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POLITICAL CRISIS

Political Slogans

The political slogans quoted in the November 1988 issue appeared in each issue of The Working People's Daily throughout August.

WPD Slogans

Since Apr. 7 the The Working People's Daily has run a political slogan across the bottom of each front page. In August these slogans were generally new ones.

July 31: Anarchy is the opposite of democracy.

Aug. 1,25: Love and cherish the motherland.

Aug. 2: Tatmadaw and the people, cooperate and crush all those harming the Union.

Aug. 3: Pay great heed to the economy of the country, strive all-out for progress in agriculture.

Aug. 4: Give priority to the solidarity of nationalities.

Aug. 5: The strength of the nation lies only within.

Aug. 6,19: Read the 'Working People's Daily' and keep yourself abreast of the times. Missing the 'Working People's Daily' a day means an age.

Aug. 7: Only correct news, facts and true wishes of the people presented. Valuable news photos and educative articles on various subjects are also included.

Aug. 8: Don't be confused. To get correct news of the latest situation, read "The Working People's Daily."

Aug. 10: Oppose those who disturb peace and tranquillity. Crush those who mar the rule of law.

Aug. 11: Crush the disturbance-makers and instigators. Expose the rumour-mongers.

Aug. 12: Let youths have correct capabilities for peace in the country, to the joy of the great many.

Aug. 13: Keep within the shelter of Law for community peace and tranquillity.

Aug. 14: Tranquillity is primary for independence for perpetuity.

Aug. 15,28: Only with the prevalence of law and order will the life of the people be peaceful.

Aug. 16,27: Abiding by the law is the way to safety and felicity.

Aug. 17: Cooperate to preserve community peace and tranquillity.

Aug. 18,29: Observance of discipline leads to safety from danger.

Aug. 20: Keep up mutual respect, fraternity and equality among nationalities.

Aug. 21: Tatmadaw and the people in eternal unity, anyone attempting to divide them is our enemy.

Aug. 22: Work precisely, correctly, zealously and expeditiously for the people.

Aug. 23: Don't let the Union disintegrate because of you.

Aug. 24: To prevent disintegration of the Union is our aim, so shall we strive.

Aug. 26: Love your motherland, respect the law.

Aug. 30: All Myanmars love and cherish their Naing-Ngan Daw and their people.

Aug. 31: Internal affairs of Myanmar can only be created by the Myanmar people themselves.

Political Billboards

Political slogans were erected on billboards around Yangon, with messages in Myanmar and English. The following were photographed in WPD:

Aug. 1: Anyone who gets riotous destructive and unruly is our enemy. (junction of University Ave. & Kokhine Rd.)

Aug. 5: Only when there is discipline will there be progress. (Sule Pagoda Rd. at Maha Bandoola Park)

Aug. 5: Cooperate to preserve community peace and tranquillity. (Yangon-Pyay {Prome} Road, near the Tada-phyu)

Aug. 20: The Kayin State LORC resolved to erect 6 signboards in Hpa-an, "bearing slogans which kindled national spirit." (WPD 8/21)

Political Articles (Excerpts)

Following the pattern begun in October, each issue contains lengthy feature articles, translated from Myanmar, designed to bolster government views and policies. We note them briefly, with excerpts of particularly significant portions, but can provide copies if needed:

July 31: The son we love, by Tekkatho Myat Thu. [Soldier who died in action contrasted with cowardly politicians.]

Aug. 1: Please consider, by Maung Nyein Lwin. [National League for Democracy demand for a meeting with the State LORC is criticized.]

Aug. 1: 'Our pretty little world', by A Teacher. [Joys of reopening school.]

Aug. 2: I must say what needs to be said, by Maung Pwint Lin. [Internal affairs belong to the people, the pyithu ludu, and not to the "lackeys and minions of foreign powers and the handful of political Draculas who have been resorting to all kinds of methods from abroad to interfere in our affairs." Brainwashing and other tactics of the "bully-boy group of rightist reactionaries" and its "use of honeyed words and...such attractive terms as democracy and human rights." Denunciation of disturbances at the Shwedagon Pagoda, and the refusal of groups to attend Arzani Day. "The techniques being used today to break up the democratization process also bear all the hall marks of the BCP. This is something against which there can be no argument." Case of the Nigerian communist student leader Ajarla who [ca. 1962--HCMacD] led a violent demonstration against the American Embassy in Yangon, but who turned out to be a CIA agent.]

Aug. 2: Time for making concerted efforts, by Ko Thawmana. [Real democracy does not justify disorder or indiscipline. Everyone should work for the success of the multi-party democracy general

election.]

Aug. 3: Let the price of rice fall and the children attend classes, by Mi Khin Thant. [A woman's view.]

Aug. 4,5: May the deserving win!, by San Nilar Win. [In the elections, beware of neo-colonialist "indirect aggression, economic aggression, ideological aggression." Respect the laws and observe Buddhist morality.]

Aug. 5: Immediacy of retribution, by Thukhi Aung. [Warning against breaking directives against illegal political publications, harboring fugitive children, discrediting the Army, etc.]

Aug. 9-10: Points to consider on the way to democracy, by Thit Min. [(2) Unity; preservation of racial purity; preserving the Union.]

Aug. 10: Thitsar Myittar Discussions: Say only when it has to be said and once said make it stick, by Byamahso. [Legend of Damon and Pythias shows that leaders should be truthful.]

Aug. 12-15: Think of going into the jungle only after reading this, by Maung Kan Kaung. [Mandalay student writes of experiences with Shan and BCP insurgents.]

Aug. 14-15: Who expounded the formula that will destroy the nation, by Maung Hmat Kyauk. ["Expatriates and their offspring who... are serving with the foreign broadcasting stations and corporations which...are broadcasting all sorts of false news and rumours...." The VOA, BBC, and AIR. After all, "The disturbances in 1988 were created according to plans by lackeys of foreign troops, above-ground and under-ground fifth columnists and elements, those who are in the habit of making profits out of politics, zuzakas (profiteers), those who had got sacked from here and there for their own faults, people of other origins and creeds and those who wished to fish in troubled waters." Numerous examples of alleged false news and rumors cited.]

Aug. 16: May all the flowers bloom!, by Saw Nan Myint. [Just as gardeners must protect flowers from vagrants, vandals and thieves, teachers must protect students from bad company and incorrect thoughts, so that "the become thoroughly imbued with a sense of patriotism and nationalism."]

Aug. 16: Wish the cetana be reciprocated, by Sai Aye Thwe. [Released prisoners should "reciprocate the cetana of the State by giving their share in the implementation of the four current major tasks."]

Aug. 17: Speak the truth and do the right thing if you love your country, by (Hsay) Mya Thway. [A patriotic businessman speaks.]

Aug. 18,19: In accordance with the independent and active foreign policy, by Thit Lwin. [Historical review of Burmese non-alignment.]

Aug. 18: The motherland to which we owe so much, by Maung Thway Thant. [Sins of a "handful" of sons and daughters of Myanmar: "they do not want to go to school...{or} work hard at their studies. They keep bad company.... Their character is loose and their dresses are decadent. They have only half-baked knowledge of politics and let themselves be used by others. {Some} are following the lead of people of alien origins and creeds.... {Some} are following the path of terrorism and violence.... {Some} want to get rich by any means.... The self-seeking and greedy aliens are always waiting for a chance to take possession of what belongs to all the races of [Myanmar].... If there are no traitors who open the door from inside, those greedy aliens will never be able to enter the territory of the motherland."]

Aug. 20: The dangers of BCP disinformation and the duty of citizens, by Lay Lay. [BCP infiltrated political parties, and "a person who gained sudden popularity was made their 'lackey'.... The person became unwitting involved...."]

Aug. 22: Of being reasonable, by U Chit U. [Follow the Buddhist middle way, in politics as in other things.]

Aug. 23-24: Lying calculators and lying broadcast, by Maung Hpo Hmat. [Democracy and human rights are hypocritically used by the Western-capitalist-imperialist countries which see democracy "as the right of a handful of capitalists to dominate and manipulate to their

advantage." Their press will never recognize that "their poor have no access to human rights or democratic rights." They support oppression in small nations that "have become their lackeys and their minions." They interfere openly in other countries. For example: "in a leftist country [with billions of people] these newspapers, radios and televisions would make it appear that the entire population had risen to demonstrate...even if 0.0001 per cent of the total population participate...." On the other hand, they ignored and even applauded the murder of over 300,000 leftists "in a certain country" in the 1960s. It was the interference of the BBC, VOA, and AIR that prevented the [Myanmar] demands for democracy in 1988 from running their course peacefully.]

Aug. 23: We all have our tasks before us, by San Lin (Mandalay). [All must work for the national welfare.]

Aug. 25: It is time to speak out, by Ko Thawmana. [Parties should "frankly and openly tell the country by which `Ism' and by which system it will build up the nation if it comes to power."]

Aug. 25: The KNU's days are numbered, by Chit Ko. [KNU extortion, and coming downfall.]

Aug. 26,27: Introduction to the Treatise on Democracy, by Maung Hpo Hmat. [BCP "democracy" vs. real democracy. Also sex deviations and violence of Western democracy, quoting Irving Kristol's On the Democratic Idea in America, trans. by Maung Maung, published in Myanmar in 1973 and then distributed "free of charge" by Arnold C. Hansen of USIS.]

Aug. 27: Defiance of Authority and Martial Law Orders, by Sein Kalaung. [Martial law power spelled out.]

Aug. 28: Shall we have to punish them by beating them with a piece of straw?, by Maha Tha Mun. [Foreign radio complains about Myanmar's punishment of crime.]

Aug. 29-30: To wipe out `Che-hti' gambling, by Myo Htut. [Che-hti is based on the lucky numbers of the lottery "from the other country," and is manipulated in Myanmar and leads to crime.]

Aug. 30: The pond that breeds mosquitoes, by San Kyaw. [Just as we spray against mosquitoes, we must take steps against immorality, corruption, and attempts to create disorder.]

Aug. 30: "Be careful", by Thiha Thu. [Rumour mongering, abetted by foreign propaganda, is responsible for high prices and other evils.]

Aug. 31: It is high time, by Thit Lwin. [Faced with threat of foreign destabilization, Myanmar should unite "to crush with internal united force the various internal and external enemies and all instigations."]

Aug. 31: The KNU insurgents in the dark, by San Lin (Mandalay). [Crimes of KNU.]

Abortion Case

Aug. 1: The case of U Win Tin, Executive Secretary of the National League for Democracy, for knowingly harbouring Soe Thein, formerly in charge of the NLD Youth Wing, against whom a warrant had been issued for criminal abortion, came before Yangon Division Additional Judge (3) U Aung Than at Insein Jail. U Win Tin has admitted the harbouring. The trial will continue Aug. 3. (WPD 8/2)

Martial Law Directive

Aug. 2: State LORC Directive No. 1/89 to State/Division LORCs and Military Commanders invested with Martial Law Powers of Aug. 1, instructs them that:

1...."Although the organizational activities of the various party organizations are limited at present, arrangements are also under way for permitting them to carry out organizational activities more extensively with the progress in stability of situations."

2...."It is required to carefully scrutinize the papers, books and publications published by those organizations which have been permitted exemption [certificates] in order to make sure [that they are published with approval of the respective Executive Committees]."

3...."[These organizations] are not to publish publications which go against the State [LORC]..., as well as against the Government, which slander the Tatmadaw and sow discord within the Tatmadaw, which instigate people [to hinder order] and which defy the orders which have been issued...."

4...."arrangements are now being made for the reopening of middle schools, high schools and universities soon...."

5. "Direction is given to take severe action against those who violate the orders, declarations, directives and martial laws." (WPD 8/3)

NLD Accused

Aug. 2: In a speech in Hpa-an [Kayin], State LORC Secretary (2) Brig-Gen. Tin Oo said, inter alia, that "The National League for Democracy caused disturbances on 7 July and 19 July. The National League for Democracy shouted such slogans as to oppose all authority and also exploded bombs at the Tanyin Oil Refinery and the city Hall. It also organized the youths to carry out above-ground and underground destructive acts known as OG and UG." (WPD 8/3)

Press Conferences

Aug. 4: At the 52nd State LORC Press Conference, the Information Committee spokesmen said:

-- Directive No. 1/89 is intended to ensure that parties act in a disciplined way. No applications for press exemption certificates submitted after the July 25 deadline will be accepted.

-- Martial Law will be terminated when the rule of law is accomplished; if this can be done only an entire military region (Military Command area), or an entire division, then it will be revoked only in that region or division. It is the same with smaller jurisdictions.

-- The Forward No. 99 Light Infantry Division on July 23 captured the KIA No. 4 brigade headquarters camp at Nam Wing in Mong Taung region, and the No. 2 battalion headquarters camp at Nam Sam Hu. On July 27 it captured the No. 8 battalion headquarters at Loi Wing. The Army was also active in the Kuthkai, Hsenwi, Namtu and Nam Hkam regions. In the course of 15 battles, 2 Tatmadawmen were killed and 5 wounded. 5 KIA insurgents were "captured dead" and 14 weapons, ammunition, and 401 buildings were seized. The KIA units involved 400-500 men. [map]

-- Schools will be reopened throughout the country and not just in selected areas. Examinations this year will not affect next year. (WPD 8/5)

Aug. 11: At the 53rd State LORC Press Conference, the Information Committee spokesmen said:

-- On Aug. 4-5, 22 KNU insurgents led by Lt. Aye Than, surrendered. The group had been active in Bilin, Kyaikto, and Thaton, trying to recruit youths from the Yangon and Bago areas for sabotage training.

-- Nai Nonla (a) Nai Seik No, Vice-Chairman of the Mon Pyithit Party, died of a heart attack at the Phaya Thonzu camp on Aug. 8. Originally with the Mon Tat-Oo Ahpwe, he surrendered in 1958 with a force of 1,000. He was taken into custody in 1962, and when released went underground again with the Mon Pyithit Party. On Dec. 9, 1987, the Nai Shwe Kyin group and the Nai Seik No group united.

-- The KNU insurgents have a strength of about 3,500; the Mon Pyithit Party about 770; there are 200 students at the ABSDF at the Phaya Thonzu camp of the Mon Pyithit Party.

-- Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's husband, Michael Aris "has been permitted to stay two weeks more" and will be allowed to meet British Embassy officials.

-- French mercenary Olivier Thiriat died of wounds received May 10 at the KNU Wahka camp. He died while receiving medical treatment "in the other country."

-- "No one is allowed to form an organization like the Myanmar Naing-Ngan War Veterans Organization," or "action will be taken

against him." The WVO is a social, not a political organization. No member is allowed to engage in politics. There are similar organizations in other countries and they "are the ones which enjoy special privileges."

-- On Aug. 8, "there were some small groups that shouted slogans and distributed propaganda leaflets and action was taken against five persons. There was no one on hunger strike. (WPD 18/12)

Aug. 18: At the 54th State LORC Press Conference, the Information Committee spokesmen said:

-- The activities of the 62 member cultural delegation just returned from Thailand are described at length.

-- Citizenship certificates will be issued between Aug. 1-Jan. 31 to those attaining 18 years. Those who already have citizenship certificates need not obtain new ones. Those between 10 and 18 may obtain certificates, which they should keep until they are 18, and then fill out forms at the Township Immigration and Manpower Departments to obtain the certificates issued at 18. "This is being done to contribute towards the holding of the election but not to delay it." Citizenship certificates will be issued to those eligible and who are 18, whether or not they have National Registration Certificates (NRC). But NRC numbers will be printed on Citizenship Cards so those with savings accounts need not worry.

-- The "rise in price of some of the commodities is due to the acts of the destructive and obstructive elements," but measures are being taken to bring prices down "by using every means."

-- With schools reopening, "there are no restrictions concerning wearing of green official uniforms and those who have no green longyi as school uniforms need not worry."

-- We have "no official knowledge" of 3 persons seeking asylum in the United States Embassy.

-- Dr. Michael Aris, husband of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, arrived on July 22 and was permitted to remain for 2 weeks. "The Government is making arrangements for him to continue to stay with his family."

-- Martial law is in effect in the Yangon, North-West, and Central military commands. It will be revoked either in whole Commands, or in specific townships, as law and order is restored. There are a total of 208 persons detained under the Martial Law order, 181 in Yangon and 27 in the States/Divisions, between July 17-Aug. 18. (WPD 8/19)

Aug. 25: At the 55th State LORC Press Conference, the Information Committee spokesmen said:

-- Schoolbooks will be distributed throughout the country, not just in major towns.

-- KNU insurgents are not launching attacks on the Tatmadaw; "they cannot stay in groups are are starving and fleeing in disarray."

-- There were no difficulties in reopening middle schools; but "as some teachers might not wish to get the schools reopened," they were warned in Yangon "not to carry out undesirable acts." [see below under Schools Reopen]

-- Rumors that counterfeit K90 and K45 notes have been seized; that K90 and K45 notes will be exchanged for new ones; that salaries of service personnel will be raised by K200; and that "rice, cooking oil, soap and sugar which are being distributed to service personnel would be stopped," are all false.

-- A citizen who has "stated falsely or has concealed something and has obtained a citizen status," will be acted against, will cease to be a citizen, and is subject to 12 years imprisonment and K50,000.

-- The National Registration Certificates issued after independence in 1948 do not give proof of citizenship. All people are being scrutinized to determine whether they are citizens or not. In scrutinizing, "the religion professed by the person concerned is not considered as the main factor."

-- "Those who instigate or incite people to harm, discredit and let others die, acts of cruelty, to defy power and create lawlessness and anarchy shall be tried by the military tribunals formed under

Martial Law."

-- Some foreign broadcasting stations and periodicals are "instigating lawbreakers, evil-doers and disturbance makers to destabilize and destroy the nation."

-- Gambling deteriorates people's character. Che-hti gambling is against the law. Bribery and corruption are taking place because of gambling. Effective action will be taken against illegal acts of gambling. (WPD 8/26)

BCP Infiltration of NLD

Aug. 5: State LORC Secretary (1) Brig-Gen. Khin Nyunt gave a special press conference on BCP infiltration of the National League for Democracy (NLD). [Full text printed in WPD, Aug. 6-8, with extensive reproductions of documents, photographs, etc. Copies can be provided at cost.]

As first exposed by U Aung Gyi, BCP underground leaders infiltrated the National League for Democracy (NLD).

The BCP tried to use Daw Khin Kyi, widow of Bogoyoke Aung San, and then turned to Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. Failing to recognize the danger, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi was enticed to join the BCP plan to install an interim government composed of the BCP-trained Democratic Patriotic Army. She encouraged anti-Tatmadaw activities. The NLD received offers of help from the KNU. Bloodshed was barely avoided on Arzani Day.

Details given of many alleged BCP infiltrators and activists with links to the NLD [dozens of photos].

Implicated are the 11 parties united in the League of Democratic Allies [No. 216]. Details given on various member parties and individuals. Also implicated is the Mon Amyotha Party Thit, headed by Nai Shwe Kyin.

BCP influence on NLD is evidenced by extensive correspondence, described in detail. [One name mentioned as at the BCP Central is U Thein Aung, younger brother of writer Daw Khin Myo Chit.] A particular influence on Daw Aung San Suu Kyi is journalist U Win Tin. (WPD 8/6-8)

Aug. 12: 30 press and information officers of Embassies in Yangon were briefed on the Aug. 5 presentation, and shown the documentation, "for them to be able to send official reports to the governments concerned." (WPD 8/13)

[Throughout August a book reprinting Brig-Gen. Khin Nyunt's statement, Burma Communist Party's conspiracy to take over State power, to be published by the News and Periodicals Enterprise, was advertised daily. The book was described as "The Expose of a Life-Time!", but much of the descriptive matter focused on the NLD and other political parties allegedly used by the BCP. The book went on sale Aug. 30 at K10 per copy.]

Military Briefing on BCP

Aug. 5: The Information Committee of the State LORC gave a special briefing to Military Attaches in Yangon, on Burma Communist Party (BCP) infiltration into political parties. Numerous BCP pamphlets and publications dating from 1985-89 were shown, including the Lower and Upper Myanmar Naing-Ngan BCP underground (UG) movements, Democracy Patriotic Army (DPA), photos of those who bombed the Mandalay Myanma Electric Power Enterprise, Amyothar Naing Ngan Yay Tat Paung Su (Ma-Na-Ta), Pyithu Toe Tet Yay Party, Democracy Mahameikmyar Aphwe Gyoke, photos of people from political parties "connected with BCP underground movement," leaflets seized from research group member Htay Win, etc. [Photos in WPD show Ko Latt (a) Kyaw Kyaw (a) Thet Khaing, and Uncle Gyi (a) Ko Nyo (a) Tin Aung.]

Mandalay Bombers Arrested

Aug. 9: Seven persons implicated in the Jan. 4 bombing at the Myanma Electric Power Enterprise compound in Mandalay were arrested between July 10-31, together with arms and ammunition. Mann Thein was a tutor at Myitkyina College; Kyaw Soe was a physics demonstrator at

Mandalay University. They had contacts with the Shan State Army (SSA) and the KIA, and are said to have given arms to Hla Hla Maung of the National Politics Front [No. 130], and to U Panna Siri of the Shwedinga Kyaung Taik Mandalay Htilintaik. [names, details, photos.] (WPD 8/10)

Michael Aris

Aug. 12: Dr. Michael Aris, husband of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, met with David Alexander, First Secretary and Consul at the British Embassy in Yangon, at the Tatmadaw Guest House. In response to questions. Dr. Aris said he did not need food or medicines, and had already sent telegrams to his families in England, but that he would like books from the Embassy. His two sons were healthy and happy. He was pleased to be with his family, and did not need to meet other members of the Embassy staff. He said "he would like to express his thanks to the Myanmar Government for its kind arrangements for the meeting and that two physicians were providing medical care for him and his family." [photo] (WPD 8/13)

ELECTIONS

Party Registration Changes

Party registration changes continue the format followed in October - July. Changes in Party officials or addresses, alliances, deregistrations, etc., are included in a single numerical list.

(1) Democracy Party. Tr. Tin Myint has resigned. (WPD 8/12)

(3) People's Democracy Party. CEC members Ngwe Tun (Panchi), Dr. Ba Tin, and Dr. Zaw Win Lwin have resigned. (WPD 8/10)

(8) Democratic Front for National Reconstruction (Union of Myanmar). New officers are Patron Mya Thein; VCh Daw Myint Myint (Innwa), Thakin Tun Khin (f. Patron), Yebaw Than (Pyay {Prome}) (f. CEC), Khin Kyaw (f. CEC); JGS Ohn Maung (f. JSec.), Sein Maung (f. Sec); CEC members Lu Aye, Tun Yin, Sein Maung (Pathein), Phone Kywe (Ma-Ubin), Daw Myint Myint Kyi, Maung Maung Myint, Hla Myint, and Ye Myint (Thaton) (f. Sec.). (WPD 8/10)

(10) Graduates and Old Students Democratic Association. VCh Mya Aye (a) Thura and CEC member Zaw Win Aung have resigned. (WPD 8/10)

(12) National Peace and Democracy Party. VCh K Ba Thuang and CEC member Ba Pu have resigned. Tr. Tin Nyunt was dismissed. New officers are VCh AK Tin Ngwe, Khay Raj Thapa (a) J Thapa; Sec. Khin Maung Yin (f. Sec. member), Daw Yin Yin May (f. CEC). (WPD 8/10) // CEC member Tun Aung has resigned. (WPD 8/24)

(13) Union Kayin League. Patron Thin has resigned. (WPD 8/12)

(14) United Peace Democratic Party. GS Shwe Kyaw has resigned. New officers are GS Maung Maung Linn (f. CEC); JGS(1) is Tun Kyu (Baho Tun Kyu); CEC members Thinn Maung and Soe Min. (WPD 8/12)

(18) Democratic Party for New Society. Communication with this party was suspended on June 5, because it was split into two factions. Now the split has been settled as follows: Address: 141 38th St. (middle block), Kyauktada T., Yangon. Officers: Ch Tin Htut (U Thet Tun); GS Ye Naing Aung; CED Myo Lwin, Phone Swe, Zaw Naing Oo, Kyaw Mya Thein, Kyaw Win Thein, Aung Moe Zaw, Daw Naw Chris Tun, Than Oo, Zeya. (WPD 8/11)

(23) All Myanmar National Youths League. Patron Daw Hla Kyi has resigned. (WPD 8/12)

(25) Patriotic Youth Organization. VCh Thein Aung; GS Thein Htaik Oo; Sec Aye Paing; and CEC members Kyaw Oo Maung, Myint Soe, and Daw May Tun Tun Aye have resigned. New officers are JGS Thein Tun (f. CEC); Sec Aung Cho Oo (f. CEC); VCh Phone Yaung Oo; CEC Khin Maung Myint (Taikkyi), Myo Maung (Mandalay), Win Myint (Wakema), Soe Myint, and Kyaw Myint. (WPD 8/12)

(27) All Burma [sic] Democratic People's Power Organization. GS Ant Kyaw (Academy award winner) and JGS(1) Daw Nwe Nwe Mu (Academy award winner) have resigned. New officers are GS Waithali Maung Phone (film artiste) (f. CEC); JGS(1) San Tin (Hlan Mintha) (f. CEC). (WPD 8/15)

(28) National Progressive Youth of Myanmar Naing-Ngan. VCh Dr. Thet Lwin; JGS (Aung) Sithu (Thaton), San Myint (Arjid Hein); Info. Off. Daw Khin Myo Khine; CEC Daw Pa Pa Khin (Sangyoung), Daw Thuza Win (Dagon), Myint Thu (Pazundaung) have resigned. (WPD 8/15)

(31) Chin National League for Democracy. New officers are Patron CK Taikwel; CEC Salai Aung Tun. (WPD 8/15)

(38) Democratic Human Rights Party. GS Aye Naing; Sec. Kyaw Myint have resigned. New officers are GS Ko Ni (f. Sec.); SEC Kyaw Nyein (Phaungdawthi) (f. CEC). (WPD 8/15) // A new officer is Patron Tun Myint Kyu (f. MP). (WPD 8/24)

(44) People's Student Democratic Party. VCh Zaw Win; GS Hla Win; JGS Aung San Yi have resigned. (WPD 8/15)

(49) Association of Burmese [sic] Patriotic Youth. VCh Aung Kyaw Myint; GS Daw Ni Ni Aung; CEC Daw Ei Ei Thwin, Daw Naing Naing Oo have resigned. (WPD 8/15)

(51) People's Solidarity and Action Party. CEC members Dr. Soe Myint Aung, Daw San San, Than Naing Oo, Kyaw Win Kyaing, Khin Maung Zaw have resigned. New officers are CEC members Khin Ohn, Kyaw Phyu. (WPD 8/24)

(65) Shan National Development Democratic Party (Union of Myanmar). Ch Kyaw Win; CEC members Sao Maung Khin, Daw Tin Tin Win, Daw Aye Thida have resigned. New officers are CEC members Zaw Mya Thwin, Ohn Pe. (WPD 8/24)

(66) Democratic People's League. CEC member Aung Thein has resigned. (WPD 8/16)

(68) Organization of Peace and Welfare (Union of Myanmar). Tr Myint Swe and CEC member Ba Kyi have resigned and been replaced by Aung Kyaw Oo and Bo. (WPD 8/16)

(69) Union Youth Party. Reconstituted with new officers: Ch Than Oo; VCh Myo Win (adv.), Myint Thein (Hinthada Myint Thein), Myo Tint Naing (a) Myo Win; GS Tin Myint (Pyihein); Sec. Tint Lwin, Thein Myint, Khin Aung (HGP); Tr Pe Than; CEC Hla Soe Aung, Thein Aung. (WPD 8/16)

(73) Northern Shan State Youth Unity and Development Organization. SecGen. Zaw Aung Win has resigned. (WPD 8/16)

(79) Faithful Democratic Federation. Dep.GS Zaw Khin has resigned. (WPD 8/16)

(81) National Promotion Forum. GS Sein Kyaw Hlaing (chem.eng.); JGS Aung Koe (adv.); Auditor Min Mya Aung (Kyaikmaraw); Info.Off. Than Tun Aung have resigned. New officers are Ch Dr. Kyaw Nyunt; GS Zaw Win Maung (Kyangin); JGS Myint Soe (adv.); Admin.Off. Daw Kyi Lin; Tr. Min Lwin Oo (Shan State-lawy.); Org. Daw Ni Ni Aye, Than Lwin, Ludu U Tun Lin, Khin Maung Nyunt (Dah-sekkya), Aung Zeya. (WPD 8/18)

(82) Liberal People's Party. VCh Tun Min (a) Ba Moe; VCh Maung Maung Lwin (Patriotic Old Comrades); JGS Shwe Yi (ret. Central Acc'ts Off.); CEC members Sanay Maung Maung and Thaung Shwe have resigned. New officers are: Ch Shwe Nyunt; VCh Thein Aung; GS Khin Maung Thit; JGS Tin Wai, Soe Nyunt Soe; CEC Daw Khin Win Kyi, Than Zaw Tun, Phone Kyaw, Hla Aung. (WPD 8/18)

(88) National Democratic Party for Human Rights. JGS Hla Maung has resigned. (WPD 8/18)

(91) Arakanese Peace & Human Rights Party. VCh Maung Shwe Tha; CEC member Aphyu Shi have resigned. (WPD 8/18)

(93) Federal Republic Development Party. Patron Thakinmagyi Daw Khin Saw Myint (Arzani Khin Khin) has resigned. (WPD 8/18)

(101) Union of All Myanmar United Nationalities. VCh Saw Aung Win (f. leader Kayin Youth Asiayone); GS Tin Win (adv.); and CEC members Bo Lay (writer, Shwekontha), San Tin have resigned. A new 16-member CEC has been reconstituted, including: Ch Ko Ko Lay; VCh Thein Maung, Thein Win (Zamani); GS Pathi U Maung Maung Swe; JGS Tun Hlaing, Aung Lin (Thaton). (WPD 8/22)

(113) Democracy Reformation League (DRL). Ch Khin Nyein; VCh Myat Tun, Kyaw Soe Win; CEC members Khin Maung Swe, Daw Kyi Kyi Swe, Ohn Kyaw, Myo Kyaing, Tin Maung Cho have resigned. (WPD 8/22)

(115) League for the Vitality of People's Democracy. JGS Dr.

Myint Aung; CEC members Khin Maung (adv.), Ye Naung (LL.B.) have resigned. (WPD 8/22)

(121) National Republican Federation (NRF). VCh Saw Tun and CEC member Daw Win Min Than have resigned. A new officer is Patron Dr. Khin Tun. (WPD 8/22)

(122) Union of Myanmar Unity Democracy League (BUDL). Ch G.S. Sharma; GS Thaung Sein; Sec. Thein Tun (a) Raja; CEC members Kannaya (a) Maung Sein, Sundrasami, G. Wan have resigned. New officers are Ch Hla Maung (f. VCh); VCh S.N. Valmar; GS Aung Khin (a) H. Guha; (f. JGS); JGS Than Htay Lwin. (WPD 8/22)

(126) All Burma [sic] Peasant Organization. JGS Maung Maung Myo Win and CEC member Seinn Aung have resigned. (WPD 8/22)

(127) Trade Union Congress (Myanmar). GS Soe Nyunt (adv.) has resigned. (WPD 8/23)

(129) New Life Party. Sec. Daw Myint Myint Soe Thein, and CEC member Daw Thet Thet San have resigned. New officers are Patrons Tin Myint (Yedashe), Bo Aung (Tamwe); CEC members Thet Pan (Sangyoung), Win Soe (Taungdwingyi). (WPD 8/20)

(131) Union Progress & Justice Action Party (UPJAP). Patron Khin Maung has resigned. (WPD 8/24)

(133) Ta Ang (Palaung) National League for Democracy. New officers are Patron Hla Khin; VCh Khin Aung; CEC members Aung Has, Naing Tun. (WPD 8/20)

(141) League for Democracy & Peace (LDP). New officers are Ch Bohmu Ang (member of the Thirty Comrades) (replacing the deceased U Win Maung) (f. VCh); VCh Thakin Chit (f. CEC member). (WPD 8/20)

(142) Union National League (Myanmar Naing-Ngan). CEC members Sein Aung (Ayeyarwady Div.), Aung Kyi Soe (Kayah St.), Myo Win (Mandalay Div.), Maung Kyaw (Tanintharyi Div.) have been terminated. New officers are Ch Aye Ko; VC Hla Myaing, Win Htaik; GS Maw Oo; JGS Kyin Zaw, Nyunt Win Than; CEC members Sai Aung Pwint, Maung Kyi, Myint (a) Than Myint, Han Taung, Myo Aung (a) F Myo Aung, Kyaw Min Naing, Saw Brainy, Aung Myo, Daw Mya Mya Win. (WPD 8/20)

(147) League of New Generations (Union of Myanmar). Htay Aung (a) Zaw Myint has died. JGS Aung Si Thu (Thaton) and CEC member Daw Khin Myo Khaing have resigned. A new officer is GS Hkun Sai (IM-1) (f. VCh). (WPD 8/20)

(149) League for Arakan Students and Youths. Dissolved and deregistered Aug. 9, 1989. (WPD 8/10)

(150) People's Front for Democracy Construction. VCh Khin Maung Win; JGS Myint Thein (Maung Zaw Thit); CEC members Daw Htay Kyi (Ahtok) and Myint Than (Gwa) have resigned. (WPD 8/20)

(156) Union's Genuine Democracy Party (Myanmar Naing-Ngan). JGS-2 Kyi Aung (Lanmadaw) has resigned. New officers are JGS-2 Sonny Thwin (Shan Yoma) (f. JGS-3), JGS-3 Hla Oo (Lanmadaw) (f. CEC); CEC member Aung Zeya (Kayan). (WPD 8/20)

(161) National Ethnic Reformation Party (Headquarters). VCh Chit Maung (Sittwe) has resigned. (WPD 8/20)

(171) People's Potential Democratic Youth League. Dissolved and deregistered Aug. 24, 1989. (WPD 8/25)

(181) Main (AFPFL) Youth (Hqs). CEC member Min Thu Aung (Po San) has resigned. (WPD 8/23)

(196) Union Party (UP). CEC members Hla Khin, Daw Nilar Win, Htay Win have resigned. (WPD 8/23)

(197) Federal Democratic Party (FDP). New officers are Patron Aung Than; VCh Aung Cho Oo. (WPD 8/23)

(198) Union People's Future and Democracy Party. CEC member Daw Mar Mar Thein has resigned. (WPD 8/23)

(200) Anti-Communist, Anti-Socialist, Anti-Totalitarian Free Democracy League. GS Yan Kyaw; JGS Maung Maung Aung, Khin Maung Win have resigned. New officers are GS Thet Aung; JGS Maung Maung Lwin, Maung Maung Yi; Leading Body members Sanay Maung Maung, Aung Kyaw. (WPD 8/23)

Citizen Certificates

Aug. 4: In a meeting to co-ordinate issuing of citizenship

certificates to voters over 18, Brig-Gen. Myo Nyunt, Chairman of the Yangon Division LORC, warned that "implementers of the project should refrain from committing acts that would allow people of mixed blood get elected leading to extinction of the race. If such people are issued citizenship certificates they may become elected and will ignore the interests of the country and the people but will strive to serve the interests of their own country and people. This is a grave danger.... At a time when certain persons may use every possible means to enjoy the right to get elected, implementers should be doubly careful in order not to be hit by the 'money bullet'.... This citizenship project is fraught with temptations involving high earnings." (WPD 8/5)

Aug. 23: The Immigration and Manpower Department issued guidelines on Citizenship Certificates.

-- To vote in the general elections of May 1990, citizens of 18 and over must possess citizenship certificates and citizenship scrutiny cards in accordance with the Myanmar Citizenship Law.

-- To ease the issuance of these cards, beginning Aug. 1, 1989, "the public is requested to gather the following facts:

"(a) facts connected with oneself. Name, other names, genuine certificate, race, religion, noticeable identification marks, height, weight, type of blood, qualifications, schools one had attended, college and university (from which year to which year), the classes from which one passed, departments one worked (from which year to which year), name of department organization and the work are to be gathered.

"Citizenship certificate and citizen scrutiny card which were taken out between the ages of 18 and up to 30; from age 31 up to 45 and those 45 and above must mention their life history as stated below:

- (1) changes in educational qualifications,
- (2) changes in work,
- (3) action taken against,
- (4) changes in address,
- (5) changes regarding personal history of parents,
- (6) changes regarding personal history of husband or wife,
- (7) changes regarding personal history of children,
- (8) other changes in one's personal history.

"(b) Facts relating to father and mother and those of grandparents from fathers and mothers side. Name, certificates, registration number and date issued, place of birth, date of birth, race and nationality, religion, qualifications, occupation, address, if expired, the date and the place of expiring.

"(c) Wife-husband (if married). Name, certificates, registration number and date issued, race and nationality, occupation and date of marriage.

"(d) Children (if any). Name, date of birth and place, school and class."

-- When the IMPD teams come to issue citizenship certificates and citizenship scrutiny cards, "the certificates held by the people, the household member lists and facts gathered before hand are to be produced." (WPD 8/24)

Aug. 27-28: Questions and Answers about Citizenship Certificates and Citizenship Scrutiny Cards. Administrative details on obtaining and recording information. Among other things, it is noted that:

-- Personal facts are to be recorded on the personal history form Naing (2), copies of which [presumably in blank] can be bought from the Townships Immigration and Manpower Department for K6 by producing a list of household members. It requires 3 black-and-white photos, 1.4 x 1.2 inches, and a fingerprint and footprint which must be taken "in the presence of the ward/ village-tract working groups."

-- One must enter one's race, as "Kachin, Kayay, Chin, Bamar, Mon, Rakhine, Shan"; if of mixed race, enter the race of father and mother with a hyphen, as "Indian-Bamar". Enter "Myanmar citizen" or

"Naturalized Citizen" as appropriate.

-- Enter religion, as "Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Christian, Animism"; it will not be taken into consideration in issuing cards since the Constitution "allows freedom of one's faith."

-- All certificates and cards will be issued before the deadline of Jan. 31, 1990. (WPD 8/27-28)

Election Sub-commissions Meet

[During the second half of the month, there were frequent articles reporting meetings by State/Division and Township Election Sub-commissions, to prepare for the scheduled general elections.]

DIPLOMATIC

Diplomatic Calls

The following calls were paid on Myanmar officials by foreign Embassy or UN officials accredited to Myanmar.

Aug. 1: Sri Lankan Ambassador S.W. Alawathuwala on Minister for Transport & Communications, for Social Welfare, and for Labour Maj-Gen. Tin Tun, and on Minister for Health and for Education Dr. Pe Thein. (WPD 8/2)

Aug. 3: Sri Lankan Ambassador S.W. Alawathuwala on Minister for Energy and for Mines Rear-Adm. Maung Maung Kha, and on Minister for Livestock & Fisheries and for Agriculture & Forests Maj-Gen. Chit Swe. (WPD 8/4)

Aug. 10: Singapore Charge d'Affaires Lam Peck Heng on Minister for Livestock & Fisheries and for Agriculture & Forests Maj-Gen. Chit Swe. Sri Lankan Ambassador S.W. Alawathuwala on Minister for Construction and for Co-operatives Brig-Gen. Aung Ye Kyaw. (WPD 8/11)

Aug. 11: Sri Lankan Ambassador S.W. Alawathuwala on State LORC Secretary (1) Brig-Gen. Khin Nyunt, and on Minister for Home & Religious Affairs and for Information and for Culture Maj-Gen. Phone Myint. (WPD 8/12)

Aug. 21: UNDP Resident Representative K. Kitatani on Minister for Transport & Communications and for Labour and for Social Welfare Maj-Gen. Tin Tun, accompanied by maritime transport officials. Chinese Ambassador Cheng Ruisheng on State LORC Secretary (1) Brig-Gen. Khin Nyunt. Bangladesh Ambassador A.Z.M. Enayetullah Hkan on Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Col. Abel. (WPD 8/22)

Aug. 22: UNDP Resident Representative K. Kitatani and WHO Resident Representative Dr. R.R. Chaudhury on Minister for Health and for Education Dr. Pe Thein. Singapore Charge d'Affaires Lam Peck Heng, accompanied by Managing Director of the OCK Construction Pte, Ltd., of Singapore, Mr. Edward H.N. Ong and party, on Minister of Planning & Finance and for Trade Col. Abel. (WPD 8/23)

Aug. 25: Sri Lankan Ambassador S.W. Alawathuwala on Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Col. Abel. (WPD 8/26)

Aug. 28: Indian Ambassador Dr. Indu Prakash Singh on State LORC Chairman Gen. Saw Maung. (WPD 8/29)

Aug. 29: Australian Ambassador Christopher Lamb and members of the Australian Overseas Telecommunications Commission on Minister for Transport and Communications and for Labour and for Social Welfare Maj-Gen. Tin Tun. (WPD 8/30)

Aug. 30: Chinese Ambassador Cheng Ruisheng on Minister for Energy and for Mines Rear-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. (WPD 8/31)

Ambassador to Japan

Aug. 13: U Mya Thein was named Myanmar Ambassador to Japan. (WPD 8/14)

Ambassador to Norway

Aug. 15: U Tin Hlaing, Myanmar Ambassador to the United Kingdom, was appointed concurrently Ambassador to Norway. (WPD 8/15)

Ambassador to Nigeria

Aug. 22: U Tin Hlaing, Myanmar Ambassador to the United

Kingdom, was appointed concurrently Ambassador to Nigeria. (WPD 8/22)

Greek Ambassador Approved

Aug. 23: Myanmar approved the appointment of Alexander Philon as Ambassador of Greece to Myanmar. Ambassador Philon was born in 1939 and studied at the Law Faculty and Institute of Political Studies at Paris University. He joined the Foreign Service in 1965 and served in New York, London, Istanbul, and Washington. In 1989 he became [and presumably remains concurrently] Greek Ambassador to India. He is married. (WPD 8/23)

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Indonesian Gift

July 31: A gift of K20,000 in medical supplies was made by the Dharma Wanita (Indonesian Women Organization) of the Indonesian Embassy to the Hospital for the Disabled. (WPD 8/1)

Belgian Aids Army

Aug. 7: Mr. C.O. Jacquet, whose company handles freight for the Myanmar Five Star Line in Belgium, sent a check for US\$5,000 to the Tatmadawmen at the front. (WPD 8/8)

FAO Agreement

Aug. 10: A US\$ 225,000 project agreement for preventing foot and mouth disease was signed between U Than Tint, Director General of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, Ministry of Livestock & Fisheries and Mr. J.S. Lazo of FAO for FAO and UNESCO.

UNESCO National Commission

Aug. 10: The first meeting of the Myanmar Naing-Ngan UNESCO National Commission was held, under its Chairman, Minister for Health and for Education Dr. Pe Thein. Myanmar has been a member of UNESCO since 1949, "but it is found that there are weakness in its working in co-operation with UNESCO." By co-operating, "it can get aid for its educational, science and cultural fields." The meeting was attended by the Director-General of International Organizations and Economic Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs; the Director-General of the Central Research Organization, Ministry of Industry 2; the Director-General of Medical Education Department, Ministry of Health; the Director of the Archaeology Department; and many Ministry of Education officials. (WPD 8/11)

FOREIGN VISITORS

Red Cross Delegate

Aug. 16: The regional delegate of the International Committee of the Red Cross, Jean Michel Monod, currently visiting Yangon, called on State LORC Secretary (1) Brig-Gen. Khin Nyunt. (WPD 8/17)

UNESCO Director

Aug. 29: Mr. Klaus Bahr, Director of UNESCO, arrived in Yangon and called on Minister for Health and for Education Dr. Pe Thein to report on the UNESCO Mission that visited Myanmar in July 1989 to coordinate and plan projects. (WPD 8/30)

MYANMAR DELEGATIONS

News Delegation to USSR

Aug. 1: The delegation of Myanmar newsmen headed by U Soe Nyunt returned from the USSR. (WPD 8/2)

Japan Children's Convention

Aug. 3: The 10-member student-youth delegation led by U Myint Thein returned from the Asian-Pacific Children's Convention held in Fukuoka, Japan. (WPD 8/4)

Trade Delegation

Aug. 6: A 19-member trade delegation headed by Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Col. Abel left for Thailand and Singapore. (WPD 8/7) // Aug. 13: It returned. (WPD 8/14)

Cultural Delegation Returns

Aug. 16: The 62-member cultural delegation which had visited Thailand, led by Fine Arts Department Director-General U Thein Sein, returned by special flight. It had performed 14 shows, 8 in Bangkok, 3 in Nakhonrajasima, and 3 in Chiangmai. (WPD 8/17)

Aug. 28: Bangkok, Korat, Chiangmai, by Nay. [Account of cultural delegation visit.]

MYANMAR GAZETTE

Probationary Appointments

The State LORC appointed on probation:

Aug. 24: Dr. Hla Tun, Director, Medical Research Department, to be Director-General, Department of Indigenous Medicine, Ministry of Health. (WPD 8/24)

Transfers

The State LORC transferred and appointed:

Aug. 24: U Aye Lwin, Director-General, International Organizations and Economic Department, to be Director-General, Consular, International Law and Treaties and Research Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

U Ba Thwin, Myanmar Ambassador to Japan, to be Director-General, International Organizations and Economic Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. (WPD 8/24)

Appointments Confirmed

The State LORC confirmed the following appointments at the end of the one-year probationary period:

Aug. 31: U Ko as Director-General, Office of the Government.

Dr. Maung Maung Lay as Director-General, Medical Education Department, Ministry of Health. (WPD 8/31)

GOVERNMENT

Prisoners Released

July 30: 265 more prisoners were released from Insein Central Jail, Patheingyi Jail, Dawei Jail, and Kengtung Jail [no breakdown given]. (WPD 7/31)

July 31: 59 more prisoners were released from Insein Jail (6), Kyaikakaw Pig Breeding Farm Work Camp (1), Taungzun Quarry Work Camp (48), Toungoo Prison (2), and Yangon-Mandalay Highway Construction Camp (2). (WPD 8/1)

Aug. 1: 21 prisoners and 106 detainees were released from Insein Central Jail (2), Toungoo Jail (2), Myaungmya Jail (103), Myingyan Jail (6), and Myitkyina Jail (14). (WPD 8/2)

Aug. 3: 67 more prisoners and detainees were released from Insein Central Jail, district jails, Taungzun Quarry Camp, and police lock-ups and jails. (WPD 8/4)

Aug. 4: 37 prisoners and 3 detainees were released from Insein Central Jail (4), Shwethuhtaytar Agricultural and Work Camp (13), Maubin Jail (8), Payangasu Quarry Work Camp (12), and Toungoo Jail (3). (WPD 8/5)

Aug. 6: 11 prisoners were released Aug. 5 from Insein Central Jail (5), Sittwe Jail (3), and Nyaung-U Jail (3). (WPD 8/7)

Aug. 9: 169 prisoners and detainees were released from Insein Central Jail, Bhamo Jail, and Ma-ubin Jail and camps. (WPD 8/10)

Aug. 10: 854 prisoners and detainees were released from jails and prison work camps [not specified]. (WPD 8/11)

Aug. 11: 30 prisoners and detainees were released. (WPD 8/12)

Aug. 13: 48 prisoners and detainees were released. (WPD 8/14)

Aug. 25: 37 prisoners and detainees were released. A total of 18,837 prisoners, detainees and persons on bail have been released so far from jails, prisons and police lock-ups. (WPD 8/26)

School Reopenings

Aug. 3: The Ministry of Education announced that Middle Classes in Middle Schools and High Schools would reopen Monday, Aug. 14, and that Teachers Training Institutes and Schools and the Primary Teachership Correspondence Courses would reopen Monday, Aug. 21. (WPD 8/4)

Aug. 14: Basic education middle classes reopened in 1,702 middle schools and 729 high schools. In Yangon Division, 183 middle schools and middle school classes in 126 high schools reopened. Two shift schools operate 7am-noon and 12:15pm-5pm. Single shift schools operate 9:30am-3pm. (WPD 8/15)

Aug. 15: Concentration and discipline for good results, by MMA. Feature article on reopening at schools in Hline, Sangyoung, and Botahtaung Townships [Yangon]. (WPD 8/15)

Aug. 21: Classes of the Institute of Education will reopen Oct. 2. Four Teachers Training Institutes at Yangon, Mandalay, Mawlamyine, and Pathein; and 13 Teachers Training Schools at Thingangyun, Hlegu, Pyay [Promel], Taungoo, Thegon, Myaungmya, Bogalay, Pakhokku, Meiktila, Sagaing, Myitkyina, Taunggyi, and Kyaukpyu reopened Aug. 21. (WPD 8/22)

Teachers Warned

Aug. 24: Yangon State LORC Chairman Brig-Gen. Myo Nyunt warned:

"Teachers are responsible for the education of the children. They are also required to make the children become good ones. The teachers are repeatedly told to stay away from politics. If you teachers wish to engage in politics, you can do so by tendering resignation. But now some are found to be playing politics while serving duties. If they continue to do the same, they will not be able to enjoy pension. They will have action taken against them."

He noted that while primary classes had reopened with no problems, "there have been some problems and difficulties after the opening of middle classes." Teachers "must see that the pupils do not follow the wrong path. They must also teach Buddhist culture during the holidays of the students in co-ordination with the Township Sangha Nayaka Committees." School bus service will soon be arranged in Yangon Division, with fares at K30/month for under 5 miles, and K40/month for long range; fuel will be provided to private-owned school buses. (WPD 8/25)

Aug. 29: Minister for Health and for Education Dr. Pe Thein warned a group of state scholars returning from overseas and those about to leave that:

"Those teachers who will go abroad for further studies are required to behave well. They are also needed to see things objectively. And what is more, they are not to look down upon their own country. They ought not to think highly of foreign countries, either."

"If the state scholars are asked the situations of their country, they are obliged to say that the general situation is not that worse [sic], that their country is rich in resources, that rice has been decontrolled by the government, that free trade has been allowed, that timber is being sold, that there is no more smuggling out of commodities since free trade has been allowed and this makes the increase in revenues of the State and that arrangements are under way for holding the multi-party democracy general election in May, 1990."

Dr. Pe Thein warned teachers that although the Tatmadaw had always served the nation, "things have been distorted to make some people think that the Tatmadaw is cruel," and "some unscrupulous persons are sowing discord and disunity within the Tatmadaw. And if the people get angry with the Tatmadaw and there arises discord

between the people and the Tatmadaw, the country will suffer."

He warned that since teachers are government servants, they are to keep themselves "clear of party politics." In addition to teaching school lessons, they are to "instil in [their pupils] the love for the country, to guide them to do things beneficial to the State and to prevent them from doing wrong things."

Teachers who have returned from abroad "are needed to serve their own country for some period with what they have learnt from abroad," but "if they have served so, they will not be prevented from going abroad. However, they might be prevented for some time if they are those intellectuals and technicians who are needed by the State. Since they have enjoyed special privileges, they are obliged to perform their duties so that the country might not be adversely affected." (WPD 8/30)

War Veterans Organization Law

Aug. 10: State LORC Law No. 17/89 of Aug. 10, the Myanmar War Veteran Organization Law, establishes a single War Veterans Organization, whose membership is open to military veterans and their household members, and survivors of veterans receiving pensions, provided that they are not members of any political party or of any organization declared to be an "unlawful association," or organization in revolt with arms against the State. The Organization is to engage in useful works, to act as an auxiliary security force, and to give reciprocal assistance to members. It is specifically authorized to carry on economic enterprises, at the national or local level. "No one shall form a rival organization, similar to the Myanmar War Veteran Organization," on penalty of 2-5 years imprisonment and K5,000-10,000 fine. National and local organization is spelled out in detail. [Text available at cost, on request--HCMacD.] (WPD 8/11)

Basic Education Amendment

Aug. 12: State LORC Law No. 18/89 of Aug. 12, the Law Amending the Union of Myanmar Basic Education Act, 1973:

-- Deletes the Preamble and Sections 3(b), 5(b)(3), 7(a)(3), and 7(c)(3);

-- Substitutes for Sec. 3(c): "to lay down bases for the instruction of vocational education in the interest of the State."

-- Substitutes for Sec. 5(b)(7), (10), (12), and (13): (7) Director-General, Department of Technical, Agricultural and Vocational Education--Member. (10) Chairman, Union of Myanmar Educational Research Bureau--Member. (12) Director (Administration, Finance), Department of Basic Education--Secretary. (13) Deputy Director (Administration), Department of Basic Education--Joint Secretary.

-- Substitutes for Sec. 7(a)(5), (6), and (9): (5) Chairman, Union of Myanmar Research Bureau--Member. (6) Editor-in-Chief, Department of Myanmar Language Commission--Member. (9) Director (Administration, Finance), Department of Basic Education--Member.

-- Substitutes for Sec. 7(c)(4): (4) Chairman, Union of Myanmar Educational Research Bureau--Member. (WPD 8/12)

University Education Amendment

Aug. 14: State LORC Law No. 19/89 of Aug. 14, the Law Amending the Union of Myanmar University Education Law, 1973:

-- Deletes the Preamble and Sections 7(g), 8(b)(7), 9(b)(6)-(7).

-- Substitutes for Sec. 6(a), (b), (d) and (f): (a) to produce trained intellectuals who are well cultivated in the principles and ethical codes appropriate in Myanmar society. (b) to produce intellectuals who will be beneficial to the State. (d) to conduct works of research beneficial to the State. (f) to constantly develop the intellect and skill of the people who are participating in building the State.

-- Substitutes for Sec. 8(b)(12): (12) Chairman, Union of

Myanmar Educational Research Bureau--Member.

-- Substitutes for Sec 8(c)(4): (4) to determine the number of students to be admitted to the Universities in accordance with the requirement of the State.

-- Substitutes for Sec. 9(b)(23), (24): (23) Director General, Department of Technical, Agricultural and Vocational Education--Member. (24) Chairman, Union of Myanmar Educational Research Bureau--Member.

-- Substitutes for Sec. 12(b): (b) the respective University Management Bodies shall comprise the following persons: (1) Rector--Chairman; (2) Pro-Rector--Vice-Chairman; (3) Two persons selected by the Ministry of Education or by the Ministry Concerned--Member; (4) Two members of the Universities Central Council--Member; (5) Three members of the University Teaching Staff--Member; (6) Head of Department, Training--Member; (7) Head of Department (Administration, Finance)--Secretary.

-- Substitutes for Sec. 12(d): (d) the respective University Academic Bodies shall comprise the following persons: (1) Rector--Chairman; (2) Pro-Rector--Vice-Chairman; (3) Professors--Member; (4) Heads of Department--Member; (5) external members specialized in their respective subjects--Member; (6) Principals of the Colleges and Institutes--Member; (7) Two representatives each from the Degree Colleges who are Professors--Member; (8) Head of Department (Training)--Member; (9) Registrar (1)--Secretary. (WPD 9/15)

Technical Education Amendment

Aug. 21: State LORC Law No. 20/89 of Aug. 21, the Law Amending the Union of Myanmar Technical, Agricultural and Vocational Education Law, 1974:

-- Deletes the Preamble and Section 5(c).

-- Substitutes for Sec. 3(d): (d) to train and nurture skilled technicians and experts who are imbued with a sense of consciousness and convictions to cherish the State.

-- Substitutes for Sec. 7(a): (a) laying down guidelines in relation to training courses for the respective Technical, Agricultural and Vocational Education Schools and Institutes, in the interest of the State.

-- Substitutes for Sec. 7(h): (h) considering and deciding on the type of certificates and diplomas to be conferred by the Technical, Agricultural and Vocational Schools and Institutes.

-- Substitutes for Sec. 10: 10. Examinations for conferment of certificates and diplomas for the respective Technical, Agricultural and Vocational Schools and Institutes shall be conducted under the supervision of the Department of Technical, Agricultural and Vocational Education. (WPD 8/22)

Aug. 29: State LORC Law No. 21/89 of Aug. 29, the Law Amending the Union of Myanmar Educational Research Law, 1973:

-- Deletes Section 4(a)(3).

-- Substitutes for Sec. 4(a)(4), (7), (8): (4) Chairman, Union of Myanmar Research Bureau--Member; (7) Director General, Department of Technical, Agricultural and Vocational Education--Member; (8) Chairman, Union of Myanmar Board of Examinations--Member. (WPD 8/30)

MILITARY

Tatmadaw & the Public

Articles reporting contributions in cash or in kind by the public to the Army continued. There were also articles reporting "voluntary service" by Tatmadawmen and the public to various public clean-up campaigns.

Insurgent Attacks

Aug. 20: 30 KNU insurgents on Aug. 17 entered Hlwasingon village, Kyaikmaraw Twp. [Mon] wounding a woman and stealing 14 cattle. KNU insurgents on Aug. 18 robbed 3 people between Phapyauk and Abaywe villages. (WPD 8/21)

Insurgents Surrender

Aug. 10: Between July 1-9, 17 insurgents surrendered, with their arms. (WPD 8/11) // Aug. 13: Between July 10-17, 21 insurgents surrendered, with their arms. (WPD 8/14) // Aug. 15: Between July 18-29, 21 insurgents surrendered, with their arms. (WPD 8/16) [names and details given]

Medals Given

Aug. 29: On behalf of the State LORC, Yangon State LORC Chairman Brig-Gen. Myo Nyunt presented medals as follows, at Yangon City Hall [names not given]:

- 11 Independence Mawgun (1st grade)
- 24 same (2nd grade)
- 45 same (3rd grade)
- 123 Military Good Service
- 1 Excellent Performance (Agricultural Field)
- 7 same (Social Field) (2nd class)
- 62 same (Social Field) (3rd class) (WPD 8/30)

ECONOMIC

Economic Articles

Illustrated feature articles on various aspects of the economy:
July 30, Aug. 1,: Activities of Sagaing Division Forest Department, by Ye Myint Pe and Than Htoo Kyi. [Cont. (9) Nursery plays a vital role for successful establishment of plantations. (10) Around the Meza creek covered with deep forests.]

Aug. 2-4,6,11-14: To ensure secure and smooth transportation, by Aung Nyunt & Win Myint. [(1) (2 pts) description of long distance bus transportation. {a photo, WPD 8/3, shows "One of the many signboards which warns drivers against giving money at the town entrance (toll) gates and those at the gate against asking money and seizing goods, as effective action would be taken against such acts. These signboards are erected at the town entrance of various townships."} (2) (2 pts) {jitney} car lines. (3) (3 pts) Goods transportation, repairs, long-distance busses.]

Aug. 5-6. Facts which exporters should know, by Ko Toe (Trade/News). [Procedures such as export registration and license, sales contracts, letters of credit, customs authorizations, shipment, bills of lading, etc.]

Aug. 16: The No 6 Nyaungbintha Plantation in Pyu Township, by Kyi Hlaing. [The 29 State-owned Plantations and 3 Livestock Breeding Camps in Myanmar employ 4,217 employees. The 29 plantations have a total area of 97,690 acres of which 70,468 is cultivable. One of them is visited.]

Aug. 17,20: That Inle Lake may be more pleasant, by Nyunt Lwin. [Cleanup of Inle Lake to attract more tourists.]

Aug. 18-19: Setting up new satellite towns, by Nyunt Lwin. [Visit to Htonbo village, new satellite town being built outside Taunggyi.]

Aug. 21: Agricultural production and stabilization of commodity prices, by Myint Ko. [Monsoon crop cultivation time has come. Sesamum will show a profit with a 10 basket per acre yield. Communal paddy transplanting will ease labor problems. Because of draft animal shortages, animals should be cared for and not exported for slaughter. Natural as well as chemical fertilizers must be used. Paddy should be high quality so as to compete in the world market. Full cultivation of arable land should be sought. "Traders should not...attempt to raise paddy prices and make large profits."]

Aug. 21: Sagaing Division Chaung-U Township plantation No 4, by Kyi Hlaing. [Another state-owned plantation.]

Aug. 22: Keeping Taunggyi clean and pleasant, by Nyunt Lwin. [Visit to Taunggyi's Mya-kan-tha, Kanbawza, and Bogyoke Aung San Parks.]

Aug. 26: The functions of Asian Clearing Union, by Maung Banda

(Central Bank). [How it works.]

Aug. 29: The Myanmar Naing-Ngan Forest School, by Ye Myint Pe & Tha Htoo Kyi. [Activities of the forestry school in Maymyo, with statistics for schools at Yezin and Maymyo.]

Companies Registered

July 30: As of the end of July, 56 Limited Companies, 10 Foreign Companies Branch Offices, and 155 Partnership Firms had been registered with the Companies Registration Office, Ministry of Trade. The following were registered during July [no addresses given]:

Registered Companies: [13] Myanma Maritime Services Ltd.; Myanmar Nyunt Co. Ltd.; Gandamar Enterprises Ltd.; Kyaikkhami Trading Ltd.; The Mohamed Ajam Esmail Co. Ltd.; Myitmakha Engineering Co. Ltd.; Nay Yi Yi Trading Co. Ltd.; Tanintharyi International Ltd.; Myanma Industrial Trading and Services Ltd.; Dekhina Trading Enterprise Ltd.; Myitmakha International Trading Co. Ltd.; Jyanko & Co. Ltd.; Shwe Hin Tha Co. Ltd.

Foreign Branch Office: [1] Gold Star Ltd.

Partnerships [22]: Aung Htay Kywe Trading; Thissa Enterprise; Star Partnership Enterprise; Inwa Export Partnership Enterprise; Kay thu Hide & Leather Trading [hereafter H<]; Ahar Thit H< Nyan Be Family H< Forward H< Mandalay H< Aung Myint Moe Leather Trading [hereafter LT]; Mya Aoe Si H< Ahar Man H< Sein Ya Ta Nar H< Htoon Bros. H< Myint Trading Enterprise; Galon Min H< Win Family LT; Sein & Mya Acid Compound & Chemical General Trading; United Agency; Pensioners' Press, Binding and General Works; Silver Lotus Enterprise; Great Trading Enterprise. (WPD 7/31)

Price Control Measures

July 31: To bring down the price of cooking oil, palm oil is being distributed to 17 welfare and 28 co-operative shops in Yangon to sell at K42 per viss. (WPD 8/1)

Aug. 1: Despite the sale of rice a K6 per pyi since 24 July, "it was found that there had been a little rise in the price of rice in Insein, Pazundaung, Kyimyindine and Lanmadaw Townships [Yangon]. (WPD 8/2)

Joint Ventures Formed

Ministry of Trade Notifications of the formation of Joint Ventures, divided into equal number of "A" [Government] and "B" [public--i.e. private enterprise] shares. In each case, the notice specifies: (1) name; (2) objectives; (3) list of the First Public members with addresses [i.e., the private sector side]; (4) representatives of the participating Government enterprise or enterprises; (5) number of shares and denomination; (6) breakdown of government "A" shares between government enterprises [if more than one]; (7) maximum number of public "B" shares that private individuals or organizations may purchase. The address (8) is sometimes noted in a separate article or item.

Aug. 1: Notification No. 6/89 of Aug. 1. (1) Northern Shan State Joint Venture Co. Ltd. (2) general merchandise trading, internal and external general trading, commission agency work, cultivation and production work. (3) 4 public members. (4) Managing Director, General Merchandise Trading. (5) K10 million, K10,000 shares. (6) n/a. (7) Citizens of the Northern Shan State only [a private joint venture company]. (8) 52 17th St., Yangon. (WPD 8/2)

Aug. 2: Notification No. 7/89 of Aug. 2. (1) Union of Myanmar Naing-Ngan Joint Venture Corp. No. (5), Ltd. (2) production of construction materials, trading, construction work, trading of import-export goods. (3) 7 public members. (4) Managing Directors of Construction and Electrical Stores Trading, Inspection and Agency Services, and Medicines and Medical Equipment Trading. (5) K50 million, K5,000 shares. (6) K15, K5, and K5 million respectively. (7) K100,000. (8) 332 Strand Rd., Yangon. (WPD 8/3,5)

Aug. 3: Notification No. 8/89 of Aug. 3. (1) Union of Myanmar Joint Venture Corporation No. (6) Ltd. (2) purchase, repairing,

invention, domestic distribution and export of marine products and necessary equipment. (3) 7 public members. (4) Managing Directors, General Merchandise Trading, Restaurant and Beverage Enterprise, and Medicine and Medical Equipment Trading. (5) K 500 million, K10,000 shares. (6) K 100, K75, and K75 million respectively. (7) K300,000. (8) 30/32 10th St., Lanmadaw Twp., Yangon. (WPD 8/4,12)

Aug. 18: Notification No. 10/89 of Aug. 18. (1) Myanmar-Singapore International Ltd. (2) production of construction and electrical stores, stationery, printing and photographic stores, and to buy and sell them locally and abroad, etc. (3) 1 member from SKS Marketing (PTE) Singapore. (4) Managing Directors, Construction and Electrical Stores Trading, and Stationery, Printing and Photographic Stores Trading. (5) K50 million, K10,000 shares. (6) not specified. (7) n/a, since joint venture company is a private company. (8) No. 1 Department Store (1st fl.), 298-304 Pansodan St., Kyauktada Twp., Yangon. (WPD 8/19)

Aug. 27: Notification No. 11/89 of Aug. 27. (1) Myanmar-Malaysia International Ltd. (2) production of goods, retail and wholesale trade, export and import trade, and general trading. (3) 1 member from Burmal Holdings sdn., Bhd. Malaysia. (4) Managing Directors, General Merchandise Trading, Vehicles Machinery and Equipment Trading, and Construction and Electrical Stores Trading. (5) K100 million, K10,000. (6) 40% A shares: division not specified. (7) n/a, since joint enterprise is a private company. (8) 165/167 Bo Aung Kyaw St., Kyauktada Twp., Yangon. (WPD 8/28) // Aug. 29: Malaysian personnel of the joint venture called on Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Col. Abel. (WPD 8/30)

Entrepreneur Workshop

Aug. 17: Workshop No. 2/89 for economic entrepreneurs concluded, as Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Col. Abel stressed the need for exporting quality goods. 79 people participated. Col. Abel said 281 exporters have been registered. Workshop No. 3/89 will open Sept. 4 at the Inspection and Agency Services, 504/506 Merchant Street, Yangon. (WPD 8/18)

New Commuter Trains

Aug. 18: 79 new commuter trains will be put into service Aug. 21, including 41 circular trains in Yangon (added to the existing 37), 28 trains in the Yangon-Toegyauungale service, and 10 in the Yangon-Shwepyitha-Hlawga service. (WPD 8/19)

Co-op Pensions Paid

Aug. 22: For the first time, pensions were paid to Co-operative Society employees, under the 1970 Co-operative Law and Rules. K1.7 million was disbursed to 225 eligible employees. The pensions are paid out of Co-operative Society funds, and through the Township Co-operative Societies rather than the Myanma Economic Banks. (WPD 8/23)

Rainfall in Rangoon

Rainfall since January 1, 1989, 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
August 1	56.65	62.24	57.32
August 15	69.33	70.39	65.08
August 30	78.40	83.94	80.08

HEALTH

Alcohol and Drugs

Aug. 18: Fight against the common enemy of mankind, by Myint Thein Aung. [Discussion of alcohol and drug dependency and treatment.]

Nutrition

Aug. 26: Rice and other crops, by Dr. Hla Myint (Nutrition).
["Instead of concentrating on rice alone we can also eat food items made from flour for a change."]

SPORTS

Sports Articles

Feature articles on sports.

Aug. 10: 5th FESPIC Games selection trial, by Dr. Than Toe.
[Far East games for disabled.]

South-East Asian Games

Aug. 12: State LORC Secretary (1) Brig-Gen. Khin Nyunt and Minister for Health and for Education Dr. Pe Thein (who is also Chairman of the Myanmar Naing-Ngan Sports and Physical Education Committee) addressed the athletes who will compete in the 15th South-East Asian Games in Kuala Lumpur. The Myanmar team will be led by Committee Director-General U Aung Din, and will include 186 athletes in football, volleyball, basketball, track and field, weightlifting, boxing, swimming, cycling, shooting, badminton, yachting, golf, Taekwando, Karate, and Judo. (WPD 8/13)

Aug. 13: An advance contingent left for Kuala Lumpur; the rest will leave Aug. 17, 18, and 19. (WPD 8/14) // Aug. 17: The first batch (65 members) left. (WPD 8/18) // Aug. 18: The second batch (63) left. (WPD 8/19) // Aug. 19: The last batch (54) left. The team will compete in 15 competitions. (WPD 8/20)

Aug. 21: Khin Khin Htwe won the women's 1,500 metre race, with a time of 4:22.25; Myint Myint Aye took third with 4:35.44. Both of Myanmar's contenders in the men's 20 km. walking race, Tun Tin and Myint Lwin, were disqualified for "'floating,' which is not actually walking with one leg firmly on the ground at all times." They were leading at the time. (WPD 8/22)

Aug. 22: Mar Mar Min won the women's 10,000 metre race, with a time of 35:46.06; Weik Pan took second with 36:13.75. Saw Bo Kiri took third in light heavyweight weightlift, with 267.5 kilos. Aye Aye Kyaw took second in women's 100-metre hurdles, with 14.36. Mar Mar Oo took second in women's 400-metre race, with 56.07. Hla Hla Shwe took second in women's 10-km walk with 53:13.61 and Ma Kyin Lwan took third with 53:26.27. (WPD 8/23)

Aug. 23: Kwaw Thet won middle heavyweight weightlift, with 300.5 kilos. San Myint won super heavyweight weightlift, with 307.5 kilos. (WPD 8/24)

Aug. 24: Khin Khin Htwe won women's 3,000 metres race, with a games record time of 9:26.15, and also women's 800 metres race, with 2:08.99. Tun Tin won men's 10-km walk with 46:31.34. Khin Ohn won women's high jump, with 1.77 metres. Thant Zin took third in men's half heavyweight below 95-kilo judo. Myanmar took third in women's air rifle team, with 1,077 points. (WPD 9/25)

Aug. 25: Than Myint Swe won 3,000-metre steeplechase, with a time of 9:15.15. Ma Khin Lwan won women's 5-km walk, with 25:05.08. Maung Maung Win took third in men's 200-metre backstroke, with 2:17.58. Aye Aye Soe took third in women's 3-metre springboard diving, with 342.10 points. In judo, Than Maung took second in men's half middleweight below 78-kilos; Thandar Sit Naing took second in women's middleweight below 66-kilos; and Phyu Phyu Thant took second in women's half middleweight below 61-kilos. Myanmar took third in women's 4x400-metre relay. Philip took third in men's marathon, with 2:25:24. Thanda Cho took third in women's marathon, with 2:55:42. (WPD 8/26)

Aug. 26: In judo, Kyaw Nyunt took second in men's lightweight below 71-kilos; Kyi Kyi Wai third in women's half lightweight below 52-kilos; Hla Hla Myint second in women's lightweight below 56-kilos.

Aug. 27: Aye Aye Soe took second in women's 10-metre platform diving, with 305.82 points. In judo, Sithu Zaw took second in men's extra lightweight below 60-kilos; Than Maung third in men's open final; Phyu Phyu Thant second and Thandar Sit Naing third in women's

open final; Than Than Tin took third in women's extra lightweight below 48-kilos; Kyaw Nyunt took second in men's lightweight below 71-kilos; Kyi Kyi Wai took third in women's half lightweight below 52-kilos; Hla Hla Myint took second in women's lightweight below 56-kilos. (WPD 8/28)

Aug. 28: San Hla Lay took second in light flyweight boxing. Hlang Swe shared third in lightweight boxing. (WPD 8/30)

CULTURAL

Myanmar Literature

Aug. 6,13,20,27: Philosophical Myanmar Poems, by Htila Sitthu. [Cont. Poems and commentary: (19) "Metta Sutta" by Min Thuwun (1960); "I am a spring's clear water" by Thein Than Tun (1986). (20) "Vessantra" by Tekkatho Min Maw (1986); "Sharing Love" by Thein Than Tun (1986). (21) "Where Beauty Is" by {Daw} Ngwe Ta Yi and "Our Rivers" by Ne Thwe Ni (1966). (22) "Bagan Saraba Gate" by Min Thuwun (1966) and "Hyacinth Way" by Zawgyi (1960).]

Aug. 6,13,20: Customs and folk-tales of indigenous peoples, by Min Naing. [Cont. Each article describes one ethnic group, and tells one of their folktales: (9) Mons. (10) Pa-Os. (11) Inthas of Inle Lake.]

Aug. 6,13,20,27: Poems. [poems, in English and Myanmar, by Zawgyi.]

Aug. 6,13,20,27: Myanmar Proverbs, by Dr. U Hla Pe. [Cont. (16-19)]

Aug. 6,13,20,27: Nucleus of Myanmar Literature. [Cont. (26) Nyaungyan Nawade-2, by Hsan Tun (Mann Tekkatho). (27) The son's mother of Kogan Pyo, by Tekkatho Myat Soe. (28) Those two reverends {Shin Maha Rahtasara and Shin Maya Silavumsa}, by Tekkatho Myat Soe. (29) About Myanmar Prose {U Po Sein}, by Maung Htin.]

Aug. 27: The Problem of Aung-mye-thar-zan Patpyo, by Tekkatho Maung Kyi Thwin. [Who was the author?]

Myanmar Arts & Crafts

Aug. 6,13: Bells of Burma, by Dr. Khin Maung Nyunt. [Cont. (12-13) The Kyaik Waing Pagoda Bells, in Yangon, dating from 1915 and 1873.]

Myanmar Culture

Aug. 6,13,20,27: Reminiscences, by Htin Lin. [Cont. (17) The festival of lights; 1. Thadin-gyut. (18) The festival of lights; 2. Tazaungmon. (19) Nadaw: The Month for Literary Activities. (20) Military parades of Pyatho {in Royal times}.]

Aug. 20,27: Lehtun Mingala, the Royal Ploughing Ceremony, by Dr. Khin Maung Nyunt. [History of ceremony.]

Articles on Morals & Religion

Aug. 2,13,20. 'Mangala' an introduction, by Maung Arnt. [Cont. (6-8) Way to Auspiciousness.]

Aug. 6, 27: The Metta-Sutta and its commentary, by Tint Lwin. [Cont. (5-6) Buddhist virtues.]

Movie Theatres Reopened

Aug. 16: Four more cinemas in downtown Yangon (Nay-pyi-daw, Bayint, Pa-pa Win, Hsu-htoo-pan) and 2 in the suburbs (Tabinshwehti and Bayintnaung) will be reopened Aug. 18. The 35 state-owned cinemas in the Yangon Development area were closed "due to the disturbances." 12 were reopened Apr. 18, and 6 more will be on Aug. 18. Throughout Myanmar there are over 170 cinemas run by the Motion Picture Enterprise, and the majority have been reopened. (WPD 8/16) // Aug. 18: They were. (WPD 8/19)

Sule Pagoda Renovation

[For several months, renovation work has been under way at Yangon's Sule Pagoda, with many donations listed from individuals and organizations.] Aug. 15: Board of Trustees member U That Yin said that 124 days had been allowed for the renovation, and that despite the heavy rains it was 75% completed with 40 days yet to go, and

would be finished on schedule. (WPD 8/17)

MISCELLANEOUS

Crime News

Names, addresses, and photos of culprits generally included.

July 30: Between June 19 and early July 30 members out of 34 from a robber gang attacking travellers on the Mandalay-Lashio road in Nawngkhio Twp. [Shan] were apprehended, along with 21 flint-locks. The other four robbers were killed. In Lashio on June 27 police seized 0.25 kilos of heroin from a passenger at the bus station. In Myitkyina [Kachin] on July 7 police seized 0.16 kilos of heroin, and arrested two women. (WPD 7/31)

Aug. 6: Nine chests full of electronic goods, etc., weighing 1,048 kilos, sent by air from Hong Kong and consigned to the West German Embassy in Yangon, were seized when the Embassy denied any connection with the shipment. The goods are valued at K5 million. (WPD 8/7)

Aug. 11: Myitkyina police on July 14 seized 0.02 kilos of heroin, arresting 2 people. (WPD 8/14)

Aug. 13: Shan State Police on July 28 seized 0.17 kilos of heroin on a Kanbawza-Mann bus, arresting 2 men. Lashio police on July 8 seized 0.76 kilos of heroin hidden in China-made nutrition cans, arresting 3 people. (WPD 8/14)

Aug. 15: Mandalay police on Aug. 8 seized 0.5 kilos of heroin worth K60,000, arresting 4 persons. On Aug. 11 they seized 0.8 kilos of heroin worth K96,000, arresting one man. (WPD 8/17)

Aug. 20: Military Tribunal No. 4 sentenced a woman to 6 years and a man to 5 years "vigorous imprisonment" for violating Section 15 (a) of the 1986 Gambling Law. They were caught with Che-hti gambling documents and K48,305 in stakes. It is announced that "Those who give information that leads to the arrest of Che-hti bookies and gamblers will be awarded 50 per cent of the cash seized." (WPD 8/22)

Aug. 23: Thet Tin, a Yangon cinema projector operator, is to be tried under martial law for rape of a juvenile in his projection booth on Aug. 16. (WPD 8/24) // Aug. 25: He was sentenced to life imprisonment. (WPD 8/26)

Aug. 24: Yangon railway police on Aug. 19 seized 7.35 kilos of marijuana, arresting 2 men. A military security unit in Toungoo on Aug. 4 seized 6.94 kilos of marijuana on a bus, arresting 3 men. (WPD 8/25)

Aug. 26: Customs seized K5 million of contraband on a local train arriving in Yangon on Aug. 24, including 239 bales of electronic equipment, foods, cigarettes, cosmetics, textiles, etc. [specified]. 15 persons were arrested. (WPD 8/27)

Aug. 30: Yangon Division announced that the value of the stakes and equipment seized from Che-hti gamblers will be given as rewards as follows: for the arrest of bookies --75% to those giving information and 25% to those making arrests; for sub-bookies--50-60% to those giving information and 25-40% to those making arrests. Informers will be kept secret. (WPD 8/31)

Narcotics Seizures Summarized

July 28: Between Jan. 1 and June 30, 1989:

The Army seized 190.65 kilos of raw opium and 7.71 kilos of heroin, worth US\$ 586,008.

The Police seized 392.64 kilos of raw opium (384 cases filed), 77.26 kilos of heroin (697 cases), 364.64 kilos of marijuana (295 cases), 2390.24 litres phensidyle (152 cases), 21 gal. acetic anhydride (3 cases), 189,289 China-made cough tablets (30 cases), 2,895 TWC tablets (2 cases), 398 methaqualone tablets (1 case). Also filed were 167 other narcotics drug cases, 719 cases of failure to register by drug users. A total of 2,450 cases involving 3,588 persons were filed, and drugs valued at US 5,466,103 were seized. (WPD 8/5)

Aug. 24: Narcotic Drugs Suppression Work Undertaken by The

Tatmadaw (1974-1989), by Myo Htet. [Summarizes US anti-narcotics aid {with statistics}, and Myanmar Army anti-narcotics activities. In 1988 the Army seized narcotics worth US\$ 3,360,692, and the Police US\$ 7,834,634. The Nga-ye-pan operations of the Army and Police from 1980-86 were as follows:

	poppy			
year	twps.	ac.	dest.	tonnage
1980-81	20	4,807		24.035
1981-82	26	10,900		54.4
1982-83	24	6,938		34.59
1984-85	26	9,851		49.25
1985-86	24	19,787		98.93

The Taung-yan-shin operations from 1985-88, involving manual and aerial destruction were as follows:

1985-86	24	33,598	167.99
1986-87	34	40,225	201.10
1987-88	27	41,155	181.08

The U.S. never gave more than \$13 million a year to Myanmar for anti-narcotics work; while Myanmar destroyed or prevented 23.468 tons of heroin, which at the US street value of \$200,000 per kilo was worth US\$ 4,693,000,000. Out of the Myanmar population of 38 million, there are 47,437 registered addicts, or 0.1%.]

Obituaries

Aug. 9: Daw Than Than Win (a) Maureen Hodgson, wife of U Tin Kyaw Hlaing, Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, died in Yangon, aged 56. [Baptist] (WPD 8/11)

Aug. 11: U G Kisnar, Mitsubishi Co., husband of Daw Mariyama, died in Yangon, aged 55. (WPD 8/13)

Aug. 13: Francis M. Raphael, ... cousin of Mrs. Josephine Lebouchardiere (Perth)...died in Yangon, aged 52. [Christian] (WPD 8/15)

Aug. 16: U Myo Toon, brother of U Myint Toon--Bar at law, ...Daw Khin San Myint-U Khin Mg Kyi (Canada)... died in Yangon, aged 65. (WPD 8/17)

Aug. 18: U Tun Yi, retired SAT (ex St.John's), husband of Daw May May Lwin and father of Daw Yee Yee Lwin (Dr. Maung Maung Tun-UK), Dr. Maung Maung Han (Daw Khin San Myint-UK)..., died in Yangon, aged 69. [Christian] (WPD 8/19)

Aug. 19: U Tun Myint, General Manager (rtd.), Myanma Oil Corporation, Naing-Ngant-Gon-Yi (2nd Class), husband of Daw Than Than, died in Yangon, aged 71. (WPD 8/21)

Flood in Chin State

Aug. 17: Because of torrential rains beginning July 30, the Kaladan River has flooded 26 wards and village-tracts in Paletwa Twp. [Chin], inundating 1,100 homes. 5,562 persons were affected, with loss to private property of K1.52 million. Loss to Government buildings was K 137,217 [specified], for a total of K1.66 million. (WPD 8/18)

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