percent of the military equipment available to the Indonesian Armed Forces when they invaded East Timor in 1975 had been supplied by the United States. Shipments of American weaponry were stepped up in the later 1970’s, when as much as a third of East Timor’s population of less than 700,000 perished in the Indonesian military occupation. The Clinton administration put restrictions in 1994 on the transfer to Indonesia of certain small arms that could be used in places like East Timor and in recent weeks, has also placed restrictions on the transfer of armored personnel carriers. These are welcome steps but they can never erase the earlier history, in which American diplomacy and arms played a significant role in making the East Timor tragedy possible.

The United States therefore has a special responsibility to help protect the East Timorese people in the 1990’s. The world must be particularly vigilant as the fifth anniversary of the Santa Cruz massacre approaches. The United States must also be alert to opportunities to support East Timor’s international law and democracy. The continued denial of these rights led to the Santa Cruz tragedy in 1991 and is the root of the sorry situation that exists at present. In addition to taking diplomatic action to protect the people of East Timor from further violence, the United States must be concerned; How dare the Sikhs claim an identity where the Sikh minority is suffering from an overwearing sense of self-righteousness where the Sikh minority is suffering from an overwearing sense of self-righteousness? They must be taught a lesson. Simply brand them anti-national! No wonder the newspapers are branded as tools of the government and its gargantuan power machine. One good turn begets another. Unburdened by moral scruples, the newspapers lend and support to the government to further its uses.

We give, in this issue, a few instances of this insensitive attitude of the national daily newspapers. In Tribune newspaper, even the mention of the word Sikh for the first time resulted in the paper being dropped. This is not parable. Recently, a group of distinguished intellectuals, motivated by ordinary humanity, wrote to the President of India pleading for the release of several hundred distinguished intellectuals, motivated by ordinary humanity, wrote to the President of India pleading for the release of several hundred distinguished intellectuals, motivated by ordinary humanity, wrote to the President of India pleading for the release of several hundred distinguished intellectuals, motivated by ordinary humanity, wrote to the President of India pleading for the release of several hundred distinguished intellectuals, motivated by ordinary humanity, wrote to the President of India pleading for the release of several hundred distinguished intellectuals, motivated by ordinary humanity, wrote to the President of India pleading for the release of several hundred distinguished intellectuals, motivated by ordinary humanity, wrote to the President of India pleading for the release of several hundred distinguished intellectuals, motivated by ordinary humanity, wrote to the President of India pleading for the release of several hundred distinguished intellectuals, motivated by ordinary humanity, wrote to the President of India pleading for the release of several hundred distinguished intellectuals, moti...