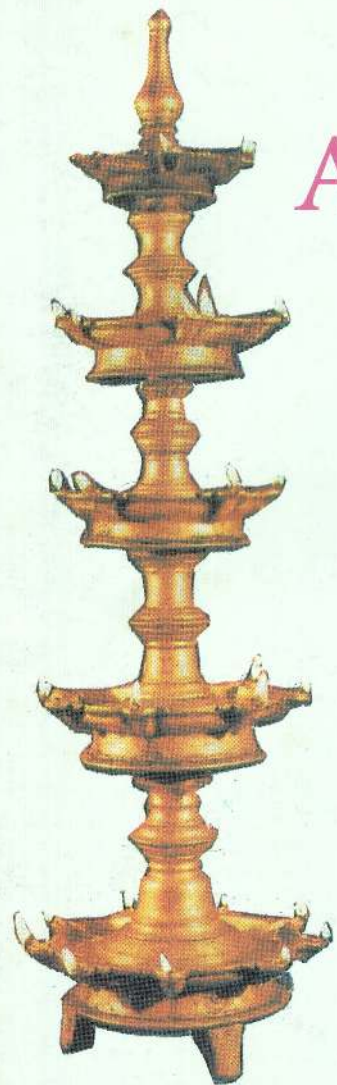


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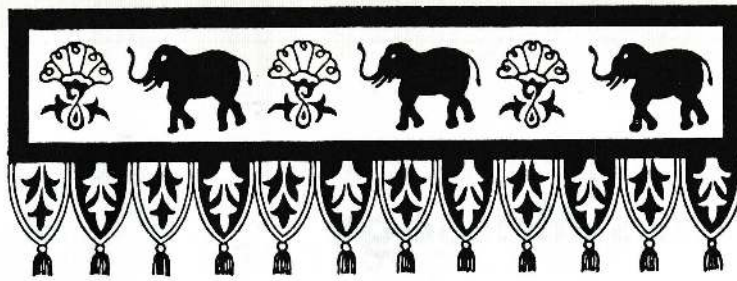
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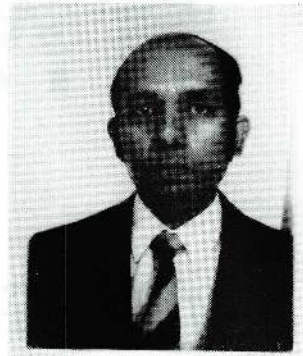
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Chairman's Message



Dear Colleagues, and Members of TWAN

I have great pleasure in wishing you a Happy and Prosperous Tamil New Year on behalf of TWAN. As you no doubt would have gathered by now, TWAN was formed in 1986 principally for the purpose of helping Tamil refugees and also to unite Tamil Community. Prior to the formation of TWAN, regretfully the Tamil Community unlike other minority communities, was represented by various splinter groups. We are extremely glad to report that we are atlast able to bring everyone together under one banner and that is 'TWAN'.

We have faced many difficulties in the past but have been able to withstand it because of the united force of our members. This is a voluntary organisation which was formed for the public out of the funds of the public and hence we recognize the importance of spending what little income we have for the best purpose possible. But because of the financial stress unfortunately we have not been able to undertake some important activities. Our sole aim is to cross all hurdles with your help. This organisation recognizes the difficulties which are to be faced by the Tamil Refugees during the year to come. We will be failing in our duties if we do not help these poor souls when they need us most. We would therefore appreciate your co-operation and guidance in this matter.

We are also aware that the next financial year is important for all of you because of the recent legislation regarding poll tax. We aim to study this matter at great length and advise you, as we have been doing in other matters. Our aims are numerous but what we could achieve is limited because of the financial stress but we have done all we could to pin point the most important matters and allocate our time and energy for it. During the past financial year we spent a great deal of time in studying the recent DHSS regulations and advising you upon it. Many of you have gained by it but we appreciate that there are still some of you who have not made use of the resources available to them. Although many of our members volunteer their services free of charge, this organization needs funding to survive. We hope that you would keep on encouraging us by donating freely and also by helping us physically.

I would be failing in my duties if I do not thank those who have been helping us in the past. The local Borough Councillors and other well wishers have been extremely helpful in providing us with the funds in the past. But these funds are insufficient. We propose to employ three full time workers to advise at our offices but this requires funds and hence we would invite your assistance in this regard.

Thanking you,

Sd. S.S. Thiru

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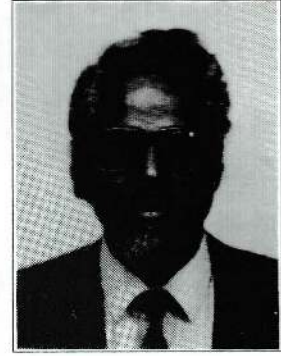
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**Message from
The President of
The Newham Tamil
Community Council**

Mr Rama Veerasingam



Dear Members and Patrons,

Vanakkam!,

Once again it gives us great pleasure in writing a short message to the Tamil Welfare Association of Newham on the occasion of their staging of the Tamil New Year Cultural Night.

We are proud to endorse that TWAN is one of the very active Tamil Organisations in London. TWAN's activities speak for themselves. Their contribution to the welfare of the Tamil Community is truly sincere and most effective. Their deeds are not only aimed at social, cultural and educational projects but commitment in shouldering Community problems ranging from home up to The Home Office. We wish TWAN success in all their future endeavours.

We would like to take this opportunity to stress on the need for undivided unity among our community members. 'A single tree does not become an orchard!' Tamil unity is imperative. It has been spoken about and reiterated again and again by all our leaders because it is our strength!

Lets pray for our freedom and glory on this auspicious occasion of the Tamil New Year.

Vanakkam!

Anbu! Arivu! Aatral!

Tamil Welfare Association of Newham

33 Station Road, Manor Park London E12

Annual General Meeting

8th Jan 1989

Agenda

1. Election of Chair for AGM
2. Apologies
3. Last Year's Report / Minutes
4. Activities '88/'89
5. Housing Coop. Reports
6. Women's Association Reports
7. Finance
8. NTCC Report
9. Amendments to the Constitution
10. Debates / Discussions
11. Elections
12. Future Plans

1. Election of Chair for AGM

Mrs Jeya Vivekanandan's name was proposed for chair by Mr. Loganathan and seconded by Mr. J. Asokan. She was elected unanimously.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr. Sivakumar, Mr. P. Sivasubramanian and Mr. Sivagnanam for their inability to attend the meeting due to unforeseeable circumstances.

3. Last Year's Report/Minutes

Last year's minutes of the meeting were read by the Secretary Mr P. Chandradas and agreed.

4. Activities 88/89

Because of the volume of work involved in dealing with the problems faced by the Tamils living in Newham, TWAN decided to employ a full time employee and Mr Jeevahan was appointed as a full time employee to work for TWAN from its office at 33 Station Road, Manor Park, London E12. TWAN helped the public at large dealing mainly with the following:

- a. Immigration
- b. Nationality
- c. Legal Matters
- d. DHSS & Welfare Rights
- e. Education
- f. Housing
- g. Racial / Police harassment
- h. Translation / Interpretation
- i. Employee / Employer's Problems

Immigration

Once again we had to liaise with Airport Immigration officials regarding refugees asking for refugee status. Mr Jeevahan undertook individual casework to release refugees from Airports. A good rapport was established with those officials and they called upon Mr. Jeevahan in turn to act as an interpreter to those who couldn't speak English.

TWAN also dealt with a number of cases where refugees arrived here with false documents and held in detention centres and prisons.

Case work was also undertaken for local people who needed help in preparing their immigration cases such as filling the necessary forms for the renewal of visas and also directing people to U.K. IAS for advice who then referred their cases to appeal tribunal and Home Office.

Nationality

Case work here covered Indians, Malaysians, Singaporeans as well as Sri Lankans. The work involved preparing people for interviews with the Home Office.

Legal Matters

Legal advice was given to people by our Chair, Mr. Thiru, on Housing, Immigration, Insurance and Motoring Offences.

DHSS & Welfare

The advice involved mainly on Welfare Rights. Many people do not know what their rights are and the main handicap was the language problem and they were unable to read the leaflets from the DHSS and gather information and seek help.

We had to put special effort into the following areas:

- a. Income Support
- b. National Insurance numbers
- c. Rates / Rents Rebates / Poll tax
- d. Educational problems
- e. Marriage / Registration
- f. Educational Grants

Many people sought our guidance to understand the present law concerning Social Security which ordinary people find difficult to understand. We are extremely glad to report that because of the guidance given by this organisation, many people have benefitted.

Educational Problems

In most cases students who haven't received refugee status faced problems in finding places at colleges. Although London Borough of Newham's policy is that anybody who has applied for refugee status should be treated as refugee, Newham Community College at EastHam and WestHam refused to enroll anybody who had not been given refugee status. They demanded passports from the refugees for enrolment which the refugees could not produce because either they did not have one or it was still held in the Home Office. Because of these two different stands by the Newham Borough and Newham Education Authority a lot of applications were turned down.

So TWAN contacted the Education Authority of Newham and highlighted the Council policy on education for refugees which paved way for all refugees to get enrolled in Colleges and continue their studies. TWAN also applied for grants for these students and succeeded in some and has lodged appeals on the ones which have been turned down.

Work also had to be carried out in getting places for children in infant and junior schools. TWAN is aware of the financial strain the London Borough of Newham faces. Unfortunately some important schools are going to be closed and the parents whose children are going to be affected approached us and we gave them guidance wherever possible.

Housing

A number of refugees who came to this Country as refugees neither have any family ties nor friends and when people in this category are released from the Airports and detention centres the first and the foremost problem for them is to find accommodation. As an organisation, TWAN was able to provide them with accommodation in its members houses temporarily. Then when the problem grew bigger & bigger TWAN liaised with HOMELESS REASONS UNIT and got people registered on the Council waiting list. Because of the long waiting list rehousing through this process was almost an impossibility.

Therefore TWAN decided to find them alternate accommodation. We set up a HousingCoop through which we were able to get some run down houses. We renovated them and provided accommodations to the homeless refugees. Herein we wish to stress that TWAN believes in self help. Many of our members spent valuable time in helping to renovate the premises for this purpose.

Racial & Police Harassment

Last year's report detailed several police harassments to the Tamil refugees and the action TWAN took against it. After the delegation from TWAN met the Home Secretary Mr. Douglas Hurd a

circular was sent to the police departments from his office outlining methods and procedures on passport checks. Since then police harassment and passport checks ceased in Newham.

But we still get reports that people are harassed especially in places like Canning Town, Silver Town and North Woolwich areas. These are being dealt jointly by both Newham Monitoring Project and TWAN.

Translation & Interpretation

Many approached TWAN for translation or interpreting the Tamils when they go to offices such as DHSS for their needs. Our help was also sought by the immigration offices at the Airports, official at U.K. IAS and many voluntary organisations.

Employment

The main problem faced by the refugees was in obtaining the National Insurance number. In cases where jobs were offered applicants had to give the national insurance numbers. To obtain national insurance number certain DHSS offices demanded the passports from the refugees and turned down their applications on the grounds that they couldn't produce their passports as they were being held at the Home Office pending decision.

TWAN had to meet the officers concerned in the respective offices and argued for the applicants and persuaded the officials to issue the national insurance cards.

It was also brought to TWAN's attention that certain employers tried to use this situation and either underpaid the employees or in some cases not paid at all. TWAN met those opportunists on behalf of these people and negotiated with them and sorted out the problems. In certain cases we took legal action against the so-called employers.

Housing Coop Report

This Coop was found in 1987 out of desperate need to house refugees who had no ties in U.K. 1987 was the international year for the unsheltered and Homeless. In this year a steering Group was formed with TWAN, Community links, Housing Offices and HARAG to look into the Housing provisions for homeless refugees. Out of this came an agreement from the HOMELESS REASONS UNIT registered by Newham Community Housing that a Coop for Sri Lankan refugees to be established. The Coop was set up in late '87. It is run by collective residents of Newham.

The refugees released from Airport, detention Centres and prisons are placed in the Coop for a short period until a permanent accommodation is found. Through this system we were given four properties last year. They were given to us unfinished undecorated and in a bad state needing repairs.

They are being repaired now. One of these houses was burnt down and that particular property is being returned to NCH.

Recent developments regarding this housing project look bleak. Private establishments have been trying to negotiate a take over of the Coop. TWAN had an emergency meeting with the housing department and expressed our feelings on this. We discussed the possibility of the Coop applying for Housing Association Status.

At the moment we are having talks with London and Quadrant Housing association to explore this possibility further. We are hoping at present to build some houses in Naville Road, Forest Gate, in conjunction with London and Quadrant Housing Association.

The latest good news is that NUT has agreed to give us more houses in the future. If anyone would like to gather more information about this you are welcome to Contact Newham Tamil Community Housing Coop management Committee.

Women Association Report

The association which had been functioning as WOMEN UNIT OF NEWHAM WELFARE ASSOCIATION during the period of 86-87 has started functioning as NEWHAM TAMIL WOMEN ASSOCIATION from March 1988 after it had been decided at 1988 AGM to let it function as an independent group.

The new Committee has started functioning under the Chair of Mrs Y. Loganathan with seven Committee members:

1. Secretary Miss N. Thambiah
2. Dy. Secretary Mrs S. Surendran
3. Treasurer Mrs V. Sritharan
4. Dy. Treasurer Mrs M. Rajeswaran
5. Deputy Chair Mrs M. Thanabalasingam
6. Coordinator Mrs S. Chandradas

During the last summer they had SUMMER HOLIDAY PROJECT for five weeks in two places one at East Ham and the other at Manor Park respectively. During this period they had total of 36 children who were taught workshop and cultural practise by four teachers and a supervisor.

During the period the children were taken on two outings to South End on Sea and the other to a circus in West Ham park. On the last day of the project they celebrated Children's day in which a number of people took part. It was a two hour programme in which there were dances, dramas and music staged by the children. Mrs Anjala who is the RACIAL EQUALITY OFFICER at L.B.N. was the Chief guest for the event and gave away prizes to the children who took part in the events.

Besides this they celebrated a cultural event in

which more than 300 people were present. There was veena programme by Mrs Suthamathi Balasingam, dance by the students of BHARATIYA VIDYA BHAVAN presented by Mrs Chitra Viswanathan while there was vocal by Mr Yogeswaran. It was an admission - free event.

The WOMEN ASSOCIATION also arranged a pilgrimage to Skandavel in Wales in which 60 people took part. These were the major contributions last year and they are looking forward to do many more social activities in the forthcoming year. It involves some financial burden but still they hope that they will succeed in their aim with the help and support of the public.

They also run a Women Advisory Service giving advice to women in solving the problems which they face in their every day life. Any one who needs this help can contact Mrs Loganathan who is always at your disposal.

Finance Report

As far as finance is concerned we faced a very bad year. As we are working within the Newham Borough we are more or less dependent on the council for our survival as far as finance is concerned. We applied for grants for some of our projects. While some of them have been accepted by the council rest of them have been turned down. Even for the ones which have been accepted money has not been released. A chart has been appended from which you can see the situation.

Last year we signed a contract with the BRITISH REFUGEE COUNCIL to provide our organisation with three workers to look after the needs of our Community in Newham. Unfortunately we haven't received their services yet. This is why we were unable to carry out our services and projects successfully last year, as planned. Even though we never gave up we employed Mr. Jeevahan as full time employee and he worked from our office at 33 Station Road, Manor Park, London E12, looking after the needs of the people who approached him. He was paid by the members of TWAN and it is very very unfortunate that we couldn't get his service after September 1988 because of lack of financial resources. Still we are making arrangements to employ a full time employee there. We hope that our financial situation will get better soon and we will have somebody there within two months.

The financial report has been attached and we hope that you will accept the report. At this juncture may we take this opportunity to thank the people who have contributed to our cause and request others to subscribe for membership in the organisation as finance is the vital back bone of organisation for its survival. This is the only organisation formed

by the refugees themselves who suffered in the detention camps and prison and underwent all the agonies. Therefore we always make sure that every penny we collect goes to the right cause.

8. Newham Tamil Community Council (N.T.C.C.)

It had been formed in 1986 and is functioning as Tamil Community of Newham which was an umbrella organisation of Newham Tamils. In 1987 AGM it was changed to Newham Tamil Community Council. Five organisations are affiliated to this group. It comprises of London Tamil Sangam, London Sri Murugan Temple, Tamil Welfare Association of Newham, Tamil Community Housing Coop. and Newham Tamil Women Association. The only organisation which is out of the council is Thamilar Munnetra Kazhagam and we appeal to them to come and affiliate with us to work as a United force in dealing with the problems faced by Tamils.

Last year a lot of organisations applied for grant to the Newham Borough regarding projects to help Tamils and the council was unable to make any decision because of the multiplicity of organisations involved in this. So the council decided to investigate this matter and after a long investigation it has been decided that the council will only consider the applications which are recommended by NTCC for grants and NTCC will be consulted before authorising grants.

Members of NTCC are:

1. Chair Person Mr Rama Veerasingam, London
2. Secretary, Mr Janarthanan, TWAN
3. Treasurer, Miss Thambiah, London Sri Murugan Temple
4. Deputy Chair, Mrs J. Vivekanandan, TWAN
5. Dy. Secretary, Mr. Vasu, Housing Coop.

Office Administration

33 Station Road Manor Park London E12 has been the office for TWAN, WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION and HOUSING COOP since May 1987. Last year we have been given planning permission by the Council and it has been decided to name it TWAN COMMUNITY CENTRE. Already it is being used for children's projects and in future we are planning to make it a focal point to meet all Tamils there and share their views and opinions on the current affairs concerning Tamils.

10. Constitutional Amendments

In the AGM there had been five amendments to the constitution.

a. Name of the Association

The name TWAN will be changed to TWA (Newham) U.K. Ltd

b. All these days beneficiaries and members of the organisations are only from the London Borough of Newham. But the amendment makes anybody from any part of the U.K. to become its member and beneficiary.

c. All these days the organisation has been registered with only L.B. of Newham. But from 1989, we will take steps to register the organisation as a Charitable Limited Company

d. In the past we never mentioned in our constitution whether we have a right to employ anybody for the organisation, but the fourth amendment gives powers to the organisation to employ anybody.

e. It has been decided to adopt the Newham Borough equal opportunity policy to our organisation.

11. Election

The following Executive Members have been elected to the Committee in the election

1. Chairperson Mr Thiru Proposed:-
Seconded:-
 2. Vice Chair Mr Yoganathan Proposed:-
Seconded:-
 3. Secretary Mr Chandradas Proposed:-
Seconded:-
 4. Secretary Mrs Baluchandran Proposed:-
Seconded:-
 5. Treasurer Mr J. Asokan Proposed:-
Seconded:-
 6. Deputy Treasurer Mr Pulendran Proposed:-
Seconded:-
 7. Co-ordinator Mr V. Jenarthanan
- Ten other Central Committee members have been elected as well.

Committee Members

1. Mr. V. Loganathan.
2. Mr. S. Nadarajah.
3. Mr. B. Pushpaharan.
4. Mr. S. Sivaganam.
5. Mr. B. Kiritharan.
6. Mrs. S. Rajendra.
7. Mrs. S. Thiyagarajah.
8. Mr. K. Sivakumar.
9. Mr. D. Rajendran.
10. Mr. A. S. Thambiah.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our former Committee members especially Mr. Vasu and Mr. Amirthalingam who rendered their invaluable service to the organisation since it came to existence. We had to lose their service to the organisation because they have emigrated for better prospects. We

also like to thank some other members who are now unable to serve in the organisation for personal reasons.

12. Question Time.

No questions were asked.

13. Future Plans

It was proposed at our last committee meeting that a questionnaire should be prepared and sent to each refugee and help him/her to face his/her case as it comes along.

Elderly people's needs should be met and attention should be paid especially to Health and Lodging.

We are all aware that dance, music and cultural classes are held in a number of places by a number of groups in and around London and we should coordinate with all these groups and set up standards among them by having some sort of tests and competition. We also must have musical programmes like ISAI VIZHA to encourage the artists who keep the culture alive.

To put these efforts into action we need your physical, moral and financial help. We were able to do something to our Community with your help last year and we are stepping into this new year with more determination and courage to do better service to the community because we know that you are there to give us a hand and we will march forward towards the dawn for our people.

THE Tamil Welfare Association is to run a study on the welfare of Tamil refugees in Newham aided by a possible council grant of £1,500.

THE Tamil Welfare Association of Newham, Station Road, Manor Park is getting £300 towards the cost of hiring a hall for the Tamil New Year celebrations.

TAMILS NET NEW BASE

A FORMER fish and chip shop in Manor Park is to be "home" for a number of community-based services for Newham's Tamil population. Under plans agreed by Newham councillors last week, 33 Station Road will be converted into offices for the Tamil Welfare and Women's Associations, and a building contractors co-operative.



This organisation wishes to thank the members, who contributed regular sums of monies by bank standing order and the following well wishers who also helped in the successful running of this organisation:

1. Andre Ruan - Race Relation Unit.
2. Sue Thomas -
3. Surinder Pahl - Central grant Unit.
4. Maureen Garrett-
5. Bill Sanderson - Leisure Services Dept.
6. Phamod Sharma - Leisure Services Dept.
7. V. Thigal - Social Services Dept.
8. St Pauls Church Authority and Mr. Rev. Martine.

Incorrect Paper Reports

(a) Hire hall for the Tamil New Year.

Although it is reported in the "Newham Express" that £300 was passed by the Newham Council for this purpose, this is to state that the council in fact refused us payment.

(b) Study on the welfare of Tamil Refugees.

Although this has been approved, these monies have not yet been released to this organisation. We have been told that this will be reconsidered next year.



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வணக்கம்!

இந்த சமுத்திரத்தின் இளம் தென்றல் காற்றை நுகர்ந்து இன்று ஜங்கில மண்ணில் ஓரோகணித்திருக்கும் நாம் நம் சகாக்களுடன் இந்த இலிப நன்னிலைப் பகிர்ந்து கொள்வதில் பெருமை அடைகிறோம்.

இன மொழி நிற வர்க்க ரீதியான குழுநிலை வாதங்கள் உலக முன்னேற்றத்திற்கு உறுதுளை புரிகின்றதா? என்ற ஒரு விவாதத்திற்கு மத்தியிலும் நாம் மொழியின் பெயரால் இனம் காட்டி ஒரு சமுதாயத்தைக் குழுநிலைப்படுத்துவது எதற்காக? அதுவும் குறிப்பாக பல்வேறு பின்னடைகளைக் கொண்ட ஒரு சமுதாயம் வாழ்கின்ற அன்னிய நாடொன்றில் இது முறையா? என்ற கேள்விகள் எழுவதும் இயற்கையே. இதற்கான விடைகளைத் தேடும் முன்பே, நாம் குழுநிலைப்படுவது இயற்கையாக நிகழ்கிறதே ஏன்?

நாம் எல்லோரும் ஒரேவிதமான பிரச்சனைகளால் பிடிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறோம். நமது பிரச்சனைகளின் மிதமான, தீவிரமான போக்குகளுக்கு ஏற்ப நாம் குழுநிலைப்படும் தன்மையும் அதன் வேகமும் மாறுபடுகிறது. ஜம் நாம் எல்லோரும் இதைத்தான் பெயரால், மொழியின் பெயரால், நிறத்தின் அடிப்படையிலேயே பிரிக்கப்பட்டு மாற்றாந்தாய் மனப்பான்மையுடன் உபசரிக்கப் படுகின்றோம். மனிதர்களாக நாம் கணிக்கப்படாது மிருகங்களாக காட்டுமிராண்டித்தனமாக மனிதாபிமானமற்ற முறையில் நடத்தப்படுகிறோம்.

சிறுபான்மையைப் பெரும்பான்மை அடிமைப்படுத்துவதும், வேலை கொள்வோர் உழைப்பாளிகளைச் சுரண்டுவதும், நிற வெறியர்கள் நிறத்தவர் மீது அராஜகம் புரிவதும் இன்று அன்றாட நிகழ்வுகளாகிவிட்டது. நாம் சிறுபான்மை இனத்தவராக, கறுப்புநிறத்தவராக பாக்கிகளாக, உழைப்பாளிகளாக, குடி புருந்தோராக இருப்பதால் நாம் ஒருங்கிணைந்து இவற்றுக்கு எதிராகப் போராடுவது தவிர்க்க முடியாததொன்றாகி விட்டது. இப்போராட்டம் தற்பாதுகாப்பே அன்றி சட்ட விரோதமல்ல. நாம் வன்முறை புரியவில்லை தர்மயுத்தம் புரிகின்றோம்.

தமிழர்களாகிய நாம் இன்று பல்வேறு பிரச்சனைகளாலும் மூழ்கடிக்கப்பட்டு இருக்கிறோம். இதிலிருந்து விடுபடுவது என்ற நோக்கிற்காக நாம் பல்வேறு சாத்தியமான செயல் திட்டங்களின் அடிப்படையில் அணிதிரண்டு இயங்கி வருகின்றோம். நியுகாம் என்ற இந்த மானிலத்தில்

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என்பன ஒருமித்து " நியுகாம் தமிழ் சமூகப் பேரவை " என்ற ஒரு கொடியின் கீழ்

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இலண்டனில் இயங்குகின்ற தமிழ் சமூக இயக்கங்களில் மிகவும் சிறப்பாக இயங்கிவரும் அமைப்புகளில் " தமிழர் நலன்புரி சங்கமம் " ஒன்று என்று உறுதிப்படுத்தவதில் நாம் பெருமிதம் கொள்கிறோம். அவர்களின் சேவையே இதற்குச் சான்று பகரக்கூடியதாய் உள்ளது. மிகவும் ஓக்ககரமான முறையில் சமூக மேம்பாட்டிற்காக அவர்கள் மனப்பூர்வமாக வழங்கி வருகின்ற உண்மைச் சேவையினை நாம் பாராட்டுகின்றோம்.

சாதாரண குடும்பப் பிரச்சனை முதல் குடிநீர்வழிப் பிரச்சனைகள் வரை அவர்கள் பொறுப்புகள் சுமந்து தீர்வுகண்டு வருவது பெருமைக்குரிய விடயமே. தங்களின் எதிர்காலத் திட்டங்கள் யாவற்றிலும் வெற்றி வகை சூட மனமார்ந்து வாழ்த்துகிறோம்.

இவ்வேளையில் பல்வேறு தாற்பரியங்களையும் கொண்ட ஒரு கலப்பு சமூக வாழ்க்கையை நாம் மேற்கொண்டிருந்தாலும் நம்மிடையே ஒரு பிளவில்லா சமூகத்தை கட்டி எழுப்ப நாம் அரும்பாடுபட்டு வருகின்றோம்.

" தனிமரம் தோப்பாகாது " ஒவ்வொரு தமிழ் மகனுக்கும் தன் இனத்தின் மேம்பாட்டில் பங்குகொள்ள வேண்டிய கடமை உண்டு. இதை நம்மிடையே பலர் சரிவரப் புரிந்து கொள்ளவில்லை. இந்த நிலைமாத் தவிர்த்து "சுக்ல" வருடம் நமது இனத்திற்கு ஒரு விடியலை நோக்கிய பொழுதாய் மலரும் என்று வாழ்த்துப்பா கூறி புது வருடத்தினை வரவேற்கிறோம்.

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1 APRIL 1988 to 31 MARCH 1989

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31.03.1989 1533.34

ACCUMULATED FUND

Balance at 01.04.88 1452.62
 Deficit 80.72

Loan 778.62
859.34

PRESENTED BY: 270.00
 FIXED ASSETS
 Less Depreciation 30.00 240.00

CURRENT ASSETS 560.00
 Debtors
 Cash at Bank 419.34
979.34

CURRENT LIABILITIES 360.00 619.34
859.34

Provision for Rent

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE PERIOD 1.4.88 TO 31.03.89

INCOME 704.00
 Subscription
 Grant 2452.50
 Donation 3560.48 6716.98

LESS EXPENDITURE 2624.00
 Rent
 Salaries 1312.00
 Transport/Travelling 1265.55
 Printing & Publicity 470.00
 Maintenance 378.62
 Cultural Activity 1246.69
 Telephone 318.14
 Stationery 250.00
 Materials 142.51
 Miscellaneous 84.04
 Lighting 78.05 8169.60

Deficit for the year 1452.62

'DOUBLE TAKE' ON TAMILS' BID FOR GRANTS

NEWHAM Council have called on Tamil leaders to vet grant applications from their community groups after allegations of fraud.

In future, Newham Tamil Community Council will meet council officers to ensure there is no duplication of grants and that applicant groups have a record of good standing in the community.

The move comes after the council received seven applications for funding from Tamil groups in the

borough.

One organisation had applied for a total of £3,466 by claiming twice. Two others, who have so far not demonstrated that they are working for the Tamil community, applied for more than £1,500.

A council report said: "It is important that any voluntary organisation seeking funding is a bona-fide voluntary organisation which is representative of the local community and accountable to its members.

"Some applications have sought identical equipment or sought to address identical needs."

The report went on: "The extent to which some groups represent the interests of local Tamils is far from clear".

The council have now agreed to a grant of only £800 to be divided among three Tamil groups in the coming financial year.

'Double Take' on Tamils Bid for Grants

Newham / Docklands Recorder,
Thurs, Jan 19, 1989.

We are concerned about this report. Part of it read, "One organisation had applied for a total of £3,466 by claiming twice. Two others, who have so far not demonstrated that they are working for the Tamil Community, applied for more than £1,500".

This is a sheer misunderstanding by the Recorder. The person reported this should have investigated the facts thoroughly before he made such an allegation. The truth is that, there are two Tamil Women's Associations in Newham and incidently both organisations function under the name of "Tamil Women's Association of Newham". One organisation has its base at 33 Station Road, Manor Park, London E12 and the other at 720 Romford Road, Manor Park, London E12. SO, THERE WAS NO DOUBLE TAKE AS ALLEGED BY THE RECORDER.

As for the second part of the news report, Recorder should understand that

Newham Council not only provide grant to well established organisations, but also provide fundings and support to ethnic minority voluntary groups for their initial startings.

It may be true for groups who have very recently moved in to Newham to have applied for fundings. Even in such cases it would not be a crime for such organisations to submit applications for grant aid. Recorder should understand that not all applications submitted are honoured.

However it calls for concern on all Tamil organisations in Newham.

There needs to be a greater co-operation among all Tamil organisations in the Borough. It also calls for the Newham Tamil Community Council to advise, process and scrutinize and prioritise future grant applications so that the Tamil Community is not embarrassed by such allegations. It also calls for ALL bonafide Tamil organisations in Newham Tamil Community Councils to stand together not only for grant aid purposes but also for common goals and demonstrate Tamil Unity.

The Executive Committee Tamil Welfare Association of Newham

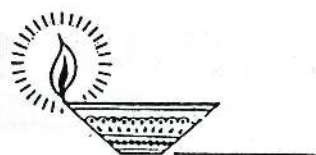
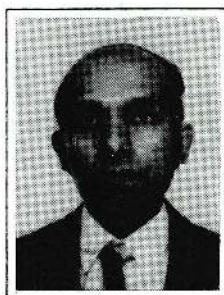
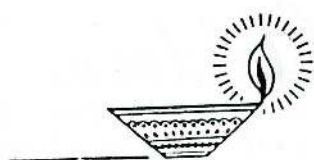
Recommendations

Members are asked to:

1. Note the content of this report, including recommendations from Race Equality Sub-Committee.
2. Agree that in future views of the Tamil Community Council will be considered where appropriate, on application for grant aid from Tamil

community groups.

3. Agree that funding for the Tamil community be considered as having a priority call within the Community Chest in 1989/90.
4. Agree to receive a report early in the next financial year assessing all applications to Community Chest from Tamil community groups.



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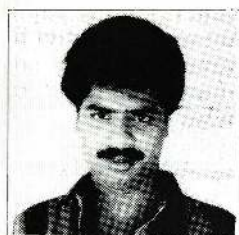
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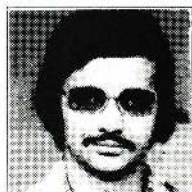
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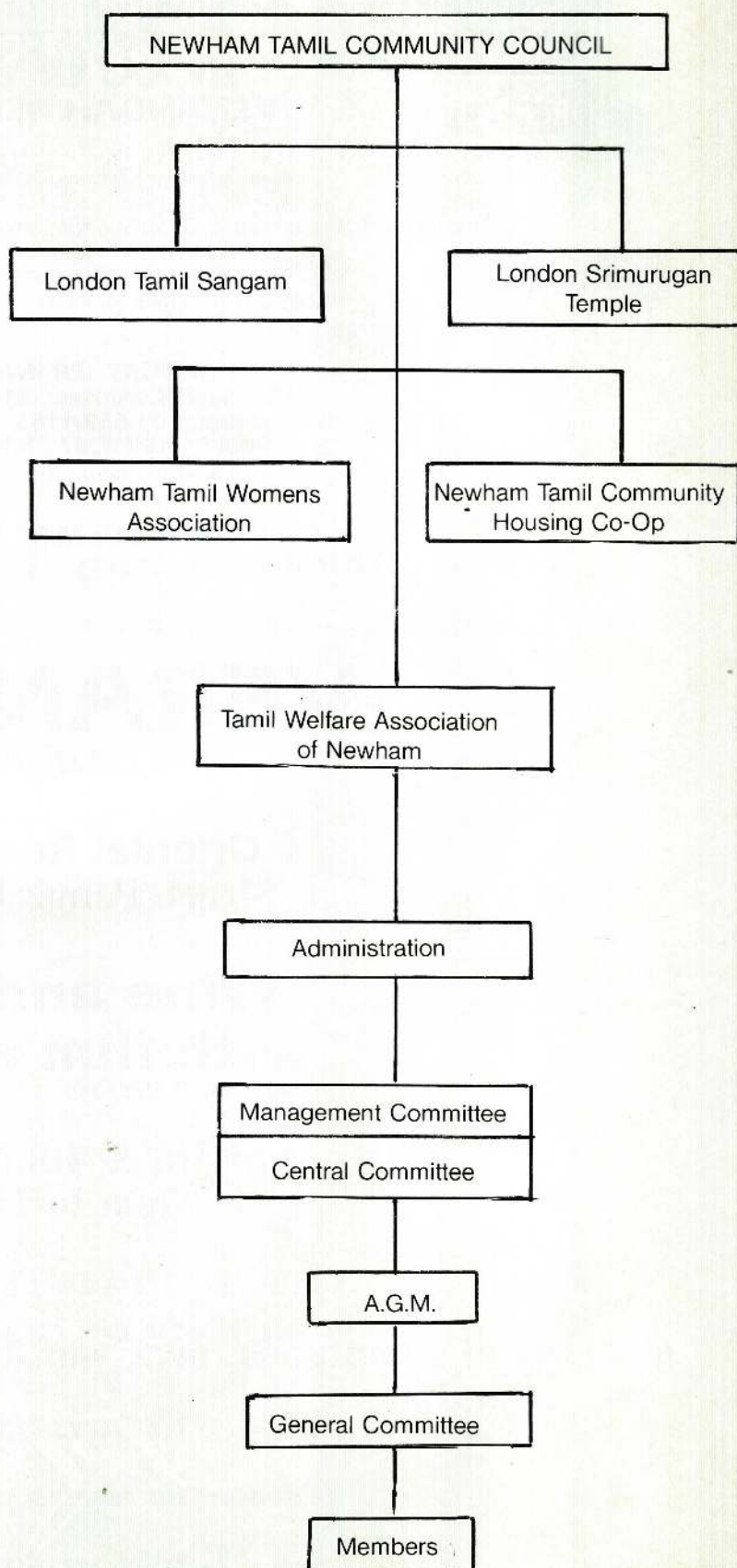
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