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## Caught 'Spying' in Lanka

The following article published on July 12, 1987, comes to you by courtesy of THE SUNDAY OBSERVER, Bombay India.

by Dhiren Bhagat

COLOMBO, July 11: That Indo-Lankan relations are at a low ebb is well known but it is by no means a simple relationship of hatred or fear as I learnt when I was detained earlier this week for four-and-a-half hours at the police station at Padukkai, a small town 20 miles from Colombo.

Corporal Wijanavaka AW Perera of the Sri Lanka Armoured Corps was driving an armoured car at the Nellady army camp on Monday when the LTTE offensive took him and his colleagues by surprise. It was the first attack since the LTTE declared a truce when the food supplies started and it has raised questions even within Sri Lanka as to the extent of the army's control of the Vadamarachchi area. Sixteen soldiers died in the Nellady attack. Corporal Perera was one of them.

On Wednesday I went to Padukkai to attend corporal Perera's funeral. War is new to modern Lanka and each casualty of the Jaffna engagement is treated as a hero. Every soldier killed in action is posthumously promoted and his family receives his full pay till the year he would have retired, after which they continue to receive his 'pension'. The funerals are grand affairs with a military band and full honours.

Padukkai's streets were wreathed with little white flags. I reached an hour before the funeral was scheduled to begin and made for corporal Perera's home, a small tiled roof cottage called Somi Nivasa. I sought out his father, a retired policeman and consoled, then explained I wished to attend the funeral. The father welcomed me.

The body was sealed in a wooden coffin surrounded by anturiam wreaths erected on makeshift tripods. Corporal Perera's distraught mother waited as

she received those who came to pay their last respects. Even the joss sticks could not drive out the sweet sickly smell of death. I left the room.

Outside in the compound, I spoke to some of sergeant Perera's colleagues in uniform who directed me to Lt Siriwardene, the senior officer present. When I introduced myself Lt Siriwardene became wary. "Are you a Sri Lankan citizen?" he asked. I replied I was an Indian working for a British paper. "An Indian?" I could see he was seeing red.

By this time the coffin was brought into the compound where a dozen Buddhist monks seated on chairs were busy sipping a pink bottled drink called Necto. The compound filled out with people, five hundred perhaps. All around us was the luxuriant overgrowth of an unmanageable garden.

The monks spoke into a portable microphone. The first one was fairly relaxed but the others - younger, more militant monks who grew their hair - delivered intense funeral orations in which they averred this was just the beginning, that many more lives had to be lost in the cause of the Sinhala nation. Some of the older monks dozed under the shade of black umbrellas, others spat globs of betel juice into the enamel spittoons at their feet.

After the orations the military band struck up a dirge and sergeant Perera's body was mounted on a gun carrier. I found a mourner who could speak English, asked him what the population of Padukkai was. He said he didn't know. I then asked what guns the soldiers were carrying. He asked another soldier who replied in incomprehensible Sinhala. I asked: "Is it a carbine? My guide thought I said calibre. "That is a state secret", he replied.

As I began to move with the bier Lt Siriwardene caught up with me. "I am afraid you will have to stay with me." I showed him my accreditation papers including those issued by the Ministry of State in Colombo but he was not satisfied.

Instead he found the nearest police constables - two amiable men in khaki

who identified themselves as 5833 and 16037 - and directed them to detain me at the police station till he came. Protesting, I was led off.

For a spy I was treated with great consideration at the police station. But a curious crowd collected outside Padukkai police station and there was much pointing and exclamation. In time the mourner who could speak English turned up at the police station. I thought he might have come to help me. He had come to record a statement against me. He did not naturally want to talk to me. He kept his eyes low but a companion of his accosted me. "You asked him the population of Padukkai?" I said yes. "And you asked the calibre?" "Carbine, not calibre" I said. The companion went into the room where the statement against me was being recorded, then returned. "Please tell me, what is carbine?"

By the time the officer in charge, Anjunawela, finally turned up, Padukkai was aqog with rumour about the Indian spy. Before he could attend to me he was besieged with inquiry and telephone calls.

When I showed him my papers Anjunawela was embarrassed, then laughed "You can record a statement and go." In Sinhala he chided the constables for holding me, then offered me a coke.

I said I wanted to speak to Lt Siriwardene. I was not angry, I just wanted to ask him some questions.

After quite a few telephone calls Lt Siriwardene, was located at the Rock House camp, beyond Colombo. He didn't want to speak to me.

Eventually he came on the phone. He was apologetic about the episode. I asked, "Didn't you detain me because I said I was an Indian?" He hedged a bit then came out open. "Yes. A reporter can be used by any party." Which party? "Now I know you are a north Indian and the Tamils are different from you. But those fellows also come from India."

He was referring to the Sinhalese

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## Human Rights Violations & Ceasefire Violations

Events from April 12 - April 28 were carried in Issue No. 33 of the Situation Report

### APRIL 29

Co-ordinating Committee of Jaffna Citizens' Committees informs the Government in writing (in sarcasm) that it undertakes to hand over to the army as many Tamils as the Government wants killed if the latter would guarantee stopping of bombing and shelling and that such number of Tamils are prepared to die in the hands of the army. In another letter, the committee informs Prime Minister Premadasa that houses are being destroyed in Jaffna whilst new houses are being constructed in other parts of the country celebrating International year of Housing. The letter adds that what the people of Jaffna require urgently are trenches to protect themselves from air attacks and requests the Prime Minister to make allocation from the International Housing Fund for constructing of trenches for the people for their survival and not houses.

In Batticaloa, STF commandos out on search operations open fire and kill 5 Tamil civilians. More than 200 are taken into custody including school children. Citizens' Committee complains to the Co-ordinating Officer that many of those arrested in the recent past are missing.

Sri Lankan Cabinet decides to inform all political parties that May Day celebrations, this year be postponed to May 22nd instead of being held on May 1. All demonstrations, processions and political meetings are prohibited under the Emergency Regulations.

### APRIL 30

Shell fired from Navatkuli army camp last night, travels over a distance of 8 miles and alights on a house in Kovilpatty, Kopay South and explodes when the inmates were all sleeping. Four year old Dharsika Thambirasa is killed, Thambirasa (33) her father, Vasanthamala (25) her mother and her sister Thadasyini (2) are injured. Injured are admitted to Jaffna Hospital.

Special army unit installed in Diya-gama, Nuwara Eliya District to arrest the growth of militancy among the upcountry Tamil youths and also to keep watch on subversive elements.

In Kotahena, Colombo, Police intercept a taxi on suspicion and find 400 grams of gelignite and 500 grams of potassium in it.

Soldiers from the Palaly army camp on their way to Kankasanturai to collect food items from a ship that has arrived there, open fire from Aavalai junction. V. Jeyaleedhumi (25) of Arasadiyilaiyir Kovil, Thalayit, mother of 5 children, who was drawing water from a well, is seriously injured. She is admitted to Tellippalai hospital. Large number of soldiers who arrived in the same ship are flown to various camps in the peninsula by helicopters.

In Killinochchi, army patrolling is intensified in Kanagapuram, Depot junction, Karadipoakku, Paravipanchan, Palaya colony, and 6th mile post. Arrests are being made on mere suspicion.

Baddegama police arrest a soldier who is on leave from the Palaly army camp following an explosion caused by a hand grenade in his house. Police suspect that he may have brought more hand grenades with him from the Palaly army camp.

### MAY 1

LTTE celebrates May Day with a mass meeting in Nallur, Jaffna. The procession in which thousands participate starts from Urumpirai junction (where the Sivakumaran statue stands), comes along Palaly Veethi, turns at Kanthermadam junction and proceeds toward Kandasamy Temple lawns where the meeting is held. Thousands turn up at the meeting from all parts of the peninsula braving strafing from helicopter gunships and shelling from nearby army camps.

A van carrying passengers to site of May Day meeting shot at from heli-

copter gunship at Neerveli. Three persons are injured including a woman, Alfred Jebamani (32). Admitted to Jaffna hospital.

Banned May Day in Colombo ends up in two violent incidents. One opposite Abhayaramya Temple at Narehenpita where Police move in to disperse demonstrators. In the clash, Police use live ammunition. Three youths are injured. One of them succumbs to his injuries. In another incident, Dr. Colvin R de Silva LSSP leader is injured, when Police use force to disperse the procession of leftist political parties.

National Security Minister Lalith Athulathmudali and Joint Operations Commander Cyril Ranatunge fly into Palaly and hold discussions with senior army officers. Both drop in at Elephant Pass and Vavuniya before returning to Colombo.

LTTE salutes its fighter Packianathan Jesura (19) from Polikandy shot dead by the army when on sentry duty at their Valvettiturai defence post.

### MAY 2

In Kankasanturai, at a meeting arranged by the Welfare Society of Lanka Cements Ltd., workers belonging to the Cement Corporation, Lanka Cements Ltd. and harbour workers decide not to attend work, indefinitely. It is to be mentioned here that since 22.4.87, the day on which 5 harbour workers were shot and killed by the security forces within the harbour area, no harbour worker has attended work at the Port. Cement factory workers and those attached to Lanka Cements Ltd. too kept away from work for want of adequate security for themselves.

Tamil youths arrested by security forces and detained at Harbour View Hotel, Kankasanturai are forced to unload cargo arriving at the Port for the army. This is the sequel to the normal work force failing to turn up for work after the incident of 22.4.87.



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and the intensified army activities and movements in the harbour area.

Vasavilan South Community Centre office bearers ask the people of Vasavilan, Palay South and Oddakaputram to register details of loss of life, damage to houses, buildings, crops, etc. owing to army atrocities with the Government Agent, Jaffna.

Intermittent shelling from inside Fort garrison. Several houses are damaged. Rasanrathy, a girl of 8 from Stanley Road, is killed. 8 persons, including 4 women from Curunagar are injured and admitted to Jaffna hospital.

Helicopter gunship flying low over Punnalaikadduwan strafes the area. Five people including a woman are reported killed. Names not available immediately. Injured admitted to Jaffna hospital. M. Ratnanathan (30) in serious condition.

MPCS branch stores at Kankasanturai broke open and robbed by security forces on 30. 4. 87. MPCS President lodges complaint with the Govt. Agent, Jaffna.

### MAY 3

Govt. orders the closure of the Jaffna Teaching Hospital before the 8th of the month. People believe that the order is an ominous sign of the intention of the Govt. to recapture Jaffna using military force and converting the hospital into an army camp.

Six year old Piravanan of Brown Road seated inside a car in Jaffna town is injured from firing from inside Fort garrison.

At least two people are killed and several others injured on account of shelling from Harbour View Hotel, Kankasanturai. Fearing more shelling, residents from Keerimalai, Valithoodal, Mavakkalladi, Kollankaladdy and Maviddapuram evacuate their homes and move interior.

Two residential houses belonging to Mrs. P. Panchalingam and Mrs. C. Nesamalar and two trade establishments in Urumpirai are badly damaged, in shelling from Palaly army camp.

Thevan (34) from Kollankaladdy is

killed and M. Sellathurai (61) seriously injured in shelling from Palaly and Vasavilan army camps. Villages of Kurumbacitty, Kadduwan, Ertalai and Punnalaikadduwan also subjected to shelling from these camps.

Helicopter gunship opens fire at a car passing along Kankasanturai Road at Inuvil and an infant travelling inside the car is injured. Looking for safety the driver turns the car inside the Inuvil Hospital premises. Yet the gunship chases the car and continues to fire. Hospital buildings and the Red Cross signboard planted there to identify the institution are damaged.

LTTE guerrillas open fire at helicopter gunship that attempts to land at Vallaiveli. The helicopter abandoning the landing fires at a private passenger van on its way to Pt Pedro from Jaffna. The driver successfully manoeuvres the vehicle to safety.

### MAY 4

A. Supiramaniam, Manager, Eelanadu and his nephew A. Sandrasekaram are two of the five killed in the strafing from helicopter gunship at Punnalaikadduwan on 2. 8. 87.

Shells are fired from inside Fort right through the day. Koddady, Jaffna Bus stand, Sathithirasanthi, Clock Tower junction, Jaffna Central College, 3rd and 4th Cross Streets, Aththiady, Stanley Road areas are the worst hit. All trade establishments remain closed. S. Annaledchumy (27), T. Jeyanthi (15) from Aththiady New Road and A. Elizabeth (80) and Sooty (20) from Stanley Road are injured. Number of houses are damaged. Townsfolk alarmed at this indiscriminate shelling evacuate their homes and move to distant places looking for shelter. Tamil Police men keep away from attending office inside Fort and register their attendance at the Hospital Police post.

In Trincomalee, security forces cordon off Cheivanavagapuram and Anpuvalipuram on 2. 5. 87. In the search operations, 5 Tamils including a 2 year old girl were killed. More than 100 Tamil civilians taken into custody and number of houses looted and valuables robbed by the marauding soldiers.

LTTE guerrillas stall attempt by army from coming out of Fort from the Beach Road entrance firing mortars.

In the early hours on 3. 5. 87, shells were fired from Valvettiturai army camp. Houses belonging to Pasupathi, Mohan of Valvai, Vallipuram, Ramasingham of Kamparmalai and S. Ratnasingham of Valvetty are badly damaged.

In Mullativu, army opens fire at a C. T. B. bus killing its driver and injuring several others. All those travelling in the bus were C. T. B. employees.

### MAY 5

Main transformer at the Tellippalai hospital hit by shell fired from Palaly army camp last night. Badly damaged.

Two mass demonstrations staged in Jaffna town asking the Government to withdraw the order to close down the General Hospital; one by the Patients' Welfare Association in which doctors, nurses and other staff attached to the hospital also participate; the second by the Traders' Association. As the second procession nears the bus stand on its way to the Hospital, helicopter gunship circling over opens fire. The processionists proceed calmly without getting panicky. No casualties.

A helicopter gunship approaching Navakuli army camp suddenly opens fire on vehicles (mini bus, car, tractor and push bicycles) moving along Kopsy-Kaithiady bridge. Those who jump off the moving vehicles for shelter are chased and shot. 4 are killed several others are injured. Of the 4 killed, 2 have been identified as S. Packiyarasa (80) and P. Anton (15). Vehicles are badly hit and damaged.

2 soldiers are killed and a number of others injured as a heavy trailer vehicle carrying food and fuel from Kankasanturai Harbour View Hotel to the Palaly army camp is cannon charged by LTTE guerrillas. The damaged vehicle is towed to the camp with a helicopter providing air cover.

EROS claims to have opened fire at a runway preventing bomber plane



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in which National Security Minister Mr. Athulathmudali was coming to Mullaitivu to open a military airfield from landing there.

It is reported that thousands of Sinhalese colonists have been settled in Kent Farm and Dollar Farm region where over 15,000 acres of jungle land had been cleared recently. It is further reported that action is being initiated to include names of settlers in the electoral lists.

### MAY 6

Tamil Police Officers reporting for work at the police post inside the Fort on 5.5.87 were fired at by army men and hurriedly return. Following this incident, these officers are now recording their attendance at the Hospital Police post. Owing to heavy firing and shelling from inside the Fort garrison, Tamil Police Officers kept away from attending office there over the past two weeks but returned for duty on 5.5.87 on a security assurance by the Superintendent of Police, Jaffna.

Office of the Principal, Jaffna Central College is hit by a shell fired from inside Jaffna Fort and is completely damaged. Furniture and other items too are destroyed.

Miss. Gnanamalar Anthony (28), teacher at a Kindergarten school is killed on the spot when a helicopter gunship opens fire on a party assembled at an opening ceremony of a new shop at Allaipitty. Several others are injured. Reports add that this helicopter strafed other areas in Mandaitivu as well. Casualties not known.

A shell fired from inside Fort in the early hours hits a house at Chundikuli when the inmates were fast asleep. In the explosion, Miss. Geetha Arulingham (23) is injured and admitted to Jaffna Hospital.

22 students of the Medical Faculty at Peradeniya arrested by the Police on suspicion of J. V. P. links.

Mrs. Aruna Jesurathnam of Paluthaimeni, Atchuvely gives birth to a child whilst hiding in a trench. Because of protracted shelling from both

Palaly and Vasavilan camps she couldn't be brought out for medical attention. Both mother and child are reported to be doing well.

Following the Government's order to close the Jaffna Hospital, residents and shop keepers are fleeing the area for fear of imminent military attack.

### MAY 7

On the night of 5.8.87, shell fired from Pt. Pedro army camp alighted on Upaya Kirama Murugan Veethi (running along the eastern side of Manthikai Govt. hospital) and exploded. In the explosion, the hospital buildings shook and several patients run out fearing the hospital to have been hit. Fortunately no casualties. Intensified helicopter movements noticed in the area.

Two helicopters flying fairly low strafe Maviddapuram area. Two are seriously injured and four vehicles are badly damaged.

A mass protest demonstration against the Govt. order to close the Jaffna hospital is taken out by student bodies and Government servants.

Thousands participate in the procession that leaves from the University campus, goes through Palaly Veethi, Hospital Road and reaches the Secretariat just past midnight in the boiling sun. A public meeting is held in the Secretariat premises.

Vembadi Girls' High School and Jaffna Central College reopened on 5.8.87 for the second term but no students turned up. It is understood that these institutions will remain closed until such time normalcy is restored.

Shell fired from inside Fort alights within the Bank of Ceylon premises and explodes. No damages. This is the second time within a month that a shell fired from inside Fort exploded inside these premises.

According to the Secretary of the U. G. C. Govt. has decided to apportion 1% of University admissions to the armed forces personnel and their children.

### MAY 8

Atchuvely, Kollankaladdi, Veemankam-

am, Maviddapuram, Nevaly, Manipay strafed and shelled from 2 helicopter gunships from morning till evening. Simultaneously shells are fired from Kankasanturai and Palaly army camps. Maniam an upcountry Tamil working in a tea kiosk killed on the spot. Balu (24), Peranantham (24) and Daisy (29) employees of a pharmacy seriously injured when a shell hits the pharmacy and explodes. Liberty theatre at Atchuvely hit by a shell goes up in flames. The operating equipment is burnt. Four houses close to the Atchuvely Industrial Estate are badly damaged. As the strafing is directed at the Atchuvely market square and bus stand people assembled there stampede and run for shelter. Vehicles start off in various directions and speed away fearing direct hits. Lorries that went up to Kankasanturai granaries to collect flour return without doing so because of shelling from Kankasanturai camp. Mvildiv market is shelled from Palaly camp and people run for shelter.

Shells are fired from Navatkuli army camp in the morning as well as in the evening. Two helicopters circle around the camp area and strafe indiscriminately. LTTE guerrillas open fire at them and they disappear.

A delegation from the Jaffna hospital led by G. A. Jaffna meets the National Security Minister and the decision to close down the hospital from 5.8.87 is deferred.

In Trincomalee, 5 Tamil youths were killed and over 450 taken into custody when soldiers cordoned off the town and Anpuvelitouram on 6.5.87 and carried out search operations. All those arrested have been taken to the Fort.

### MAY 9

Helicopter gunships strafe and shell several places in the Jaffna peninsula. In Jaffna town, a Hindu Temple and a Mosque are hit in the shelling. Shells are fired from the Fort garrison as well. At Saththirasanthi, K. Selvaratnam (loading goods on to a lorry) is hit by a shrapnel flying from an exploding shell is seriously injured and admitted to Jaffna hospital. A shell from Fort lands within the premises of the Vannarponnai Sivan Temple



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belief grounded in the fact that their ancestors migrated from Bengal and Bihar to Sri Lanka in approximately 500 BC. Though many Indians are unaware of this, the Sinhalese regard themselves as north Indians, even subscribe to an Aryan ancestry. It is this that makes their recent anger and sense of betrayal even more poignant.

## U. S. Congressman lauds Jaffna Air Drop

*The INDIA WEST, the weekly newspaper for the Indo-American community, published from Los Angeles, California, carried the following news item in its issue of June 12, 1987 :*

By VINCENT DIGIROLAMO

WASHINGTON - Rep. Mervyn Dymally (D. Calif.) this week praised India's supply drop to Sri Lanka as a humanitarian effort and condemned Sri Lankan Army actions on the Jaffna Peninsula.

Dymally also called for a congressional delegation to the north of the island to determine the extent of civilian deaths in the absence of U. S. media reports of the conflict.

"I feel that the humanitarian effort by Mr. Rajiv Gandhi deserves a great deal of commendation," Dymally told India West in a telephone interview June 8. "In my judgment the Sri Lankan government left him with no other alternative".

The Indian Air Force dropped 25 tons of food and medical supplies over the besieged Jaffna Peninsula June 4, one day after the Sri Lankan Navy turned back an Indian flotilla carrying supplies to the island. Sri Lanka called the air drop a violation of its airspace.

Congressman Dymally, the second ranking Democratic member of the Asian and Pacific Affairs Subcommittee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said India's action was within the bounds of international law.

"Crises that demand human resolve cannot be viewed in any way as violations of international law," he told India West. He called the airlift a "very

positive step" which will help "to alleviate the suffering of the civilian population."

Dymally gave a speech June 3 in Congress on the situation in Sri Lanka and issued a press release stating that he is planning an urgent official visit to India and Sri Lanka to convey the concerns of the U. S. Congress to both governments.

"In India, I will urge Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi to continue his mediation efforts despite this major setback for peace in the region," said Dymally.

"In Sri Lanka I will impress on the government the need to use peaceful means to resolve the ethnic conflict, because there is no such thing as a successful military solution. This latest offensive only confirms the Tamil conviction that their chance of equality within Sri Lankan society is minimal. It merely strengthens the case for separation."

While in Sri Lanka, Dymally says that he intends to witness, first hand, the impact of the civil war on the civilian population and to determine the fate of families of American Tamil constituents.

European and Indian news sources estimate that the Sri Lankan Army, which is dominated by the Sinhalese majority, has killed between 200 and 300 civilian men, women and children of the Tamil minority since launching a military offensive late last month.

"The Sri Lankan government prohibits access not just to reporters but also to such humanitarian organizations as the Red Cross and Amnesty International," Dymally noted. "The government maintains this closed door policy despite international pleas to at least allow humanitarian groups have access. That secrecy is a major reason we can only estimate the civilian casualties."

Dymally observed that while the government of President Junius Jayewardene has been emphasizing a negotiated settlement in its public statements it has apparently been intent on pursuing the military option all along.

This is a grave miscalculation," said

Dymally. "It will not lead to a settlement; rather it will only serve to undermine the moderates and polarize the Tamil majority, destroying any hope of a lasting settlement."

## TECRAS Condemns Sri Lankan attacks on Tamils

At a meeting on 10th June 1987 of the General Body of the Ecumenical Council for Repatriates and Refugees from Sri Lanka (TECRAS) a resolution was passed condemning the economic blockade and intensified military, air, and naval attack on the Tamil population in the Northern and Eastern provinces of Sri Lanka by their own Government.

This action of the Sri Lanka Government is opposed to all norms of human justice, human rights, and human values, says a press note signed by Archbishop C. Casimir President of TECRAS.

Since a government's prime duty is to defend, protect and nurture its own people, TECRAS appealed to the Government of Sri Lanka in the name of humanity to revive that spirit of ahimsa and nonviolence to which Sri Lanka by tradition, culture, religion and Constitution, is committed.

TECRAS called also upon National Governments and International Agencies to come to the aid and rescue of the suffering people in Sri Lanka to mobilize opinion, to bring pressure upon the Government of Sri Lanka to stop immediately the military operation and to lift the economic blockade, as it will only lead to genocide.

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## Obituaries

*In a land where Death by violence is a common occurrence and the names of the victims rarely get obituary notices here are some "fortunate" few who passed away into the void duly noticed by Sri Lankan newspapers :-*

**PATKUNARAJAN**, Navaratnam (Engineer). Husband of Saraswathy, father of late Kamalini and Rohini (U.K.). Cremation at the General Cemetery, Kanatte on 13.8.87. 17, Ramakrishna Road, Colombo-8.

**RAJAN, P. T.** (Administrator Ashoka Vidyalayam and Ashoka Students Hostel). Husband of late Mrs. Pushpam Rajan, father of T. R. R., D. C. R. and B. D. R. Rajan and Mrs. Rajeswari Rajasekaram. Cremation at Mahaiyawa Cemetery, Kandy on 13.8.87. Ashoka Gardens.

**VELUPPILLAI, K.** (Retd. Playground Instructor, Kandy Municipality). Husband of Lakshmi, father of Muralidharan and Sridharan. Cremation at Mahaiyawa Cemetery, Kandy on 13.8.87. 29/22 Rukmani Gardens, Sakubumpola, Kandy.

**RAJASUNDERAM**, (Atputharasa Sinarasa) (Retd. Asst. R.V.D.B.). Husband of Sivapakkiam, father of Pushnarani, Jeevarajan, Vijayarajan, Arulrajan, Jayarajan and Vijayakumari, (London). Expired on 4.6.87. Cremation on 5.6.87. Dutch Road, Udul.

**RAJARATNAM**, Sanmugarajah (Raja of International Computers Ltd.). Husband of Surangani, father of Roshelle, Naomi and Spencer. Died under tragic circumstances. Burial at General Cemetery, Kurunegala on 17.6.87. 132/2 Buddhaloka Mawatha, Kurunegala 215B 2/2 Anderson Flats, Colombo-5.

**RAJARATNAM**, Surangani. Wife of Raja of International Computers Ltd. Mother of Roshelle, Naomi and Spencer. Died under tragic circumstances. Burial at General Cemetery, Kurunegala on 17.6.87. 132/2 Buddhaloka Mawatha, Kurunegala, 215B 2/2 Anderson Flats, Colombo-5.

**RAJARATNAM**, Naomi. Baby daughter of Raja and Surangani, sister of Roshelle and Spencer. Died under tragic circumstances. Funeral on 17.6.87.

**PONNIAH**, George Ollegasekeram. Husband of Daisy, father of Sarojini and Arjunan. Died under tragic circumstances, on 6.6.87. Funeral took place on 10.6.87. Sannathy Road, Atchuvily.

**SIVADAS, E.** (M.D. Hynocolor Advertising) Husband of Sathiyabaladevi (Sathiya), father of Nargis (London), Dilipkumar, (America) and Nandakumar. Funeral took place on 15.6.87. Thirunelvely North, Jaffna.

**MUTTUVELU**, Dr. Saraswathy. Daughter of late Mr. and Mrs. Muttuvelu and loving sister of Balasubramaniam and Thavam. Cremation on 23.6.87, at General Cemetery, Kanatte. A. F. Raymond's parlour.

**CUMARASAMY**, Gnanam. Wife of late Mr. M. Cumarasamy, mother of Sebarajah (U.K.), late Rasammah and Stepmother of Lily. Burial at General Cemetery, Kanatte on 24.6.87. A. F. Raymond's parlour.

**NADARAJAH, N.** (Retd. Chief Clerk Marketing Dept, Colombo). Husband of late Sellammah, father of Rajeswari Kanagaratnam, Pushparatnam Mahalingam, and Sankunasivam (Madras). Funeral took place on 30th June 1987. "Visumpon Vasa, Naranthasai" (Kayts).

**SANTHIAPILLAI** Mariapillai. Wife of late M. Santhiapillai, mother of Mercy, Grace (U.K.), Regina, Arul Rajah (Canada), Victor Rajah and Chrisne Rajah (Saudi Arabia). Funeral took place on 20.6.87 at Ilavai. "Jamuna Gardens", College Street, Ilavai.

**SRINIVASA** Thiruvankadachari (Rtd. Principal, Manipal Hindu College). Husband of Alamelu, father of Siriram and Vijaya Raghavan. Cremation took place on 20.6.87 at Manipal. "Linga Villa", Adigar Sellamuthi Road, Manipal.

**GANESHALINGAM** Kamalambikai. Wife of N. Ganeshalingam, mother of Dr. Devendra, (U.S.A.), Dr. Thavendran (Guyana), G. Ravindran (New Zealand), G. yathiri (Hong Kong), Narendran, Mahendra (Bangalore) and Kunnathini. Cremation at General Cemetery, Kanatte on 28.6.87. 8/1, Rosmead Place, Colombo 7.

**JEGANATHAN** Rajeswari. Wife of R. Jaganathan, mother of Babu (U.K.), Kalvi, Uma, Lakshmi, Sridharan and Hariharan (U.K.). Cremation at General

Cemetery, Kanatte on 28.6.87. 9, Esther Place, Park Place, Colombo-5.

**SELVARATNAM** Rajadurai. Husband of Nesamalar, father of Hemadharshini and Kaushalya. Cremation at General Cemetery, Kanatte on 29.6.87. 10/2, Vauxhall Street, Colombo-2.

**SUPPIAH**, Mrs. Rajamalar. Wife of C. Suppiah, mother of Sirikandaram, Ilango, Saradevi, Jayaseelan (Kuwait) and Mahendran (London). Cremation at Madampitiya Cemetery on 29.6.87. 3, Wasala Road, Kotahena.

**NADESAN** V. Xavier. Husband of late Victoria, father of Gerald, George (Germany), Gordon and Geraldine. Burial at Madampitiya Cemetery on 1.7.87. 92/118, College Street, Kotahena Colombo 13.

**CHINNIAH** Nagulambikai. Wife of late P. Chinniah, mother of late Thiru. Pathma, Thirugnanam, Leela (U.K.), Arasu (U.K.), Claudette (U.K.) and Balasubramaniam. Cremation at General Cemetery Kanatte on 1.7.87. 106, Inner Flower Road, Colombo-3.

**GNANARATNAM** Atputham Jayamalar of Chundikuli. Relict of S. J. Gnanaratnam (Rtd. Station Master), mother of Ranjith (England), Shyamala, Nirrula and Shiromala (all of Canada). Burial at General Cemetery, Kanatte on 4.7.87. 291/6, Edward Avenue, Colombo-6.

### MR. K. C. THANGARAJAH

Mr. K.C. Thangarajah, founder and Chairman of "Eelanaadu" Limited, publisher of Jaffna's first Tamil daily EELANADU passed away in Colombo on Monday 20th July at a private hospital. He was 60 and a bachelor.

Mr. Thangarajah was the Chairman of the Eastern Paper Mills Corporation for 20 years under different governments from 1958 to 1978. He was the President of the Colombo Hindu Educational Society, a pioneer mover in the founding of Colombo Hindu College and Saraswathy Hall. Mr. Thangarajah was also a founder - member of the Indo - Ceylon Friendship Society as well as a founder - member of the International Association of Tamil Research (IATR), Ceylon branch. For a time, Mr. Thangarajah also served as Chairman of New Era Publications, and finally the publishers of SATURDAY REVIEW.