

saying that he had met Amirthalingam ten days after the July violence in Sri Lanka, who had sworn that the Tamils never wanted a separate state. We challenged Amirthalingam's statement. Wenman proved he was right by showing us a video he had taken of Amirthalingam making that statement. We gave a copy of the Sansoni Report to Wenman requesting him to go through it carefully. A few months later when I met him at a dinner party, he admitted that he was misguided by the Tamils and that he was seeing Sri Lanka's ethnic issue in a different light.

My question to Hussain is, in the light of this catalogue of events, did it really matter whether a career diplomat was in Ottawa or not during the 80s to defend Sri Lanka? Is it correct for those who are critical of the non-diplomatic appointments to overseas Missions, ignore the yeoman services of the expatriates who had spent a fortune and time to help Sri Lanka's unitary cause? The job was done, and perhaps much more eloquently and effectively than what the Mission in Canada was capable of doing in the 80s.

Speaking of spending a fortune, since nothing of value other than the glossy brochures of the Tamil massacres of innocent farmers and their families in the Dollar and Kent Farms, etc., were distributed from the Mission, 'Project Peace' accepted that challenge too and researched, wrote and published 10 Sri Lanka Fact Sheets. They were distributed to Canadian policy makers, Parliamentarians, academics, newspapers, High Commissions of countries that had an interest in Sri Lanka, and NGOs, etc. The titles were - Sri Lankan Unitarianism : Sinhala and Tamil Ethnic conflict in an Historical Perspective ; Nationalism in Sri Lanka After Independence : The Roots of Conflict ; The real face of the major Sri Lankan Tamil 'Tiger' Groups ; All Party Conference '84 : In search for solutions for the Sinhala-Tamil conflict ; The Claim for 'Tamil Homelands' in Sri Lanka ; Three Views on Sri Lanka : The one Paradise that should never be lost ; 'Tigers' The Tamil Militant Youth Movement in Sri Lanka ; 'Holier than Thou' : India looks at Sri Lanka ; The Indian Tamils in Sri Lanka and The Historical Tamil 'Kingdom' Fact & Myth.

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