

# SIGNALS ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA

( AFFILIATED TO THE SRI LANKA EX-SERVICEMEN'S ASSOCIATION )

## Souvenir



## MEMBERS' NIGHT '84

( SATURDAY 22 - 12 - '84 )

AT THE  
SRI LANKA EX-SERVICEMEN'S INSTITUTE  
29, BRISTOL STREET, COLOMBO-1,

(PROCEEDS FOR THE NATIONAL DEFENCE FUND)



## *Foreword*

I am delighted to write about the Signals Association of Sri Lanka affiliated to the Sri Lanka Ex-servicemen's Association.

This Institution, is small, and beautiful. It has served a signal purpose in bringing together friends of all races, creeds and colour towards unity and harmony which is the crying need today.

This Souvenir will be a landmark in the annals of the history of similar Associations. It will make joy widespread, as its aim now is to alleviate the untold sufferings of the valiant men in the armed forces. The clarion call to summon financial assistance to the National Defence Fund is highly commendable.

The organisers of this Souvenir, deserve public plaudits for their thoughtful and timely appeal.

The Chairman's Fund of this Association has helped many in need and distress and will no doubt continue to do so. The tournament held, and the Annual Get-togethers are a great tribute to this Association. It is hoped that this will help to send the message across for the crying need of contributions to the Defence Fund to help those who are trying to make life safe for all and sundry.

May God bless this Paradise Isle and continue to make it a Haven of Peace and Harmony.

THE EDITOR

## *We Dedicate....*

Since the inauguration of our Association in 1955, we have organised an Annual Get-together for its obvious purpose. Undaunted by untoward incidents we are getting together again but this year with the added purpose of making our contribution, however small, to the National Defence Fund.

This Souvenir, which commemorates Members' Night '84 also provides the opportunity for contribution by members, friends, and well wishers to the National Defence Fund.

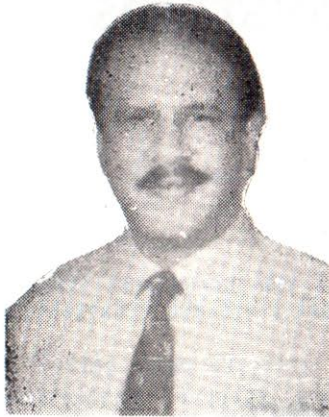
This humble souvenir, therefore, WE DEDICATE.....

Firstly, to the memory of those innocent civilians who lost their lives during the July 1983 disturbances and since then up to the present time.

Secondly, to the memory of those Members of the Security Forces who have made the supreme sacrifice in honour of their motherland.

Thirdly, to the memory of those misguided youth who have lost their lives having felt and acted in the belief that the bullet is the only means to achieve their objective.

**With Best Wishes From A Well Wisher**



## *Message*

*From*

**COLONEL. A. M. M. FAREED** MBIM

(Chairman, Signals Association of Sri Lanka)

It gives me great pleasure to send this message to The Annual Members' Night to be held on 22nd December 1984.

This is my second term as Chairman of The Association and I have enjoyed this appointment very much. This is also the second get-together during my period of office. We, the Committee, look forward to this occasion as it gives us an opportunity to meet our old friends and colleagues and recollect the past, over a drink and a bite.

This year's Members' Night is of special significance as we are using it to collect contributions to The National Defence Fund. The country needs our help at this juncture and it is the duty of all of us to give of one's mite for this worthy cause.

I hope all of you will have a very enjoyable time while remembering with love and concern those who are not with us, especially those who sacrificed their lives for the country and also those who are giving of their best in the troubled areas of the country.

May God bless us all and give us Peace and Harmony in the New Year.



## *Our Achievements and Aspirations*

This Association was formed on 15th December 1955. On 20th December 1980 we celebrated our Silver Jubilee

During these 29 years we have been able to help the members, who are mostly ex-servicemen, in many ways. Although the main requirement of the members was financial help in order to purchase school books, medicines, etc, we found that our financial resources were insufficient to meet the demand. To overcome this the Executive Committee of 1983 decided to start a "Chairman's Fund." The aim of this Fund was mainly to help the members to purchase medicines which could not be obtained from hospitals, clinics, etc. The Committee appealed for help to the entire Membership and also to all those who were at one time members of The Signal Corps and who are abroad, especially in Australia.

We are happy to record that the response was tremendous and many have contributed liberally to the Fund. We feel very satisfied that we now have some means of helping the needy members. We sincerely hope that more members will help this Fund so that we could use it for other purposes too.

Another achievement of the Association has been that we were able to obtain a scholarship for the son of a member who is now a fully qualified Doctor. This was granted by the Sri Lanka Ex-servicemen's Association.

Our Headquarters are the Ex-servicemen's Institute at Bristol Street, where certain facilities are available for members. This year we conducted a knock-out Snooker Tournament in the Institute mainly to foster better fellowship. The Association conducted the entire tournament and donated The Signals Trophy to the winner and many other prizes. This Tournament will be an annual event and we hope to conduct other competitions also during the ensuing year. This is the first ever Tournament conducted in the Institute.

Our aim is to help our members who have given of their best to the country as best as we can but today we are gathered together to collect funds to help our beloved motherland in a crisis. We hope that our contributions, even though small will help us to have peace and harmony which all of us so earnestly desire.

# Signals Association of Sri Lanka

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## MEMBERS' NIGHT '84

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EVENING

MUSIC! SONG! ENTERTAINMENT!

- ★ TALENT CONTEST
- ★ TOMBOLA
- ★ SELECTION OF THE MOST ATTRACTIVE LADY
- ★ RAFFLE AND SOUVENIR DRAW
- ★ COMPETITIONS
- ★ ANYBODY'S GUESS
- ★ SURPRISES
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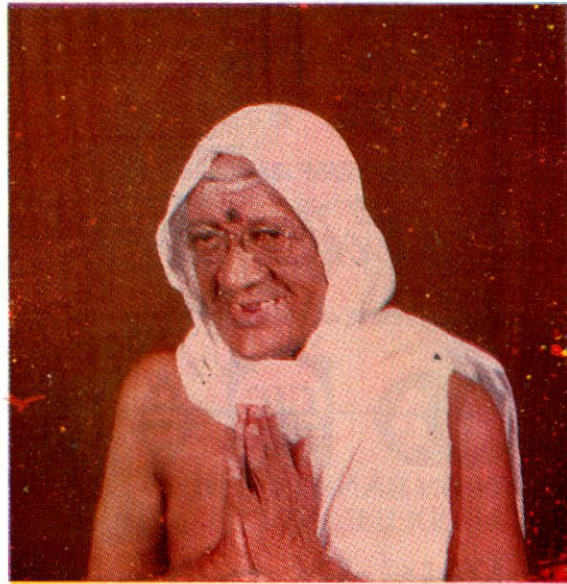
# *One of our Members*

FORTRAYS

*Two World Leaders Who Personify*

## NON-VIOLENCE & VIOLENCE

*They who take the Sword  
By the Sword one day shall  
perish*



*His Cause was Non-Violence*



*'We are a race of Savages and  
no pity*

- HITLER

*He Caused World War II*