

Hot Spring

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TEACH ME TO WAIT

Teach me to wait,
To patiently persist
For the coming of another dawn.
Help me take into heart
That my waking fast
Will not make the sun rise.

Dr. Henry Victor

SL Planes Bomb Thavady

Four Women Killed

Two Sri Lankan Puccaro planes bombed Thavady. 4 people were killed. Many buildings were damaged.

Two Sri Lankan Puccaro planes flew into Jaffna on Wednesday, January 5, about 10.30 a.m. and bombed the village of Thavady.

Three women and an infant were killed. Their bodies were torn to pieces and limbs and human flesh

strewn all over. A head was recovered separately under a mango tree.

The people who were thus killed were S. T. Saraswathy - a woman aged 39, her niece Santhini, aged 23, Mrs. P. Selvaratnam, aged 65, and her grand-daughter, M. Logi-

ga, an infant aged 3. The dead are all displaced persons from Thaiyiddy.

Three houses were completely destroyed. The Thavady Sub-Post Office and the office of the Grama Sevaka officer of the area were also heavily damaged. Ten other houses were damaged.

The dead infant Logiga's body was torn into two pieces.

A school was in session within hundred yards from where the bomb exploded. Fortunately no splinters hit the school where over 500 children were in classes at the time. After the plane departed, the school was abandoned by children and teachers.

TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY

January 10th 1994 marks the twentieth anniversary of the killing of nine Tamils who had assembled at Veerasingam Hall, Jaffna to bid adieu to the international Tamil Scholars who had come to participate at the 4th International Tamil Conference held here.

The Sri Lankan Police went on the rampage and fired shots which resulted in the death of nine Tamils.

The wanton killing of the public was another incident which proved to the Tamils that their security rested with them and NOT in the hands of the armed forces or police of the Sinhala Government.



The battered body in the debris after a bombing spree by Puccaro planes at Thavady at 11.00 a.m. on 5.1.94.

Sri Lankan Navy in Killing Spree Nine Fishermen Killed at Satkottai

Sri Lankan Navy men fired cannons and 50 calibre guns at fishermen who were fishing at Satkottai in Vadamadachy area. Nine fishermen were killed.

On Tuesday, January 4, about 7-30 a.m. Sri Lankan Navy attacked fishermen at Satkottai sea. Nine fishermen who had gone out fishing in three rafts were killed.

The body of one fisherman found in one of the

rafts, was later recovered. The other bodies could not be found immediately but five other bodies were found on Wednesday and Thursday.

The three rafts were also recovered in damaged condition.

The Navy also fired along the coast all over Vadamadachy. At Valvettiturai, a boat was damaged by cannon fire but the fishermen

escaped by jumping into the sea and swimming to safety to the shore.

Chavakachcheri Death Toll Increases

The death toll of civilians in the rocket attack carried out by Sri Lankan planes at Chavakachcheri on December 30 increased to eleven with two more of the injured succumbing to their injuries since Hot Spring was out last Sunday.

Aputharajah Thileepan, an infant aged 4, who was injured along with his father, brother and sister died on Saturday, January 1st at the Jaffna Hospital. His father, brother and sister are still in Hospital.

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Heli Attacks Schools in Session GIRL STUDENT INJURED

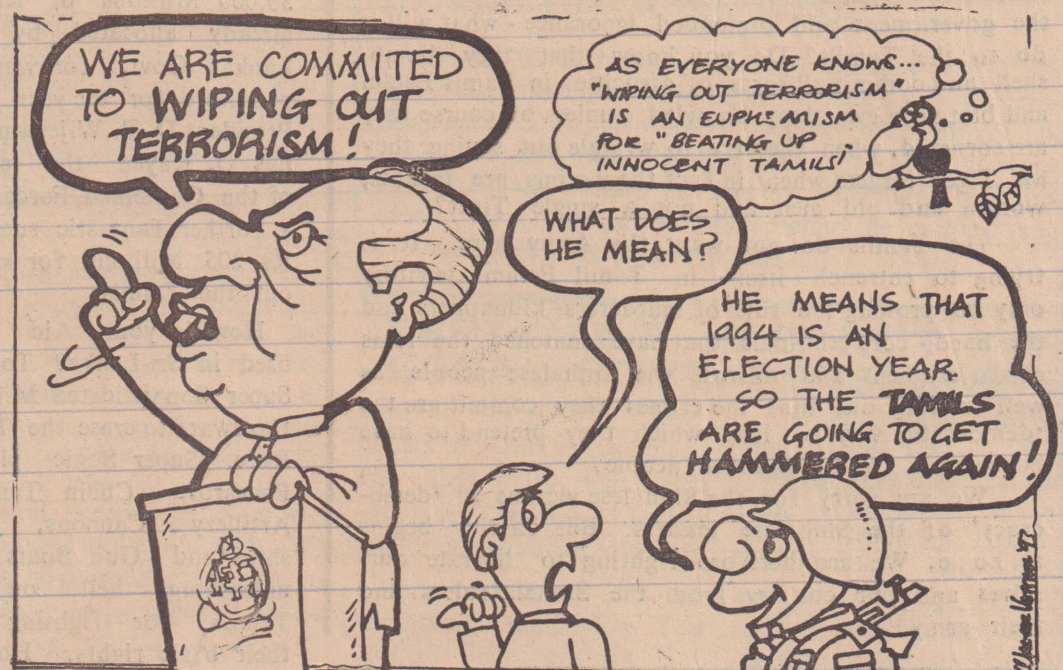
A Sri Lankan Air Force helicopter fired many rounds of 50 calibre gun attack on Atchuvally Mahavidyalayam. The school was heavily damaged. A girl student was severely injured in the leg.

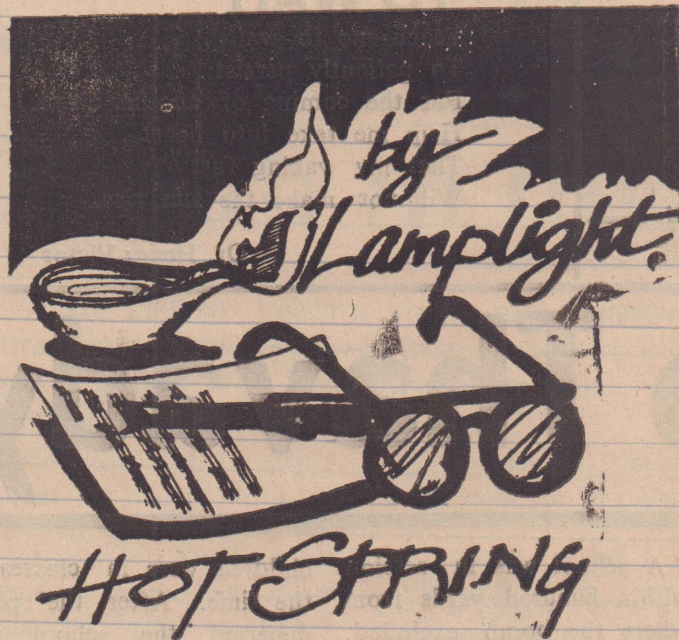
About 11.00 a.m. on Friday, January 7, a Sri Lankan helicopter fired many rounds of 50 calibre gun on Atchuvally Mahavidyalayam which was in session at the time of attack. As helicopter fired on the school there was pandemonium - students

and teachers running here and there to find safety. Many of the school's buildings were damaged.

A G.C.E. (O/L) girl student named M. Rameenarani received serious injuries. A bullet had pierced her leg. She is now warded in the Jaffna Hospital. The School remained closed after the attack.

A Vadamadachy report said that Veerakathipillai school at Thondamannaru (Continued to page 4)





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SKELETONS

The recovery of human skeletons in an army reserve area in the Ratnapura District must be the cause of the reate t agitation of the people there, just now.

As late as 5-1-92, we listed the names of thirty school boys from a school in Embilipitiya in the Ratnapura District who were arrested by the Sri Lankan rmy during the period August to September 1989 and posed the question: 'WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THESE STUDENTS?' Again in our issue of 12-1-92 we listed the names of 16 others (students and others) and again posed the question: 'WHERE ARE THEY?' Nobody answered. Certainly not the Government of Sri Lanka which was duty-bound to answer. And Amnesty International could do no more than list them as 'involuntarily disappeared' in the language of protocol!

Now the Sinhalese people have found the skeletons. But of course the Govt. remains as deaf and dumb as ever.

Is this anything strange? It may be for the Sinhala people but not for the Tamils.

The Sri Lankan Army once occupied Mandaitivu. Before the Army arrived, the people escaped. A few could not. After the Army left Mandaitivu and people went back to the village they found human skeletons of those who could not escape inside wells. This happened in 1990.

Sometimes back some skeletons were found near Chavakachcheri market once occupied by the Indian soldiers brought in by Jayawardene.

This is not all. In Chavalakadai in the Batticaloa District, we reported cases of human skeletons forming part of fertilizers! Of course, we shall find skeletons in army occupied Tamil Eelam territory after the army is sent away from these areas.

Uduampola had the reputation of being the leader of a killing squad. Suddenly he became a turn coat and accused the late Mr. Premadasa and went underground. Then he came to the surface again and withdrew what he said and is now rewarded with plums of office!

So what is the truth behind the case of the missing people. The truth must today be staring at the Sinhalese people from the remote jungles of Ratnapura.

Will the Sinhalese people now realize the folly of permitting their rulers to build the army to fight the Tamils? If the Sinhala army could have killed Sinhala people and buried them with the active connivance of the government and pretended ignorance - what will it do to the Tamils? Do you know that they bomb, shell and commit all sorts of atrocities in Tamil Eelam and blatantly even deny knowledge unless of course they are cornered, when they try to wriggle out saying they hit Tiger targets when in fact the victims are infants, women and old men and not a single Tiger?

The Tamils do not want the Army here. It is trying to entrench itself in Tamil Eelam territory only to prolong the rule of murderers, kidnappers and the hard-core criminals that have snatched the reins of government and misrule the Sinhalese people as well making out that the crimes they commit are the 'democratic way of life' which they pretend to have bequeathed to the Sinhala people.

We are sorry for the Sinhalese victims of 'democracy' of the Sinhalese leaders. But charity begins at home. We are therefore fighting to liberate ourselves and our country from the Sinhala rulers and their army.

Sri Lanka Commits Genocide

International Community

Must Stop all Assistance

Amidst the changing political scene in Sri-Lanka, one factor has always remained salient and constant, that is the total marginalization of Tamils as a political force by the dominant political parties of the Sinhalese and Buddhist Clergy who back them. This should have been obvious even to the most cursory political observers from the West. This objective is in the process of being achieved by taking a leaf from Nazi Germany Every party that had held the reins of Govt. has resorted to every stratagem to reduce the Tamil Nation to a position of utter political impotence. This process has gathered momentum since 1956 July. The post independent era in Sri-Lankan History is marked by terrible violence and blood shed on an ever increasing scale.

The Tamils have been denied all fundamental rights: the right to live in their traditional home lands, the right to develop their intellectual and natural resources, the right to move freely in the Capital City-Colombo and in short, all the Sinhalese areas to attend to any urgent business-Official or Private etc., In this context, is it any wonder that the victims-Tamil Youths both sexes-are up in Arms? Who provoked this state of affairs?

The West is fully aware, that what has been going on in Sri-Lanka is nothing but a GENOCIDAL WAR AGAINST THE TAMILS. YET THE DONOR CHRISTIAN COUNTRIES OF THE WEST, WORLD BANK ETC., have been pouring billions of rupees into SRI-LANKA to help them achieve their nefarious purpose. In addition to 30,000 Millions of Rupees already allocated by Sri-Lankan Govt. for war expenditure for the year 1994, President D. B. Wijeyatunge has O. Kayed the request of the Combined Forces for a further fantastic sum of Rs. 205 Millions for wiping out the Tamils.

How is your Aid being used in Sri-Lanka? To buy Super Sophisticated Military Hardware to erase the Tamil Race. Super Sonic planes, Puccaros, Chain Tankers, Artillery Cannons, War ships and Gun Boats are unleashing hell on the Tamils, for fighting for their basic rights. Houses,

Schools, Churches, Temples, Hospitals and Business premises and even Red Cross Society Vans have been the prime targets of Bombing with Cluster bombs, Phosphorous Petrol bombs and Artillery fire shelling on thickly populated areas ALL THROUGH OUT OF THE NIGHTS. Coconut plantations, Paddy Fields and garden crops too have not been spared.

Human Rights Charter! What noble and inspiring words! What Sublime Sentiments are enshrined therein: Yet, even the Majestic and Mysterious Agency the U.N.O. is doing pretty nothing to help implement the provisions of the Charter in SRI LANKA.

K. Thiruchittampalam

The helpless victims, the TAMILS have appealed time & again to this August Body to redress their grievances, but sad to say nothing constructive has ever been forthcoming so far. Even opening the Poonakari Sea Way, has become a DREAM. How many check points the Sri - Lankan Govt: wants in the heart of Northern Province to continue their brutal activities on the Tamils?

The recent visit of the Hon. Prime Minister Mr. Ranil Wickramasinghe, to India and United States on his way to the Conference of the Common - Wealth Countries is to sabotage any move for settlement of Ethnic Strife in Sri - Lanka and the GENOCIDAL WAR against the Tamil Nation - North and East Tamils.

THE LIBERATION TIGERS OF TAMIL EELAM IS THE SOLE AND UNDISPUTED REPRESENTATIVE BODY OF THE TAMILS. It is a liberation movement, whose only aim is to secure for the deprived Tamil nation, whatever rights are deemed basic and fundamental by the Civilized World Community. Many a time Hon. Minister of the Govt., Thondaman, has openly confirmed this point in Parliament and wherever he went abroad. We must be our masters. It is not at all a terrorist organization as His Excellency the President D. B. wijeyatunge has made out to the World. The Sinhala politicians of whatever hue are past masters in distorting political realities to suit their despicable ends. From 1956 to 1983 January every peaceful

method known to the Civilized World had been availed of to get our grievances looked into and redressed but to no avail.

The present Government as had its predecessors have steadfastly believed only in Military Solution, but voiced pious sentiments at World Assemblies to hide their savage objectives from the World View. His Excellency A.C.S. Hameed has re-iterated at a meeting of the U.N.O., the Government's sincere wish for a political solution. But what do the National Dailies carry in bold headlines day after day. Military Solution is the only way to achieve peace in Sri - Lanka, the so called Buddhist Country, where Buddhism flourishes in all its pristine Purity. He is the Sri - Lankan Goebels (Nazi Germany's Minister for propaganda).

The international covenants on Civil, Political and Economic and Social rights proclaim that the right of self-determination is a prerequisite for the enjoyment of all other rights. In the light of these assertions, is it not right and proper that the Tamils be granted the rights of Self-Determination without any delay? This step will not in any way adversely affect the well being of the Sinhalese now or in the future. Further more, I emphasize that neither the Tamils, nor the L.T.T.E. are (not even 1%) against the Sinhalese Public. Hence if the Powers-That-Be in Sri Lanka are unwilling for such a step, world governments should cause action to stop forthwith ALL AID, LOANS, & DONATIONS TO SRI-LANKAN GOVERNMENT.

The United Nations Organization was formed to avoid a third World War, but it is extremely strange that member Nations of the U.N.O. selling Military Hardware to Sri - Lankan Govt: for ANNIHILATION OF ANOTHER nation - THE TAMILS - who are fighting for their fundamental rights.

Hon. Prime Minister Mr. Ranil Wickramasinghe in order to deceive the whole Civilized Nations - The U.N.O., Common - wealth Countries etc., in press conferences in Washington and in personal representations has made out that the war in North East of Sri Lanka is an internal matter and there is no need for any outsiders to mediate.

THE CULTURE, LANGUAGE, RELIGION, PRE-DOMINANT TERRITORIES AND EVEN NATIONAL LAWS ARE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM THOSE OF THE RULING PARTY-THE SINHALAEESE.

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Para Lights Lit the Sky - Guns, Shells, Cannon Boom New Year Celebrations by SL Armed Forces

Sri Lankan Armed Forces occupying pockets in Jaffna peninsula apparently went gay as New Year dawned.

Sharp at midnight on December 31, the terrible sounds of cannon fire, gun fire and even shell explosions were heard from the direction of the S.L. Armed

forces camps at Karainagar, Mathagal, Kankesanthurai and Palaly. Para lights were also flashed which lit the darkness of the night. Residents in close by areas could see bullets travel in the air with a whiz. This went on for about 45 minutes.

Though some shells exploded in Erlalai and Malakam areas, there was no report of damage.

People felt that the Sri Lankan forces were celebrating New Year-of course at cost to the Government and trepidation to the Tamils in the neighbourhood.

The Learned, Venerable Asgiriya Mahanayake Thero in his recent pronouncement

has regretted that no one has so far put forward any reasonable formula for an acceptable solution to the Ethnic Conflict in Sri Lanka. I wish at this stage to point out to the Esteemed Buddhist Leader, that an eminent and distinguished leader called

OUR READERS SAY

CALL TO VEN. ASGIRIYA MAHANAYAKE

Thodaman, has prescribed a formula.

Although it falls far too short of the aspirations of the Tamils, it yet carries sensible suggestions.

Why not, this Head of

the Buddhist Clergy consider these proposals to effect a Cease-fire and to engage in a dialogue with the Tigers?

If the learned Monk analyses these proposals dispassionately, he will find, the Key to open the doors on both sides.

Jaffna - K. Thamilventhan.

THROW AWAY THAT NEUTRALITY

It was with great enthusiasm that I listened to the call of 'Let my people Live' by Rev. Fr. S. J. Emmanuel, on the occasion of the handing over the memorandum against the attack on St. James' Church, Gurunagar, and with great interest that I read the statement he gave to the media subsequent to the air attacks on Catholic institutions recently.

As the people of Tamil Eelam, we cannot remain neutral in the current conflict, as our neutrality is no longer respected, in fact it was NEVER respected.

As a devoted Catholic, I am very happy to see the Catholic Church breaking her shells and coming out actively to voice their pro-

test against the atrocities by Singhala-Buddhist armed forces of Sri Lanka against the Tamil community as a whole, whether they are Hindus or Christians.

As Fr. Emmanuel pointed out in his speech, Tamils were forced to take up arms by the Singhala oppressors.

It is with great awe-inspiring reverence, I remember the clergy of the calibre of Archbishop Eiszalvado, Rt. Rev. Oscar Romero, Rev. Frs. Mary Bastian, Rodrigo & Chandra Fernando who had laid their lives in defence of Oppressed People.

As Rt. Rev. Oscar Romero once said, 'The Church must tell the people of their right to resort to INSURRECTIONAL VIOLENCE, when the oppressions become unbearable.'

Let us throw away the longings some of us are having for the 'Colombo life' and the benefits thereof and see the bright light at the end of the dark tunnel we are in now. All these comforts will be freely available once our freedom is obtained. We and only we could fight for our freedom.

Hence, while wildly cheering the Rev. Fr. S. J. Emmanuel for his excellent example, I humbly beg the rest of the Church and all other Religious Institutions to follow suit and throw away their self-imposed neutrality blankets and actively rally round the good hearts which are fighting for Our Freedom.

Jaffna - S. Joseph

APPRECIATION: Mr. K. NESIAH

THE OLD GENERATION FADES AWAY

I had heard about Mr. K. Nesiah long before my close encounter with him as his Editorial Assistant on the *Co-operator*, the official organ of the then Northern Division Co-operative Federation, in the mid-sixties.

I was younger and more brash then, but his gravitas was the perfect foil to my cynical levity - the occupational hazard of quite a few journalists, young and old.

The Editor and his Editorial Assistant often didn't see eye to eye both about the content and the lay-out of the paper. Mr. Nesiah's journalistic ideal was the old *Times* (London) and *The Hindu* (Madras), with their staid lay-out and their prim and proper presentation of the news. It took quite a lot of persuasion on my part to convince him that both *The Times* and *The Hindu* had changed with the times and it was high time the *Co-operator* did so too. He reluctantly agreed but his heart was with the good old days. I must admit that his gravitas rubbed off on me so much so that in time 'I came round to his view'

that sobriety was preferable to sensationalism any day, especially in journalism.

If I have dealt at some length with the journalistic side of Mr. Nesiah's public personality, it's because that's the side of him I knew first-hand.

Mr. Nesiah, who passed away recently at the ripe old age of 93, was one of the last survivors of a generation which believed that it was the moral obligation of an educated man to serve the community, especially by joining the teaching profession. Another such person was the late Mr. S. Handy-Perinpanayagam.

This generation which, alas, might appear like fuddy-duddies to the present generation firmly believed in certain core values and practised them too. He had the courage of his convictions and dared to stand up and be counted, even if he was in the minority of one.

Mr. Nesiah was one of the early members of the Jaffna Youth Congress which demanded freedom for Ceylon from British rule, long before any politician in the South thought

of it. He, and the other members of the Youth Congress, were inspired by Mahatma Gandhi's ideals: they believed in simple living, total dedication to the welfare of the community, the breaking of caste taboos and a system of national education consonant with the national culture.

Inspired by such ideals, Mr. Nesiah and others like him championed the use of the mother tongue in education and that too at a time when the very idea was anathema to the Establishment and its minions who had intercolonialised.

Though Mr. Nesiah could trace his link to a family which enjoyed the hereditary right to hoist the flag at the historic Maviddapuram Temple signalling the beginning of its annual festival, he was a fervent, practising Christian not a cake-and-ale one.

He was a Senior Lecturer in Education in the University of Ceylon and moulded several generations of post-graduate diploma students, before he retired some years ago.

May his soul rest in peace.

A.J. Canagaratna

WHY TERRORISM?

Many people were killed and over sixty were severely injured in the aerial attack that took place at Chavakachcheri.

The Army had let loose atrocities on the general public at a time when some intellectuals and some politicians in the South talk of a ceasefire as the only way to peace.

This incident will be recorded in history as yet another act of state terrorism which is wantonly committed on the Tamil public.

What does the damage caused to the vicarage of the C. S. I. Church, Drieberg's College, Kindergarten School, Women's Home and commercial establishments show?

This will be regarded as a blind act transgressing all norms of justice.

Hitler, a man described as a cruel dictator, is said to have made strict orders during World War II that certain specified places should not be subjected to bombing.

But what is the aim in bombing here, in disregard

of criticism, which kills women, men and infants?

There is a proverb in Sinhalese which says that the angered gardener who sees a deer in his garden whips the deer-skin hanging in his home.

The international community must take into consideration the remarkability

of the 'bravery' which vents itself on the innocent public unable to bear the defeats in battle fronts.

The common people in the South should condemn these atrocities. They should understand for what purpose their children's services are being used by the state and raise the voice of protest against the government.

People are suspecting whether the Government is employing some terrorist tactics in the North to enable it to conduct local government elections in the East.

There is no history that democracy ever grew by terrorism.

Editorial:

Eelamadu of 2-1-94

MEDIA VIEW

LAND GRABBING- D.S.'s FIRST PRIORITY

"When I was with him (D. S. Senanayake) one day after he was made Prime Minister, Dr. G. P. Malalasekera and two Bhikkus came to see him. He asked me to remain in the room too. Dr. Malalasekera asked that Sinhala be made the official language and Buddhism be made the State religion. I remember DS's answer. He said, "YOURS IS A GOOD SUGGESTION, BUT WE HAVE JUST WON INDEPENDENCE AND THERE ARE MORE IMPORTANT THINGS TO BE DONE. YOU DON'T TILL YOUR PADDY IN SINHALA, ENGLISH OR TAMIL. LANGUAGE IS NO BARRIER. I WANT TO GIVE LAND TO THE LANDLESS AND HOUSES TO THE HOMELESS. THAT IS MY FIRST TASK."

THE GAL OYA SCHEME WAS COMPLETELY HIS IDEA. HE BROUGHT PEASANTS FROM HIS OWN VILLAGE TO GET THE WORK DONE."

V. C. W. Ratnayake, Deputy Minister for Posts and Telecommunication in D. S. Senanayake's Government quoted in the Sunday Times of February 4, 1990. At the time Mr. Ratnayake gave his interview to the Sunday Times he was 81 and living in retirement. D. S. Senanayake knew what he wanted and the priorities too! Emphasis ours.

FESTIVALS - BUT NOT FOR LOCAL GOVT. PENSIONERS

Local Government Pensioners in Jaffna complain that they have not been paid their pensions for the month of December, 1993 yet.

They had to go through Christmas and New Year without their pensions.

The situation was the same even during 1992.

Then they had to draw their pensions for the months of November, December and January only by the end of February, 1993.

They attribute the delay to the postal mess in Colombo.

Chavakachcheri: Puccaros and Super sonic Bomb in turn - 2 Dead - 7 Injured - Buildings Damaged

Sri Lankan Puccaro planes and Supersonic attacked Chavakachcheri in turn Two were killed. Seven people were seriously injured and many buildings damaged.

On Wednesday, January 5, about 11.15 a.m. two Sri Lankan Puccaro planes that circled over Chavakachcheri dropped three bombs at Kerudavil near the Chavakachcheri town.

A student of the Chavakachcheri Girl's College named G. Kulendrarani (aged 16) died whilst she was walking along the road.

A bakery and two houses were damaged. Many palmyrah trees were broken.

A few minutes later about 11.40 a.m. a Sri Lankan Supersonic jet bomber carried out rocket attack. The rockets were fired from the Chavakachcheri Post office up to Perumkulam junction.

A man named S. Praisoodi of Meesalai South died as a result of shock.

Seven people were seriously injured. They were first taken to the Chavakachcheri hospital and from there to the Jaffna Hospital for treatment.

As the Puccaros started bombing, schools in Chavakachcheri were closed immediately and teachers and students began to move to their homes. But the sight of Supersonic caused panic amongst the returning students and teachers who ran in all directions for safety.

The splinters from the rockets fell inside the Chavakachcheri Hospital also.

Shops and Government offices in Chavakachcheri were closed and there was dead silence in the town the whole day.

The reports also said that the Supersonic also carried out attack on the paddy fields near the Vethakerni Kandasamy temple.

Two firewood vendors carrying firewood on bicycles were injured in this attack.

Heli Fires at Firewood Vendors

A Sri Lankan helicopter fired 50 calibre guns at Kaithady about 6.00 p.m. on Thursday, January 6.

Two fire-wood traders who were bringing firewood on their bicycles for sale, received injuries. Both have been admitted to the Jaffna Hospital.

Chavakachcheri-

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On Thursday, January 6, the owner of Ambika Dispensary at Chavakachcheri, Mr. S. Namasivayam, who was also the President of the Thenmaradchy Traders Association, succumbed to his injuries resulting from the aerial attack on December 30.

Heli Attacks..

(Continued From page 1) also came under fire about 10.00 a.m. the same day. Students and teachers ran away. The school buildings were damaged.

Heli attack also took place in Navindil, Udupidy, Valvettipurai, Putur and Avarangal villages on Friday, January 7.

district. The LTTE fighter was killed by S. L. Army in ambush.

January 1 - Saturday

Shells and 50 calibre gun attacks on fishermen by S. L. Navy on patrol. The attack took place in the sea between Poonakari - Kanchakadu and Mandaitivu. Fishermen abandoned their work and returned to shore. One fisherman from Gurunagar did not return and was reported missing.

S. L. Naval boats attack fishermen at Thiruvadinilai. Cannons and 50 calibre guns were fired. Fishermen abandoned work and escaped ashore. A house belonging to a woman named Valliammai was damaged by cannon fire at Riththalady. The roof tiles of the house of G. Rasarathnam of the same place was damaged by 50 calibre gun attack.

Round-up and Arrests IN BATTICALOA

Sri Lankan Army and a group of Tamil gangsters working with the Army rounded - up the villages of Pavatkodichenai, Gandhinagar and Sinnachitpimadhu villages in the Batticaloa District. They arrested some persons and took them to the camp.

On December 24, Friday R. Alagiah (45), N. Ariyanayagam (22), P. Thangarajah (32), K. Rajan (25), K. Mailvaganam (21) and

Linganathan (39) were arrested. All arrested men are married men.

On December 25, Alagiah (a married man with eight children) was arrested by the Army at Palayadiveddai.

On December 26, the Sri Lankan Army arrested Kannakai Mahenthiran (22), also from Palayadiveddai.

On the same day P. Perinpan (23) and V. Elayathamby (20) were arrested by the Army at Neduncholai.

Fifth Tamil Eelam Court Opened

A Tamil Eelam Court was opened at Kilinochchi on Wednesday, January 5.

Already four courts are functioning in peninsular Jaffna.

The Tamil Eelam flag was hoisted by Mr. Ravi, the Special Commander of LTTE in Vanni. The court

was formerly declared open by Mr. Chooti, the Vanni Commander of the LTTE.

Mr. P. Nadesan, the head of the Tamil Eelam Police lit the traditional oil lamp. The function was presided over by Mr. Para, Head of the Administration of Justice Division of the LTTE.

Wheat flour not Available

Wheat flour is not available for consumers in Jaffna for two weeks now. It is not even available in the Multi - Purpose Co - operatives. Bakeries have reduced production of bread and large crowds are found to queue up or scramble for

the limited supply of bread in bakeries. According to Kachcheri officials a ship - load was expected on Friday, January 7, but it did not come as expected and people are undergoing great hardship on account of the complete non - availability of wheat flour.

WHO KILLED HER?

An old woman Murugesu Kanagammah, one of the few people trapped in Karainagar, now under occupation of the Sri Lankan Army, is reported to have been found dead with her hands bound. She is reported to have been strangled.

The old woman is said to have had been in possession

of a lot of jewellery. Her murder is suspected to have been caused to obtain the jewellery she was in possession of.

The bulk of the Karainagar people have left the village, when the S.L. Army occupied it. Only a few villagers - most of them old - are living there now.

Sri Lanka-

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How could this GENOCIDAL WAR be an Internal matter?

Hon. President Mr. D. B. Wijetunge, addressing a Union Meeting of Govt's Servants down south of Sri Lanka has categorically stated that there is no talk of any political solution.

The Buddha Sinhala Sri - Lankan Govt's only motto is

total ANNIHILATION OF THE TAMILS. To succeed in this aim, the Govt. and the Combined Forces have made all arrangements to gear up the final Grand Scale GENOCIDAL WAR at any time. As such the lives of the 8 Lakhs of Tamils living in Jaffna District is at stake.

New Era Publications, Luckshmi building, Dutch Rd, Kalviyankadu, Jaffna.

LEST THE EVIL FOX DENIES- THIS IS WHAT HE SAID IN 1944

J. R. Jayewardene, as a fledgling politician in the State Council, proposed on November 30, 1943 that Sinhala only be declared the sole official language "within a reasonable number of years."

In the State Council debate on this resolution on May 4, 1944, Jayewardene said:

"Therefore, I would place this motion before the House; and I would wish to speak a word of explanation with regard to my desire to include Tamil also. I had always the intention that Tamil should be spoken in the Tamil speaking provinces, and that Tamil should be the official language in the Tamil speaking provinces. But as two-third of the people of this country speak Sinhalese, I had the intention of proposing that only Sinhalese should be the official language of the island: but it seems to me that the Tamil community, who speak Tamil, wish that Tamil also should be included on equal terms with Sinhalese."

From an article by Gamini Navaratne appearing in the Sunday Times 3-10-1993.

News in Brief

December 7 - Monday

Thirty Tamils are reported to have been arrested in the Puttalam District.

December 2 - Tuesday

S. L. Navy boats on patrol fire at fishermen at work in the Thondamanaru Valvettipurai sea. This happened about 6.30 a.m. Fishermen escaped abandoning their boats. Some cannon shells fired from the Naval boats hit the coast. No damage was reported.

S. L. Army at Karainagar fired shells towards Moolai and Ponnalai about 8.30 p.m. No deaths were reported.

December 29 - Wednesday

A woman is reported arrested at Thandikulam

Army Check point at Vavunia. The woman is said to be a resident of Poovarasankulam in Omanthai.

December 31 - Friday

A Sri Lankan helicopter carried out 50 calibre gun attack for about 20 minutes at 11.40 a.m. in the area between Ariyalai East and Kowtharimunai. The attack was not confined to the land alone but was directed towards the sea as well.

Sri Lankan Army at Palaly directed shells towards its adjoining villages around 9.00 p.m. No report of any damage.

LTTE reported the death of one of its cadres at Pulmoddai, Trincomalee Dis-