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A WARNING!

"Public opinion at home turned when the average citizen perceived that we didn't know what the hell we were doing. That we had no plan to end the war. And we didn't know what constituted victory. By 1968, the public had given us four years, their money and their sons. So I don't blame the American people. I do blame the national (Continued to page 4)

FLOODS DEVASTATE ENTIRE JAFFNA HOMES LOST - FIELDS RUINED

STREETS UNDER WATER

Heavy rains struck Jaffna again bringing the entirety of Jaffna under floods. Many thousands of people lost their homes to add to the number of flood victims already out of homes and in schools and other public buildings owing to the rain last week. Paddy fields are under water. Even roads in Jaffna town - which has a drainage system - though poor it may be - are under water.

Heavy rain started to pour in Jaffna again from Friday, December 17. By morning of Saturday, December 18, Jaffna was totally under floods. There is not a single area which is not under flood.

Paddy fields have all gone under water. Gardens are flooded. Farmers said that they have been ruined. Not

only paddy cultivation but even high-land crops are completely gone with floods inundating all gardens. One cultivator said that potato cultivation will be a total failure putting the cultivators to great distress because of the larger money invested in potato cultivation.

As at the time of writing this news, our reporters who

ventured out to collect news returned saying that most roads are overflowing with

flood water. In many places the flood is knee - level deep. A full assessment of the extent of damage caused by flood cannot be estimated, as heavy rains still continue.

Even at the time of writing this news, - the rain is pouring heavily. Communication is not possible, said one of our reporters but added that the damage can be imagined - 'it is total and complete.'

Malaria Epidemic in Thenmaradchi 2000 PEOPLE AFFECTED

The spread of malaria in Thenmaradchi areas has taken epidemic proportions. Initial statistics collected from hospitals in the area reveal that within the last two weeks alone more than two thousand persons have contacted the disease.

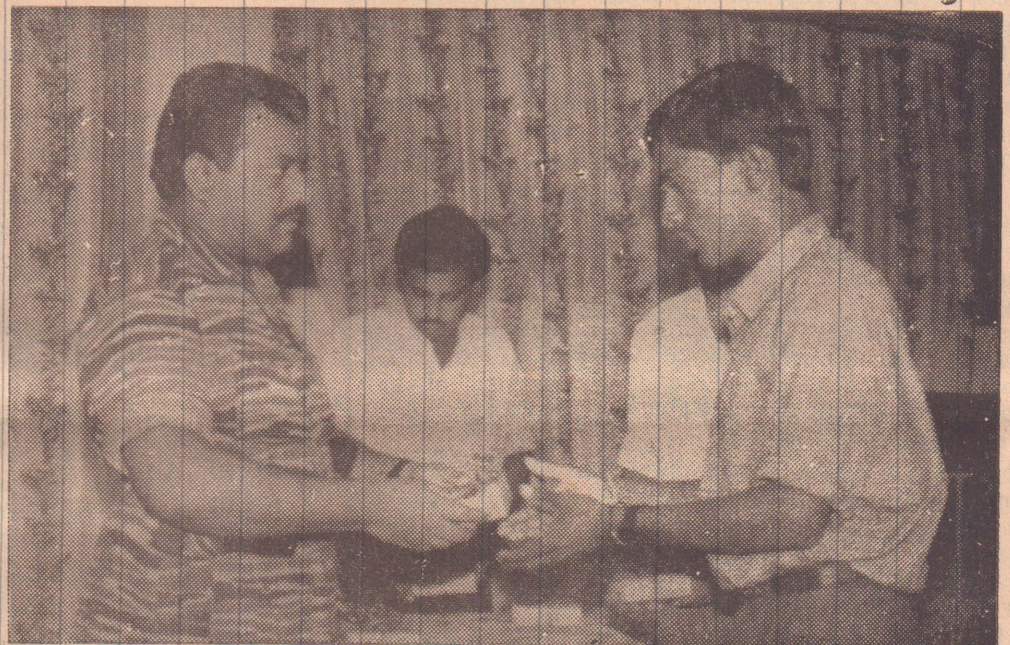
Hospital sources inform that the sudden increase in the spreading of malaria, is due to the heavy rain-fall and floods experienced during the month of November and flood water remaining stagnant.

Another reason was the shortage of malathion which plays an important role in the eradication of the mosquito menace. Malathion had not been sent to the North in sufficient quantities.

According to estimates, about five thousand people have contacted malaria. Due to ignorance, people contacting the disease do not seek prompt medical treatment.

As in Thenmaradchi area, Malaria is widely spreading in Vadamaradchi too.

LEADER'S AWARD



Picture above shows Mr. V. Pirabakaran making an award to one of the LTTE men for acts of bravery. Mr. Pirabakaran made similar awards to 17 LTTE cadres on Thursday, December 16.

NO MAILS FOR TWO MONTHS

Mails from Colombo have not been received in Jaffna for the last two months. The last date on which mails came from Colombo by ship is 22nd October, 1993.

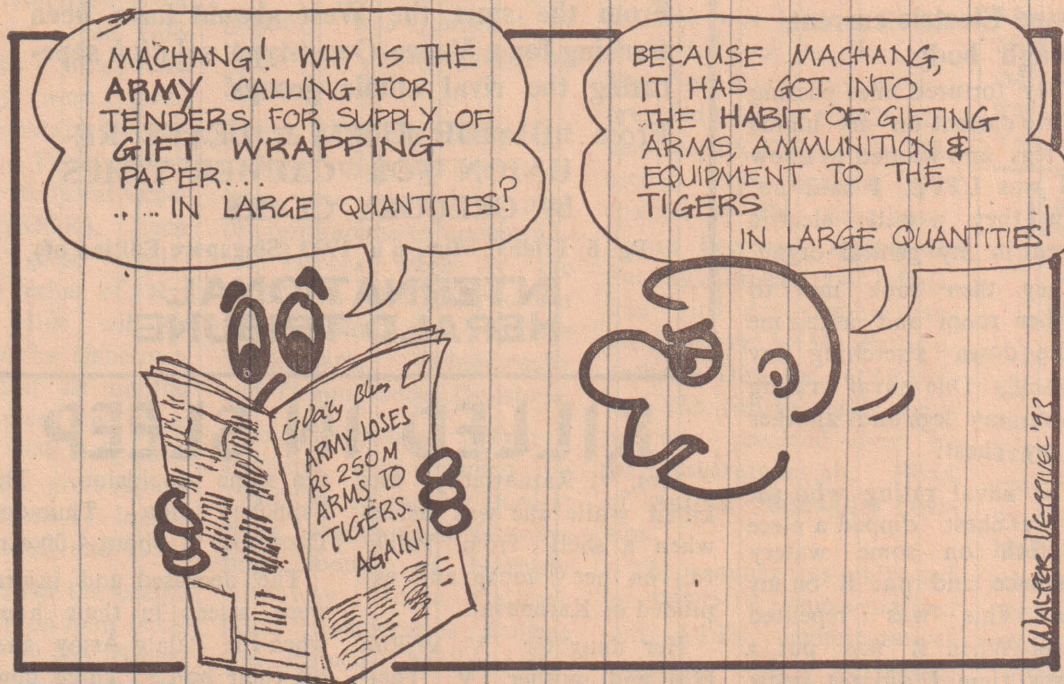
It is learnt that the inordinate delay in arrival of

mails is due to the lethargy of the Postal Department in Colombo and sabotage by the armed forces of the Government who invariably refuse to allow loading of mail bags and insist on getting them checked and there they lie.

Postal authorities in Jaffna said that they sympathise with the people of Jaffna. However, all what they can

do is to make speedy local delivery once mails are received in Jaffna and they are doing it.

It is learnt that during a period of one year up to May, 1993 the Postal authorities in Jaffna despatched mails to Colombo by ship 39 times. During the same period they received mails from Colombo only 13 times.



Special Christmas Card Depicts Destroyed St. James' Church

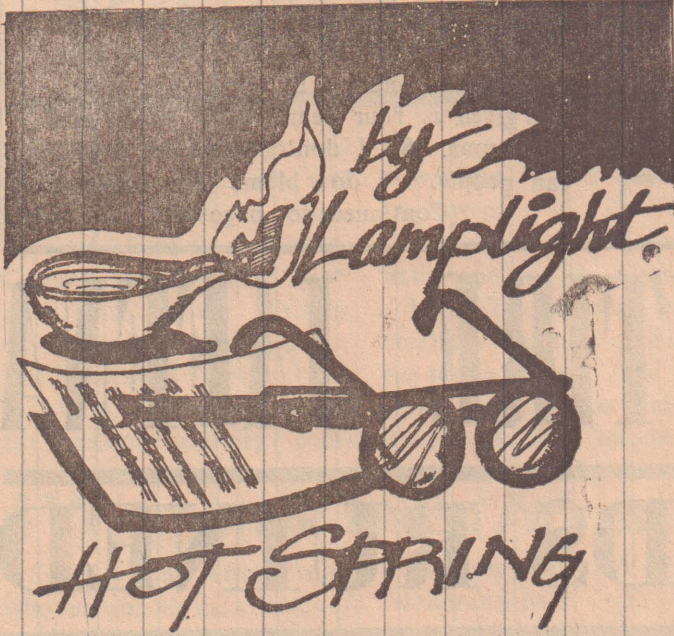
A special Christmas Card printed in Jaffna depicting the destroyed St. James' Church has been released for sale to the public.

This Church was destroyed by aerial bombing by Sri Lankan Supersonic Bombers on November 13. Over 25 people were killed and over

70 injured by the wanton aerial bombing carried out by the Sri Lankan Air Force on that day.

The bombing at Gurnagar hit St. James' Church direct and many people inside the church were killed or injured. The Church itself was damaged beyond repairs.

A Prisoner's Tale of Woe



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Colombo's Human Rights Activists' Voice

The news from Colombo that Human Rights workers demonstrated in Colombo on December 10, Human Rights Day, demanding an end to the war, is a news that is encouraging. For, the mass-media that reported this news also said that the demonstrators shouted that the Tigers are also human beings like any others and that the war is only helping to liquidate all human beings. In fact the name of a certain Sinhala lady, Seelawathie, was mentioned as one of the demonstrators who aired her views to the mediemen in Colombo.

It is certainly a happy augury that a Sinhalese lady is saying that the Tigers are also human beings. It is in sharp contrast with the voice of the 'araha' who is said to have consoled King Dutugemunu that the many Tamils whom he killed in war were not human beings! We are constrained to tell this because of the frantic attempts being made by the Sinhala-Baudha chauvinists and the so-called 'national press' to revive the memory of the Dutugemunu - Elara war episode in the Mahavamsa.

The demonstration on Human Rights Day in Colombo and the sentiments expressed by the participants kindle some sort of hope for the Tamils who hear of the military solution both from the Government side and the main Opposition parties to end the war that is now going on. At the same time we fear that the voice of reason which has for the first time been heard from amongst a section of the Sinhala people can well be drowned in the thunder and lightning that can be emitted from the Baudha - Sinhala chauvinists.

It is our desire that we should help to strengthen the hands of those who can think and act that the Tamils too are human beings.

The moment it is conceded that the Tamils are human beings, it necessarily follows that their human rights should be conceded. And what these Human Rights are, need not be recounted here because they have received ample publicity both in the UN Declaration of Human Rights and many covenants thereunder.

The Tamils do not seek anything more than the right to be the arbiters of their own fate in their homeland alone. They do not seek to impose their will, directly or indirectly, on the Sinhalese. They do not covet one inch of the land of the Sinhalese.

A war has been thrust on them. The Sinhala governments never paid any heed to any of the pleas, the Tamils made for a long period of almost three quarters of a century. Worse, with the advance of time, Sinhala political leaders even abandoned thinking of the Tamils as one with the Sinhalese and began to think and work as Sinhalese for the benefit of the Sinhalese. Tamil protests against such discrimination only invited wrath which was orchestrated into pogroms and now has grown to the level of armed occupation of the Tamil homeland by the Sinhala military. In this situation the Tamils have no option but to carry on a defensive war against the aggression of their home and the liquidation of their people.

The LTTE offered umpteen times to stop the war and enter into meaningful negotiations to peacefully solve the problem but every offer was spurned by the Government of Sri Lanka.

It is in this context that the voice of the Human Rights activists in Colombo - though feeble it may be in the context of the war drums sounded by the Sinhala politicians, Press and the Buddhist clergymen - is hopefully looked upon by the Tamils as one capable of being heard loud - loud enough to compel the powers that are to give up the war as the solution and concede the right of self - determination for the Tamils on the basis of Human Rights.

Singaravel Sivagnanasuntharam of Suppar - Madam, Point Pedro who was arrested by the Sri Lankan Navy on 14.3.1991 and released on 5.12.93 by the good offices of the ICRC talked about his life in imprisonment to the reporter of 'Uthayan'. He was kept blind folded for 90 days at Karainagar and Palaly and was subjected to torture. The report appeared in Uthayan of 7.12.93. We publish a translation thereof by courtesy:

On the 14th of March, 1991, Robert Vincent of Thambasiddy and I were returning from India in a boat. About 6.00 a.m. that day we were nearing the Point Pedro coast when a Sri Lankan Naval boat suddenly appeared. The Naval ratings caught us, assaulted and kicked us, demanding to know whether we were Tigers. They bound both our hands and put us, into their boat and burnt our boat.

They took us hands bound to Karainagar and handed us over to a big ship which was anchored there. We were kept in that ship for two days. We were assaulted inside this ship too. Our bio - data was obtained from us in this ship.

On the second day evening about 5.00 they took us in that ship to Karainagar and disembarked us there. We were blind-folded and taken. We wore only our underwears.

Asked to sleep in Hut, Full of Ants.

About 5.30 p.m. we were pushed into a hut made of bamboo stick and full of biting ants. On the next day morning about 10.00 a.m. we were taken away blind-folded. I was taken to one room. Vincent was taken somewhere else. I didn't see Vincent thereafter. In that room they untied my blind-folded eyes.

When I looked about in the room there was blood all over the room. There I saw crow - bars, axes, batons and the like. There were 5 or 6 naval men inside the room. They hit me and kicked me several times and wanted to know whether I was a Tiger.

Passed Electric current through body

They tortured me passing electric current on my hands and legs and wanted to know if I was LTTE. I said 'no' Then they passed electric current in my genital organ.

They then took me to another room and asked me to lie down stretching my full-self. One naval rating sat on my legs and another on my chest.

The naval rating who sat on my chest dipped a piece of cloth on some watery substance and put it on my face. This was repeated thrice. When it was put a fourth time I did not know anything. I went unconscious.

When I opened my eyes I found myself sleeping in a sandy place which was surrounded by palmyrahs and grass. It was about midnight then. They took me again and hit me.

About dawn they took me to another room. There were 5 or 6 other prisoners like me there.

Shooting threat

A High-ranking officer came there and called me out. Similarly many other prisoners were brought there from other rooms.

About 32 of us prisoners - were there. Personal details were obtained and we were divided into groups.

That 'big' officer said: "We are going to shoot you all. What is your last wish?"

We said we want to see our parents and relations.

The 'big' officer declined this request and told us to pray to our Gods.

Naval ratings made their guns ready to shoot us. We heard the sounds of the guns being set to fire and we cried loudly.

When the 'big' officer saw us cry he laughed aloud, ordered not to shoot but had our hands bound behind

our backs. Thereafter they walked us all to Karainagar jetty.

We were brought in a ship to Kankesanthurai. The naval ratings delighted themselves by burning us with cigarette butts. They compelled us to eat slippers, thread, ball, raw prawns and the like.

At Kankesanthurai we were loaded into a CTB bus. We were half-naked but they drove us in the bus to Palaly and dropped us in a school there.

Torture at Palaly

It was about 6.30 p. m. when we were dropped at the school. We received beating as we were being dropped. There we were asked to lodge with our hands tied behind our backs.

In that school there were other prisoners also kept in different rooms.

When we were at Palaly soldiers came armed with crow - bars and batons and woke us and ordered us to stand face towards the wall. When we stood like that they beat us and kicked us. We were kept in this school for one and a half - months and during this period this sort of beating and kicking and torture was a daily feature in our lives.

Some time in 1992 representatives of the I.C.R.C. came and saw us. Thereafter we were given there meals, clothes and soap. After some time the prisoners were released in batches. We were released on December 5.

BEST TO DIVIDE

"The west needs to get over its fetish for the unitary & inviolable nation state. Many of the world's states are quite artificial. Even when they do have a rationale, they are often divided by deep ideological & ethnic differences. In that case, let them divide, rather than encourage them into "winner-take-all" elections or civil wars.

This live-and-let-live approach would have prevented the civil war tragedies in any number of African States in the past two decades. In Bosnia it would also have made sense. From the start the West should have been working for a Vance-Owen-type solution separating the rival ethnic groups.

From "DIVIDE THEM & LEAVE RE-UNION FOR CALMER TIMES
by GREGORY CLARK

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INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE

KILLED IN SLEEP

Mrs. V. Ratnawathy was the same explosion. This killed while she was asleep happened on Thursday, when a shell from Palaly December 9, about 4.00 a.m. fell on her house and exploded at Karanavai.

The deceased and injured were asleep in their house when the Palaly Army shell hit their house. Three cows were also killed.

Her daughter V. Vijitha (18) and mother, V. Theivani (75) were injured by

ARMY MAKES AWAY WITH Severed Heads of Tamils

News from Batticaloa said that Sri Lankan Army men severed the heads of two Tamils and made away with the heads.

This incident occurred at Kiran, Batticaloa District on November 23.

The victims have been identified as two farmers from Kiran named P. Vett-rivel and V. Perinparajah.

The news also said that on November 25, the Sri Lankan Army rounded-up the village of Kallainagar in

Pavatkodichenai. Two fam- ily men were arrested and taken by the Army. They are P. Sivasambu(65) a father of 11 children and N. Maharajan (25), father of 2 children. No further news has been received about the arrested men.

In another round - up operation at Samuniadiveddai on November 27, three Tamils were arrested and taken by the S. L. Army. They are Jeeva, Subramaniam and Vasanthi. No further news received about the arrested three persons.

Head Hunters in S.L. Army

Sri Lankan Army in am- bush fired at farmers re- turning home from their fields at Nedunkerni in Mul- laitivu District.

One farmer, Thayaparan, was killed on the spot. The Sinhala soldiers severed his head from the body and took it along with them.

Two others who were in- jured have now been ad-

mitted to the Jaffna Hos- pital. They are K. Thiya- garajah (30) and M. Vignes- waran (33) Vigneswaran's left leg has been amputated upto the knee.

The shooting occurred on Thursday, December 2, at Maruthodai Road, Katkulam junction in Nedunkerni, Mullaitivu District.

WIDE - SPREAD BOMBER ATTACK

Sri Lankan Air Force planes bombed the colony area at Ponnalai on Sunday, November 23 about 5.30 p.m. Four houses were damaged. There was no loss of life.

On the same day, S. L. Air Force Bombers bombed the area near the Green hospital. Manipay Mrs. Nageswary Na-

garasa (40) who was asleep at her house was seriously injured. Many houses in the area were damaged. There was no loss of life.

About 9.00 p. m. Kalmunai and Pallikudah areas were subjected to aerial bombard- ment. There was no report received about the damages caused.

Bomber and Shell Attack at Night

Three persons were injured and three houses damaged when Sri Lankan bombers bombed Vidaththalpalai in Thenmaradchy about 9.00 p. m. Thondamannaru was bombed about 12.00 mid- night.

Artillery shells from Palaly S. L. Army camp hit Varani, Puttur and Navakeeri areas.

In Valikamam shells hit Tellippalai, Alaveddy, Pon- nalai, Thiruvadinilai and Moolai.

One shell exploded in Kottadi area in Jaffna town. Another shell exploded at Reclamation Road in Guru- nagar.

All these attacks took place in the night of November 28.

TEEDOR NEWS

Fishing Implements on Loan Scheme.

Thirty five fishermen from the Islands, Karainagar, Vali- kamam South - West and Thenmaradchy were given fishing implements on Novem- ber 23 by the Tamil Eelam Economic Development Orga- nisation (TEEDOR). Each recipient was given imple- ments to the value of Rs: 5000/-. This value will be recovered from the fishermen over a period of 20 months and will be given to other needy men. 200 fishermen have thus been given loans in the form of imple- ments during 1992 and 1993.

The selectees for the receipt of implements on loan basis were selected by the fisher- men's societies functioning in the areas.

Forestation Programme

A forestation programme was launched in Vathara- vattai in Puttur on 25. 11. 93 under TEEDOR auspices as part of the programmes to mark the Heroes' Week.

A similar forestation pro- gramme was launched at Ketpeli in Thenmaradchy on November 24.

Tree Planting Campaign

Three thousand way side trees were planted as part of programme to commemo- rate Heroes' Week by the TEEDOR. The distribution was thousand each in the Valikamam, Vadamardchy and Thenmaradchy Divisions.

Three thousand palmyrah seedlings were planted by TEEDOR in another Heroes' Week programme at Neervely. Boy Scouts of Neervely Aththiyar Hindu College, Putur Somaskanda College and Irupalai Mahavidyala- yam helped in the completion of the programme.

Sinhalese in Kalkudah

News from Batticaloa stated that the officials of the Ministry of Rehabilitation are taking steps to settle Sinhalese on the land belong- ing to the Government con- trolled Co-conut Develop- ment Board along the Vasi- karai coast in Kalkudah.

This land is in the midst of Tamil villages.

SPORTS

St. Henry's College beat Hartley College in the Schools under 19 Final by one nil at the Medical Faculty grou- nds to become Football champions for the second year.

In the under 15 final, Union College beat Jaffna Hindu College 2-1 to become champions.

Mr. Thayalan officiated at the former match, while Mr. Skandakumar officiated at the latter match.

- Vijayakumar -

During the period 15.9.93 to 26.9.93 about 67, 230 palmy- rah seedlings were planted by the TEEDOR in various parts of the Jaffna District.

Seminar

A seminar on Agricultural Development Work Pro- gramme was held at Kilino- chchi for four days recently. The first day's seminar was presided over by the Govern- ment Agent, Kilinochchi. The second day's seminar was chaired by Dr. Rajathurai. Senior Lecturer, Agriculture Faculty, University of Jaffna. The third day seminar was presided over by Mr Pathma- nathan, Director, OXFAM- and the fourth day's semi- nar was presided over by Dr. Navaratnarajah, Head of Animal Husbandry Divi- sion.

The seminar was addressed by TEEDOR representatives and LTTE representatives including Mr. Karikalan, Deputy Head of the political Division of the LTTE.

To the Jaundiced Eyes...

Military circles claimed that they had destroyed by aerial bombing the naval base of the Sea Tigers in the Gurunagar area.

Is there no limitation to falsehoods uttered during the course of a war?

The newspaper 'Divayina' has alleged that Parliament has been misinformed of facts regard- ing Banks, Air Lanka and murder com-

mitted on the youths of Kuru- negala by the Police.

Do they act as humorists entertaining the victims with 'Fairy Tales'?

Poonakari debacle has created a situation where the aggressive army could not remain secure even within the confines of its own camp. As for the Navy, it has lost its water-jet speed boats.

In the meantime, accord- ing to news reports, a situ- ation is developing where the Air Force itself cannot find a permanent hangar at any one place. It is said that International Air Lines have threatened to suspend flights, if fighter-Planes conti- nue to be stationed at Katuna- yake International Airport.

The Defence Ministry has already issued instructions not to station fighter - planes at Batticaloa or Amparai.

Therefore, a situation has developed where fighter- planes have to be reluct- antly based at Palaly or at China Bay in Trincomalee.

Under such circumstances, are those planes, which can- not remain at their own ba- ses, remain for long hours in the sky, is the question worrying the public who have been scared to death by aerial bombardment?

Even looking from very high altitude with naked eyes, the Sri Lankan Air Force officials have 'deter- mined' Tiger Navy in Guru- nagar!

To them, places that can be clearly identified such as churches and public markets, have given the appe- arance of large battle ships.

To anyone with a jaun- diced eye things won't look normal. Likewise to the Air Force men, do all what they see, appear as Tiger Naval bases or Tiger Naval vessels?

Editorial: Eela Nadu of 8. 12. 93

AN APPRECIATION

Mr. Raymond Muthiah

You hailed from Karampan, Kayts but you were a well- known townsman of Jaffna. You studied in the South but you toiled for your bre- thren in the North. Service was your Motto. You were a member or office-bearer of virtually all service organisations and education- al institutions; the busy man that you were, you found time to exchange even a few words with anybody you met on the road.

Your kind gentle and well- considered words were like a balm on us healing our agonising wounds. You were not only very fair in com- plexion but exceedingly fair in your dealings too.

My association with you was not only in the Y's Men's club but also in the market-place and on the High- ways and by- ways of Jaffna. You talked on any topic with-

out reservation. Your heart was open. They say you had a heart - ailment but you had a large heart - a heart large enough to reach out to the poor, the distressed and the needy even at the expense of your health.

You spoke little but achie- ved a lot.

And you loathed making an exhibition of yourself. There are many who have benefited, by your generosity. The funeral orations on that 'Aerial Bomb - exploding' Sunday, bore ample testi- mony to that.

You were a 'Lion' but your heart was not only brave and courageous but ever helpful and concerned about the under - privileged and those thrown out, of their hearth and homes.

Let the turf lie gently over you.

Joseph G. Rajendram

Residential Training Programme in BICYCLE REPAIRS For Displaced Destitute Youths

In the last week of Novem- ber and 1st. week of Decem- ber, a two-week residential Training Programme in bi- cycle repairs was conducted by the Nava Uthayam in Nallur. The trainees were selected from among dis- placed destitute youths in rural areas.

After the completion of the residential training, the trainees have been placed

in 'bicycle-repair work shops' in the areas where they reside, for further field training for a period of two months. Thereafter, the trainees will be assisted to establish a 'bicycle repair workshop' of their own and be self-employed.

This programme was fund- ed by the Standing Com- mittee of Tamil - speaking people in U. K.

Poonakary Victory Celebrations

Jaffna went gay and festive with decorations and music to mark the three days of Poonakari Victory Celebrations held over liberated Tamil Eelam territory on December 11, 12 and 13. The successful attack and smash-up of the Poonakari Sri Lankan military com-

plex was commenced on November 11 and completed on November 13. The Victory Celebrations were held exactly one month after.

In Jaffna peninsula, public meetings were held on each of the three days. The first day's meeting was held at Thenmaradchy, followed by

meetings in Valikamam and Vadamaradchy on the second and third days respectively.

The meetings were preceded by march past of different Tiger units. At the venue of each of the meetings the parents of Tiger

martyrs who laid their lives at Poonakari, lit lamps in memory and honour of their departed sons or daughters.

The large numbers of people who attended the meetings, paid their respects to the photographs of the

martyrs displayed at the venues of the meetings.

LTTE leaders addressed the meetings.

Reports from Vavunia and Mannar Districts said that Poonakari Victory Celebrations were held at various places in those Districts with similar programmes.

4 Women & 3 men Arrested

Sri Lankan Army men who surrounded the villages of Poonagar and Poomarathady in the Trincomalee District on Sunday, December 5, arrested woman and 3 men respectively from these areas. The arrested persons are

S. Mahanthiran (M. 25) R. Manoranjitham (F. 27), P. Annakili (F. 30), M. Sembaththai (F. 28) Raveerdran (M. 24) and T. Alagurane (F. 29).

Nothing is known of the arrested persons.

More Army Camps Closed

The Sri Lankan Army has closed its camps at Uppural and Ilankaithurai - Mukathuwaram in the Trincomalee District.

According to reports, the Army Camp at Uppural was closed on November 21 and the Sinhala soldiers moved on to the camp at Ilankaithurai - Mukathuwaram. On

December 8, all Sinhala soldiers at Ilankaithurai Mukathuwaram closed the camp and left for other camps.

Similarly reports from Batticaloa said that the Sinhala Army encamped at Sivathapalam in Makilavettuvan closed the camp there on November 28 and has moved out.

News in Brief

December 2 - Thursday

Sri Lankan Naval Dvora boats fired volleys of cannon fire about 7.30 a. m. towards coastal areas of Vadamaradchi from Valvettitarai to Thondamanaru. The fire was directed at fishermen engaged in their occupation as well as towards residential areas. The fishermen abandoned their work and rushed for safety.

Three fishermen who went out in boats for fishing in the early hours of the morning failed to return in the Trincomalee District. Relatives fear that these fishermen could have been arrested either by the S. L. forces or one of the armed gangster groups.

December 5 - Sunday

S. L. armed forces stationed at Karainagar directed shells towards areas in Ponnalai and Moolai early morning about 5 a. m. About 10 shells were fired. They fell and exploded near the beach in Ponnalai and the paddy fields in Moolai South. There were no reports of casualties.

December 6 Monday

An S. L. helicopter carried out 50 calibre gun attack in residential areas of Thannankilapu at mid-day. There were no reports of any casualties.

December 7 - Tuesday

From Sri Lankan army base at Palaly, nine shells were directed towards areas in Punnalaikadduvan at 11.30 a. m. These shells fell

and exploded in North Punnalaikadduvan and Evinai. Chellaph Ponnuthurai (57) a farmer, who was working at his farm was injured in this attack. He was admitted to the Jaffna Teaching hospital for treatment.

December 8 - Wednesday

Shells were directed towards Jaffna Town and Kondavil at 8.30 p. m. from the S. L. army bases at Palaly and Mandaitivu. Out of three shells fired, one fell and exploded in the premises of a house, in an area close to the Kondavil Railway station causing severe injury to S. Gnanaseelan (16), a student who was at his studies preparing for his examination. The second shell fell and exploded within Jaffna Town near Naval junction damaging two houses and causing severe injury to an old man. The third shell fired from Mandaitivu area at mid-night fell and exploded on a house near Clock Tower Road, within the Safety Zone of the Jaffna Teaching Hospital, causing severe injury to a woman, Markandu Maheswarl (43). She was admitted for treatment to the Jaffna Teaching Hospital.

Shell attack was directed from Palaly towards Valvettitarai, Kambarmalai and Navundil. Two persons R. Vigneswaran (12) and S. Thiagarajah (58) both from Valvettitarai were injured

MARCH PAST BY WOMEN TIGERS



Picture shows March Past by members of the LTTE's Women Front prior to the mass meeting held on the second day of the victory celebrations at Jaffna.

FLOOD HAVOC

A number of families have been displaced from their homes due to the flood and heavy wind that lashed Jaffna town and other parts of the Jaffna District. According to official information the figures of displaced are as follows:-

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| 1. Jaffna AGA's Division | — 1500 families. |
| 2. Nallur AGA's Division | — 1200 " |
| 3. Sandilipay AGA's Division | — 2500 " |
| 4. Uduvil AGA's Division | — 2000 " |
| 5. Chankanai AGA's Division | — 600 " |
| 6. Tellippalai AGA's Division | — 300 " |
| 7. Chavakachcheri AGA's Division | — 500 " |

Figures from other Divisions have not been received in full but available reports said that over 18,000 families have been affected by flood in Jaffna District.

The Social Services Department provided one week's dry rations and cooked meals for three days for the displaced persons.

Reports from Vanni area in the Kilinochchi District

said that many people have lost their houses due to incessant rain and flooding. Large tracts of paddy lands are under flood. Transport is dislocated.

Over 50 houses have been destroyed at Murikandy, 15 at Selvapuram and over 50 houses in Krishnapuram, Vivekananda Nagar, and Kakkannagar. The damage occurred because of breach

in Murikandikulam and overflowing from Akkarayanakulam. Over 200 acres of cultivation have been damaged here.

Viswamadhu Tank is also overflowing and residents of Piramanthan Aru, Malivaganapuram and Nagan colony have been displaced and are living in schools and other public buildings.

Reports from Mullaitivu District said that over 5000 families have lost their houses there. Five major tanks and 5 minor tanks in the District have been breached.

In Mannar District 2500 families have been affected by flood. About 5000 acres of paddy lands are under water. 300 houses have been completely damaged. Some families have taken residences in schools.

A Warning...

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leadership, including the military leadership, for not setting clear and definable goals and objectives."

Col. Harry Summers of U.S. Army Gen. Staff, Pentagon.

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Kalviyankadu, Jaffna.

Attack on Mini - bus Eight Passengers Injured

A Sri Lankan Air Force helicopter attacked a passenger-van at Neervely on Tuesday, November 30.

The mini-bus carrying passengers was coming towards Jaffna from Point Pedro in the evening of November 30, when at Neervely, it was subjected to 50 calibre gun attack and rocket attack. The van was damaged.

Eight passengers received serious injuries and were

admitted to the Jaffna Hospital. The injured persons are K. Theivanai (Female 45), S. Theivanai (Female 48), A. Punithawathy (Female 20), S. Puvananandhini (Female 11), V. Jeyarajah (Male 24), P. Leela (Female 35), T. Manirasa (Male 45) and T. Alageswary (Female 40.)

The driver of the mini-bus, Jeyarajah was also injured in one hand and back.