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BATTICALOA

GOVERNMENT'S MILITARY

OPERATIONS A FLOP

The Sri Lankan Government suddenly announced an indefinite curfew in the Batticaloa District from 5.00 a.m. on Sunday, November, 8. Intense military activity was promised.

The announcement of an indefinite curfew in the same style in which it is proclaimed in the North, seemed to suggest that all claims by the Government that the East had been brought under the Government's control were absolutely false.

As a matter of fact the declaration of curfew and Air Force operations following thereon made many independent media men opine that LTTE was a strong factor in the east.

The JOC also announced military operations code named 'Jayapara'. News from Batticaloa stated that as it does in the North, the Sri Lankan Air Force started extensive and heavy-bombing. There was however a difference. While in the North, Sri Lankan planes bombed civilian dwellings, in Batticaloa the bombing was done mostly in the jungles and some villages close to jungles. People from

villages close to jungles were displaced from their villages in large numbers. Heavy bombing and helicopter strafing continued for a full day but details of damages were not known.

On the second day the Government announced the withdrawal of curfew from some areas of Batticaloa District effective from 11.30 p.m. the previous day! But curfew continued in the other areas which in fact were the larger and extensive areas of Batticaloa District. Curfew was, however, lifted in these areas too from seven p.m. on the second day i.e. November 9. And the operations code-named 'Jayapara' were closed. In the meantime Sri Lankan forces lost one helicopter near Uhana forests. One officer was killed and three others were seriously wounded on Monday, November 9.

The Commander of the Air Force, Terrence Gunawardhene, who rushed to the

area ordered investigations. The Government forces never accept LTTE action as causing loss to its Air Force planes and helicopters.

In the meantime, independent news agencies said that the operations in Batticaloa were not successful to the Government and quoted

army sources which did not want to be identified as saying that sections of the Armed Forces of Government were dissatisfied with the operations as it did not bring any success. The LTTE has not reported any loss to its cadres in Batticaloa. LTTE always reports death of its cadres in battle.

New Bishop of Jaffna

St. Mary's Cathedral witnessed on 5th November, 1992 an initiation Ceremony of great significance to the Episcopate in Jaffna.

It was the installation of Rev. Dr. Thomas Savundranayagam as the Seventh Bishop of Jaffna in succession to Rev. Dr. Bastiampillai Deogupillai who retired from his Bishopric on his 75th year and on completion of his Silver Jubilee as Bishop of Jaffna.

The Cathedral was packed and over-flowing with clergy, nuns, laity and Religious Dignitaries of other Denominations.

There was the Concelebrated Mass where the Chief Celebrants were the New and Old Bishops assisted by the Clergy representing 43 parishes in the District of Jaffna comprising 161,839 Catholics.

In his homily the New Bishop displayed his forte in Biblical Theology, when he made the theme of his Homily - 'Fear not, I am with you always'. The popular Hymn 'Anjathe' (Fear not) which was taken in refrain by the whole congregation, was a faith-inspiring phenomenon.

At the end of this 'Spiritual Communion' of the congregation, a public reception was held where representatives of the clergy, nuns, laity and religious dignitaries of other denominations spoke words of welcome and wished the new incumbent 'ad multos annos' in his new Episcopate. The Head of Nallai Atheenam and the Bishop in Jaffna of the Church of South India, were

those dignitaries of other religious denominations who wished the New Bishop well. Rev. Dr. D. J. Ambalavaner



in his inimitable and characteristic way proved his versatility in men and matters with quotations from Papal history and the Bible. He said he was first present when the present incumbent of the Jaffna Bishopric, was installed Bishop of Mannar on 2.8.1981 and that his grey hairs now gave an aura of

maturity to the New Bishop. The Head of the Nallai Atheenam Sri La Sri Somasundara Paramacharia Swamykal also felicitated the new Bishop and wished him well.

Assault on Fishermen

Three fishermen were out fishing in the Mandaitivu sea on Thursday, November 8. When they were fishing two naval boats approached the fishermen's boats. When one of the Navy boats came close to the fishermen's boat the fishermen abandoned their boats and jumped into the sea and began to swim, leaving their boat, implements and fish. Navy men began to fire at them. Of the three, two brothers, Jacob Paththi Kumar and Jacob Kuttitambi, swam across to safety. They said they feared their companion, Anton Appukutty had been arrested by the Navy.

HEAVY RAINS AND STORM IN TAMIL EELAM

Heavy rains accompanied by a storm affected the entire Tamil Eelam.

Reports from all parts of Tamil Eelam indicate that there was heavy rain on Thursday and Friday, November 12 and 13. Weather forecasts indicated a cyclone in the Batticaloa area. According to reports there was a storm the effects of which are still not known. Heavy rains poured in Batticaloa,

Trincomalee and other Northern Districts causing floods. Some houses were damaged due to the storm. According to reports a storm entered through Batticaloa south area and passed out through the Puttalam area.

In Jaffna displaced persons living as refugees under trees in Churches, temples and schools were very badly affected by the heavy rains on Thursday and Friday.

War Heroes' Week

Elaborate arrangements are being made in Jaffna and other free Tamil Eelam territory to commemorate the War Heroes' Week from November 21 to 27.

As a prelude to the War Heroes' Week the period between November 15 and 21 would be celebrated as 'Resurgence Week' when voluntary social service activities - ranging from tree planting to restoration of tanks and ponds will be undertaken.

War Heroes' Week is commemorated to honour the memories of Tamil Eelam martyrs.

Motilal - A Lawyer

Cum Politician

I am not only very much in agreement with the views of Mr. K. C. Adiyapathan, expressed in the Hot Spring of the 1st. inst. but also I pause to ponder much more. Mr. K. C. Adiyapathan has inspired me.

It certainly is a mind-boggling exercise following the antics of politicians but, when the politico happens to be a lawyer as well, one has to be careful. The combination drives the observer mad. Behold Motilal Nehru!

The LTTE is very rich fodder for political asses on which they survive. Their bray belittles the sound of Marchetti and Supper-sonic bombings in scaring away the human wits not only in Sri Lanka, very much so in India. Nevertheless, let me piece up the few wits left with me, and for the missing link let the readers guess.

Motilal's Stunt and 'Jail Trial'

On the 12th July, '92, Motilal Nehru's interview was given prominence by the Sunday Times - interviewed by Brian Jeganathan. The same also was queried and reproduced by Tamil Nation of August, '92. The main theme being M. Nehru's 'stunt' about appearing for accused person or persons in the Rajiv Assassination Case. Very patriotic indeed!

Well, the President's Counsel, Motilal Nehru appeared for the victims of the Kokkatticholai massacre or was it for the army on the rampage? Whatever it is, he did give credence to the Presidential Commission. The result is a notorious denial of justice and a stampede of the Rule of Law. Hail Motilal!

In the above said interview of July 12, Motilal claimed the Rajiv Assassination trial would begin in September. In November Karthigeyan the S. I. T. Chief said the trial would begin after a month and would last for an year.

Indian jurisprudence in relevance to the trial, is a cumbersome amalgam of State, Centre and TADA laws. Inadequacy of evidence have made S. I. T. to charge sheet the refugees accused

in the criminal case, even under Immigration Laws. Like Kokkatticholai, the Assassination Trial will have a 'prepared verdict' - Justice would be in jail and Asoka Chakra on the fadel! The commanding factor is the Intelligence Agencies - they can get in and get out like the proverbial camel going through the eye of a needle. Reciprocal arrangements between the two countries as regards lawyers of one country appearing in the other aside, the Intelligence Agencies can squeeze through for Motilal to appear. For, India can smart 'after all

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the case was defended by their own lawyer. Motilal.' There is no extradition agreement between Sri Lanka and India, but it is on SAARC Agenda, couple the vocal appearance of lawyers as well. The Pirabakaran trail is blazing away the very normal ethics of Rule

of Law and Human Rights. Tiger, Tiger Burning Bright!

However, the evasive Motilal in his interview of 12th July to Sunday Times, takes shelter ironically in the Indian Immigration Laws. He says, "even if I succeed in getting the approval of the Indian Court authorities to appear as Defence Counsel, I need permission from India to enter that country". May I remind him that the Fifth SAARC Summit of November, '90 which resolved, vis-a-vis - to launch the special SAARC travel document which would exempt the holders - Supreme Court judges and Parliamentarians etc. to travel within the region without obtaining visas. Vague as it may be, the one year time factor for the trial is good enough for manipulations of retrospective SAARC compulsions. Since many Sri Lankans are indicted in the Rajiv Assassination, can the President's Counsel prevail upon Presi-

dent Premadasa to invoke the SAARC Charter and ask for observers, preferably Supreme Court judges from the SAARC region to attend the 'Jail Trial'? 'Preposterous to Indian National integrity - slur to Regional Super Power' would be the stern reaction from Delhi - Premadasa cannot murmur likewise.

Political Turn Coats-All

"Restoring peace for the long-suffering Tamil people" says Motilal. What a visionary! He could see tears of Tamils of Tamil Eelam from Colombo, India shed the same crocodile tears from Delhi and brought the Accord in 1987 and the Alligators into the 'mainstream'.

Rotarians do help invalids, at times political invalids as well. On 30th May, '91 at Taj, Samudra three Rotary Clubs in Colombo helped the eternal junior of ACTC, Kumar Ponnampalam to speak. He had these to say: "LTTE is the only anti-India group, is the one group which is capable of mass human destruction. Everybody is frightened of a local thug" and "I for one, am quite clear about

what obtains in North East. There is no democracy there. Either one toes the LITE line or you perish. You dare not open your mouth". And now in mid 1992 junior laments, "If not for the LTTE they (other groups) would be kicked off". All Ceylon Turn Coats, Kumar and Motilal!

Let not Motilal ask J.N. Jha for visa. He would say, "you would be a spill over effect in India". J.N. Dixit is busy promoting nuclear proliferation for India, the spill over effects into this Island no one seems to foresee. N. Ram of 'Madras Hindu' is the man who can show the back door to the Delhi Foreign Office, if Motilal can reach him over the TULF who have already received advance to give credibility to the quislings.

The Politico-lawyer combinations do have prominent precedents. "I am a democrat", proclaimed J. R. Very often democracy got dismantled!

The Lalith - Gamini duo formed the Democratic?, United?, National?, Front?. The D. U. N. F. which has broken up like an over ripe durian fruit and smells. Even Ronnie de Mel cannot give it a shape. And Motilal Nehru concludes his interview, "I am lawyer as well as a Politician".

J. O. C. — SUPREME DEITY

In Supply of Drugs to the North

A Press Conference was convened by the Regional Director of Health Services at the Regional Health Secretariat on 28.10.92.

At the outset of the Conference the Director said that his intention was to establish a closer rapport between the Press and the Directorate with a view to iron out certain misconceptions appearing in the Press from time to time which created some embarrassment to the local Directorate and sometimes ill-will among the higher echelons of the Health officials during their periodical tete-a-tete in Colombo. He said it was his aim to 'enlist community participation in achieving tangible results'.

The Regional Director said that in accordance with the latest directive of the Health Ministry issued on (03.9.92) it was imperative for the Orders of Drugs - placed with the Medical Supplies Department (MSD) in Colombo to be channelled through the Ministry of Health.

This stricture further enjoins that no request for drugs, equipment, transport be made direct to any Non-Governmental Organisation which includes the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the Sri Lanka Red Cross (SLRC).

It appears that, in the matter of Supply of Drugs etc. to the North the 'Presiding Deity' is the Joint Operations Command (JOC) which is the stern, quantity-pruning Pater Familias of the Health Ministry.

Here is a resume of some of the important drugs etc. received in the North:-

Wintomylon for Dysentery - 500 received - a quantity not sufficient for even a day.

Anoxacillin (Anti - biotic) 2000 (requested qty. 535,000)

Cloxacillin (anti - biotic) 14,000 (requested qty 58,000)

Penicillin (Anti - biotic) 58,500 (requested qty. 1,970,000)

Ampicillin (Anti - biotic) 25,000.

Anti - Rabies Vaccine (5,000 millilitres). It must be mentioned that the required quantity for a person is nearly 50 mls.

A cursory glance by the discerning reader will reveal that in the supplies of drugs the JOC has its fingers in the supply pie of drugs.

(I) Health

According to the Regional Director:-

Leprosy - this disease is on the increase and is pronounced in the areas of Manipay and Chulipuram 67 new cases of leprosy have been reported in the Jaffna Region while last year there were 110.

(II) Tuberculosis —

Is also on the increase and is more pronounced in the Puttur area.

(III) Hydrophobia

There have been 25 cases of death to date where as

last year there were only 15 deaths.

It may be recalled that the available quantity of Anti-Rabies Vaccine is 5,000 mls and the required dosage per person is nearly 50 mls.

The lethal drug - Strychnine - required for the elimination of rabid dogs has not been made available. Injection of drug against rabies is

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SPORTS

Soccer

In the under 17 match St. Henry's College sailed into the finals after beating Vigneswara College in the penalty shoot out at the full time when the score was one all. Mr. Kirupakrnan was referee.

In the under 19 St. Henry's College entered the semi-finals by beating Nelliady M. V. 2-1. Mr. Thayalan was referee. These matches were played at St. John's College grounds.

- Vijayakumar

Betrayal-The Watchword

"The forces are not fighting with confidence. It is because the Government is not showing interest in them. As a result, they are undergoing defeat after defeat in the war. We want the help of India to win this war. Why should not we obtain the help of India to defeat the Tigers". This is what D. M. Jayaratne, a senior SLFP member of Parliament said in parliament recently.

D. M. Jayaratne represents the feudal, aristocratic, elitist interests of the Kandyans. When the last Kandyan ruler of Sinhalese ethnicity bestowed the Kingdom to the Nayakars in 1739, it was done with the blessings of the Sangha. Sri Vijaya's rule was sponsored by the Buddhist monk, Saranankara. The Kandyan aristocracy glossed over the fact because they were not united and opposed anyone from their rank coming to power as king. But during the reign of Kirti Sri, when the administration of the country was in the sole hands of his father supported by a Tamil from Jaffna, the Kandyan aristocracy could not bear it. It was well known that during this period the Sinhalese nobility encountered several humiliations. It is because of this they plotted against the king. They wanted power and prestige bestowed on them. So they went to the Malwatte temple and took a resolution to put a Prince of Siam upon the throne of Kandy. The Kandyan elite was prepared to sell the kingdom even to a foreign country, viz, Siam, in order to win back their positions of authority. This plot was called the famous 'Moladande Rebellion' of 1760. Even they did not succeed, and Samarakodi, the Second Adigar was executed, one could understand the volatile and mercenary nature of the thinking of the Kandyan elite.

Ceding Kandyan Kingdom

This is not the first occasion the Kandyan elite betrayed their kingdom to safeguard and preserve their own power and authority. The Britishers conspired with the Kandyan nobility to oust the king. In order to alienate the common people away from the king, the Britishers, in a proclamation addressed to the people in collaboration with the nobles notably Pilimatalawa, the first Adigar said the reason for their campaign against Sri Wickrama Raja-

singhe was to deliver the Kandyan people from their oppressions, for the subversion of the Malabar dominion which during three generations had tyrannised over the country. Mind you, this proclamation was made, while the British army was marching towards Kandy. They, as well as the Kandyan Chiefs knew the ordinary people would not support the Britishers. To the people, Portuguese, Dutch or the Britishers were all foreigners. The ordinary Kandyan identified the interests of the king, sasana and himself as one - composite

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and indivisible. If at all, the Kandyan people hated anyone, it would have been Kandyan aristocracy who was directly controlling the people socially, economically and administratively on behalf of the king and exacted Rajakariya and feudal dues with extra profits for themselves, to divert the common man and to alienate the king from them. John D'oyly and the Kandyan nobles had to bring in the ethnic factor with all its historical associations. One could understand the attitude of the Kandyan people on this point only if one could visualise how the entire people of the Kandyan kingdom spontaneously rose in rebellion against the Britishers in 1818 due to their passion for monarchical restoration. When Sri Wickrama Rajasinghe asserted his royal overlordship in the administration of the kingdom by appointing his own men, the Kandyan aristocracy conspired with the Britishers and sold the kingdom by signing the Kandyan Convention, hoping to get back power and authority which they enjoyed earlier. In this respect they were losers as subsequent events proved.

Federal Constitution?

A community cannot be blamed for furthering its self-interests. But the elites of that community are composed of only a very small fraction. Their whims, fancies and self-interest should not be forced on the rest of that community. The Kandyan elite in the early twentieth century came from the few who had an English education and those who had entered the liberal professions. While the Kandyan people were poor and were a toiling mass bewildered as a result of transformation from the feudal system and unable to

cope up with the plantation economy that was being forced on them, the elite of this community was thinking of its past glory and to get back the powers and authority they had enjoyed once. They felt uncomfortable by the influx of British planters, missionaries, low country Sinhalese traders, the Indian immigrant labour etc. They had also a firm conviction that they were the survivors of a lost patrimony. They were correct. But they forgot the fact that it was their forefathers (elites) who betrayed the country to the foreigners. They wanted to set the clock back. They

hated the low country Sinhalese. This resulted once again in the Kandyan elite leaning on the British and attempting to beat back low (Continued on Page 4)

Swami Returns from Tour Abroad

Swami Chidrupananda, the Swami - in - Charge of the Sri Sarada Sevashramam at Point Pedro, has returned home after a tour of the U. K. and France lasting in all nine weeks.

The Sri Sarada Sevashramam at Point Pedro is a spiritual and humanitarian organisation founded in 1969. The Sevashramam has provided relief to destitutes in various forms. The Sevashramam has in view plans for establishment of a full fledged

Institute of Culture and a well-equipped mobile medical clinic to meet the needs of the people in the area.

Swami Chidrupananda informed 'Hot Spring' that 'Tamil Nation' and 'Thamil-osai' both published in UK by expatriate Tamils from Tamil Eelam gave extensive coverage about the work of the Ashramam at Point Pedro. According to Swami Chidrupananda his visit was useful to the working of the Ashramam,

Change Religion - Change Language!

'Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde Pranks won't do'
Advice to Muslims

"National unity" can be brought about in the island of Sri Lanka by converting Tamil Hindus to Buddhism and getting Muslims to give up Tamil and adopt Sinhala as their mother tongue according to Baudha Sinhala - Chauvinism.

A news report from Vavuniya states that Sri Lankan Army personnel at Cheddikulam and some Buddhist priests are settling Sinhalese in large numbers there. They also have asked many young Hindus to embrace Buddhism and be ordained priests with promise of all comforts.

Then again Wilson Hettiaratchi of Kotte has called upon the Muslims to give up Tamil and adopt Sinhala as their mother tongue for 'greater harmony, unity and peace'.

Writing in the Island of 22-10-92, he says, "...why the Muslim community has so far failed to accept Sinhala as their language and have adopted Tamil as the day to day language... if Sinhala had been accepted by the Muslims as their mother tongue, the harmony and goodwill between the two communities would have been doubled or trebled by now? This being the case it is my view that this Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde policy should cease at least now. It is time for our Muslim brethren, specially the elders to do a little rethinking on this matter, taking into consideration the present day developments and advise their followers to adopt Sinhala, the language of the

majority, as their mother tongue for greater harmony, unity and peace in our Country."

The Vavuniya report further says that some Sri Lankan Army officers denied involvement of the Army in the (Continued on Page 4)

A MAN WITH A MISSION

Pierre La Croix addressed a multitude of French in exile at Albert Hall, London, 1944:-

"Sons and daughters of Mother France, we are gathered here to proclaim to the world the mission of Free France and the mission of Pierre La Croix. La Croix has accepted the authority of France in the cause of national honour. He left the defeated motherland and climbed from the morass of defeat to the mountain top. La Croix shall not come down until our beloved France is free!

France has been mortified... debased... schemed against... gone unrecognised... double crossed by the very ones who claim to be our allies. But so long as Pierre La Croix lives, so long as Pierre La Croix has assumed the burden of fallen France... We shall not succumb. That is my mission." Who is La Croix? He is the man who struggles in the name of France tirelessly. He has unified Frenchmen outside of the defeated motherland. "Now hear this clearly. No power on this earth will plot the fate of France behind her back. No power on this earth will make decisions involving the future of France without the consent of France! France will continue to be the mistress of her own destiny!"

"I say to our most powerful ally, I deplore your ambition to rule the world after this war. I deplore your bad manners and gall and your greedy desires to impose your will on the ancient civilizations of Europe. Before this war is over the blood of Frenchmen in the forefront of battle will have established France's sovereign rights.

I weep for the men who die for France. But my heart also bursts with pride. And I shall never be silent to men who plot against my fallen motherland.

I open my arms to Admiral de St. Amelin! Despite the sin of Vichy, I forgive! But there is only one France! Free France! Join us! To France! We will free her! We will punish the traitors! And so help me God, we will resume our great undeniable march to destiny!"

Taken from 'Topaz'

-A novel by the author of 'Exodus,' - Leon Uris.

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Britain Turns A Blind-Eye

The latest decision of the UK Government to lift the ban on shipments of military - ware and release certain types of military - ware such as planes, battle tanks and spares but exclude bombs and explosives, to Sri Lanka is most unfortunate.

It is clear that the commercial interests of UK, require a lift on the ban and therefore the UK Government is not bothered that its non - supply of ammunitions and explosives alone is sufficient to ensure non - escalation of the Tamil - Sinhala war, if it is indeed its concern. Arms manufacture is said to be the most lucrative industry in the world today and the 'nation of shopkeepers' (hark back to past!) do not want loss of profits - even if the 'wretches' who kill each other were its subjects a few decades ago!

Britain cannot plead ignorance of the state terrorism of the Baudha - Sinhala Government or the genocide, it has been committing for decades - against Eelam Tamils.

The Sinhala government practises discrimination against Tamils not only in ordinary civilian life but also in war. Sinhala 'rebels' are called 'subversives' - Tamil 'rebels' are called 'terrorists'. While aerial bombardment, shell attack and cannon fire are liberally practised in Tamil Eelam - such atrocities have been happily and conspicuously absent in the south against the J.V.P.

Though from the time of the First Colonial Secretary downwards, British Resident heads had amply explained to their Home Government the existence of two different nations - occupying two different territories and peoples speaking two different languages and following two different faiths in the Island, British imperialism preferred not to see the two countries - Tamil Eelam and Sinhala Rata - but created a strategical entity to safeguard its own imperialist interests. The present blood bath in the island between the Tamils and Sinhalese is directly traceable to this.

One would in these circumstances expect Britain - the present day Britons - to do something to salvage the Tamils who are today being ruled by the Sinhalese, thanks to the British gift! But the decision of the UK government clearly makes out that it is least concerned about its moral responsibility and always conscious of its profits.

Britain must take the sole responsibility for the plight of the Tamils and help in the restoration of Tamil Eelam, which it had obliterated from the map of the world. Though it is generally gall and wormwood for any government to look upon with favour any rebellion from any quarter, the Eelam Tamil Rebellion is necessitated by British imperialism and we must re-iterate that the Government of UK at least as far as Eelam is concerned must instead of treading the beaten tracks of all governments be pragmatic and help the Tamils restore their ancient Tamil Eelam State.

The British government's latest decision spells out the utter and callous disregard it has for its own moral responsibilities. We are constrained to say that turning a blind - eye to its moral responsibilities speaks very poor of British statesmanship which prided itself of its empire at one point of time.

Tamil Eelam is not an innovation. It is only an urge to be reborn. We would therefore reiterate the moral responsibility that UK owes the people of Tamil Eelam and call upon the UK government to forget the politics of profit and loss commercialism and discharge her obligations which political morality demands of her and help Tamil Eelam - a separate nation which she took over - rank with other nations.

LIGHTNING ATTACK AT MANAL ARU

Seven S. L. Soldiers Killed - Arms Recovered

In a lightning attack carried out by the LTTE at Manal Aru, LTTE fighters killed seven Sri Lankan soldiers, recovered arms and ammunition and destroyed a sentry post of the Sri Lankan Army.

The news in this connection states that on Monday, November 9 about 4.30 p.m. a group of LTTE fighters attacked a Sri Lankan Army Sentry Post between Somavil and Thennamaravady S.L. Army Camps. The attack lasted for four minutes only. Seven Sri Lankan soldiers were killed and a number of others who sustained injuries escaped to the Army Camps.

The LTTE fighters recovered all arms, ammunition and other military - ware in the post that fell under

LTTE attack and destroyed it completely. The LTTE suffered no casualties.

Alampil Destroyed During Occupation

The Sri Lankan Army vacated its camp at Alampil on the 3rd. of last month and people who went to Alampil after the Sinhala forces had left, have reported that over hundreds of houses in the area which belonged to the villagers, have been demolished.

The villagers also have reported that the Alampil Church and School have been razed to the ground. Large numbers of coconut

trees have also been felled by the Sinhala Army.

Reports from Alampil also state that it is not possible for the villagers to immediately settle down in their native village of Alampil as the area has been heavily mined by the Sinhala Army. The LTTE will have to clear the area of all mines and booby traps before the people get back to their village.

Residents of nearby villages of Chemalai, Nayar and other villages have gone back to their villages.

Betrayal...

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country Sinhalese domination. This resulted in the formation of the Kandyan National Assembly in 1925. They emphasised their distinctiveness and identity. Logically this led to the Kandyan National Assembly demanding a federal constitution for Ceylon. A federal constitution for whom? Is it for the Kandyan elite or for the Kandyan masses? It was in the selfish interests of the Kandyan elite. Thus we can see at every turn the Kandyan elite displayed selfishness and adopted betrayal as their method of achieving anything beneficial to them but which ultimately boomeranged on them. Therefore the suggestion of D. M. Jayaratne that Sri Lanka should get India's help to defeat the Tigers is also a call in furtherance of self-interest but in this instance it is not interest of the Kandyan elite but the elite in both the UNP and the SLFP, who having no regard for the sufferings of the ordinary Sinhalese people want to pursue the war against the Tamils so that the Sinhalese who have enjoyed power and authority and domination over the other racial groups, could continue to do so, whatever the outcome would be as far as the majority of the Sinhalese are concerned.

Latest betrayal

The Kandyan elite is not the only people who betrayed their kingdom to foreigners. Recent history of Sri Lanka witnessed its sale to the Indians under the Sri Lanka-India Accord of 1987. A person supposed to be intellectually a Machiavelli but in fact a puerile, thinking that he is outwitting India and its Premier signed away the North and East of Sri Lanka to that country. He did not realise at that time that he

was signing his own warrant for banishment into political wilderness. His action boomeranged. The JVP which was in the political wilderness entered the Sri Lankan political bandwagon with anti-Indian slogans. Jayawardene was shuffled off and Premadasa was reluctantly put forward as Presidential candidate, as there were no takers. Bankrupt political ideology of the JVP plunged the country into a mess. Premadasa manipulated this mess towards his electoral victory as President in the meantime. The resolute and determined struggle by the

Tigers against the Indian army was getting rewarded. Sinhalese too admired the LTTE even though they did not throw a stone against the Indian army. Premadasa used this opportunity and asked the Indian army to quit. The change of government in India and V. P. Singh coming to power also helped in India taking back its army. Had these plus points not acted in conjunction, one would wonder what the situation in Sri Lanka would have been? Even the Sinhalese would have had to face the Indian expansion with all its trailing consequences.

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being carried on apace by the Municipal Health Authorities. The difficulty of bringing dogs on the leash to Injection Centres was pointed out and it was suggested that a house to house injection of dogs be made. This suggestion could be implemented with more staff at the disposal of the Municipal authorities.

(IV) Malaria

Is also on the increase. Malathion required for the extermination of the malarial mosquito has not been made available due to the exorbitant cost of transport which has to be done separately to prevent contamination with food.

Refugees

They are being looked after with the available resources at the disposal of the Health and Sanitary authorities. There is room for improvement.

Food

As regards the reported damage to stocks of Cow Pea received by the authorities, the position could be resolved with the concurrence of Kachcheri, Food and Health officials.

Milk Spray - a brand name - is being sold at Co-operatives and other retail outlets. Some difficulties have arisen as to whether it is on par with Lakspray. This is being investigated by Food and Drug officials in the light of the fact the Brand Name has not been fully exhibited, and some stock being branded as 'Not for Sale'. It is hoped the position will be resolved to the satisfaction of the buyers and consumers.

One has to pity the officials of the Regional Directorate who are walking on the tight rope of the supply and demand for drugs, with the Ministry and JOC at the center holding the pruning knife!

Change....

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attempt at proselytisation - converting Tamil Hindus to Buddhism but Wilson Hettiaratchi makes no secret of his mad scheme and really conveys a veiled threat to the Muslims - comply or be condemned.

Of course, Baudha-Sinhala chauvinists by now must know that threat and terrorisation of Tamils will not pay any dividends.