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TELO TIMES — Its Aims

The people of Tamil Eelam particularly the youths are engaged in an armed struggle which has developed into a battle between the Sri Lankan fascist State and the oppressed Tamil speaking people. An array of strange bed-fellows like the Democratic United State, the Fascist Zionists, the erstwhile colonial Power, Britain, the new ally of the US — China, the religious fanatic State of Pakistan, and the spokesman for the most hated apartheid South Africa are the Imperialistic powers which prod the tottering racial chauvinist Sri Lankan State. Sri Lanka in a false sense of importance dare to challenge a great neighbour, India, which wants Sinhala-Tamil conflict solved politically. A pigmy is staring at a giant indeed!

The Liberation fighters of Tamil Eelam of course armed with moral and justice on their side, had to face the State Terrorism, which is superior to them in men and material. But the youths believe that since justice and sympathy of those who fight for Equality and Liberty is on their side, they will eventually win this war against the modern Hitler, JR Jeyawardene and his Imperialistic masters. This is because the youths derived their strength from the oppressed people of Tamil Eelam and Truth and Justice are on their side.

It is imperative on the part of the Tamil Eelam Liberation fighters to win the support of countries and movements in the international arena like India, Russia and other socialist and Non-Aligned countries and liberation movements of other countries and all other progressive forces.

'TELO TIMES' comes to the scene at this juncture of Tamil Eelam Liberation struggle, with a view to woo and win the friendly anti-Imperialistic socialist forces whether in the West or East, in order to strengthen the hands of the Liberation fighters and to secure the lost Sovereignty of Tamils through the Liberation of the traditional homeland called Tamil Eelam.

TELO CALLS FOR CO-ORDINATED MILITARY ACTION

"ACTION NOW. NO TIME FOR POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS. DAILY OUR PEOPLE ARE FALLING VICTIMS TO SRI LANKAN STATE TERRORISM. TO PREVENT THE TOTAL ANNIHILATION OF THE PEOPLE OF THAMIL EELAM CO-ORDINATED MILITARY ACTION BY ALL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IS IMPERATIVE AND VERY ESSENTIAL" DECLARED SRI SABARATNAM, LEADER OF TELO IN AN INTERVIEW TO A JOURNAL.

Brutal killings of innocent Tamil speaking people, raping of Tamil women, torturing of Tamil youths by the Armed Forces of the Sri Lankan fascist State, is a daily occurrence in Tamil Eelam. Corpses are floating on the river of blood in the streets of Tamil Eelam. Tamil girls are being brutally raped by Sinhala chauvinists shouting "You would bring forth not Tamil Tigers but Sinhala Lions!" Innocent Tamil youths are arrested in the name of Terrorism, brought to various Army Camps which resemble the Concentration Camps of the Israel Zionists and subjected to inhuman and gruesome torture with the advice of **MOSSAD** the Master Torturers and lankeys of US Imperialism. The helpless Tamils of Eelam unable to bear the brutality of the Sinhala brutes are fleeing the country daily to neighbouring Tamil Nadu in India as refugees. But the Security Zone prevents these helpless people fleeing the land of birth. They are trapped and fall victims to the most indisciplined Army in the World — the Sri Lankan fascist Security Forces. Tamil fishermen are banned from their profession of fishing and they are experiencing starvation.

The modern Hitler, J.R. Jeyawardene, terminating the year long All-Party Round Table Conference, launched the most murderous military action witnessed in recent times. The Sri Lankan fascist State led by the chauvinistic cunning Sinhala Buddhist leader JR is aided and abetted in the genocide of Tamils by the International Imperialistic Terrorists as **CIA**, **MOSSAD**, **SAS** and the South African architects of apartheid. By settling two lakhs of armed Sinhala thugs and convicts

in the traditional Tamil lands, JR feels that he could solve the ethnic problem. In this he follows the footsteps of Malaysia which solved the Chinese problem that way. Says fascist JR: "Britain wants **IRA** to give up terrorism to find a solution to Irish problem. Similarly, I want the Tamil militants to give up Tamil Eelam demand to find a solution to this problem". A wishful thinking indeed!

The Indo-Sri Lanka relationship is seriously affected as a result of the Sri Lankan Navy interfering in the fishing rights of the Tamil Nadu fishermen. The killing and torturing of Tamil Nadu fishermen and looting of nets and catches in Indian waters has led to deterioration in Indo-Sri Lanka relationship, which eventually lead India to arrest the Sri Lanka Naval gun-boat. These aggressive attitude of Sri Lankan Navy prompted the fishermen of Rameswaram to take up an aggressive posture and demand the Central Government through Tamil Nadu State Government to stop these atrocities. They are even preparing a boat march to Katchativu to ascertain their traditional fishing rights in the Palk Strait.

Ironically, in Tamil Nadu some militant movements indulging in, intercene "warfare". Instead of aiming their guns at the Sinhala chauvinists, they are training their guns on their brother Eelam fighters. Poster warfare, press releases, levelling wild accusations against each other, indulging in atrocities against each other are their pastime nowadays. Instead of fighting the Sinhala State fascism, they

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TELO INTRODUCES NEW ELEMENT TO THAMIL EELAM STRUGGLE

20th November 1984 and 19th January 1985 will be remembered by **TELO** with a sense of pride and achievement. **TELO** introduced a new element in the confrontation with the Sri Lankan Sinhala Security Forces, which no other militant group earlier adopted in combating State Terrorism. To eliminate Tamil Eelam oppressors, **TELO** engineered a new tactic by engaging the Armed Forces in one place and attacked them in another place. **TELO**, during these massive attacks, consider every minute detail of the situation that may arise due to the attack. It tries to minimise the reprisals by State Terrorists and concerns very much about the safety of the people. This incident provoked "The Guardian" London to write: "This new professionalism must worry the security authorities", "Taken together these two incidents..., and the raid on the Police Station — could shatter the morale of the Armed Forces and lead to a political destabilisation with which Jaywardene government could not cope".



The Yal Devi train blown up by **TELO** Army between Murigandy and Mankulam.

53 Israeli trained police commandos who woke up from their slumber on the dawn of 20th November 1984 little realised that they would never see the dusk that day. They were destined to die in the disaster that was brought about by the massive **TELO** attack on the Chavakachcheri police station. The police station was attacked by **TELO** in order to call the Sri Lankan Troops out of their Camps to engage them in combat.

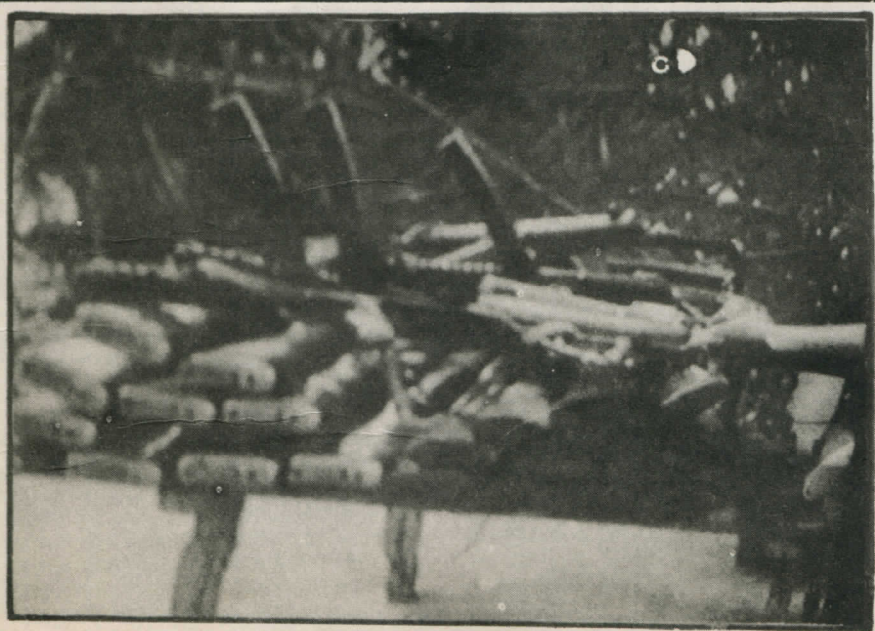
TELO expected a reinforcement arriving to the aid of the Chavakachcheri Police Station, and lay in ambush at Kaithady. They laid land mines and as expected, a reinforcement was rushed in from

Elephant Pass Army Camp. They fell into the **TELO** trap. Many dies in the mine blast and those who survived were mowed down by the **TELO** army. The death toll rose to 68 at the Kaithadi attack. Three armoured cars were also fully destroyed. Army was ordered to be confined to barracks and the usual backlash was avoided. **TELO** army captured a haul of modern weapons in these assaults.

The Colombo bound Yal Devi carrying the Sri Lanka State precious 'cargo' was never destined to reach its destination, because of the **TELO** assault on 19th January 1985. This incident took place at 8.30 p.m. between Murigandy and

Mankulam about 70 Km from the northern Capital, Jaffna. 298 soldiers were killed in the attack — the biggest single loss suffered by the government forces in their war against Tamil Liberation fighters.

A land mine was laid to prevent reinforcements reaching the place of the train disaster. **TELO** by these massive assaults turn the pattern of ambushes and skirmishes, the usual guerrilla tactics to massive assaults which will take the confrontation between the Armed Forces and the militant liberation fighters to a people's armed struggle.



Modern weapons captured by **TELO** Army in both Chavakchcheri and Kaithady assaults.

AMERICA

— A PAPER TIGER

The American Imperialism, which parades the earth, as if it is a giant, is nothing but a paper-tiger! She is now fighting a life and death struggle. In this world, who really fears whom? Nations like Vietnam, Laos, Palestine, or Arabs are not afraid of American Imperialism — or any other people for that matter. In reality, it is American Imperialism which is afraid of others. American Imperialism, even shudders at the sound of flutter of leaves. It is a fundamental truth, that a reasonable ideal musters full support and an unreasonable ideal receives little support. A weak country could defeat if it is determined, a small country could Vanquish a big country. It is a historical fact, that if a small and weak country, determines to take up arms and their destiny in their hands it could defeat the oppression of a big power.

— Anti — Imperialist.



ORGANISATION OF TAMIL STUDENTS (OTS)

At this critical juncture of the Tamil Eelam struggle, our students who on the one hand are grappling with their books and on the other hand are being ruined by the impact of certain alien cultures have become incapable of standing up of their rights. Students who would become the leaders of tomorrow are the persons who should voice their strong disapproval of the oppression of any people. However, due to the divisive forces amongst them and due to the apathetic tendency found in the middle class, our students appear to be avoiding problems that they must face squarely. It is this situation that compelled us to establish the organisation of Tamil students to educate them politically and to mould them into a belligerent force that would face problems with courage and confidence.

Today the Tamils in Ceylon face annihilation at the hands of the army of the Sri Lankan Government. Our people are being brutally murdered. The army of occupation deliberately hampers us, particularly the fisherfolk from carrying on their livelihood.

The murderous rapist government of Sri Lanka which puts on the 'Dharmista' cloak and preaches from the "Dhammapada" had planned to celebrate the 37th Anniversary of Ceylon's independence in a colourful way. To give an impression to the international community that the Tamils also took part in the celebrations the brutes from the Sri Lankan army went about facing our people to hoist the lion flag on their roof tops. To protest against their infringement on the fundamental rights of our people, the organisation of Tamil students organised a protest march on 1st February 1985 of students from all the colleges. This first organised protest of the OTS was a great success.

The organisation which has now entered the path to struggle has planned to publish a Tamil monthly journal named 'Theechchudar', which means 'Flame'. This journal would lay emphasis on unity among all liberation movements by pointing out the inconsistencies among the movements as well as by making requests to abandon individualism.



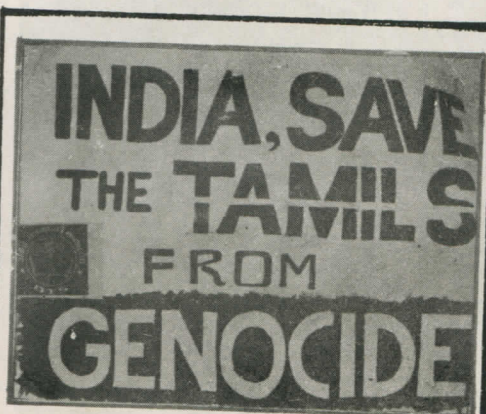
The protest march organized by OTS in Madras on 1st February.

In April 1984, the **EROS**, **EPRLF** and the **TELO** formed a united front. It is now called the Eelam National Liberation front (**ENLF**). Today, negotiations are in progress for the other major groups to join the **ENLF**. The OTS believe that with the co-ordinate plans formulated by the **ENLF**, it will be only a matter of time for the armed forces of the Sri Lanka government to retreat from our territory. It will not take long for the Sri Lankan State Machinery in our territory to collapse. The organisation of Tamil Students will put its heart and soul to make the co-ordination produce meaningful results. Further more, its monthly magazine would strive to enlist international support for the Eelam Cause.

At this moment, the OTS request the people of Tamilnadu, their political parties and then leaders to give their united support to Tamil Eelam struggle. The OTS request them to intervene and iron out the differences among the liberation movements, and thereby strengthen the struggle. It request the Indian people and the Indian Government to bring up the plight of our nation which is subjected to genocide at all democratic and human rights forums.

The Sri Lankan Government, with the aim of covering up its economic ills and consolidating its power is subjecting the Sinhalese masses anti-Tamil racialist propogandas. It is hoping to take on not only the Tamil nation of Eelam, but India and even the Indian ocean region because it is supplied with sophisticated arms by the imperialist British and American governments and by Israel, the shop-keeper of State-terrorism.

The OTS will continue its struggle in support of the Tamil Eelam struggle.



One of the slogans carried by the students during the protest march

"FINAL VICTORY IS OURS"

This Brochure is just released by the propoganda unit of TELO. It contains the summary of the historical background of our movement and conveys in full the historically famous speech delivered by THANGATHURAI, Father of the Nation Tamil Eelam in the Sri Lankan fascist Court on 24th February, 1983.

TELO CONDEMNS VEHIMENTLY THE ANTI- PEOPLE MOVES

Thamil Eelam appears to be a Crematorium today. The people of Thamil Eelam are forced to grip the bloody hand of Sri Lankan fascist State. The atrocities committed by the Sri Lankan chauvinistic forces are not receding. The security of the lives of the Tamil – Speaking people of Eelam is at Stake.

The Thamil Eelam liberation fighters appear as a morning star for the people. Responsibility lies on the shoulders of these liberation fighters. They should be with the people. Then and then only they could win the just struggle. Some reactionary anti-social and anti-national gangs without realising the gravity of the situation, and unable to face the Sri Lankan Army. in the garb of liberation movements indulge in criminal activities like robbing the people of their property, temples, private vehicles and kidnap individuals and demand ransom. These gangs are only interested in selfish motives and not the liberation of Thamil Eelam.

These activities of these gangs, leave a wrong impression on the minds of the people and among others in the international arena. There is no difference between the behaviour of these gangs and that of the Sri Lankan mercenaries. It beholds on the part of the movements to bring all the Tamil speaking people of Eelam together, under one banner, and

prepare them for a people's armed struggle at this crucial hour, in their fight against oppression. Instead, some reactionary movements lay their hands on the property of their own brethren. For example kidnapping of three traders recently in Jaffna and demanding payment of ransom is a gross injustice committed against our own people. There is an increase in the incidents of robbery etc. and these acts are unjustifiable. Branding of individuals as exploiters of poor people, as hoarders of wealth and therefore anti-Eelamists is not going to solve the Thamil Eelam struggle, or win popular support for the liberation struggle. It is the bounden duty of the liberation movements to pool all resources, to strengthen the national liberation struggle for which the support of all classes of people, under a united front of liberation movements is essential. These movements failed to understand that by punishing one or two exploiters is not going to help the liberation struggle.

These acts of a few movements will only create a counter-productive situation and help to bring forth anti-revolutionaries in the Thamil Eelam National Liberation struggle. Therefore **TELO**, realizing the futility of these acts of few movements and gangs, vehemently oppose these reactionary activities. If this situation continues, **TELO** wont hesitate to fight this kind of atrocity particularly at this crucial period in Thamil Eelam Struggle.

FUNDS NEEDED FOR LIBERATION STRUGGLE

The chauvinistic Sri Lankan government supported by international terrorism is bent on suppressing the Thamil Eelam Liberation Struggle. It is dreaming that by racialism it could suppress the Struggle. But every drop of blood that is shed on the Thamil Eelam Soil strengthens the cause of Liberation Struggle.

The Thamil Eelam Liberation Organisation conscious of the crisis that engulfs the Tamil speaking people and aware of the external forces that change the Liberation Struggle into a People's Revolutionary Struggle, carried out massive operations against the oppressive Sri Lankan Security Forces and left the Sri Lankan State in a dazed mood. These operations of the **TELO** intensified the Thamil Eelam Struggle and left a deep mark on State Terrorism.

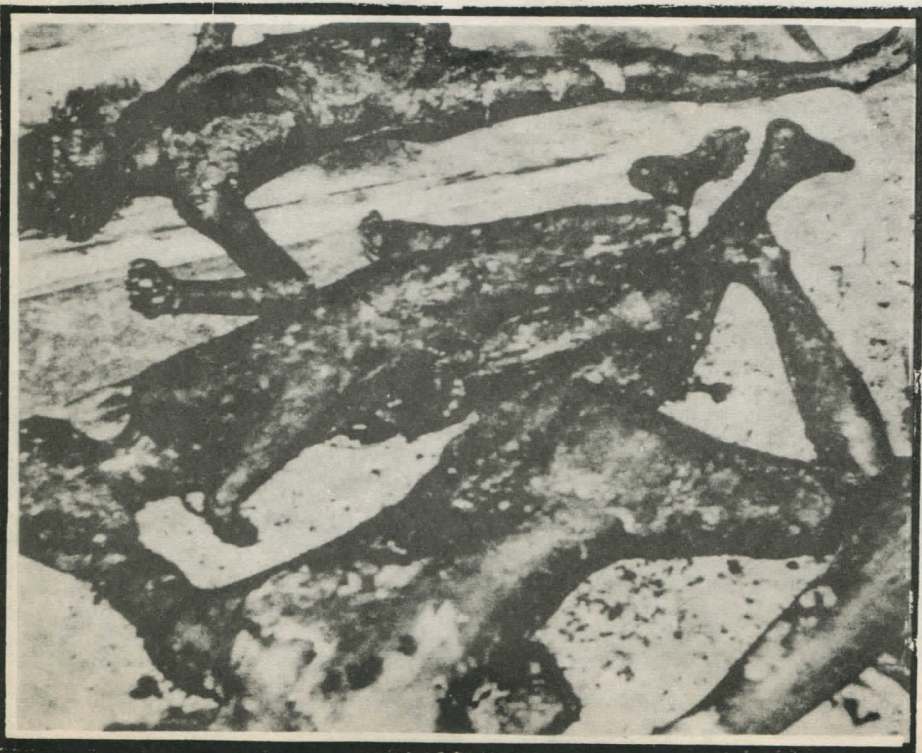
TELO was conscious of the safety of the people and therefore they changed the tactics from leaving the people at the mercy of the rampaging forces, saw to it that people's safety and security was well assured when it carried out massive operations. These attacks removed the earlier impression that if an operation takes place, the people have to face a backlash of Army rampage.

TELO realising the importance of external forces which are at play, enhanced its strength and is going to face the final struggle. For this urgent funds are required.

TELO therefore seeks generous contributions and support from everyone in order to relieve the people from State oppression and liberate the Tamil speaking people of Eelam. Please contribute your mite for the cause of Thamil Eelam Liberation Struggle.

Any contributions should be sent to the address appended below:

Buddhism burns in Lanka



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SRI LANKA'S CANARD

— TELO LEADER ARRESTED IN BELGIUM



A striking example of the sinister campaign by the imperialistic stooge, the Sri Lankan State, is the wild rumour let loose in the local and foreign media regarding the arrest and detention of **TELO** leader Sri Sabaratnam. Even they went to the extent of demanding the extradition of the leader to Sri Lanka.

To appease the demoralised and the worst behaved Army in the world, the Sri Lankan Sinhala mercenaries, the Sri Lankan State hatched in their wild imagination many canards. There is another sinister purpose in this kind of malicious propaganda, in that, to mislead the people of Tamil Eelam, and wean them away from their leader and the organisation for which they register much appreciation and admiration for their achievements against the Sri Lankan Sinhala mercenaries. Another reason we can adduce for this kind of attitude by the authorities is to make the Tamil speaking people to be left in the lurch, to be demoralised to bring them under the government's yoke and to compel them to surrender to the Imperialistic oppressors.

The **TELO** wish to warn the people of Tamil Eelam, to be beware of this sinister move, and not to fall a prey to the governmental malicious propaganda!

The Sri Lanka chauvinistic government turns no stone in their propaganda against the growing strength and popularity as well as support among the people of Tamil Eelam towards the Tamil Eelam Liberation Organisation which in recent times achieved success after success in their operation against oppressive Sri Lankan Forces in Tamil Eelam. The government strives to add falsehood after falsehood against the Tamil Eelam Liberation groups with a view to belittle them in their eyes of the freedom thirsty people of Tamil Eelam and those people all over the world who are interested in fighting for Justice, Equality and Freedom for oppressed and suppressed people of Tamil Eelam.

NEED OF THE MOMENT — MUST



The Tamil speaking people face many hazards and one of them is illness. Medical attention is essential. The Mossad-oriented Sri Lankan Armed Forces devise different methods to terrorise the Liberation fighters and their supporters by meting out punishments in their Torture Chambers, found in different Army Camps. The modern warfare methods are used by spreading germs which carries dreaded diseases and which spreads terror and death among the people. This is a way of trying to cow down people who challenge their oppressors.

In the Tamil Eelam Army Camps the victims of Sri Lankan mercenaries particularly youths who bear the Torch of Freedom, are subjected to worst cruel methods of injecting dreaded diseases into their systems. Through them diseases are spread to the rest of the population.

To fight this barbarous systems, to save the Tamil youths and the Tamil speaking people from this pre-meditated physical

and mental destruction, various groups who fight for their Liberation of Tamil Eelam join hands and started an organisation termed **MEDICAL UNIT FOR SERVICE OF TAMILS (MUST)**. 'MUST' is the result of meetings of minds of various movements and therefore it represent majority of the people of Tamil Eelam. Hence it is a duty of the Tamil speaking people, living within and outside Tamil Eelam, to support and sustain this organisation with their magnanimous contributions in cash and kind. It is our earnest request to everyone to contribute their mite and if they wish, please communicate to us to the address appended below:

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SINHALA STUDENT COMRADES!

STOP PROTESTS TAKE UP GUNS!

Capital City, Colombo, Sri Lanka, witnessed for the second time, students staging demonstrations against the controversial University Act introduced in Sri Lanka Parliament. About 600 students participated in a protest march. The students indulged in pelting stones which damaged a number of shops and buildings. Carrying placards and bearing slogans against the government the students indulged in violence. Following this incident 10 Buddhist monks and many students were taken into custody — News Item.

Sinhala student comrades! We wish to recall the words of **THANGATHURAI, Father of the Nation Tamil Eelam** at the Sri Lankan fascist court on 24th February 1983:

What we ask for is not division but freedom. Why we ask is not because of narrow thinking. What we hope to achieve is not only the emancipation of the Tamil people but also the greater good of the Sinhalese people themselves. Why? Because, thereafter, the so called Tamil problem will cease to be a livelihood for opportunist Sinhalese politicians. That will provide a chance for the Sinhalese people to free themselves from the political, social and economic shackles that bind them today and realise where their true salvery lies.... We will throw the full weight of our support behind you when you rise up in the future to free yourselves to shatter the social and economic fetters that shackle you now..

This Act is going to prevent poor students from going to higher studies. Rich students are going to enjoy all the concessions — Mrs. Srimao Bandaranayake shed crocodile tears. Remember 1971. How many corpses of the youths floated in the Kelani Ganga — we all know. Earlier we too indulged in demonstration and protest marches as you are doing now. All these are not going to bring you freedom. People should be prepared for armed struggle. The gun shots that are heard in Tamil Eelam against bureaucratic capitalism will also be heard in Sri Lanka. The people of Tamil Eelam will always extend their whole-hearted support to your just struggle.

VOA : VOICE OF AMERICA or VOICE OF IMPERIALISM ?



The countries in the Indian Ocean are facing a new threat in the form of Voice of America (VOA). The imperialistic agent in the Indian Ocean, namely Sri Lanka, is instrumental in introducing International Imperialism into Indian Ocean. Recently the media journal "FORUM" highlighted the secret agreement reached between the United States — Torch-bearer of International Imperialism and its stooge Sri Lanka government lead by the modern Hitler, J.R. Jeyawardene.

From the 'FORUM' we learn that this satellite station would be the most powerful outside the USA. This station would be sited at Chilaw which lies in the western coast of Sri Lanka. This Radio Station will relay to the countries in the

Indian Ocean the recent news of the Pentagon — the military headquarters of the U.S.A.

It should be warned that all these nations including India is facing a threat to their security and sovereignty. The satellite station would spy all activities, military and otherwise, of these countries.

Before it is too late, the countries in the region should muster all possible support from the countries expose the evil intention of the CIA, stimulate international awareness about the new threat and towards this conspiracy engineered by the CIA and its agent Sri Lankan government.

TELO CALLS.....

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are playing politics among themselves. These groups are turning a Nelsonian eye towards the grave situation in Tamil Eelam. Of course "unity" everyone wants! All are for unity in word not in deed! **TELO** and other two movements **EROS** and **EPRLF** came under one banner last April. It is now called Eelam National Liberation Front (**ENLF**). **ENLF** has proved beyond doubt that only concerted action among the movements themselves could bring about UNITY. As a result it achieved so many in so short a time.

The **LTTE** has agreed to join the **TELO** **EROS-EPRLF** as the fourth major movement joining the United Front. **ENLF**, **PLOT** is engaged in dialogue with the **ENLF** to join the front.

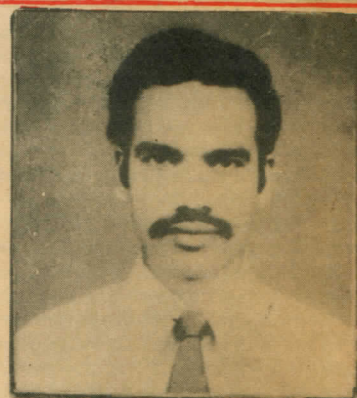
The thought of the Eelam Liberation Movements coming together sends tremors within JR. He shudders in his shoes of the impending head on clash with a unified Eelam Liberation groups. Massive **TELO** onslaughts against the mercenary indisciplined Sinhala fascist forces, and the resistance offered by other militant groups have established the fact that victory is impossible for Sri Lankan State over the people of Tamil Eelam. The State forces losing over 400 lives against a single **TELO** Martyr has made him to sit up and think! Inter-party conflicts, conflicts within UNP, political strife, possibility of coup, student protests, mass Sinhala uprisings, all stare at him on the face.

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The people of Tamil Eelam are at the cross roads. Tamil Eelam Liberators are called upon by the people to face the challenge of the Sri Lankan fascists. Let not the blood shed by so many innocent youths go in vain. Victory is for those who seek it sincerely. The situation in Tamil Eelam demands action, not procrastinations! To overthrow Sinhala fascist oppression, to redeem the lost sovereignty of the people of Tamil Eelam, to vindicate the honour and self-respect of the Tamil Eelam Nation is the call of the hour. **TELO** sends forth to every nook and corner of Tamil Eelam the clarion call for the united military action.

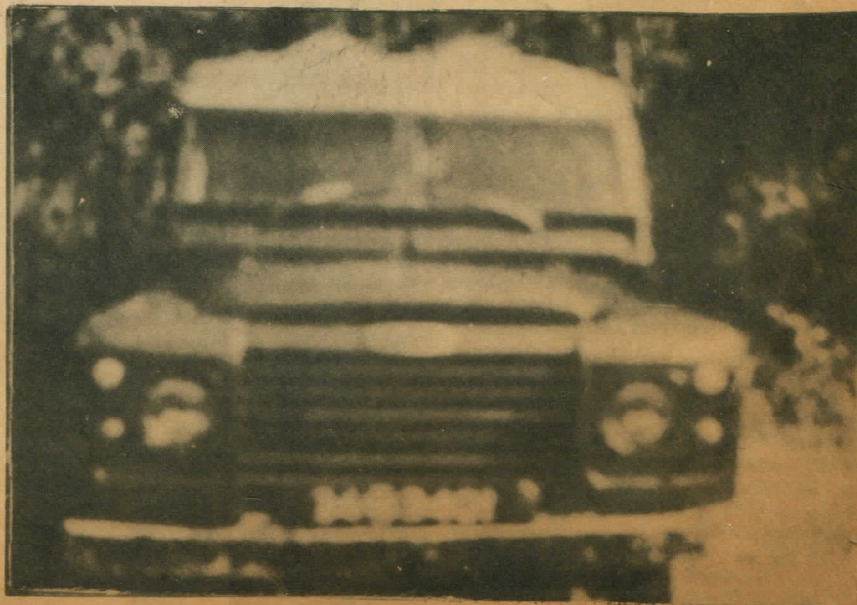
ENLF is ready. Others — are they ready to unite for military victory over modern Hitlerism and State fascism in Sri Lanka?

Tamil Eelam implores **ENLF** to muster other groups and march towards the goal. Victory is not far away!



"Our Revolutionary aim is broad indeed. Let it be known that whether the struggle is in Africa or in Latin America, wherever there are oppressed people, our solidarity could be counted. We reach those people, who suffer, in order to be free of oppression and misery".

— **THANGATHURAI**,
Father of the Nation
Tamil Eelam



Armoured Personnel Carrier (APC) captured by TELO Army from Gurunagar Camp