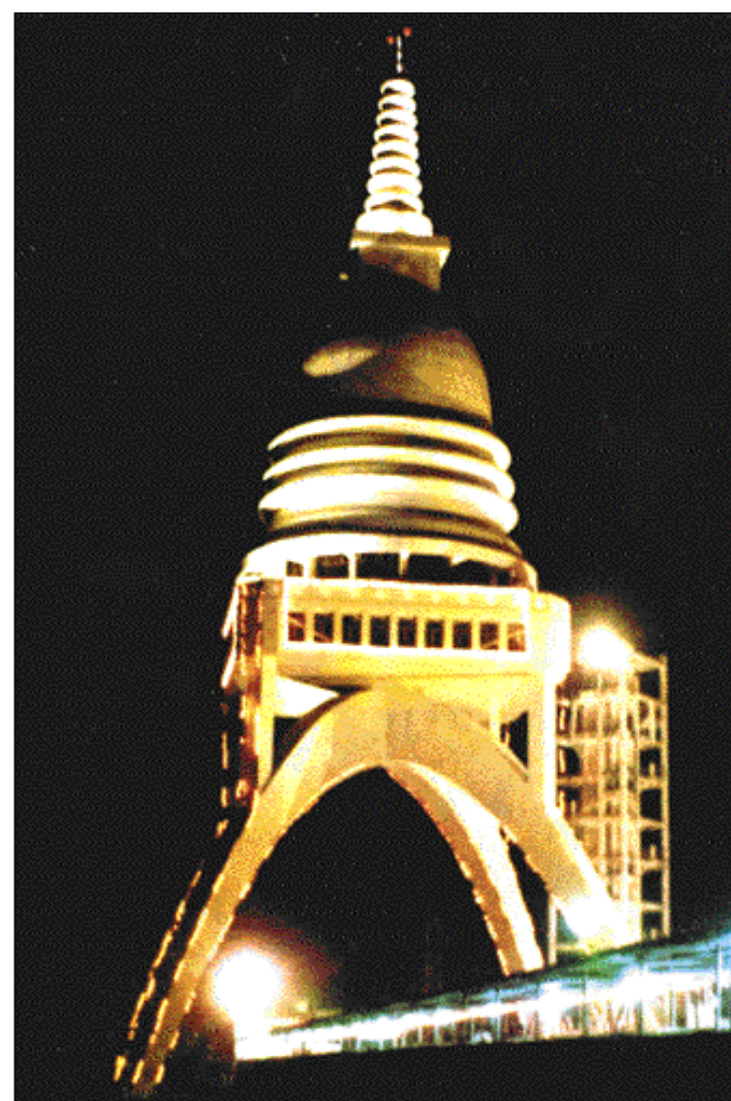


Nation's tribute to Father of Sri Lankan Engineering



Lonely mourner with the national flag paying tribute



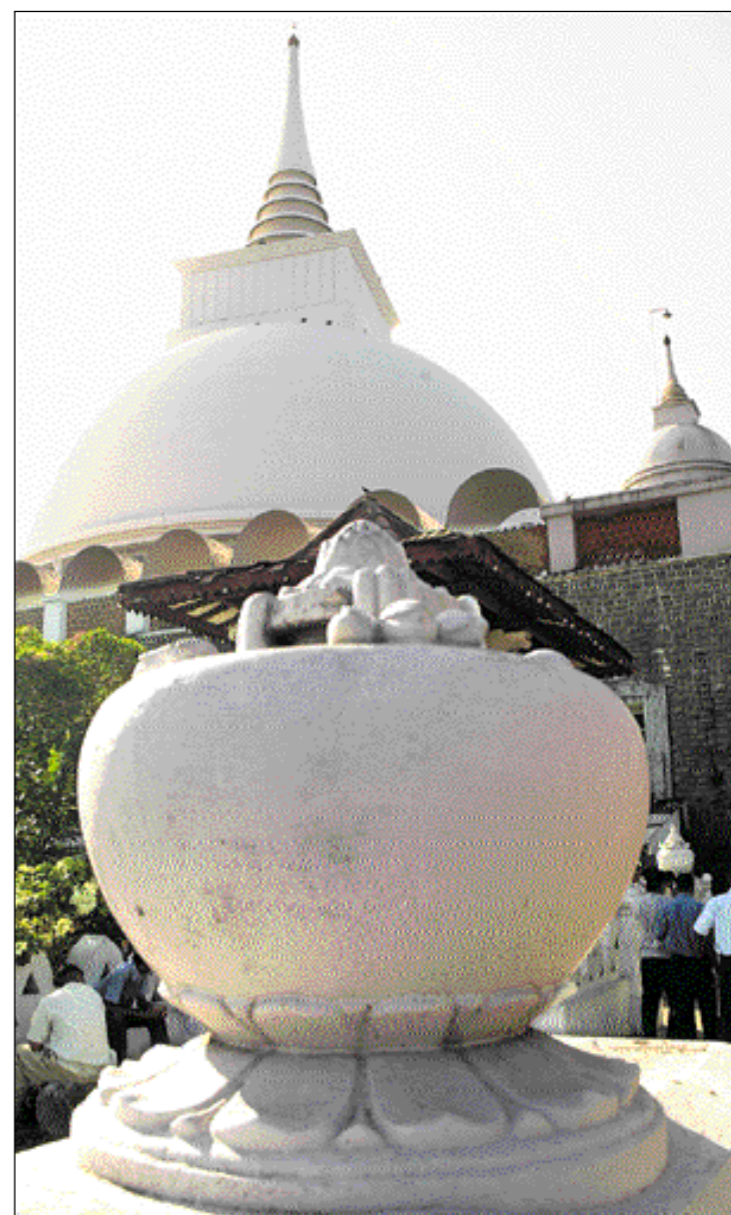
The Light of Asia



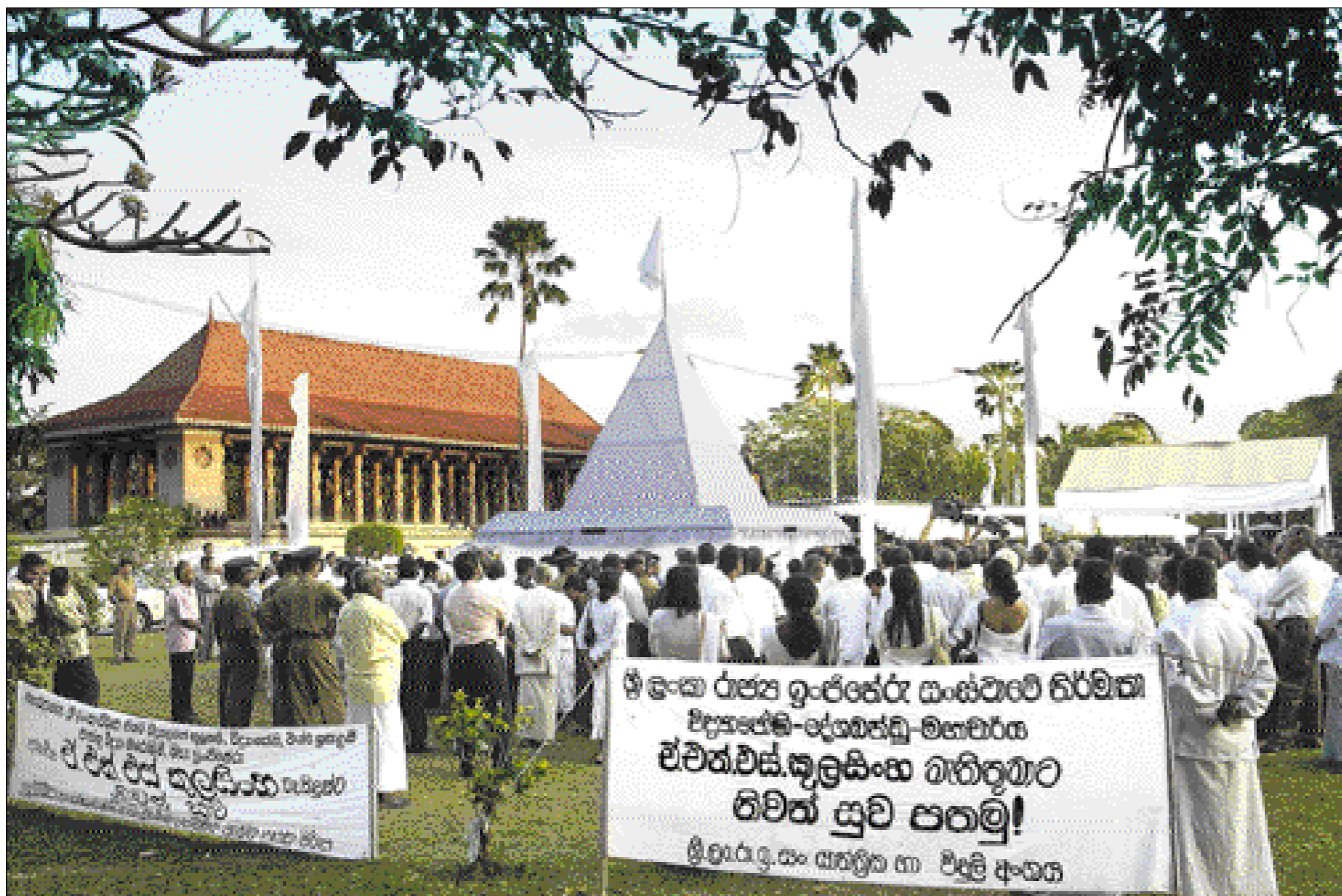
Villagers at the funeral procession



His sons paying respects to their great father



Kalutara Bohiya



Last rites at the Independence Square to a genius and great visionary of engineering.

TRIBUTE TO A GENIUS: The distinguished and eminent Dr. A. N. S. Kulasinghe, the father of Sri Lankan Engineering is no more. The nation paid a simple tribute with a few hundred mourners at his State funeral at the Independent Square last week-end.

He was the pioneer for many innovative inventions, low cost and easy to construct, easy to maintain and suitable for our culture and tropical weather.

His innovative low cost inventions did not reach the needy, the poor, the public, and the common man.

Why? What went wrong and where? Corrupt politicians, bureaucrats and the Building Contract Mafia is responsible for obstructing the message across and the results for the benefit of the public.

During the few short discussions I had with him from time to time I realised his deep inner sorrow of not having his inventions recognised and his work respected and not making full use of them for the benefit of the people. It would be advisable to appoint a study group selected from young and enthusiastic people to research into his creative work and to find out why it did not reach the entire nation in a wider manner. This is the greatest tribute we can pay him for the sacrifice he has made for this nation and for his lifetime achievements.

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