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MARCH TO LIBERATE OUR LAND



LEARN TO STRUGGLE AND STRUGGLE TO LEARN

LIBERATION

Flame the Burners

It has been 37 years now since the Sinhalese Chauvinist government imposed the Citizenship act of 48, which disenfranchised our one million people stateless. For the long years reformist protests were led by some bourgeois leaders which could not impulse the multiplication of our peoples strength, to struggle.

The prolonged tyrannical rule of the Chauvinist nationalists and the criminal attitude of our traditional leadership fuelled to continue the "Culture of Silence" of our people. Figuring out the direction of the Eelam struggle under the banner of EROS last November 15th people united and upsurged a militant struggle all over the Eelam land. EROS urged the day of 15th November as a 'Black Day' remembering the inhuman Law. It hailed the peoples sectoral resistance and hewed the 'Culture of Silence', shocked the government. The local and foreign press enlightened the resistance as 'Strike without Guns', 'Strike without Force', 'Strike for the people', 'Strike by the people'. The Nov 15th resistance against the inhuman law culminated in Eelam was successful in the history, activated the people to unite and to dismantle the fascist government. The well organized resistance is a step forward and imminent event so the "PEOPLES INSURRECTION" in our struggle to liberate our land. It is clear popular resistance to the Eelam liberation has scale new heights.

Our people have suffered a lot enough in the hands of Fascist Jeyawardne government, and are determined to raise their voice in protest in the form of 'Armed Struggle'. In response to the prevailing situation of "The Culture, of Silence" of our people against the so called Liberation organization cannot be scaled as the fullest support for the struggle. The people's Silence against the activities of the so called Liberation Fighters in

the name of Saviour; cannot be a yard stick for the acceptance of their form of struggle. Reality is that People have no other choice for themselves, because of the blood thirsty, head hunting barbaric government. Freedom fighters are of the people or they cannot even come into being. Of course it is true that once Lenin quoted "Terrorism is only a part of revolution". But it should be used as an inevitable strategy. Most of our "Liberation fighters misunderstood this concept and relying on this as their main strategy. It should be used to express the long suffered, suppressed peoples fury and frustration in order to defend their lost land.

We pointed out here the real situation of our "Silence Cultured" People and as a member of the society every Youth and Student should propagate or bolt out the people to break the bondage of fury. It is a vital duty of a revolutionary students organization. We like to enlighten here what Robert Taylor said; "WITH OUT CONCENT AND ACTIVE AID OF THE PEOPLE, LIBERATION FIGHTER WOULD BE MERELY A BANDIT AND COULD NOT LONG SURVIVE. FREEDOM FIGHTER HAS THE FREEDOM OF HIS POVERTY. HE OWNS NOTHING BUT HIS RIFLE AND THE SHIRT ON HIS BACK".

Finally we like to point out that there is an urgent and acute need to intensify the struggle for a separate state in the face of escalating oppression and suppression of our people. The students and youths have a major role to play in the struggle. Students cannot solve the problems in isolation. They should link themselves with a revolutionary organization, who forwards a scientific approach in the struggle. We appeal the students organizations in Eelam to join under one umbrella to fight against the Sinhala occupiers from our land and to struggle only for the peoples aspirations.

Student Movement in An Armed Nation-Eelam

It is an undeniable fact that an effort to establish the first students and youth movement in the Eelam in 1930, was generated in an unorganized form and lead by the educated bourgeoisie. It is due to the introduction of discriminative communal representation to the cabinet by Lord Donohmore, The Congress Youth League came into being-formed and agitated, organized a mass protest and demonstration was staged during the visit of Donohmore to the North. In their bid to advance their personal political carriers and the backing of traditional politicians the student league expressed only their class interests. It was not rooted from any progressive ideologies the league could't step actively in creating the awareness of the basic masses and imaged the class consciousness of the leadership amounted the league to an end.

The rift resulted a long interval in the students history until the year 1966, the climate surfaced due to the introduction of the suppressive and destructive "Sinhala Only Official Language" act and following this a deliberate policy of squeezing out the Tamil from the Government Jobs, fanned the flames to union again the Tamil students at Peradeniya University to form themselves into a league, to struggle against the discriminations. The newly formed "Tamil Youth League" published a News Letter monthly to propagate the awareness among the Tamil Students about their cuffed future. This students league profounded the narrow principles of students problems only, rather than the basic problems, which the Tamil community suffered.

The same league adopted some political policies encouraged the Tamil Studentry to enter the new path was an upheaval in the history of students organization in Eelam. Sathiyaseelan's

entrance catalyts the Students awareness in the politics. Student Leader Sathiyaseelan took keen interest and initiative role in organizing the Tamil Students under one flag. In 1969 the Students and Youths from various Organizations from the Federal Party, Tamil Congress and some radical students like the late Sivakumaran introduced a new students organisation made a turning point in the studentry of Eelam. It was the "TAMIL YOUTH MOVEMENT" which was formed in a meeting at St. Patricks College, Jaffna. Mostly this Student Movement exploite the strategies of the Chinese Communist Party which was the very strong among the oppressed Tamil People in the North; But "Tamil Youth Movement" was not a left organization. This period was a peak for the cast discrimination in the North, and there were sparodic disputes between the socalled high class and the oppressed people (Identified as Law caste by the High Caste). In the face of the worsening situation the Newly-born "Tamil Youth Movement" doubled its propaganda and organizational efforts towards the equal rights to everybody. The oppressed people mostly in Jaffna Peninsula were inhumanely discriminated. They were not allowed to enter the Hindu Temples, were not allowed to educate in the Schools, or to have the meals equally seated with high caste. This youth movement fused themselves into a reformist organization by their unclear principles, ideologies and the strategies used to win discriminations. The different types of struggle staged by this Organization resulted in vain.

The year 1970 was a marked event in the student movement's history. The dispute among the United Front Government, the lessons absorbed from the early unorganized student movements, and

We could not believe in teaching, training and education if they were restricted only to the School rooms and divorced from ferment of life. As long as the workers and peasants are oppressed by the landowners and capitalists, and as long as the Schools are controlled by the land-owners and capitalists, the young generation will remain blind and ignorant

— LENIN —

"We are replacing the old drill-sergeant methods practised in bourgeoisie society, against the will of the majority, with the class-conscious discipline of the workers and peasants, who combine hatred of the old Society with a determination ability and readiness to unite and organize their forces for this struggle so as to forge the wills of millions and hundreds of millions of people-disunited, and scattered....."

— LENIN, from the Tasks of the Youth Leagues

the enforcement of educational discriminative acts brought into existence of the new student movement. Under the leadership of Sathiyaseelan, late Sivakumaran, Ariyaratnam and Muthukumarasamy a student league was formed in 13th Nov. 1970. Even this "STUDENT LEAGUE" was very strong and popular among the Tamil speaking people the isolation from the mass struggle mounted no positive growth in history of the students movement.

It is necessary to flash out the discriminative laws imposed by the chauvinist SriLankan Government to cut off the Tamil Students from their educational chances to higher education. After imposing the law "Sinhala Only", the Government decreed a change to "Swabasha", that the Students must follow their studies in mother language, i. e. Sinhala or Tamil. The enforcement of these laws was a disaster for the Tamil Students, it reduced the amount of the Tamils in public services. The introduction of "Standardization" Act, Quota System were a well planned scheme to cut down the number of entrance of Tamil Students to the University.

A mass demonstration was organised at Jaffna Peninsula by the "Student League" opposing the discriminative laws, was participated by more than 15,000 students. It continued in January 10, 1971 at Batticola, Eastern Province, was participated by more than 10,000 students. This league slowly stepped up violence and believed to take up arms, but could not achieve their targets. A conspiracy was planned to kill the then minister, Somaweera Chandrasri was a step forward in their new line of violence. Even the plan was a failure the minister died after one month, because of the gun shot. Improvised bombs were exploded in many places wherever the Government functions held. Although the "Student League" could not survive for a long it was a

threat to the Government of Sri Lanka. The new constitution came into effect on May 22, 1972. The island of Ceylon became the Republic of Sri Lanka and Sinhalese Buddhist nationalism was reflected from the new constitution. The "Student League played a key role propagating the students and Youth to oppose the New Constitution, involved in widening the Violence to resist the enforcement of the constitution. The Sri Lankan Government under the emergency law arrested 72 members of this "Student League" including many leaders, in the form of prevention of disobedience. The Students and Youths were detained more than six months. But the buses, trains, national flags were burnt down and supporters of the then Government were warned for their life by the members of the League. The village council Chairman Kumarakulasingham was shot dead for supporting Mr. Arulambalam the member of Parliament of Nallur electorate. An attempt was made to kill the infamous members of Parliament who sided the constitution and the Government. The M.P. for Vaddukoddai Mr. Thiyagarajah was shot while he was attending a meeting, died after a month. M.P. for Nallur was shot, but he narrowly escaped and wounded. A time bomb was planted to kill the M.P. for Jaffna Mr. Duraiyappa, escaped and his car was blown off. Even the League was very militant those who participated directly in the struggle was limited. The late Sivakumaran acted as a lieutenant in every incidents while most of the operations were directly participated by the main men of the league.

The detained students and youths were released by Nov. 1972, and in 1973 the student league collapsed and the main participants from this league with some advanced political ideologies formed a new organization. Students from different communities took up the collective leadership and formed "Tamil Youth Movement" with the principles of the Traditional Party and stemmed into violence.

It should be mentioned here that Francis, Varatharaja Perumal, Pushparajah late Sivakumaran and Muthukumarasamy were the students who took key role in organising the "Youth League". The Youth League went on a hunger strike continuously in Jaffna, Manner, Trincomalee, Batticola, Thirukovil and upcountry. It was staged in a new form, that the hunger strike was continued in the other area when the hunger strike was stopped in one place. It was successfully staged for 50 days This hunger strike was organized in Nov. 1973. A pamphlet was distributed by Youth League flashing out the disenfranchisement of the upcountry Tamils. A visit was made by this youth movement to the upcountry to broaden their struggle. Mostly the students organization was focused only in the Jaffna Peninsula, and when youth movement tried to expand all over the places they faced financial problems, resulted a scheming of bank robbery and 4th July, 1974 Kopay bank was attempted and lead by Sivakumaran and Francis who were higher School students, failed, ended of Sivakumaran's suicide by swallowing cyanide and the rest es-

caped. It was the time Government announced the award of the ransom of 5000 rupees for the information of Sivakumaran. During the era of the Youth Movement Sivakumaran was a hero to the students world even to the public. He took the credit for the many violent activities. The plan to kill the ASP Chandrasekara was one of the attempt by Sivakumaran. The insurrection of 1971 in Sri Lanka, The I.R.A. struggle, Students uprising all over the world and the introduction of neo marxism were lessons to this student leaders, and the youth dissipated and formed a new organization. It was analysed and finalised that a separate state should be formed for the Tamils by an armed struggle.

The Students history proves us that the struggle to win the people's aspirations should be lead by the toiling masses. It allows us to come to a solution that most of the student leaders upto 1973 who in the stage of struggle were not able to continue the struggle except Annalingam Francis and Varatharajah Perumal who where from the working and oppressed class..... □

(More in the next issue)

REMEMBERING THE BLACK DAY 15th Nov. 1948



WE
FERTILED THE MOUNTAINS
BY NOTHING ELSE THAN OUR
BLOOD NEVERTHELESS
WE ARE NATIONLESS.
HENCE WE ARE FIGHTING
TO MAKE OUR OWN LAND;

This poster was displayed by Eros every where in the Land of Eelam Marking the Black Day, the plantation Tamil workers were made stateless by the Chauvinist Government of Srilanka a successful hartal was staged on that same day

Students Protests at Sri Lanka Embassy

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League of Filipino Students picketed the Sri Lanka embassy in Philippine on 22nd Oct 1985, urging Sri Lanka to stop the genocide, militarization against the Tamils and to respect the Tamil peoples aspirations to live with freedom and democracy.

A protest letter was handed over to the ambassador. It was funny to see the ambassador trying to explain that nothing has happened in Sri Lanka, and condemn the propaganda staged by the Tamils.

(The following pamphlet was distributed by LFS during the picket at Sri Lanka embassy at Philippine)

League of Filipino Students Onward the Tamil's Struggle for Liberation!

Two distinct peoples constitute the main ethnic groupings in Sri Lanka, the Sinhalese forming about 72% of the population and Tamils about 21% while Tamil speaking Muslims comprise about 6.5%. The Sinhalese and the Tamils have different languages, customs and traditions as they were separate kingdoms living in one island though they differ in language, customs and traditions. When the British colonized them, both kingdoms were integrated so as to consolidate & facilitate British rule. After independence from the British Empire in 1948, Sri Lanka had a constitutional government dominated by the Sinhala majority. Since this period, the Tamils have suffered continuous discrimination by the Sri Lankan government.

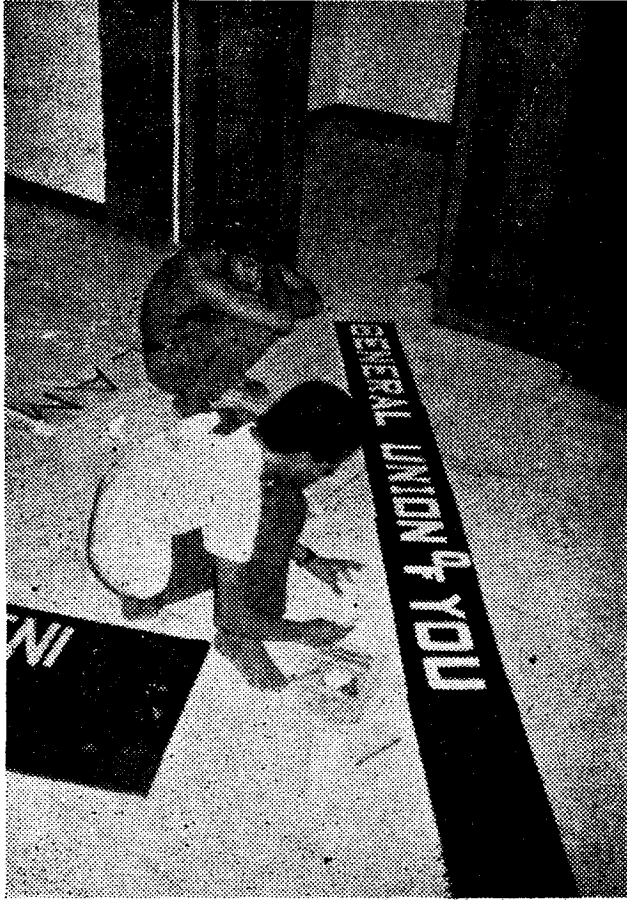
Various repressive & discriminatory laws have been institutionalized by the racist regime. A major component in enforcing these laws are the open use of terror by the state's military which exposes the fascist character of this unpopular regime. In fact, the state headed by Mr. J.R. Jayawardne encourages the repression against the Tamils. Here

are some of the incidents which openly violates human & civil rights of the Tamil-speaking people.

- * Colonization-Since 1948 the government encouraged Sinhalese to populate Tamil areas where they are given land rights over Tamil homdlands which began the encroachment of the Tamil's ancient lands.
- * Sinhala-Only Laws in 1956, the Sinhala-dominated parliament passed a law wherein government employment is barred to Tamils and in order to win elections, a Sinhalese political party campaigned that Sinhalese should be spoken in all areas, even in Tamil territories.
- * Prevention of Terrorism Acts-Unprecedented powers given to the security forces wherein they can detained anyone without trial or court jurisdiction. A clause is included wherein the security forces can dispose of dead bodies without judicial inquiry. This is a guarantee that the army can go and massacre as many Tamils as they please without threats of retribution for they can burn the bodies.
- * Racial riots-Riots against Tamils that resulted to the deaths of thousands and destruction



*Teddy G. Arelleano of LFS Handing over the
Protest Letter.*



A Solidarity LFS — Guys at Manila

of property which were planned, organized and encouraged by the government in Tamil areas and in Tamil communities in Sinhalese provinces. These are not racial riots between Tamils and Sinhalese for the victims are exclusively Tamils. These atrocities committed against them have been well-documented by western journalists; men, women and children were ruthlessly clubbed or hacked to death with swords, or set on fire-alive. In these events, police and troops made no attempt to intervene in behalf of the victims; in many cases they actively participated and assisted in the carnage.

The Sri Lankan government removes the rights of Tamils as citizens of the state as a means of subjugating them. In effect, the Tamil consciousness is eradicated because Sinhalese culture is imposed upon them. The lands historically belong to the Tamils will be incorporated into the hands of the government. Open use of repression drive

them away of Sri Lanka and become refugees of foreign lands.

Since both people cannot live together under a repressive system that prejudices the Tamils. They opted to separate their lands from the Sinhalese provinces and it will Eelam and the people will be called Eelavar. With the necessity that armed struggle is necessary to immediately pressure the government in granting their demands, the liberation movement surged forth, with various armed groups working under a united front.

Such conditions are not separate from 3rd world countries. In the Philippines, events such as the Escalante massacre, the attack on Tatalon Estate, the detention of government critics & human rights advocates and the attack on the Farmers rally last October 21 which resulted to the deaths of two LFS members and injuries of many more are common. The complicity of U.S. government of it's role in the economic & military subjugation of the Filipino masses cannot be denied. US business & military interests in the Philippines have to be protected and maintained even if it means that we have to suffer. In Sri Lanka, the US has started to develop Trincomalee Harbour which is a Tamil area into a naval base to beef-up it's military capability in the Indian Ocean. Huge amounts of economic & military loans have been given to the Sri Lankan government.

Various companies owned by American business interests have been sprouting up and laws are even passed by the government which are beneficial to these interests. The arms used by the Sinhalese Army mainly come from the US. Because America cannot publicly train the Sinhalese troops, they passed this responsibility to the Mossad, the Israeli intelligence group. At this time, around 80 Israeli operatives are training Sri Lanka troops. Just like these paid mercenaries are providing training to the private armies of government political bosses.

The League of Filipino Students (LFS), with it's 20,000 members nation-wide, together with the various youth & students groups & the Filipino people condemn in the strongest terms possible the genocide committed against the Tamil minority. We fully support the aspirations of the Tamils for a separate state called Eelam. We denounce American military & economic support to the fascist Jayawardene government. We urge all enlightened Sinhalese to stop their government in perpetuating

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more atrocities to the Tamils and demand that human & civil rights be respected. We call on all Filipinos to unite with the Tamils in their struggle against a repressive government. We join the world community in expressing it's concern & solidarity with the plight of the Tamils.

**LONG LIVE THE SOLIDARITY BETWEEN
TAMILS & FILIPINOS!**

**UNITE WITH THE TAMILS IN THEIR BATTLE
AGAINST THE U.S.-BACKED JAYAWARDENE
GOVERNMENT!**

**ONWARDS THE STRUGGLE FOR NATIONAL
LIBERATION!**

League of Filipino Students
22 October 1985

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A Protest letter to J. R. Jeyawardne, the president of the "ISLAND OF TERROR"

October 22, 1985

Mr. Julius Richard Jayawardene
President of Sri Lanka
Office of the President
Public Square, Colombo 1
SRI LANKA
Dear Mr. Jayawardene

We, the students and peoples of the Philippines have staged a picket at your government's embassy here in Manila to register our protest against the continuing repression against the Tamils. We manifest our solidarity with the struggles of the four million Tamil-speaking people of Eelam and fully support their struggle for self-determination.

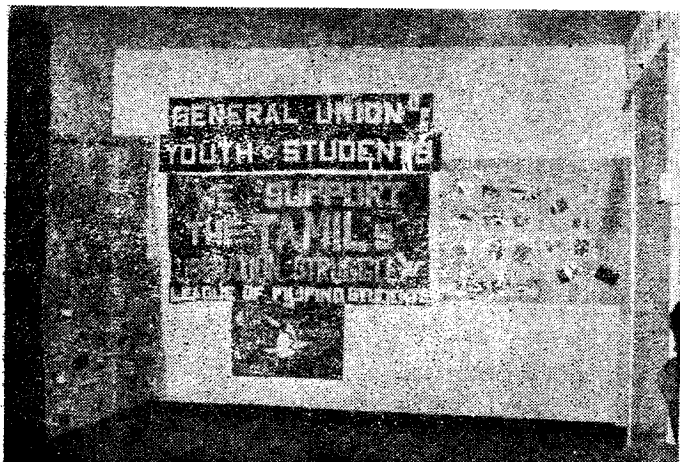
The conditions of the Tamils have never escaped our awareness. Despite your governments efforts to cover-up and downplay the Tamil struggle, the crimes committed against them is generally known by the peoples of the world. We are aware of the gross violations of human rights as we have with us photos, video films, newspaper articles and atrocities and implication to these human rights violations.



Guys with LFS at Philippine Solidarity

The continued perpetuation of massacres, arrests and your conscious campaign to annihilate the Tamil populace through savage military operations confirms your regime's disregard to the Tamils cry for justice. Your government has resorted to various tactics. like the Prevention of Terrorism Act of 1979 and all other laws which denies Tamils their basic human & civil rights. Your government even encourages the massive exodus of Sinhalese into Tamil territories which displaces them from their own lands.

Your U.S.—supported fascist regime continues to rob the Tamils of the land & life they rightfully deserve. We condemn the U.S. military & economic support to your regime. They supply the arms which you use to exterminate Tamils, and employs the Mossad which is the Israeli Secret Service in training your military forces in terror tactics. In exchange, the U.S. wants to develop Trincomalee harbour which is located in Tamil province into it's Naval facility to increase it's capacity to aggression & intervention in the Indian Ocean.



*Exibited at Manila by LFS, in an open Forum,
Participated by Guys.*

We sympathize while admiring the Tamil people's militancy in fighting for what is rightfully

& historically theirs. We are aware of the war waged by the Eelam National Liberation Front (ENLF) & their armed struggle to bring about a Tamil state called Eelam. Like the Tamils, we in the Philippines never hesitated to combat the terrorism & oppressive rule of the U.S.—Marcos dictatorship. Like your government, ours has resorted to repressive measures to counter our demands for a free and democratic state. But like the Tamils, never were these laws an obstacle to our respective struggles. Instead, the intensity by which our dictatorial regime assualated our people has been matched, if not exceeded by our people's militancy.

We demand that human & civil rights be respected in Sri Lanka. All repressive and discriminatory laws against the Tamils should be repealed. We appeal the unconditional release of all political prisoners. We also call on the enlightened Sinhalese to support the just struggle of the Tamils and to foster among a spirit of unity in order to work hand in hand for a just & free society.

In solidarity with the Tamil students & peoples.



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Letter to the press

Official Press Release
League of Filipino Students
20 October 1985

The militant League of Filipino Students (LFS) will picket the Sri Lankan embassy at the Gamma Center Bldg., Alfonso St., Salcedo Village, Makati, on Tuesday, October 22.

The LFS International Affairs Committee said that the picket will be staged to denounce the genocidal killings being perpetuated by the U.S.-backed, chauvinist (Julius Richard) Jayawardene dictatorship against the Tamils, and to express solidarity with the Tamil students and people in their resolute struggle for a separate state of Eelam.

Sri Lanka has been drawing international condemnation from progressive groups for its savage military operations in Tamil areas and forcible occupation in Tamil lands. As recently bannered in the foreign sections of major newspapers here and abroad, these operations have resulted in a series of massacres, tortures, burnings of villages, lootings of houses and mass political detention. And all these atrocities have been institutionalized by the Jayawardene regime through the passage of the Prevention of Terrorism Act of 1979, Emergency Regulation 15A and other repressive laws against the Tamil people.

Recently, the LFS national headquarters received reports that students at the University of Jaffna in the northern province have gone on hunger strike to dramatize their support for the thousands of Tamil political detainees.

Speakers during the embassy picket shall come from the Students Christian Movement of the Philippines Samahan ng mga Magaaraal at Kabataang Kababaihan (SAMAKA), National Union of Students in the Philippines and the Kabataan para sa Demokrasya at Nasyonalismo, among others. During the picket, the LFS and other groups will present a protest letter, through the embassy, to President Jayawardene.

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GUPS WITH GUYS IN SOLIDARITY



**GENERAL UNION OF
Palestine Students**



**GENERAL UNION OF
Youth and Students**

General Union of Palestine Students (GUPS)

It was established to represent the Palestinian Students wherever they are present. Before it was established, the Palestinian Students were represented by other Arab Unions. It was the first representative to a part of the Palestinians who were not recognized as a people of unity by many countries that further used to consider them as some Arab Refugees.

From this Union come out most of the present Palestinian leaders who shaped and adopted their contribution to the Union. G.U.P.S. was always a good contributor to the revolution since its establishment in 1959 in Cairo, Egypt.

General Union of Youth and Students (GUYS)

GUYS, the Student body of EROS, is involved in propagating knowledge among the suppressed students of EELAM. It has accepted on the level of awareness the policies and principles of the EROS and functions under its leadership and its programme ranges from mobilization.

GUYS is leading internationally in the operation and mobilizing all Student Organizations. GUYS is creating among the Students and Youth and awareness of the practical problems involved in the struggle. At the same time it is paying special attention in creating students who will reflect a complete awareness of matters relating to EELAM in whichever part of Eelam they may live. It is involved in the task of making Comrades of the Eelam Revolutionary Organization.

"Sri Lanka Government imposed a cunning discriminative act in the year 1948. "The citizenship Act" of 1948, disenfranchised nearly one million Tamils, who were brought by the British to work in the estates. Following this a complementary act was passed in the following year made the plantation Tamils "Stateless" and "Voteless" EROS marked the black day of Nov. 15 and organized demonstration, protests and issued pamphlets, posters in EELAM and MADRAS very effectively. A meeting was held on Nov 15 at Kanchipuram, Madras and

the General Secretary of General Union of Palestine Students (GUPS) Com; Ahamed Awath of Madras Unit delivered a solidarity message in support of the EELAM struggle, at the meeting.

THE MESSAGE

Respected Gentlemen, Respected Com. Ratna, driving force of Eelam Revolution, let me say good evening.

Nations large or small face problems ranging

from domestic, ethnic, to national border disputes. 37 years ago the Palestinians were deprived from their ancestral land. The fascist regime called Isreal was forcefully formed with the support of the imperialist US in the land of Palestinians.

With the total area of 27009 KM² Palestine lying at the shores of Mediterian Sea is a part of Arab World. The Foreign Minister of British Balfour cried and promised to the Zionist Movement, that his Government will take its entire effort to settle the alien in Palestine to establish a National homeland and the expel of Palestinians from their own homeland.

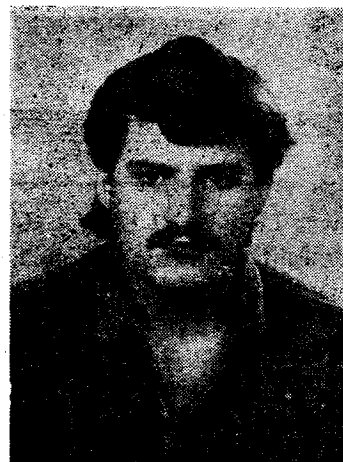
The well known notorious Zionist movement staged many ruthless masscares salvages, brutal killings, violating human rights in Palestine like Derryasin, Kofr Qasen etc., in order to force them to leave from their homeland. Since the second World War and even now the Imperialist US has replaced the British in supporting them in full scale. Now the Zionist Isreal is a threat to the democracy mainly to the struggling nations against Imperialism. It is clear that Isreal now has engaged very actively supporting the Sri Lanka Government in depriving the Tamils from their Homeland. By the assistance and advices, military aid directly or indirectly obtained by Jeyawardane from Isreal to Wipeout the Just Liberation struggle of the Tamils has proved the Isrealians expertness in Terrorism.

I like to point out here the incident acted by the armed forces of Sri Lanka at Kannatty Farm and other places of Eelam like at the People's Farm of Gandhiam, etc., were similar incidents operated by the Isrealians at Sabra and Chattilla against Palestinians, in the form of genocide in both lands.

The same inhumane tragedy and well planned Genocide against the TAMILS and PALESTINIANS were conspired to crush our resistance by the same Imperialist US and Zionist Isreal. Now the Eelam struggle has become not merely a struggle of Tamil people but it can be considered as struggle of oppressed peoples of the world.

We consider that the Eelam revolution is part and parcel of the international working class struggle and we will never hesitate to identify ourself with the progressive forces of the world and oppressed people fighting for liberation.

The liberation struggle of Eelam is a dynamic



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Com. Ahamed Awath*

Under the great leadership of Yassir Arafat of Palestine Liberation Organization the Palestine People always stood shoulder to shoulder with the oppressed people all over the world. We, the Palestinians have always supported the struggling oppressed and suppressed peoples of Nicaragua, Zimbawe, South Africa even to our struggling brothers of Eelam We will always tender our solidarity and fullest Co-operation, even we are victimized by the Zionist terrorist, we will raise our arms to the countries who struggle against the Imperialism.

I, as a member of the General Union of Palestine Students assure to my Eelam brothers, that we are always with you in your just struggle against the tyrannical rule of J.R. Jeyawardane and his Masters. Zionism and American Imperialism are two evils, that are threatening the world peace everyday. It should be a duty of all peace and freedom loving people to unite to fight against these evil forces.

Long Live General Union of Youth and Students;
Long Live General Union of Palestine Students ;
Unite to support the Eelam-Palestine Struggle ;
Thanking you,

My Great thanks to my Comrades from "GUYS" to giving me a chance to speak about our struggle!

challenge to imperialist America and its henchmen who are trying to establish themselves in the region of the Indian Ocean. We believe that the restoration of international peace is only possible through the victory of the international working class.

— GUYS

Gear the Intensified Struggle of Eelam

I was imprisoned by the enemies of freedom-
I fought for freedom from hunger, fear, and for the liberty to speak
Thanks, a thousand thanks.
I know that I am not alone.....
Tens, hundreds, thousands, millions - victims of a like fate-
Will be the inheritors of a glorious tomorrow.....
Yes, my body is imprisoned,
But the darting mind and the throbbing heart
Will never be made captive by steel or gold :

— AMADO

For the last few days the protests and hunger strikes with high determination was staged by the detained Eelam Liberation Fighters, inside the dark walls of chauvinist prisons of Sri Lanka. The protest was to highlight the suffering and to the fascist barbarism and genocide on Eelavar, to the world. As a result militant resistance was staged in the form of marches, hartals, and as a part, hunger strike to death was launched in all part of Eelam. Many student organizations all over Asia Pacific region agitated in support of the just struggle. **Asian Students Association** took keen interest to denouncing the inhuman activities and unprecedented atrocities committed by the Sri Lankan chauvinist armed forces.

It should be noted that due to the exploitation and oppression, people randomly resist in the form of hartal, picketing, strikes, etc. These form of struggles are accepted to a revolutionary liberation struggle. At this stage it is better to remember comrade Bobby Sands of IRA who during his detention at the hands of British Imperialist went on a hunger strike to death which claimed his life. This shocked the world and evoked the people of the decade. Resistance against the oppression should startle the racist government. The contradictions between the people and the enemy cannot be absolved by toiling the people themselves, because the enemy is much more interested in toiling the people. As a final conclusion Eelavar arrived, to the stage of challenging the racist occupiers from their land by the means of armed struggle. We say that the form of protest like hunger strike in the universities be incorporated

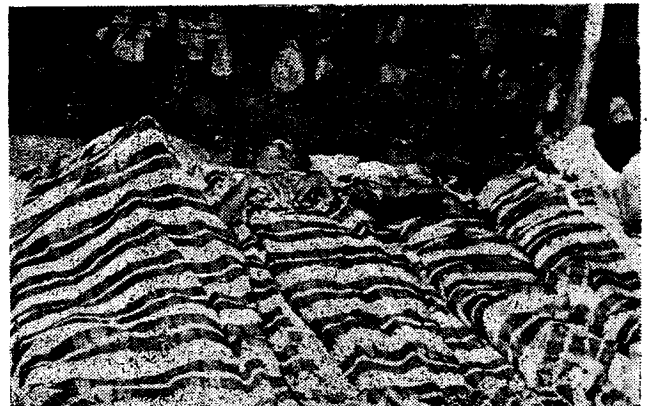
in a general struggle. We appreciate the courage and determination of the University students who directly participated in the hunger strike.

As we have already discussed in this column, hunger strike in public places like universities is a part and parcel of general agitation. It is understood that students guided by a wrong leadership make students to betray the struggles.

A LETTER FROM THE DEATH CELL OF WELEKADE PRISON

This letter was sent from a Eelam University student who is kept as detainee in the concentration camp of Jayawardene

(This is the prison absorbed life of 52 Eelam Liberation Fighters during the July massacre).



University Students on Hunger Strike

An open call for all University Students

dear My colleagues,

Writing this letter in a decisive situation. Inhumane laws are being imposed and institutionalised against us and it continuous to experience harassment, torture, for daring to speak out the truth and take up the cause of so many victims. Apart from this various repressive, leagalized laws are being mooted and enforced on us which only expose their racist policy.

Many of us have been detained more than 18 months without trial or court jurisdiction, dishonouring themselves their own racist laws.



We exploded our entire efforts, informing the appropriate superiors, resulted in vain. This discriminations pushed us to petition to the so-called Defence Ministry of Sri Lanka about the purpose of our Struggle in the form of Hunger Strike to Death, the only possible militant action to express our just cry, was not justified.

Finally we staged our united struggle last 8.8.85 inside the death cell of Welikade Prison. Our demand was to release the illegally charged Political Prisoners, or to produce to the unjust Fascist Courts immediately. As the first step of our struggle Suresh a student academic year 82-83, from Faculty of Science, at Peradeniya Campus with Sellathurai Kanagaratnam of Jaffna District, and Karunakaran from Hill Country started the Hunger Strike to Death. We the rest detainees, branded Tamil Terrorist by the chauvinist government will follow the strike in the second stage.

We appeal the students organizations, Universities and the Freedom Loving People of Eelam and the peoples of the other Nations to give us power, courage, moral support by staging protests, strikes, demonstrations, picketing to denounce the Facist regime of Jeyawardne,

A DETAINEE

Urgent appeal from Eelam

We appeal to keep the Tamil issue alive and to continue to focus the glare of publicity on the affairs of Sri Lanka. The aspirations of the Tamil people must be recognized. We appeal to the freedom-loving peoples of the world to denounce support for the corrupt & genocidal government of Sri Lanka. We ask you to recognize the just & rightful claim of the Tamil people for independence & to give us help & support to our struggle.

Your support would indeed fuel our strength to militantly wage our struggle. Together, we will break the chains of the imperialsit U.S.—backed regime of Jayawardne. Together let us fight for a free, just & democratic state.

General Union of Youth & Students
(GUYS) □

We Long for Eelam :

OUR COUNTRY BURNT
OUR FACES DEFACED
OUR LIVES LOST
ONCE FOR ALL
THE ONLY REALITY IS DEATH
NOTHING REMAINS....
EXCEPT OUR HANDS ..Now....
WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT.

— GUYS

A Radical Student Organization struggling For Democracy LEAGUE OF FILIPINO STUDENTS (LFS)



As long as people remain oppressed, there shall be active resistance and as long one country continues to be dominated by another country there shall always be a people's war. The Eelavars and Filipinos shall win their struggle (our struggle) against our oppressive US - backed fascist regimes.....to GUYS...from...Lina, Propaganda Officer, LFS (GUYS had an "exposure programme with LFS for 40 days at philippine.)

The League of Filipino students has reaped a significant place in the history of the Filipino student movement as well as in the struggle for peoples democracy. LFS successfully celebrated her 8th anniversary, last September, and it can be identified as the strongest student organization in the student world. This interview will explain you the role, strategy, principles of LFS.

1. What is the LFS ?

The League of Filipino Students or the LFS is a national mass organization of tertiary and secondary student activists. Its basis of unity is the unswerving commitment to promote and defend the nationalist and democratic aspirations of the Filipino studentry and people. At present, the LFS is composed of 231 chapters in different secondary schools, technical - vocational insti-

tutes, colleges and universities nationwide. Total membership as of May 1985 is 20,000. Apart from local chapter building, the LFS has also started forming overseas chapters. At this stage, the LFS has 3 chapters in California, USA.

2. What are the objectives of the LFS ?

The LFS works to attain the following objectives :

- a. To arouse, organize and mobilize the Filipino students in advancing the political mass movement against the US - Marcos dictatorship with the end in view of contributing to the overall people's struggle to end imperialist, bureaucrat capitalist and feudal exploitation and oppression in the Philippines.
- b. To promote student rights and welfare by
 1. Working for a low - cost, if not free education which is relevant and responsive to the needs and interests of the Filipino people;
 2. defending student democratic rights to self - organization, assembly and protest, campus press freedom and representation in key policy - making bodies of the school.
 3. asserting the development and use of a nationalist, scientific and mass - oriented educational curricula and opposing US imperialist control over the Philippine educational system; and
 4. supporting the struggles of teachers and non - academic personnel for better compensation and working conditions and the recognition of their rights to unionize and strike to press for their economic and political demands.
- c. To actively support and unite with the youth sector in their struggle for their rights and well - being.
- d. To actively participate and support sectoral, multi-sectoral organizations, alliances and groups of the basic masses and other

progressive sectors in the struggle for their common interests.

- e. To foster solidarity, understanding and mutual cooperation with other youths and peoples of the world in their struggle against imperialism and all forms of reaction.
- ## 3. How does the LFS work to achieve its objectives?
- As a cause-oriented organization, the LFS combines mass organizing, propaganda-education and mobilization drive to accomplish its objectives. It pursues an active and systematic expansion program of its membership to include the biggest number of students from both government-run and private schools. Sustained and effective propaganda-education activities are undertaken to enhance understanding on relevant economic, political and socio-cultural issues affecting the students and the country as a whole.

The LFS, since its founding in 1977, is actively in the "Parliament of the Streets" or the popular mass movement opposing US-Marcos rule in the Philippines. It launches or join militant protest actions on a wide array of issues-from the annual tuition fee increases, poverty, human rights violations to the alarming US intervention in Philippine affairs. Demonstrations, rallies, pickets and marches are held to publicize issues and analyses, educate the people and press for specific calls or demands.

In the field of international solidarity work, the LFS develops strong bilateral linkages and relations with progressive youth and student organizations and other concerned groups abroad. The LFS is a full member of the Asian Students Association or ASA and is the Chair of the Student Education Commission of Asia (SECA). SECA is a full-pledged ASA Commission working in the area of education and related concerns. It publishes a bi-annual newsletter. It also maintains a Documentation Center which serves as a repository of articles, documents, audio-visual materials and other resources on education and connected issues.

4. What are those issues the LFS is involved in?

The LFS tackles issues affecting both the Filipino studentry and people such as :

- a. Commercialization of Philippine education as manifested in the yearly tuition fee

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increases and the deterioration or actual absence of school facilities and welfare services.

- b. Student and human rights, particularly the protection and defense of the basic rights to self-organization, assembly and dissent, freedom of expression, the right to have a decent life and so on.
- c. Poverty and economic crisis and specific issues like the loans from the International Monetary Fund and World Bank, transnational corporations, labor exploitation and government corruption.
- d. US imperialism and its instrumentalities in the Philippines such as the US military bases and facilities, the Joint US Military Action Group (JUSMAG) and other front agencies and institutions.
- e. US intervention in local affairs such as the meddling of American politicians and military advisers, participation in the government counter-insurgency program and the danger of outright US military action to

stave off the collapse of the Marcos dictatorship and preserve its huge and strategic military, political and economic interests in the Philippines.

In general, the LFS is engaged in the people's struggle against the US-Marcos dictatorship. The US-Marcos dictatorship is the central enemy of the Filipino people today. It is the concrete expression of the people's fundamental problems: domestic feudalism, corrupt government and military officials, fascist authoritarian rule and the undisturbed imperialist domination and control of the country's wealth and people.

You want to know, companions of my youth
How much has changed the wild but shy poet
Forever writing last poem after last poem;
You hear he's dark as earth, barefoot,
A turban round his head, a bolo at his side,
His ballpen blown up to a long-barreled gun,
Deeper still the struggling change inside.



Headhunters are not guerrillas. The distinction is simple enough, When we speak of the guerrilla fighter we are speaking of the *Political Partisan*, an armed civilian whose principal weapon is not his rifle or his machete but his relationship to the community, the nation, in and for which he fights.

Insurgency, or guerrilla war, is the agency of radical social or political change; it is the face and the right arm of revolution. Counter-insurgency is a form of counter-revolution, the process by which revolution is resisted. The two are opposite sides of the coin, and it will not do to confuse them or their agents, despite superficial similarities.

FROM THE STRUGGLING MORO PEOPLE

This Poem is dedicated to the Youth (Martyrs) of the Moro people and oppressed peoples of the world specially to the Tamil speaking people of Eelam - more power to the Eelavar

— ABU JIHAD MIRAVI
(A Moro Cadre)



A YOUNG MORO'S LAMENT

FROM THIS SACRED LAND
THEIR VOICES WERE FIRST HEARD
THEY WERE OUR GREAT FOREBEARS
WHO STOOD HUNDREDS OF YEARS
STRONG AND DETERMINED IN THEIR RESOLVE
TO FREE THEIR LIVES AND HOMES
FROM THE BONDAGE OF FOREIGN FETTERS

FROM THIS SACRED LAND
OUR UNSUNG HERDES WERE BORN
THEY WERE THE KUDARATS
THE KAMLONS AND THE AMAI PAKPAKS
WHO SHED THEIR BLOOD
AGAINST THE ALIENS' MIGHT
SO WE MAY INHERIT CALM NIGHTS

FROM THIS SACRED LAND
WE AWOKE ONE DAY
AMIDST THE CRIES OF CHILDREN
THE MOTHERS' SOBS OVER THE DEAD
THE PEOPLE'S SHOUTS OF ANGER
AGAINST THE SMOKE AND THUNDERS
FROM THE GUNS OF FATIGUE - CLAP MEN.

FROM THIS SACRED LAND
GENERATION OF MARTYRS SHALL BE BORN
THEY SHALL BECOME THE NEW KUDRATS
KAMLONS AND AMAI PAKPAKS
ARMED WITH A NEW STRENGTH OF POWER
WHO SHALL BRING THE MORO PEOPLE'S
STRUGGLE
TO THE PEDESTAL OF EVENTUAL DAWNING

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(This Poem was written for Guys by Comrade Abu Jihad Miravi, National Officer, Moro Revolutionary organization Moro). Moro supports the Eelam Peoples struggle and recognize the State of Eelam).

This poem talks about the centuries old struggle of Moro People to attain Self - Determination and genuine Democracy. The Moro People who is basically found in Southern part of the Philippines called Mindanao, Shed their blood against the Spanish colonization for more than three hundred years; against the American Colonization for more than three decades; and from the U.S. puppet Republic of Philippine from 1935 to the present, which was only briefly interrupted by the Japanese occupation in the early part of 1945. The three heros mentioned in the poem represent the three different periods of colonization namely, Sultan Kudarats (Spanish period), Amai Pakpak (American period), Kamlon (under the present puppet government). Under the present U.S. backed Marcos dictatorship Moro people has been economically exploited, Politically deprived and Culturally dominated. It is under the present unjust system the Moro people had suffered a lot. From the genocidal campaign weed by terrorist U. S. - Marcos regime, which resulted to the killing of about 80,000 Moro civilians, and 300,000 refugees to other neighbouring

countries. Mosques and Madrashes were burnt lands were grabbed, animals butchered women were raped, etc., The Moro people include various ethnolinguistic groups, the major ones being the Maranos or Lake dwellers, the Maguindaons or people of flooded plains and Tausugs or people of current.

Historically, the term "MORO", derived from the word Morocos or inhabitants of Mauritania who are Muslims occupied Spain for more than 400 years. The word "MORO" then was a brand used by the Spanish colonizers to the Mindanao Muslims. As from continuous planned discriminations, Human Rights Violations, Moro people found the only way to their freedom is through armed struggle. As a result some of the radical Moros formed, from the year of sixtees, the Moro National Liberation Front to win the lost freedom, and the aspirations of the Moro People. ~~MNF~~ were split into three factions, resulted a fresh emerging of a radical group called MORO REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATION (MORO), who has a more Scientific approach as far as people liberation movements are concerned. Guys was invited by the Moitree International to Mindanao where student wing of "Moro" participate in a conference on october 1985. We the members of the GUYS convey our heartiest thanks and extent our solidarity to the Moro Revolutionary Organization.

MORO - MORO - MORO - MORO

The war in the southern Philippines is massive, brutal, and almost altogether secret - for everyone except the victims. It is waged moreover, against a people, the Moro, whose name evokes for the American or any other foreigner no formidable memory, no passion, hardly even recognition. Even for the majority of north Filipinos, the name "Moro" is simply a sign of who they themselves are not: the name of an estrangement. Between these two peoples of the Philippine Archipelago, dialogue has simply broken down. The isolation of the Moro is, therefore, immense. Since theirs is not a communist insurgency, and hence cannot be blamed upon the Soviets or the Vietnamese or the Cubans, the media or seldom interested. While the news-manufacturers occasionally report sensational events from this war, they do not seek out the reasons for it or take seriously its implications.

ASIA PACIFIC YOUTH SYMPOSIUM

This paper was read by the delegate of the General Union of Youth and Students (GUYS) at the Asia Pacific Youth Symposium, sponsored by Asian Students Association (ASA) and organized by the Hong Kong Students Federation (HKFS), held from 16 th to 25 th of Aug 85, at Hong Kong. There were nine student organizations from different countries participated in the symposium. This paper presented by the GUYS mainly focuses the students participation in the struggle of Eelam.

Fellow students, fellow youths and Comrades :

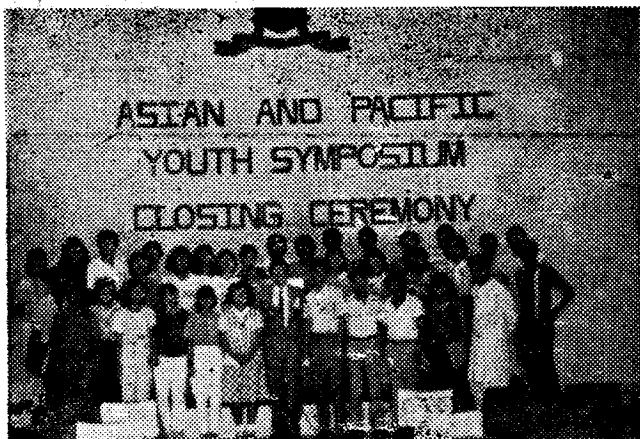
My presence here today from another Asian Country is not merely symbolic. It is significant in the context that I come from the island of Sri Lanka. I must confess, though I am part of Sri Lankan delegation, I do not represent or reflect the Sri Lankan political or its Socio-Economic conception. Since it seem paradoxical, even ridiculous I must in this address clarify that Sri Lanka is a Sinhala nation and Tamils are the natives of Eelam in the Island. Sri Lanka was a part of the old British Colony called Ceylon. The British encompassed the Kingdom of Eelam the Tamil Nation into Ceylon for administrative convenience. Ever since the Tamils of Ceylon are carrying an onward struggle for their rights, I am proud to say that I come from that part of Ceylon - I mean Eelam which was amalgamated into Ceylon and this position has not changed even after the independence from the British Empire in 1948. Old Ceylon was named as Sri Lanka under a unitary form of Constitutional Government and the Sinhala Buddhist policies of the Government have reduced the Tamils to the present day state to struggle for a separate state. As I mentioned the Tamils of Eelam are carrying an onward struggle. In this struggle of the people of Eelam, the students are in the vanguard.

In that context, I come here to present the case of the Tamil Community as a representative

of the "General Union of Youth and Students" (GUYS) a constituent member in the present day vanguard organisations struggling for the Liberation and Emancipation of the Tamils of Ceylon from the domination of Sri Lanka.

I just mentioned that students and youth are constituent partners and are in the vanguard of the Tamil Liberation Struggle; this is to emphasize the importance of their role in our historic battle. As a matter of fact it is the students and the youths who pivoted the, what is now popularly known as "Armed Struggle" for the liberation of the Tamils. But the struggle was initially aimed at obtaining essential rights for the community. The nature of leadership and the manifestation of their political demands clearly show that the struggle between 1949 and 1976 was essentially a struggle for obtaining equitable rights for the Tamil Community under an unitary form of Government or within a Federal Set-up. This took a sharp turn in 1976 at the "Pannakam Conference" of the Democratic Front when a declaration was made calling for a separate state in the name of "Tamil Eelam."

Comrades, this was not an accident; As I said, the bourgeoisie nature of the Leadership of Ceylon and political manifestations, perforce compelled the Tamils to seek a separate state in view of the growing discrimination to which the community



was being increasingly subjected to. If I may elaborate, the Tamil United Liberation Front (T.U.L.F.) which was a Union of the Federal Party, Tamil Congress and the Ceylon Workers Congress (CWC) were the parties that were advocating for equitable rights, for Tamils. Yet they arrived at the demand for a separate state by this resolution. The reason, once again, if I may pin-point was because of the youths and students who were instrumental in promoting such a demand.

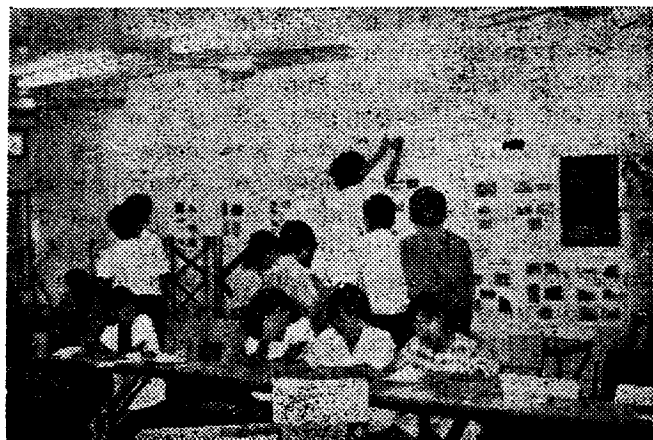
Now Comrades, fellow students and youths, I want to dwell at some length on the history of the student movement. There was no Tamil student Movement as such until 1974. Before that, The nature of the educational background and the institutions that fostered such education forced these students to be part and partial of youth movements of political parties. I will fail in my duty if I do not mention the fact that the first Tamil Party to have organised and promoted a youth front was the Federal Party. Since 1956 there was a youth front for this party which eventually took the shape "what is now known as "Illanjar Peravai" (assembly of youth) and it is during this time that students formed the "Manavar Peravai" (Student Front). Infact it is this group which advocated a separate stete and engaged themselves in mass protest.

This expression or manifestation in the thinking of the students have their roots in the educational policy of the Singhala Government. As a matter of the early seventees Sri Lankan Government implemented an educational administration policy called "Standardisation," which prevented the Tamil youths entering to University based on merit. This turn of event forced hundreds of Tamil

Youths and Students to leave the Island. As I pointed out earlier since Ceylon was a British Colony and as English was the main language, the students and youths went to Britain in search of higher education. According to research done as far back as 1973 there were more than 4000 Tamil Students in British Technical Colleges at that time. They reflected the political consevous and expression of the Tamil plight in Sri Lanka. 1974 was another eventful year to give shape and contact to this political conscuousness. I refer to 1974 in particular because it was in that year the Fourth International Tamil Conference took place in Jaffna, during which 9 Tamils were brutally done to death at the hands of Sinnalese Police.

This evoked a marked protest by the student and youths. This found echoed in London as well. If I may say, this was the first organised protest abroad. Since then a political awareness was growing abroad that resulted in the first student union to be formed in London. This was in 1977 just before the August Communal riots of that year. This was called the General Union of Eelam Students (GUES). It is only fare to give a historical factual presentation of the students' participation in the Tamil Struggle. This student body was organised by Eelam Research Organisation. But sooner it was to develop itself into a political force to form another political group. It was at this time the Organisation that I represent was formed in London. Its inaugural meeting was held at the London School of Economics to protest the mass arrest of students and youths in Sri Lanka.

This meeting, Comrades, I am happy to reveal was attended by the members of international



community, and organisations. There was a member of the African National Congress, a member of General Union of Palestine Student; a member of SWAPO; and a member of the then Sandanista Organisation, there were others and of course there was a member of a Sinhalese Community as well. This should give a background not only to my Organisation; but also to the students and youths involvement in the Tamil Liberation Struggle.

Well I have dwelt at some length of the student involvement and their participation in the historical struggle. But it is also of permanent importance that mention other deprived Section who are also constituent partners of the vanguard struggle.

Comrades, fellow students and youths; In 1948, the sovereign parliament of Ceylon enacted the most obnoxious Law that disfranchised a million Tamil speaking plantation workers overnight. Thereby they were made stateless with the view to prevent them being a component of the main Tamil National Stream. Since then, I mean since 1949 that a moribund policy of colonisation was initiated to populate Sinhalese luppen proletariat in hinterlands of the Tamil areas particularly in Eastern province.

Today these people, I mean the affected main stream of our people, workers in the plantation, peasants of the Eastern Province and the affected middle class of Northern area in the forefront of the struggle. This struggle though reflect a national liberation of the Tamils people as a whole reflect the political thinking apparent in the Social Velvet of our Society at present. The Thimbu Conference

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The revolutionary transformation of society is a result of the persistent, self-sacrificing and purposeful actions carried out by the working people, the broad population and all democratic and progressive forces. It would be impossible without drawing into the liberation struggle all classes, social strata and groups, including soldiers and the democratic sections of the officer corps, all of whom are oppressed by the exploitative upper crust.

The struggle for the army is, in this context, an important arena of confrontation between the revolutionary and counter-revolutionary forces, the importance of which, under contemporary conditions, is constantly growing in so far as the armed forces' role in the social and political affairs is increasing in many countries. The opportunity itself for revolutionary transformations, as well as the time, scale and scope of them largely depend on which side the armies take in this great battle.

— From the 'ARMY' —

reflected this. There are six groups participating on behalf of the Tamils. One of them is EELAM REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATION (EROS) to which, the student group I represent support and participates in the struggle in Eelam. I have carefully traversed the historical development of our struggle and the participation of students and youths in this process.

For listening

Thanking you,

— prepared by —

**GENERAL UNION OF YOUTH
AND STUDENTS (GUYS)**

P.O. Box. 2356, Madras-600 024.

SOUTH INDIA,

16th August, 1985.

OUR THANKS :

1. To HKFS and to the students of Hong Kong for their support in our struggle.
2. To ASA Secretariat, very specially to Secretary General Mr. Emmanuel. (M. Colanzo (MANNY)), for their fullest support and cooperation in arranging forums, exposure programmes, printing poster to support our struggle.
3. To the member organizations of ASA who participated in the symposium. Mainly to Miss Fish, Joanna, and Mai of ASA who looked after our needs always.

People United can never be Defeated

PROTEST LETTERS CONDEMNING THE RACIST - FASCIST - SRILANKAN
GOVERNMENT IN SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY FOR THE STRUGGLING
TAMIL SPEAKING PEOPLE TO WIN THEIR RIGHTS.

25 August 1985

Mr. Julius Richard Jayewardene
President of Sri Lanka
Office of the President
Public Square, Colombo 1
Sri Lanka.

How Long?

FORUM

on the

Life and Aspirations

of the

TAMIL PEOPLE

Dear Mr. Jayewardene,

We, who have attended this forum today here in Hong Kong, join the international protest against the mass killing of the Tamil people in Sri Lanka.

From the video film and photos we have seen, a clear truth was unfolded: that Sri Lanka is not a *paradise* but a *hell* for the Tamils who seek social justice and independence. A speaker from the General Union of Youth and Students (GUYS) of Eelam and a Tamil professor visiting Hong Kong gave an extensive explanation on this grim reality in your country. We were so shocked and angry to know the atrocities being committed by your security forces against the Tamils. No one is spared. Thousands were killed during military operations. Thousands were arrested, thrown into prison, forcibly interrogated and tortured. Houses were burned forcing people to leave their villages and to become refugees in their own land.

We have never been to your country, but the stories we heard are enough to challenge us. This Forum has challenged us to be involved and rise up in defence of the Tamil people. What they aspire is just and fully deserving our warm support and solidarity, for we are people who recognize the value of human life and dignity. We declare our support to the continuing struggle of the Tamil people to self-determination.

We call on your government to end military operations in Tamil areas and cease from occupying the land of the Tamil people. We demand the repeal of the Prevention of Terrorism Act of 1979, Emergency Regulation 15A and all other laws that violate the democratic rights of the Tamil people. We appeal for the immediate release of all political prisoners without conditions. We ask your government to respect human rights and end further violation of the rights of Tamils in Sri Lanka.

Finally, we call on all justice and peace-loving people of the world to pool their strength in defence of the Tamil people. We also call on all enlightened Sinhalese to extend or gather support for the Tamils. We shall be very happy to learn in the near future that solidarity for the Tamil people's struggle is strong not only in Tamil areas and outside Sri Lanka, but within the Sinhalese communities as well.

Let us all stand up and fight for our rights.

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All India Nepalese Free Students Union

—an organisation of progressive, democratic and
patriotic Nepali Students studying in India.

(Estd.: 8th March, 1983)

12th October 1985

Mr. Junius Jayawardene
President of the Sri Lanka
COLOMBO.

Your Excellency,

As a Nepalese students organization, studying in India, we deeply concerned about repression of Tamil minority in Sri Lanka. It was reported that Sri Lankan police firing on the people took place during peaceful meeting, organised by them. More than 1000 students, teachers, peasants were murdered by the police. In this present time there are thousands of political Tamil people/Youths, held in various jails in Sri Lanka without trial and no fault of terrorism. Although your Government boasted of the release of 654 Tamil youths from the prison, but most of them, who have been released, are actually not the political detenus but innocent youths arrested at random by the security forces in search, "operations". Despite the ceasefire call, the arbitrary arrests are continuing in the several parts of the provinces.

Mr, President, it is human right that all the people can demand their religious freedom, social and economic freedom and particularly the political freedom. Each individual has a right for self-determination. All the people are equal in their native land. Any government cannot check these basic freedom points. You have no right to harrass the minority in the native land.

We deplore your continued use of bullets and repressive law against all Tamil students and the people. No amount of military repression can ever stop them from seeking freedom and economic progress. There is a gross violation of human rights by your government, particularly Articles 2, 9, 13, 19, and 21, the Universal declaration of human rights. Mr. President, any problem cannot solve by the point of arms.

We, the Nepali students in India and the Nepalese people strongly demands you :

- (1) Condemn the mass suppression campaign is an answer to the people's legitimate demands,
- (2) An immediate stoppage of all types of brutal killing of Tamil students, peasant, teachers and the people.
- (3) An immediate and unconditional restoration of true democracy and human rights and the respects and observance of the universal declaration of human rights.

We will greatly appreciate every efforts made by you to promote human rights and students rights in EELAM.

For and behalf of the
All India Nepalese Students Union
SHRIMAN GAUTAM



LEAGUE OF FILIPINO STUDENTS

P.O. Box 312 Sta. Mesa,
Metro Manila, Philippines

July 16, 1985

Mr. Julius Richard Jayewardene
President of Sri Lanka
Office of the President
Public Square, Colombo 1, Sri Lanka

Sir;

The League of Filipino Students (LFS) strongly condemns the terrorist acts inflicted by your government to the Tamil minority. Your government's policies has institutionalized and encouraged the systematic extermination of the Tamils. These actions are manifestations of deterioration of the state of human rights in your country.

The LFS, a 20,000 strong student organization, a staunch fighter for national freedom and democracy calls upon your government to:

- repeal all laws that institutionalizes the extermination and discrimination of the Tamils;
- respect the human & civil rights of your people; and
- recognize the rights of the Tamils to self-determination.

We also view with concern the direct and indirect participation of imperialist powers in your country's policies. Namely, the U.S. "patronage" to your government with its U.S. \$ 71 million economic and military aid and the participation of the MOSSAD, the Israeli Secret Service in coaching your armed forces in terrorist tactics. Their "aid" only reinforces their military presence in South Asia and supplies your government with the military hardware that you use against your people.

We join the international community in protesting your government's genocide to the Tamils. We recognize as legitimate the aspirations of the Tamil people in creating their own state called Eelam.

Any immediate positive response to our demands would be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

CARMELO "BONG" ARREZA

National Chairperson, League of Filipino Student

July 8, 1985.

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HONG KONG FEDERATION OF STUDENTS

Dear friends,

We, Hong Kong Federation of Students, are dismayed to hear the massacre of Tamils by the security force of the Government and the arbitrary arrest and detain of the Tamil people without charges or trial. Therefore, we have sent letters to Sri Lanka government for the following demands.

1. immediate end of political repression on Tamils;
2. immediate and unconditioned release of all Tamils who were arbitrarily arrested by security force;
3. respect the human rights of the Tamils in Sri Lanka.

We extend our solidarity and salary the students in EELAM for the courage in pursing social justice in the midst of repression and harrassment.

In solidarity,

CHUNG CHI - KONG,
International Vice - President.

CAMP GLIMPSES

The 23 year old Amarajothy never did dream about her early widowhood with a child to look after, when she got married 2years ago. Clad in soiled and rustic rags, she gave us a deep saddened stare.

Oh that fateful night of January 30, this year her husband and father were butchered at Kattayadampan, near Murungan.

Amarajothi's dull dead eyes had many question to ask-Why god left us like this, Why fate is so cruel to us?

Now Amarajothy is at Kottakadu refugee camp in South India along with her grandmother - Kathiravel and Ganeshan who reached her by boat paying Rs 200/- per head. These young boys were forced out of their house by the Sri Lankan military.

Are they satisfied? Oh yes Rs 48/- for 15 days and meals provided by the government of Tamil Nadu. Yet there is one sad tone when Kathiravel tried to explain their plight - **We dont belong to this place.**

The old and withered Rajamma could't walk, why? she recalled that midnight at Mannar, from where she hails. The navy men came hunting for her only son Durai, she did not know where he was. That answer did not satisfy the navy vikings. But they enjoyed breaking the old mother's leg.

Rajamma is now in Vembanoor refugee camp with 21 others families. Here we met a fisherman who expressed his agony thus- **"one day a time will come to us too."**

In Mudaliar Kuppam another refugee camp near Vembanoor there are 40 families and anyone would faint at seeing the pathetic state of affairs. There is nothing left for them - only hope -???. (A GUYS comrade accompanied the students of Madras College who went on a visit to some refugee camps in Tamil Nadu)



THE FALLEN COMRADE

We shed our angry tears and taken up the arms you left.....
pointing at the foe..... submit as a dirje to you.....

THIS IS HOW
YOU MAY BE
STUDYING
OR
AT THE WELL SIDE
BY SOAPING
ENJOYING BUCKETS OF WATER
BY ABSORBING THE NATURE.
OH! THEN!
HE WILL BE APPROACHING TO YOU
SHUTTERING THE GATE
BY RUNNING AND WINDING
INFORMING YOU THE MATTER
YOU ARE SHOCKED AND FELL DOWN
THOUGH ITS A USUAL
MAY BE IN THE FRONT HOUSE
OR
MAY BE AT THE NEXT DOOR.
SOME DAYS AGO
WHY?
YESTERDAY'S VICTIM
YOUR BROTHER...
IN THE POOL OF BLOOD
AT THE DUSTY STREET
LYING IN PEACE
BY THE BULLETS
PUMPED
BY THE WOLFS
OH! BROTHER!
STILL
HIDDEN SMILE
MELTED IN YOUR LIPS
YOUR BROTHER'S HEAD AND CHEST

NETTED BULLETS
YOUR BROTHER'S
SECRETING BRAVERY CHEST
OCCUPIED
BY YOUR MOTHERS
WEEPING FACE
BY THE SIDE SISTERS
YOUNGERS AND ELDERS
SOBING.....
THE WHOLE VILLAGE EYEING THE SCENE
WITH MOURNING
AFTER THIS INCIDENT
YOU ARE LOST
I HAVE HEARD
YOU WERE SEEN IN SOME MID NIGHTS
JUST TO SEE
YOUR BELOVED MOTHER.

OUR RED SALUTE TO COMRADE SOMESWARAN

Comrade K. Someswaran completed his Secondary Education at the Hindu College, Jaffna, and entered to the University. By analysing the peoples struggle carefully, he rejected the university entrence and joined Eelam Revolutionary Organization. Eventhough he was a fresher his contributions impressed the organization. During a politico Military activity he was claimed by the foe.

He was assigned to take incharge for organising GUYS work in the Northern region. He took initiative in bringing out the "NANGAL" publication by the guys for students.

Struggle Against the Foe (Filipino People March to Freedom)

Bayan Calls on the Filipino People to Forge the Strongest Bonds of Unity in the Struggle to End the Rule of the U'S'-Marcos Regime and to guard against its Divisive Schemes. We Call on the Filipino People to Intensify their Militant Struggle towards Dismantling the Structures of Tyranny and Oppression.

— BAYAN

Unquestionable, the U'S'-Backed Marcos Regime is prepared to utilize all forms of Terrorism and deceit to suppress the people's nationalist and democratic struggle in order to maintain itself in power.

But as the Prolongation of Dictatorial rule breeds graver misery and oppression, the Filipino people shall only be spurred to more militant protest actions to hasten the dismantling of the U'S'-backed Marcos Dictatorship. Nothing shall derail the people's determined struggle to achieve their fervent aspiration for a just, free and prosperous nation.

— MALAYA

They joined the revolutionary forces because of concrete evils in structures. CPP-NPA members are committed revolutionaries unlike the bayarang (mercenaries) AFP who are robbers in soldiers, clothing. The CPP-NPA have guiding principles that make the revolution a noble one for the people.

— KABATAANG MAKABAYAN

The armed revolutionary movement is developing backward villages into advanced political, economic, cultural and 'military bastions of the revolution. Marcos and the military cannot defeat the revolution through sheer military force or through the militarization of civilian entities and psy-war campaigns.

— SISON

An urgent call for People's unity and Militance The National Democratic front :

The National Democratic Front (NDF) today poses the single greatest politico-military challenge to the Fascist and autocratic rule of the US-backed Marcos dictatorship in the Philippines.

Founded in 1973 at the initiative of the Communist Party of the Philippines - Marxism-Leninism (CPP-ML) the NDF now leads the only indigenous and self-supporting armed revolutionary liberation movement in Southeast Asia to survive and grow through the years. Today, the NDF is composed of the CPP-ML, Kabataang Makabayan (Nationalist Youth), Christians for National Liberation (Church People), Samahan na mga Magbubukid as Pilipinas (peasants' association), Rebolusyonaryong Organisasyon ng mga Manggagawa (Workers,

organization), Moro Revolutionary Organization, Makabayang Samahang Pangkalusugan (health workers), Katipunan ng Gurong Makabayan (teachers) and a revolutionary organization of tribal Filipinos.

The military arm of the NDF is the New People's Army (NPA). The NPA now has more than 30,000 full time and part time guerillas and 20,000 militia forces, with some 15,000 high-powered rifles, and operating in 58 of the Philippines' 73 provinces. In all, the NDF administers 57 guerilla fronts, covering 10,000 villages and an estimated 12 million in 35 cities and 634 towns.

The NDF is now in the advanced sub-stage of the strategic defensive stage of the conduct of

the people's war, and even US military analysts project that the revolution will mature into the strategic stalemate stage within the next two-years. The last sub-stage of the strategic defensived has been characterized by the frequent temporary seizure of towns and municipalities and increased tactical offensives in the form of ambushes and raids, guerilla-base building, the deployment of large troop formations and increased armed city partisan operations. The strategic stalemate stage shall be characterized by heavy positional warfare, more mobile troop movements, the seizure of more and larger towns, municipalities and even cities.

In the urban centers, there will be firmer co-ordination between armed and unarmed mass struggles. After the stalemate, the people's war shall move into the strategic counter-offensive stage, and the NPA shall move towards the final encirclement and capture of major urban centers. The entry of the NPA shall be met by a popular armed uprising in the primary urban centers, immediately before the seizure of political power.

The NDF proposes a establishment of a democratic coalition government with a nationalist and democratic orientation, and based on popular representation of the various sectors through people's organizations.

* The Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) heavily armed and extensively trained and advised by the US, is composed of more than 2,70,000 elements, including para-military forces and armed pseudo-religious fanatic sects. And the US has more than 14,000 military personnel in more than 25 US military bases in the Philippines.

** There are more than 54 million Filipinos.

My beloved country
Philippines is your name
Pearl of the Orient
Blest with unblemished beauty
But alas! robbed of your longed-for freedom
Always weeping in poverty and pain
How lovely it is to live in one's nativeland
If there is no slavery and freedom reigns
supreme
A people who are now oppressed
In the morrow shall stand up
The east will turn a fiery crimson
And mark the dawn of freedom.

The article on "THE ROLE OF NPA" was prepared by Com. Bestre (Commander in charge for the NEW PEOPLES ARMY at the Becol Region) for GUYS. Com Bestre is a young graduate who accepted the principles and the policies of NPA and intergrated with the organization six years back. He believes that NPA will overthrow the U.S. - backed Marcos dictatorship Government by 1990 by the peoples insurrection.

THE ROLE OF THE NEW PEOPLES ARMY

OURS is a semi-colonial and semi-feudal society. It is a backward agricultural country under the indirect control of U.S. monopoly-capitalists. The peasant people in the country sides are being ruled by big landlord power while the people in the urban centers are being ruled by the big comprador-bourgeoisie.

Amidst the gravo economic crisis in the early part of the past decade, a fascist dictatorship has arisen; the U.S. Backed Marcos dictatorship, a dictatorship which is composed of the most reactionary elements from the local ruling classes.

National Democracy is the urgent political demand of the Filipino people. As a historical need, the right of our nation to self-determination must be asserted by force against U.S. Imperialism. For centuries, the Filipino peasants have been deprived of their democratic right to own the land that they till, The armed struggle of our people for National Democracy, being the revolutionary alternative, will transform the basic character of our socioeconomic order from a semi-colonial and semi-feudal to a genuinely sovereign and democratic state.

But an armed revolution of the people necessitates the existence of a revolutionary people's army. On March 29, 1969, the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) established the New Peoples' Army (N.P.A). From more or less 50 members armed with 35 high powered rifles and some pistols, we started the early substage of the strategic defensive stage of our peoples' war. We had no choice then but to broaden our protracted guerilla war on the strategic mountainous areas of the archipelago. At that particular substage, our priority was to guarantee the political preparations among the people by engaging prima-

rily in mass work (and that means, raising the level of the political consciousness of the people, organizing them in mass organizations, educating and mobilizing them in mass struggles).

After a few years, Martial Law was declared by the fascist Marcos dictatorship under the instigation of U.S. Imperialism.

By December 1981, we have entered the advanced substage of our Peoples' War. The broadening of guerilla warfare was accomplished and political mass work has become the Secondary task. The time has come to concentrate on the intensification of our Peoples' War, to concentrate specifically on military matters. And that means more guerilla bases, more peoples' more peoples' militias, more regular and bigger combat units and the greater acceleration of our tactical offensives against enemy forces both in the urban centers and the countryside.

By the end of 1984, we predicted that within 3 to 5 years time, we will decisively win the war. But in case there is U.S. intervention, our sure victory will be realized in the next decade.

At this juncture, we call all our anti-imperialist friends abroad to continue exposing and condemning U.S. interventionist policies.

We primarily rely on the growing strength of our People's Army. But its central task to overthrow the armed force of the U.S. - Marcos dictatorship needs outside significant support.

In the context of our international struggle against Imperialism in general and U.S. imperialism in particular, let us firmly unite and carry the liberating movement onwards.

A MEMORY..... there is a memory locked in my heart bungs to be shared. It is the memory of a young couple - not yet in their thirties-whom I saw some months ago in a large hall that had been converted into a military courtroom, waiting for the case to be called in which they stood accused with some ninety other young people.

I had met the young man before marital law. He was a university student, a leader, brilliant, articulate, involved, that day in the courtroom he sat in a rattan chair, almost motionless, staring blankly ahead his mouth-half open, totally oblivious



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to the people and the chatter around him : for he had been detained under martial law, punished so repeatedly and so brutally, and subjected to so large a dose of what the military call the truth serum, that his mind had cracked. He is confined, to this day, in the mental ward of a military hospital.

Behind him stood his wife, straight and proud, one hand lightly resting on the crown of his head, the other touching his shoulder, tenderly yet defiantly ready to spring on anyone who might still wish to hurt her husband.

As I looked at the couple, I saw in them the face of every Filipino; and I knew then that martial law could crush our bodies; it could break our minds; but it could not conquer our spirit. It may silence our voice and seal our eyes; but it cannot kill our hope and obliterate our vision. We will struggle on, no matter how long it takes or what it costs, until we establish a just community of free men and women in our land, deciding together, working and striving together, but also singing and dancing, laughing and loving together.

— A. PHILIPPINO

A Solidarity Message...

From A Monk who Believes on Dharmista

Sept. 20, 1985

Dear Tamil friends who struggle against the oppression and chauvinism.

I'm very much concerned, as a Buddhist monk in Japan, about the cruel and brutal chauvinism of Sri Lanka government to you Tamil people. Many buddhists from Japan has recently visited Sri Lanka to have exchange friendship with those buddhists in Sri. Lanka. They are, however, not at all aware of massive oppression, killings, etc. by ther government which shows total ignorance in human rights of you, Tamil. I denounce that they in this way support the present government, against your struggle for total liberation.

I promise that I'll make the greatest effort to inform Japanese buddhists of the reality in Sri Lanka, using some media. I've worked as a

journalist for a long time, so that I believe that I can carry out this promise, contributing to make international pressure denouncing Sri Lanaka government.

Our history shows that the oppressed is the one who get victory after all.

in solidarity,
J. MARUYAMA
 MARUYAMA Teruo
 Buddhist monk, Nichiren-shu
 Japan

Buddhist Nazist in Sri Lanka karate bikku

Q: Who is this Alle Gunawanse ?

A: A Young buddhist Monk aged 35, who is a very good orator; A black belt holder in martial Arts, trainad in Japan. Now the advisor on Buddhist Culture in Mahawali Development Ministry. He entered into politics during the ruling period of Sri Lanka Freedom Party as a notorious Communalist. He enjoyed the fullest support of S.L.F.P. He Nursed his worst communal issues through the publication named "MATHRU BOOMI" (Mother Land) to the students. He organized some "Secret Gangs" with Higher school Students. Suitable students were selected and were sent to Japan to learn Martial Arts. Those after obtaining the training from Japan returned and organized Karate Dojos in various parts of the Island. This was a plan to gather sinhalese students and youths to enroll into their organization.

Even now he is engaged in collecting funds from the Sinhalese people. He has direct connect on with many sinhalese capitalists. He controls and have support from the Junior caders of the

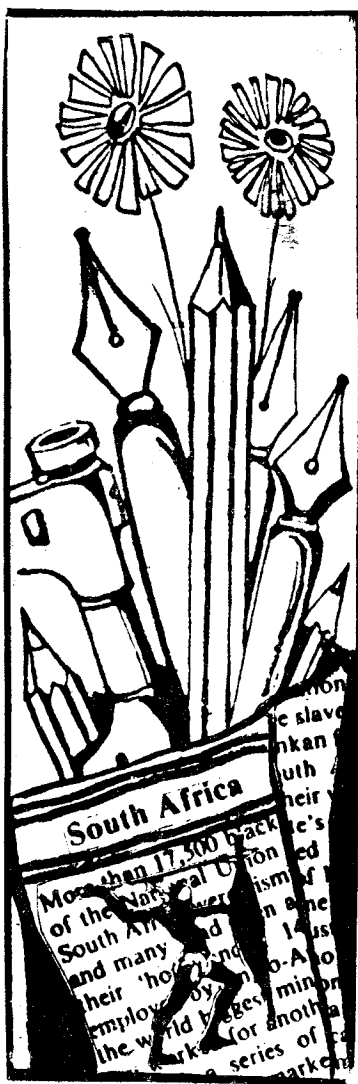


Sri Lankan Army. He was very much appreciated by the senior Buddhist Monks. Different political parties like UNP, SLFP though they act as enemies in the political field. He has close connection with those who were well known for their communal issues. Alle Gunawansa was a notorious figure during the 1983 riots and organized the barbaric brutality against the Tamil. He encouraged the killing of Tamils during the riots. When J.R. JEWELRY lost the control of the situation during the riots, the Minister Gamini Dissanayake made an appeal to Alle Gunawansa to help the Government to stop this in human activities. But Alle made a request to the Minister saying, "because of the Tamil people's wrong activities. it is for the just cause of the Sinhalese that they rose against the Tamils, and the government must not take any action against the forces who participated directly in the communal violence. J.R. accepted the request. Alle was able to get the support of the Buddhist monks in Japan in the name of

Buddhism; he collected finance and sent the members of the 'Secret Gangs' for Martial Arts Training in Japan.

Even he had close connections with the two Ministers, Gamini Dissanayake and Cyril Mathew whom he blamed that they are only acting to build up their own interest and base in the political field. But Gamini Irriyagolle was appreciated by him for participating in the field to build a Sinhalese Buddhist Nation by discriminating and murdering the Tamils.

Alle Gunawansa got caught at Male (Capital of MALDIVES) with an Airhostess from Air Lanka in a hotel. This news resulted in most of his students members of the "Secret Gangs" to break away. Sri Lankan government and the press tried to black out the incident about Alle Gunawansa. But the Island and Attha flashed the incident without naming the person. (This interview was conducted by one of the Liberation Organization in Eelam with a progressive Sinhala Comrade Gamini Salvador.)



An Untitled Poem..... To Those Who Remain.....

Benjamin Moloise, a Black South African poet aged 29 has been counted in to the racist South African Occupiers account on October 18th. The brutality in the form of hanging will not prone the peoples upsurge against the repression.

Mamike Maloise, mother of the dead poet had visited her son the day before the execution, conveyed his message of hope to the 24 million black suppressed by apartheid. "tomorrow I will shed my blood for those who remain. The struggle must go on. No one should be afraid".

According to Helen Suzman, who visited him he seemed 'extremely cheerful and to have accepted his fate with great strength'. He showed no bitterness, she said, and when she left said: "Tell the world we shall overcome. Tomorrow I will spill my blood for those who are left behind".....

Benjamin Moloise's lawyers release an untitled poem he had written while on Death Row:

All the armies that ever marched
All the parliaments that ever sat have not
Affected the life of man on earth as that one
Solitary life
I am proud to be what I am
The storm of oppression will be followed
by the rain of my blood
I am proud to give my life, my one solitary life.

We strongly manifest our protest and condemn the activities of the Fascist Botha's regime. We salute the poet who gave his life unselfishly to the nation.

SUPPORT THE EELAM STRUGGLE

Students protest against treatment of Tamils

PLEASE find attached the letter we have sent to President J.R. Jayewardene of Sri Lanka protesting the mass killing of the Tamil people.

This letter was signed during the "Forum on the Life and Aspirations of the Tamil People" held on August 25, 1985 here in Hongkong.

The Forum was organised by the Asian Students Association in cooperation with the HK Federation of Students International Affairs Committee.

We shall be very grateful if you can publish said letter in "People are Saying". It is our earnest desire to inform the good readers of HK Standard about what is happening in Sri Lanka, specially the situation of the Tamil people.

Dear Mr Jayewardene:

We, who have attended this forum today here in Hongkong, join the international protest against the mass killing of the Tamil people in Sri Lanka.

From the video film and photos we have seen, a clear truth was unfolded: that Sri Lanka is not a paradise but a hell for the Tamils who seek social justice and independence.

A speaker from the General Union of Youth and Students (GUYS) of Eelam and a Tamil professor visiting Hongkong gave an extensive explanation on this grim reality in your country. We were so shocked and angry to know the atrocities being committed by your security forces against the Tamils. No

one is spared.

Thousands were killed during military operations. Thousands were arrested, thrown into prison, forcibly interrogated and tortured. Houses were burned forcing people to leave their villages and to become refugees in their own land.

We have never been to your country, but the stories we heard are enough to challenge us. This Forum has

challenged us to be involved and rise up in defence of the Tamil people. What they aspire is just and fully deserving our warm support and solidarity, for we are people who recognise the value of human life and dignity? We declare our support to the continuing struggle of the Tamil people to self-determination.

We call on your government to end military opera-



tions in Tamil areas and cease from occupying the land of the Tamil people. We demand the repeal of the Prevention of Terrorism Act of 1979, Emergency Regulation 15A and all other laws that violate the democratic rights of the Tamil people. We appeal for the immediate release of all political prisoners without conditions. We ask your government to respect human rights and end further violation of the rights of Tamils in Sri Lanka.

Finally, we call on all justice and peace-loving people of the world to pool their strength in defence of the Tamil people. We also call on all enlightened Sinhalese to extend or gather support for the Tamils. We shall be very happy to learn in the near future that solidarity for the Tamil people's struggle is strong not only in Tamil areas and outside Sri Lanka, but within the Sinhalese communities as well.

Let us all stand up and fight for our rights.

Manny C. Calongzo
Secretary General, Asian Students Association (ASA)



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How long?

Forum on the
Life and Aspirations
of the

TAMIL PEOPLE

25 August 1985
(Sunday)
6:00 pm.

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Hear John Pallai Joseph, organizer of the General Union of Youth and Students (GUYS) of Eelam speak about the Tamils in Sri Lanka and their continuing struggle for survival and independence. A video film shall be shown before the discussion.

This Forum is organized by the Asian Students Association (ASA) in cooperation with the International Affairs Committee of the Hong Kong Federation of Students (HKFS).

When you hear the cry of the Tamil people and see their fight injustice, what shall you do?

Shall we count on your warm response and solidarity?

Manuel M. C. Calongzo
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Please come with your friends.

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