

JAYEWARDENE - GANDHI ACCORD

A CONSPIRACY TO DISRUPT AND DESTROY

TAMIL LIBERATION STRUGGLE !!

The Jayewardene-Gandhi Accord, purporting to inaugurate a settlement of the Tamil National problem, is the outcome of a conspiracy between the Jayewardene regime and the Rajiv Gandhi to disrupt the struggle of the Tamil people for their liberation from the Sinhala bourgeois oppression they have suffered for several decades now. In conspiracy with Jayewardene, Rajiv Gandhi has transported 3000 Indian troops to force the Tamil militants to end the armed struggle, and to force them to surrender their arms to the Jayewardene regime.

This Jayewardene-Gandhi Accord is without the consent of the Tamils engaged in the Liberation Struggle. For Jayewardene, this accord with Gandhi is helping him to disarm and defeat the Tamil Liberation Struggle that has been heroically waged by the Tamil militants with the sacrifice of the lives of thousands of their best fighters, and the killing of thousands of innocent Tamils by the Sinhala armed forces.

For Gandhi, the accord has given India the image of a hegemonic role in the South Asian Region, and has elevated the standing of the Gandhi regime in relation to U.S. imperialism. And, incidentally, Gandhi has got rid of the problem of the 100,000 Sri Lankan Tamil refugees presently in South India regardless of their future fate in Sri Lanka.

Jayewardene's offer of so-called regional autonomy through a Provincial Council to the Tamils of the North and East is a fraud. Although the Jayewardene-Gandhi accord has been signed, and the militants are being forced to give up their arms, there is not even a draft document of the Provincial Council that will show the devolution of power. Tamils will not get any measure of autonomy for their region that could be called real. The anti-Tamil and discriminatory policies of Jayewardene has never changed. Jayewardene and his Cabinet of Ministers, his UNP Parliamentary group and his party remain as anti-Tamil and Sinhala chauvinist as ever before.

The most objectionable and dangerous aspect of the Accord is the provision for the stationing of Indian troops in Sri Lanka. These Indian troops are stationed in the North not for the protection of the Tamils but for the disruption of the Tamil Liberation Struggle and to prop up the hated Jayewardene regime. This means that the Indian troops are in Sri Lanka to protect Jayewardene and his regime, when the workers and toilers throughout the country, sooner or later, launch struggle to overthrow it.

What is more, this Gandhi-Jayewardene alliance to keep the Indian armed forces in Sri Lanka as a "Peace-keeping Force" has opened the door for U.S. imperialism to send its armed forces to help militarily the Jayewardene regime, or any other bourgeois regime in the coming anti-capitalist revolutionary struggles.



Recent events have shown that the Sinhala bourgeois and petty-bourgeois opposition forces that have embarked on a struggle against the Government, is virulently anti-Tamil in character. These forces are using the genuine class hatred of the working class and toilers among the Sinhala people, against the oppressive Jayewardene regime to strengthen their Sinhala chauvinist forces.

Anti-Tamil Sinhala chauvinism is no answer to the oppressive Jayewardene regime. The Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP), Mahajana Eksath Peramuna (MEP), anti-Tamil Buddhist monks and the opportunist, conservative, chauvinist Janata Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP) cannot provide an alternative to the capitalist Jayewardene regime. The only alternative is an anti-capitalist Workers and Peasants Government.

Sections of the Tamil masses in the Northern and Eastern provinces could well be happy that the Sinhala armed forces have moved out of some of the Army Camps in the North. In any event, such a moving out can only be temporary. On the other hand, the Indian troops are not at all the friends of the Tamils in the North. They are in the North to help Jayewardene and to prop up his Government.

Rajiv Gandhi is not only helping Jayewardene to break up the Tamil Liberation Struggle, but is even now, helping him to suppress the workers and toilers in the South by giving Jayewardene a chance of transferring Sri Lankan troops to the South by stationing of Indian troops in the North. It is clear, in terms of this Accord that if the masses in the South and other parts of the country revolt against the oppressive Jayewardene capitalist rule, and if the Sri Lankan armed forces cannot suppress the masses, the door is open for the Indian troops to intervene to break up such a revolt.

- \* Down with the Gandhi-Jayewardene Accord !
- \* No Disarming of Tamil Militants by Indian Troops !
- \* Tamil Militants Do Not Give Up Your Arms !
- \* Tamil Militants Resist the Indian Troops with All Your Might !
- \* Indian Troops Out of Sri Lanka !
- \* Sinhala Workers and Toilers, the Struggle We Need is the Anti-Capitalist Struggle under the Leadership of the Working Class to throw out the Fascistic U N P Regime !

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