

The west and the Jathikathva

It is becoming clear that we are not going through yet another Presidential election campaign. It is a campaign against the Jathikathva and all that the nationalistic forces have won during the last two decades or so. The fifty six that was the result of the resurgence of Jathikathva was defeated in no time and the non national forces were in power by the end of fifty eight. Mr. Philip Gunawardana was on his way out of the government and before fifty nine ended Mr. S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike had been assassinated. The Jathikathva could raise its head for brief periods in the early sixties and seventies but in general it was the non national forces that called the tune.

In 1962 there was the infamous military coup led by a few non national elements in the armed forces and the police against the government of Mrs. Bandaranaike but the government was able to defeat it with the support of a few nationalistic minded officers in the police. The SLFP which had become the party of the Jathikathva unfortunately did not have a nationalistic economic policy and was not considered as a party that could rule. The ruling party was the UNP with its so called sound economic policies and the establishment was in general with that party.

J R Jayawardane wanted to make sure that the UNP ruled for “ever” and through his constitution without allowing the SLFP to control of state matters. However, a nationalistic movement emerged in the late sixties and took up the challenge of meeting the non national forces on their own terms and by 2005 everything was geared towards a victory of nationalistic forces. 2005 came fifty years after fifty six and Mr. Mahinda Rajapakse was elected the President of the country.

He fought on the basis of a unitary country and after giving the LTTE a last chance to negotiate the humanitarian operations were commenced after Mavil Aru. That was the beginning of the end of the LTTE and the minority view that said the LTTE could be and should be defeated finally was proven to be correct. The NGO pundits and half hearted Marxists who confined the revolution to the arm chairs had no option but to get their masters to revise their theories. The masters and the intellectual slaves were finally singing in chorus that the LTTE could and should have been defeated, of course after Nandikadal. Various people claimed credit for the victory, except perhaps those who had been instrumental in changing the public opinion from the so called anti war stance to a must win stance.

It was undoubtedly a great victory, a government in a small country defeating the most ruthless terrorist outfit supported and sponsored by the western powers. Various people had contributed towards the victory but the most crucial was the political leadership provided by the President. The nationalistic forces are not under the illusion that with the defeat of the LTTE everything

was over. They know that as far as Tamil racism is concerned there is a long way to go as Tamil separatism is still alive and kicking in the western countries with the support of their guardian angels. We would go even further and claim that no independence is achieved without defeating the hegemony of the western knowledge that continuously create theories that would help Tamil racism in particular and western Christian colonialism in general.

We do not believe in conspiracy theories and neither do we claim that we have entered the last struggle against non national forces. As long as the non national forces are in power we will have to fight against their hegemony and western Christian modernity. Western Christian colonialism can be and will be defeated but if somebody thinks that it can be achieved by defeating Sarath Fonseka at the Presidential elections he or she is mistaken. Defeating SF (Sarath Failed) at the Presidential elections is only a necessary condition and not a sufficient condition in defeating western Christian colonialism.

This is a continuous ongoing process and the Presidential elections this time is going to be one of the most crucial battles in this fight against the non national forces. It was not only the LTTE that was defeated at Nandikadal but the western forces that have been supporting and sponsoring Tamil racism for more than two hundred years. However it does not mean that Tamil racism has been defeated once and for all and as said earlier there is a long way to go in defeating western Christian colonialism finally. After the defeat at Nandikadal the western forces have become furious. They would not have thought Mr. Mahinda Rajapakse could have stood up to them and not surrender to their demands. The whole anti colonial world, except some pundits who can only quote but not think have appreciated the courageous stand taken by the President, which was based on nationalistic politics and not on so called theories from political scientists in the west. Mr. Rajapakse follows a home grown foreign policy and he needs no advice on balancing the political powers in the world.

When Mr. Rajapakse went to China, Iran or Myanmar the eyebrows of those without eyes to see the home grown foreign policy, but who have only eyebrows were raised. When Mr. Rajapakse refused to kneel down in front of Miliband and his French counterpart there were pundits who reminded us of his Marxist father and preached us from their altars that Miliband should be given his due respect. Marxist or not Miliband was another agent of western Christian colonialism and the President did not have to obey him. Anyhow the west was not going to accept their defeat and they wanted to reverse the process and gain the upper hand. They resorted to preaching morals and talked about war crimes to belittle the victory of the nationalist forces. If possible the western non national forces would frame charges of war crimes against the President and the Secretary of Defence. There were charges of violations of human rights and freedom of speech with so called evidence supplied by their media people and the local agents. Channel four in Briton was caught with their pants down

but the western powers have not given up their hopes. Why should they when they have a leader of opposition in Sri Lanka who is eager to help them in any capacity.

However, unfortunately for the west the leader of the opposition has not been able to win an election for a considerable period of time and the schemers got into the scene without much delay. As far as the west is concerned they know that any politician in the opposition cannot win and on one hand they are thinking of making maximal damage to the victory of the nationalist forces, and on the other hand trying to divide the loyalties of the armed forces and also to make use of the JVP to create anarchy in the country. The student “unrest” the protests by the unemployed graduates and other so called trade union struggle though not necessarily the result of behind the screen activities of the western forces, help the western forces to achieve their ambitions. The JVP may be having other ideas and thinking of some kind of “revolution” knowing very well that they would never “capture” power through elections.

The western forces are not interested in the Presidential elections per se. In spite of rhetoric the west have no faith in democracy as such and would be the first to create lawlessness in the country and bring to power one of their stooges. That stooge is not found in the JVP nor in SF. The west wants JVP to create disorder and SF to divide the armed forces and to come out with “information” on war crimes. Their best bet is still the leader of the UNP and his image has to be repaired with no more election defeats.

However even after five hundred years west has not been able to understand the Sinhala psyche, and the first attempts by SF to charge the Defence Secretary with war crimes have boomeranged. Now SF has been forced to accept responsibilities of any “war crimes”, and if he had charged the Defence Secretary for giving orders to kill even those who surrendered, then obviously the question of obeying orders from the Defence Secretary who has no power to give orders is raised. SF did not have to obey orders from a secretary of a ministry and he would have been charged for not preventing “illegal” orders from a secretary being implemented. SF cannot obviously say he got orders from the President who only gave the political leadership though it was the most important factor in the operations against the LTTE.

The only hope for the west is now the JVP to create chaos and if possible to divide the loyalties of the armed forces. The recent visit by Blake and the report on Sri Lanka do not reflect a change in policy of the USA on Sri Lanka. The USA still supports Tamil racism but is eager to see that Sri Lanka does not gravitate towards anti western countries. Anti western does not imply a “down with sudda” mentality but anti colonial stance not necessarily from a Marxist or a so called enlightened liberal point of view. Blake still wants to preach the President on the course of action that the latter should follow but unfortunately for Blake the President knows what the former is up to. The

Sinhala kings did not have to learn from western theorists when they balanced various forces from Bharath and the world has not much changed during the last two thousand years or so as it is still the self interest and the sovereignty that dictates the foreign policy of a sate.