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#### POLITICAL CRISIS

##### Slogans

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

Since Apr. 7 the The Working People's Daily has run a political slogan across the bottom of each front page.

Oct. 1: Only correct news, facts and true wishes of the people are presented. News photos of value and educative articles on various subjects are also included. The Working People's Daily.

Oct. 2: Love your own race, cherish your own country and preserve your culture.

Oct. 2-4: [Special additional slogan] When they were young they were brought up and educated by their parents; when they grow up and become service personnel, they are fed by the people and so they need to repay their gratitude to the people without reservations.

Oct. 3,21: The fragrance of the 'Myinzuthaka' flower cannot be overwhelmed by the dirty smell of rumours coming from foul mouths.

Oct. 4,22: Don't try to teach things without really understanding Myanmar Naing-Ngan's historical traditions and

appreciating our efforts for the preservation of cultural heritage.

Oct. 5: Don't misconstrue things! This is no time to waver or make errors.

Oct. 6: Don't come round with inanity. The Tatmadaw knows, instantly, like a flareup at the first spark.

Oct. 7,20: The notion of mastership of the citizens of big powers of archaic colonialism are no longer in vogue in the 20th Century and so should be abandoned.

Oct. 8: Build the nation through sincere, diligent efforts.

Oct. 9: Democracy activities may be carried out but it should not be forgotten that the Tatmadaw is the life of the nation and the nation is the life of the Tatmadaw.

Oct. 10: The Tatmadaw will never allow Independent Myanmar Naing-Ngan to be dragged back into the quagmire of servitude. The Tatmadaw will make sacrifices in defending and protecting it.

Oct. 11: Youths extending their correct capabilities contribute to peace and happiness of all.

Oct. 12: Observe the law for peace in the community.

Oct. 13: With law prevailing, people's life will be at peace.

Oct. 14: Abiding by the law is the way to safety and felicity.

Oct. 15: Tranquillity is primary. Independence is for perpetuity.

Oct. 16: Observance of discipline leads to safety.

Oct. 17: Co-operate to preserve community peace and tranquillity.

Oct. 18: Keeping to the rules ensures safety.

Oct. 19: Build the nation through sincere, diligent efforts.

Oct. 23: Only the people of Myanmar love Myanmar most. Love your motherland. Defend and protect her.

Oct. 24: [not received]

Oct. 25: Oppose those who disturb peace and tranquillity. Crush those who mar the rule of law.

Oct. 26: Crush the disturbance-makers and instigators. Expose the rumour-mongers.

Oct. 27: Expose those 'pining for the aunt over and above the mother' and those marring national identity. Combat those endangering the State and those bent on malevolence.

Oct. 28: Anyone attempting to cause loss of independence is our enemy. We want no destructive elements within and without.

Oct. 29: [not received]

Oct. 30: Give priority to steadfastness of the Union.

Oct. 31: Respect and abide by law.

#### 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:

Oct. 1-7,10-29: Myanmar Naing-Ngan that has passed through the flames of hell, by A Tatmadawman. [Cont. (5) {3 pts} "Deep river is damaged by silt by forming sediments." Though martial law declared Aug. 3, 1988, Army did not shoot until Aug. 8, when 4 persons were wounded. "Afterwards, there were exaggerations, political machinations, instigations and fabrications made on Tatmadaw's dispersing the crowd made by both leftist and rightist destructionists." In downtown Yangon, 18 security members were killed and 14 wounded by mobs, and 28 firearms lost. The Tatmadaw did not shoot after Aug. 14, even though often attacked. There was "some shooting in June {1989} undertaken as a preventive measure," after race and religion disturbances broke out in Taunggyi and Pyay

{Prome}. 3 police, including the Shan State PPF director, were killed and 25 wounded, and the Tatmadaw had to intervene.

[(6) {2 pts.}] "One realizes that they are dacoits only when they beat one on the back." Violent incidents and looting between Aug. 14, 1988, when the Army stopped shooting, and Sept. 18, when the LORC took power, especially in South Okkalapa where "23 persons including children and women were set on fire and beheaded within one day." Seizure of soldiers at the Ministry of Trade. Why the Tatmadaw had to intervene.

[(7) {3 pts.}] "Quality of rice can be known only after pounding it." Crimes of demonstrators during disturbances; their efforts to take over news media; their failure to address national problems.

[(8) {12 pts.}] "A flare-up when the fire is about to die out." BCP crimes. Battle of Mong Yang. BCP contact with Daw Khin Kyi in March 1988 to set up an interim government; later they chose her daughter Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. BCP underground activities. Struggle against KNU. Students deceived by KNU. National Democratic Front described.

[Activities of Committee for the Restoration of Democracy in Burma-CRDB. Leaders described [Oct. 16 WPD]: "U Kyaw Win is the patron of this organization. He is a Christian. He went to US round about 1950. He married Gandazari, an Indonesian, in 1958. In 1959, he came back to Myanmar Naing-Ngan and worked as a teacher at a school in Kalaw. True to his nature of looking down upon one's own country, he left Myanmar Naing-Ngan for America in 1960 and has been living there ever since. As U Kyaw Win has a doctorate degree in history, he is said to be teaching at a community college near Los Angeles in California."

["The chairman of the group is Tin Maung Win, son of ex-Minister U Win. As he took part enthusiastically among the expatriates in 1971 and participated actively in the disturbances he was appointed commander of command 1, Rangong, Thailand, by a big 'personality' who led the expatriates at that time. But when the expatriates' group disintegrated some of them returned to the legal fold and others surrendered or were captured, he ran away to the USA. Still others absconded to India and England. There, he met U Kyaw Win and formed the CRDB and became chairman of the committee. Tin Maung Win once even tried to return to Myanmar Naing-Ngan. However, he was not accepted. Now he wants to come back to Myanmar Naing-Ngan as a 'hero'.

["Ye Kyaw Thu is the general secretary. He is the son of former Bureau of Special Investigation (Sa-thon-lon) chairman U Chan Tha. He joined the expatriates, served in the intelligence and wrote articles in the magazine published by the expatriates. As a faithful follower of Tin Maung Win, they were together when they joined the expatriates and they are together in the USA. They are like-minded also in forming a group which will try to destroy the State.

["In addition to this, it is learnt that Bilar [sic] Rashid, son of ex-minister U Rashid, served as the vice-chairman. Writer Aung Bala is also a member of the group. Although he left Myanmar Naing-Ngan legally, he wrote anti-government and anti-Myanmar articles under the influence of the CRDB. Later, Daw Khin Myo Aye alias Betty, who is the wife of Tin Maung Win, joined the group partly because there are only a few members and partly because they want to get a bigger share.

["There are people and organizations that render assistance to the organization in every possible way. They are: Tin Maung Win's elder brother Khin Maung Win, former prime minister U Nu's son Maung Aung, former patron of the expatriate group U Law Yone's daughter Wendy Law Yone and VOA employee U Tun Aung and uncle of ex-Ambassador U Kyi Myint's wife U Kyaw Win....

["There is also CRDB in Britain and West Germany with four or five members. In Britain, the committee is headed by Eddy Aung Myint, who is an expatriate and calls himself Bo Aung Din, Akba Sidat, Nyunt Aung and Win Soe. In West Germany it is headed by Nwe Aung, Zaw Lwin and Daw Nyunt Minn Yi...."

[Recent activities of CRDB members in Thailand, organizing insurrection and cooperating with KNU, described. Victories over KNU and KIA described.

[(9) {2 pts.} "One lost one's dah instead of catching the iguana." BCP plotting; and collapse after rebellion by Wa and Kokang troops {details given}. KNU-BCP cooperation; KNU efforts "to obtain sophisticated arms...from a big capitalist country." Lies that Tatmadaw getting military equipment from USSR, India, and Singapore. 1989 defeats of KNU detailed.

[(10) {7 pts.} "One cannot draw a straight line with a bent ruler." "The Tatmadaw pulled the three groups of BCP from under the cover of political parties. There is also a party which is now having problems its having been used by the BCP. Is there any way out for those unscrupulous persons who conspired, in co-operation with the traitor Ye Htoon?... Similarly, we should not neglect the group of those who are manipulating from abroad and striving to be called as masters." Examples (1946-1989) of fabrications and distortions from foreign press and radio given in detail. Sentencing of Nay Min (a) Win Shwe to 14 years imprisonment for "sending false news and rumours to the BBC ...."]

Oct. 2: If a ruby is genuine..., by Thukhi Aung. [Buddhist parable; heretics cannot diminish the truth, as swine cannot sully a true ruby.]

Oct. 3-5: Narcotic drug abuse control work in Myanmar Naing-Ngan, by Myo Htet. [History of anti-narcotics efforts; US contribution was very small. Various historical statistics given. US support and praise for Myanmar anti-narcotics efforts recounted.]

Oct. 6,23,25-26: Green and pleasant Cocogyunn, by Soe Myint. ["Most who have not might knowledge might think that Cocogyunn {Coco Island} is a prison camp.... In fact, {it} is a very scenic and pleasant place." Island history, resources, and economy described.]

Oct. 7,9: I will tell you as I have heard, by Hittalone. [Foreign historians distort Myanmar history.]

Oct. 8: What the BBC has done, by A reporter. [BBC says that "what U Nay Min {convicted of giving false information to the BBC} is accused of doing is not more than the normal activities of a certain citizen of the majority of nations of the world." But the false news, that the BCP had captured Mogok, hurt Myanmar very much. BBC Correspondent Peter Nettleship, Christopher Gunnis, and BBC World Service Programme Director John Tiffer are also responsible. Why did the BBC rely on U Nay Min? If it had checked the information with BBC correspondent U Maung Maung "it would not have made such a mistake.... Everything is ready for us to publish a book to refute the sky-full lies of the BBC, the VOA and the AIR, inaccurate news and false news."]

Oct. 9: Universal Postal Union and World Post Day, by Shwe Hin Tha (Mandalay University). [History of U.P.U., and message from its Director-General.]

Oct. 9-10: They are totally the same, by Thadinhtauk Kyaw Gyi. [A journalist recalls that: Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in 1989 was only repeating a 1962 BCP charge that soldiers are badly educated. BBC and VOA "have {since 1962} constantly produced slanderous reports...with the aim of enslaving the people of our country." In 1969 expatriates formed the Parliamentary Democracy Party "to seize power and please their great mentors from foreign countries," and similarly in 1988-89 expatriates did the same, spending lavishly while their followers starved in the jungles. Expatriate, insurgent, and BCP activity in 1962, 1969, and 1989. Efforts to sow racial discord by Nation editor U Law Yone, and his personal corruption and foreign contacts; now his daughter Wendy Law Yone is "slandering the Myanmar Government and praising the expatriates." Her husband was Stalin Seagrave, son of Dr. Seagrave of Namhkam Hospital {"Burma Surgeon"--HCMacD}. "Kyemon U Thaug alias U Bala is the second U Law Yone."]

Oct. 10-11: Human rights, Freedom and Martial Law, by Bo Thanmani. [Under martial law, action will be taken against "all acts that are against Myanmar culture, acts which hurt and harm the

dignity of the Myanmar race, writing of false news and articles, taking of photographs of obscene and dirty acts, disturbances which are against the will of the people and all that are prohibited by law." The Tatmadaw will make announcements, give warning, and if needed "take drastic action up to the stage of shooting." Lies by National League for Democracy recalled. 1948 precedent for Martial Law contrasted with U Nu's 1989 objections to it.]

Oct. 11: "Consider in advance", by Manizawta. [Disturbances recalled.]

Oct. 12: Of coups d'etat, decapitations and democracy, by Aung Sitt Thi. [British Civil War {Cromwell} recalled; British penchant for decapitation.]

Oct. 13,18: The attacks made on Myanmar Naing-Ngan by Myanmar who are no longer citizens, by Nay-Balu. [Expatriates who have no right to return to their motherland, and have done badly abroad, "have become spiteful and want to do harm to the land where they were born...." The Committee for Restoration of Democracy in Burma (CRDB) was formed by Myanmar in America on Jan. 4, 1987, "with the aim of attacking and causing enmity against the Myanmar Naing-Ngan and [its] Government."

[Leading persons of the committee are: (1) Dr. Kyaw Win (son of U Ohn Khin); (2) Tin Maung Win (son of former Minister U Win); (3) Bilal Rashid (son of former Minister U Rashid); (4) Tin Maung Thaw; (5) Ye Kyaw Thu (son of former BSI Director U Chan Tha); (6) U Thuang (a) Aung Bala (newsman); and (7) Daw Khin Myo Aye (wife of Tin Maung Win).

[Myanmar providing assistance to the Committee are: (1) Khin Maung Win (son of former Minister U Win); (2) Maung Aung (son of former Prime Minister U Nu); (3) Wendy Law Yone (daughter of U Law Yone); (4) U Tun Aung (VOA staff); and (5) U Kyaw Win (uncle of the wife of former Ambassador U Kyee Myint).

[Members of the advisory board of the Committee are: (1) Professor K.B. Gulati; (2) Dr. Maung Maung Gyi; (3) Senator Floyd K. Haskell; (4) Dr. George W. Hill; (5) Shin Bonn Lee; (6) Dr. James K. Mathews; (7) Lindsey Mattison; (8) Robert R. Nathan; (9) Michael Myo Nyunt; (10) Professor Josef Silverstein; (11) Professor Melford E. Spiro; (12) Eugene Thaike; (13) William P. Thompson; (14) Lewis Jo Walinsky; and (15) Professor Gandasari A. Win.

[The CRDB in America issued 5 declarations in 1987 and made contacts with the Kayin insurgents and the National Democratic Front (NDF).

[The CRDB, UK was formed in London with editor Aung Myint Oo as leader, and staged demonstrations against Myanmar and distributed anti-Myanmar agitative leaflets twice. Officers are: Chairman Aung Myint Oo (under the name Eddy Aung Myint (a) Bo Aung Din); Vice Chairman U Akbar Seedat; General Secretary U Nyunt Aung.

[Tin Maung Win and Ye Kyaw Thu of CRDB and Eddy Aung Myint of CRDB,UK were once active in U Nu's expatriate group.

[Than Than Nu, daughter of former Prime Minister U Nu, and U Mau Thiri of All Indian Radio "are slandering and attacking the Myanmar Naing-Ngan by various means." Their "evil and dirty attitudes" are "diametrically opposed to the sincere and honest mental make-up and polite, gentle and cultured speech of the Myanmar." Western customs, rights of women, etc. criticized. Giving foreign names criticized. Western human rights are just immorality.]

Oct. 16: Let us strive to solve the problem of high prices of foodstuffs, by Kyaw Nyunt Yee. [World Food Day article.] Also: Message from FAO Director-General Dr. Edouard Saouma.

Oct. 19: Back to the peaceful bosom of the people, by Saw Daung Nyo. [More and more insurgents are returning to the legal fold: Jan. (5), Feb. (15), Mar. (18), Apr. (92), May (140), June (102), July (63), Aug. (30). This totals 523 people, including 69 family members, who surrendered with 148 weapons. They came from the following groups (including family members): BCP 103 (69); BCP-split Wa 18; KIA (77); KNU 111 (3); SSA 6; SURA 15; SUA 7; SNPLO 1; PNO 7; NMSP 10; PSLA 2; KNPP (split) 5; NSCN 1; AIA 3; border area youth

insurgents 157.]

Oct. 20: The disease worse than AIDS, by Maha Thamun. [Power mania, as by BCP, splits in AFPFL, insurgents, expatriates, the thamaggas during the disturbances, and people who shouted for interim government but feared democracy. Thus, the latter wanted intervention by India, relied on US or UK, turned to insurgents. "How treacherous they were! In fact they were committing high treason.... Was their cetana to transform Yangon into Lebanon?" All they want is power.]

Oct. 23: If they realize their mistakes, by Mi Khin Thant. ["Some parents may not worship at the images of Lord Buddha every night but they face west and listen to the BBC, the VOA and the AIR everyday. Since they almost always talk in the presence of the children, about anti-government and anti-Tatmadaw matters and in praise and honour of the other nations, some children, thinking that what their parents said are true, take the wrong path.... Elderly people... should refrain from talking politics in the presence of the children."]

Oct. 25: Young maestros who shake the hearts of music lovers, by Pyinmana Myint Hlaing. [Promotion of traditional music education by the Camp Office of the Ministry of Defence.]

Oct. 26: For the purification of the world of lawyers, by U Myo Myint (B.L.). [Aug. 1989 Amendment of Bar Council Law praised. Crooked lawyers described. "At the annual meetings of the Yangon Lawyer Association and the elections of the Bar Council, lawyers who are former multi-coloured politicians vied with each other using money and men to get elected as alternate members." After the abolitions of Parties in 1964, many turned to the Lawyers Association "who wanted to see the fighting taking place between politicians...." "Many former politicians from such parties as BCP, Red Flag Communist, Pa Ma Nya Ta, AFPFL entered the world of lawyers.... The organization that appeared first during the 1988 disturbances was the Bar Council.... There came out an announcement signed by members of the Bar Council that are multi-colour politicians to fan the flame of disturbances.... Lawyers, writers and newsmen, tuition teachers and former politicians (especially those who hold leftist ideas) automatically became leaders in every town where there were strike camps. Anarchistic tendencies reigned during the disturbances because the 'well-known' lawyers had encouraged the demonstrating students, disturbance-makers, looters and murderers instead of soothing them by imparting some knowledge of the law. There even emerged, due to the blandishment of the lawyers, a person {U Nu--HCMacD.} who formed a parallel government conceiving the idea that the 1947 Constitution was still in force...." A foreign embassy fed and paid lawyers during the demonstrations, lawyers were involved in the attack on the Tatmadaw at the Ministry of Trade on Sept. 17, 1988, and lawyers have been detained "in connection with BCP UGs and as well as...with Thanmani Bo Khin Maung and U Ye Htoon who were expatriate rightist UG elements. Over 200 parties got registered.... The number of parties whose members do not include lawyers can be counted on one's fingers...." It is "food for thought" that many people have died because of "lawyer-politicians" but that "fortunately" none of them who met with that fate were lawyers."]

Oct. 28-31: The unscrupulous acts of the BBC, the VOA and the AIR and the atrocities of the colonialists, by A Listener. [(1) False news stories about students being forced to act as porters; false accusations by U.S. Sen. Moynahan on anti-narcotics program, contrasted with praise by {former} U.S. Ambassador A.O. Donohue {sic} {photos of O'Donohue and Moynahan}. (2) {not received}.

[(3) False accusations of mistreatment of prisoners and of arrests. U.S. Embassy cable on torture of prisoners, arrests, etc., use of protest uniforms by students. "...all the news...was sent by Ambassador Burton Levin from the United States Embassy... Australian Ambassador Christopher Lamb...while he was in Bangkok, Thailand, on 27 September on his way back home, he said that the news items he had heard about the political prisoners being tortured in Myanmar Naing-Ngan were just exaggerated ones. We have come to understand that what

Ambassador Mr Christopher Lamb said amounted to automatically refuting the falsehood spoken by Mr Burton Levin whether it was just a coincidence or whether he had intentionally said it. One and all have seen that what Ambassador Mr Burton Levin did was diametrically opposite to real cetana..." State LORC Secretary (1) Brig-Gen. Khin Nyunt on Sept. 9 refuted the allegations, saying "Neither the Tatmadaw nor the National Intelligence Bureau has practised such torture before, they do not practise it now and they will not practise it in future." {photos of Ambassadors Lamb and Burton; facsimile of Bertil Lintner article quoting Lamb}

[(4) International Press Institute Codes of Ethics quoted; "Why have the BBC, the VOA and the AIR not observed them?"]

Oct. 30: A friendly visit to USSR-Moscow (20-7-89), by Htila Sitthu. [Impressionistic account of journalists' visit to USSR in July. The Myanmar delegation leader explained to the Soviets the Western media distortions about Myanmar, and thanked Radio Moscow for its coverage of Myanmar events.]

#### Historic Records Exhibition

Sept. 30-Oct. 9: The Exhibition on Historic Records has been extended to Oct. 8. (WPD 10/1) // Attendance [including organized group visits] was 17,500 on Sept. 30 [Sat.], 27,000 on Oct. 1 [Sun.], 5,500 on Oct. 2, 5,000 on Oct. 3, 6,100 on Oct. 4, 6,100 on Oct. 5, 8,000 on Oct. 6, 19,000 on Oct. 7 [Sat.], and 12,000 on Oct. 8 [Sun.]. All told, 336,700 people visited the exhibition in 3 weeks. (WPD 10/1-9)

#### Sentences in Abortion Case

Oct. 3: Yangon Division Additional Judge No. 3 U Aung than handed out sentences in the abortion inducement case. Ma Thuzar and Dr. Daw Khin Swe received 10 years rigorous imprisonment for criminal abortion. Soe Thein (former head, National League for Democracy Youth Wing) and Dr. Htay Kywe received 10 years imprisonment with labor under Penal Code Sect. 315/109. U Ngwe Hlaing (Yangon organizer, National League for Democracy) and U Win Tin (Secretary of the Executive Committee, National League for Democracy) received 3 years rigorous imprisonment under Penal Code Sect. 216.

#### Political Criminals Sentenced

Oct. 5: Military Court No. 2, near the Insein Central Jail, sentenced:

-- U Ba Thaw (a) writer Maung Thawka, aged 62, ex-Lt-Cmdr., Burma Navy, was sentenced to 20-year life imprisonment with labour; during the 1988 disturbances, he "organized the Tatmadawmen (Navy) from the Navy family lines at Monkey Point to take part in the demonstration, exacerbated [sic] the Tatmadawmen (Navy) at the Aung Dhammayon on Maha Bandoola Garden Street and wrote a letter to Commander of the Ayeyarwady Naval Regional Command Headquarters...exhorting for the secession of the Navy from the united Tatmadaw."

-- Nay Min (a) Win Shwe, an advocate, aged 42, was sentenced to 14 years rigorous imprisonment for "sending false news and rumours to the BBC with intent to intensify the disturbances...."

-- The following are charged as absconders: Thanmani Bo Khin Maung (Chairman of the expatriate Myanmar Naing-Ngan Democratic Forces United Front {Da-Nya-Ta} in Bangkok). U Sein Mya (active in the Da-Nya-Ta). Zarli Maw (Vice Chairman of the Da-Nya-Ta). Maung Aung (married an American Jew and is General Secretary of the Da-Nya-Ta). Myint Thein (a) Pyay Thein (member of Da-Nya-Ta and "in charge of the demolition training course conducted by foreign instructors at the Japan Yedwin camp near Phaya Thonzu;...is sending saboteurs to Yangon and Mandalay). Tun Aung Kyaw (Chairman of the ABSDF; has formed student battalions to wage armed insurrection against the Government). Moe Thee Zun (former Chairman of the Democratic Party for New Society [No. 18] and active with ABSDF). Action is taken against them for "distributing propaganda leaflets attacking and

slandering the Government." under various [cited] laws. [photos] (WPD 10/6)

Oct. 18: Yangon Division Military Court (3) condemned three persons to death and 8 to imprisonment in connection with the Yangon City Hall bombing.

-- Death sentences were given to Ko Ko Naing (a) Yan Myo Naing (a) Than Oo, a KNU major who set off the detonation; Aung Thu, and Maung Maung Thin, who were involved in the explosion.

-- Three others received 15 years rigorous imprisonment; one got 10 years; four got 7 years. [names, details, photos of those sentenced to death] (WPD 10/19)

Oct. 19: Yangon Military Court No. 2 sentenced to death Win Myint (a) Nga Moe, for "having served as an interpreter for a French journalist Philippe, who videoed the beheadings and arson committed by the anarchists during the disturbances," and who absconded to the KNU and brought back demolition materials, and was arrested Dec. 18, 1988, and on Khin Maung Kyi (a) Salin, who beheaded a man on Sept. 4, 1988.

-- Soe Thein (a) Ye Thi Ha was sentenced to 15 years rigorous imprisonment, for returning from the KNU (along with Win Myint) to carry out demolitions. [details, photos, etc.] (WPD 10/20)

#### Press Conferences

Oct 6: At the 60th State LORC Press Conference, the Information Committee spokesmen said:

-- It is not true that "State and private traders are smuggling out live cattle to other countries." Private trade in cattle is now allowed. The Tatmadaw has been preventing it. Major routes used by cattle smugglers are the Tachilek, Mongtung, and Monghsat routes in Shan State; the Hweponlaung route in Kayah State; the Maesok route in Kayin State; and the the Payathonzu route in Mon State. In 1988 the Tatmadaw seized 934 head of cattle and arrested 48 animal smugglers; in 1989 it seized 905 cattle and 178 smugglers. Insurgents invade villages and steal cattle [cases given]. "It is difficult to give correct numbers of cattle being smuggled out daily," but from the press in "the other country" it sometimes reached 500 head a day. However, in Dec. 1987 the "Nation Daily" and "South magazine" said buying Myanmar cattle was getting difficult, and cattle were being bought from Bangladesh and India.

-- The joint venture for on-shore oil prospecting reviewed.

-- There are "no arrangements to sign an extradition treaty" with Thailand.

-- There are no arrangements yet to sign an agreement with the Malaysian mining delegation currently in Myanmar.

-- Action is being taken against Government bribery and corruption.

-- Primary, middle, and high schools are reopened and functioning normally. Universities and colleges will be reopened "as the conditions permit." (WPD 10/7)

Oct 20: At the 61st State LORC Press Conference, the Information Committee spokesmen said:

-- Registered political parties must submit the names of the Pyithu Hluttaw candidates during December 1989 in accordance with established procedures, so now is the time for them to select their candidates. "Electoral campaign will have to be carried out after the candidates have been selected constituency-wise and they ahve been scrutinized and announced by the respective commissions." Parties should concentrate on this, not on "making demands and attacks."

-- Service personnel [government employees] must not engage in party politics. Some parties say service personnel should have the right to form "thamaggas" and to strike; we warn against such instigations. "When the political parties gain power, they can allow service personnel to be engaged in party politics if they think they should. We would like to tell them not to do so at the present."

-- Gen. Saw Maung has sent a message of sympathy to the U.S. in connection with the San Francisco earthquake.

-- Most of the cases tried under the Martial Law imposed July 17 have been those that have arisen since; but some cases of beheadings during the disturbances were only exposed recently, and were thus tried under Martial Law. But most disturbance cases were tried by the Supreme Court and other regular courts. In June and July, the Supreme Court tried 712 cases (466 criminal); State and Division Courts 9,774 cases (8,939 criminal), Township Courts 79,178 cases (77,329 criminal). In these cases, 100 death sentences were issued, of which 57 have been appealed and the rest have applied to appeal. Ex-Lt. Commdr. Ba Thaw (writer Maung Thawka) was sentenced to life imprisonment for encouraging Navy demonstrations against the Tatmadaw.

-- Under State LORC Order No. 4/89 of July 20, 19,378 persons were released; including 17,372 in July, 1,478 in August, 523 in September, and 5 as of Oct. 19.

-- "The prisoners released on Oct. 6 included U Bo Ni and U Tin Oo. Their release was not a separate arrangement. Their cases were applicable to the the Order. We would like to reassure the people, through you the journalists, that there's nothing irregular about it." [Minister for Home and Religious Affairs U Bo Ni, and ex-Intelligence Chief Brig-Gen. Tin Oo (then heir-presumptive to Ne Win), were sentenced to life imprisonment for corruption in 1983-HCMacD.]

-- The good-will delegation to China "was not to seek economic aid," The good relations between China and Myanmar "have been cemented for a long time due to the far-sightedness of the leaders of both countries." The BCP Central is not located in China; it is at No. 101 military region, Panwa, in a remote area of Kachin State. "It has not been found that the PRC is providing aid to the BCP."

-- "The price of rice has fallen to some extent due to new harvest. The price of rice will plunge when new rice is harvested in large quantity." Both Myanmar and its neighbors have a good harvest this year, so smuggling "will decline." Some parties instigated farmers not to sell paddy to the Government "because of its low offer" and this caused the "surge of price of rice." This was done to cause unrest, "so the price of rice went out of control." They sold all their paddy when the price reached K6,000-7,000 per 100 baskets, without leaving any for their subsistence; when the price rose to over K10,000 "some had to buy it under prevailing price."

-- With regard to executions, those given death sentences by Military Courts have the right to appeal, and "none of them have been executed as of today." "Only Zin Mo, the one who caused the bomb explosion at the Arzani Mausoleum, was executed during the past two or three years."

-- "Politicians against whom legal action has been taken and convicted have no right to contest the election.... Only those who have not committed offences have the right to contest in the election .... A person who has been convicted...has the right to contest the election after having served his sentence." These matters are covered in the Election Law. (WPD 10/21)

Oct 27: At the 62nd State LORC Press Conference, the Information Committee spokesmen said:

-- Gen. Saw Maung met with Japanese Foreign Ministry official Matsuharu Kuono to discuss "changes and developments" in Myanmar in 1988 and to improve economic relations. Kuono said that "serious consideration would be made for continuation of the projects being carried out in Myanmar Naing-Ngan with the assistance of the Japanese Government."

-- A joint venture for onshore oil and natural gas exploration has been signed with Shell Exploration BV of the Netherlands (reported separately).

-- The goodwill visit to China of Commander-in-Chief (Army) Lt-Gen. Than Shwe will be reported when he gets back (highlights outlined).

-- Re elections. "If a political party does not contest the election, it must be taken into consideration whether it should be

allowed to stand as a party or not." If a party names only one candidate "just to show that the political party contests the election," it "will not differ from an independent candidate."

-- "It is not true that service personnel were dismissed because they read publications brought out by political parties or because one of their family members is engaged in politics.... They have the right to read publications brought out by political parties after obtaining exemption so that they can cast their votes in favour of the parties of their choice. However, service personnel are not permitted to read anti-government literature and to engage in organizational and agitation work distributing leaflets and documents published by political parties."

-- "...pamphlets are to be published by political parties only after their obtaining exemption.... Some party organizations are selling their pamphlets with cash... [if so] they should keep lists of pamphlets published, the price of a pamphlet and accounts so that there would not arise any problems with the Internal Revenue Department in future."

-- "As situation has improved in three military commands where Martial Law has been declared the matter of to gradually lifting Martial Law is being considered. But certain political parties have made demands and attack instigating the people. Hence, the situation is being watched."

-- As to arrests, 192 persons were arrested from July 17-Oct. 26, 1989, in the three military commands where Martial Law is in force; prior to that law 606 were arrested; in townships not under Martial Law, 71 persons were arrested and 217 were "arrested under operations against leftist and rightist destructive elements." Altogether, 1,087 persons were arrested.

#### Airliner Hijacked

Oct. 6: A Myanmar Airways F-27, No. XY/ADW, on a flight from Beik [Mergui] to Yangon was hijacked near Dawai [Tavoy] and forced to land at Utapao Airport in Thailand. It carried 81 passengers and a crew of 4. (WPD 10/7) // Oct. 7: Two "terrorists" surrendered to Thai authorities, after demanding the release of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and all prisoners, an interim government supervised by the UN, lifting of martial law, government with mercy, return of soldiers to the barracks, and freedom of press. The plane and its passengers returned to Myanmar. (WPD 10/8) // Oct. 27: Pilot and crew of hijacked plane were given Certificates of Honour. (WPD 10/28)

#### Treasonous Conspiracy Book

Oct. 8: The Ministry of Information will distribute the book The Conspiracy of Treasonous Minions within the Myanmar Naing-Ngan and traitorous cohorts abroad, based on the Press Conference given Sept. 9 by State LORC Secretary (1) Brig-Gen. Khin Nyunt. The book has biodata on 81 people involved, 70 documents, 147 photos, and 352 pages, and will sell for K15 per copy. A second edition is in print. An English language version will be published soon. (WPD 10/9) // Oct. 25: Five editions have been published, and 150,000 copies distributed. The English-language edition appeared Oct. 24. (WPD 10/26) [Daily ads for this book also appeared.]

#### Gen. Saw Maung on History

Oct. 9: Addressing the Committee for Compiling Facts on Myanmar History, State LORC Chairman Gen. Saw Maung noted the importance of the role of the Tatmadaw in the regaining of Myanmar independence and later. In 1958 "false news was issued and speeches made for the people to misunderstand the Tatmadaw." The facts of 1962 must also be recorded. Emphasis should be on the events of 1948, 1958, 1962, and 1974. Committee Chairman Dr. Khin Maung Nyunt said the work of the Committee might take longer than originally scheduled. (WPD 10/10)

#### Border Area Visit

Oct. 13: State LORC Secretary (1) Brig-Gen. Khin Nyunt, Chairman of

the Committee for Implementing Plan for Development of Border Region and National Races, visited Shan State Oct. 11-13. In addition to discussing history, current joint ventures, and anti-narcotics activity, he defended Myanmar's timber export policies, saying "the sale of timber in border region is being made not because the country has no foreign exchange [but] to prevent ...smuggling activities..." Referring to timber sales at Pinpakyin, he said "the timber that had been felled was to have been sold but they had not been sold as the traders of the other countries deliberately offered much less prices. We have sold them as they fetch reasonable prices now and as they will be damaged if left like this. Moreover, unscrupulous traders from within the country in collaboration with the insurgents are smuggling out timber in border areas." (WPD 10/14)

#### Foreign Broadcasts Book

Oct. 22: Ad. for a book published by New and Periodicals Enterprise:

Read all the falsehood  
A collection of broadcasts by  
[illustration of cover]  
Capricious Burmese communists  
Capricious BBC  
Capricious VOA

Read their views and attitudes towards Myanmar Naing-Ngan and the Myanmar people. (WPD 10/22, etc.)

#### Communist Conspiracy Book Sales

Oct. 26: Over 250,000 copies of Burma Communist Party's Conspiracy to Take Over State Power, based on Brig-Gen. Khin Nyunt's Aug. 5 press conference, have been distributed. (WPD 10/27) [Daily ads. continued.]

#### Saw Maung's Speeches Published

Oct. 29: State Law and Order Restoration Council Chairman, Commander in Chief of the Defence Services, General Saw Maung's Addresses and Discussions in interview with Foreign Correspondents has been issued, [apparently in a bi-lingual edition]. It contains: the request made to the country on Sept. 23, 1988; interview with Asiaweek as reprinted in Myanma on Feb. 5, 1989; an Asiaweek article as reprinted on Feb. 12-13; Armed Force Day address of Mar. 27; and July 5 press conference. (WPD 10/30)

#### ELECTIONS

##### Test Balloting

Oct. 25: Test balloting was held in Bago [Pegu] on Oct. 22. "Out of the 782 eligible voters, 225 were to cast their votes in the balloting and 222 persons turned out. (WPD 10/26)

Oct. 26: At the Central Institute of Public Services, the use of rubber stamps vs. handwriting in marking ballots was tested. (WPD 10/27) // Oct. 27: Elections Commission Chairman U Ba Htay said that "a handful of persons both from within and without the country are spreading fabricated news in order to bring disunity among the Commission members.... This is done to make the people have the wrong opinion on the Commission and to hinder the election. However, although there might be a difference of opinion among the Commission members, decisions are being made in the form of a collective leadership only through thorough discussion until agreement is reached." (WPD 10/28)

#### DIPLOMATIC

##### Diplomatic Calls

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

Oct. 5: Bangladesh Ambassador A.Z.M. Enayetullah Khan on

Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Col. Abel. (WPD 10/6)

Oct. 6: Pakistan Ambassador Mohammad Gurban on State LORC Secretary (1) Brig-Gen. Khin Nyunt. (WPD 10/7)

Oct. 11: Bangladesh Ambassador A.Z.M. Enayetullah Khan on Minister for Livestock Breeding & for Agriculture & Forests Maj-Gen. Chit Swe. He was accompanied by Chairman Mr. A. Abdus Samad and Managing Director Mr. A. Rouf Chowdhury of Sea Fishers Overseas Ltd. of Bangladesh. (WPD 10/12)

Oct. 12-25: Yugoslav Ambassador Branko Vuletic on Minister for Industry 1 and for Industry 2 Maj-Gen. Sein Aung. ...on Minister for Home & Religious Affairs and for Information and for Culture Maj-Gen. Phone Myint. ...on State LORC Chairman Gen. Saw Maung. ...on Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Col. Abel. ...on Minister for Transport & Communications and for Social Welfare and for Labour Maj-Gen. Tin Tun. ...on Minister for Health and for Education Dr. Pe Thein. ...on Minister for Energy and for Mines Rear-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. (WPD 10/13-26)

Oct. 20: Nepalese Ambassador Dr. Dibya Deo Bhatt on Minister for Livestock Breeding & for Agriculture & Forests Maj-Gen. Chit Swe. (WPD 10/21)

Oct. 25: FAO Resident Representative Oscar J.S. Lazo on Minister for Livestock Breeding & for Agriculture & Forests Maj-Gen. Chit Swe. (WPD 10/26)

#### Australian Ambassador Approved

Oct. 5: Myanmar agreed to the nomination of Geoffrey Charles Allen as Ambassador of Australia to Myanmar. Ambassador Allen was born in Canberra in 1941, and joined the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in 1961. He has served in Canberra, as well as in Lagos, Rawalpindi, Seoul, Athens, Jakarta, and Brussels. From 1983-85 he was High Commissioner to Ghana (and accredited to Senegal, Ivory Coast, Sierra Leone, and The Gambia). In 1985 he became Chief of Protocol, and later Head of the Americas Branch, in Canberra. He is married with two children. (WPD 10/5)

#### Netherlands Ambassador Approved

Oct. 9: Myanmar agreed to the nomination of Mr. Th. M. T-M. Kasteel as Ambassador of the Netherlands to Myanmar. Ambassador Kasteel was born in 1935, and obtained his M.A. (Political Sciences) from Louvain University, Belgium. He served as a Reserve Officer of the Royal Netherlands Navy from 1960-62, and entered the Foreign Service in 1963, serving in Paris, Pretoria, Port of Spain, Strasbourg, Tokyo, Canberra, and Toronto. He became Ambassador to Mexico in 1984. He is concurrently accredited as Ambassador to Thailand and is resident in Bangkok. (WPD 10/9)

#### Message to U.S.

Oct. 21: State LORC Chairman Gen. Saw Maung sent the following message to U.S. President George Bush:

"We are deeply grieved to learn of the disaster caused by the strong earthquake in northern California on 17 October. The people of the Union of Myanmar join me in sending our sincere sympathy and consolation to you and, through you, to the people in the stricken areas." (WPD 10/22)

#### Ambassador to Italy

Oct. 25: Myanmar Ambassador to Italy U Thein Toe presented credentials to Italian President Cossiga on Oct. 20. (WPD 10/25)

#### Japanese Diplomat

Oct. 27: Mr. Matsuharu Kuono, Director of the First South East Asia Division, Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, called on State LORC Chairman Gen. Saw Maung, accompanied by many Cabinet members, and later on the President of the Foreign Correspondents Club, AP representative U Sein Win. (WPD 10/28)

## INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

### Chinese Theatre Visited

Sept. 30: State LORC Secretary (1) Brig-Gen. Khin Nyunt inspected the construction site of the theatre donated by China during the 1985 visit of President Li Xian. He praised the long-established 'paukphaw' [cousin] relationship that Myanmar and China have had for many years, and said "We sympathize with the PRC as the disturbances similar to those took place in Myanmar Naing-Ngan during 1988 broke out in the PRC," and thanked China for sending engineers "while it is suffering from the consequences of the disturbance." Later he visited the construction site of the Mausoleum for Heroic Soldiers near the Thway Hsay Pond at the entrance of the Shwedagon Pagoda. (WPD 10/1)

### Korean Medical Aid

Oct. 16: Republic of Korea Ambassador Byong Hyon Kwon presented a gift of medicines worth US\$150,000 to the Department of Health. (WPD 10/17)

## FOREIGN VISITORS

### Business Delegations

Oct. 4: A Malaysian mining delegation led by Shaari Mat Jihin, called on Minister for Mines and for Energy Rear-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. (WPD 10/5) // Oct. 5: It met with Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Col. Abel. (WPD 10/6)

Oct. 5: Mr. H.D. Kim, President of Yukong Ltd. of the Republic of Korea, which has signed a joint venture for onshore petroleum exploration and production, called on Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Col. Abel, and on Minister for Livestock Breeding & for Agriculture & Forests Maj-Gen. Chit Swe. (WPD 10/6)

### UN Visitor

Oct. 13: Mr. Bernard Fery, Chief of Programme Division I, United Nations Capital Development Fund, accompanied by UNDP Resident Representative Mr. B. Carlsson, called on Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Col. Abel. (WPD 10/14).

### IMF Mission

Oct. 16: An International Monetary Fund Mission led by Mr. Kadhim A. Al-Eyd, with members from the World Bank and Asian Development Bank, called on Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Col. Abel. (WPD 10/17) // Oct. 26: It called on Minister for Livestock Breeding & for Agriculture & Forests and Acting Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Maj-Gen. Chit Swe. (WPD 10/27)

### UNESCO Mission

Oct. 24: A UNESCO Mission composed of Mr. G. Dolbnin and Mr. James D. Antoniou, in Myanmar to discuss vocational training, called on Minister for Health and for Education Dr. Pe Thein. (WPD 10/25)

### Alberta Trade Delegation

Oct. 24: An Alberta (Canada) Trade Delegation composed of Alberta Assistant Deputy Minister of Economic Development and Trade Murray Rasmussoin [sic] and Associate Director Greg Jardine called on Minister for Energy and for Mines Rear-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. (WPD 10/25)

### Chinese Delegation

Oct. 27: A Shanghai Foreign Economic and Technical Co-Operation Delegation, led by Huang Shui Gen, called on Minister for Livestock Breeding & for Agriculture & Forests and Acting Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Maj-Gen. Chit Swe. (WPD 10/28)

### Australian Professor

Oct. 30: Australian professor of neurology Dr. Franz Gerstenbrand, called on Minister for Health and for Education Dr. Pe Thein. (WPD 10/31)

#### MYANMAR DELEGATIONS

##### Health Minister to Indonesia

Sept. 30: A delegation headed by Minister for Health and for Education Dr. Pe Thein left for the Sixth Regional Meeting of Health Ministers in Djakarta. (WPD 10/1) // Oct. 15: The delegation returned. (WPD 10/16) // Oct. 17: On Oct. 10, the Minister called on Indonesian President Soeharto, accompanied by Ambassador to Indonesia U Aung Khin. (WPD 10/18)

##### Air Agreements Signed

Oct. 6: A Myanmar-Malasian Aviation Pact was signed Oct. 5 in Kuala Lumpur by Myanmar Civil Aviation Director U Tha Tun and Myanmar Airways Managing Director Col. Chit Than. Another pact was signed permitting Myanma Airways to land at Penang. The Myanmar delegation, which left for Malaysia Oct. 2, was headed by Minister for Transport & Communications and for Social Welfare and for Labour and Commander-in-Chief (Air) Maj-Gen. Tin Tun, and included 21 military members. (WPD 10/7) // Oct. 19: The Minister called on Malaysian Prime Minister Dr. Mahathir bin Mohamad on Oct. 4, and on Deputy Prime Minister of Singapore Goh Chok Tong on Oct. 13. (WPD 10/20)

##### UNGA Speech Given

Oct. 7: U Ohn Gyaw, Co-Chairman of the Myanmar delegation to the United Nations General Assembly and Director-General of the Political Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, addressed the 44th UNGA Session Oct. 6.

-- He endorsed UN peacekeeping operations, called for progress on international disarmament, and supported the admission to the UN of the Republic of Korea. He expressed regret for the lack of progress in Kampuchea, but called the withdrawal of Vietnamese troops "an important and necessary first step."

-- He noted mounting third world debts and endorsed the idea of an "international debt facility."

-- Myanmar had "adopted an open-door economic policy," placed special importance on the market mechanism, and sought foreign investment.

-- Myanmar continued to fight against narcotics, and "large-scale military operations are being carried out against drug traffickers and their production camps." 200,000 acres of cultivated opium have been destroyed, and innumerable opium caravans interdicted. 100,000 kilos of heroin have been seized. In this campaign, over 100 Myanmar soldiers have died and 550 been wounded. "Despite this, certain quarters have chosen to ignore the strenuous efforts made by Myanmar and seen it fit to level unfounded allegations against us... [going] so far as to accuse the Myanmar security forces of collaborating with the drug traffickers."

-- The Myanmar Government "is exerting sincere and unremitting efforts" for "restoration of human rights and democracy in Myanmar through free elections," as called for by the French and British Foreign Ministers. "We have abolished the single-party political system and in its place have adopted a multi-party democratic system." [Election Commission and its work outlined.] Elections have been scheduled for May 1990.

-- "Peaceful political activity within the law is being permitted, and political parties are vigorously carrying out their organizational work throughout [Myanmar].... Certain necessary restrictions have per force to be imposed for the time being on public political campaigning. These restrictions will be gradually relaxed as election day approaches."

-- An independent judiciary has been re-established, under a the Supreme Court, and the Attorney-General's functions

institutionalized. The civil service "has been depoliticized." "A mass-media campaign has been launched to instill in the general public the true value of democracy such as respect for the law, respect for the rights of fellow citizens and appreciation of the obligations that these rights entail."

-- "At this critical juncture no outside power should attempt to prescribe for Myanmar.... Attempts to channel future events...in directions to one's own liking..., instances of which we have regrettably witnessed in Myanmar recently, do not only violate the fundamental principles of the Charter but would prove ultimately self-defeating." (WPD 10/8)

#### Pro-Rector to Bangkok

Oct. 8: The Pro-Rector of the Institute of Economics, Dr. Than Nyunt, left to attend the Export Group Meeting in Preparation for the United Nations Conference on Least Developed Countries, to be held in Bangkok Oct. 9-13. (WPD 10/9)

#### Information Delegation to China

Oct. 11: An information delegation headed by State LORC Information Committee leader U Kyaw Sunn left on a trip to China. Other members of the 11-man delegation are Information Committee members Col. Aung Thein (Deputy leader), Lt-Col. Than Tun, Lt-Col. Ye Htut, U Soe Nyunt, U Thein Sein, Maj. Aung Kyi Tun, Maj. Aung Myo Min, Maj. Than Tun, Capt. Saw Aung Naing, U Than Nyunt, and U Tin Maung. (WPD 10/12) // Oct. 18: The delegation returned. (WPD 10/19)

#### Red Cross Delegation Returns

Oct. 11: The Red Cross delegation returned from China. It consisted of Red Cross Vice President Col. Tun Oo (Director General of Social Welfare Department), CEC member U Tin Oo (Director General of Fire Services Department), and Central Council members Dr. L. Fook Hlui (Chin State Health Department head) and Dr. Hla Tun (Ayeyarwady Div. Health Department head). (WPD 10/12)

#### Energy Minister to Tin Meeting

Oct. 12: A delegation headed by Minister for Energy and for Mines Rear-Adm. Maung Maung Khin left for Bangkok to attend the Seventh Tin Producing Countries' Ministers Conference. (WPD 10/13) // Oct. 20: The delegation returned. (WPD 10/ 21)

#### Information Director Returns

Lt-Col. Than Htut, Director-General of the Information and Broadcasting Department, Ministry of Information, returned from a Seminar on Human Resources Management Development for Broadcasting Organizations and the ITU-COM 89 Exhibition in Geneva, Switzerland, sponsored by UNDP. (WPD 10/13)

#### Red Cross Head to Geneva

Oct. 14: Myanmar Naing-Ngan Red Cross Society President Dr. Hla Nwe, and Honorary Secretary Dr. Ko Ko Kyi, left by air for Geneva to attend the 7th Session General Assembly. (WPD 10/15)

#### Transport Delegation Back

Oct. 15: The delegation headed by Minister for Transport & Communications and for Social Welfare and for Labour Maj-Gen. Tin Tun, and including Military Appointment-General Brig-Gen. Maung Hla and Yangon Commander Brig-Gen. Myo Nyunt, returned from a visit to study transportation in Malaysia. (WPD 10/16)

#### Big Delegation to China

Oct. 18: A major Myanmar Government delegation led by Commander-in-Chief (Army) Lt-Gen. Than Shwe, left on a goodwill visit to China. Others in the 24-member delegation include Minister for Home & Religious Affairs and for Information and for Culture and Quartermaster-General Maj-Gen. Phone Myint, State LORC Secretary (1)

Brig-Gen. Khin Nyunt, Northern Commander Brig-Gen. Kyaw Ba, Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Col. Abel, Chief-of-Staff (Air) Col. Thein Win, Chief-of-Staff (Navy) Capt. Than Nyunt, Director-General of the State LORC Office U Kyaw Aye, 99th Light Infantry Division Commander Col. Kyaw Than, and other military officers. They were seen off by State LORC Chairman Gen. Saw Maung and other top officials. (WPD 10/19)

Oct. 30: The delegation returned to Yangon. It had had meetings with Chinese Chairman Deng Xiaoping, President Yang Shangkun, and Premier Li Peng, as well as with Chinese Commander-in-Chief Gen. Su Xian and other high officials. The visit included Kunming, Beijing (official talks), Shijiazhuang, Hebei Province (inspection of F-6 fighter-jets and rocket launcher factory); Nanjing (Sun Yutsun Mausoleum, and 179 Infantry Division demonstration of firing power, etc.) [to be continued].

At a dinner hosted by Chinese Commander-in-Chief Gen. Su Xian, attended by Premier Li Peng, Lt-Gen. Than Shwe praised the special Myanmar-China "Paukphaw" [cousin] relationship. He thanked Premier Li Peng for the message sent to Gen. Saw Maung in Nov. 1988, and thanked China "for its correct stand regarding the disturbances that took place in the Myanmar Naing-Ngan, that the People's Republic of China had always stood by our side whenever we faced with difficulties ...." Premier Li Peng accepted an invitation by Gen. Saw Maung to visit Myanmar.

At the Myanmar Embassy, State LORC Secretary (1) Brig-Gen. Khin Nyunt told embassy staff "to avoid the words and deeds which may harm the relations between the two countries," and to "stay away from party politics." (WPD 10/31)

#### MYANMAR GAZETTE

##### Appointments Confirmed

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

Oct. 5: U Win Maung as Managing Director, Myanma Pearl Enterprise, Ministry of Mines.

U Hla Sint as Director-General, Planning and Inspection Department, Ministry of Mines.

U Myint Thein as Managing Director, No. (3) Mining Enterprise, Ministry of Mines.

U Yoe Sein as Managing Director, No. (1) Mining Enterprise, Ministry of Mines.

Col. Hlaing Win as Managing Director, Myanma Gems Enterprise, Ministry of Mines.

U Ba Thwin as Director General, Forest Department, Ministry of Agriculture & Forests. (WPD 10/5)

##### Training Board Members Named

Oct. 18: The State LORC named the following as members of the Public Services Selection and Training Board: Col. Myo Swe (BC-7351), Director, Office of the Working People's Settlement Board; U Shwe Than, Managing Director, Myanmar Five Star Lines. (WPD 10/18)

#### GOVERNMENT

##### School Reopenings

Oct. 6: The Technical Training School No. 1 (Tanyin) of the Ministry of Industry 1, and the Technical Training School (Sinde) of the Ministry of Industry 2, will reopen Nov. 1. (WPD 10/7)

Oct. 29: Entrance examinations for B.Ed. classes for the 1990-91 academic year will be held on December 26, 28, 29, 30, Jan. 1, 2. Elementary teachers who have completed the JAT course may submit applications by Nov. 20. Candidates must be: JATs or primary school heads or instructors at training schools; university graduates; 5 years teaching experience; under 55 years old; be citizens (parents of an applicant must also be citizens); and not trainees in other

courses. (WPD 10/30)

#### Settlement Board Changed

Oct. 17: Ministry of Agriculture & Forests Notification No. 8/89 of Oct. 17 provides that the Working People's Settlement Board has been reconstituted as the Myanma Farms Enterprise as of Oct. 11. As it is now an economic enterprise, rules and ranks will be changed accordingly, but the powers, rights, and duties of the former Board are taken over. (WPD 10/18)

#### 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

Oct. 8: KNU insurgents on Oct. 5 attacked a civilian convoy between Kawkareik and Thingannyinaung, wounding 3 passengers with an M 79 launcher. (WPD 10/9)

##### Military Warning

Oct. 16: In a speech at the Tatmadaw (Army) Officers Training School, Commander-in-Chief (Army) Lt-Gen. Than Shwe, denounced "extreme leftists and rightists...living above-ground within the bounds of law," who spread rumors and undermine the Tatmadaw, and said that the Tatmadaw "must, while fighting the insurgents underground, resolutely expose and crush national traitor above-ground destructive elements." (WPD 10/17)

#### ECONOMIC

##### Economic Articles

Illustrated feature articles on various aspects of the economy:

Oct. 1,3: Establishment of new satellite towns, by Ye Tint. [Cont. Visit to Shwepyitha, upgraded to a township on July 13. 4,012 plots have been allotted. There are 7,859 households, and a population of 37,620 in the new Township; in the town are 3,826 households with a population of 19,585. A highschool, 4 primary schools, and a market are being constructed. 9,000 saplings have been distributed to each ward. Electricity is being extended. There is a dispensary with a doctor, 2 assistants, and 2 midwives. (WPD 10/1)

Oct. 2: Irrigation in Shan State, by Sein Tun Aung. [Visit to Shan irrigation sites. Shan State Irrigation Department serves 46,600 acres with 18 irrigation networks, while Inlay Lake irrigates 9,600 acres. Other statistics.]

Oct. 4-5: Soap Factory No. 2, by Aung Nyunt & Than Win. [Located at 113 Yangon-Insein Rd., Hlaing Twp., Yangon, and employs 407 skilled workers. Production in 1987-88 was 488,906 80-bar boxes of Shwe-Wah washing soap, worth K66 million, and 300.8 tons of glycerine worth K1.7 million. It fell in 1988-89 to 123,750 boxes of soap and 134.9 tons of glycerine, as a result of looting on Sept. 6, 1988. Other statistics given.]

Oct. 15,17: Myanma Port activities being undertaken in accord with projects, by Win Htay and Kyaw Sein. [Port dredging, etc. Two new hoppers are being built.]

Oct. 15-16: A milestone in the history of exploration of oil in Myanmar Naing-Ngan, by Hla Tun (Twante). [History of oil industry, leading up to new joint venture. The joint venture with Yukong Ltd., in Block C, covers upper Chindwin and Shwebo regions including the Inndaw oilfield. Under the Myanmar Naing-Ngan proposal, the foreign partners will pay "the expenses throughout the period of oil exploration work," the State will permit shareholders "when oil is discovered," some percentage of crude oil will be "given to the State

as a bond," and other percentage "will be taken by foreign contractors to cover their expenses," and the remaining crude oil will be "shared proportionately."]

Oct. 18-19: The Cigarette Factory No 1, by Aung Nyunt and Than Win. [Destruction by looters in 1988 recalled; total losses were K14,605, 000. Because of the filter shortage, non-filter Duya cigarettes are being produced; a 25-carton box, each carton containing 10 packets, costs K45. One machine capable of making 500,000 filter cigarettes a day is now repaired; others, with a total capacity of 5,000,000 per month, have been commissioned.]

Oct. 20-22: Series on Yangon Pedestrian Overpasses, by Ye Myint Pe. [(1) "Theingyi square Market pedestrian overpasses." (2) "Sule Pagoda pedestrian overpasses." (3) "Pedestrian overpasses that make Yangon a picturesque city."]

Oct. 27,29-30: The first joint venture in Myanmar Naing-Ngan, by Maung Pauk Kyaing. [Visit to the Myanma Agricultural Trading Company maize seed fields in Pinyinana and Lewe Townships, Mandalay Division.]

#### Petroleum Joint Ventures Signed

Oct. 3: A Production Sharing Contract for onshore oil exploration and production in Exploration and Production Block C was signed between the Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise of the Ministry of Energy, represented by Managing Director U Aung Min, and Yukong Ltd. of the Republic of Korea, represented by its President Mr. H.D. Kim. It is the first onshore petroleum joint venture in Myanmar. Current exploration activities are concentrated in the Central Myanmar Basin, the Pyi Embayment, and the Delta Area. (WPD 10/4)

Oct. 27: A Production Sharing Contract for a joint venture to explore and produce onshore oil in Production Block G was signed between the Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise and the Shell Exploration B.V. of the Netherlands, represented by Mr. P.L. Folmer. At the signing ceremony, presided over by Minister for Energy and for Mines Rear-Adm. Maung Maung Khin, a Permit from the Union of Myanmar Foreign Investment Commission and Notification No. 2 (Special) of the Ministry of Energy dated Oct. 27 were handed over. (WPD 10/28)

Oct. 30: A Production Sharing Agreement for the Exploration and Production of Petroleum in Block "D" was signed between the Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise and the Idemitsu Oil Development Co., Ltd. of Japan, represented by its President Mr. Akira Watanabe. Idemitsu made its application "under the aegis of Japan National Oil Corporation," and had previously been involved in off-shore prospecting in 1982-1983, and had "expressed keen interest in Moattama Gas Development and Utilization Project." The Permit of the Union of Myanmar Foreign Investment Commission, and Ministry of Energy Notification No. 3 (Special) of Oct. 30 were handed over. (WPD 10/31)

#### Bean Exports

Oct. 5: The Joint Venture Corp. No. 4 and the Myanma Agricultural Produce Trading, Ministry of Trade, loaded 1,400 tons of pe-sin-ngon on to the motor vessel Yelicia, for export to India. (WPD 10/6)

#### Investment Bank Operations

Oct. 6: The Myanma Investment and Commercial Bank, opened Sept. 4 at 526/532 Merchant St., Yangon, has introduced a new checking account system, which will facilitate deposits and withdrawals and internal remittances. It will open Letters of Credit for importers/exporters, joint ventures, and foreign investors, make foreign remittances, and sell travelers cheques. It can provide working capital loans, meet short-term financial requirements, etc. It will also appraise the viability of large projects, provide long-term loans, and assist implementation. (WPD 10/7)

#### Hotel Opened

Oct. 7: The Myanma Hotels and Tourism Services opened a new

hotel in Monywa. It has 24 double-bedded rooms and can accommodate 48 persons; rates are K160 per day for a double. (WPD 10/10)

#### Trade Workshop

Oct. 9: Workshop No. 4/89 on Trade Matters for Private Entrepreneurs opened at the auditorium of the Inspection and Agency Services, 404-506 Merchant St., Yangon, with 78 participants, 68 private entrepreneurs and 10 representatives of 7 State organizations. It will last until Nov. 3. (WPD 10/10)

#### Hotel Joint Venture

Oct. 12: A Joint Venture was signed between the Austrian company I.A.E.G. Finanzieruns vermittlung und Beteiligungsellschaft M.B.H., represented by Dr. Mirko Kovats, and the Myanma Hotels and Tourism Services of the Ministry of Trade represented by Managing Director U Thadwa Sein, for the construction of three five-star hotels in Yangon (434 rooms), Mandalay (176 rooms), and Bagan (150 rooms). Total project cost is US\$ 110,000,000. Construction will start this year and be completed in early 1993. The joint venture will operate the hotels for 15 years and then turn them over to the Myanma Hotels and Tourist Services. The Joint Venture was approved by the Myanmar Foreign Investment Commission in Sept. 1989. [photo-model of Yangon Hotel] (WPD 10/13) // Oct. 14: 65% of the cost will be foreign exchange and 35% local currency. (WPD editorial 10/14)

#### American Tourist Group

Oct. 12: Fifty American tourists arrived on a chartered Boeing 707, sponsored by Travel Corporation of American (TRAVCOA), on a two-day visit to Yangon and Bago, as part of a Around the World Tour program. (WPD 10/13) // Oct. 13: They visited the Hlawga Wildlife Park. (WPD 10/14)

#### Rice Mill Joint Venture

Oct. 13: The Myanmar Rice Engineering Co. Ltd., was formed as a Joint Venture between the Rice Engineering Supply Co. Ltd. of Thailand and Myanma Agricultural Produce Trading. Negotiations had begun in June 1989. The agreement was signed by Managing Directors Mr. Pornchai Tantivirasut and U Toe Kyi. The new enterprise will build a factory to set up rice mills and manufacture spare parts, for local use and export, and will also manufacture and distribute farm machinery. (WPD 10/14)

#### Business Rep. Registration

Oct. 13: The Ministry of Trade issued Order No. 2/89 of Oct. 13, the Registration of Business Representatives Order. Agents who "work for foreign companies and business firms are carrying out business without getting registered. As a result the State is not receiving foreign exchange as much as it should." Since such agents are not covered by the Registration (Commission Agents) Order, 1955, this new order has been issued. (WPD 10/14)

Oct. 15: Text of Order published (available on request). Business representatives must apply for one-year registrations, to be extended annually. Fees are: (1) For representatives who earn commissions in foreign exchange: K10,000; extension K5,000; payable in foreign exchange. (2) For salaried or other representatives: (a) monthly salary over US\$1,000: K10,000; extension K5,000; payable in local currency. (b) salary between US\$501-1,000: K5,000; extension K2,500; local currency. (c) salary under US\$501: K2,500; extension K1,000; local currency. The Registration Committee may exempt any business representative, as well as State-owned enterprises, persons employed under agreements signed by State-owned enterprises with foreign organizations, and lawyers. Granting and cancellation of Registrations shall be notified in the Myanmar Gazette. (WPD 10/15)

#### Tanker Planned

Oct. 17: The Myanma Shipyards will build a 500-ton methanol tanker in 6 months for the Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise, to carry methanol "with 100 percent cleanliness" from producing areas to Yangon. No foreign loans or materials will be used. (WPD 10/18)

#### Tourism Figures

Oct. 27: At a semi-annual meeting of the Myanmar Hotels and Tourism Services, Managing Director U Thawda Sein spoke. The tourist entry visa had been extended from 7 to 14 days. There are 900 hotel rooms, to be expanded by 300 in 1990. "Tourist arrivals in the previous years was 9.963. From April to September this year 4,232 tourists have arrived. In October alone 2,000 came here. It is heartening therefore that in this open season from 20,000 to 25,000 visitors are expected to arrive here." (WPD 10/28)

#### Handicrafts to US

Oct. 27: Handicrafts valued at US\$196,051 sold to the Cost Plus, the Pier (One) and the Arion Companies in the United States, under contracts by the Export Promotion Enterprise of the Mandalay Division of the Syndicate of Township Co-operatives left on the M.V. Bagan of the Myanma Five Star Line as the first consignment. They include embroideries, puppet dolls, lacquerwares, cane materials, wood carvings, brasswares, and Myanma musical instruments. (WPD 10/28)

#### Rainfall in Yangon

Rainfall since January 1, 1989, in inches, at Yangon's three weather stations of Yangon Airport (YA), Kaba-Aye (KA), and Central Yangon (CY) was:

As of	YA	KA	CY
October 1	90.83	93.46	94.84
October 15	94.45	98.74	101.72
October 30	96.18	100.35	102.05

#### SPORTS

##### Sports Articles

Oct. 6-7: Fifth FESPIC Games experience, by Dr. Than Toe. [The Fifth Far-East and South Pacific Games for the Disabled, held in Kobe, Japan Sept. 15-20, 1989, reviewed. (WPD 10/6-7)]

##### Loss in Malaysian Golf Meet

Oct. 22: Myanmar's Zaw Moe was defeated by Malaysia's Perumal Segeran in a tie-breaking playoff in the fifth leg of the Malaysian Golf Championship. (WPD 10/23)

#### CULTURAL

##### Literary Articles

Oct. 1,8,15,22: Hyacinth Way. [Poems, in English and Myanmar, by Zawgyi. (15-18)]

Oct. 1,8,15,22: Myanmar Proverbs, by Dr. U Hla Pe. [Cont. (24-27)]

Oct. 1: Nucleus of Myanmar Literature, by Maung Htin. [Cont. (34) Pinya period prose.]

Oct. 1,8,15,22: Poems, by Htila Sitthu, in English and Myanmar. ["Planting out in Anyar" (1988). "Thadingyut Festival" (1982). "Flying Lantern Festival" (1983). "Will clear jungles & make them farm."]

Oct. 1: Tharchins of Rakhine Nationals, by San Thamein. [Rakhine songs.]

Oct. 15: Living couples of Bagan, by Daw Khin Nyunt (Inlay). ["ah-hnit maung hnan" or "loving couple" in Bagan iconography.]

Oct. 22: Myanmar traditional royal boatman's songs, by Tekkatho Mg Kyi Thwin. [A lost art form.]

Oct. 22: Caricaturing, by Win Pa. [Myanmar cartoonists.]

#### Historical & Cultural Articles

Oct. 1,8,15,22: Reminiscences, by Htin Lin. [Cont. (25) Myanmar Hospitality and Etiquette. (26) Buddhist concept of existence. (27) Myanmar forms of address. (28) Myanmar cuisine.]

Oct. 1,8: Natural environs and royal parks of Ratanapon, by Dr. Khin Maung Nyunt. [Planning of Mandalay by King Mindon in 1850's.]

Oct. 9-10: Their love knows no bounds, by Shwe Thant Ko. [New comedy play at the Wizayar Theatre.]

Oct. 22: Myanmar Anyein Thabin, by Saw Mon Nyin. [Cont. Lives of famous dancers. (13) "`Deedok' Khin Myaing."]

Oct. 22: Sightless minstrels, by Sann Thamein. [Blind singers. (1) Violinist Saya Kyan.]

#### Moral & Religious Articles

Oct 8,15: `Mangala' an introduction, by Maung Arnt. [Cont. (13-14) The Way to Auspiciousness.]

Oct. 14: The Thadinkyut Discourse, by Tint Lwin. [Old Buddhist sermon.]

#### Myawaddy Journal Published

Sept. 30: The first issue of the new bimonthly Myawaddy Journal, published by the Myawaddy Press, came out. It has 24 pages, and contains "important political economic and local and foreign news, short stories, articles, pictorial stories, poems, cartoons and news photographs," and is "A beacon of new outlooks and modern thoughts for the people, the youth, the students, the service personnel and the Tatmadawmen." (WPD news item and ad 10/1)

#### Biblical Course

Oct. 1: Ayeeyarwady Division LORC Chairman and South-West Commander Brig-Gen. Myint Aung opened the All Myanmar Naing-Ngan Biblical Refresher Course in Pathein. Noting that the trainees included Lisu, Shan, Kayin, Chin, Kachin, Mon, and Bamar nationals, he said it would serve to bring friendship among national races, and that only youths can develop and propagate "religion handed down from generations." "The State," he said, "allows to profess religion of one's own choice. The State has no discrimination against any religion." Other local civil and military authorities also attended the opening. (WPD 10/2)

#### Musicians Association Formed

Oct. 3: The Myanmar Naing-Ngan Musicians Association was formed and registered. Patrons Alingarkyawzwa U Ba Maung, U Yan Naing Swe, U Yan Naing Sein, U Ohn Maung (Mandalay), Bogalay U Tint Aung, Sagaing U Hla Shwe, Gita Lulin U Ko Ko; Ch. Sandayar U Hla Htut; VCh Sandayar U Chit Swe, U Min Naung; GS U Maung Maung Gyi; Sec. Daw Mar Mar Aye, Accordion Ohn Gyaw, Sandayar U Ni Ni; Tr. Bagyi U Ngwe Ohn; Info. Off. Hinthada U Myint Ngwe; Educ. Off. Sandayar U Tin Win Hlaing; Res. Off. Tayaw U Tin Yi; Audit. Ye Thiha U Tin Aung; Pub. Rel. Off. Trumpet U Win Oo, U Than Myat Soe, U Yan Paing Soe, Daw Cho Pyone, Daw Phyu Thi, Daw Hta; CEC U Chan (harp), Daw Yi Yi Thant, Daw Cho Wai Lwin, Daw Sein Mo Mo, U Myo Nwe Swe, Sandayar U Hteik Tin Win, Sandayar U Hla Aye. (WPD 10/4)

#### Writers Organization Formed

Oct. 5: The Union of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Organization was reconstituted with the following officers: Ch (U Soe Nyunt (Htila Sitthu); VCh U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung), U Kyaw Swe (Min Kyaw); Sec. U Myo Thant (Maung Su Shin); J-Sec. U Hla Tun (Hla Tun-Tuntay); Tr. U Mya Thein (Mya Thein); CEC U Khin Maung Aye (Khin Maung Aye-Mandalay), U Thein Sein (Thein Sein), Daw Yin Yin (Saw Monhnyin), U Soe Myint (Soe Myint), U Ye Tint (Ye Tint), U Tin Soe (Thagadoe), U Ko Ko Lay (Tho Han), U Kyaw Min (Min Kyaw Min), U Kyi Nyunt (Chit-kyi-yay Kyi Nyunt), U Thein Tan (Ma-U-bin Lwin Oo). (WPD 10/6)

Oct. 9: The Central Executive Committee met, under Chairman U

Soe Nyunt (Htila Sitthu). The WJO will publish a magazine "of benefit to both the State and the people." Patrons were nominated. (WPD 10/10)

#### Thadinkyut Activities

Oct. 14: Thadinkyut was celebrated at the Shwedagon, Sule, Botahtaung, Ngahtatgyi, Chauktatyi, Koehtatgyi, Kaba-Aye, Kyaikkasan, Moegaung, and Maelamu Pagodas in Yangon. Soon was offered at the Maha Wizaya Zedidaw, led by Yangon Deputy Commander Col. Ket Sein.

-- In Mandalay, on Oct. 12, renovation of the Yadanabon Mya-nan Sankyaung Shwenandawgyi was discussed. This is part of Mandalay Division projects including the excavation of walls and moats in Bagan City, renovation of Ava City, and renovation of the walls and 'pyatthat' of the Mandalay Palace.

-- State LORC Secretary (2) Brig-Gen. Tin Oo laid the foundation stones for a Shwedagon Pagoda Museum and Mawguntaik. The building will have three stories, with the Museum at the top displaying "the sacred relics of the Four Lord Buddhas of this Badda World who had attained Parinibbanahood." (WPD 10/15)

#### Traditional Artisans Asiayone

Oct. 18: On Oct. 9 the Myanmar Naing-Ngan Traditional Artists and Artisans Asiayone was formed, with offices at 190 Bogyoke Market (east wing), phone No. 87604. Officers are: Ch U Ba Kyi (pan-chi); VCh U Aung Khin (pan-chi), U Han Tin (pan-hpu); Sec. U Min Naing (pan-chi); Committee members U Hla Tin (pan-chi), U Lun Kywe (pan-chi), U Aung Thwin (pan-hpu), U Tin Ngwe (pan-yun), U Shwe Meik (pan-tein), U Ngwe Hlaing (architectural/pan-yan), U Tun Thin (pan-tawt), U Taw Taw (pan-ta-mawt), U Tin Ngwe (pan-poot), U Than Maung (pan-be), U Ba Cho (pan-tinn). (WPD 10/19)

#### Monastery Laymen Ejected

Oct. 20: A ceremony to obtain ovada from the Yangon Division Sangha Nayaka Sayadaws "relating to resettling those laymen permanently residing in the monasteries or monastery compounds within the Yangon Division" was held, in the presence of Yangon Commander Brig-Gen. Myo Nyunt, and other military and civil leaders. Brig-Gen. Myo Nyunt said that "the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee had issued Directive No. 14 and that arrangements had been made for removing those people by December...." The Division Nayaka Chairman Sayadawgyi said that this was to have been done ten years ago, and "expressed his pleasure of learning the arrangements for realizing the 10-years old plan." He "pointed out ways and means of doing away with begging for alms which were not befitting the behaviour of monks." (WPD 10/21)

#### Theatrical Artistes Organize

Oct. 29: The Myanmar Naing-Ngan Theatrical Artistes Organization was established on Oct. 19. Officers are: Ch U Sein Aung Min; VCh U Shwe Daung Nyo, Myodaw U Thein Aung (Mandalay); Sec. U Sein Bo Tint; J.Sec. U Ye Dwe, U Win Bo; Tr. U Thudaw; Aud. Mingala U Thein Aung (Mandalay); Committee members U Shwe Ngar, U Shwe Nan Tin (Mandalay), U Sein Tin Han (Mandalay), U Yan Naing Sein, U Sein Hla Myaing (Mandalay), Rama U Ohn Maung. (WPD 10/30)

#### MISCELLANEOUS

##### Crime News

Names, addresses, and photos of culprits generally included.

Oct. 9: Lashio Customs on Sept. 29 seized 1.7 kilos of heroin, worth K170,000 on the Lashio-Mandalay train. "No body claimed ownership." (WPD 10/10)

Oct. 10: 8 che-hti gamblers were sentenced to rigorous imprisonment by No. 4 Military Tribunal, with 1 getting 15 years, 5 getting 9 years, and 2 getting 7 years. Stake money of K957,748 was distributed: 75% to an informant, and 25% to the security men who

made the arrest. 3 cars and a motorcycle were returned to their owners. Two persons have absconded. (WPD 10/11)

Oct. 15: Lashio police on Oct. [sic] 16 seized one kilo of heroin from a car in Lashio, and arrested 7 people. (WPD 10/16)

Oct. 20: Pinlaung Twp. [Shan] police destroyed 2.10 acres of opium poppies on Oct. 9; destroying 6.24 kilos of poppy worth K55,440. (WPD 10/21)

#### Obituaries

[Aug. 15: Helen E. Campbell, retired U.S. Foreign Service Officer who serve as Communications Supervisor in Rangoon in the early 1970's, died in Tavares, Florida, aged 69.-HCMacD.]

Sept. 25: Terence Thang Vel, Ex. Capt., of Myoma, Tiddim, Chin State, husband of Daw Helen Vel, died [in Myoma?], aged 52. [Christian] (WPD 10/8)

Oct. 4: Leslie R. Archer (U Hla Shwe), Asst. Traffic Manager (Retd) Port, husband of Daw Aye Kyi (Josephine), died in Yangon, aged 74. [Catholic] (WPD 10/5)

Oct. 4: Daw Kyi Kyi (Bago), widow of Pali Professor U Hla Aung, mother of...Daw Win Win May (First Secretary, Myanmar Embassy, Tokyo), died in Yangon, aged 82. (WPD 10/6)

Oct. 7: Mr. Owen K. Davies, brother of Arthur, Alan, and Olwen, died, aged 64. [Christian] (WPD 10/8)

Oct. 8: U Nayaka (Mr. N. Kalyan Singh (a) U Sein, husband of the late Mrs. G.E. Singh, a monk for 24 years, died at the Kyaikkasan Pahtama Shwegyin Monastery, Thingangyun Twp. [Yangon], aged 86. (WPD 10/11)

Oct. 11: Mr. Nowal C. DeGois (Putu), Chief Petty Officer, ret'd Myanmar Navy, husband of Daw Tin Shwe, died in Yangon, aged 71. [Christian]. (WPD 10/13)

Oct. 14: U.M. Aung Khin, representative, Al-Kemal Timber Org. (Singapore), husband of Daw Myint Myint, died in Yangon, aged 60. [Muslim] (WPD 10/15)

Oct. 20: U Tin Gyi, Myanmar Awba (Mawlamyine [Moulmein]), husband of the late Daw Baby, died in Yangon, aged 67. (WPD 10/21)

Oct. 21: Mr. A.W. Benson, Retd. Bank Manager, husband of Cora (a) Daw Ma Ma Lay, died in Yangon, aged 77. [Lutheran] (WPD 10/23)

Oct. 23: U Myint Swe (Frank), Retd. Senior Pilot, Myanmar Airways, husband of Daw Yee Yee Thein (Hilda), died in Yangon, aged 58. (WPD 10/25)

#### Hlawga Park Opened

Sept. 30: Minister for Agriculture & Forests and for Livestock & Fisheries Maj-Gen. Chit Swe formally opened the Hlawga game park. Entrance fees are fixed at K20 for adults, K10 for children, K5 per hour boat rent. Cameras will be charged K10, video cameras K50, shooting of [professional] films K1,000. Car parking is K5. The Livestock, Foodstuff and Milk Products Enterprise has opened foodstalls in the park [prices given]. Also present were FAO representative Mr. Lazo, and Mr. Carlson from UNDP. (WPD 10/1)

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#### People's Park Opened

Oct. 7,8,12-13: The People's Square and the People's Park that will reveal history, by Myat Tha. [New Yangon park, in front of the Pyithu Hluttaw building, to be opened Oct. 10. Description of the 69 acre "botanical garden" People's Park still under construction. ]

Oct. 10: Grand opening of People's Square attended by top leaders. (WPD 10/11)

Oct. 25: Entry fees are set at K4 for the public, including resident foreigners and diplomats, and US\$3 for tourists. Athletes may get a monthly pass for K60. (WPD 10/26)

#### Marijuana Destroyed

Oct. 8: Operation `Mya Seinn' on Aug. 3 destroyed 19,941 marijuana plants from Thitchok Forest west of Payapyo Village, Bawnin Village-tract, Kalaw Twp. [Shan], and destroyed 5.3 tons of wet marijuana leaves and 1.26 tons of dried leaves with a street value of K164,500. On Sept. 28, 286,430 marijuana plants were destroyed on the Bago Yoma in n.w. Gyobingauk Twp. [Bego], and 60.8 tons of wet marijuana leaves and 15.2 tons of dried leaves with a street value of K 27,360,000 were destroyed. Between Jan. 1-Sept. 30, there were 460 marijuana cases, and 550.7185 kilos of marijuana with a street value of K991,293 were destroyed, and action has been taken against 699 persons. The total value of seized marijuana is K28,515,793 (US\$4,193,499). (WPD 10/9)

#### Marriage

Oct. 21: Ma Moe Myat Winn, Final II, Inst. of Medicine I, daughter of U Zaw Winn and Dr. Mya Soe Sint, to Maung Aung Maw Thein, B.Sc., Marine Science, son of U Mya Thein and Daw Yi Yi Win [no date given]. (WPD 10/21)

#### Boat Sinks

Oct. 29: The privately-owned double-decker "Weikzar Tun", en route from Yangon to Daydaye, was caught in a whirlpool and sank Oct. 19, two miles from Daydaye. Of the 170 passengers, 104 survived, 4 bodies have been recovered, and 60 are missing. (WPD 10/30)

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