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DIPLOMATIC

Ambassador to Korea

June 9: President U San Yu named U Ba Thwin, Burmese  
Ambassador to Japan, to be concurrently Ambassador to Korea. (WPD  
6/9)

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Lashio Fire Aid

May 31: The Soviet Red Cross donated Ky 200,000 in relief  
goods, including blankets, cloth and medicines, to the victims of the  
Lashio fire. (WPD 6/1)

Australian Exhibition

June 20: The Karnta Exhibition of Australia (aboriginal  
women's art and crafts) opened for three days at the Australian  
Ambassador's residence in Golden Valley, and was explained by  
aboriginal affairs expert J. Moore. (WPD 6/21)

Japanese Aid Notes Exchanged

June 24: Japanese Ambassador Hiroshi Ohtaka and Deputy  
Minister for Planning and Finance U Nyunt Maung signed an exchange of  
Diplomatic Notes under which Japan grants Burma Yen 3,654.832 million  
(US \$29,200,000) as debt relief, consequent on Burma's having become  
a "least developed country." Total repayment due in 1988 on Japanese  
loans is Yen 10.8 billion (US\$ 86,400,000). Japan will reimburse  
loan repayments "in accordance with the 1978 demarcation." This  
amounts to Yen 7.1 billion (US\$ 56.8 million) for this year. The  
grant is untied and can be used for procurement of machinery, raw  
materials, or spares for the Energy, Industry, Mining, Agriculture,  
Transport and Trade Sectors. (WPD 6/25)

Drug Seminar

June 27: The Second National Seminar on Prevention and  
Management of Drug Dependence opened under the joint sponsorship of  
the Ministry of Health, the World Health Organization (WHO), and the  
United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control (UNFDAC). The first had  
been held in Sept. 1979. Deputy Minister for Health Dr. Tun Hla Pru  
reviewed Burmese activities in the prevention and treatment of drug  
abuse. The Seminar will last until July 1. (WPD 6/28) // June 28:  
The Seminar continued with the presentation of papers. (WPD 6/29)

FOREIGN VISITORS

British Energy Official

June 3: The Right Honorable Clark Parkinson, MP, British  
Secretary of State for Energy, arrived on a visit with his wife and

aides. (WPD 6/4) // June 4: He visited the Shwedagon Pagoda and the Thingangyun electric substation, part of the Rangoon City supply project supported by British aid. Minister for Energy U Sein Tun hosted a dinner for him at the Syriam Refinery. (WPD 6/5) // June 5: He departed. (WPD 6/6)

#### Indian Defence College

June 3: A 14-member study group from the India National Defence College, led by Mr. J. Daulat Singh, arrived May 29, visited Pagan, Mandalay, and Sagaing, and departed on June 3. (WPD 6/4)

#### Australian MP

June 24: Australian Member of Parliament Timothy Andrew Fischer called on Deputy Prime Minister Thura U Tun Tin, and on the Chairman of the War Veterans Organization U Myint Maung. (WPD 6/25) // June 27: He called on Foreign Minister U Ye Goung. (WPD 6/28)

#### Korean Envoy

June 25: Mr. Young Choo Kim, special envoy of the President of [South] Korea, arrived on a four day visit. (WPD 6/26) // June 27: He called on President U San Yu, and on Foreign Minister U Ye Goung, who hosted a lunch for him. Earlier he toured the Shwedagon Pagoda. (WPD 6/28) // June 28: Mr. Kim departed; earlier he visited the National Museum. (WPD 6/29)

#### Chinese Delegation

June 29: A Chinese delegation headed by Hueng Shiming, Vice President of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, arrived on a goodwill visit to Burma, and called on Council of State member U Chit Hlaing [former Foreign Minister]. Later he met with U Min Gyi, Secretary of the International Relations and Foreign Affairs Committee of the BSPP Central Committee Headquarters. (WPD 6/30)

#### BURMESE DELEGATIONS

##### Education Delegation Returns

June 1: The education delegation headed by Rector of the Institute of Economics Dr. Khin Maung Nyunt, accompanied by Director of the Higher Education Department and Secretary of the Universities Central Council U Win Maung returned from the United States after participating in the Higher Education in the United States Group Project. (WPD 6/2)

##### Industry Minister to Bangladesh

June 3: Minister for Industry 1 U Tint Swe, accompanied by Deputy Minister for Industry 2 U Oo Saw Hla and various Industry and Trade Ministries department heads, left on a one week economic mission to Bangladesh. (WPD 6/4) // June 10: The delegation returned. (WPD 6/11)

##### U Tun Tin Returns from China

June 5: The delegation headed by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Planning and Finance Thura U Tun Tin and his delegation returned from China. During its visit, the delegation called on President Yang Shangkun, Vice President Wang Zhen, Premier Le Ping, Political Bureau Standing Committee member Qiao Shi, Vice Premier Wu Xueqian, Vice Chairman of the Congress Standing Committee Mme. Chen Muhua, Minister of Finance Wang Bingqian and others. (WPD 6/6)

##### Educators to Japan

June 21: A nine-member education delegation led by U Kyaw Aye, Principal of the Bassein Teachers Training Institute, left on an 18-day study program in Japan under the Japanese Foundation Program.

(WPD 6/22)

#### Youth Delegation to China

June 22: A Burmese youth delegation left on a study visit to China at the invitation of the Chinese Communist Youth Central Committee Headquarters. The delegation is headed by Lanzin Youth Central Organizing Committee (LYCOC) Chairman and Council of People's Attorneys member U Sein Win, and includes Monywa Township LYOC Secretary U Aung Than Swe, Myitkyina Township LYOC Secretary U Kaman Du Naw, Loikaw Township LYOC Secretary Daw Than Than Tin, and Matupi Township LYOC Secretary Daw Hau Lan Vung. (WPD 6/23)

#### Prime Minister to Bulgaria

June 29: Prime Minister U Maung Maung Kha left on an official visit to Bulgaria. He was seen off by officials, the Diplomatic Dean, and Ambassadors or Chargs d'Affaires of West Germany, England, and Singapore. (WPD 6/30)

#### ILO Delegation Returns

June 29: The Burmese delegation to the 75th Session of the International Labour Organization Conference in Geneva returned. [see also under Labor] (WPD 6/30)

#### BURMA GAZETTE

##### Appointments Confirmed

June 11: The Council of State confirmed the following appointments, after one year's probation:

Col. Ko Gyi as Managing Director, Vehicles and Machinery Stores, Trade Corporation, Ministry of Trade.

U Win Kyi as Managing Director, Inspection and Agency Corporation, Ministry of Trade.

U Lu Ni as Principal, Myitkyina Degree College, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education.

Dr. Kyaw Thein as Principal, Sittwe Degree College.

Dr. Hla Pe as Principal, Taunggyi Degree College. (WPD 6/11)

##### Probationary Appointment

June 25: The Council of State appointed Lt. Col. Than Maung (BC/7730), Professor/Head of Department, Department of History, Defense Services Academy (Maymyo), Ministry of Defence, to be Director General, National Archives Department, Ministry of Planning and Finance, on probation. (WPD 6/25)

##### Transfer and Appointment

June 25: The Council of State transferred and appointed U Kyaw Mya Thein, Principal, Workers' College, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, to be Principal, Bassein Degree College. (WPD 6/25)

#### GOVERNMENT

##### Pyithu Hluttaw By-elections

June 8: U Kya Khe was elected Pyithu Hluttaw member for Matupi 2, Chin State, in by-elections held in May. (WPD 6/9)

##### Universities Closed

June 20: [Official Announcements] All classes of the Rangoon University Main, Hlaing, Kemmendine, and Botataung campuses were suspended as of June 21. All classes of the Institute of Economics were suspended as of June 21. (WPD 6/21)

June 21: [Official Announcements] All classes of the Institute of Medicine (1), Rangoon, were suspended as of June 22. All classes of the Institute of Dental Medicine, Rangoon, were suspended as of June 22. (WPD 6/22)

June 22: [Official Announcements] All classes of the

Institute of Medicine (2), were suspended as of June 22. All classes of the Rangoon Institute of Technology were suspended as of June 22. (WPD 6/23)

#### Curfew in Rangoon

June 21: The Rangoon Division People's Council Executive Committee issued the following order, under Section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code, in the Rangoon City Development Area [full text given]:

Order No 1/88

1. It is hereby made known to the working people of the Rangoon City Development area that, commencing 12:30 hours on 21 June 1988 in some townships within Rangoon City Development area, crowds bent on causing disturbances and violence refused to follow and obey the lawful, peaceful and unarmed endeavours of the members of the security unit of the People's Police Force to desist but to the contrary resorted to violence with attacks with sticks, dahs [knives], catapults and jinglees (catapult arrows) [and] so on causing the death of five People's Police Force members and seriously injuring 26 other People's Police Force members. According to reports received it is also learnt that one of those perpetrating violence and disturbances also died and that a few others were also injured. Besides this, those causing violent disturbances wrecked and set fire to the Sanchaung People's Police Force Station; wrecked the cinema halls in Sanchaung-Myenigon; set fire to the family lines of the Kamayut People's Police Force Station and also destroyed numerous traffic lights.

2. Considering that such acts are a threat to peace and security and may lead to conflicts and civil disturbances, the Rangoon Division People's Council Executive Committee has hereby issued this order under Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure prohibiting the gathering of people, making speeches, marching in procession, agitation, exhortation, demonstrations and causing disturbances in the Rangoon City Development area and banning people from going outside between 6 pm and 6 am.

#### Areas specified

3. The Rangoon City Development area covered by this order includes Mingaladon, Insein, North Okkalapa, Mayangon, Kamayut, Hlaing, South Okkalapa, Thingangyun, Yankin, Kemmendine, Sanchaung, Ahlone, Lanmadaw, Latha, Pabedan, Kyauktada, Botataung, Pazundaung, Bahan, Dagon, Mingala Taungnyunt, Tamwe, Thaketa, Dawbon, Port, Dallah and Seikkyi (Kanaungto) Townships.

#### Action to be taken

4. It is hereby made known that severe action will be taken, under existing law for peace and tranquility and prevalence of law and order, against any person or persons who commit acts of gathering, making speeches, marching in procession, agitation, exhortation, demonstrations and causing disturbances within the above-mentioned areas as well as against any person or persons who go outside between 6 pm and 6 am under Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

#### Authority

5. This order shall be in force for 60 days from 21 June 1988 (the 8th Waxing Day of 1st Waso, 1350 BE) up to 19 August 1988 (the 7th Waxing Day of Wagaung, 1350 BE).

6. This order is issued under the seal of this office at 1730 hours on 21 June 1988.

Sd. Kyaw Thein, Chairman  
Rangoon Division People's Council  
Executive Committee  
(WPD 6/22)

#### Report on June 21 Disturbances

June 22: [Full text] "The crowds that caused disturbances and violence in Sanchaung, Kamayut, Hlaing and Insein Townships of Rangoon Division on the afternoon of 21 June not only refused to obey the lawful, peaceful and unarmed endeavours of the members of the

security unit of the People's Police Force but also resorted to unlawful and destructive activities such as violently attacking the members of the security unit with sticks, dahs, catapults and jinglees (catapult arrows), setting fire to the Sanchaung PPF Station, wrecking the cinema halls in Sanchaung-Myenigon; setting fire to the family lines of the Kamayut PPF Station; attacking the Hlaing Township PPF Station; wrecking mills and factories as well as looting and wrecking the Insein Hpawkan Ward People's Council office and co-operative shop.

"Altogether 77 persons who participated in these violent and destructive activities were seized by the People's Police Force. They include 19 men from Hlaing Township, 17 men from Kamayut Township, 29 men and three women from Sanchaung Township and nine men from Insein Township.

"Of the 77 persons seized, only 10 are students, and the rest are ayat-tha (civilian) troublemakers.

"The disturbances, violence and destruction that day were caused by ayat-tha (civilians) who constituted a large majority of the rioters; they took the advantage of the demonstration staged by a small minority of young students, to run rampage to attack, to loot and to destroy.

"According to information received today, six members of the People's Police Force lost their lives and three from among those who caused the disturbances and violence died.

"In Sanchaung, 17 bicycles, office furniture and stationery from the PPF Commander's office and PPF station as well as four traffic light indicators and one traffic light control box were destroyed. Moreover, fluorescent lamps from the Shweman Cinema Hall, the window panes of the projector room of the San Thiri Cinema Hall and the window panes of the Tabinshwehti Cinema Hall were wrecked.

"In Kamayut Township the PPF Station office building the roof tiles, stone slabs and window panes were damaged; one two-room apartment house of the family lines was gutted and the roof tiles and window panes of 14 houses were destroyed. Four traffic light indicators and one traffic light control box were destroyed. Also damaged were the Trade Corporation hair-dressing saloon building and furniture and the signboard of the No 36 Filling Station.

"In Hlaing Township, the main gate of the Soap Factory No 2 was damaged, the workers' welfare shop, a refrigerator in it and pots and pans were destroyed and K 500 looted.

"In Insein Township properties of the Flour Division head office of the Foodstuff Industries Corporation and the Padetha Biscuit Factory were destroyed; one jeep, burnt and the windshields and lights of 11 lorries, also destroyed and the properties from the workers' welfare shop looted.

"The fluorescent lamps of the signboard and the window panes at the gate of the Thamaing Textile Mill as well as two traffic light indicators at the Thamaing Road Junction were destroyed.

"The People's Council office of Hpawkan Ward in Insein Township was destroyed and the rice bags and school textbooks and exercise books looted.

"In Lanmadaw Township one TE-11 truck belonging to the Road Transport Corporation was burnt. Today the situation is quiet and peaceful with the security units in control.

"The People's Police Force will continue to expose and take action against those who caused the disturbances and violence, it is learnt." (WPD 6/23)

## MILITARY

### Insurgent Atrocities

May 31: On May 26, Ko Soe Naing and Maung Aye Htwe of Myaung-U village, Kyaukkyi Township [Pegu] were injured by KNU mines while gathering danyinthee. On May 29, U Kyi Win of Thanseik village, Shwe-kyin Township [Pegu] was injured by a KNU mine. (WPD 6/1)

June 3: Ma San Toe, 18, of Ingani village, Shwe-kyin Township

[Pegu] was injured by a KNU mine while gathering danyinthee on May 29. U Kywet Ni, 35, of Kyauktaung village, Thaton Township [Mon] was injured by a mine on May 26. (WPD 6/4)

June 8: On May 30 KIA insurgents entered Lwelaw village, Mogaung Township [Kachin], burned the house of U Ba Maw, and stole 2 buffalo and 2 oxen. On June 5, Daw Khin Kyi, 45, of Myetye village, Kyaukkyi Township [Pegu] was injured by a KNU mine en route to Ngah-twe-soke village. On June 3, Shan insurgents entered Manmong village in Namhsan Township [Shan], and abducted and hacked to death U Paw Hkam. (WPD 6/9)

June 10: On June 3, BCP insurgents entered the deserted village of Kyati in Monghsat Township [Shan], killed four peasants and wounded one. On June 7, San Myint, 23, of Kya-inn-gon village in Pyu Township [Pegu] was killed by a KNU mine while collecting danyinthee. (WPD 6/11)

June 15: On June 11 Ma Thida Aye, 20, of Natkyi village, Bilin Township [Mon] was injured by a mine near Nyaduwa village. On June 10 Tashi La, 31, of Nampat village, Kyukok village-tract, was killed by a BCP mine near Namhu village. (WPD 6/16)

June 17: The "Sai Sai group in charge of demanding protection money of organizer Tun Aung group of the SUA insurgents" recently killed seven Shan and Lahu nationals at a farm in the deserted Kunhing village, Mongton Township [Shan], because their demand for rice from Monghan village-tract was not met. (WPD 6/18)

June 20: Maung Chit, 26, of Hteikpauk village, Kyaukkyi Township [Pegu] was injured by a KNU mine while gathering danyinthee on June 16. Naw Phaw Di, 25, of Mayangon village, Bilin Township [Mon] was injured by a mine while gathering fruit on June 15. (WPD 6/21)

June 21: On June 6 SSA insurgents entered Mauksam village in Namhsan Township [Shan], abducted and later killed a man and his two sons, and raped his daughter and daughter-in-law. On June 18, Naw Shwe Moe, 40, was injured by a KNU mine near Monekyaukkyi Motor Road, near Kayin-myetye-Ywapyet, Kyaukkyi Township [Pegu]. (WPD 6/22)

June 22: On May 29 BCP insurgents fired on 60 members of 14 households in Mongphan Village, Mongyawng Township [Shan] who had fled their village. Bodies of those killed were beheaded and thrown into the Mekong River. The people of Kyainglat Village in Tachilek Township saw 18 headless bodies floating down the Mekong between May 30 and June 5. (WPD 6/23)

June 25: On June 12 KIA insurgents headed by Sin Wah of the No. 6 battalion entered Nayaseik village, Kamaing Township [Kachin] and killed a villager. On June 18, Mon insurgents entered Sakhangyi village, Thanbyuzayat Township [Mon], robbed Ky 6,000 and killed a girl. On June 20, Shan extortionists headed by Haan Than entered Maingkyaing village market, Mong Yai Township [Shan] and killed Ai Phit, 17. (WPD 6/26)

June 28: Maung Chit, 22, of Kyauktaung Village, Thaton Township [Mon] was killed by a mine while searching for mushrooms on June 21. Maung Naing, 22, of Seikkyi, Kyaukkyi Township [Pegu] was killed by a KNU mine, and a companion injured, on June 19. U Nyunt Tin, 45, of Toungoodan Ward, Kyaukkyi [Mon] was injured by a KNU mine on June 21. (WPD 6/29)

#### Insurgency Denounced

June 4: A feature article by Nan Mya Mya San, entitled "Those who have expired their life span" suggests that alliances between insurgent groups are meaningless because "Hna Khan Pei Gyin Mee Hmoke" (A zero cannot make another zero valuable). Various atrocities and insurgent defeats are cited. "If [the insurgents] thus continue to give trouble to the country and the people for their selfish ends they, like oil-lamps which have no more wicks and oil left, are bound to meet with an inglorious end." (WPD 6/4)

#### KNU Arms Seized

June 4: The 22 Light Infantry Division on May 30 seized a 2.75

rocket launcher, 7 rocket containers and 7 shells, near Kazaing village, near Hlaingbwe chaung, abandoned by the group that rocketed Pa-An [Karen] on May 28. The insurgents were led by Lt. Saw Myint Lay, the son of U Pan Sein and Daw Tar Nan of Kawhameit village, Einde village-tract, Pa-an Township [Karen], who was a student at Pa-an College in 1981-82, and by local insurgent Hla Kaw. The KNU has been given rocket and other training since 1984 by "foreign instructors" at the Manepalaw, Mela, and Warkha camps. [photos of "foreigner" training KNU insurgents; seized rocket launcher; and Saw Myint Lay] (WPD 6/5)

#### Insurgents Surrender

June 7: 16 insurgents surrendered, with their weapons, between May 2-15. // June 8: 16 surrendered between May 18-31. (WPD 6/8) [names and details given]

#### KIA Leader Denounced

June 11: In a feature article entitled "Brang Seng the town crier", Kunblai denounces the trip to Asia and Europe made by KIA leader Brang Seng in July-Dec. 1987. On his return he made a report to the Ma Da Ta central panel of chairmen, on Dec. 28, submitted on his behalf by General Secretary of the Kachin Independence Group "Zaung Tayar" at the second conference of the Ma Da Ta at Marnepalaw in Kachin State. The report makes a suggestion "to publish false and malicious rumours about Burma in foreign journals and spread such rumours the world over." Brang Seng's aim was that "the nations which have friendly ties and economic relations with Burma would come to be less friendly with Burma. It was a hare-brained suggestion given with ulterior motives."

"Brang Seng is acting like a town crier hoping against hope to get help from any place," but "the life of the KIA...is sinking fast like a stone and will perish soon." (WPD 6/11)

#### National Democratic Front Hit

June 26: A feature article by Sai Khan Lyan (Musal), entitled "NDF (Ma Da Ta) in the process of disintegration," recites the history of the NDF, and gives the stories of two members of the 861 Battalion who defected on May 7, 1988.

The NDF was created as the "Ma La Nya Ta" in 1956, and became the "Ma Da Nya Ta" in 1959 and the "Pa Ma Da Ta" in 1975. It was made of various small insurgent groups under KNU Karen insurgent auspices. It became the National Democratic Front (Ma Da Ta/NDF) in 1976.

Most influential in it are the KNU, the KIA Kachin insurgents, and the SSA Shan insurgents. KNU Nga Mya, who had been chairman from its inception, was succeeded by Karenni leader Saw Moreh at the second NDF meeting in 1987. SSA Shan insurgent Naw Mein Nge (Pyetkaut) became vice-chairman. KNU leader Nga Mya "claims that they stand for extreme right-wing nationalism and establishment of a federal union made up of republics which have the right to secede." KIA Brang Seng seeks an alliance with the BCP.

NDF members are the KNU Karen, KIA Kachin, Mon Pyithit, Pa-O (white), Palaung, SSPP Shan, Rakhine, Wa, Karenni, and Lahu insurgent groups. The northern group consists of the KIA, Palaung and SSPP. The central group is the Wa, Pa-O and Karenni insurgents. The southern group is the KNU, Mon (divided into two factions), and Rakhine insurgents.

The northern group established the "NDF northern command", whose Battalion No. 861 "is one which has only barely-usable weapons", despite Brang Seng's claim that the column has 15,000 men. The command is headed by SSA Shan leader Sai Leik, and Battalion 861 was formed with 100 Shan, Kachin, and Palaung insurgents.

Sai Leik is an Indo-Shan who led the Shan insurgents after Sai Hla Aung defected. His wife Nan Aye Yin defected in April 1986 after Sai Leik married another woman. His younger brother Sai Lu commands Battalion 861 and deals in opium and heroin.

Two members of the Battalion who defected tell their stories in

detail. (WPD 6/26)

## ECONOMIC

### Beans and Pulses

June 7: There are promising overseas markets for beans and pulses, including matpe, butter bean, pedisein, bocate, suntani, suntapya, gram, pesinngyon and peyin. Before the war Burma exported over 100,000 tons of these crops. At present Burma grows over 40 crops of which 15 are exported including 8 kinds of beans and pulses. There are over 20 million acres suitable for beans and pulses, in all parts of the country, but they are now grown on only 2 million acres. "We would like to urge the peasants to grow beans and pulses on every available land." (WPD editorial 6/7)

### Fingerlings Available

June 16: The Fisheries Department has available Shwewa Ngagyin (Cyprinus Carpio) fingerlings at Ky 10 per hundred at 13 fish-breeding stations around the country. In addition, at one station, the following fingerling fishes can be bought: Myetsar Ngagyin at Ky 100 per hundred; Ngagyin at Ky 30 per hundred; and Ngagaungpwa at ky 30 per hundred. (WPD 6/17)

### New Rail and Boat Schedules

June 23: New timetables were announced for the Rangoon-Irrawaddy Delta and Prome/Sinde-Rangoon boats so that they leave Rangoon between 7:30 am and 4:30 pm, and arrive between 6:30 am and 5:00 pm. Similarly, train schedules in and out of Rangoon are changed so that all arrive and depart between 6 am and 6 pm [details given]. (WPD 6/24)

### Commuter Schedules

June 29: Rangoon commuter schedules are being revised "to enable the working people to travel conveniently between 6 am and 6 pm." A meeting of the Rangoon City Passenger Transport Supervision Central Committee has decided to increase the number of busses on five Road Transport Corporation lines from 335 to 480. The All Private Bus Lines Control Committee will increase its vehicles to 1,900. Busses will wait for passengers up to 5 pm. The Railways Corporation will operate trains on the Circular line from 8-10 am and 3-5 pm. The Inland Water Transport Corporation ferries will wait for passengers to Syriam, Dalla, and Seikkyi/Khanaungto until 5:30 pm. (WPD 6/30)

### Rainfall in Rangoon

Rainfall since January 1, 1988, in inches, at Rangoon's three weather stations of Rangoon Airport (RA), Kaba-Aye (KA), and Central Rangoon (CR) was:

As of	RA	KA	CR			
June 1	8.86	8.82	12.95	June 15	19.37	21.97
27.20						
June 30	29.72	33.42	37.13			

A record 24-hour rainfall of 13.50 inches was recorded in Tavoy on May 31-June 1; this is the highest June rainfall in 38 years. (WPD 6/2)

## LABOR

### Address to ILO

June 8: Deputy Minister for Social Welfare and for Labor U Pau Khan Thang, addressed the 75th session of the International Labour Organization Conference in Geneva on June 7 [text of speech given]:

After lauding the ILO, he noted that "we should not forget that this Organization is composed of many countries with different political, economic and social systems.... Thus, one of the main criteria to be considered seriously in adopting a standard is that it

should be acceptable to the majority of member countries." He said Burma was about to adopt two instruments, "Safety and Health in Construction Industry," and "Employment Promotion and Social Security." Burma would begin discussions on partial revision of the 1957 Indigenous and Tribal Population (No. 107) and on "Rural Employment Promotion."

Because of international trade and financial imbalances, poor countries are becoming poorer and rich ones richer, and great powers are engaged in military buildups, "thereby wrong-channeling the resources and wealth of this world which is the common heritage of mankind." Re-diversion of these military expenses would solve "most of the Third World's social and economic problems." (WPD 6/9)

#### HEALTH

##### Plea for Garbage Disposal

June 16: The Rangoon City Development Committee requests people not to block drains with garbage, which is causing flooding in parts of Rangoon. People are urged to dispose of garbage when the "garbage car comes and not to throw away garbage into the back lanes." Violators will be dealt with according to law. (WPD 6/17)

#### CULTURAL

##### Gift to Education

June 3: Daw Mya Nwe donated Ky 1 million to the Institute of Education Practising School, for the construction of buildings, and Ky 100,000 for stipends to poor but outstanding students. (WPD 6/4)

##### Educational Statistics

June 5: In 1987-88 1556 teachers attended refresher courses "for effective teaching in line with the new curriculum" and 44 went abroad for study. 210 two-shift schools were transformed into one-shift schools. (WPD editorial 6/5)

##### Konbaung Period Writers

June 5: In the seventeenth in his series of articles on writers of the Konbaung Period, Aung Moe continues his discussion of U Paw U.

King Bodawpaya tested U Paw U's loyalty by suggesting that he was tired of being King and might become a monk. U Paw U said this would be a noble idea, but quickly suspected that it was a test and the next day offered to go with the King as a lay attendant; the King was mollified. He went on to serve Kings Bagyidaw and Tharrawaddy, and died in 1838 aged 79. He had himself buried in a coffin with his hand sticking out, to show that even the powerful leave the world bare-handed. In the last year of his life he wrote 12 tay-htats on the 12 seasons of the year; his works have been collected in the book titled "U Paw U Shauk Hton" which is readily available. (WPD 6/6)

June 13: The eighteenth in Aung Moe's series concerns Minbu U Awbartha, a sayadaw who wrote prose stories. He put into prose eight of the ten major Buddhist jataka stories, namely: Sanda Kumara; Narada; Vidura; Vessantara; Mahawthahta; Maha Zaneikka; Nemi; and Temi. He was born about 1758 in Yattha village near Minbu, and composed his stories between 1782 and about 1786. He spent most of his life teaching at the Laytha Monastery in Minbu, and died at the age of 40. (WPD 6/13)

June 20: [issue not yet received, article scheduled on Kyeegan Koyingyi]

June 27: The twentieth article is titled "Bodaw's Sayadaws":

First Bagaya Sayadaw was born in 1738 in Alekan village, Maingmyo circle, Pakhangyi township. Born Maung Kyaw Htwe or Nyo Pu, he became a monk as Nanda Marlar. The Magwe Myosar Atwinwun built him a monastery at the Bagaya University Estate west of Ava, and he later moved to the Bagaya monastery west of the new capital of Amarapura.

He was a stern disciplinarian who insisted that monks should cover both shoulders when calling on laymen. In 1786 Bodaw appointed him one of his twelve thathanabyu missionary sayadaws. He eventually displeased the King, who exiled him to his village of Myaing where he died in 1800 at the age of 57. He wrote 34 major works including the "Dhamma Niti Neitthya", the "Answers to Bodawpaya's Questions", and the thesis on monks' robes "are of permanent interest."

Sinde Sayuadaw was born as Maung Shwai in Sinde village, southeast of Pakhangyi, in 1744. He became a monk as Shin Nyarna Thaddhama and later received the title of Maha Dhamma Raza Guru. He wrote 11 scriptural texts including treatises on Pali grammar, and died at 78 in 1816.

Nyaung Gan Sayadaws were seven in number, of whom two belonged to Bodawpaya's reign. The Second, born U Nyun, known as Shin Thaddhama Ranthi translated the U-bataw Wibin, and had the Aung Mye Bonkyaw monastery built for him. He died in 1832. The Third, born U Yaung, was known as Shin Kaweinda, and to him we owe the 550 jataka stories we read today. The Northern Queen built him a monastery in 1791, giving him the title of Maha Dhamma Razadi Raza Guru. He died at 68.

First Maung Daung Sayadaw was born Maung Myat Ne in 1753 in Maung Daung village, Alon township, and became Shin Nyarnarbi Wuntha. He moved to Ava in 1782, became a member of the Thathanapyu missionary council in 1786, and Thathanabaing Primate in 1788. At age 59 he became a palace counsellor, and died in 1832 at the age of 79.

Gugyi Sayadaw was born Maung Mar in 1759, a Thai and son of a junior Thai Minister, and became Shin Pinnya Thiha. He lived at the Gugyi Monastery and in 1801 left monkhood to become Mahadan Wun or junior minister for religious affairs. He authored 11 works including the "Key to Zimme Pannatha", a notable Thai history. In 1814 he was assassinated by insurgents in his Courthouse at Muktama (Martaban). (WPD 6/27)

#### Awards for Antiquities

June 9: Maung Nyunt Win was awarded Ky 489,526 on June 8 in Twante for giving the Archaeology Department two antique gold chains, of the Pagan period, weighing a total of 37 ticals, which he dug up near Tagundaing village, Twante Township [Rangoon]. [photos] (WPD 6/10)

#### SPORTS

##### ISD Soccer Championship

June 8: Rangoon Division beat Pegu Division 3-1 to win the Fourth Inter-State and Division Football Tournament (under 19). Third place was won by Mandalay Division and Kachin State. The fair play award went to Mandalay Division, and Htay Lwin of Rangoon was named best player. (WPD 6/9)

##### Delegation Back from China

June 8: The Burmese sports study delegation headed by Director of Sports and Physical Education Department U Aung Nyein returned from China. (WPD 6/9)

##### Soccer Youth to Singapore

June 12: A 23 member Burma youth football team left to play in the qualifying matches of Group 6 of the 126th under-19 Asian Youth Football Tournament (1988) to be held in Singapore. It was headed by Burma Football Federation Executive Committee member U Maung Maung Lay. (WPD 6/13) // June 17: The team will return June 19. It defeated Singapore 2-1 on June 16, and was defeated 4-0 by Korea on June 14. (WPD 6/18)

##### Burmese Golfer Scores

June 13: Burma's Kyi Hla Han came in second in the Royal Johore Golf Classic June 11 near Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. His scores for the four rounds were 73-71-70-72 for a total of 286, one point

behind Thai winner Sukree Onehum. (WPD 6/13)

#### British Soccer Team To Visit

June 15: The Manchester Amateur Football Club will play goodwill matches against Burmese football teams on June 20-21. (WPD 6/16)  
// June 16: The matches have been cancelled. (WPD 6/17)

#### Judo Championships

June 22: The 1988 judo novice contests sponsored by the Burma Judo Federation, ended. 12 gold medals were given in the various classes [names given]. (WPD 6/23) // June 24: The PPF swept the junior judo contests, winning the mens', womens', and all-round trophies. 12 gold medals were awarded in the various classes [names given] (WPD 6/25)

#### MISCELLANEOUS

##### Crime News

June 2: Two men and a printer were arrested in Rangoon for forging and selling fake tickets for the Rangoon-Bassein express boat of the Inland Water Transport Company. 873 fake tickets were seized. (WPD 6/3)

June 9: Police in Htigyaing Township [Shan?] on May 21 seized 21 packets of raw opium weighing 31.172 kilos on a farm in Paungnet Village. Loilem Township [Kayah] police on Apr. 20 seized 13.7 kilos of raw opium from a passenger in a car between Panglong and Taunggyi; he was from Zaybaing Ward, Loilem Township. (WPD 6/10)

June 10: The Central Court reversed the conviction and death sentence of Andrew Kirk Patrick for the murder of his wife Link Patrick, in Sooniram Park, Rangoon, on May 17, 1986, and acquitted him. It also quashed the death sentence of his cook, Saw Sar Htoo (a) William, who had confessed to setting the fire that killed Link Patrick, and sentenced him to life imprisonment instead. Saw Sar Htoo withdrew his confession, claiming that the People's Police had obtained it by torture. This claim was rejected by the Court, but it found no evidence that prior arrangements for the killing had been made. (WPD 6/11)

June 16: Kengtung Police [Shan] and Burma Army personnel raided a house in Kengtung on June 4 and seized 50 ticals (0.816 kilo) of morphine and one viss (1.633 kilos) of raw opium. Further investigations at another house uncovered 16 viss, 85 ticals (27.516 kilos) of raw opium in a brick wall and 12 viss, 20 ticals (19.923 kilos) of raw opium buried in the courtyard. Four people were arrested. (WPD 6/17)

June 17: Mandalay Police on June 11 seized 5 viss, 15 ticals (8.41 kilos) of raw opium in a fertilizer bag belonging to a resident of Lashio. Two men were arrested. (WPD 6/18)

June 25: Shan Police on June 13 searched two men in Taunggyi and seized 1 kilo of heroin, a pistol and a hand grenade. [photo] (WPD 6/26)

June 29: Muse Township Police in Shan State on June 17 seized 35.5 ticals (.5823 kilos) of heroin in Muse South Ward. Muse Police also seized Ky 45,990, Chinese Yuan 6,507, and .0072 kilos of raw opium from U Law Wam of Kawngweng Ward, in Nam-on Village, Muse Township. (WPD 6/30)

##### Obituaries

May 31: U Hla Tin (Harold Dun), Retired Lecturer, Fire Services Training School, husband of Daw Mya Mya Yin, died in Rangoon, aged 66. (WPD 6/1)

No date: The Italian Embassy extends condolences to Mr. Harold Cribb on the death of his mother, Daw Nora Cribb. (WPD 6/9)

June 9: Rev. Father Anselm Moran, former Parish Priest of St. John's Church, Maung Tawlay Street, Rangoon, died in Rangoon after a long illness, aged 74. (WPD 6/10)

June 11: U Saw Lader, M, B.G.M. (ex Lt-Col), Ex-Pyithu Hluttaw

member, Mandalay, died in Tawbyayyi Village, Thandaung, Karen State, aged 70. (WPD 6/12)

June 18: U Tin Oo Kyaing, Retired Lt. Commander, BN/1068, Master Mariner, Skyline Shipping Ltd., BKK, husband of Daw Yin Yin, died in Taiwan, aged 54. (WPD 6/29)

June 20: Rev. Dr. Tom Lamech, M.A. (Cantab.), M.B.B. CH (Cantab.), M.R.S. (England), L.RP. (London), ex Medical Officer, husband of Daw Ngwe Thaug (a) Stella, died in Rangoon, aged 86. (WPD 6/21)

June 23: Capt. Soe Mya Hlaing, Mercantile Marine 1/63, died. (WPD 6/25)

June 23: Leading Patron Sayadaw of the Nan Mae Khon Kyaung, Dimawhso, Kayah State, State Ovadacariya Sayadaw Bhaddanta Ukkamsa Maha Thera, vassa 63, died aged 83. (WPD 6/26)

#### Licence Plates

June 4: Regulations are issued on the size and color of motor vehicle licence plates. Temporary licences are 11.5"x7"; over 2-ton licences 22 3/4"x9 1/2"; under 2-ton licences 16"x6 1/2"; motorcycle licences 9 1/2"x1 3/4". Temporary licence plates are red on white, with black expiry date; private vehicles white on black; taxis white on red; diplomatic black on white. (WPD 6/5)

#### Radio Licences Due

June 8: Radio licences for the three-year period June 1988-May 1991 are due for renewal by June 30. Those with radios but no licences should also obtain licences. There is a Ky 30 penalty for late renewal, and a Ky 250 fine for using radios without licence. (WPD 6/9)

#### Airplane Missing

June 16: A Burma Airways Corporation Fokker F-27 aircraft, XY-ADQ, on a flight from Myitkyina to Putao, lost contact with the control tower just before landing at Putao and is missing. Among the passengers is U Ahtulashe, Chairman of the Putao Township Co-operative Society. A search is under way. (WPD 6/17) // June 17: A villager heard an explosion just after a plane flew over Wankahn village, Mansi village-tract, 7 miles southwest of Putao. The search continues. (WPD 6/18)

#### Ethnic Radio Schedule

June 28: Effective July 1, the schedule of Nationalities programs from the Burma Broadcasting Service are as follows:

Kachin - 5-5:30 pm  
Kayah - 5:30-6 pm  
S'gaw Karen - 6-6:30 pm  
Pwo Karen - 6:30-7 pm  
Chin - 7-7:30 pm  
Mon - 7:30-8 pm  
News in Burmese - 8-8:15 pm  
Rakhine - 8:15-8:45 pm  
Shan - 8:45-9:15

(WPD 6/29)

Myanma Athin, the Burmese Broadcasting Service, broadcasts 16 1/2 hours per day, on 41.75, 30.85, 50.13, 314, and 520 metres. (WPD editorial 6/28)

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