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Asoka Weerasinghe (Letter, Sept. 3) states, "This feud is between the legitimately elected representatives . . . and a handful of unrepresentative extremists of the major minority group, the Tamils . . ."

Since 1977 there has been no general election in Sri Lanka. Though elections should have been held in 1983, the government, by resorting to a controversial "referendum," extended the life of Parliament until 1989. Is a "referendum" a legal and democratic substitute for a general election?

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