

TO THOSE WHO ARE CONCERNED WITH.....

***One of the resolutions adopted at the first historic conference on Eelam held in August 1978 was to seek ways and means to exert pressure on the Authorities in Sri Lanka through the International community on the seriousness of the Tamil problem.

***Towards this end, the activity of the Academy in organising a dinner following the cyclone in Ceylon with the view to seek foreign assistance in the economic salvation of the Tamil speaking people have caused such an alarm in the government circle. The attached photostat bears an ample testimony.

***Needless to state here about the decision by those sympathetic to the genuine problems facing the Tamil speaking people of Ceylon, volunteering to organise an appeal committee towards helping the people of Eastern province. It is with pride we announce that the first project, the Appeal Committee have lent its support, is to provide shelter for those homeless people. In that context, the Committee plan to train about 250 youth in the process of manufacturing roofing material at the Eastern Research Technical Institute in Batticalloe. Mr. John Cortman together with Mr. W. Thomas of up-country and Mr. R. A. Prakasam of north will be responsible for the project.

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