanamuthu Retired Principal Vadamardchy Hindu Girls' College, when announced over the radio at 6.40 a.m. on Thursday 23rd January 1992, came as a rude shock to me.

It would have caused a great amount of grief to many an old student of her and her assistant teachers of Vada Hindu Girls' College.

She cannot go unremembered by many a parent and student of Vada Hindu Girls' College.

After Graduating in Science at the University of Madras she dedicated herself to the teaching world.

I came to know her for the first time at Sri Somaskanda College Puttur when she visited the College as a member of the team that came to inspect under the leadership of Mr. S. P. Satkunam who retired as an Assistant Director of Education and now resting with good health in his very old age in Australia.

After her inspection of the members of the team she addressed the Teachers. Her firmness in her address to the staff revealed her sincerity to

the task she undertook. She emphasised to the Teachers that the three Ds - Duty, Dedication, and Discipline are the hallmarks of a Teacher.

While serving as Inspector of schools, she acceded to the request of many a leading citizen of Vadamardchy to take up the Principalship of Vada Hindu Girls' College.

Her longer period of service in the Teaching field with

pulse of the parents of Vadamardchy who could ill afford a Private Free Education school with limited income derived from the facilities fees of the children.

She fought hard against the resolution of the Hindu Board that took her to Courts with a writ application. She, with the assistance of the All Ceylon Union of Teachers Northern Province, the then President of which was her

class under the guidance of Miss Rajadurai of Jaffna town.

She was a devout Hindu Saivite. She organised 'Pajana' and 'Pan' at the school that has now earned a reputation. It has reached such a peak that it is sought after for items at the Sivarathiri festival at Puloli Pasupatheswaran Temple and other religious festivals - some organised by the Elankai Saiva Manram Point Pedro.

Her interest in sports made her introduce Net-Ball at Vada Hindu that lead a Team to participate in the All Ceylon Public Schools Net-Ball Competition. It brought fame by securing the First Place.

Her devotion to school brought her home to the doorstep of every parent so much so the community at large has developed a heart for the school.

Her dedication to the Teaching service is today remembered by the excellent performance of the students at the examinations both the G. C. E. (O. L.) and A. L.

In fact many of the Principals who succeeded her were her assistants in the order of seniority. Her serenity and honesty to work has influenced many of her assistants to such an extent that they while in their assumption of office as Principals have not failed to maintain the traditions as built by her.

They had seen to the expansion of the school with additional buildings and additional faculties leading to the University. The school year 1992, has dawned with an achievement to the school - the glory of a student in Commerce in the A. L. scoring a Three hundred and Ten mark and keeping the Torch of Learning burning as lighted by the Revered Miss Charavanamuthu.

She had passed away at the age of eighty - a ripe age.

May, her soul rest in Peace.

Ohm Shanthi! Shanthi!!  
Shanthi!!!

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Point Pedro.

## APPRECIATION

tiring experiences during the take over of Assisted Schools by the Government was at Vada Hindu Girls' College.

The Vadamardchy Hindu Board of Education that founded the Vada Hindu Girls College decided to go private like some of the leading Christian Missionary Schools.

She has to be merited for her foresight. She, who hails from Ariyalai a village of intellectuals in very high positions both in the Government and private sector, opposed the move of the Board as she had already felt the

good friend the undaunted Trade Unionist the Late S. P. Nadarajah famed S. P., came off successful.

The Vigour in mind, strength and Valour of Joan of Arc who fought to save France was obvious.

An efficient Administrator was she with a creative mind. During the period of office as Principal at Vada Hindu, she gave an opportunity to many a school leaver to learn a trade. She started a Weaving Class appointing one Mr. Kulanthavelu of Thambachitty as the Teacher in charge and a needle work



# "TO Desist from Action Would be to betray the trust of the people."

At the very commencement of the Satyagraha Campaign late Mr. Chelvanayakam, then the leader of the Ilankai Tamil Arsu Kadchi (ITAK) issued the following statement;—

".....We have no alternative. To desist from action would be to betray the trust that our people have placed in us."

"The necessary elements for the success of a campaign like ours are;—

- (1) That it is used in support of a just cause;
- (2) That it is by the desire and aspiration of the people;
- (3) The moral strength and discipline of those who carry on the campaign and those on whose behalf the campaign is carried on, must be above board.

## Ideal Democracy

"Democracy is not merely the rule by a majority. It is based on certain ideals and principles which any majority must not infringe. To give a simple illustration, the majority in Parliament should not pass a law that all the people belonging to a minority group should have one of their arms amputated."

No civilised being would defend such a measure on the ground that it represents the view or opinion of the majority of the legislature.

Something very similar to this illustration is what is happening in Ceylon to the language of the Tamil-speaking people. A non-Tamil speaking majority in Parliament has decreed against the status of the language in spite of the determined and almost unanimous opposition of the Tamil-speaking people.

## Struggle of Tamil speaking people

The Tamil-speaking people have put up a strenuous struggle for the adoption of Tamil as a language of administration and of the Courts in the Northern and Eastern Provinces and for the use of Tamil in the rest of the country. But the Government is proceeding to impose Sinhala in these Tamil-speaking areas as well. This is a most wicked policy of the Government.

It cannot be explained away by falling back on the plea

that it is sanctioned by the majority in Parliament. The whole Tamil-speaking nation revolts against these measures and the question is what we should do now!

Should we stand by and witness the liquidation of our race or should we act in circumstances similar to what Gandhi and the Indian National Congress resorted to against the law of the country which was characterised as moral and patriotic conduct. Our party has decided to do likewise.

## We are prepared

"We are prepared to face the consequences of our actions which consequences may be serious. We have no alternative. To desist from action would be to betray the trust our people have placed in us.

We have no misgivings about the strength or the capacity of the Government to resort to repressive measures and oppress our people. One thing is certain! Our campaign cannot result in danger, unless our actions are disowned by our people. The measure of its success depends on the extent to which our people get trained to resist the unjust measures of the Government that rules them without their consent", the statement concluded.

## Campaign starts in earnest

February 20th was the day of the opening of the Assize sessions at Jaffna. The opening was to be at 11 a.m. The Government Agent, Mr. M. Sri Kantha would have to leave his Kachechi residence for the opening of the Assize session in his capacity Deputy Fiscal to present the mandate. It was 10-30 a.m., when Mr. Sri Kantha came out of his residence in a police jeep, accompanied by Mr. C. R. Arndt, Superintendent of Police and a constable. When the Satyagrahis at the Old Park entrance saw the Government Agent drive close to it, they in all about 20 to 25 lay prostrate on the ground, blocking the path of the jeep and denying exit through that entrance. Nevertheless, the driver drove in and the front wheel tyres nearly got on to the necks of certain satyagrahis but they would not budge. A youth of 20, named Palani nearly went under the wheel. The Superintendent of Police,

unhesitatingly ordered the Police force to "hammer them out and clear the way". They baton-charged the satyagrahis, as they lay prostrate on the ground.

At the Old Park entrance there were more constables than satyagrahis indicating that the Police had known that the Government Agent would leave for the Courts by that entrance and expected trouble as a result. In fact there were two to three constables to every satyagrahi. Dr. E.M.V. Naganathan blocked the passage of the jeep in which the Government Agent was seated. Messrs. V.A. Kandiah, V. Tharmalingam, A. Amirthalingam and K. Thurairatnam joined Dr. Naganathan and prostrated themselves in front of the jeep. The Police attacked the five members with their batons but the baton blow on the Doctor was so severe that the baton broke into two, and one of the broken pieces got into the Doctor's hands which he tossed aloft much to the amusement of the spectators in spite of the seriousness of the occasion. The Doctor thus earned the approbation as the 'Iron Man' of the party. Although the satyagrahis were seated with folded arms and did not stretch a limb against the Police, the Police for their part trampled the peaceful satyagrahis and their conduct in this fashion savoured of irresponsibility, indiscipline and indecency. Their hooligan-like manner on the unarmed and defenceless satyagrahis incensed the feelings of those who had gathered around so that they themselves became participants in the satyagraha.

## The Satyagrahis Act With Restraint

Meanwhile reserve volunteers who had stood by, rushed to the entrance and occupied it. Even members of the public crowded this entrance which was packed to more than its capacity. Thus from a handful of 20-25 satyagrahis, the number rose to nearly 500. In spite of this increase in number, the satyagrahis conducted themselves with the utmost restraint and sufferance which came up to Gandhian standards.

## Calm Restored

Reacting to Police behaviour, the crowds became excited and angry. Of course they had been sufficiently

provoked by the Police. As the City was alerted to the situation, more and more people surged. The Police Force found the situation alarming. They used tear gas and fired warning shots in the air. Neither the crowd nor the Satyagrahis moved away. The Federal leaders appealed for calm and reminded the crowd that satyagraha was just the opposite of violence. The crowds then obeyed and left the entrance, while the volunteers including the reserves remained.

## Student participation in satyagraha

On 22nd February, 1961, the 'Times of Ceylon' and 'Virakesari' carried banner headlines of reports on the Satyagraha. St John's College, Advanced Level students met after the Police attack on satyagrahis and decided to join the satyagraha campaign if further attacks were made on the unarmed peaceful satyagrahis. This resolution paved the way for student participation in the satyagraha campaign.

## CWC Support for Satyagrahis

On 26th February, 1961, at a meeting of Up-country Tamil workers in the Valukapparai Estate, President

## VENTHAN

S. Thondaman stated "Suppression of the Federal Party Satyagraha would mean a suppression of Tamil language and culture. The Ceylon Workers' Congress which has been striving for years for the workers, would not hesitate to play its part for the restoration of the rights of the Tamil-speaking people. .... Now let us all get ready even if it means a fight! If such a situation should arise, we must have food and clothing to last for three months" he concluded his speech met with thundrous applause. What followed has become history.

## SJV replies to P M's speech.

On 26th March, Mr. Chelvanayakam replied to the Prime Minister's broadcast of 25th which may be appropriate in the present situation:—

"At no time did we underestimate the might of the Prime Minister's Government. We are quite aware that she has powers enough to turn the armed forces against us. We were and are aware that when the Prime Minister's forces turn their guns against us, we would be as helpless against her armed killers as her late husband was powerless, when he faced the gunshots of his assassin on that fateful day in 1959."

The Prime Minister has made a radio speech touching on the satyagraha. That speech is more fitting an imperial dictator speaking to his people than a speech made by a democratic leader to her people.

In fact the manner and contents of her speech correctly depicts the true status of the Tamil-speaking people in Ceylon. The rule over them is indeed colonial imperialism.

## No attempt to solve problem

It is noteworthy that the Prime Minister's speeches touching on the struggle for freedom of the Tamil-speaking people adopt the political technique of imperialism. In her radio speech just before her departure to Great Britain, she made an appeal to those whom she called 'reasonable Tamils' to disown the actions of the mischief makers, viz. the Federalists. The British imperialists reacted similarly to the struggle for freedom of the Indian patriots. In this connection it could be pertinently stated that there was no section of the Tamil-speaking people, certainly not in the Northern and Eastern Provinces which did not fervently support the satyagraha campaign.

The analysis of the contents of the Prime Minister's speech revealed that she was prepared to examine the difficulties caused by the implementation of the Sinhala Only Act, when satyagraha was called off. She must certainly know that the essence of the claim of Tamil-speaking people on the language issue is weightier than the difficulties caused by the implementation of the Sinhala Only Act.

## Positive demands of the Tamil people

"The demand of the Tamil-speaking people is a positive rather than a negative one. What they want is the granting of a certain status to Tamil in the Administration and in Courts of this Island. The particulars of that status and use had been given by the Federal Party to the Prime Minister.

The dispute between us and the Government covers more ground than the Language issue but for the purpose of this statement, I shall limit myself to the Language issue only. On that issue, our dispute is around the status and use of the Tamil Language.

She says nothing about this. Evidently, she is not prepared to grant this demand, although we have submitted memoranda and discussed them at a Conference. Moreover, we have debated in

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# SRI LANKA - THE SECOND BIAFRA

Mr. K. Thiruchittampalam of Chavakachcheri recently sent a memorandum to the E.E.C. countries through the French Prime Minister.

Mr. Thiruchittampalam in his letter said that donors of foreign aid to Sri Lanka should withhold the grant of aid to Sri Lanka in view of its history of violations of human rights and other crimes against the Eelam Tamils.

We publish the letter here to indicate how Eelam Tamils feel on the aid foreign donors give to perpetuate crime by the Sri Lankan Government.

We are definite that Your Excellency would have received several appeals on behalf of the Sri-Lankan Tamils from Public, Human Rights Societies, Amnesty International, Christian Missionaries & Etc.

It is pointless to write theses of the various types of sufferings we, Sri-Lankan Tamils are undergoing under the Baudha Sinhala Imperialist Autocratic Barbarous rule of earlier Mr. J. R. Jayawardena and now of Mr. Ranasinghe Premadasa's Govt. To testify the facts some of the paper cuttings from news papers are enclosed and sent under separate cover for perusal.

The Civilised world knows that ever since the British Colonizers left the shores of SRI LANKA, then known as CEYLON, the Sri-Lankan Tamil Community has been at the receiving ends under every regime of the Sinhalese rulers. The rights of the Tamils continued to be trampled upon systematically and callously. Their lands were and are still being grasped under the pretext of National Development projects and given over to the Sinhalese Hoodlums for perpetuation of continued communal troubles. Amparai in Eastern Province formerly known as Paddipalai was prior to independence, a predominantly Tamil region. Now only a negligible percent of the population of that region are Tamils. Even those that were allowed to remain are being driven to seek shelter in the nearby jungles by the STATE-TERRORISTS- the SECURITY FORCES. Are they safe at least in the jungles? No. Not at all. The beasts of the jungles and the Sinhala beasts in the security-force, are taking heavy toll of their lives. This is happening in the final decade of the 20th. Century in SRI LANKA. Why was the U.N.O. formed? What purpose has it served? What has one of its most essential organs the W.H.O. done to relieve the sufferings

of the Sri-Lankan Tamils. Hundreds of Women, Children and Men are dying daily in the North & East of SRI-LANKA for want of Medical care. Most of the important drugs nearly 50 in number used only for critical medical situation are absolutely not available anywhere in the North & East. These drugs are not used to treat the wounded by the Non-combatants or Militants. What justification is there for banning the entry of such drugs into the North & East. Now a Sinister move, is afoot to close down the Medical Faculty of the Jaffna University, thus depriving the Northern Tamils of the services of eminent specialists in various fields. The Christian West and the Buddhist Japan are watching these developments with utter unconcern.

We are tempted to think that the rulers of these lands

re behaving like Unrepentant Judas, Iscariots. The oppressed and suffering section of the SRI-LANKAN TAMILS do not seem to have stirred their sympathies at all.

GREAT BRITAIN the mother of democracy and one time our ruler has been giving Military hardware to the Fascists Govt. of Sri-Lanka to exterminate the very Community - the Tamils of North & East of SRI-LANKA - who had rendered them efficient & loyal service during their years of occupation in SRI-LANKA.

The Security Services personnel stationed at Batticaloa had committed a mass-murder at KOKKADICHOLAT a district lying towards the south of Batticaloa in the middle of last year. The victims numbering about 160 included Men Women, Boys, Girls even Children. Most of them were axed and slaughtered with swords. The horrifying news seemed to have touched even the heartless Powers - that are in Colombo. So a Presidential Commission of Inquiry was appointed to probe into this bloody massacre of the Non-Combatants When 21 suspects in all were summoned to appear before the Commission, only 17 turned up. The Counsel looking after the interests of the victims MR. KUMAR PONNAMPALAM had found

to his dismay, that all those security personnel present at the inquiry had resolutely refused to take the Oaths, thereby making the investigation amere mockery of Justice. The Counsel was greatly perturbed over this development and had therefore indicated to the President of the Commission the uselessness of their mission. I do trust Honestly and Sincerely that those Western - Aid giving countries should take cognisance of this fact also, and refuse forthwith any financial aid to SRI-LANKA in future.

kers Union has stated that 50,000 of Sri Lankan Tamils have been killed. The Govt. Rehabilitation Ministry has stated that due to the North & East War from 1989 to 24.6.1991- Twelve Thousands had been killed and 17 Lakhs had been made refugees by the atrocities of the Sri-Lankan combined forces. But the actual account cannot be obtained.

Within the last few days, Islands off Jaffna and all the surroundings of Jaffna Peninsula have been fully militarized for the highest attack by all the SRI-LANKAN

## K. Thiruchittampalam

SRI-LANKAN GOVT-RECORD OF HUMAM RIGHT-VIOLATION is the most horrible in living memory.

Besides, I wish to draw Your Honour's attention to the Reports of the Amnesty International regarding the number of murders and unaccounted disappearances of persons - Several thousands in Sri-Lanka. A few months back a Colombo based wor-

COMBINED FORCES (ARMY, NAVY and AIR FORCE). And also with the firm intention of tightening the Economic Blockade, the Sri Lankan Govt. & Army have planned to close up the only gap (Path) which connects Jaffna Peninsula with the rest of the Main lands- North & East of Sri Lanka to prevent the Public and

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## Is Lankan... Government...?

Lankan Government always states  
That Tamils are our brothers  
And the military actions  
Only against LTTE  
And not against Tamils!  
But during the military actions  
Only the Tamil citizens  
Are being injured killed and so on!  
Is Lankan Government.....?

Lankan Government informs on mornings  
Through public communications  
That ethnic problems cannot be solved  
Through military actions  
And only political solutions  
Will be the remedy for these problems!  
But on the same evenings  
Military actions will be accelerated  
In North and East Provinces!  
Is Lankan Government.....?

Out side Sri Lanka .....  
Lankan Government raising it's voice  
Strongly supporting the PLO  
In UNO General Assembly  
And where ever and when ever  
It finds suitable and possible to do so!  
But within Sri Lanka .....  
Lankan Government is denying  
The basic human rights of Tamils;  
The rights of Tamils ruling themselves;  
Rejecting the fundamental policy  
That North and East Provinces  
As Tamils' home Land;  
And taking all steps  
To suppress the freedom struggle of Tamils  
By using its all powers in full!  
Is Lankan Government.....?

....."SARAVANAS"

## To Desist from...

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Parliament at length our objections to the Language of the Courts Bill.

"It is when negotiations and debate in Parliament failed to achieve what the entire Tamil-speaking people are concerned is their birthright that we resorted to the weapon of satyagraha. In this situation what the Prime Minister says amounts to

- (1) asking us to withdraw the satyagraha;
- (2) she will not grant or discuss our demand on the language issue;
- (3) But she is prepared to discuss the hardships, if any, caused by the implementation of the Sinhala Only Act.

No common ground for talks but...

It is thus clear that there is no meeting point mentioned in the Prime Minister's speech. She holds out the threat of dire consequences. This can only refer

to the use of force... In conclusion I wish to say that a satyagrahi does what he thinks is correct without concentrating on the results of his work. It would appear that the Government is prepared to deny the united fervent demand of the Tamil-speaking people merely because the Government does not depend for its continued existence on the votes of these people"

As Thanthai Chelva has so cogently expressed - "No Government in Sri Lanka depends on Tamil votes for its continued existence. They, therefore, can afford to defy the united and fervent demand of the Eelam Tamils for recognition of their right to self-determination"

Isn't there a similarity between the Prime Minister Mrs. Bandaranayake's demand and the present Prime Minister, D.B. Wijetunge's call to the LTTE to surrender arms?



# Is it Disintegration or Consolidation?

We hear much about the disintegration of the former so-called Socialist countries of Europe. Member states of the former Union of Soviet Socialist Republics have declared themselves independent countries. So too Yugoslavia. There is much rejoicing in the capitalist countries. But most do not give any thought or publicity to the imperialist Second World countries of Europe subtly consolidating themselves. Some just brush aside saying European Economic Community is only an economic entity and not a political one. No one seems to appreciate the political influence it is exerting in the so-called peace mediation among the dismembered States of Yugoslavia. Is it economics only?

Recently 12 members of the Economic Community met in the Dutch City of Maastricht and after careful deliberation agreed to call for unprecedented co-operation on monetary, economic, foreign policy and security matters. This agreement will be used to amend the Community's Charter Document proclaimed by the Treaty of Rome in 1977.

The main agreements now reached are as follows:-

The adoption of a single Economic Community denomination by 1999 in the Foreign and security policy it envisages a European Defence Pillar to serve as support between NATO and the Economic Community, along with new measures to enhance foreign policy

co-ordination. As to the aspect of social affairs, the aim is for a protocol allowing member countries to establish common labour policies. The other and most important matter is a statement on eventual European Citizenship to permit every economic community national the right to vote, no matter where he or she lives in the Community.

The weaker members like Britain, Denmark etc are looking up wondering what becomes of their economics. But it looks as if they too have to toe the line. This European Union also expects the newly "free" Eastern European states to join this set-up.

One wonders whether the imperialists after having engi-

neered systematic capitalist inroads into the Socialist Countries to degenerate through Agents like Khrushchev and Gorbachev, they themselves are concentrating and consolidating their positions for the exploitation of the world market.

We have earlier heard from Lenin that imperialism is the highest stage of capitalism. Now this European Consolidation of power or Confederation like the Habsburg Empire is it a further higher stage of something which we yet do not know?

S. THIAGARAJAH

## First Catholic Priest to obtain Doctorate from Jaffna campus

Rev. Father Anton Mathias has been awarded a Doctorate of Philosophy in History by the University of Jaffna. He is the first Catholic Priest to be so awarded.

His research thesis for which he has obtained a Doctorate is on "The Catholic Church in Jaffna in the late 19th and early 20th Centuries with particular

reference to the role of the late Fr. S. (Nallur) Gnana Prakasar".

It may be mentioned that Fr. Anton Mathias has been Chaplain of the Catholic Students of the University of Jaffna since 1984 and an Assistant Lecturer in Christian Civilization. He was formerly the Editor of the Tamil Catholic weekly "Pachukavalan".

## Sri Lanka - The Second...

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petty Traders bringing food items etc to Jaffna.

The Govt. has shelved the attempts made by a Cabinet Minister of Sri - Lankan Govt Mr. S. Thondaman to end the war and settle the Ethnic Strife by peaceful negotiations. But the Baudha Maha Sanga, President Premadasa, Armed Forces Chiefs and some of the Sri - Lankan EX. & Present Sinhalese Parliamentarians are against this peace move but advocate war. (For the Annihilation of Tamils). The Parliamentary Select Committee which was appointed by Mr. Premadasa to give suggestions for settling the Ethnic problem too had cautioned Minister Mr. Thondaman.

Hence it is evident that all these peace talks, political solution which Mr. Ranasinghe Premadasa speaks of in Public Meetings are his camouflages and the Sinhalese Politicians attempts to hoodwink the Civilized Nations, European Countries, America, Japan, World Bank and I.M.F. with the intention of getting Aid and Loans as usual and launch the proposed attack on the Sri - Lankan North and East Tamils, immediately after the above proposed meeting in Paris is over on the 7th of February, 1992.

Unless the Christian West intervene and help us, surely, 10 lakhs of Sri - Lankan Jaffna Tamils will have to lose their lives and all the balance remaining Houses, Churches, Temples, Colleges, Hospitals, etc., will be razed to ground and all paddy fields and all

agricultural plantations will be destroyed and burnt by the Forces.

Aid giving countries ceaselessly proclaim that they are pouring aid into Developing Countries to stave off poverty, malnutrition, hunger diseases and illiteracy.

In 1991 alone SRI-LANKA HAD OBTAINED FINANCIAL Aid to the tune of nearly 32,000 crores of rupees from the Aid giving Countries. On top of this, the Sri Lankan Govt. had also incurred the colossal debt 70,106 crores of rupees through other means.

But have they (Donor Countries, World Bank, I.M.F.) ever cared to monitor effectively how their aid are being utilised for the proper cause and for every community of Sri-Lanka to enjoy. Every alert and public spirited person in Sri-Lanka and in the Donor Countries knows that the Aid are being used to wipe out the Sri - Lankan Tamils. Should the Aid giving Countries turn a blind eye to the tragedies that are being enacted day in and day out in SRI LANKA. Have the anguished cries of The helpless Tamils fallen on deaf ears.

A recent Development in Sri - Lanka re official visit of American Senator also is to be brought to Your Excellency's consideration. As a practice of the Sri-Lankan Govt the SRI LANKAN COMBINED FORCES never allow any foreign Visitor to

visit North & East to see the suffering masses and devastation caused by the atrocities of the combined Forces (Air Force, Navy & Army) it is surprising the representatives of the Govt. of U.S.A. has forgotten at least to pay a visit to North & East, meet some representatives (in Jaffna) of the Sri - Lankan Tamils and satisfy themselves with the discussions they have with the Govt. Officials and some Developments in the nearby Colombo City. I.e. within the period of one and a half days, the American Senator visited Kalutara, mobile Presidential Secretariat and met the President, Prime Minister etc., and made a sweeping statement that "Democracy prevails in Sri Lanka in an excellent manner". We North and East Tamils are very sad and thoroughly disappointed that the United States Government is very particular about Human Rights, but its representative has been totally mis-interpreted about facts in Sri-Lanka. It will be sensible if the Honourable Senator has said "AUTOCRACY" instead of "DEMOCRACY".

PLEASE WAKE UP AT LEAST NOW AND REALISE that you illustrious People of FRANCE should not forget the noble legacy bequeathed to you by the glorious lessons of the FRENCH REVOLUTION. History will certainly condemn you for having condoned the multifarious crimes committed by the SRI-LANKAN GOVT. against a section of the people.

It is extremely shocking to realise that a Foreign Team of 14 observers representing

the Aid Giving Countries of the European Countries had paid a very short visit to selected areas in Vavuniya by the powers that be and had gone back to Colombo to submit a favourable report on behalf of the Govt. What phenomenal hypocrisy is this? Has the civilised world ever witnessed such a diabolical crime? Is this the way to serve the oppressed and suppressed sections of the third world? The Tamils in the North and East are facing a Genocidal Situation. Let not the purblind politicians of the world turn a blind eye to this grim fact. The enlightened international opinion will one day chastise you all in no uncertain terms for your wilful crime against down trodden and forsaken humanity that is the SRI-LANKAN TAMILS.

The Sri - Lankan Govt. and Combined Forces are State Terrorists and violate Human Rights to the very maximum with the AID AND LOANS THEY RECEIVE FROM THE E.E.C., WORLD BANK and I.M.F. ETC.

The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) is the only Freedom Fighters Organisation in the North and East of Sri-Lanka. They are fighting to win THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF TAMILS AND TO RE-DEEM THE SINHALAISED TRADITIONAL HOMELAND OF THE TAMILS IN THE NORTH AND EAST. The LTTE are the real patriots not second to that of late Indian Patriots like Mahatma Gandhi, S. C. Bose, Sardar Vallabai Patel and the French Revolutionists. LTTE are with the Tamils and

LTTE are for the Tamils. Indian Major General Sri Sathya Pante when he was I.P.K.F.G.O.C. Jaffna District stated that "ON PRINCIPLE THE LTTE are 100% FREEDOM FIGHTERS and 99% of the public are with them."

In conclusion, we request Your Honour the following and we do hope that Your Excellency will grant our requests in the name of Christ, on humanitarian point of view and cause early action on the following:-

1. Stop granting of all kinds of Aid and Loans even on condition to Sri - Lankan Government forthwith.

If already sanctioned any loans, kindly suspend them until the following are established in full.

2. Sri - Lankan Government to declare Permanent and Unconditional Ceasefire in North and East, monitored by members of the U.N.O or E.E.C or Commonwealth Countries.

3. Sri - Lankan Government to avoid any further massacre of Tamils to close up all Military Bases which are in the Traditional Homeland of Tamils - North and East, Disarm and disband to down South.

4. Remove Economic Blockade and restore free flow of all items including Electricity, Transport Services, Postal etc. to North and East with immediate effect.

5. Sri - Lankan Government to start peace negotiations with LTTE monitored by members of the U.N.O, E.E.C, Commonwealth Countries and Hon. Minister Thondaman.

Failing which, in alternative, recognize the LTTE, grant all help, and make North and East a separate Nation called Tamil Eelam.



# HOT SPRING

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## "NONE SO BLIND....."

Last week two important statesmen in the international arena reportedly made statements touching the conflict in the island of Sri Lanka.

Ironically the statements have come from British Prime Minister, Mr. John Major, whose country has been the direct cause of conflict in the island and the German Chancellor whose country is sharing the major burden of the Eelam Tamil Refugee problem.

These two leaders have said that the conflict in Sri Lanka is an internal problem.

It looks as if the whole world is still not very clear about the exact meaning of the terminology in use.

When war broke out between the Croats and the Serbs in Yugoslavia, Western leaders did not presume that it was an internal matter. Germany was one of the first countries to recognise the independence of Croatia. Britain and her E.E.C. partners played an active part in ending the war in Yugoslavia.

Thanks to the swift action taken by the Western leaders, the blood bath in Yugoslavia also came to an end. Whether Yugoslavia exists today or not is another matter. A number of European states have recognised an independent Croatia though an official obituary notice of Yugoslavia has not yet been published. In any event it is a matter of satisfaction for everyone that human blood has ceased to flow.

The war in Yugoslavia was not even a few months old before the Western world thought it fit to intervene regarding the conflict as of international concern and not one that should be side-tracked as an internal matter.

The war in Sri Lanka has been going on for decades. Several thousands have died. Hundreds of thousands have been rendered refugees.

What is worse is that Britain too regards the conflict as an internal matter.

Indian forces were hired by J.R. Jayewardene to enter not Sinhala soil but to lay waste Tamil Eelam territory. And they did the job well but had to give up the imperialist aspirations they entertained.

The Indian intervention not only laid waste Tamil Eelam but it created so much hostility amongst the Sinhalese that Mr. Jayewardene had to finally abandon all lurking ambitions to continue in power.

When an Army claimed to be the fourth largest in the world entered the conflict on behalf of the Sinhala government, did not that act alone internationalize the war between Tamils and the Sinhala Government?

There is the recent case of the Sri Lankan Government naming the former British High Commissioner, Mr. Gladstone as a persona not grata but the British Government rightly denied the Sri Lankan charge that the British diplomat intervened in the internal affairs of Sri Lanka.

Is it an internal matter when a government controlled by one people belonging to a particular race, speaking a different language and following a different faith imposes its rule at the point of the gun on a people belonging to a different race, speaking a different language and following a different faith. And when the reign of terror of the former is taken to the very home of the latter, isn't it aggression requiring concerted preventive action by the international community, as it sought to do in Kuwait recently?

# Sinhalese Colonists Returning to their Homes

## M. P. Complains to President

A report from Colombo says that Mr. M. K. D. S. Gunawardhene, the SLP member of parliament representing the Trincomalee District has sent a telegram to President Premadasa stating that Sinhalese persons from Kalutara, Horana, Anuradapuram and Tambutegama settled in Trincomalee under the Government's rehabilitation scheme in the Trincomalee District are returning to their homes in their villages.

It is common knowledge that the Government, Baudha Sinhala Organisations and Sarvodaya are settling Sinhalese from outside in the Trincomalee District under pretext of relief and rehabilitation and carrying out Sinhala colonisation with the intention of changing the demographic pattern of the District.

Large sums of aid and subsidies are paid to the

Sinhalese to carry through this colonisation programme. Yet most Sinhalese prefer to obtain the relief payments and get back to their homes in their villages. This tendency among the Sinhalese has perturbed the Baudha Sinhala chauvinists.

So this M. P. has sent a telegram to the President complaining that Sinhalese colonists are getting back to their own villages. The M. P. it is learnt has further said that the Sinhalese are leaving for their villages because they fear the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam.

## Is Vadamarachy In Vanni?

The Sarvodaya obtained Rs. 10 million from foreign donors for relief and rehabilitation work amongst people affected by "Operation Liberation" in Vadamarachy in 1987 and for other affected persons in the North. The relief and rehabilitation to be done was named Project 14A.

Out of the Rs. 10 million donation Sarvodaya purported to furnish accounts for Rs. 1.7 million in Vadamarachy. The Sarvodaya also spent Rs. 6.5

million for colonisation of Sinhalese in Padaviya showing that Padaviya in Vanni as Vadamarachy Division.

Where is Vadamarachy?

Where is Padaviya?

These are some of the allegations contained in a pamphlet distributed in Jaffna detailing fraud and malpractices in the NGO. There is also the charge that the Sarvodaya is an organisation which works to advance Sinhala hegemony over Tamils.

## PUNISHMENT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

### ARMED SERVICES DENY AIDE MEMOIRE

The Foreign Information Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Sri Lanka is reported to have told foreign news media that the Government of Sri Lanka would send on compulsory leave all police and armed forces personnel found guilty of violations of human rights.

But news reports from Colombo say that Army

sources have denied the truth of the alleged *aide memoire* of the Foreign Information Division.

The Inspector-General of Police, Mr. Ernest Perera is also reported to have said that there was no truth in the foreign news media as far as the Police Department was concerned.

## Sinhala Soldier Suspected of Killing Sinhala Civilian

Reports from Amparai state that a Sinhalese named A. P. Prematilake (40) was shot and killed by an unknown person on Saturday, February 8. On a complaint made by the deceased's wife that an armed man tried to molest her in her house and on her husband intervening to rescue her the stranger had shot and killed her husband.

Police dog was brought to the scene and set in trail. The dog went into a Sinhala Army camp. The report further states that a Sinhala soldier is under arrest now in connection with the killing.

## VADALI VELAN PASSES AWAY

Our columnist Vadali Velan passed away on the night of Saturday, February 8, after a brief period of heart ailment. He died at the Jaffna Hospital.

Mr. Andrew Joseph, a retired Assistant Director of Agriculture, was writing in the columns of this paper under title "Desultory Ramblings". He had chosen the pen name of Vadali Velan.

An intense Tamil nationalist and disciplinarian, the late Mr. Andrew Joseph was also a master of the English language.

After retirement from Government service, Mr. Andrew Joseph attached himself to the Research Organisation of Tamil Eelam and was engaged in research and planning for development of Tamil Eelam.

His funeral took place on Sunday, February 9.

## Go ahead, carry out the Threat - J. R.

Narasimha Rao was refused permission to visit any camp when he flew to Colombo on July 28th, 1983.

"Rao ostensibly came to express concern," says an Official of President Jayewardene's Secretariat. "But he held out a veiled threat to the President that India might be forced to take drastic action, if the killings continued. Jayewardene told him to go ahead and carry out the threat."

Chaitanya Kalbing in her article 'The Tamil Tragedy in tears, in tear drop Island' - edited by M. V. M. Alagappan.