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**We shall never turn
from our purpose**

We shall never turn from our purpose, however sombre the road, however grievous the cost, because we know that out of this time of trial will be born a new freedom and glory for all mankind.

Mr. Winston Churchill,

Wartime Prime Minister of Great Britain
July 14, 1941

Cey-Nor Founders Intended To Serve Jaffna Fishermen

Govt. took over business in 1984 and Closes down Jaffna Unit

Mr. D. J. N. Jayamanne, Chairman of Cey-Nor Foundation Ltd. told a Conference held on 2-7-91 with delegates of the Industrial Workers' Union of Cey-Nor Foundation Ltd. Jaffna Region that the people who created Cey-Nor Foundation would have thought it would serve the fishermen's needs of Jaffna only. After the take over as a Government-Owned Business in 1984, the needs of the fishermen of the whole island had to be catered for.

The Chairman further said that taking into consideration the financial situation of the Company, the Board of Directors had decided to close down the Jaffna Unit after paying compensation to the employees for loss of career.

The Union delegates pointed out that the Jaffna Unit of Cey-Nor was not in production now because of the non-supply of the electricity and raw materials. Union delegates requested the Chairman to provide the raw materials and also elect-

ricity generators so that they could re-start production and make Jaffna Unit, a viable unit. The Chairman said that he could not accede to the request because it was not feasible to send raw materials to the North.

The workers' delegation asked why the salaries were not paid to them and the Chairman explained that the Cabinet had taken a decision to close down the Unit from December, 1990 and that there were other practical difficulties in computing salaries as the factory was not operative and employees were not attending to work. The

Chairman further said that the Deputy General Manager Jaffna Region had paid the employees their salaries up to August, 1990 utilizing the funds available in the Jaffna Region.

The Chairman further asked the Union to consent to a proposal by him to retrench all employees by paying compensation to them. He wanted the Union's consent for his proposal for retrenchment to be sent to him by July 15, 1991. Within two days of the Conference, however, the Cey-Nor Foundation Ltd. by its letter dated July 4, 1991 terminated the services of all its employees in the Jaffna Region saying that Jaffna Unit of the Foundation has been closed and will cease to function with effect from 5th August, 1991.

Aerial bombing by night of civilian dwellings

Sri Lankan Air Force planes were reported to have bombed various villages in the Thenmaradchy Division on the night of August 7, 1991.

A bomb was thrown at Meesalai which lies about a distance of over twenty miles from Elephant Pass at about 10-45 p. m. on 7th

August. About three houses were damaged. One house was very badly damaged. As the inmates of this house were sleeping outside, they escaped death. However, two persons were injured. They are Chandramani (34) wife of Paackianathan and M. Kumarsingam (60). While Chandramani was admitted to Jaffna Hospital, Kumarsingam was admitted to the Chavakachcheri Hospital.

The Treachery of A.I.R.

It was when the IPKF arrived and started its nefarious operations here that the Eelam Tamils realised the mean levels to which the A. I. R. - All India Radio descended in broadcasting lies and nothing but lies of the happenings here.

With the assassination of Rajiv Gandhi in Tamil Nadu, the irresponsible manner in which politicians belonging to the Congress (I) and AIADMK are indulging in trying to implicate the LTTE is unbelievable. The Indian Propaganda machinery is competing with such politicians in spoofing utter lies - deliberate and evil intentioned falsehoods.

The latest in this series of lies by AIR, is the reported claim issued in Colombo by an anonymous member of the Central Committee of the People's Front of the LTTE that they carried out the assassination and this was broadcast as headline news reportedly by the shameful AIR.

The AIR and the Tamil Nadu politicians belonging to the Congress (I) and AIADMK appear to have been bought over completely by the scheming Sri Lankan Government to belittle and slander the glorious liberation struggle of the Eelam Tamils and to be mouthpieces of the Sinhala government.

Elephant Pass — 8000 Strong Force to Relieve 800 — Curfew Continues

An 8000 strong Sinhala Army contingent heavily backed by the Sri Lankan Air force and Sri Lanka Navy battled fiercely for 25 days before they ultimately succeeded in sending a small group of soldiers to relieve the 800 strong Sinhala Army besieged in the Elephant Pass Camp on the 3rd. August, 1991.

In the process the Sinhala Army appears to have lost hundreds of their soldiers. Many more were wounded. Five planes including a helicopter belonging to the Sri Lankan Air Force were reported damaged. Also a gunboat belonging to the Sri Lankan Navy was badly damaged. This is apart from about half a dozen heavy armoured and other vehicles lost by the Army.

Though a group of the Army entered the besieged camp at Elephant Pass reports coming from Elephant Pass indicate daily fighting

between the Army and the LTTE there.

The Government must have spent a colossal sum of money in this operation which it termed "Operation Balavegaya". Still more, it caused and is continuing to cause immense hardship to the civilian population in the North by the proclamation

of an indefinite curfew which is now one month old. Economic activity, especially in relation to trade between Jaffna and Colombo has come to a grinding halt for over one month. It is not known why the the Government has still not relaxed the curfew even after one week of its alleged 'triumph' at Elephant Pass.

Human skeletons recovered from closed well

Human skeletons of about 16 persons have been recovered from a well at Mandativu which had been closed by the Sri Lankan Army, when the Army entered Mandativu last year in a bid to relieve the Sri Lankan soldiers besieged inside the Jaffna Fort then.

The Army occupied Mandativu for sometime before it withdrew in October last year from Mandativu. During the period the Army was at Mandativu, it closed

five wells in a gardening area.

Recently, when the villagers had settled down in their homes after the Army had left, some villagers dug up a well closed by the Army to irrigate their cultivation. In the course of this exercise the human skeletons were found.

It is believed that these skeletons belong to villagers who were missing from the time the Sri Lankan Army came into Mandativu, last year.

Estimate of the overall Situation for one year

Christian Laity Front makes assessment

The Christian Laity Front, Jaffna, has made an overall assessment of the civilian conditions in the Tamil homeland for one year from 10. 6. 90 to 10. 6. 91 after the current war broke out and has made it known that the Government of Sri Lanka is adopting a deliberate policy of starvation and slow strangulation to death of the Tamil nation in Tamil Eelam. This overall position has been communicated by the Front to all Foreign Missions in Colombo. The report reads as follows:-

Food Distribution

Owing to the Economic embargo, there is a severe scarcity for staple and essential basic food items such as: rice, flour, milk, sugar and dhal, etc. But the Government through its propaganda media makes false proclamations that sufficient food items are being delivered to the North East; But, in reality, the Government is manipulating the shipment of food and the transport of food by lorries in such a way as to cause famine and starvation. This has made all the people living in the war-torn area to feel the impact of malnutrition.

We give below the statistics prepared on the basis of the information given by senior administrative officials in Jaffna District.

The shipments that have been delivered during the period 10-6-90 to 10-6-91 i. e. for a period of twelve months:

Between 13-07-90 And	10-12-90	16 Shipments
Between 10-12-90 And	30-04-90	6 ..
Between 30-04-91 And	31-05-91	4 ..
Total		26 ..

This number of shipments is only a delusion for the international world, for the ships have not been loaded to full capacity. Moreover, the sinister motive of the Government has been made clear by its proposal to make cash payments instead of issuing dry rations! What could the people do with cash when the food stuffs are not available or in severe scarcity? When we compare the distribution of dry rations in the Amparai District with other Districts we can see clearly how discriminative the Government has been towards us. (cf. Schedule).

2. Embargo on other supplies.

2.1 Electricity :-

Supply of Electricity which is considered to be a most important form of energy in a modern society, has been denied to us. This has resulted in severe socio-economic problems, for many industries have been forced to close down and thereby has deprived many people to earn

their living. Even dry-cells are not allowed into our province and we are unable to make use our transistor radio sets even to listen to news broadcasts.

2.2. Fuel:-

Due to the total embargo on all kinds of fuel (except kerosene, and this also only a little amount is allowed), Agriculture and Fisheries are completely paralysed, not in Jaffna District alone but also in other Districts such as Kilinochchi, Mannar and Vavuniya. According to the statements given by Government Officials the needed requirements for a month is below:

Liters per Month :	
(A) Kerosene	800,000
(B) Diesel	2000,000
(C) PetroI	900,000

2.3 Fertilizer, Insecticide & Weedicide.

Agriculture is further affected due to the non-availability of the above materials. Farmers normally cultivated 75,000 metric tons of small onion and marketed 35,000 metric tons outside the region, but due to the various reasons mentioned before they are unable to do so now. Even other cash crops such as chillies, tobacco, etc. have been affected. Also 80% out of the total 480 hectares of land that produced 9700m.t of bananas have been destroyed due to lack of irrigation, and the lands have been turned into desert.

Even the cattle farming and poultry are affected due to shortage of fodder and lack of medicines to treat them. The over all drop has been more than 75%. In 1989 there were 450,000 cattle & sheep and 650,000 laying birds in the North.

From these we can see how the Government is trying to destroy our

economic progress by forming carefully premeditated and systematic plans in complete silence.

3. Education:

Our most cherished hope of giving our children a good education has been very badly affected. The G.C.E. (Advanced level) exam, which was scheduled to be held in August 1990 was called off due to the untoward situation. Later the Government with the concurrence of the J.O.C. agreed to hold the exams, in April 1991 but when the exam had commenced, on the same day itself, the Govt. imposed a curfew and disturbed it with hostile acts. The G.C.E. (O/L) exam. Which was to be held in December 1990 has been postponed without any effort to hold it again. All these actions have put back our children by one year and they have been subjected to physiological tremor,

Moreover many schools have been badly damaged and many more have been turned into army camps. In Batticaloa District 212 schools and 79 schools in Jaffna District have been badly damaged. Also on 5.6.91 a school in Kilinochchi District was bombed, fortunately no one died, but one student was badly hurt.

There is also a severe shortage for exercise books and writing papers normally used by students and officers of the Government departments.

4. Medical supplies:-

The most cruel act committed by the Government is denying medical facilities to our suffering people by putting an embargo on medical supplies: e.g.:- medicines to treat minor injuries and surgical instruments are not allowed to our hospitals. Moreover no medical supplies were sent up to the end of 1990. In January 1991 some delivery was made as a token but not all the required medicines and this resulted in Governmental organisations denying the medical supplies. (cf. schedule).

5. Curfews:-

Under the pretext of imposing curfews for military operations the Government goes all out to disturb the

day to day life of the people and the food distribution. These curfews are imposed at regular intervals so as to hinder the unloading of food ships at Point Pedro and Mullaitheevu jetties. Even the G.A. is not informed about the imposition of curfews. This has been made known during the inquiry into the incidents that took place at Vavuniya with M.S.F.

6. Non-Government Organisations.

In the North-East 350,000 persons are living in refugee camps and about 250,000 displaced persons are living with their friends and relations and 75% of the Tamil population have lost their jobs.

Non Governmental Organisations make an effort to help them but reach only a section of the refugees. The Government directly and indirectly imposed on them restrictions to hinder their operations. The army stopped them even to take certain items and several Agencies publicly made it known in the past. A committee also has been appointed by the President to probe into their activities.

The attacks that have been made on these Agencies speak for themselves the motives of the Government.

(a) On 27.4.91 UNHCR convoy was attacked at Vavuniya by the army. This agency has been administering the Madhu church refugee camp since 5.9.1990.

(b) 02.02.1991
03.05.1991-M.S.F. group came under aerial attacks in Vavuniya. This medical team suspended their service for a while and has now resumed it.

(c) 26.6.1990-at Palali Kilinochchi
January 1991-at an international service at Kilinochchi. In the background of these incidents the Government is exerting pressure on non-Governmental organisations to look after the interest of the armed forces also (Ceylon Daily News main news 29.5.1991).

7. Human rights violations:-

Many innocent people have either been killed or massacred

due to indiscriminate aerial bombings and artillery shellings and also properties worth over many millions damaged. But still the forces claim that they attack only military targets, and unfortunately this false claim is not being questioned by neutral bodies and the world body.

On the pretext of eradicating the J.V.P. menace in the South both the armed forces and the illegal vigilants, killed more than 60,000 people there. In order to terrorize the people headless bodies, burning limbs were strewn all along the roads and this was a common spectacle in Sri Lanka. We earnestly hope the world body should never pardon the Government for the atrocities committed on the innocent people.

The same terrorizing play is again undertaken in the East against the Tamils. On the basis of information the number of people who have been killed is given in the schedule. But it is feared that the number must be more. The most despicable thing is the Government pardons and gives its blessing for those persons responsible for these murders.

In Vavuniya the armed forces have killed and massacred many people by forcing them, that, they have to go through their check points by having to walk their minefields. In Trincomalee they even made a child to walk over their minefields.

Kidnapping people and then denying it and declaring them as missed is a common activity. This sort of affairs is very common terrifying in the East. In Kankesanthurai 75 people, and also many people from Gurunagar and other places are reported missing.

The Government has become silent over its commissions which have been appointed to look into the massacre of innocent civilians at Kockaddieholai in the East.

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The J. R. Story

DISMANTLING DEMOCRACY

With the accession of J. R. to power with a landslide victory in 1977, began the dismantling of democratic government in Sri Lanka. Such a majority had never been: five - sixth of the votes polled. Fearful that he might lose at the next election, he set about getting a new authoritarian constitution passed by his servile parliament.

"Free of the whims and fancies of Parliament," J. R. had said as a minister in 1966. With that aim he cajoled or compelled all the M. P.s of his party, with a few notable exceptions, to give him undated letters of resignation. Since then those gutless M. P.s became his perennial puppets in Parliament for the rest of their term. It was a memorable improvement or democratic practice by a master of political cunning and duplicity - nay, a new contribution to the art of government.

PERSONAL DICTATORSHIP

Control in the new J. R. constitution was transferred from the popularly elected body to a single person - himself as Executive President: and elections by proportional representation - a somewhat confusing jugglery with figures: no elections, but vacancies in the legislature to be filled by nomination by the President. With these innovative measures J. R. laid the groundwork for his own dictatorship.

He used his dictatorial power and his dumb Parliament to reverse all socialist controls of the earlier governments and opened the country to a 'free' economy. Foreign capital came in to enrich the already very rich, and a flood of expensive luxury goods beyond the buying power of citizen Perera. In his craze for an open economy he even opened the Mahaveli land to foreign multi - nationals.

The foreign companies dictated their terms before they agreed to invest in the J. R. economy. They insisted that he introduce measures to destroy the power of the working class, and J. R. obediently banned mass picketing and all demonstrations except on May Day. Somapala, a labour activist, was murdered by thugs - by accident or design? - on Kandasamy Day. Thus all the life

of the Trade Union Movement was sucked out and only an empty shell remains.

HIS FIRST CHANCE

It was the old man's first chance to rule. He was in his late 60's. Though he was more gifted than all those who had preceded him, he had to bide his time: yield first place to Dudley, because he was his father's son: then to that silly Sir John, because his own party would not have him, and then to Banda because he was the first to raise the 'Sinhala only' cry. He would have played that same card himself, but there were so many wealthy Tamils in the U. N. P. Banda was now dead, but his widow had barred the way and kept him out of power for so long. It rankled. He must have his revenge. The others were dead. Only Sirima was left.

J. R. had another grievance against the widow. When she first came to power with a comfortable majority in July '60, the old fox had offered to cooperate with her and serve in her cabinet. He said he would help her to eliminate communism from the Island. But the lady was wary. "Timeo Danaos et dona ferentes", says the Latin poet. "I fear the Greeks even when they bring gifts". She declined the offer, afraid to fall into a trap from the island's smartest con - artist.

PERSONAL REVENGE

He appointed a Parliamentary Commission to depoliticize Sirima. The first woman Prime Minister in history was thus deprived of all political rights for seven years - couldn't vote even at a village local council election. That was J. R.'s personal revenge against a political rival who had kept him out in the cold. A strange kind of democracy where the Prime Minister may bring in legislation to neutralize or even jail the leader of the opposition.

ACT OF VANDALISM

J. R.'s first act of vandalism was his attack on the Island's judiciary. He kicked out the judges and set up a bench of his yes - men. Only a despot could do that. Article 163 of his new constitution stated that all the judges of the Higher Courts ceased to hold office

on the commencement of the new constitution. An elegant way of sacking them. Then he re - appointed only those who would perform as his cronies. Seven judges of the Supreme Court and five of the High Court were not re - appointed. Four judges were demoted. One District Judge, - favourite? or tool? - was promoted over the entire High Court to the new Court of Appeal. The new judges had to take their oath of allegiance to the new constitution. No judge could now rule on the legality of the new J. R. Constitution.

To further strengthen his authority over the judges, the new constitution provides for a Special Presidential Commission of Inquiry to regulate the conduct of the judges. He could now keep all the judges under his thumb. Another milestone in Jayathoritarian democracy.

Why this monkeying with the judiciary? Justice Sri - skandarajah in a ruling had refused to kowtow to J. R.

who was then a minister. That slight might have festered over the years. Now that he had climbed to supreme power, he might have wanted to show the judges who was master. The country's judiciary became a plaything in the old man's hands - to destroy, to set up, even to insult.

The judiciary's independence must be preserved in a democracy. They are a people's guarantee of their freedom. Here is a despot making short work of that guarantee. They cannot be free any more. It is a slash from which the country may never recover.

MARCH TO KANDY

No story of J. R. [can pass over his "patha yatra" - pilgrimage on foot - to the Tooth Relic Temple in Kandy to save the Sinhalese from Prime Minister Bandaranaike's concessions to the Tamils in his Sinhala - only legislation. J. R. pretended that Banda was selling out to the Tamils, and that he and his followers were going to the temple to pray to the Buddha to intervene to save the Sinhalese. That

sort of humbug received the treatment it deserved. A cousin of Banda led a group of his friends to waylay the pilgrims and attack them with a shower of rocks. J. R. and his pilgrims turned tail and fled. That was the end of J. R.'s 'patha yatra'. In 1956 J. R. wasn't as shrewd as he is at 80 old years today, and tried that kind of melodrama, hoping that he could draw the Sinhalese masses behind him like Mahatma Gandhi marching to make salt at Dandi Beach. It turned out to be a joke.

P - T - A - BORROWED FROM APARTHEID CULTURE

Only two years after he came to power J. R. had his 'Prevention of Terrorism Act' (P. T. A.) passed. Originally enacted as a temporary measure, it is still in the books. J. R.'s P. T. A. is a copy of the South African Act of the same name designed and formulated to keep the Black majority under the oppressive heel of the white minority. That law is the legal basis of apartheid terror. J. R. deserves to be remembered as the only 'statesman' in the world who has ever borrowed anything from apartheid culture. Imitation is a form of adulation.

great majority of the Tamils in Colombo had voted for him. Then why his intent to wipe them out, or even to teach them a lesson? Bloody murder, rape, looting and torching of Tamil homes by the gangs of some of his ministers. Surely something bizarre about Jay, Aare.

JAFFNA'S PUBLIC LIBRARY

The J. R. regime will go down in history for another unique performance. Under the direction of two of his ministers the Sinhalese army and police burnt down the Jaffna Public Library in 1981, - an unparalleled act of vandalism in recent years. Barbarians in ancient days have, in their ignorance committed such excesses. But for a cultured ruler like J. R., that stain will forever stick. The Library contained more than 90,000 volumes and a collection of rare old manuscripts on Siththa and Ayurvedic medicine, schooner building and various other subjects of literary and archaeological interest. All these treasures perished in that night's bonfire. What was the urge to destroy the books and manuscripts which normal people would want to safeguard and preserve? Only a psychiatrist can ex-

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J. R.'s P. T. A. provides for the detention of anyone incommunicado for up to 18 months at a time without access to lawyers or relatives, at such place or subject to such conditions as the minister may determine. A detainee may be moved to any place; there he could be tortured or assaulted. The law also permits the admission of confessions made to the police - could be any evidence wrung out through torture. It must be noted that these laws applied to the Sinhalese people as well. This is the 'dharma government' promised by J. R.

POST - ELECTION POGROMS

The post-election pogroms cannot be ignored in this story. J. R.'s incendiary speeches immediately after his victory unleashed a madness of killings against the Tamils of Colombo and in the Sinhalese country.

Stirring up mob violence against his own Tamil subjects, who had voted for him, is an inexplicable aberration. He even acknowledged publicly that the

plain a phobia for books in an old man's consciousness.

That wasn't all the Jay Aare outrage. Jaffna's only newspaper then - the Eelanadu, the house of the Jaffna M. P., a portion of the Jaffna Market, several houses and shops were all burnt down on that eventful night.

1983 RIOTS

The old cynic's venom against his Tamil subjects broke out once more in 1983. It was the worst ever. His men and his ministers' men roamed the streets of Colombo and other cities like mad dogs, slaying Tamils, looting Tamil property, torching Tamil houses and shops and raping Tamil women. J. R.'s armed forces and his police joined in the fun. Even the prisons! Prison guards and the Sinhalese prisoners murdered 53 Tamil political prisoners in the high security Welikade Jail in Colombo. It is estimated that over 3,000 Tamils had to be slaughtered before the old man's hunger was appeased.

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The J. R. Story

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ELECTION FRAUDS

In an interview to the 'Lanka Guardian' J. R. has said "I have won every battle since I took charge of the party: 1977, the 1982 presidential polls, the referendum, the D. D. C. elections," - a long list follows. "Democracy has been kept alive - that's the important thing - in this part of the world two countries have preserved democracy, India and Sri Lanka, unique even in the whole third world - elections must be held - that's the only way to fight terrorism - so many terrorists who want to suppress democracy, personal liberties, fundamental rights - so many elections have been held and I have won them all - I have led my party from victory to victory," so the old man gloated.

But what is the truth? It was a Jay Aarian way of conducting elections. For one thing, the elections were held under an emergency - never before in the history of Sri Lanka. The army and the police took a hand quite openly and U.N.P. hirelings menaced the polling centres. The opposition party's polling agents were kicked out of

their booths. Anything was game. Even the campaign wasn't free. The Communist paper, 'Aththa' and the Tamil 'Suthanthiran' were banned and their presses sealed. The state-owned newspapers fabricated a yarn about a Naxalite group that had infiltrated the S.L.F.P. and would set up a dictatorship. S.L.F.P. election meetings were disrupted by U.N.P. thugs, even by the police. Every election law was flouted. Indeed a novel way of 'keeping democracy alive'.

VIJAYA'S MURDER.

Kobbekaduwa contested J.R. at the first presidential election on the S.L.F.P. ticket. Sirima couldn't because of the 7-year ban on her political activities. Her son-in-law, Vijaya Kumaranatunga, the popular film star and another Left activist, Ossie Abeygunasekera supported Kobbekaduwa. They were both detained. J.R. dubbed Vijaya a Naxalite. (The term Communist had become stale from over use?) He made up a story that the S.L.F.P. was teeming with Naxalities and that they would take over Sri Lanka, if Kobbekaduwa, was elected president. The

usual Jay Aarian electioneering.

It may be noted here that this "Naxalite", Vijaya, was later murdered. 'Who done it?' is still a mystery.

J.R. had also promised to hold a general election. But after he got himself elected as President, he just broke that promise. Instead he held a referendum. He reverted to his old story of a Naxalite invasion of Sri Lanka and asked the electorate to postpone the general election by six years and continue with the old M.P.s. He won the referendum also, by the same methods.

When an ordinary person cheats it is called a lie; but when a chief of state or his ambassador does, the lie is called by another name, 'diplomacy'.

A TYRANT TO THE TAMILS

To the Tamils, J.R. has always been a tyrant. (The Sinhalese opinion may not be very different). He refused to recognise the popularly elected T.U.L.F. (Tamil United Liberation Front) as members of Parliament, unless they publicly renounced their demand for separation - Just like asking the Tigers to surrender their arms - That would cut

them off forever from their political base in the Tamil country. The present Tamil members in Parliament are nominees of J.R. and have no roots to the community they are supposed to represent. Stooze is another name for that kind of patriot.

By this stupid ruling J.R. drove even the moderates among the Tamils to support the Tigers and their armed struggle. When he sent his armed forces to conquer Jaffna it was another blunder. His generals claimed that they had captured Valvettiturai and Vadamardchchi. But the Sinhalese army camp at Nelliadi Central School was blown up by the Tigers and the invaders made a hasty retreat: and that was the end of J.R.'s attempt to subdue Jaffna.

ENTER THE IPKF

J.R.'s huddle with young Rajiv is of particular interest in this story. No statesman ever willingly opens his country or even a part of it to a foreign army of occupation, no matter under whatever excuse they are invited. But that is what J.R. did when he invited the Indian peace-keepers to take over Jaffna. Even his political chum, the present President, criticized the move in Parliament. J.R. imagined he was using a young inexperienced Rajiv as a

catpaw to fight his war against the Tamil Tigers. But Rajiv's advisers thought they were outwitting a senile old President J.R. to move into a new territory they could annex in due course. But it was the heroism and sacrifice of the Tigers that saved the Tamil country from Rajiv's - the RAW's - hegemonistic ambitions. The mighty Indian peace keepers found that they had been lured into another Vietnam. The invaders didn't stay too long.

J.R. happens to be the only politician of the forties still left. J.R. has come into his eighties: he would have liked to go on for some more years who ever gave up power willingly? - But his assistant was waiting in the wings, impatient and even threatening. The old man had had a miraculous escape earlier when a few of his ministers were hurt by a bomb meant for him. He had come out of it without even a scratch. He may not be so lucky a second time. So he has bid good bye to politics and gracefully handed over to his next in line, a plebian novus homo, compared to the aristocratic J.R. The old warrior will go into history as Sri Lanka's evil genius.

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Desultory Ramblings of VADALI VELAN

On being told that the Sri Lankan President is making renewed attempts to unite all the peoples in the Island and thus usher in peace, our village political wit broke into peals of laughter. "What ho! Don't you know the man.!!", was how he prefaced his outburst.

It seems that Mr. Premadasa is trying to outdo even the kings of yore in trying to inveigle the Buddhist clergy (an easy task for the affluent and the powerful) to gain merit to balance his misdeeds; and hence, his participation, even to the height of frenzy, in all that is Buddhist. All-night pirith chanting, alms to the clergy, public avowals to make Ceylon a wholly Buddhist country, killing the non-Buddhist Tamils and demolishing non-Buddhist places of worship, are all part of the game which fellow human being, Premadasa, imagines are for of the greater glory of his brand of Buddhism. He has also mistaken his religion for a form of mathematics which enables the setting off the sum total of the merits gained, even through capricious methods, against the de-

merits of his sins against humanity when he is being pushed to another plane of re-birth, on his way to self-annihilation (nirvana). It is also true that, when you find someone trying to out-vie even the clergy in a public demonstration of piety, whilst even grossly neglecting his duties towards fellow-beings, he has many skeletons in the cupboard to account for to society, presently - never mind the next world! We are not interested.

As expected, Mr. Premadasa has now gone into a huddle with the Buddhist Sangha to obtain directions therefrom for his political activities. How very strange! What have the clergy to do with politics? They are supposed to spread the Dhamma through good example and precept and not by forcing it down unwilling throats with resort to strong-arm political tactics or military force. On the other hand, by conniving with the clergy in matters, strictly non-Buddhist, how can Mr. Premadasa regain the credibility he has already forfeited with those others who have all along been the victims of the dishonest partisan

politics, which the Buddhist clergy has been party to, along with Mr. Premadasa himself and his other Sinhala cohorts to date? Besides everyone is aware that in almost any member of the Buddhist clergy, you find a rabid Sinhala communalist, unless when he is on a mission to other countries - he becomes a grand world citizen on such occasions!

The murder of a Sinhala leader by a member of the Buddhist clergy just a few decades ago shows how imprudent it is to allow the clergy to take a hand in the affairs of the public. This leader committed the grave error of pandering to every whim and fancy of the clergy in order to ensure its influence in all future hustings. Even the kings of yore kept these monks (whose heads were often closely related to the kings themselves) in their places, getting rid of the most recalcitrant of them through banishment, knocking off their heads or even boiling them in cauldrons of oil. Even Veera Parakrama, who commenced his campaign from Ma-gama and who is acclaimed to be

"the Great" Sinhala king was a fervent Hindu and kept Buddhist monks at arm's length to ensure his peace of mind.

It is stated by John Davy surgeon to the then governor Brownrigg, that Parakrama was considered a foreigner and believed to have originally hailed from "Vadathesam" (probably present Vadamardchchi). It is also believed that Parakrama took part in Buddhist rites mostly of public and formal occasions.

Anyway, who elected the Buddhist clergy to rule the country?; and why pave the way for a noble religion to taint itself and earn the abhorrence and repugnance of generations to come just for the mere political gain of a few scheming and, historically, insignificant personalities.

Not content with playing games with Buddhist clergy, Mr Premadasa is reported to be also trying to canvass support with the Hindu deities, insulting the intelligence and memory of the deities by organising tameshes at kovils in places like Panadura where people of

his ilk (Sinhala-Buddhists) have been burning Hindu priests alive in the not so distant past. Besides with the lack of an adequate knowledge of the language of communication (Tamil) poor Premadasa would not have been able to explain away coherently to the deities his part in political affairs especially in the absence of Baskaralingam, Wijetunge or, for that matter, Bradman to deputise for him.

There is also third factor (apart from communalism and religion) which is bound to dog the steps of Mr. Premadasa in his quest for peace and unity. This is what his sooth-sayer is bound to opine. As he lays great store by what his personal soothsayer advises on every move he is to make, this, combined with the other aforesaid factors and the fact that his own sincerity and bona fides are definitely suspect, rates his chances of success for a new deal of peace and harmony dead as a dodo. You don't play round with snakes without running the risk of being bitten by them! Religion and politics do not certainly mix and there is no necessity for it in a sane and rational world.

Christian Laity Front

Appeals to World Nations

International Intervention urgently needed

The Christian Laity Front of Jaffna has sent a memorandum addressed to all Foreign Missions in Colombo calling their attention to the plight of the Tamils in the Island and exhorting them to intervene in the conflict going on in the Island, as the Sinhala - Tamil conflict that is taking place is not an internal matter but one that calls for international intervention. The text of the letter reads as follows:-

Your Excellency,
 Since 1948 when our Island gained independence from British rule we, the Tamil people, have been systematically discriminated, persecuted and made to suffer untold hardships by successive Sinhala Governments. We have been deprived even of our basic human rights in the field of politics, economics, social life, culture, education and employment. We are being slowly decimated by the premeditated and politically planned action of the Sinhala Government. The aim of the Sinhala majority is to wipe out the legitimate Tamil nation who have lived independently in the North East under a separate kingdom before the British brought the two kingdoms under one administration in 1833. Due to the Government's failure and lack of will to find a peaceful solution on the basis of justice and equality we have been left with no option but to fight the Government forces for the past 20 years. We are forced to do this purely with the motive to safeguard our identity and also to live with self respect and dignity as a nation in our own country.

We are deeply hurt to see you remaining silent when this helpless nation is being mercilessly persecuted and driven to the point of extinction and genocide. We, however, remain extremely grateful to you for the periodic material help you have sent to our suffering people through the various N. G. Os. Most of the help sent through the Government never reached us. We are also grateful to you for your concern over us by expressing your shock and regrets over the tragic incidents that are taking place here. But this is far from adequate to bring the senseless Government to realise its folly and savagery. In the recent past you have demonstrated your resolute desire to bring about peace and justice in various parts of the world. You have liberated Kuwait from Sad-

dam Hussein's aggression. You have again provided the same help to the Kurdish people and protected them from the atrocities of Saddam Hussein. We are also a suffering section of people who are being driven to the point of starvation and death, but you are still hesitating to give your helping hand to rescue us from this peril. You made every effort to bring about peace and to stop the blood shed in Yugoslavia but here every day and every hour we are suffering and crying for your help to mediate and help us to find a just and peaceful solution whereby we can live with dignity and self respect.

Since we feel that the Government's well planned misinformation sources have kept the world in the dark from knowing the true happening here, we have earnestly compiled the true facts and events that have been happening since 10-6-90 for your kind perusal and action. All of us have been persecuted and subject to suffer tribulation by whatever means available to the Government; such as, economic embargo combined with massive military operations from air, sea, and land.

During the last 43 years millions of worth of property has been destroyed, thousands of people have died. Many public buildings including churches, temples and schools have been destroyed and our land has become red scorched with our blood.

We earnestly and fervently request you to take serious note about the atrocities committed against us by not recognising our rightful claim to let us live in our own country with self respect and dignity, especially at this juncture when all of you are strongly moving towards establishing a just and equitable society around the world. We implore you to come to our rescue for we are on the verge of human annihilation. Wiping out the people with a distinguished

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Estimate....

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On 25-6-1991.

Population in Jaffna District	850,000
Refugees from Trinco & Batticaloa Districts living in Jaffna	150,000
Total	1000,000

In normal days the required amount of total food over and above that produced locally is given below, in metric tons unit according to the official report for 850,000 persons.

Item	Monthly requirements	Period 10-6-90 - 10-6-91 requirement	Total supply	Shortfall
1	2	3	4	5
Rice	5000	60,000	20,590	39,410
Flour	3000	36,000	14,330	21,670
Sugar	2000	24,100	6,330	17,670
Dhal	500	6,000	1,830	4,170
	10,500	1,26,000	43,080	82,920

Due to the embargo on electricity, fuel and other essential items for agriculture the local paddy production dropped by 50%. The figure in column 5, if properly adjusted, will give a shortfall to 88,000. This shows that in effect only 20% of the total requirements has been supplied.

For 1,000,000 Persons

Item	Monthly Requirements	10-6-90 - 10-6-91 Required total amount	Quantity Supplied	Shortfall
Rice	5,900	70,800	20,590	50,210
Flour	3,500	42,800	14,330	27,670
Sugar	2,350	28,200	6,330	21,870
Dhal	590	7,080	1,830	5,250
	12,340	148,080	43,080	105,000

Taking into account the drop in local paddy production the actual short fall amounts to 115,000 metric tons. This is only 17% of the required amount has been supplied.

Difference in distribution of dry rations in various districts in units of week.

District	Distribution	Balance in short
Kilinochchi	5	0
Mullaitivu	5	0
Jaffna	12	0
Amparai	35	Excess

Amparai is a traditional Tamil homeland. But due to planned Sinhala colonisation the Tamil percentage has been reduced.

Medical supplies for Government and private hospitals

Monetary value of required medicines per month = 20 million Rupees.
 Required amount for the period from June 1990 to April 1991 (11 months) = 220 million
 Monetary value of the medicines supplied = 15 million
 This shows that only 7% of the total requirement has been delivered.

Number of persons died or missing, and damage to properties.

	Amparai Batticaloa	Trinco-malee	Jaffna	Vavuniya Mullaitivu Kilinochchi	Mannar	Total
1. Deaths due to aerial bombing.	09	—	583	230	24	846
2. Shot dead by the State Armed Forces.	1099	561	105	141	61	1967
3. Injured due to military action.	229	173	1287	498	17	2204
4. Arrest and / or disappeared.	1702	311	418	57	572	3060
5. Bodies burnt without inquest.	30	—	—	01	—	31
6. Brutal murder (chopped or slain)	481	10	2	2	03	498
7. Destroyed public buildings.	07	05	1313	83	26	434
8. Destroyed private buildings.	886	447	3099	589	97	5188
9. Killed after sexual assault.	115	—	—	—	—	115

HOT SPRING

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Tamil Eelam for Survival

The Sri Lankan Government imposed curfew in Northern Tamil Eelam is now almost a month old.

The battle that erupted in the Elephant Pass area on 11th of last month was the excuse for the government clamping down a curfew over all areas north of Vavuniya including Mullaitivu District.

Pathetically Sri Lankan military sources too had stated that they cannot enforce the curfew from the skies only. They have no control on the ground. Still the Government has enforced an indefinite curfew which is about a month old.

Why does the Government impose a curfew which it cannot enforce?

The answer is obvious. The Government imposes a curfew to enforce an unannounced economic embargo on the civilian population. The Government thinks it can achieve two results. It can slowly strangle the "Para Demala" (alien Tamil) to death and it can wean the Tamil public away from LTTE.

This line of thinking had been displayed by the Government right from the start of the present war. What is strange is that the Government even after a full year's experience has not realized the counter-productiveness to which this line of thinking has led.

Since the imposition of this curfew, no goods of any description has been allowed to pass north of the army check point at Vavuniya. Not even the Question Papers, Admission Cards etc, of the G. C. E. (A. L.) Examination that is being held by the Government of Sri Lanka in other parts of the Island.

We have reports that the Banks in Jaffna have no liquid cash because cash has not been sent to the Banks on account of the curfew.

The Government, of course, makes a pretence to the world by saying that it is feeding the refugees. A number of organizations have pointed out the inadequate supplies made by the Government.

Last week we had occasion to publish the news that during a period of just over one year from June, 1990 to June 1991, the Government supplied only 2.5% of the total requirement of rice for the North. The figures themselves were worked out by Government officials in the North. The Government cannot, therefore, say it is false.

So again with the imposition of curfew the people are experiencing acute shortage of food, medicines, fuel and even liquid cash which were already scarce.

When civilized Governments are compelled to impose a curfew in their countries, they still maintain certain essential services so as not to disrupt community life. However, in the case of the Baudha-Sinhala imperialists, they only impose curfew to disrupt community life. They cannot achieve anything else.

The Eelam Tamils who have been witnessing this barbarity for over one year, are convinced that the Sri Lankan imperialists are able to perpetrate this crime because they have got the political control over an otherwise economically viable Tamil Eelam.

Tamil Eelam is self-sufficient, if its economic life is not crippled. We have no need to go with our begging bowls to the Sinhala imperialists, if we liberate ourselves from the imperialist rule.

It is most tragic that the world community is unable to see this economic embargo inspite of the presence of international organizations in the Island.

Aren't the Tamil entitled to restore their lost Tamil Eelam at least only to save themselves from economic ruination?

No Liquid Cash - Pensions Not Paid

Government Pensioners in the North have not been paid their pensions from June, 1991. The pension vouchers are sent from Colombo. The June pension vouchers have been delivered to the pensioners only at the end of the first week of August.

A number of pensioners who rushed to the various

Banks with pension vouchers in their hands and eagerness in their hearts to draw the delayed pensions, returned brokenhearted because a Notice Board exhibited in front of the Bank offices stated that pensions cannot be paid, as the Banks do not have liquid cash.

"These are difficult days. My only income is my pension and I have no other means of livelihood. I have worked all my life in Government service. In my old age I am not able to get even my pension which is legally due to me because the Government imposes a curfew", lamented an elderly pensioner.

NEWS ROUND UP

7-7-91

At Ponnalai there was an artillery shell attack from Karainagar Navy Camp. Artillery shell attack was also directed from Palaly Army Camp towards Atchuvelli, Selvanayagapuram and Vayavilan. Damages have not been verified.

8-7-91

Artillery shell attack from Karainagar Navy Camp. Heavy gunfire from Army stationed at Elephant Pass. Ponnalai Sri Varatharaja Perumal Vidyalayam was shifted to Saivaprahasa Vidyalayam.

9-7-91

At Trincomalee - One man was killed by the Army opening fire. Five houses were burnt down. One person was hacked to death by the Sri Lankan Army. Artillery shell attack from Karainagar Navy Camp was directed towards adjoining villages.

10-7-91

Helicopter attack in the Jaffna Peninsula, Surrounding areas of Elephant Pass were also attacked by bombers and helicopters. This was followed by artillery shell attacks from the camp. Damages have not been verified.

12-7-91

At Chulipuram - Artillery shell attack from Karainagar Navy Camp.

13-7-91

At Kilinochchi - Bomber attack. Two persons were seriously injured and admitted to Kilinochchi hospital. Shops, houses and paddy fields were damaged. Artillery shell attacks from Kayts Army Camp and Karainagar Navy Camp.

At Trincomalee - Ten Tamil civilians were arrested by the Sri Lankan Army. The arrested were 3 teachers, 5 students and 2 farmers. Artillery shell attacks from Palaly Camp. Damages have not been verified.

15-7-91

At Moolai-Artillery shell attack from Karainagar Navy Camp. A lady, Subramaniam Packiyam (55) died as a result. Sivagnanam Pathmayathi (37) was injured and admitted to Jaffna Hospital. Two houses were damaged. At Sangathanai - Artillery shell attack. An old man died on the spot. The two injured were Kanapathipillai Kanageswari (40) and Valarthees Loorthunayagam (40). At Palai - Bombers attack Eraddai Kerni Ambal Temple, Palai Maternity Home, Village Council Office and Library were damaged.

At Mirusuvil-Artillery shell attack from Palaly Army Camp. A Rocket attack by helicopter. Palai hospital was damaged. Rajaratnam, (48) an ambulance driver was seriously injured and admitted to Palai hospital.

At Kodikamam - Bomber attack.

16-7-91

At Changathanai - Artillery shell attack - One person, Karthigesu Sivasithamparam male (40) died.

At Kodikamam - Grenade attack from helicopter.

17-7-91

Vadamaradchy East - 15 persons reported missing.

At Nellyady - Grenade attack from helicopter.

At Thalayady - attack by bombers and helicopter. Shells damaged temples, churches and houses. Nandalai Vinayagar Temple and hospital completely destroyed. Five fishermen of Gurunagar were arrested at sea by the Sri Lankan Navy. They are Babu (28), Ranjan (27), Mendis (26), Rajan (25) and Selvam (30)

18-7-91

At Batticaloa - 24 Tamil civilian were arrested by the Sri Lankan Army.

At Puloly - Bomber attack on Vallipura Alwar Temple. The place of rest was dam

aged. Kathirgamathamby Loganathan was injured.

At Karaingar and Mathagal firing from naval boats.

19-7-91

At Thalayady - One person injured in a bomber attack.

20-7-91

At Vavuniya - Peyadikulam Sri Lankan Army opened fire killing a lady on the spot.

At Palai Attack by Y.12 Chinese plane.

At Atchuvelli - In a helicopter attack both father and son were killed on the spot while four other of the same family were injured.

22-7-91

At Vathiri - Helicopter attack. A house was burnt down and a person injured and admitted to Manthikai hospital

23-7-91

Ponnalai and Moolai at the receiving end of artillery attack from Karainagar Naval Camp.

24-7-91

At Valikamam North-Helicopter attack. A bomber attack at Kupplan. Damages have not been verified.

25-7-91

At Vayavilan and Valalai - Bomber attack. Damages have not been verified. Surrounding at Nagar Kovil were damaged in a bomber attack. 25 Houses were damaged and people rendered homeless.

27-7-91

At Puttalam - 22 Tamils arrested by Sri Lankan Police.

At Chavakachcheri-Artillery shell attack from Palaly Army Camp. Damages have not been verified.

Christian...

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national identity is not an internal matter. Bombing and shelling a whole ethnic nation is not an internal matter. Economic strangulation of the Tamil Nation is not an internal matter. This may be our last cry for we may not be alive to cry again. Please save us now before it is too late. The Tamil people will ever remain grateful for your intervention and benevolence.

Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely,
S. Edward
Co-ordinator