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In recent months, foreign journalists visiting conflict-stricken Sri Lanka have projected a dismal image of its ethnic troubles. Pictures have been painted of bloodshed and horror, violations of human rights and erosion of minority rights, as if those were the only things that existed there.

The article, *Love survives the bloodshed of Sri Lanka* (May 5), is a welcome respite. Gerald Utting must be congratulated for his well-balanced presentation. His earlier analyses of the conflict were also fair and factual. Now, he writes of love and romance, and of human feelings which have pervaded life on that little speck on the Indian Ocean that came to be known as the Island Paradise.

At a time when sensational journalism seems to be the order of the day, Utting has exercised judicious journalistic judgment in choosing to write on a topic that brings out the finer side of human nature.

Despite the many problems that have afflicted the once-peaceful island, the majority of Sri Lankans have lived and continue to live in peace and harmony. It is also true that those of us who have opted for Canada as our adopted home, make our own little contribution by striving for better human relations, rather than fanning the ethnic fires that are consuming the folks at home.

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