

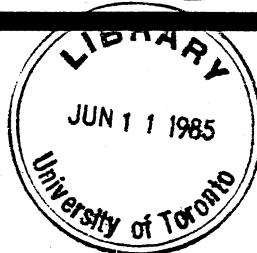


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"When in doubt and the leaders confuse you by divided counsel, go out into the street and see what the people are doing."

Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg

In January of 1985, I visited the north of Sri Lanka and was ejected from Jaffna by the army before I could extensively survey the scene. I did have the opportunity to interview many Tamils and army personnel, in the north, however. The articles are pre-printed here.

The response to those articles was overwhelming: 159 phone calls, numerous personal visits by both Tamils and Sinhalese at my home and office, and a large number of letters, some of which we have re-printed.

This issue focuses on Sri Lanka. In addition to my *Star* articles, letters and my analysis of the response of callers, we have also included a more in-depth article on Sri Lanka. An article by David

Matas on the plight of refugees claimants is particularly applicable given the increasing numbers of Tamils claiming refugee status in Canada.

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