

EDITORIAL

Nine under graduates in Sri Lanka were in hunger strike in front of the Jaffna university demanding the government to change them from universities of south to university of north. Their struggle inspired the masses in politics and showed that the ruling U.N.P government can solve none of the demands of Tamils.

Those who had not learned from Irish militant BOBBY SANDS had learned from their own bitter experience that these struggles can not weaken the government by an inch. Those students who had been suppressed by the capitalist curriculum without bitterly experiencing from spontaneous struggles will not identify the need for conscious struggle.

At a time when their struggle was to be reshaped by confronting U.N.P, the Liberation Tigers by force took the hunger strikers away and conversely eased the counter actions of UNP. Those who wanted to protect the deaths of these 9 undergraduates and broke their struggle completely forget the lives lost to their own provocations.

At a time when Jeyawardena and his imperialist masters are facing ailing economical situations throughout the globe, we, the THAMIL EELAM LIAISON COMMITTEE reminds the need for conscious struggle and political agitation to capture the power.

The secretary of TAMIL EELAM LIBERATION ORGANISATION (TELO) Sri Sabaratnam visited Europe from the 15 th of January until the 26 th. While in Germany he spoke to THAMIL MURASU editor Umakanthan and ENNAM editor Mahadeva. Excerpts:•

Editor "THAMIL MURASU":

What difficulties you did have face after the arrests of leaders THANGATHURAI and KUTTIMANY. How did you overcome them?

Secretary TELO:

The arrests were a big shock. They had trained us in such a way to continue our efforts in case something happens to them. Above all we thought the arrests were temporary. Our leaders instructed us on and off from the prison itself. So we were able to overcome problems. As soon as our leaders were arrested some elements tried to liquidate our organisation. As our organisation was trained to face tide and waves and all sort of episode we overcame them.

Editor "ENNAM":

How come possible the arrests of leaders THANGATHURAI & KUTTIMANY who had military consciousness and experience of taking forward the Tamil Eelam liberation struggle for 10 years.

Secretary TELO:

The arrests were tipped by a spy. We are struggling now to explore the political background of this

spy. It was impossible to arrest our leaders who had experience of building the organisation for more than 10 years despite the net work of spy system. There are incidents where the police returned back without making efforts to arrest our leaders despite the directives of high ranking officials. As they were always with the people and the faith and regards they had from the people defended them. It would be impossible to realise THAMIL EELAM with letting the spy within the masses.

THAMIL MURASU:

Is it possible to realise "THAMIL EELAM" by means of Individual Terrorism?

TELO:

No. It is impossible to achieve THAMIL EELAM by adventurist methods of some youths and without the participation of all Tamil masses. We did the same at a certain past. Those days the police did not murder innocent people. Conversely they searched us. The repercussion of the government due to our individual terrorist acts brought conditions and forced us to prepare for a mass struggle.

ENNAM:

Does TELO believe that physical destruction of people having contradictory political ideas can solve the problems ?

TELO:

No. It is natural when building up an organisation

there emerges differences of opinion and formation of sectarian groups and vanishes in the process. By common effort and by continuous discussion with the guarantee for freedom of opinion we can make them homogeneous in political ideas. Ideological differences is the reflection of the development of an organisation. It is political poverty to physically destroy a co-member who had come into the organisation when the whole society was apathy and who had co-operated in the past in building the organisation and who has stated difference opinions due to the pressure of political crisis.

THAMIL MURASU:

What is your position regarding REGIONAL COUNCILS?

TELO:

We totally reject REGIONAL COUNCILS. We do not accept any substitutes for THAMIL EELAM. If we accept Regional Council that would be a great betrayal to our late leaders, the comrades who were murdered in the liberation struggle and to the thousands of Tamil refugees. Regional Council will solve none of the Tamil problems. The Tamils know how far the development proposals of every government and solutions for every crisis in the past had eased the hardships of Tamils. Conversely the standard of living of Tamils were cut and the insecurity of Tamils grew. The last racial holocaust in which 2000 Tamils were brutally murdered

showed the intention of government that they can brutalise Tamils in which way they like and nobody would raise a question to interrupt them. Tamils should build up an institution capable to face this oppression. Completion of this institution can only take place in liberated THAMIL EELAM. Only through this institution it would be possible to implement the plans to build up factories to guarantee the livelihood and salvation. The psychology of Tamils living in the liberated THAMIL EELAM can only co-operate for whatever development programme.

ENNAM:

Whom do you think as the allies of Tamils?

TELO:

We recognise as our allies those forces who are fighting against the UNP government and have recognised THAMIL EELAM not in words but in daily political practice and the proletariat parties and trade unions which are fighting against the UNP's imperialist masters and those national liberation movements which are fighting against colonialism and neo-colonialism.

THAMIL MURASU:

To what extent your military preparations have developed so far ?

TELO:

There existed a concept that Tamils cannot produce an army before THANGATHURAI & KUTTIMANY entering the political scene. On those days Tamils were not

militant and were passive. The continuous defeats of those days generalised that. As our leaders came at that time to the political scene and have been in the midst of political fights like Satyagraha which were defeated by government oppression were forced to form an army. In the midst of continuous defeats the initiative and perseverance of our leaders formed as THAMIL EELAM LIBERATION ORGANISATION (TELO). On those days we were surrounded by practical obstacles. Especially when we were surrounded by practical obstacles to obtain military commanders and military utensils the danger of eradication confronted the Tamil nation which opened the way to overcome these obstacles and TELO started to root in the masses. In those days the society was divided as a group accepting enslavement and completely ignoring enslavement and the other as a group of militants who did not accept iota of enslavement. Our leaders selected some youths from this militant group and put the ideological base why to take arms. This formed the nucleus of the military unit of Tamils. In the midst of the continuous political crisis this nucleus took the shape of military organisation. Today TELO consists of trainees capable of all sort of military operations and the political organisation is being extended parallelly to its military organisation.

ENNAM:

What is your relations with Mr.Chandrasahsan ?

TELO:

Chandrasahsan is not a member of TELO.He belongs to an other political organisation.He helped TELO in some ways in the past.

THMIL MURASU:

Will THAMIL EELAM struggle be controled by the formation of military base in Trincomalee harbour?

TELO:

It is a danger not only for THAMIL EELAM stuggle but also for the whole Indian subcontinent.The sudden visit of Caspar Weinberger to Sri Lanka, the visit of American battleship to Colombo harbour, the inspection of Pakistani soldiers at Trincomalee and the leasing of oil tanks which were used by British imperialism in world war days to American imperialism could be judged by conscious politicians as a prelude of imperialist conspiracy. As the industrial development of India creates market crisis for imperialism and lead them to economical collapse, the conspiracy of re-colonising India is also involved in this.

ENNAM:

What does TELO expect from Tamils living in Europe?

TELO:

Most of the intellectual Tamils live in Europe. These Tamils only can fulfill the subjective needs for THAMIL EELAM struggle.Those who live in Europe

can only enhance the cognitive power of Tamil nation to understand objective conditions.To feed Tamils the conspiracy of finance capital along with their military and political conspiracies, to inform the sufferings of Tamils along with the Palestinian and ElSalvador struggles to the international community, to discuss with and to intervene politically in the international community to develop spiritual bond for Tamil masses with the international community the role of Tamils living in Europe is vital.The role of Tamils living in Europe is particularly important , to take up responsibility to prevent the Tamil community getting isolated by UNP's slanders and by imperialist conspiracies and to take up the unpostponable task to dissolve the THAMIL EELAM struggle in international community by protecting & strengthening the struggle.If TELO does not have politically conscious allies in Europe it would be impossible to build up a mass organisation to liberate THAMIL EELAM. Without the financial and material assistance of these allies THAMIL EELAM will not be materialised.

THAMIL MURASU:

What is your opinion about THAMIL EELAM LIBERATION COUNCIL(FRANCE) & THAMIL MURASU ?

TELO:

We have grasped most of the THAMIL EELAM LIBERATION COUNCIL's activities through THAMIL MURASU. THAMIL MURASU is one of the best political propa-

ganda literatures in the recent past. The news and statements of THAMIL MURASU raise the liberation banner and pulls out the masses from political apathy. Although the contribution of the publishers' & participants' is purposely ignored it should be recognised in history. Only through developing the consciousness and seriousness of THAMIL MURASU it would be possible to strengthen THAMIL EELAM struggle. TELO and Tamil community would be always grateful to you for protecting TELO getting isolated from Tamil community and from UNP's slanders. TELO's revolutionary greetings for THAMIL EELAM LIBERATION COUNCIL (FRANCE).

ENNAM:

What is your opinion about THAMIL EELAM INTERNATIONAL LIAISON COMMITTEE & ENNAM ?

TELO:

THAMIL EELAM INTERNATIONAL LIAISON COMMITTEE is one of the important factors that introduced the Tamil community about the necessity of concrete international relations for THAMIL EELAM liberation struggle. ENNAM magazine is an important means by which TELO got introduced to Tamil community. The economic analysis and political assessments of ENNAM help the Tamils to understand the oppression of the government and the activities of the liberation organisations. Let Tamil masses develop ENNAM. TELO's revolutionary greetings for THAMIL EELAM INTERNATIONAL LIAISON COMMITTEE.

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Leaders

The govt. propaganda includes statements in the Sansoni Commission Report which are published out of context. The govt. does not publish the evidences of murders and brutal rapes of Tamils by Sinhalese men contained in the same report.

Sri Lanka News Review Vol.1 No.5 entitled "Sri Lanka-Beyond Conflict" states: "Prof. J. Wilson of the University of New Brunswick in Canada, is married to Susili Chelvanayagam, whose late father is the most renowned and respected Tamil leader of post-colonial Sri Lanka. Prof. Wilson was on holiday in Colombo throughout the recent violence. He was a first hand observer of what happened, but has not lost faith in the process of conciliation. Interviewed by the Globe and Mail on August 3, he said he was

unwilling to speak on the record, because his credibility as a mediator could be endangered by public statements."

Prof. Wilson will lose his deposit if he contests an election in Eelam. He does not even have the support of Tamils in Canada. If his father-in-law were alive today he will only denounce Prof. Wilson as a traitor for allowing the name of his family to be used by the Sinhala regime in such false propaganda booklets.

Prof. Wilson is ably joined by Neelan Tiruchelvam as agents of J.R. Jayawardene. Unfortunately these men are encouraged in this disservice by Tamil politicians. If this is the kind of service the Tamils are going to get, we can be assured of a sell out.

Neelan Tiruchelvam was linked to the C.I.A. by Srimavo and the American funded Asia Foundation was closed down by her. But J.R. reopened the Asia Foundation activities in Colombo. When J.R. picked three people to represent Sri Lanka to sign a U.N. Declaration on Human Rights, Neelan Tiruchelvam was one of them. He went to Geneva, signed the document and praised J.R. for being just and fair to the minorities and for respecting human rights. Neelan was also supposed to be looking after the TULF interests in the District Council affairs. What a farce?

Prof. Wilson wrote a glowing tribute to J.R.'s constitution in the Sri Lanka press referring to it as most progressive in terms of human rights. Having now seen the constitution at work during the July massacres when he was in Sri Lanka to buy more time for J.R., Prof. Wilson deserves to eat a copy of his own newspaper article.

For their part, the TULF must stop playing into Jayawardene's hand by letting people like A.J. Wilson or Neelan Tiruchelvam act as spies for the Sinhalese masters while pretending to be the saviours of the Tamils. None of these two men were elected by the people. The Federal Party used a similar face saving device in putting up Neelan Tiruchelvam's father to the Dudley Senanayake's cabinet. Why did they not put one of the elected M.P.'s instead of playing political gamesmanship? It is sad that this sort of thing continued even afterwards.

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