

That The Sunday Leader will continue fighting the good fight, too, is written. For I did not fight this fight alone. Many more of us have to be—and will be—killed before The Leader is laid to rest. I hope my assassination will be seen not as a defeat of freedom but an inspiration for those who survive to step up their efforts. Indeed, I hope that it will help galvanise forces that will usher in a new era of human liberty in our beloved motherland. I also hope it will open the eyes of your President to the fact that however many are slaughtered in the name of patriotism, the human spirit will endure and flourish. Not all the Rajapakses combined can kill that.

People often ask me why I take such risks and tell me it is a matter of time before I am bumped off. Of course I know that: it is inevitable. But if we do not speak out now, there will be no one left to speak for those who cannot, whether they be ethnic minorities, the disadvantaged or the persecuted. An example that has inspired me throughout my career in journalism has been that of the German theologian, Martin Niemöller. In his youth he was an anti-Semite and an admirer of Hitler. As Nazism took hold in Germany, however, he saw Nazism for what it was: it was not just the Jews Hitler sought to extirpate, it was just about anyone with an alternate point of view. Niemöller spoke out, and for his trouble was incarcerated in the Sachsenhausen and Dachau concentration camps from 1937 to 1945, and very nearly executed. While incarcerated, Niemöller wrote a poem that, from the first time I read it in my teenage years, stuck hauntingly in my mind:

First they came for the Jews
and I did not speak out because I was not a Jew.

Then they came for the Communists
and I did not speak out because I was not a Communist.

Then they came for the trade unionists
and I did not speak out because I was not a trade unionist.

Then they came for me
and there was no one left to speak out for me.

If you remember nothing else, remember this: The Leader is there for you, be you Sinhalese, Tamil, Muslim, low-caste, homosexual, dissident or disabled. Its staff will fight on, unbowed and unafraid, with the courage to which you have become accustomed. Do not take that commitment for granted. Let there be no doubt that whatever sacrifices we journalists make, they are not made for our own glory or enrichment: they are made for you. Whether you deserve their sacrifice is another matter. As for me, God knows I tried.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. JONES addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

TRIBUTE TO LANCE, INC.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mrs. MYRICK) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mrs. MYRICK. I rise today in tribute to Lance, Inc., a snack food company that is based in my district. Lance is

the number one seller of peanut butter crackers in United States grocery stores. It operates manufacturing plants in seven States. The company's products are in grocery stores, convenience stores, hospitals, schools, and vending machines all across the country, and they have not been affected by the nationwide peanut butter recall caused by the salmonella outbreak.

Lance self-manufactures 100 percent of the peanut butter for all of its products, which include eight varieties of peanut butter and snack crackers. Their manufacturing process is held to the highest standard, and the company regularly tests its products to assure continued consumer health and safety. Lance has also been reviewed and okayed by the Food Safety Division of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture to ensure utmost quality and safety.

Parents pack Lance crackers in their kids' lunches every day, and every day countless people grab a handful of Lance crackers as an on-the-go snack. This company is a trusted one because it has built its reputation on putting the consumer first.

The safety of Lance has not been compromised by this recall, and I urge consumers to continue to enjoy all of their favorite Lance products.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. NORTON addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

TARP: MORE OF THE SAME BAD POLICIES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, the House of Representatives has spoken. We just disapproved sending out the next \$350 billion through the President to Wall Street. Of course, since the Senate does not agree, the taxpayer money will go out the door again, to the U.S. Treasury, to be used however the U.S. Treasury Secretary sees fit. Too bad. Indeed, tragic for our people.

They say the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again, expecting a different result. Yet, that is exactly what is being done as we ship out the next \$350 billion of taxpayer money to Treasury to cover Wall Street's paper losses.

When will we have wise leaders who rise and understand that unless the mortgage foreclosure crisis tide is turned back, Wall Street will not heal. We must heal Main Street's mortgage real estate markets first. Congress is looking out of the wrong end of the telescope.

In the fall, some in Congress sent out the first \$350 of taxpayer money, hast-

ily crafted, for a completely opaque bailout "plan" that proponents argued would stabilize our economy. Has that happened? Yesterday, the Dow dipped below 8,000. Last month's foreclosure filings were up 40 percent from the previous year. And nearly 700,000 more jobs were lost last month alone.

Our economy is still suffering, with more jobs lost every day, while the promise of the bailout has been broken. The bailout money was given through a hasty process, without enough thought, without any guidelines, and the proper Federal regulators to do the job. The Federal Deposit Insurance Company, the Securities and Exchange Commission, and HUD, were sidelined as Treasury was moved into the driver's seat.

Taking advantage of Treasury's boon, Wall Street's gambling casinos used the money to buy up other banks to build up their reserves and get bigger, rather than unfreezing credit so that local markets could work, or engaging in foreclosure workouts, which is the real congressional intent of the original bill.

U.S. Treasury nominee, Tim Geithner—he is the gentleman who didn't pay his taxes—noted in his confirmation hearing that there were serious concerns about transparency, accountability, and the goals of the bailout program. But he didn't say how he was going to fix it.

How does the administration even know that it needs \$350 billion more if it hasn't audited and doesn't know what happened to the first \$350? Where did that money go?

Congress is taking the lazy man's way out, shirking the immense responsibility to appropriately and thoughtfully guide how the money is spent, ensuring our taxpayers' money is being used prudently.

When Secretary Paulson pushed for this additional bank bailout, he said, Well, the government might recoup some of its money. But now the truth becomes clearer. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that of the first \$247 billion in bailout payments made just through last December, they are saying taxpayers already will end up footing over \$64 billion, or 26 percent, of the bill. That is just where we are today.

So if we are on the hook for paying 26 percent of the first tranche, should the people paying the bill not be the beneficiaries of a comparable share of the total funds to do mortgage workouts at the local level? That would be about \$180 billion. But the bill that passed the House last night commits as little as \$40 billion to foreclosure workouts. In other words, the bottom line really doesn't add up.

The Treasury has been inappropriately charged with restoring the health of our markets. But their job is to sell U.S. debt on Wall Street and to collect our taxes. They really aren't designed to do bank regulation or examination or real estate lending or housing workouts or real estate accounting. That is