



Since I am one of the surviving Ceylonese, now 66 +, I can say with certainty, how this pearl of the Indian Ocean was transformed into this corrupt den of thieves, unknown and unfit by its citizens in just over 70 years.

Six million people, lived happily, some working as laborers in the port, helping manually to unload and load bullock carts with firewood and cinnamon sticks making an honest living for themselves. Vendors pushing three wheel carts selling fresh rotti and beef curry, women in Kochikade in front of the harbor selling hot, hot rice and curry, for the laborers. Farmers went about their business, sowing and harvesting, coconut tea plucker, rubber tappers, all making their small contribution to the economy. In the tea estates, the best tea in the world was plucked. The estates were maintained and looked like a green carpet. No "Country Policy" developed. In Sri Lanka Our economy Should be Agriculture & fisheries base DS Duddly Just continued British Suddas policy SWRD'S Introduction of Pancha maha Balawegaya SANGA/ WEDA / GURU/GOVI / KAMKARU Completely DEVIATED I would say the GOOD/ BAD & UGLY {{ but from 1948 to 1958 at least we had a Good Progress Exports Tea ,Rubber,Coconut and Law & Order , Discipline in the country}} They wanted to be a Parliament Member for HONOR / PRESTIGE

they spent their OWN MONEY sell their own properties to raise money for Election }

After 1958 our expectations were blown to cinders. Tea, coconut and rubber plantations were taken over on an acreage basis, but politicians manipulated this as well.

The management was in a muddle, though the government tried many methods to keep these plantations going. But choosing politically aligned companies to arrest the decline of the plantation sector, never worked. Even today many large estates are crying for help.

Then came the change in the political scenario. We had parliamentary elections, with a handful of parties.

Then in crept the third class politicians. Step by step, they found ways of making money, giving plum contracts to their buddies all in exchange for money, appointments on a political yardstick. They started by dismantling the "loyal, educated, civil service" that had hitherto needed a minimum of a second class degree for entry.

The honorable class that ran the government machinery (the senior executives were all civil servants, government agents, heads in the customs, inland revenue) was lost.

With one stroke the government created the so-called administrative service of second class admin-

istrators politically picked

They all had have their party policies they looked after their own interest & their loved ones and supporters They became VERY RICH in short time in power They wanted to continue even now Money Hungry Power Hungry Politics Do not care what happened or will happen to our country Now we are facing all consequences past & present Now No Law &

Order No Discipline in the country , Economically country is in a very PATHETIC situation Our Trade Deficit 3.7 BILLION DOLLARS

Foreign Loans 57 BILLION DOLLARS Its increasing every day, and that is the Sri Lanka of today.

Please bring back Ceylon. ITS A BIG CHALLENGE TO NEXT PRESIDENT & NEXT GOVERNMENT

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