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Congress (I) leaders were in the know!

The head of the Verma Commission is reported to have said in New Delhi that Senior Congress leaders, Mrs. Marakatham Chandrasekhar and Mr. Vazhapadi Ramamoorthy were aware of the threats to Mr. Rajiv Gandhi's life.

BOFORS

Attempt to foil Justice

INDIA IN QUANDRY

The Congress (I) Government's efforts to interfere with the course of justice even in foreign countries received a rude shock as a result of revelations made by the Indian Express about a letter handed over by the former Indian Foreign Minister, Mr. Madav Singh Solanki to the Swiss Foreign Minister.

It would be recollected that when the late Mr. Rajiv Gandhi was Prime Minister strong allegations were made that bribery had played a part in the contract of sale India entered into with a Swede weapon manufacturing firm, Bofors, for the supply of weapons to India. As a matter of fact when the Janata Dal leader, Mr. V. P. Singh, resigned from the Rajiv Gandhi Cabinet as Finance Minister, his main allegations were against the corrupt practices of Rajiv

Gandhi government. Mr. Singh went to the polls mainly on this anti-bribery anti-corruption programme and successfully defeated Rajiv Gandhi's Congress (I) and became Prime Minister himself after the 1989 General elections in India.

UNSTABLE GOVERNMENT

On assumption of office as Prime Minister Mr. V. P. Singh took a number of steps to investigate into the corrupt practices of the Rajiv

Gandhi government but was soon out of office because of division within his own Janata Dal Party.

The political instability in New Delhi created by the division in the Janata Dal resulted in fresh elections being held in two years time after the 1989 general elections. Even at this election the Congress (I) could not capture a majority of the seats

Musings of Mr. Meddle



MR MEDDLE

"100 Tamil youths must be ordained Buddhist priest" Says Buddhist monk.

News.

Seems no different from Sinhala laity programme for solution of Tamil problem.

B C - Pact Echoes

"Had the UNP accepted the Bandaranayake Chelvanayakam Pact today there won't be the Tamil Sinhala conflict. Instead peace and good will would exist." A statement to this effect is reported to have been released by Mr. S. D. Bandaranayake, former M. P., and leader of the Socialist Peoples' Front.

Mr S. D. Bandaranayake, it will be remembered, as SLFP M. P. for Gampaha, was the person who intercepted the UNP Kandy March led by Mr J. R. Jayawardhene at Imbulgoda and prevented the march further and earned for himself the name of Imbulgoda Veeraya (Imbulgoda hero)

DARING ATTACK AT POONAKARY

Nine Sentry Points Destroyed - Seven Killed

LTTE carried out an assault on a chain of army sentry points in the early hours of March 28th at Karuakai Island in Poonakary capturing nine sentry points and killing seven army personnel including an officer.

The LTTE also captured several modern weapons. The LTTE lost two of its cadres. The assault which started at 2 a.m. on Saturday, March 28th, lasted only for thirty minutes. The Sri Lankan soldiers who could not withstand the LTTE assault took

to their heels leaving behind their dead.

A communique issued by the Joint operations Command

confirmed that five army personnel including an officer and two naval men died in the attack.

VAVUNIYA

3 Army Sentry Points Destroyed

The LTTE carried out attack on three Sri Lankan Army sentry points at Neriyakulam in the Vavunia District on Sunday, March 29.

According to reports the Sri Lankan soldiers abandoned

their sentry points and escaped.

The LTTE fighters destroyed the sentry points and also recovered some ammunition. No casualties have been reported.

in the Lok Sabha but was returned the largest single party. Mr. Narasimha Rao was elected Prime Minister after much internal wrangling within the Congress (I). The attempts to perpetuate a dynasty rule failed when Rajiv Gandhi's widow, Sonia, declined to contest or accept office.

SWEDEN ADMITS

Right from the beginning allegations were made that Indian negotiators had accepted bribes in the Bofors deal. Though the matter was raised even when Rajiv Gandhi was Prime Minister, the Rajiv Gandhi government did not pursue actively all details in regard to the Bofors deal and the allegations made in connection with the deal.

Recently the Congress (I) received the unpleasant news from Sweden when Bofors admitted having bribed the Indian Government leaders 50 million dollars to put through the deal. Though no one was specifically named as the bribe-taker, Rajiv Gandhi himself came to be thought of as one of the culprits in the popular eye in spite of the efforts to depict him as "Mr. Clean."

REVELATION AND INQUIRIES

The Swede revelation also said that the bribe was credited in Swiss Bank Accounts and this resulted in investigations being instituted in Switzerland.

The Indian Express revealed that former Indian Foreign Minister, Mr. Madav Singh Solanki had written to the Swiss Foreign Minister requesting the Swiss government to delay the investigations and inquiries in respect of monies credited in Swiss Bank Accounts by Bofors.

OVER INTERFERENCE

This scandalous and high-handed interference even with the process of justice and inquiry in foreign lands reveals the lowest depths to which the Indian ruling coterie has descended.

In fact Mr. Madav Singh Solanki dare not face parliament and make a statement. His resignation was announced to parliament by Parliamentary Affairs Minister, Gulam Nabi Asah.

In the meantime, the other powerful minister in Narasimha Rao government Mr. Sarath Pawar denied that Mr. Solanki had requested the Swiss Minister to delay proceedings. But after Mr. Sarath Pawar's denial the Swiss Justice Minister has said that Mr. Solanki did request his government to delay the inquiry.

INQUIRY TO PROCEED

Also Prime Minister: Narasimha Rao has said that he would write to the Swiss government to proceed with the inquiry. There is no reason why Mr. Rao should write such a letter unless he accepts the Swiss Justice Minister's statement. Mr. Rao's statement by implication admits Mr. Solanki's letter. It is now evident that Minister Sarath Pawar's denial is untrue. The question now before the public is whether Mr. Sarath Pawar also would resign like Mr. Solanki now that his statement has been denied by the Swiss Justice Minister and by implication by his own Prime Minister.

Mr. Solanki's letter to the Swiss Foreign Minister cannot be regarded as a personal guilt only. It reveals the extent to which the whole Indian government has degenerated. It shows that the Congress would even interfere with justice if that serves its political interest.

Over 30 Arrested

It is reported that over 30 Tamil were arrested in the Amparai District by the Special Task Forces last week.

A number of houses and other property belonging to the Tamils have been reported burnt by the SIF.

It is learnt that the villages of Thangavelayutapuram, Vammuttiyakulam, Kanthikudicharu and Pannalakulam were the areas where the SIF undertook its operations and the arrested persons are from these villages.

OUR READERS SAY

CRAFTINESS

The Editor,
Hot Spring

Sir

"Words, words, words," said a character in a well-known play. So much was said, so little done. In a way our life is made up of words. The use of words has its advantage and disadvantage, because a person with a powerful use of words can influence millions of people in the direction he desires. They are so powerful that people can be moved to action.

Commenting on the news-item over the International Service of the Tamil beam of the S.L.B.C. of 7.3.92, a glance over the Daily Newspapers a report says Mrs. Srimavo Bandaranayake has made an offer to grant full autonomy to the Tamils, if the L.T.T.E. lays down their arms. This offer by words is very appealing but when one imagines the practical aspect of it, this is appalling.

The Late Mr. Bandaranayake by word promised a Regional Autonomy, then entered into a Pact with the late Mr. Chelvanayakam. What happened to these promises and proposals? Abrogated by deeds and even unleashed violence against the Tamils. Since independence Tamils in this island have been subjected to atrocious acts for their just demand for self-autonomy. Communal violence was unleashed on the Tamils, reducing them to penury, and their self-respect and reputation tarnished among their own people.

By international standards the L.T.T.E. has been recognized, as freedom fighters. The mission of the L.T.T.E. is to liberate the Tamils from Sinhala Chauvinism, for self-determination and self-respect. In as much as the S.L.F.P. is poised to win the minds of the L.T.T.E. the U.N.P. is power to

Woman Injured

A married woman, Selvamani Nagarathnam of Tellipalai East was injured, when a bullet fired by the Sinhala Army stationed at Maviddapuram in Jaffna District, hit her on Saturday, March 21.

The injured has been admitted to the Jaffna Hospital for treatment.

can step down and fulfil the basic issues. Fear of political consequences is the panacea that ails the major political parties in this country, in regard to the implementation of some basic issues. The leaders do not have the backbone to forge ahead with the practical aspects.

This offer by Mrs. Bandaranayake with her experience in politics could well be a political craftiness. What betide the J.V.P. can befall the L.T.T.E.

In as much as an offer is in the offing to invite the L.T.T.E. to lay down arms for any kind of negotiation, the L.T.T.E. puts forward as an alternative proposal to bring into immediate effect a ceasefire and withdrawal of Sri Lankan troops from the N & E as a stepping-stone for mediation. It is the State that has to create a climate conducive to any cessation of hostility. The State must convince the young minds of its bonafides.

D. JEEVANANTHAN

Vathiri.

SPORTS

Cricket

At the Limited Over Battle of the Golds played at Vaddukoddai, during the week-end Jaffna College beat St. Patrick's College by two wickets to annex the Kadirgamar Trophy.

Scores:- S. Patrick's College 192 all out, Jaffna College 193 for 8.

In another Limited Over Match Jaffna Central College beat Kokuvil Hindu by 146 runs. This match was played at the Central Grounds on 28.3.92.

Scores:- Centralites - 236 all out.

Kokuvil - 89 all out.

Donald Ganeshakumar Cricket Trophy gets under way this month for the Third consecutive year.

Last Year's Champions, Manipay parish and many other leading Clubs aim to participate in this 50 Over Limited tournament.

Entries close on 10.4.92 and the draw will take place on 15.4.92.

For further details, contact may be made with Wimladasan, 29 Hospital Road, Jaffna.

Football

In the Jaffna Soccer League matches played at St. Antony's Grounds on

To Merge or Not to Merge

Dear Editor,

I was amazed and a little amused to learn that the Parliamentary Select Committee is toying with the idea whether to merge or not to merge the Northern and Eastern Provinces, in any solution it may recommend to end the ethnic conflict. I do not know why the P.S.C. should labour on this issue, as they are already merged for the last five years. Perhaps they are probing to break up the unity of the Tamil-Speaking people which was achieved at tremendous cost in men and material since the holocaust of July, 1983. The break up would further facilitate the Colombo Government to begin from the beginning all over again. Even a solution based on a merger may be no solution to half the population, as their ideal is still a separate State. But the one on two Provinces will be a non-starter, a joke no worth the paper it is written on. What is important is that the Tamil problem should be solved to satisfy the Tamil people rather than satisfy some other party that is not directly or adversely affected by it.

I note crocodile tears being shed in Colombo over the rights of the Muslims of the

28.3.92 St. Michael's beat St. Antony's (B) by 3-2, while Singing Fish triumphed over St. Nicholas by 4-0.

Messrs. Nagendran Karunakaran with Thambinayagam and Sebatiampillai controlled the game well.

East. The Muslims and Tamils are living in the seven Sinhala Provinces. I cannot understand why the Muslims and Sinhalese can't live in a Tamil dominated North-East. The present problem is a by-product of the language issue and there are only two races in Sri Lanka, i.e. a Sinhala-Speaking race and a Tamil-Speaking race. The talk of Muslims and Burghers is to throw dust into the eyes of the public, as nobody wants a theocratic State here. The whole thing smacks of a 'divide and rule' policy but such tactics will not pay in the present generation.

R. L. Thevathasan

Erlalai South

Rabies

Sir,

I am constrained to write to you on the above topic, in consideration of the utter negligence of several Local Authorities and the Government Agents of North East failing to take meaningful

steps to abate the unwanted demise of several people on account of dog bites. This serious omission on the part of the key officials, who are in sole charge of the administration of Municipal Councils, Urban Councils and Pradesha Sabas and Government Agents in respect of the different Village Councils areas, to perform the duties expected of them, under the Rabies Ordinance and Registration of Dogs Ordinance, is to be deplored. It is the duty of these officers to take positive steps to seize and destroy all stray dogs found within their administrative limits and also to ensure the registration and vaccination of dogs of the Ratepayers. These are salutary steps to be adopted to free the people from the danger of Rabies. It is of no use complaining - shortage of Anti-Rabies injections and drugs for dog bites.

Surely prevention is better than cure!

M. Kanagalingam

Meesalai

Fishermen fired at Boy killed

The Sri Lankan Army fired at fishermen in the sea off Poonakari.

The fishermen were fishing at the time the Sri Lankan Army opened fire. Many of the fishermen abandoned their fishing boats and jumped into the sea and escaped.

Two boys who were out fishing remained inside the boat. When they attempted

to get out, they were shot at. One boy, Soosaipillai Sasikumar, died on the spot, when a bullet hit him on his head. Another boy, Jesudas Sudhakar (16) received injuries on his shoulder and was admitted to the hospital at Jaffna.

The boys were out with their fathers fishing, when they were shot.

A CONVERSATION WITH MY SOUL

— Hentry Victor —

O my soul
Leave the familiar safe world
And dive into the deep unknown ocean
Like a sea-gull free and courageous

Throw yourself O my soul
Into that silent dark world of the deep sea fish
May be you will catch some of them or else
Enjoy their numerous variety

Salute O my soul
The Buddhas, the Tirthankaras the Nabis and the Rasuls
The sculptors of human civilization
Including Jesus of Nazareth, Muhammad of Arabia and Gandhi of India

Salute O my soul
Nietzsche, Sartre, Camus and their kindred spirits
Never forgetting Van Gogh
Also honest and courageous souls like Kannadasan

Explore O my soul
Into all the lonely wise paths of the present and bygone days
Into all the courageous activities of resistance and protest
That you too may follow in the same unfamiliar way

Grant me courage and freedom O God
That I may move from the familiar to the unfamiliar
From the shallow to the deep
From maintaining the status quo to holy agitation.

Freedom and Chastity

Heroism should not be confused with strength and success. Our concept of the hero must be humanised to include the ideas of sacrifice and death even of failure. A hero must touch the people's emotions.

A HERO

A hero is not a dissolute person with dissimulation. He is self-less, self-disciplined, sagacious and sincere. He is wedded to a lofty ideal and always vigilant and ready to gird up his loins to fight for same without fear for the loss of his life and will not regret defeat if it so happens. He has the indomitable courage and ceaseless effort to surmount the onslaught of all the circumstances that impede the onward march to reach his goal. He dedicates his entire life to emancipate his motherland which is struggling to free herself from the strangulation of the imperialists.

THIRUVALLUVAR

Our exemplary poet and sage, Thiruvalluvar, explicitly expressed the characteristics of a hero in the following couplets:

"Innamai Inbam enakkolin
ahumthan
Onnar vilaiyum sirappu."

The elevation which his enemies desire, will be gained by him who regards trouble as pleasure.

"Puranthar Kan neermalka
sahupin sahkadu
Eranthukold dakka
thudaiitthu"

If heroes can so die as to fill with tears the eyes of their rulers, such a death deserves to be obtained even by begging.

FREEDOM AND CHASTITY

"Orumai makalire pola
Perumaiyum
Thannai than konolukin
undu".

Even greatness, like a woman's chastity, belongs to him who guards his self.

When the imperialists find that the freedom fighter is not giving in to their domination and subjugation they condemn him saying that he is obdurate and intransigent. Freedom and chastity are not commodities of market meant for bargaining. Those are inborn virtues and they cannot be bought over by force or persuasion.

PAVENTHAR BHARATHITHASAN

Sacrifice is the bedrock on which a nation exists. Paven-

thar Bharathithasan was a renowned revolutionary poet of Tamil Nadu. He was praised by a great Tamil scholar, T. P. Meenadchisun haranar in an article written in an anthology entitled "Indian literature after independence" and published by the Sahitya Academy, New Delhi, as follows

"The inspiration, here also, may be traced to Bharathi, but Bharathithasan goes beyond his master in his depth of force, in the breadth of his vision, in the length of his range and in the height of his poetry..." Bharathithasan composed the following poem inspired by the profound feeling for his mother tongue and motherland:

"Valiyor silar eliyohr
thamai
Vathai purikuvathah
Maha rasarkal ulahaluthal
Nilalavam num inai vah
Ulakal unathu Thaimika
Uyir vathai adaikiral
Uthavath ni oru thamatham
Udane vili Thamila
Kolai valnai edada Miku

Kodiyor seyal arave
Kukai val oru Paliye
Uyar Kanamevia Thamila"

Should the few powerful persons torture the meek

Do the imperialists think that they can perpetually rule the world

While the world is being ruled

Your mother's soul is undergoing agony

AHYILYAM

Do not wait even for a moment

Awake at once, oh! Tamila

Take the killing sword for the annihilation of the actions of the wicked

Oh! Highly virtuous Thaimila

You are a TIGER who dwells in the cave.

TIGER IN EELAM

The Tamil Tiger visualized by P. a. e. thar Bharathithasan was not born in Tamil Nadu. The real Tamil Tiger was born in Tamil Eelam. He is

fighting incessantly with valour and zeal to rescue Tamil Mother from the shackles of the arrogant imperialists. Even the great Tamil Scholar, Muthu Tamil Kavalan K. A. P. Viswanatham who visited Ceylon on a lecture tour of the up-country commented in an interview to a Tamil daily in Colombo that he had studied about Tamil heroes in Sangam Tamil literature and that he was glad to see in person a Tamil Tiger hero who fought valiantly against the Indian Army, the fourth largest in the world and also against the Sinhala Army in his own island.

In two virtues - viz. freedom and chastity there can't be a compromise. Neither a sincere hero nor a woman with chastity will give in. If they give in they will lose the freedom and chastity.

AUTHOR OF KANTHAPURANAM

The great Tamil poet of yore and author of Kanthapuranam went to the extent of comparing the selfless hero

of a nation with the Jain who is always engaged and imbued in penance to reach the ultimate goal of merging with the Divinity in the following poem;

"Utrui uthavi selvor
uvappurathethiyun eevor
Attamil thavaith thanutror
amar puri veerar avor
Matroru porulum vahaar
varuththamum orar aavi
Itridavarum ennar inithene
makilvar andre"

People who help others when they are in grave need, people who give charity without reluctance, saints who are engaged in penance, heroes who fight are selfless and desire nothing else even when death stares at them. They will not worry about their lives but they will derive pleasure in the pain of losing even their lives.

Napoleon Bonaparte once said:

"I never trusted the good faith of our enemies ... I had declared to France that I never would accede to any terms that I thought humiliating, even though the enemy were on the heights of Montmartre."

INSINCERITY

It looks as if frantic and feverish efforts are being made to bring about peace in the country. The LTTE too has unequivocally expressed its willingness to extend its hand of Peace to the Government. The good will mission by the Christian priests, the proposed visit of a batch of the Buddhist clergy, the prospective visit of a group of members of the Parliamentary Select Committee to the North to meet the LTTE all these moves augur well for peace and give us a ray of hope for peace. Besides, the utterances made by His Excellency in favour of a political solution

Sri Lankan Army retreats

A contingent of Sinhala soldiers who left their camp at Chilavathurai, in the Mannar District and tried to proceed further were met by LTTE fighters at Akaththimurippu. Battle ensued for the whole day.

Towards evening the Sri Lankan Army unable to proceed against the fire-power of the LTTE retreated to their camp at Chilavathurai. Army casualty is not known. The LTTE announced the death of one of its fighters.

at several meetings in the South sound pleasing to the peace-lovers. All these are symbolic of the rays of light of peace in the distant horizon.

With all these hopeful moves being made, the military operations recently undertaken at Vavuniya, Mullaitivu and Vadamarachchi make us feel that the Government is not sincere in its purpose and in its pursuit of peace.

S. Sabasubramaniam

It is not keen about a political solution. His Excellency's utterances and his 'holy' promises of peace, of course reveal his heart. The present military operations at Maal Aru areas make us feel the pulse of the Government. His Excellency's case it looks as if he is not in favour of a political solution; he wants war.

These efforts taken might be to hoodwink the outside world. The Parliamentary Select Committee for peace is a 'show-piece' - a manoeuvre - a make-shift measure to drag on any peace settlement and in the meantime continue military operations. If he is for a political solution, why does he continue the war? when peace efforts

are being made the military operations being carried on now will definitely jeopardise the peace process. War and Peace will not go together - both are diametrically opposed sectors.

The Tamils have witnessed a plethora of Peace Proposals,

Peace Committees, Peace Accords, Peace Pacts etc. etc. All these have not even touched the very crux of the vexed problems. We doubt the bona fides of the intent and purpose of the Government in its lip-service in pursuit of peace.

Thondaman The Cultural Villain

In a question and answer feature in the Divaina of January 19, Rev. Dr. Medagoda Sumanatissa Thero gives a cultural protectionist reason to oppose the Thondaman proposals. Both the question and the answer are equally rich in attributing demonic features to the LTTE and to Thondaman:

Q: Some analysts say that Tamil extremists and the LTTE terrorists are engaged in a ferocious cultural aggression while conducting an armed struggle. Is this a serious truth?

A: Very true. It is the LTTE terrorists and Tamil extremists who introduced to this country the violation of human rights, manufacture of fire arms and the drug menace which are alien to Sinhalese Buddhist culture. This cultural aggression has taken place until recently in a very subtle manner. Soon after Tiger terrorism reached the plantation areas and some groups in the plantations took to arms, this surreptitious cultural invasion began to spread all over the country. Mr. Thondaman today is helping this cultural aggression. It is a tragedy that Sinhalese leaders are helping this campaign to destroy the Sinhalese Buddhist culture.

Rev. Sumanatissa, who holds a Ph.D. (London) in Buddhism, is a leading member of the World Peace Council, a Buddhist Movement sympathetic to the former Eastern bloc.

Courtesy. Pravada. (February 1992 issue)

Is Marxism Dead?

The death of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics is undoubtedly one of the most important events of the 20th Century.

The appearance of the Soviet Union, as it is better known the world over, marked the dawn of the first worker-peasant led republic in the world.

The 1917 October Revolution of Russia which gave life and blood to Marxist Theory, developed in the mid 19th Century, radically changed the course of human history.

The world was no more the same after the Russian October Revolution.

At present when the epicentre of the October Revolution has degenerated beyond redemption and gone into the hands of its enemies, it is salient to refresh our minds with a poem written by the great Tamil poet, Bharathiyar (Bharathi) in 1919. His poem entitled 'New Russia - the fall of Czar' says:- "Parasakthy, the great Goddess Kaali set her eyes on Russia. There the epochal revolution broke out. The tyrant fell down, crying aloud".

Poet Bharathi who expressed the significance of the Russian October Revolution, as above, was not a communist. In fact, the Communist Party was not yet born in India. It happened three years later.

The great October Revolution took place under the leadership of Lenin, guided by Marxist Theory founded by German philosopher and political scientist, Karl Marx.

This was an event of world importance. Under the impact of the October Revolution, people's revolutions broke out in many countries and later one third of the world came under socialism.

The October Revolution and the establishment of the Socialist Soviet Union gave impetus and inspiration to the liberation of Colonies.

The people's Revolution in China led by Mao Tse Tung which brought a quarter of mankind under Socialism, was influenced by the great October Revolution.

Mao said that the salvos of the October Revolution brought Marxism to China.

The Russian worker-peasant led state established as

a result of the October Revolution represented the interests of the working people of the world. As a result unprecedented changes took place in human history.

Capitalist countries had to concede many concessions to tackle the new world-wide revolutionary situation.

Those who preach that with the disappearance of Soviet Union Marxism is dead and Socialism has evaporated into thin air, should seriously ponder over the above facts.

It is indisputable that for believers and supporters the changes in post-Stalin Soviet

Ananda

Union and other Socialist countries, were a source of dejection and desperation.

They can console themselves in the fact that the demise of the Soviet Union which initially adopted revisions of Marxism, later replaced Socialism with Capitalism and developed as a social imperialist state, is a matter of rejoicing.

The Paris Commune of 1871 which lasted for about

two and a half months, was the first ever attempt of the proletariat to seize power and wield power. The heroic workers of Paris put up a valiant struggle against severe odds. The French capitalists in collaboration with the capitalists of other countries, drowned in blood the 'Paris Commune'. But the ideals of the Paris Commune were not dead.

Forty six years later, in 1917, the proletariat seized power in Russia and transformed it into a world phenomenon. This attempt of the proletariat lasted from 1917 till the death of Stalin in 1953.

The Russian October Revolution spread the message that the world is divided into two camps, viz. the camp led by the proletariat and the camp led by capitalists.

The Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution of China (1966-1976) was a revolution similar to the Paris Commune and the Russian October Revolution and it was a

continuation and development of these revolutions.

Through this revolution, Mao Tse-tung strove to stabilise the rule of the Working people in China. Summing up the bitter experiences of the Soviet Union, he guided the cultural revolution.

The Chinese cultural revolution which shook the world for a decade was a great proletarian movement, which took place on the basis that there are classes and class struggles in the Socialist Society and that therefore the proletarian dictatorship should be strengthened. Mao Tse Tung gave the signal for this revolution with the famous statement: "Bombard the Headquarters". Headquarters here meant the Central Committee of the Communist Party.

The Communists who queried the correctness of this statement can now see in retrospect and through analysing the developments in the Soviet Union and other Socialist Countries how clear-sighted Mao was. But unfortunately for the world proletariat the reformist and anti-Marxist clique of Teng

Hsiao Ping captured power in China after Mao's death.

At present, there is an attempt on the part of some people who call themselves Marxists to seek and find socialism in China. In their desperation they try to say that China, Vietnam, North Korea, and Cuba are Socialist Countries.

To put it mildly, this is a very naive approach. They try to negate the reality that there are no Socialist Countries in the World today. They are afraid to face this fact boldly. By saying what is not there as existing, they are deceiving others and themselves.

This confusion will not be there, if one understands that the death of Soviet Union does not mean the end of Marxism.

The Marxists of the world should analyse the people who have come to power in the former Socialist Countries - their class basis.

This task is made easy by the present day rulers of these countries. It is to be admitted that in the on going struggle between world proletariat and world capitalism, the proletariat have suffered a defeat. But that does not mean that Marxist Theory and Socialist polity are dead.

Heartbeat - The Rhythm of Health

World Health Day, 7th April 1992

MESSAGE FROM WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

Among the diseases most feared the world over are heart attacks and stroke. And for good reason. These diseases, of the heart and arteries, account for a quarter of the total number of deaths each year, taking an estimated 12 million lives annually.

Worldwide, they kill more people than any other single disease, and disable millions.

Even worse, many victims are under the age of 65 years. Given today's increased life expectancy, these deaths are premature, causing anguish in families, and loss of the talent that many countries need for economic development.

Cardiovascular diseases were once thought of as afflicting exclusively industrialized nations. Today, as developing countries modernize, as they are able to control communicable diseases, and as the life expectancy of their people increases, this is unfortunately no longer true.

People in developing countries are still suffering from forms of heart ailment that are not prevalent elsewhere, such as rheumatic heart disease, which is linked to poverty, and a heart ailment

triggered by Chagas disease, a parasitic malady that afflicts about 17 million people in Latin America. To these countries the diseases of life style are an added burden on scarce resources.

Fortunately, cardiovascular diseases, while still the top killer, are on the decline in a number of industrialized countries, notably countries in Western Europe, North America, Australia and New Zealand, where it has been shown that through diet, exercise - notably walking, an activity for all ages - and no tobacco, they can be prevented.

In addition, there is a bonus to preventing cardiovascular diseases: the life styles recommended for healthy hearts go a long way towards preventing other ills; such life styles should start in childhood.

By devoting World Health Day 1992 to the theme of heart health, it is the aim of the World Health Organization to increase public awareness of the worldwide dimensions of cardiovascular diseases, and to sound an alarm against their spread.

It is also to urge governments to give to their health authorities the funds, the equipment, the staff to turn

the tide against heart diseases. Through prevention, six million lives can be saved each year.

Our goal for the year 2000 and beyond must be cardiovascular health for everyone.

UNAJU Media Release

Highway 6 and 'Hayapara'

During the UN sponsored military operations against Iraq, an incident on Highway 6 in Iraq, attracted the attention of the world as a senseless act of vengeance of the Victor against an Adversary fleeing for life. What were bombed on Highway six were not tanks, armoured vehicles or artillery pieces but thousands of civilians, ambulances and fire engines and thousands of Iraqis were killed indiscriminately. In fact this episode is considered to have contributed in a big way to the calling off of the military operations.

It reveals the character of the Sri Lankan military authorities that they named their recent operations at Minal Aru as Highway 6 - Hayapara. Apparently armed with their Chinese weapons including tanks, they aimed to kill as many Tamils as possible and destroy as much of their property as possible and imagined themselves to be victors like the Americans who used high-tech weapons and gadgets.

It appears that the evil designs of the Sri Lankan Army were thwarted by the LTTE and they were made to realize that tanks by themselves do not win wars. Instead of using the tanks to devastating effect, the Sinhala marauders were abandoning their tanks and running for their own lives.

In addition the LTTE has claimed the recovery of a large haul of arms from the fleeing army men including a high-powered anti-tank weapon - a timely addition to their weaponry to contain the aggression of the Sinhala racists.

TIGERS - OUR ONLY HOPE

Remember Banda standing in front of the Parliament viewing with glee, the spectacle of the Tamil MPs being beaten up by the Sinhala thugs on the Galle Face Green, while Holding back the bridle of his police force. Remember him, two years later, refusing to mobilize troops to control the hooligans terrorizing and slaving the frightened Tamil population all over the island (And the then Governor General, Sir Oliver, having to do it for him). Then 25 years later, JR doing not only ditto, but going further in blaming the victim as well.

Tyranny and Despotism

Through all this, and innumerable other examples of a tyrannical and despotic exercise of power, we cannot name one Sinhala leader worth his salt who was inclined, let alone had the courage, to say that it was all wrong. On the contrary, we only saw other Sinhala leaders pushing, shoving and clambering up to seize the same power, shouting all the way that the Tamils haven't been hurt enough.

Easy of Resolution

Today, the Sinhala leadership know that there is an armed conflict in the island of Sri Lanka. They know who the parties to the conflict are. They know that the conflict can be resolved without encroaching in any manner upon the Sinhala power over their own selves. But they refuse to recognise the existence of the other party to the conflict, leave alone sit

and talk whit it on equal terms. They choose instead to hide behind inept formulas like 'all party conferences' on the one hand and 'Select committees' on the other.

They did not have all 'Party conferences' or 'select committees' before they legislated 'Sinhala Only', did they? Did they confer with all the parties when they enacted the 6th Amendment or even the 13th Amendment? Did they talk about 'select committees' then? Even when they did have a National Constituent Assembly in 1972,

one with a smidgen of intellect, that what the Sinhala people and their leaders want is not a resolution in peace, but a total surrender, and a life in servitude for the Tamils. They will do any thing absolutely anything, to achieve this. Preach brotherhood? Yes! Starve the rest? Yes! Murder them? Yes! Bribe them to fight one another? Yes! They are even starving themselves, to buy the arms to strike the Tamils with: What more evidence does one need?

Rajan Sri Skandarajah

to enact a new constitution, weren't they able to bully and browbeat their way through all opposition? But, when it comes to resolving the Tamil question it is all some how different.

Sinhala Chauvinists' Goal

The truth is plain to see. Neither Sinhala chauvinism nor its goals, from the time of Banda's escapades, have changed. And, so the Sinhala leadership continues to reject all international attempts at mediation. Bob Hawke, the Australian Prime Minister, was re-buffed. The Governments of Norway, Canada and Malaysia were told to mind their own business. The Commonwealth Secretary General Emeka Anyaoku, President Jimmy Carter, Swiss Refugee Minister Peter Arbenz among many others were all told to go to hell: It is clear as a bell, to any

What Choices

What are our choices? Throw in our lot with the Tamil MPs in the UNP? Band together with PLOTE or TELO, hoping that they will assist Sinhala Chauvinism to beat the Tiger first, and then win the Tamils their rights from the very same Sinhala Chauvinism - now triumphant to boot? Ask the LTTE to surrender, and place our trust (once again) on the Sinhala leader's benevolence and generosity? What choice do we have?

Only hope

The Tigers? No matter how you look at it, one has to arrive at the conclusion that they are probably our only (is it the last?) hope. I have done a great deal of soul searching in this regard, and I cannot in all honesty, arrive at any other conclusion. The Tigers are of course, not blameless in this whole tragedy of a

war. They certainly need to be chastened for their excesses, but they also need to be recognized for their achievements. Their accomplishments, if one cares to look at them, are quite tangible indeed. From the days of Banda on the Parliament steps, we have come a long way.

Remember when the Sinhala soldiers were able to drive down the streets of Jaffna beating pedestrians with sticks and rods, enter the Tamil homes, loot rape and plunder, arrest innocent youngsters and or murder them, burn bodies and bury them in mass graves. Even if we cannot remember these events of only 10 year ago look at what is happening in areas recaptured by the Sinhala army. It is worse now it is irrefutable that, today it is only the Tigers in these safe area who prevent us meeting a similar fate.

By this, I do not seek to exculpate or absolve the Tigers for their excesses. On the contrary, I uphold and support the need to improve, strengthen and purify the LTTE. I also concur with the fact that, just because the other side is contemptible we needn't be the same, although at the same time I question the need to hold ours to a higher standard.

Right is might

The devotion to high morals is our ethos, and I am proud of this fact. But, it has also been our weakness, we have spent (more like, frittered away) decades believing in the dictum 'right is might' and that if we are virtuous we will prevail. I am not saying that we should now reverse this dictum and say 'might is right' but for God's sake let us not be carried away by our enthusiasm for sanitary ethics and etic rectitudes, to the point of enervating our only hope.

Courtesy - Tamil Nation.

Thanthai Chelva Remembered

A Thanksgiving Communion Commemoration Service of the 95th Birth Anniversary of Thanthai Chelvanayakam was held on 31.3.92 at St. John's the Baptist Church, Chundikuli by the Jaffna Christian Union.

The service was led by Rev Fr Christo Roberts of the Church of South India. Lessons were read by Rev. Fr. A. Devanand of the CSI and

Rev. Fr. S. Jebanesan of the Methodist Church and Secretary of the Christian Union. The Chief Sevak of Christa Sevak Ashram, Rev. Fr. Sam Alfred spoke in witness of Thanthai Chelva's political leadership of the Tamil people through a most critical period in their struggle for liberation. Rev. Fr. Isaac Sevaratnam delivered the Sermon. The

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TIGER PHOBIA

Tiger Intelligence Chief in Colombo?

We publish below the lead news in the Island of 25th March, 1992 for a little bit of amusement for our readers.

LTTE's Intelligence Chief Pottuamman is alleged by police to have sneaked into Colombo or a place close to the city according to police intelligence sources.

Pottuamman is claimed to be an expert in explosives and one of the prime suspects in the Rajiv Gandhi assassination case. He is said to have been in Colombo, a month before the assassination of former Defence

State Minister Ranjan Wijeratne early last year, sources told 'The Island'.

The sources said Pottuamman's presence, in Colombo or at a place close to the city had been revealed by several top LTTE cadres, arrested in recent rounding up operations in the city.

A JOC source said recently that a rift had developed between the LTTE's second in command Mahendrarajah

alias Mahattaya and its hard-line intelligence boss, Pottuamman.

Police yesterday said they would not rule out the possibility that Pottuamman's sudden presence in Colombo had something to do with this internal clash.

The sources said Pottuamman had also conducted rehearsals of almost every major bomb explosion including the one which killed the former defence state minister, in the Nallur LTTE camp.

(By Norman Palihawardene)

Even Tamil Silence is dangerous!

Mr. Thondaman is silent. The nation must take the (silent) warning.

The ultimate aim of the Tigers and their accomplices world over is to create an Eelam including not only the northern and eastern provinces but also Uva and Central Provinces.

— Gamini Jayasuriya, former Minister.

Government cannot be expected to remove Thondaman. Therefore we must unite and save the nation from this grave crisis.

All barren lands vested in the Crown during the time of British rule should be handed over to the Sinhala inheritors.

The nation of a Tamil homeland in the Eastern and Northern provinces should be rejected.

— The ven. Maduluwawe Sobhitha Thera.

The above are excerpts from the hysterical outbursts of Baudha Sinhala chauvinists published in the Island of 20th March 1992.

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DISINFORMATION

Facts are sacred but comments are free!

In so far as the Colombo based 'national press' is concerned the reverse appears to be the truth.

Almost daily these so-called 'national media' come out with scare stories involving the LTTE. Always the sources of their information are unnamed 'sources'. Why are those who purport to give out news involving serious matters so shy to come out with their identity? Or is it the truth that these so-called news or scoop-stories are cooked up within the walls of the press itself?

It is no secret that the LTTE is an armed movement to restore and reconstitute the Tamil Eelam State. Do the Sinhala people need to be scared by stories of the LTTE which are the imagination of the so-called journalists and pressmen? Or does the 'national press' deceive itself into thinking that they can hoodwink the world by false propaganda? Or more truly is it the outbursts of Buddhist Sinhala chauvinism which wants nothing else but a Buddhist - Sinhala rule over all peoples and throughout the island?

We read a story published in one of the Colombo based 'national papers' that Pottumman of the LTTE was in the city of Colombo or somewhere near about the city. The news, however, does not refer to any authentic source - and coupled to this news is the old canard let loose by the Indians that the Deputy Chief of the LTTE, Mr. K. Mahendrarajah, is building up a counter group within the LTTE opposed to the leader of the LTTE, Mr. V. Pirabakaran. According to this paper news Pottumman has gone to Colombo because of some internal clash within the LTTE between Mr. Mahendrarajah and himself.

The News has been much published that Pottumman is a man wanted for questioning in connection with the killing of former Indian Prime Minister, Rajiv Gandhi and already news have been published that the Government of Sri Lanka would co-operate with the Indian government in regard to the investigations into the Rajiv Gandhi killing! Surely Pottumman would not wish to leave his own fortress at this juncture and walk into the Sinhala enemy's den! Yet the 'national press' thinks that stories of this type would also be gulped - by an unsuspecting public.

But propagandists all over - especially in Colombo and India - do not hesitate to build up false images of persons of their choice and carry out vituperative propaganda against those whom they do not favour.

Mr. Rajiv Gandhi was first built up as Mr. Clean. The latest news indicates that the Bofors dirt would stick even after the man has ceased to exist. The Indians did their utmost to discredit the LTTE when the IPKF was in Norbasset, but they themselves had to eat the humble pie. Now they seem to be at the desperate end of propaganda and are trying to implicate the LTTE with Rajiv Gandhi murder.

In Sri Lanka the so-called 'national press' had never been found wanting in spreading false stories about the Tamil national resurgent movement. But this dissemination of false news - disinformation - had not helped the Sinhalese. In fact it has ruined chances of peace.

It is our view that whoever who is engaged in disseminating disinformation can never be successful for all time. Truth will be out sooner or later.

TRINCOMALEE

More lands to be grabbed

The Ministry of Fisheries, according to a news report from Trincomalee plans to acquire 1343 acres of land close to the Seashore to solve the housing problem faced by 'fishermen'.

'Fishermen' are Sinhalese from outside. Otherwise there should be no 'housing problem' amongst them to justify acquisition of private

lands owned by Tamils to build houses.

So far as land grabbing is concerned it takes the

form of agricultural colonies fishing colonies and also providing employment for Sinhalese when I call Tamils can be employed.

Sinhala Colonisation of Tamil Villages

Reports from Trincomalee state that steps have already been undertaken by the

Government Agent of Trincomalee to settle Sinhalese families in six Tamil villages in the Trincomalee District.

The Tamil villages that are affected by this new wave of Sinhala colonists are Rakkuli, Upparu, Palampottaru, Alankerny, Kanniyai and Eechantivu.

Losses for Army

In the three months period between January 1st and March 31 this year the Government's armed forces have received severe setbacks at the hands of the LTTE.

According to reports the LTTE carried out nearly 50 separate attacks on Sri Lankan troops at various places in Tamil Eelam.

During this period the LTTE destroyed 35 Sentry points of the Sri Lankan

Army and also killed about 450 armed personnel of the Government forces.

According to the same report the Tigers also destroyed seven heavy armoured vehicles and recovered a large number of weapons and ammunitions. The weapons and ammunitions so recovered is over double the quantity recovered by the LTTE from the Sri Lankan forces during the previous three months period at the end of last year.

Cash shortage in Jaffna Banks

Shortage of liquid cash in the Jaffna Peninsula is again creating problems in Banks. The Area Manager Bank of Ceylon, Jaffna confirmed that a difficult situation would arise, if sufficient cash was not sent from Colombo

and the Branches would not be able to meet the demand of the customers. In view of the forthcoming New Year, it is anticipated that there will be rush for withdrawals at the Banks.

Swami Vipulananda Remembered

A new book on Swami Vipulananda was released on Sunday, March 29 at a ceremony held at Nellivady Central College. Mr. P. Balasingham, Principal of Hearnly College, Point Pedro presided.

Several persons spoke at the meeting concerning different

aspects of the life and work of Swami Vipulananda.

Mr. Yogi, the General Secretary of the People's Front of Liberation Tigers also spoke at the meeting.

Flowers were laid by many at the Memorial Column of Thanthai Chelva standing at the Esplanade which has withstood the ravages of war.

Sri Lankan Gun Boat Mined

The Sea Tigers laid mines in the seas off Mathagal and a Sri Lankan Naval Gun Boat was badly damaged when the mine exploded on Friday, April 3 at about 8.00 a.m.

Three gun boats which came to the spot where the mine exploded later towed the damaged gun boat. The gun boats that came for the rescue operation later fired cannons directed towards the Mathagal coast.

Separate Statehood for Tamil Eelam

Phanchi Seela or Co-existence is the only solution to the problem of the two nations in Ceylon. It recognises not merely facts of two thousand five hundred years of Sinhala and Tamil history but also the fundamental right of the Tamil people to self-determination of Tamil Eelam to separate statehood. It unshackles the two nations and sets them free.

Late Mr. S. Kahiravapillai, M. P. for Kopay from 'Co-existence not Confrontation' a statement on Eelam