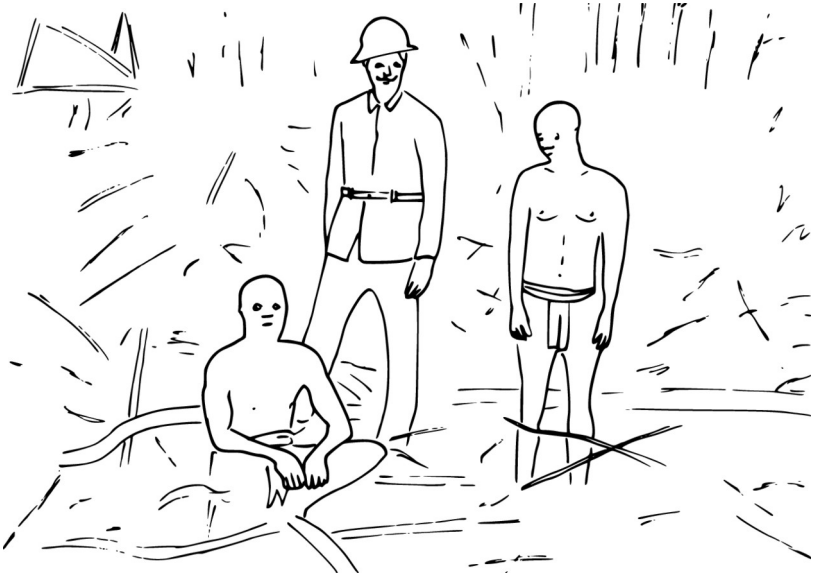


Fig.103 Illustration showing a colonial authority with some native men who have been recruited to civilize their forest. With civilization the colonial power means destroy the forest to make way to fields and roads and even new settlements. This type of approach has in fact destroyed the type of harmonious living in which natives were able to get by happy and well nourished.

Annihilation Among the Natives of Lower Asia

Natives arrived "fifty thousand years ago" and have been elsewhere "overwhelmed" by "horseborne invaders and pastoral migrants" who forced them to retreat to "mountaintops, deserts, and inaccessible forests" until modernity found a use for their land "for mines, dams, and timber" banishing them to shantytowns and reserving them the "most menial and distasteful jobs" which ensures that they can "never rise to threaten the rulers". Alas most of the natives are "alcoholics" and many of their children are "fathered by the welfare staff". And with naval guards "offering alchol and demanding" native women, syphilis turned tribes numbering thousands to only a few. And during the war invaders "shot or threw into shark-infested seas many of the old, the young, and the infirm" natives. And after the war their land was used "for dumping refugees from various mainland conflicts" with their 25 million years old rain forest "set on fire" to clear space for them. While the newcomers practice agriculture natives are uninterested. Why should they care for a planted tree when the jungle and sea were "teeming with food for the taking?". And with deforestation "forest fires" are raging and the "9 months of rain" in a year "went down to 5". And once sturdy natives with white teeth who could "crush nails" are left with "decayed teeth" and "hardly a smile" (Mukerjee 2003).