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## Liberty-Highest Political End

Liberty is not a means to a higher political end. It is itself the highest political end... A generous spirit prefers that his country should be poor, and weak, and of no account, but free, rather than powerful, prosperous and enslaved.

- Lord Acton -

## Southern Province Elections: People Angered by UNP's Undemocratic and Criminal Acts

The rout of the ruling UNP in the Southern Provincial Council elections demonstrates the aversion of the people of Ruhuna to the undemocratic actions of the ruling UNP, according to opinion in Jaffna.

The UNP had descended to low levels of political manipulation to retain itself in power. It had made use of the Governor to take for itself the Chief Ministership of that province and when that was successfully challenged by the Opposition in Court, it resorted to the criminal act of kidnapping Opposition members. In the

Southern Province, an SLFP member was first kidnapped and later bought over, thus resulting in the dissolution of the last council. The desperate low tactics and criminal acts of a government which claims to be democratic had brought realization to the people that the UNP, in spite of its claims to be

democratic, 'was the most undemocratic group of power-seekers who would resort to anything to keep themselves in power.

The UNP defeat is also seen as a defeat for President Wijetunge. He personally campaigned in the Southern Province and curiously, the burden of his speeches were that the UNP should win in the South to defeat the LTTE in Tamil Eelam, though there was no relevance between the war and

Southern Provincial Council elections. Perhaps the Sinhala voters saw Mr. Wijetunge's racist speeches as a ploy to turn away the Sinhala people's attention from the criminality of the UNP.

Though the Provincial Council elections have no relevance at all to the people of Tamil Eelam, the people here would hope that Mrs. Chandrika Kumaratunge would at least hereafter persuade the Opposition par-

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## LTTE Attack at Poonakari 3 SRI LANKAN SOLDIERS KILLED

The LTTE carried out an attack on Sri Lankan soldiers and killed three and recovered their arms and ammunitions.

On Friday, March 18

at 7.35 a.m. LTTE cadres attacked a group of Sinhala soldiers at Poonakari who had come out of their camp to remove road blocks.

Three Sri Lankan soldiers

were killed and their arms and ammunitions recovered. The LTTE said their attack lasted for only three minutes.

Following the attack there was heavy shell fire from the Poonakari Army Camp.

## S.L. NAVY FIRING DEAD BODIES WASHED ASHORE

Two dead bodies of fishermen killed by Sri Lankan Navy firing on Sunday, March 20, night were washed ashore on Tuesday, March 22.

On Sunday, March 20, about 7.30 p.m. Sri Lankan Navy fired cannon shells on fishermen at work in Jaffna lagoon. Two fishermen fell into the sea with injuries. A third man was

injured and admitted to Jaffna hospital. The men who fell into the sea could not be traced and their lives saved.

On March 22, Tuesday their dead bodies were washed ashore. One body was found near Kalmunai and the other near Ariyalai. The bodies were recovered

and handed over at the Jaffna Hospital where a postmortem examination was held. Both bodies contained injuries from cannon fire. Their bodies were handed over to their relations after the postmortem examination.

The dead men were identified as Thangarajah Ramesh and Siluvairajah Mariampillai both of Gurunagar.

## Heavy Aerial Attack at Kilinochchi

Sri Lankan Air Force planes and helicopter straffed the Elephant Pass - Kilinochchi area on Monday, March 21.

Reports said that many people were injured and buildings damaged by the

indiscriminate aerial attack. While the Air Force was carrying out the aerial attack, shells were launched from the Elephant Pass camp.

At Murasumoddai in Kilinochchi, three persons belonging to the same family

and another person were injured. The attack at Murasumoddai lasted for only 15 minutes and reports said that more than 18 bombs were dropped. A number of houses and shops were damaged. Many cattle also were killed.

## Training Colleges to be brought down to one Educators' Association Protests

The Educators' Association of the Government Teachers' college at Kopay has protested against the Government proposed to amalgamate the Government Teachers' (Training) Colleges of Palaly and Kopay.

In a letter signed by the President and the Secretary of the Association to the Secretary to the Ministry of Education and Higher Edu-

cation, the Association has pointed out that earlier the Jaffna District had five Teacher Training Colleges. They were subsequently reduced to two. A further reduction will amount to a depletion of the educational resources of the area.

The Association letter also said that the amalgamation of the Palaly and Kopay

colleges would greatly hamper the facilities provided for various courses with their intrinsic resource needs.

The Association has also said that Jaffna had already suffered innumerable depravities and the amalgamation of the Kopay and Palaly colleges would mean additional depravity.

## Self Sacrificer - Madam Poopathy

Madam Poopathy, a great mother of Tamil Nation, A normal housewife, belonged to the village Kiran, Laid on front, the temple of Mamankam, Started a fast, demanded for peace, against Bharatham.

Morn and eve, Night and day, she fasted throughout, And on the thirty-second day, she breathed her last. Her departure, caused by Bharatham's disdain, Had taught Bharatham, a bitter lesson.

Seven years had passed so soon, We missed our beloved mother of Tamil Nation, Now, our minds are filled with her memories, The only tribute we can pay, for her sacrifice.

- Malarannai -

## Deputy Superintendent Complains to PMG

### -SORRY STATE OF POSTAL SERVICES

'Insurance Corporation, Valuation Department, Government Pensioners, Retired Employees of Government Corporations and Banks have complained that letters and in particular, registered letters posted in Colombo during the months of November and December last year have not yet been delivered to the addressees! The Deputy Superintendent of Postal Services, Northern Region has so complained to the Post Master General in a letter addressed to him. He has further stated that Ordinary Mails in general and Registered letters in particular posted in Colombo during the months of November and December, 1993 were still gathering dust in the Central Mail Room in Colombo.

It would appear that mails

subject to this inordinate delay have been mails posted last year. People here in the Peninsula have been greatly affected on this account. The Superintendent of Postal Services has, therefore, sought an assurance from the PMG to ensure that all ships that come to Jaffna bring mails. In this connection it has been pointed out that the last ship M. V. Komari which reached Point Pedro on 18.3.94 did not bring any mails.

The Supdt. has also brought to the notice of the PMG that letters from Colombo to Jaffna have been found to be opened. The Postal Authorities here have not been able to give a satisfactory explanation to members of the public on this sorry state of tampering with private mails.





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## The Sinhala Treachery And Untrustworthiness

Sir Ponnambalam Arunachalam, the founder-President of the Ceylon National Congress, left it to form the Ceylon Tamil League because he became convinced of the Sinhala treachery and the incompatibility of the Tamils and Sinhalese together constituting an artificial nation merely because the British created an English-educated elite. It was a bitter experience for Sir P. Arunachalam to become aware that in spite of common English education and alien ways of life that the inborn conflicts of the Tamil and Sinhala nations could only be aggravated by any attempts to keep them under one polity.

From the twenties it was a consistent tale of treachery.

J. R. Jayawardhene, a former President and architect of the Rajiv Gandhi - Jayawardhene Accord has by his latest outburst most unashamedly laid bare the Sinhala propensity to be treacherous and nothing but treacherous. According to reports he has hit the nail right on the head, when the ruling UNP and Opposition parties were wrangling on how best to divide the Tamil homeland.

J. R. Jayawardhene agreed to a merger of the Tamil homeland which had been divided under colonial rule, when he entered into the Rajiv Gandhi - Jayawardhene Accord in 1987. He outwitted Rajiv by including a clause to hold a referendum in the East only to divide the Tamil homeland banking on Sinhala colonisations.

But the ground situation did not permit him to hold the referendum at the end of one year, as stated in the Accord and he himself postponed the conduct of the referendum using the provisions of the Accord itself.

His follower Premadasa did the same. D. B. Wijetunge who succeeded Premadasa had no alternative except to do likewise but the great Sinhala chauvinist that he is, he still decided that he should hold a referendum-of course in the same way his government conducts elections!

Strangely enough, the Opposition which leaves no stone unturned - and rightly so - to drive the UNP out of power, came to the aid of Wijetunge in this regard. The Opposition opined that the North east Tamil homeland could be divided by mere votes in Parliament and that there was no need to hold a referendum even in the UNP style! Why this hasty help to pull the chestnuts out of the fire for Wijetunge? The answer is very simple. The opposition is in no way less chauvinistic than the Government.

J. R. Jayawardhene has now said that the Tamil homeland could be divided by merely filing a report in Parliament and that any other course to divide the Tamil homeland is ILLEGAL!

Of course, the world has seen the sanctity with which the Sinhalese politicians observe their laws. The classic example was enacted in 1972, when the politicians elected to parliament constituted themselves into a body which sat elsewhere from Parliament-at Navarangahala-and decided to scrap the provisions of the Soulbury Constitution, which however, contained special provisions for Constitutional amendments. With the state power-including the armed forces-at their command they rebelled against their own constitution and patted themselves on their capacity to convert treason to legitimacy.

J.R.'s statement is quite in keeping with Sinhala treachery down the ages - betrayal of even signed undertakings-not to speak of oral promises and re-iterates the UNTRUSTWORTHINESS of the Sinhala leadership.

Sinhala traitors and betrayers fail to recognise the writing on the wall which is, that any attempt to divide the Tamil homeland will remove for all time, any possibility of even loose links between the Tamil and Sinhala nations being retained.

# Thanthai Chelva and the Tamil Liberation Struggle

A grateful Eelam Tamil Nation which cherishes Thanthai S. J. V. Chelvanayakam as the Father of the Nation will commemorate his birth centenary in 1998 in a fitting manner.

Thanthai Chelva learnt his bitter political lessons from the past experiences undergone by the Tamils of Chilaw and Negombo. Their history became a lesson in history for Chelva. Just one generation back they had changed their language from Tamil to Sinhala and they got assimilated into the bigger nation. They changed their language and thereby lost their national identity. Today for all intents and purposes, they have become part of the Sinhalese nation, even though they are not still accepted as first class citizens by the racist Sinhala Buddhists because of their religion, Roman Catholicism, and origins. The struggle they are waging now against the settling up of the V. O. A and tourist hotels in Negombo area, is only a pointer and an eye-opener.

### A clear political objective

Thanthai Chelva has had no chance for saving the west for the Eelam Tamil Nation. He had come into the limelight a bit too late for that. So he confined his labours to retain the North and East to the Tamils. In this regard he had a clear vision. That vision was to restore to the Tamil Nation their past Tamil Kingdom which they had lost to the Portuguese in the battle field.

The clear political objective of Thanthai Chelvanayakam was to set up a Tamil State in the North-East of the island. So he formed a new Tamil political party to which he gave the name, Ilankai Tamil Arasu Kadchi. He also knew the difficulties that confronted him in his task of achieving that noble objective. He and his political party could have been charged for treason and the new political party might have been nipped in the bud before it became virile. Hence he was prepared to accept then his vision of a Tamil State under a federal union. Although the official name he gave to his party remained as Ilankai Tamil Arasu Kadchi, yet it came to be known as well in political circles as the Federal Party.

Thanthai Chelva had the vision of a Tamil State and he set about to achieve it. To do so, he had first to consolidate the Eelam

Tamils to qualify for nationhood. His leadership and guidance made the Tamil people forget differences formed on account of cast, creed or regions. He rightfully claimed the North-East to be the traditional homeland of the Eelam Tamils. On the basis of the traditional homeland, he made the Tamil people conscious of their nationhood. He demand-

### Anandan

ed recognition that (1) North and East be accepted as the traditional homeland of the Tamils (2) that the Tamils living in the North-East be accepted as a nation (3) that the Tamil language spoken by them, be accorded equal status with Sinhala language as an official language and (4) that the Tamils in the Up-Country be granted citizenship and franchise.

Thanthai Chelva held fast to his objectives so much so that his political opponents started referring to him as being intransigent. Thanthai Chelva was not prepared under any circumstances to relent on his concept of a traditional Homeland for the Tamil People. This was the reason which prompted him not to support unconditionally the minority government formed by the United National Party in March, 1960 under the leadership of Dudley Senanayake. Chelva withstood all pressures applied on him from various quarters to support the UNP unconditionally. He placed four minimum demands based on his objectives.

### Pacts and Agreements

Thanthai Chelva concluded two written agreements with two Prime Ministers of the island and a Gentleman's Understanding with Mrs. Sirimavo Bandaranayake to confirm acceptance of the concept of traditional homeland to the Tamils and put that on record for posterity. The first agreement he signed with S. W. R. D. Bandaranayake, the Prime Minister of the Mahajana Eksath Peramuna government in July 1957, was for setting up Regional Councils for the North-East with power to merge. The second was the Gentleman's Understanding arrived at between him and Mrs. Sirimavo Bandaranayake, the leader of the Sri Lanka Freedom Party, to get her, in case she was returned to power, following the General Elections of July, 1960, to implement the Banda-Chelva Agreement which was earlier abrogated by her late husband. Last but not the least of these

three agreements was signed between him and the leader of the UNP, Dudley Senanayake, before he was called on to form the Government. It was for the creation of District Councils in March, 1965. Item 4 of this Agreement concerning Land Settlement concedes beyond any doubt the recognition of the concept of a traditional Tamil homeland by the UNP and every other single political party which then joined to form the National Government under the leadership of Dudley Senanayake. Likewise all those political Parties which constituted the Mahajan Eksath Peramuna (MEP) government under S. W. R. D. Bandaranayake too have accepted the concept of a traditional Tamil homeland, when they endorsed the Banda-Chelva Pact.

### The Tamil Eelam Demand

Yet the Baudha Sinhala racists did not permit the implementation of these agreements. This frustrated Thanthai Chelva's attempts to reach an amicably negotiated political settlement and the passing of the 1972 Republican Constitution served as the proverbial last straw which broke the camel's back, after which Thanthai Chelva took the irrevocable stand to restore and re-constitute the lost state of Tamil Eelam. Tamil Eelam Nation has endorsed Thanthai Chelva's objective at the July, 1977 General Election by granting a mandate for the restoration of Tamil Eelam. It now remains the duty of the Tamils to back to the hilt the on-going liberation struggle and to achieve this goal. The Tamils the world over must close their ranks and fall in line so that they will be able to commemorate Thanthai Chelva's Birth Centenary as a free and liberated people. To suit the occasion, Prof. A. J. Wilson has published a biography of Thanthai Chelva in London this year. The book is titled 'S.J.V. Chelvanayakam and the Crisis of Sri Lankan Nationalism' 1947-1977-A Political Biography'.

One hopes that there will be more such publications before the end of the centenary year. It is best at least more books on the subject are published in the English Language and other international languages so as to enlighten the international community on the justice of the Tamil cause. His contributions to parliamentary debates on all aspects of the Tamil problem too must be collected in full and published in book form.



# Hindu Conference Calls for Peace And Restoration of Temples

At a Conference held by the Hindu Religious Organisation at Jaffna, a resolution was passed requesting the Government of Sri Lanka to declare a ceasefire and commence negotiations for a peaceful resolution of the nationalities' problem.

The resolution also highlighted the need to restore Hindu temples under army occupation and those damaged by military action.

The resolutions passed at the conference held on Saturday, March 19, said:

1. In as much as the nationalities' problem can never be resolved by military means, the Government of Sri Lanka must accept the invitation of the LTTE to resolve the problem peacefully.

2. Tamils have been in occupation of the North-east from historical times. The Government must accept the Northeast as the Tamil homeland and give up its schemes to hold referendum to divide the Tamil homeland.

3. The central government of India and the Government of Tamil Nadu must give up all oppressive measures adopted against Tamil refugees and treat them humanely.

4. Hindu temples are occupied by the Armed forces of Sri Lanka government which has resulted in the denial of the right of worship of Hindus. The Secretary-General of the UNO must exercise his discretionary powers to get the UN Human Rights Commission to inquire into this denial of basic human rights to the Hindus.

5. Thousands of Hindu temples in the Northeast and elsewhere have been damaged by military action and aerial bombardment and the Government of Sri Lanka has turned a deaf ear to the numerous requests made by different organisations to repair and restore these temples. Hindu temples are not only the places of worship for Hindus but also remain as cultural centres of Tamils. The Conference requests the UN General Secretary to have these temples repaired and restored through the agency of the UNESCO.

## Heroic Compassion

Empower me to release my little self  
To strive towards and accomplish greater works  
Compelling, if necessary, my insignificant tiny being  
To render for this world, and ungrudgingly do heroic services

Continuously cherish within my little self  
The desire for supernormal range of human life  
Performing courageously, even amidst  
self seeking people,  
Acts of adventurous heroic compassion.

Henry Victor

## Jaffna Undergrads Protest

Students of the Jaffna University staged a token protest by boycotting lectures on Friday, March 18.

The protest was sequel to the failure to date to double the Mahapola Award promised by the University Grants Commission.

Last week, posters and Satyagraha campaigns were conducted by other University students demanding the doubling of the Mahapola Award and allied benefits.

Friday's boycott by the Jaffna University Students was also in furtherance of the same demands.

## TEEDOR NEWS

### Village Uplift Schemes on Voluntary Help Basis.

Tamil Belam Economic Development Organisation (TEEDOR) carried out the following village uplift schemes.

1. At Chemmalai - Reclaiming saline land.
2. At Thattayamalai - Production of oil seeds.
3. At Muthu Iyan Kaddu - Production of seeds.
4. At Mannal Kandal - Stud Centre.
5. At Ananthapuram - Repair to tank.
6. At Per Aru - Grass growing.
7. At Periya Iththimadhu - Repair to tank.
8. At Puthakudavi and Kankaratnapuram-Coconut Nursery

The people of the villages concerned participated in the voluntary work.

### Production Acceleration Week

The annual Production Acceleration Week organized by TEEDOR will be held between April 24 and 30 this year.

Those willing to participate in the competitions have been asked to send their applications before April 1, through their respective Production Committees / Divisional / District Committees.

### Self-employment Incentive Loan Assistance

The following assistance has been given by Teedor as incentive Loan Assistance for self-employment assistance to families deprived of employment:

1. At Chunnakam, Selvapuram, Kantharodai and Kudathanai - Rs. 880,000 for 88 families for cattle rearing.
2. At Gurunagar - Rs. 510,000/- for 102 families for fishing.
3. At Kopay, Uduvil, Karaveddy, Jaffna, Chavakachcheri, Kilinochchi, and Kandavalai - Rs. 9,963,655/- for 1013 families for seasonal cultivation.
4. At Uduvil and Kopay - Rs. 1,465,950/- for 87 families for potato cultivation.
5. At Nallur, Ariyalai and Navatkuli - Rs. 60,000/- for six families for small industries.

A sum of Rs. 12,809,578/- has been given for 1316 families for the above schemes between March 1993 and January, 1994.

### Poultry Rearing

Five families at Nunavil East were given 25 birds each as incentive to rear poultry on February 7.

At Iyakachchi 15 families were given cash help of Rs. 2500/- each for poultry rearing on February 10.

### Tree Planting Along Roadsides

Three thousand plants were planted along roadsides in the Jaffna District during the months of November and December 1993 by the Environment Protection Division of TEEDOR.

## Virtuous Battle is the Only Alternate Way

### Media View

If any problem or dispute is to be resolved a forward step from the existing position or position that existed earlier - has to be achieved. That is the common standard.

But as far as Ceylon's ethnic problem - the problem of the Tamils - is concerned, the Sinhala leadership thinks that a solution depends on creating a situation wherein the position of the Tamils could be brought to a lower and more degrading position. Not only the Sinhala leadership thinks so but are also adopting such an approach.

That is why they are keen on dividing a united Northeast Province. There is an underlying reason for their keenness to divide the Northeast.

The Tamils are saying that the Northeast is their homeland. The Sinhala leadership fears that if they admit or recognise the concept of the Tamil homeland they would not be able to maintain the whole of Ceylon as Sinhala land and the 'virtuous land' which fosters Buddhism.

That is why they have girded up their loins to divide the Northeast by any means and whatever the labour. The Sinhala Buddhist nationalists-chauvinists-entertain the idea that dividing Northeast would be equal to the act of having solved the nationalities' problem.

One such person is Dinesh Gunawardhene. In addition, the ambition to be the Presidential candidate of the Sinhala-Buddhist Racists has caught hold of him. Therefore he is coming out with a new, 'revolutionary' advice to divide the Tamil homeland.

According to him the North-east merger is not a lawful action. Therefore, he says, that the merged North east can be divided by parliament with two-thirds majority vote without having to hold a referendum.

The man soaked in anti-Tamil phobia that is Dinesh Gunawardhene, he certainly cannot understand the offence of contempt of both the constitution and of parliament he commits by refusing to admit as law the 13th amendment to the Constitution.

Isn't he the son of the 'Boralugodai' Philip Gunawardhene? Therefore he is engaged in vote catching tactics competing with D. B. Wijetunge by saying that the Northeast could be divided by parliament when Wijetunge says that a referendum has to be held to divide Northeast.

In fine, all the competition and rat race among the Sinhalese leaders is how to divide the Northeast - not in regard to the resolution of the nationalities' problem.

There could be nothing more foolish than to believe that such people who are engaged in practising for this competition would grant the Tamils their rights. They will grant nothing to the Tamils. Tamils will have to establish a country and state for themselves. They must get world recognition. There is no other way for it except to carry on a struggle based on virtue - a struggle both defensive and also lobbying for the Tamil cause. Every Belam Tamil must have this feeling full in his heart and must also work for it.

Editorial: Uthayan  
18. 3. 94

## SPORTS CRICKET

The 90th Encounter between Jaffna Central and St. John's College ended in a victory for Jaffna Central by seven wickets.

The Centralities recorded a win after a lapse of 24 years, and well earned by some excellent fielding. The Man of the Match was K. Suresh of Central.

Scores:— St. John's-148 & 187 all out.

Jaffna Central - 257 for 6 and 81 for 3.

In the 77th Encounter, Jaffna College held St. Patrick's to a valiant draw after being forced to follow on, at the latter's grounds.

Scores:— St. Patrick's College 189 all out.

Jaffna College - 73 all out and 88 for 6 at close.



# ELEPHANT PASS: LTTE Destroys Eleven S. L. Army Sentry Posts

## THREE S. L. SOLDIERS - BODIES AND ARMS RECOVERED

The LTTE carried out a sudden attack on Sri Lankan Army Forward Defence Lines at Thattuvankotty on the outskirts of the Elephant Pass Army Camp. Eleven sentry posts were destroyed.

On Monday, March 21 skirts of the Elephant Pass early morning about 4.00 Army Camp. The attack the LTTE mounted a lasted for 30 minutes. Eleven sudden attack on Sri Lankan Sri Lankan Army sentry posts Forward Defence lines at were captured by the LTTE Thattuvankotty on the out- and completely destroyed.

Three Sri Lankan soldiers were killed. Many were injured. The LTTE recovered the dead bodies of the three Sri Lankan soldiers and also arms, ammunitions and other military-ware.

The LTTE said that three of its fighters died in this battle.

## Cancer on the Increase

Cancer is on the increase in Jaffna District according to reports.

According to statistics compiled by the Jaffna Teaching Hospital, 581 cases of cancer were detected in Jaffna in 1991. In the following year 1992 the number increased to 945. In 1993 one thousand and one hundred cases of cancer were detected.

## 13,000 Malaria Cases in two months

Twelve thousand eight hundred and fifty seven persons were found to have been affected by Malaria in the Jaffna District during a period of two months in January and February, 1994.

The largest number of cases have been reported from the Point Pedro M. O. H's. Division where a total of 4,659 persons were found to have been afflicted with malaria.

Of these a total of 560 persons were afflicted with Cerebral Malaria.

## Thanthai Chelva, our Prophet.

Perhaps you Thanthai Chelva, our prophet Foresaw that your posterity

Will be fighting against T 56 tanks And fighter planes faster than tone, Called us on time, in fifties and sixties, For an early resistance by non-military means The aggression generated by your Sinhalese colleagues

Perhaps if at that time we heeded your call, prophetic Responding together, but singlemindedly, as one nation, In resisting the crippling Sinhalese Chauvinism Of our early childhood nights and days We would today not have lost many of our kith and kin

In this hour of our middle and old ages Stinking with smell of sweat from fear and anxiety

This day as we remember you, our prophet, We refurbish our commitment to the Tamil nation, Crystal clear in your timely vision, Reorganise ourselves with leader Pirabakaran To keep at bay the Sinhalese Army With their water-jet speed boats and supersonic bombers

While making our dream of Tamil Eelam a reality. Jeyakumar

## Southern—

(Continued from page 1) ties to give up their chauvinism and try to settle the problem with the Tamils. Mrs. Chandrika Kumaratunge is on record as having denied President Wijetunge's assertion that there was no 'ethnic problem' and affirmed the existence of an 'ethnic problem'. She is also on record, after the results of the elections were announced, that the people have rejected racist propaganda.

It is hoped that the Opposition will at least now take into their head that they should not bank on the Tamil question as the main vote catching propaganda front, though up to now - and even during the course of the election campaign - the Opposition did maintain its image as a Sinhala chauvinist party.

New Era Publications, Luckshmbuilding, Dutch Rd, Kalviyankadu Jaffna.

## Appreciation:

### Many faceted Joseph Rajendram

Born on December 11, 1940, Joseph Gunanayagam Rajendram received his education at St. Patrick's College, Jaffna. After graduation he had short stint as a teacher at Royal College, Colombo.

Subsequently he passed out as an Accountant and joined the Ceylon Cement Corporation where he held the post of Deputy Internal Auditor till his untimely demise.

As a loyal Patrician, he took an abiding interest in his Alma Mater, as was evinced in his ready co-operation in all its activities. At the time of his death, he was Editor of the O.B.A. Magazine and in fact he published two issues which were well-received. He was a prolific writer both to the newspapers in the Island and to periodicals both in Colombo and in Jaffna including 'Hot Spring'.

Few people knew what a dedicated Patrician and a husband and father he was. He paid periodical visits to me to help me drive away my loneliness. I shall miss him along with many old Patricians and friends and above all his devoted family.

Cardinal Newman's quotation is a fitting climax 'May He support us all the day long till the shades lengthen and evening comes and the busy world is hushed and fever of life is over. Then in His Mercy may He give us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at the last' May his Soul rest in Peace.

Louis A. Paul

## WOMAN KILLED

A woman aged about 45 was killed at Pandaterrippu when artillery shells fired from the Sri Lankan Army camp at Ilavai hit Pandaterrippu.

The incident took place on Wednesday, March 23 in the morning.

The dead woman was identified as Mrs. S-Hamani Thangarasa (46), a mother of six children,

## The Onward March Is On

"The Tamil Nation in Ceylon has been in existence from prehistoric times. It has experienced ups and downs in its fortunes, it has survived many a crisis, but through it all it has preserved its distinct identity and individuality. Fortuitous circumstances and European colonialism made it go under foreign occupation for over three hundred years. But today it had resumed its onward march. Let there be no doubt that the destiny of this nation is to rise again as a free independent, and sovereign state, and that it will be a reality in the not too distant future.

It is a sign of this destiny that the Tamil youths have seized the leadership of the people rejecting the TULF. They have taken charge of the freedom struggle and made it a militant movement fighting a civil war. Their conduct of the war is gathering momentum and the movement is growing from strength to strength. It is a happy augury for the future of the Tamil race in Ceylon that the Tamil people in general stand solidly and firmly behind this leadership."

V. Navaratnam

ex M.P. for Kayts in his book:

"The Fall and Rise of the Tamil Nation"

## PASSION PLAY FOR LENT

The Centre for Performing Arts at Main Street, Jaffna in keeping with its traditional Lenten Activities has put on the Boards, a Passion Play on the Life of Christ. The title of the Play in keeping with the mood of the times, seems apt.

It is already running to crowded houses with two plays daily and will end today 27.03.94.

There is no gainsaying the fact that it has been well received and in tune with its past performances in the field of Performing Arts.

## S.L. Forces on the Rampage at Batticaloa

News from Batticaloa said that Sri Lankan Armed Forces rounded-up the village of Palugamam and attacked people there,

According to reports about 80 people were dragged away from their houses and severely assaulted.

## Two Policemen Killed at Trincomalee

News from Trincomalee said that two policemen were killed by LTTE.

According to the news, the

two policemen were going towards Thuvankadu in Uppuveli for night duty at Thuvankadu, when they were attacked and killed.

## BATTICALOA S.L. Armed Forces Occupy 486 Private Houses

Sri Lankan Armed Forces are in occupation of 486 private houses belonging to Tamil families in the Batticaloa District.

Out of these 486 houses, 355 are occupied by the Sri Lankan Army, 110 by the

Sri Lankan Police and 21 by Special Task Forces.

While the Sri Lankan Armed forces occupy these private houses, the Tamil owners thereof are living as refugees in refugee camps.

## Vice-Chancellor being felicitated

Professor A. Thurairajah, the out-going Vice-Chancellor of the University of Jaffna, is being accorded farewells by various public organisations, even outside the University Community.

The biggest farewell function was conducted by the University community at Jaffna University premises. The function was chaired by Professor K. Kunaratnam, Acting Vice Chancellor.

Apart from the function conducted by the University community, similar functions

were held by other organisations representing the public including a function at Vadamardachy-the home district of Professor Thurairajah.

Professor Thurairajah steered the Jaffna University through a difficult period in its history and Jaffna which treasures education more than anything else was one in expressing its grateful thanks to the man who carried the burden of steering the University through its difficult days with utmost dedication and selfless service