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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, 1989 the The Working People's Daily has run a political slogan across the bottom of each front page.

Oct. 24: Love your nationality. Love your country. Preserve and uphold your culture.

Nov. 1-3: Indisciplined and unlawful acts should not be committed with claims of "the freedom of expression" and "the freedom of publication."

Nov. 4-7: False accusations should not be made. Be mindful of the consequent legal action.

Nov. 8-12: When the storm of truth washes up the dusts of rumours the rocks of true facts appear prominently.

Nov. 13-15: The Tatmadaw is the organization that brought independence back to Myanmar Naing-Ngan.

Nov. 16-19: Who can deny that Myanmar Naing-Ngan regained its independence thanks to the Thirty Comrades, the nucleus of the

Tatmadaw?

Nov. 20-28: Breed, grow and produce. Breed whatever can be eaten and grow whatever can be consumed. Do everything with might and main.

Nov. 29-30: Respect and abide by law.

Political Articles (Excerpts)

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

Oct. 24: What are the human rights committees including the Amnesty International doing?, by A Listener. [Text of BBC broadcast on sentencing of City Hall bombers, noting that "human rights committees including the Amnesty International based in London have denounced the military courts." Evidence of guilt reviewed, with photos of bodies and of the convicted.]

Oct. 24: UN and the role of Myanmar Naing-Ngan, by Aung Kyi Tun. [Myanmar support for UN]

Nov. 1,4,6-8,16,19,24: Myanmar Naing-Ngan that has passed through the flames of hell, by A Tatmadawman. [Cont. (10) "One Cannot draw a straight line using a bent ruler." Amnesty International interfered with Myanmar action against U Nay Min for "sending of false and fabricated reports to the BBC." This Human Rights Organization "interferes in every matter that takes place in other countries except the violation of human rights in its country." It has been slandering Myanmar and the Tatmadaw "with one-sided views and with malice for a long time." Insurgent atrocities recalled. Amnesty International "took sides with the insurgents."

["When the movements of U Tin Oo and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, who are leaders of the National League for Democracy, were restricted under the Law Protecting the State from Dangers of Disruptive and Destructive Elements for their seditious speeches to cause another uprising and unrest in the country, it got hurt as if its members' relatives and siblings were affected." It was supported by "treasonous minions" within Myanmar, who even formed "Amnesty International Human Rights Organization, Burma (temporary)", until "they finally realized that their lives would be in danger if they continued their work and gradually dissolved their organization."

[Illegal behavior of Bertil Lintner. Malaysia and other countries ban publications that report falsely. Pro-insurgent fabrications of BBC, VOA, and AIR, and the Far Eastern Economic Review (FEER) spelled out in detail.

[(11) "It never rains but pours." False rumors spread during the disturbances, instigating hate against the Tatmadaw, described.]

Nov. 2: The unscrupulous acts of the BBC, the VOA and the AIR and the atrocities of the colonialists, by A Listener. [Cont. (4) The US Ambassador did not attend the Myanmar Naing-Ngan Independence Day ceremony on Jan. 4, but went to Bangkok. "It is found that the US Ambassador is one who turned his back on the Independence Day of Myanmar Naing-Ngan... {This} is something to think about."

[Unscrupulous acts of All India Radio. AIR broadcaster U Maw Thiri (a) Chandra Sherma spent his youth in Myanmar before returning to India; "he is a person who owes a lot to Myanmar Naing-Ngan but who does not repay it." AIR broadcast of Sept. 23, casting doubt on Tatmadaw commitment to elections, quoted and condemned. {Photos of US Ambassador Burton Levin and Maw Thiri.}]

Nov. 2-4: Whither DAB, by Mya Win. [History of Democratic Alliance of Burma, and of insurgencies in Myanmar, "led by KNU Nga Mya." Objectives of KIA. Kayin, Kayah, Shan, Mon and other insurgent organizations described. ABSDF student group described.]

Nov. 3: Let us repay our gratitude, by Thukhi Aung. [Gratitude owed by civil servants to the people, who pay them.]

Nov. 3,5: The Exhibition of Historic Records of the State which will remain in history, by Maung Khaing Aung. [Review of exhibit,

which was seen by 336,700 people from Sept. 18-Oct. 8 (in Yangon).]

Nov. 5: Human Rights and Crimes, by Bo Thanmani. [Duty of diplomatic mission "to be on good and friendly terms with the government...to which it is accredited," and not to interfere in internal affairs. Myanmar "will not tolerate false... accusations and will refute them."]

Nov. 7: What are they doing? What are their motives?, by Bo Thanmani. [Refutation of Democracy Party {No. 1} pamphlet, "The election and public servants." The party is associated with the National League for Democracy {2-Daw Aung San Suu Kyi} and League for Democracy and Peace {141-U Nu}. 1956 case of BCP involvement with civil servants cited.]

Nov. 9,14: The theory of administration by Martial Law order, by Lay Lay. [Legal study of martial law in Burma and elsewhere.]

Nov. 10,21,28,30: A goodwill visit to USSR, by Htila Sitthu. [Aug. 1989 journalist visit. Cont. (2) Moscow; (3-4) Leningrad (22-7-89)]

Nov. 13: Believe me, they were thoroughly floored, by A War Veteran. [BCP and US Representative Solarz both demanded an interim government; and were "thoroughly floored" by Tatmadaw proclamation of power on Sept. 18, 1988.]

Nov. 13: Towards proper co-operation and co-ordination, by Maung Aye Ne Win. [School anecdote; everyone should work together with the Government.]

Nov. 15: Importance of National Spirit, by Ko Soe. [1920 Students' Boycott recalled.]

Nov. 16: National development and patriotism, by Tekkatho Myat Thu. ["Blatant interference", etc., of great powers against small nations denounced.]

Nov. 17: Dagon Shwepyithar; what a pleasant city!, by Naing-ngan Gyarpyan Ta-oo. [How beautiful Yangon now is!]

Nov. 21: Food for thought, for the people, by Hsan Maung. [A civil servant commends Government policies.]

Nov. 22: Tatmadaw's stand & voice in connection with election, by Ye Gaung Kyaw Swa. [Tatmadaw supports free elections.]

Nov. 22: Long live the National Spirit!, by Ye Tint. [Story of National Day.]

Nov. 22-23,28: Extracts from the history of internal insurgency, by Yebaw Thit Maung. [(1) British domination; rise of socialism; independence. (2) Rise of BCP. (3) BCP History.]

Nov. 23: To keep alive the National Spirit, by Maung Dawna. [Patriotic thoughts.]

Nov. 24: The spirit of nationalism, by K Zatu. [Origins of Myanmar nationalism.]

Nov. 24,29: Raise, grow and produce, by Myo Chit Thu. [(1) Rise and fall of food prices. Sharp fall in rice prices, as previously reported, from a range of K15-22 per pyi to K10-12.5. For other commodities, price changes (Sept. 1987; Sept. 1988; June 1989) have been (Kyat per viss unless otherwise specified):

Fish: Ngayant 44.68, 48, 53.18

Ngakhu 40.75, 51.8, 60.45

Ngagyee 40.5, 50.11, 56.14

Ngamyin 77, 78.23, 92.16

Nga myit-chin 21.5, 20, 29.89

Prawns 65.5, 53.15, 100.28

Meat: Beef 40, 45, 47.83

Pork 37.6, 45, 44.23

Chicken 44.2, 46, 61.13

Duck 39.05, 40.19, 50.42

Eggs (per dozen):

Chicken 13.7, 13.14, 22.08

Duck 13.32, 12.52, 20.28

Misc.: Chili 58.75, 43.13, 54.69

Onion 10.29, 12.3, 6.22

Garlic 39.34, 32, 32.42

[(2) Agricultural productivity urged to keep prices down.]

Nov. 25,20: An open letter to the AIR and British Professor Robert Tailor, by Bo Thanmani. [(1) Criticism of AIR broadcast of Nov. 18 quoting the Hindustan Times that Indo-Myanmar relations are deteriorating. This false and, in any case, Myanmar affairs are none of India's business. In particular, British Professor of Archaeology Robert Tailor [sic] said Myanmar leadership "is in effect, in the hands of the new group of mercenary soldiers [who] not only do not obtain the support and trust of the people but they are also not those who took part in the struggle for independence.... [The May 27] election...is not the one demanded by the majority of the major opposition groups. It has been heard that the Myanmar military government will hold the election not under the supervision of civilians and the interim councils of the politicians but under their own sponsorship and supervision." This is all absurd. (2) General Ne Win quoted at length on services of the Tatmadaw to independence.]

[Nov. 29--Letter from "An Indignant Myanmar" says "this Robert Taylor takes the cake" and "has overstepped the bounds of decency and honour by his latest assault, slandering us."]

Nov. 26: Legal action may be taken for slanderous accusations, by Bo Thanmani. [The Bangkok Nation of Nov. 19, under a headline "Army govt threatens U Nu's party" says the 1988 Army coup "left an estimated 4,000 pro-democracy demonstrators shot dead," and on Nov. 18 said that "troops killed thousands of people in a crackdown on dissent." In fact, 516 people died. US Senator Moynahan {photo} has told "fabrications and outright lies" about Myanmar anti-narcotics programs. "Therefore, if The Nation published in Bangkok continues to commit writing falsehood, it can get sued." {photocopies of quoted Nation news items}].

Nov. 26: 69th Anniversary of National Day, by K M Thein. [Students' 1920 Boycott revisited.]

Nov. 26-27: Defamation and Section 500, by Maung Thudhamma. [Penal Code provision agains injuring another's reputation reviewed.]

Nov. 27-28: The country will be peaceful only if the Tatmadaw is strong, by Ye Myint Aung. [Myanmar has 1,760 miles of coast and 3,690 miles of land boundary. The neighboring countries of China, Laos, Thailand, Bangladesh, India, Philippines, Indonesia, and Vietnam have large military forces {comparative table}. In 1947 Myanmar had an army of 20,000.]

Nov. 27: Wise Up! Be Safe!, by Hmway Thinn. [Traffic and pedestrian safety rules reviewed.]

Nov. 29: Revelations to flabbergast unbelievers, by Yebaw Thet Zin. [Defected BCP member reveals all.]

Press Conferences

Nov. 3: At the 63rd State LORC Press Conference, the Information Committee spokesmen said:

-- The Kachin Independence Organization (KIO), Kayin National Union (KNU), New Mon State Party (NMSP), and Kayinni National Progressive Party (KNPP) have become unlawful under Section 16(1) of the Unlawful Associations Act, "and those connected with them have also become unlawful organizations" under Section 15(2). Other insurgent organizations "will become unlawful" if they "co-operate or make contact with or are affiliated with the unlawful organizations."

Some of the insurgent organizations are: (1) The Burma Communist Party (BCP); (2) Kachin Independence Organization (KIO), Kachin Independence Army (KIA); (3) Shan State Progressive Party (SSPP), Shan State Army (SSA); (4) Shan National People Liberated Organization (SNPLO); (5) Shan United Revolution Army (SURA); (6) Shan United Army (SUA); (7) Kayin National Union (KNU); (8) Kayinni National Progressive Party (KNPP); (9) New Mon State Party (NMSP); (10) Wa National Organization (WNA [sic]); (11) Arakan Liberation Party (ALP); (12) Palaung State Liberation Party (PSLP).

The BCP was not declared unlawful at this time, because it was so declared in 1953. But, while the KNDO was declared unlawful, along with the Mojahids, and PVO, under the AFPFL government, the KNU was formed later and therefore "was now declared as an unlawful

organization." Organizations like the DAB were not mentioned because they are made unlawful automatically as organizations under the KNU. Similarly, the organization headed by Thanmani Bo Khin Maung is included under the Mon Pyithit Party [NMSP]. The KIA is included automatically as part of the banned KIO.

-- Martial Law has been revoked in eight townships. There is no specific book on martial law prescribed; common points from American, British, Soviet, Indian, and Pakistani martial law are adapted. "At present, the Martial Law power is the unrestricted one which is not bound by the law as the power was assumed at the worst time." As the situation improves in the future, Martial Law will be revoked in other townships. "As long as the military government is taking responsibilities of the State, it can exercise Martial Law power any time. This fact is of prime importance for the State."

-- Various cases cited of fishermen who went abroad, with passports, to take promised jobs, but found they had been cheated and the jobs did not exist.

-- Citizenship scrutiny cards are being issued under the Myanmar Naing-Ngan Citizenship Law, which was passed by the Pyithu Hluttaw in 1982, and not by the State LORC, and remains in effect. But it is needed to determine who is eligible to stand for election in the upcoming May elections. While candidates will require scrutiny cards, voters will be allowed to vote with NRC's if they have not undergone citizenship scrutiny work.

-- Myanmar has a law protecting wild animals; the State does not kill wild elephants for tusks, but tusks from elephants which die natural deaths are sold, and there is some smuggling of tusks. The Forest Department says that Myanmar has 5,400 tame elephants and 6,400 wild elephants.

-- Curfew orders are independent of martial law and not affected by its revocation. (WPD 11/4)

Nov. 10: At the 64th State LORC Press Conference, the Information Committee spokesmen said:

-- Gen. Saw Maung's speech, and Lt-Gen. Than Shwe's China visit, noted.

-- Political parties submitted "clarifications on their policies," after announcement of the [May 27] election date. Candidates are to be selected on Dec. 27 to permit scrutinization of their citizenship.

-- Only reporters who will report the truth will be given permission to enter Myanmar. They will have an endorsement from a reputable organization. "If the reporters like Bertil Lintner visit the country and write reports this would adversely affect the country." The American CNN network was given permission to enter "since they are going to report correctly...."

-- Newspapers: There used to be the Loktha Pyithu Nezin, the Working People's Daily, the Kyemon, the Myanmar Alin, the Botataung, and the Guardian--four in Myanmar and two in English. Now only the Loktha Pyithu Nezin and the Working People's Daily will continue to be published; the first has a circulation of over 240,000 and the second 15,000. This total circulation will be increased to 300,000, equal to that of the former six papers.

-- Schools are tranquil, "but there were instances in which posters were stuck and pamphlets distributed. These have stopped...." It is untrue that schools have been closed in Mandalay or anywhere. Attendance is over 90%. Universities will be opened as conditions permit. (WPD 11/11)

Nov. 17: At the 65th State LORC Press Conference, the Information Committee spokesmen said:

-- Military discipline and commitment to free elections of the Tatmadaw summarized. Tatmadaw members may vote, but may not seek to influence the vote of others.

-- League for Democracy and Peace [No. 141] Patron U Nu on Sept. 9, 1988 announced "that he was the legal Prime Minister," under the 1947 Constitution and formed a parallel government. On Sept. 12, 1988, at a press conference, "U Nu said that his taking over State

power meant committing high treason and that he done so as it was essential to." Since then, "No official announcement has been issued to the effect that U Nu's parallel government has been dissolved and that not a single member of his government has been heard to have tendered resignation by issuing an official announcement. So, that parallel government still exists. Many members of that government are members of the LDP now and some have become members of the National League for Democracy [No. 2]. The LDP...has announced that it will contest the election.... If the parallel government is not dissolved and if action is to be taken according to Law, the LDP's chance of contesting the election can be affected. Thanmani Bo Khin Maung, who is Minister for Health in the parallel government...is also the leader of the Alliance for Democratic Solidarity, Union of Burma (ADSB) which is carrying out activities in collaboration with the organizations which exist as underground armed organizations in the border region and which have been declared to be unlawful associations.... Therefore it will be necessary to officially declare the dissolution of U Nu's parallel government as well as for each member...to officially tender resignation...in order that the official stand of the LDP not be affected. In addition...it will be necessary for the LDP to declare that [LDP Chairman] Bohmu Aung [if he wrote to India requesting arms] did so of his individual will. Or else, it will amount to the LDP's contravening the law, and it may interfere with its contesting the election"

-- State LORC Secretary (1) Brig-Gen. Khin Nyunt described the BCP Politburo meeting held at Htanmonkoe from Sept. 10-14, 1988. BCP responsibility for disturbances and setting up regional governments in 1988 discussed. "Besides the BCP, the rightists also formed a parallel government under the name of Democratic Alliance Burma. U Nu himself formed a parallel government. U Nu even declared on 13 September 1988 that he would call in the United Nations force.... A fleet of US combat naval ships... entered Myanmar territorial waters. Since the country was on the brink of disintegration, the Tatmadaw had no alternative but to take over State power."

-- The BCP fled from Panghsang to Mong Lian, where they held a final meeting on May 4, 1989.... "The BCPs...will...continue to strive to get power...as they have always done."

-- On Sept. 29, 1989, the registrations of three political parties were cancelled: The National Politics Front (NPF) [No. 310]; The People's Progressive Party (PPP) [No. 106]; and The Ever Green Young Men Association [No. 109]. Members of these parties have infiltrated legal parties, and some even plan to run for election. "We would like to [warn legal parties] not to accept such persons...."

-- Seven parties have not put up signboards at their headquarters, as requested by the Election Commission on Mar. 16, 1989. They are: Progressive New Burma Party (No. 155); People's Youth Federation (No. 4); Democratic Progress Allied Party (No. 20); Youth's Solidarity Front (Union of Burma) (No. 61); National Unity and New Youth Party (No. 225 [our No. 226]); People's Power Party (No. 76); and Party for National Democracy (No. 214 [our No. 212]).

-- On August 9, 1989 the Ministry of Foreign Affairs advised all Diplomatic Missions not to circulate or display bulletins, pamphlets, or publications without obtaining prior approval from the Press Scrutiny and Registration Division of the Ministry of Home & Religious Affairs [facsimile of notice]. Nevertheless, the British Embassy knowingly issued a Press Release of a Nov. 1, 1989 statement by Minister of State Mr. Waldegrave to the House of Commons, containing "false accusations and slanders." However, "we will not give any official warning," but "we hope that it will do abide by the law in the future."

The Statement [facsimile reproduced] said [text]:

"Twenty years ago, to this very month, I was in Burma, which is a beautiful, inherently rich country with a fascinating and ancient culture. It has been ruined by a system of government which made one weep then and makes one weep now. In the past, the wasted

opportunities made one weep., now it is worse.....

"The many friends of Burma in the House and in this country..... share the British Government's horror at the violent suppression of the pro-democracy movement and the reversal of the initial steps forward which the State Law and Order Restoration Council appeared to take when political parties were first legalized.

"For a few months, opposition leaders were allowed to make speeches. If anything, this respite from the authoritarian rule of the previous 26 years has made the crackdown even more depressing. Hundreds of political organizers and activists have been imprisoned or placed under house arrest. Perhaps the most important among them being Aung San Suu Kyi, the leader of the National League for Democracy. It is clear from the evidence released by the United States Government and others that some of those arrested have been tortured. The SLORC has now announced that politicians under detention will not be permitted to take part in the elections. Also, visas have been denied to foreign journalists. All the developments this summer cast grave doubt on the sincerity of the regime's commitment to the democratic elections that have now been postponed until 1990.

"Our clear opposition to the regime's disregard for human and political rights has been made clear and unequivocal. When my Right Honourable friend the Secretary of State for the Environment was the Minister for Overseas Development he announced in November 1988 our decision to freeze all but emergency relief aid to Burma. Similar action has been taken by our partners in the twelve and by the United States, Japan and Australia. In every way, with our partners in the European Community, we have been trying to bring home to the Burmese authorities the concern that we feel.

"I am summarizing briefly the positions we have taken but they are unequivocal and clear. The most recent and perhaps the most powerful reference was in my Right Honourable friend the present Chancellor of the Exchequer's speech to the United Nations General Assembly on 27 September. He referred to the `urgent need for the restoration of human rights and democracy through free elections.'"

-- Regarding Bohmu Aung, "the Government may or may not take action against him or it may take action against him in future."

-- A high-explosive time bomb was found in front of the Myanmar Embassy in Tokyo, and was removed by police. A tip-off of two other bombs proved false. (WPD 11/18)

Nov. 24: At the 66th State LORC Press Conference, the Information Committee spokesmen said:

-- Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Col. Abel reviewed his trip to Japan, Malaysia, and Korea [see below under Burmese delegations].

-- Col. Abel said that "We will never default our debt payment. There were difficulties due to the disturbances. We do know our duties. We will pay them all depending on the situation and when we are able to do so."

-- The Forward No. 19 Light Infantry Regiment on Oct. 14 seized 12 kilos of heroin in a knapsack in Namhkam Township, Shan State. A receipt for the Chu-hna-kaung Kabar-lon brand heroin showed that the KIA had collected K24,000 in tax on the heroin. Three KIA insurgents, K 1,100, and other documents were also seized [photos and photocopies of KIA documents]. Heroin has a street value of US\$1 million per kilo. "A" brand heroin is also being trafficked in the KIA No. 4 brigade area, and "it is true that the BCP is producing heroin in collaboration with the KIA."

-- The reopening of Universities is under active study.

-- "It is not true that disturbances have taken place at schools. In some schools in Yangon, there were a few incidents of some students from seventh standard to tenth standard sticking some posters and shouting slogans.... No one has been detained.... An unlawful organization has asked for permission to make speeches at schools [but was denied]." (WPD 11/25)

Historical Records Exhibit

Oct. 31: The Exhibition on Historic Records of the State will be opened in Mandalay, Nov. 11-24. It will include not only the records shown at the Tatmadaw Hall in Yangon, "but also the records of the disturbances in Mandalay." (WPD 11/1) // Nov. 8: Mandalay Division LORC Chairman North-West Commander Brig-Gen. Tun Kyi greeted guests to the exhibit at Bahtoo Stadium. (WPD 11/9)

Nov. 11: The exhibition opened in Mandalay. It will be open from 9am-6pm until Nov. 24. (WPD 11/12) // Attendance was 11,000 on Nov. 12; 12,000 on Nov. 13; 11,000 on Nov. 15; 13,000 on Nov. 17; 19,000 on Nov. 19 [Sunday]; 15,000 on Nov. 20; 25,000 on Nov. 22; 25,000 on Nov. 23. (WPD 11/13-24)

Nov. 23: The Exhibition in Mandalay is extended to Dec. 1. (WPD 11/24) // Attendance was 14,000 on Nov. 24; 10,000 on Nov. 25; 9,000 on Nov. 26; 8,000 on Nov. 27; 5,000 on Nov. 28. (WPD 11/25-28)

Political Books Advertised

Advertisements continued for:

- [State LORC Chairman] Commander in Chief of the Defence Services General Saw Maung's Addresses and Discussions in Interview with Foreign Correspondents. (K7)
- The Conspiracy of Treasonous Minions within the Myanmar Naing-Ngan and Traitorous Cohorts Abroad. (K25)
- Burma Communist Party's conspiracy to take over State power. (K25)
- All the falsehood of broadcasts... [of BBC and VOA]. (K15)
100,000 copies sold since Nov. 9. (WPD 11/20)

Martial Law Area Reduced

Nov. 3: State LORC Martial Law Order No. 3/89 of Nov. 3, revokes martial law, effective immediately, in eight townships: Mabein (Shan); Gantgaw (Magway); Hsaw (Magway); Htilinn (Magway); Tunzan (Chin); Thantlang (Chin); Kanpetlet (Chin); Metupi (Chin). (WPD 11/4)

Insurgencies Declared Illegal

Nov. 3: Ministry of Home & Religious Affairs Notification No. 3/89 of Nov. 3 declared the following four [insurgent] organizations to be unlawful under Section 16 of the Unlawful Associations Act, because their aims and activities, and those of organizations connected with them, "harm the rule of law," the "maintenance of Law and Order," and "the prevalence of peace and tranquillity of the people:"

- (a) Kachin Independence Organization;
- (b) Kayin National Union;
- (c) New Mon State Party;
- (d) Kayinni National Progressive Party. (WPD 11/4)

Saw Maung's Speech

Nov. 10: State LORC Chairman Gen. Saw Maung made a major speech to the Graduating Class of Training Course No. 40 of the Command and General Staff College. [The full text is far too long to include in the BPS, but we can provide it as a separate 20-page document for US\$5.00 (plus any foreign postage surcharge).]

Principal topics of the address include:

- Why Tatmadaw took power.
- Foreign news media interference.
- BCP, KIA, and KNU attempts to profit by disturbances.
- U Nu's activities, past and present, and those of other oppositionists.
- Favorable review of Lanzin Party era and 1974 Constitution.
- How Tatmadaw learned both from British and from Japanese.
- Myanmar debt much less than that of other countries including US, and much of it dates back to Parliamentary period.
- Although Tatmadaw granted what disturbance makers wanted--multi-party democracy and an end to socialism--NLD [National League

for Democracy] opposition continues to defy the law and promote confrontation.

-- Elections will be free and fair, and conducted by the Election Commission; any laws it needs will be provided.

-- Price rises after 1988.

-- Devaluation of Kyat would be inflationary.

-- Development will be through joint-ventures, not new debt.

-- Law will be enforced against all lawbreakers; even, e.g., a decorated soldier who subsequently committed murder, and Rector Dr. Chit Swe of Yangon University.

-- Ethnic minorities should not be identified with insurgents, and don't call them ethnic groups or minorities; they are, e.g., "Kayins of Myanmar".

-- All countries have intelligence services, and they are necessary and not an enemy to the people. (WPD 11/11-12)

BCP Infiltration of Schools

Nov. 16: In a major address to educators, State LORC Secretary (1) Brig-Gen. Khin Nyunt warned against BCP infiltration of the educational system.

Various false rumors of anti-student incidents in 1988 reviewed. When primary schools were reopened June 19, there was "sticking of agitative posters in some of the schools" but no disturbances. When middle schools were reopened Aug. 14, "ordinary agitative posters were were put up in some schools in some townships such as Bahann, Dagon, Alon, Sangyoung, Kyimyindine, and Kamaryut Townships in Yangon Division. On [Sept. 18-19]...some wore pieces of black cloth to show their opposition....

When high schools were reopened Sept. 15, "not only the putting up of agitative posters increased at schools but there were also incidents of protest and shouting during school hours.... Moreover, there were shouting and demonstration held by flying a flag bearing the figure of a fighting peacock at Sangyoung BEHS No. 1; the bringing down and destroying the portrait of U Ne Win at Botahtaung BEHS No. 6; the demands made to take off the portraits of U Ne Win at the offices of the school heads; openly demanding the Chairman of Kyimyindine LORC for removal of U Ne Win's portrait and secretly forming of Ah Ka Tha at schools."

"In the agitative posters, they not only used abusive language such as 'all people are BCPs and all dogs are SLORCs', but also stuck leaflets threatening the teachers. Moreover, some students of Mandalay BEHS No. 1 shouted and ridiculed the security personnel and also shouted 'Dogs go away'...."

"It was also seen that as the opposition politicians acted as saviours and incite the students and flatter them, they have become conceited as though they themselves were veteran politicians and they became lost.... Some extremist politicians bequeathed their wrong extreme political ideologies to their children and make [them] carry out organizational work among the student mass...."

"The BCP UGs have infiltrated the education world...since the parliamentary democracy era and have been able to control the student union." BCP infiltration led by Kyaw Mya in 1986-88 described in detail, with names and locations. BCP infiltration by "tuition teachers" described. "Although the BCP UGs had created the 1988 disturbances by instigating the people in order to gain political power, their objective was not achieved because the Tatmadaw took power." But since, the BCP has "tried to form students union and teachers union." Lengthy discussion of the Bama Naing-Ngan Lon-saingya Kyaungtha Thamagga (Ba-Ka-Tha) and the Ahtet Bama Naing-Ngan Kyaungtha Thamagga [Mandalay].

Since the SLORC took power, 68 teachers were dismissed, 72 were permitted to retire, 68 were transferred or reprimanded. 8 administrators were dismissed, 18 permitted to resign, and 11 transferred or reprimanded. In total, action was taken against 245 educators. Also, "there are some education personnel who were sent abroad due to their nature of work, to go on a study tour, and for

further studies. There are altogether 93 such persons and 43 went abroad as representatives, 22, for study tour and 28, for further studies."

Reviewing economic policy, contracts with foreign firms have been signed by: Ministry of Energy (6, for oil drilling); Agriculture and Forests (54, 41 already being implemented); Transport and Communications (47, 37 being implemented); Co-Operatives (3); Industry 1 (17, 6 being implemented); Industry 2 (1); Livestock Breeding & Fisheries (19, 15 being implemented); Trade (71, 54 being implemented). Border trade is being carried out with China and Thailand, as is "regional development work for our brethren of the national races in...Shan State...."

KNU continues attacks, and the "Da Nya Ta" and KNU are "sending... youths and students back to carry out destructive activities." Cases described. Bombing of City Hall and Refinery reviewed. Da-Nya-Ta demolition courses described, led at the Alaungpaya camp by "Mr Sam and Mr Joe, Americans."

Extensive quotations from the BCP Politburo discussions of Sept. 10, 1988, involving BCP first vice-chairman and secretary U Khin Maung Gyi, UG in-charge Bo Kyin Maung (a) Yebaw Tun, Myo Myint (a) Yebaw Aung, Tin Yi, chairman Ba Thein Tin, and Central Committee member Ba Than.

U Khin Maung Gyi said: "We made arrangements and decided to issue slogans on 8 September. These slogans were that as the military government has turned its back on the desire of the people and continues to practise the one-party dictatorship system--(1) the people themselves must form a temporary government; (2) bring about the multi-party democracy system in full; (3) everybody, who opposes the one-party dictatorial system of the Ma-Hsa-La, take part in the temporary government; (4) form 'patriotic democratic front'...; (5) quickly form a 'Pyichit Tatmadaw' (patriotic army).... These five slogans dated 9 September have been issued yesterday."

Bo Kyin Maung quoted at length on "temporary government": "We have an objective for this parallel government to be like a parallel government and temporary government and have imbued it with revolutionary essence.... We are...worried... that U Nu will make concessions and try to make reconciliations.... [But] the outcome will not be bad but very good because of U Nu's having done so. He did as we had expected.... Another thing is to make the peasants and workers get involved in the mass struggle.... Our student thamaggas have been formed as underground student thamaggas. We are instilling our views in them.... If we are to apply violent means we must have a basic rural area. It must be armed. A guerrilla force must be formed. We are making preparations for all these...."

Further extensive quotations given from discussion by Myo Myint, Tun Yi, and Chairman Ba Thein Tin.

[Text of State LORC Secretary (1) Brig-Gen. Khin Nyunt's presentation, as given in WPD, available on request; and see below.] (WPD 11/17)

BCP 1988 Politburo Text

Nov. 17-21: The full text of the transcript of the Burma Communist Party (BCP) Politburo meeting of Sept. 10, 1988 [quoted in part by State LORC Secretary (1) Brig-Gen. Khin Nyunt, above] is published, along with photos and biographies of 7 BCP officials. [We do not have space to include this document here, but can provide it (12 pp.) for \$5.00 plus any foreign postage surcharge].

The biographies included are of:

- BCP Chairman Ba Thein Tin (a) Khaw Hsin;
- Central Military Commission Secretary and CC member Tin Yi
- (a) Nay Win (a) Than Nyunt (a) Paik Kala (a) Yan Kwan;
- CC member (in-charge UG movement) Kyin Maung (a) Yebaw Tun
- (a) Ba Win (a) Maung Galay;
- CC member and NE military region commander Tun Tin;
- Politburo Secretary Khin Maung Gyi (a) Zaw Myint (a) Ku Fan;
- CC member, Northern Central region commissar Ba Than (a) Pe

Thaung (a) Tin Maung (a) Tin Myint (a) Huimin;
-- Central Military Commission Vice Chairman Myo Myint (a)
Athamai Myo Myint (a) Yebaw Aung (a) Mya Maung.
(WPD 11/17-21)

National Day Proclamation

Nov. 22: Message from State LORC Chairman on the occasion of the 69th National Day [text]:

"To the people of all the national races,

"Today is the 69th Anniversary of the National Day. I send my greetings to you with this message on this occasion as the essence of the National Day today, according to the prevailing situation of the State, is deep and significant.

"The students of the Yangon College launched the Boycott movement at the Shwedagon Pagoda on 5 December 1920 (The 10th Waning Day of Tazaungmon, 1282 BE) in protest against the Yangon University Act. The students' Boycott was not only an attack on the colonial education system but also a protest against the political restrictions, the economic exploitation and the one-sided oppression under the bureaucratic administrative machinery of the colonialists which they could not endure any more. This Boycott movement was the first open and practical political struggle launched against the British colonialists and imperialists by the Myanmars. Therefore, the National Day represents and signifies a struggle of great tradition among all the great anti-imperialist struggles.

"The British imperialists captured Lower Myanmar Naing-Ngan on 20 December 1852. They occupied the whole of Myanmar Naing-Ngan on 1 January 1886 and turned it into their colony plunging the entire people of Myanmar Naing-Ngan into servitude. From that time onwards the British imperialists made huge profits by looting, seizing and exploiting all the natural resources in the whole of Myanmar Naing-Ngan such as rice, teak and oil. During a period of nearly 100 years they not only monopolized, produced, used and sold countless amounts of precious natural resources such as teak and timber, minerals and gems but also exploited the people by various means and politically and administratively oppressed and tortured them.

"At that time the goods from England were boycotted because of the oppression and exploitation of the British imperialists and moreover it was a time when a national movement calling on all the Myanmar nationals to don only national costumes was going on and when organizations were formed and movements launched, with political consciousness, for the perpetuation, propagation and purification of the Sasana. Therefore, the 1920 Boycott was a clarion call on the people for the struggle for the independence of Myanmar Naing-Ngan. The Boycott also gave birth to revolutionary forces again and again. It further promoted and spread the spirit of patriotism. That is why the Boycott was referred to as a movement that charted the path to the attainment of the independence of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.

"Today, the imperialists, taking advantage of the difficulties and the hardships of Myanmar Naing-Ngan, are striving by violent means to re-establish their domination and rule of Myanmar Naing-Ngan under the new form of colonialism. They are especially striving, using various means, to cause disintegration of the solidarity of all the national races, to sow discord and disunity within the Tatmadaw and to bring about the disintegration of the State. Therefore, keeping the deep and true meaning and essence of the National Day in their memory fresh, the people of all the national races must resist and repulse, with a sense of patriotism, the dangers posed by the imperialists. Therefore, in my greetings to all of you on this auspicious National Day I urge the people of all the national races and members of the Tatmadaw to be united and defend and protect the nation from the dangers posed by the imperialists." (WPD 11/22)

Col. Abel in Japan

Nov. 24: The Nov. 21 issue of the Tokyo Yomiuri Shinbum carried the following article on Col. Abel's visit to Japan [WPD text

translation]:

"Attention paid on Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. Japanese Foreign Minister Mr Taro Nakayama on 10 November held a discussion with Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Col. Abel of the Union of Myanmar currently on a visit to Japan.

"Japanese Foreign Minister Mr Nakayama said that Japan, as a nation that has friendly relations with Myanmar Naing-Ngan, is paying attention, not in the form of interfering in the internal affairs of Myanmar Naing-Ngan, to the conditions of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, a leader of the opposition groups, upon whom house confinement has been imposed by General Saw Maung's Government and thus indirectly called for the release of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi from house confinement.

"Minister Col Abel explained that there were over 200 political parties in Myanmar Naing-Ngan and that Myanmar Naing-Ngan could not accept their speaking about Daw Aung San Suu Kyi." [photo of article]

At a Press Conference on Nov. 24, Col. Abel said: "Regarding politics, their questions were directed chiefly on Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, I replied to them that the matter should not be viewed on an individual basis. I asked them why the Ministry of Foreign Affairs why only questions on Daw Aung San Suu Kyi alone and not on the situation of 202 political parties [sic].... I told them the State would hold [elections on May 27]; that all political parties would be permitted to contest in the election and all will have equal rights and that it is not necessary to highlight and mention about an individual person. The Japanese side agreed on this matter. This matter is our own internal affair. They replied that they wish to say nothing on the internal affairs of Myanmar Naing-Ngan." (WPD 11/25)

ELECTIONS

Party Registration Changes

The following changes were made in party registrations, including cancellations, and are listed numerically by party:

(9) Burma [Myanmar] Democratic Party. Registration cancelled as of Nov. 3. (WPD 11/7)

Election Announcements

Nov. 7: The multi-party democracy general election will be held on May 27, 1990. (WPD 11/8)

Nov. 10: Multi-Party Democracy General Election Commission Announcement No. 326 of Nov. 10 sets the following dates:

-- May 27: Multi-party democracy general election.

-- Dec. 28-Jan. 3: Period for nomination of Pyithu Hluttaw candidates.

-- Jan. 5-9: Period for scrutinization of candidates nominated.

-- Jan. 22: Last day for withdrawal of candidates. (WPD 11/11)

Nov. 13: The 207 registered political parties are requested to advise the Election Commission by Dec. 11 whether they will contest the election, the estimated number of constituencies they will contest, and if possible the names of the constituencies they will contest. (WPD 11/14)

Nov. 16: Election Commission Notification No. 328 of Nov. 16 provides that:

-- Persons wishing to stand for election may submit nomination lists to Township Zone Sub-Commissions between Dec. 28-Jan. 3.

-- Township Zone Sub-Commissions will scrutinize lists from Jan. 5-9; persons wishing to stand should "make preliminary scrutinization of their citizenship matters" now to speed the process.

-- Candidates representing Parties must have written endorsements from the Party. Independents must notify the Township Zone Sub-Commission in writing. The Immigration and Manpower Department will given priority to scrutinizing the citizenship of candidates. (WPD 11/17)

Nov. 17: Election Commission Announcement No. 329 of Nov. 17

provides that:

-- Ward or Village-tract Election Sub-Commissions are compiling electoral registers for the May 27 elections.

-- One entitled to vote under Section 6 of the Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law should check to see whether one's name is on the register, and report to the Sub-Commission involved "if one's name is not yet on it." (WPD 11/18)

Nov. 21: Election Commission Notification No. 330 of Nov. 20 provides that:

-- Symbols for use on election ballots have been designed by the Commission. In selecting them, and in order to prevent any party from having an advantage or disadvantage, the Commission avoided symbols connected with: religious symbols or buildings; sun, moon, or astrological signs; living beings; arms and ammunition.

-- Symbols will be allotted to parties by the Commission, after consultations with them to achieve uniformity throughout the country. A second set of symbols is reserved for independent candidates. More symbols will be prescribed if needed.

-- Symbols for Parties are [drawings published]: 1 [house]; 2 [locomotive]; 3 [steamship]; 4 [pennant]; 5 [car]; 6 [airplane]; 7 [bicycle]; 8 [gong]; 9 [oil lamp]; 10 [factory]; 11 [flower]; 12 [sailboat]; 13 [tree]; 14 [padlock]; 15 [clock]; 16 [sprig of paddy]; 17 [scales]; 18 [fruit]; 19 [umbrella]; 20 [chair]; 21 [Shan drum]; 22 [straw hat]; 23 [handbell]; 24 [oxcart]; 25 [necklace].

-- Symbols for independent candidates are [drawings published]: 1 [book]; 2 [ball]; 3 [ring]; 4 [mountains]; 5 [tennis racquet]; 6 [Shan bag]; 7 [comb]; 8 [eyeglasses]; 9 [teacup]; 10 [feather]. (WPD 11/21)

Dagon Myo-thit Constituency

Nov. 9: Election Commission Notification No. 2/89 of Nov. 9 divides the new Dagon Myo-thit Township into 52 [numbered] wards and 13 named village-tracts . (WPD 11/10)

DIPLOMATIC

Chinese Earthquake Message

Oct. 23: Gen. Saw Maung sent the following message to Chinese President Yang Shankun:

"I am deeply saddened to learn of the news of earthquakes that has caused loss of lives and damage to property, rendering many people homeless in Shanxi-Hebei provincial border. At this moment of natural disaster in China, the friendly people of the Union of Myanmar join me in extending our heartfelt sympathy to your Excellency and through you to the people of the affected areas." (WPD 10/24)

Diplomatic Calls

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

Oct. 31: Korean Ambassador Byong Hyon Kwon on Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Col. Abel. (WPD 11/1)

Nov. 6: Singapore Charge d'Affaires Lam Peck Heng on Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Col. Abel. Bangladesh Ambassador A.Z.M. Enayetullah Khan on Minister for Health and for Education Dr. Pe Thein, and on Minister for Livestock Breeding & for Agriculture & Forests Maj-Gen. Chit Swe. (WPD 11/7)

Nov. 8: Bangladesh Ambassador A.Z.M. Enayetullah Khan on Minister for Energy and for Mines Rear-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. (WPD 11/9)

Nov. 10: Bangladesh Ambassador A.Z.M. Enayetullah Khan on Minister for Transport & Communications and for Social Welfare and for Labour Maj-Gen. Tin Tun. (WPD 11/11)

Nov. 14: Bangladesh Ambassador A.Z.M. Enayetullah Khan on Minister for Construction and for Co-operatives Maj-Gen. Aung Ye Kyaw. Philippine Ambassador Alfredo L. Almendrala Jr. on Minister for

Health and for Education Dr. Pe Thein. WHO Consultant Miss E.L. Villegas, of the UNDP Nursing Training Project on Minister for Health and for Education Dr. Pe Thein. (WPD 11/15)

Nov. 21: Bangladesh Ambassador A.Z.M. Enayetullah Khan on State LORC Chairman Gen. Saw Maung. Chinese Ambassador Cheng Ruisheng on State LORC Chairman Gen. Saw Maung. (WPD 11/22)

Nov. 22: Philippine Ambassador Alfredo L. Almendrala, Jr. on State LORC Chairman Gen. Saw Maung. (WPD 11/24)

Nov. 28: Australian Ambassador Geoffrey Charles Allen on Minister for Energy and for Mines Rear-Adm. Maung Maung Khin, and on Minister for Livestock Breeding & for Agriculture & Forests Maj-Gen. Chit Swe. (WPD 11/29)

Nov. 29: Korean Ambassador Byong Hyon Kwon on Minister for Livestock Breeding & for Agriculture & Forests Maj-Gen. Chit Swe. (WPD 11/30)

Ambassador to Sweden

Nov. 2: U Tin Hlaing presented credentials on Oct. 27 to King Carl XVI Gustaf as Myanmar Ambassador to Sweden. (WPD 11/2)

Ambassador to Mongolia

Nov. 2: U Tun Tin presented credentials on Oct. 25 to Jambyn Batmunkh, Chairman of the Presidium of the Great People's Khural, as Myanmar Ambassador to Mongolia. (WPD 11/2)

Australian Ambassador

Nov. 7: Australian Ambassador Geoffery Charles Allen presented credentials to State LORC Chairman Gen. Saw Maung. (WPD 11/8)

Ambassador to Denmark

Nov. 9: U Tin Hlaing presented credentials Nov. 3 to Queen Margrethe as Myanmar Ambassador to Denmark. (WPD 11/9)

New Zealand Ambassador

Nov. 16: New Zealand Ambassador Harle Freeman-Green presented credentials to State LORC Chairman Gen. Saw Maung. (WPD 11/17)

Ambassador to Norway

Nov. 24: U Tin Hlaing on Nov. 16 presented credentials to King Olav V as Myanmar Ambassador to Norway. (WPD 11/25)

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

UNDP Review

Nov. 15: The two-day midterm review of the 1987-1992 Fifth UNDP Country Programme for Myanmar opened, with participation by various ministries, UN agencies, and donor countries. UNDP has provided US\$93.49 million dollars under the program. (WPD 11/16)

FOREIGN VISITORS

Business Delegations

Nov. 3: General Manager Tay Suw Choon and Manager Chang Yew Kong of Singapore Computer Systems on Minister for Transport & Communications and for Social Welfare and for Labour Maj-Gen. Tin Tun. (WPD 11/4)

Nov. 9: Members of the Myanmar Naing-Ngan Rice Millers Association met with Mr. Thomas Slayton and members of the Rice Miller's Association, Wellington [sic], USA. (WPD 11/10)

Nov. 17: A delegation of the Thai Gems and Jewellery Traders Association, led by President Pornsit Srriorathaikul, called on Minister for Energy and for Mines Rear-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. (WPD 11/18)

Nov. 20: Indonesian Aircraft Industries (IPTN) provided a demonstration flight of its CN-235 passenger aircraft. IPTN Public Relations Manager Mr. Suropto Sugondo explained that the turbo-prop

aircraft can carry 44 passengers. The plane, returning from a Middle-East demonstration, flew on to Bangkok. (WPD 11/21)

Nov. 20: A 10-member delegation led by Singapore Technologies Industrial Corporation Chairman Mr. Philip Yeo Liat Kok, arrived on a four-day visit. (WPD 11/21) // Nov. 21: It called on Minister for Industry 1 and for Industry 2 Maj-Gen. Sein Aung; on Minister for Transport & Communications and for Social Welfare and for Labour Maj-Gen. Tin Tun; on Minister for Energy and for Mines Rear-Adm. Maung Maung Khin; and on the Myanmar Gems Enterprise. (WPD 11/22) // Nov. 23: Following meetings with various Government departments, some members of the delegation departed. (WPD 11/24) // The delegation leader met with Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Col. Abel, prior to departing. (WPD 11/25)

Nov. 24: Managing Director Ms. Tuula Junno of Interpharma Co. of Finland called on Minister for Health and for Education Dr. Pe Thein. (WPD 11/25)

Oxford Doctors

Oct. 31: Prof. D.A. Warrell, Mr. E.W. Somerville, Dr. G. deJ. Lee, Dr. H. Marcovitch, and Dr. B.J. Britton, medical specialists from Oxford University, called on Minister for Health and for Education Dr. Pe Thein. (WPD 11/1)

US Cable News Delegation

Oct. 31: A group from the U.S. CNN Television Agency headed by Producer John Lewis recorded a TV interview with Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Col. Abel. (WPD 11/1)

Chinese Trade Delegation

Oct. 31: A delegation from the Shanghai Foreign Economic Relations and Technical Co-operation Corporation, headed by Huang SuhiGen, called on Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Col. Abel. (WPD 11/1)

Thai Research Ship

Nov. 2: The Thai research ship RV Chulabhorn, and Director General of the Thai Fisheries Department Dr. Prodprasob Suraswadi arrived to "study and survey the fish resources in the waters along the Myanma coastal regions of the Myanma Exclusive Economic Zone." (WPD 11/2)

Visits by Thai Deputy Ministers

Nov. 2: Thai Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Co-operatives Dr. Charoen Kanthawongs arrived, along with Thai Director-General of Fisheries Dr. Plodprason Suraswadi, for talks with Minister for Livestock Breeding & for Agriculture & Forests Maj-Gen. Chit Swe. (WPD 11/3) // Nov. 4: He called on Minister for Livestock Breeding & for Agriculture & Forests Maj-Gen. Chit Swe and on Minister for Construction and for Co-operatives Maj-Gen. Aung Ye Kyaw. (WPD 11/5)

Nov. 16: Thai Deputy Minister of Transportation and Communications Mr. Nikhom Saenjaroen arrived and called on Minister for Transport & Communications and for Social Welfare and for Labour Maj-Gen. Tin Tun. (WPD 11/17)

Nov. 18: Thai Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Co-operatives Mr. Udorn Tantisunthorn arrived and visited the Myanmar Fisheries Enterprise. He will stay until Nov. 20, to discuss construction of the Myawady-Maesok Thai-Myanmar friendship bridge. (WPD 11/19) // Talks on the bridge held. (WPD 11/20) // Nov. 20: He departed. (WPD 11/21)

UNDP Evaluation Mission

Nov. 9: Mr. George Sadowsky and Mr. Miles F. Toder from the Evaluation Mission 1 of the Computing Development Project of UNDP called on Minister for Health and for Education Dr. Pe Thein. (WPD 11/10)

Yunnan Governor

Nov. 29: Yunnan Province (China) Governor Mr. He Zhiqiang and a delegation of 13 arrived to discuss economic and technical co-operation. He will remain until Dec. 7. The delegation met with Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Col. Abel and other Ministers. (WPD 11/30)

MYANMAR DELEGATIONS

Delegation to China

Nov. 1: [Cont.] Lt-Gen. Than Shwe's delegation went on to Shanghai on Oct. 25, where it visited the Shanghai Naval Base and the Jade Buddha Temple. On Oct. 26 it went to Guangzhou, where it visited the TV tower, the Huangpu Ship-Building Works, and the Trade Fair. On Oct. 27, it flew to Singapore, where it went sightseeing and was given a lunch by Singapore First Deputy Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong. On Oct. 29 State LORC Secretary (1) Brig-Gen. Khin Nyunt told Myanmar Embassy staff to stay away from political parties and adhere strictly to regulations. Singapore Technologies Corp. hosted a dinner. After discussions on Oct. 30 with the Singapore First Deputy Prime Minister, the delegation returned home.

In speeches exchanged in Beijing on Oct. 19, Lt. Gen. Than Shwe lauded the longstanding friendship and Pauk Phaw [cousin] relations between Myanmar and China. Chinese Deputy Chief of Staff Gen. Xu Xin responded, reiterating China's support of peaceful co-existence, and its opposition to "hegemonism and big-nation chauvinism." "Recently," he said, "there took place counter revolutionary upheavals and disturbances in Beijing because of the instigations of a handful of people. After putting down the upheavals, the political situation in China has become more stable." The people "are enthusiastically and unitedly making strenuous endeavour for further strengthening the socialist system." [5 pages of photos] (WPD 11/1)

Nov. 2: At a dinner in Nanjing on Oct. 22, Lt-Gen. Than Shwe and Nanjing Military Region Commander Gen. Xiang Xiao Zhi exchanged remarks of welcome [text published].

Addendum to Nov. 1 article: Visits by Lt-Gen. Than Shwe to the Great Wall, the International Air Show, and the China North Industries Corporation (NORINCO) military weapons showroom in Beijing described. (WPD 11/2)

Col. Abel's Asian Trip

Nov. 7: A 7-member Myanmar trade delegation led by Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Col. Abel left for Malaysia, Korea, and Japan. (WPD 11/8) // Nov. 23: The delegation returned. (WPD 11/24)

Nov. 24: Speaking at a Press Conference, Col. Abel said the delegation had visited Malaysia (Nov. 8-12), Korea (Nov. 13-17), and Japan (Nov. 17-22) "to promote mutual friendship" and discuss bilateral cooperation, trade, banking, and investment.

In Malaysia he met with Prime Minister Mahathir, the Ministers of Defence, of Planning and Finance, and of Transport and Communications, the Deputy Minister of Trade and Bank Chairmen. In Korea he met the Foreign Minister, the Deputy Minister of Trade, and the Chairmen of the Import Export Bank and the Bank of Korea. In Japan, he met with the Foreign Minister, the Deputy Minister of Industry and Trade, the Vice Director of the OECF Department, etc.

In Japan, "matters relating to the work projects which were brought to a stand-still and debts were clarified and they replied that they would make arrangements to continue some of the work projects to be carried out by their side. As for the debts we would take steps when situations permit." In response to questions, he amplified that "there are arrangements to continue some of the work projects [immediately]" and all "if conditions permit." Japan "will continue doing only the projects they have pledged to carry out.... The rest will depend on the financial, economic and political situations. I don't want to say which projects." "Some of the ongoing

projects will be continued. Financial assistance will be provided for some others. Projects nearing completion will be continued. They will consider whether to continue projects just begun." [For political questions, see above under Political Crisis] (WPD 11/25)

FAO Delegation

Nov. 6: The Myanmar delegation to the 25th FAO Conference starting Nov. 11 in Rome, headed by Minister for Livestock Breeding & for Agriculture & Forests Maj-Gen. Chit Swe, left Yangon. Members include consultant U Hla Moe, Managing Director of Myanmar Agricultural Service U Tin Hlaing, Director-General of Fisheries Dept. U Win Htin, Managing Director of Myanmar Timber Enterprise U Hla Pe, Director-General of Forest Dept. U Ba Thwin, and Personal Secretary to the Minister Maj. Win Htun. (WPD 11/10)

Nov. 16: Addressing the Conference, Maj-Gen. Chit Swe said Myanmar has instituted drastic changes in its production, manufacturing and trading policies, including decontrol of all crops including paddy. In Myanmar, total sown area was 25.89 million acres in 1984-85, declined to 23.87 in 1987-88, and rose again to 24.60 in 1988-89. Paddy had declined by 0.5 million acres, and 0.40 million tons, but has now risen by 0.27 million acres. Fisheries, with direct exports now permitted, still remain far below sustainable yields. Timber extraction has also been liberalized, with direct export from border areas. Agricultural emphasis has been on increased yields; there is now need to stress expansion of the cultivated areas, as well as crop diversification. Integrated rural development is under way as part of the war against opium poppy cultivation in remote areas. [Full text available on request.] (WPD 11/16)

Nov. 25: The delegation returned. (WPD 11/26)

Trainees to Korea

Nov. 20: Ten trainees from the Myanmar Textile Industries headed by Project Manager U Than Tun Oo left for Korea for a 2-month management and technical training course from the Daewoo Corp. (WPD 11/21)

UNGA Delegation Returns

Nov. 24: The leader of the Myanmar delegation to the 44th UNGA, South-East Commander Brig-Gen. Nyan Lin, returned to Yangon. He was accompanied by Foreign Affairs Ministry Political Department Director-General U Ohn Gyaw and Assistant Director U Min Lwin, and Personal Staff Officer Capt. Khin Zaw Oo. (WPD 11/25)

MYANMAR GAZETTE

Probationary Appointments

The State LORC appointed, on probation:

Nov. 2: Capt. San Wai (Navy/ 3088), Commander of the Tanintharyi Naval Regional Command Headquarters, to be Managing Director, Myanmar Five Star Line, Ministry of Transport and Communications. (WPD 11/2)

Appointments Confirmed

The State LORC has confirmed, after one-year's probation:

Nov. 2: U Than Tint as Director General, Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, Ministry of Livestock Breeding and Fisheries.

Lt-Col. Than Maung as Director General, National Archives Department, Ministry of Planning and Finance. (WPD 11/2)

Nov. 9: Col. Khin Maung Swe as Managing Director, Myanmar Ceramics Industries, Ministry of Industry 1. (WPD 11/9)

Transfers

The State LORC transferred:

Nov. 30: Col. Myo Min (BC/8034), Managing Director, Inspection and Agency Service, Ministry of Trade, to be Managing Director, Vehicles, Machinery and Equipment Trading, same Ministry.

U Lu Nee, Principal, Magway Degree College, Higher Education Department, Ministry of Education, to be Pro-Rector, Mandalay University, same Department.

U Sein Win, Principal, Monywa College, Higher Education Department, Ministry of Education, to be Principal, Magway Degree College, same Department. (WPD 11/30)

GOVERNMENT

Indigenous Medicine School

Nov. 24: Ministry of Health Announcement states that the Institute of Indigenous Medicine (Mandalay) will reopen Dec. 11. (WPD 11/25)

Motor Vehicles Fines Raised

Nov. 27: State LORC Law No. 27/ 89, the Law Amending the Motor Vehicles Law, 1964, provides as follows:

-- Section 20 is amended to provide change fines of K100-1,000 for violators of pedestrian rules; the expression "within three years" to "within one year."

-- Section 21 is amended to change imprisonment up to 3 months and fines of up to K200 to imprisonment up to 6 months and fines of up to K500; "within three years" to "within one year," and imprisonment up to 6 months and fines of K200-1,000 to imprisonment up to one year and fines of K500-1,500.

-- Section 22 is amended to provide fines of K200-1,500 for cyclists and trishawmen who violate traffic rules. (WPD 11/28,30)

New Motor Vehicle Rules

Nov. 29: Ministry of Transport & Communications Motor Vehicle Rules Notification No. 1/89 of Nov. 29, combines Motor Vehicles Rules of 1915, Taxi Rules of 1935, and International Motor Vehicle Rules of 1933. There are now 85,000 motor vehicles in Yangon and 158,000 vehicles and 850,000 driving licenses throughout the country. The old four categories of driving license (training, owner, taxi, bus conductor) are replaced with six categories (Kagyi, Khagwe, Gangwe, Gagyi, Nga, and Tha (training), depending on the weight of the vehicle allowed). A uniform curriculum is provided for private driver training schools. Sign requirements, etc., are updated to conform to the 1968 UN Convention. New rules are prescribed for motorcyclists, slow vehicles, cyclists, and pedestrians. The new rules will be published. (WPD 11/30)

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

Nov. 8: A mine planted by KNU insurgents exploded at the Myawaddy check-point at 11:30 am, wounding a soldier, Myawaddy Twp. Customs Department Head U Aung Myint, 3 Burmese, and 5 Thai women. (WPD 11/9)

Nov. 23: A KIA mine near Nanun Village "while villagers were contributing voluntary service in constructing the Shwebo-Myitkyina motor road," killed one person and wounded another Nov. 20. Another mine the same day near Twetaung, west Namti in Mogaung Township, also killed one and wounded another. (WPD 11/26)

Nov. 26: Seven KIA insurgents entered Awyarbon village, Momauk Twp., Kachin State, on Nov. 12, and burned 7 houses. (WPD 11/27)

Nov. 28: On Nov. 24 a villager was killed by a KIA mine in Nianyang Twp. [Shan?]. (WPD 11/30)

Nov. 29: A jeep struck a KNU mine Nov. 28 between Kawkareik and

Mayawaddy [Kayin], killing one and wounding five passengers. (WPD 11/30)

ECONOMIC

Economic Articles

Nov. 1: The first joint venture in Myanmar Naing-Ngan, by Maung Pauk Kyaing. [Cont. Visit to Yezin Agricultural Research Institute.]

Nov. 2: Thilawa Jetty, by Win Htay and Kyaw Sein. [Project to extend the Thilawa Jetty, below Yangon on the Yangon River.]

Nov. 5-7,9-10,15: Welcome to Rubyland, by Myint Thein and Kyaw Sein. [(1) Visit to Mogok. There are eight gem mining Camps run by the Myanma Gems Enterprise: Yadana Kadekadar, Lin Yaung Chi, Shwe Pyi Aye, Shonban, Pansho, Kyauksaung, Thantaya, and Pyaunggaung. Of these Camps, the first 3 "have good prospects of producing big...gems," and the others are in preliminary stages. There is also a "considerably large number" of people engaged in illicit, unauthorized gem mining and trading, and business is doing well, with many privately owned cars and motorcycles to be seen. (2) Open up the layers of earth for the development of the country. Visit to Yadana Kadekadar Camp. (3) Lin Yaung Chi and Shwepyi Aye Camps; Kyauksaung & Thantayar Camps; (4) Gem mining workers.]

Nov. 5,7-10,14,18,20,28: Developing trend of Myanmar economy, by A Journalist. [(1-9) Review of LORC economic measures. Among exports reported are: Mandalay Division Co-op Syndicate exported 300 blankets to the US for US\$1,500 on Sept. 27, 1989, and 33 kinds of art work on Oct. 27 worth US\$23,022. Beginning in December it plans to export to the US 6,000 walking sticks, 1,500 wooden elephants, and 7,000 sets of 5 baskets for US\$ 171,529. The Golden Globe group has sold butter beans and peyin to Japan worth US\$307,150.

[Profiles given of: Universal Trading Co., No. 261, 39th St., Yangon, which plans to enter the export market, and has (under license of U Hla Myint) exported 750 tons of sessamum cakes to Singapore for US\$87,000. Myat Thida Export Import Enterprise, No. 167, 35th St., Yangon, which plans to export selected Myanmar motion pictures.

[The Tanintharyi International Trading Ltd.,292 Shwedagon Rd., Dagon Twp., Yangon, has exported 74.5 tons of prawns worth US\$468,680 to Singapore. It has imported a commercial micro-lab worth US\$35,000. The Aye International Trading, 300 Shwebontha St., Pabedann Twp., Yangon, plans to export 120 tons of parquet blocks worth US\$72,000.]

Nov. 16: Kyebyu-kan Dam, by Htun Nu. [Visit to the irrigation dam, near Taunggyi in Shan State.]

Nov. 27: Inland Water Transport at the service of the people, by Htoo Kyaw. [There are five branches: The Delta Branch (Yangon); Ayeyarwady Branch (Mandalay); Thanlwin Branch (Mawlamyine); Rakhine Branch (Sittwe); Cargo Branch (Botahtaung-Yangon). The Delta Branch has 53 double-deckers plying to 150 towns and villages. There are 19 waterways; 3 lines Yangon-Pathein (special fast, fast, and regular); 2 Yangon-Labutta (outer and inner way); 2 Yangon-Phyapon (day and night); and 1 each to Danubyu, Bogalay, Nyaungdon, Myaungmya, Kyaiklat, Einme, Kyonmangay, Mawlamyineghunn, and Pyay. Every day at least 15 vessels leave Yangon and 15 arrive. Daily, the Delta branch transports an average of 3,700 passengers and 400 tons of cargo, with an income of over K180,000.]

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(WPD 11/1 etc.)

Petroleum Contracts Signed

Nov. 2: The Ministry of Energy has formed joint-venture companies for oil and natural gas exploitation with Yukong Ltd. (Oct. 3), Shell Exploration BV (Oct. 27), and Idemitsu Oil Development Co. Ltd. (Oct. 30). These companies will explore oil and gas onshore in 9 blocks in Upper and Central Myanmar, Bago Yoma, and Mon State. Negotiations have been conducted with companies from Canada, America, Australia and Britain; the last day for foreign companies to reply is Nov. 30. (WPD 11/2)

Nov. 6: A petroleum sharing contract for Block "E" was signed with Petro-Canada (Myanmar) Ltd. of Canada, under Notification No. 4 (Special /89). Signing for Canada was Mr. J.M. Stanford, President of Petro-Canada Resources. The related Petro-Canada International Assistance Corporation has long funded aid to Myanmar, and in Sept. 1987 agreed to provide Can\$ 3 million of oilfield equipment, secondary/tertiary recovery studies, consultancy and training in fiscal years 1989/90 and 1990/ 91. // Nov. 7: Mr. Stanford gave a return dinner for Minister for Energy and for Mines Rear-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. (WPD 11/8)]

Nov. 10: A production sharing contract for Block "B" was signed with Amoco Myanmar Petroleum Co. of the US, represented by its President Mr. R.L. Blanton. This is the first petroleum venture with a US company; Amoco was also the first to seek onshore concessions. The contract is under Notification No. 5 (Special/80) of Nov. 10. // Nov. 11: Mr. Blanton gave a return dinner for Minister for Energy and for Mines Rear-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. (WPD 11/12)

Nov. 13: A production sharing contract was signed for Block "F" with Unocal Myanmar Ltd. of the United States, represented by its President Mr. Harry C. Lee. Unocal is associated with General Exploration Company of California which worked in Myanmar in the 1950s, and Unocal has worked successfully in Thailand. Notification No. 6 (Special/89) of Nov. 13 was issued. (WPD 11/14) // Nov. 14: Mr. Lee gave a return dinner for Minister for Energy and for Mines Rear-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. (WPD 11/15)

Nov. 17: A production sharing contract was signed for Block "I" with Croft Exploration Myanmar Ltd. of Great Britain, represented by its Managing Director M.F. Ridd. This is the first oil contract with a British firm; Croft is a relatively small company, and so is Block "I". Croft is a Scottish company with long experience. Notification No. 7 (Special/89) of Nov. 17 was issued. (WPD 11/18) // Nov. 18: Mr. Ridd gave a return dinner for Minister for Energy and for Mines Rear-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. (WPD 11/19)

Nov. 24: A production sharing contract was signed for Block "H" with BHP Petroleum (Myanmar) of Australia, represented by General Manager Mr. R.W. Volk. Block "H" "is geologically a virgin area almost totally unexplored." Notification No. 8 (Special/89) was issued. (WPD 11/25) // Nov. 25: Mr. Volk gave a return dinner for Minister for Energy and for Mines Rear-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. (WPD 11/26)

Company Registrations

Nov. 1: The following registrations were made in October with

the Companies Registration Office of the Ministry of Trade [no addresses given]:

(A) Registered Companies (13): United Trading & Consulting Ltd.; Yamona International Co., Ltd.; Mon Wun Aung Chan Tha Trading Co., Ltd.; Shwe Thamin Co., Ltd.; Aye-yar-wady Trading Enterprises Ltd.; Naaf Trading and Industrial Co., Ltd.; Eastern Shan State Development Co., Ltd.; Kokang Export-Import and Construction Co., Ltd.; Than-lwin Oo Trading Co., Ltd.; Universal Traders Ltd.; Ma Sein Co., Ltd.; Yin Mar Company Ltd.; Thiri Commercial Consulting Co., Ltd.

(B) Registered Partnerships (18): Zeyar Kyaw General Trading Enterprise; Phyo Family Hide & Leather Trading; Shwe Thoug Yin Partnership Enterprise; Taing Yai General Trading Enterprise; Win Let Shwe Yi Enterprise; Moe-makha General Enterprise; U Kyaw Soe & Partnership Trading; Yoma Overseas Partnership; Unique Enterprise; Pole Star Trading; U Aung Hla Neikban Goods & General Trading; Dawna Marine Products Trading; Golden Tiger Trading; Posda International Trading; Min-thu-wun Rivercraft Partnership; Bamar Engineering Construction and Consultancy Services; Donald & Associates Partnership; Zaw Yin Htike Agricultural Products General Trading.

Through October 1989, 96 limited companies, 14 foreign companies, and 242 partnership firms have been registered. (WPD 11/3)

Thai Fishing Agreement

Nov. 3: A Memorandum of Agreement between the Thai Department of Fisheries and Myanmar was signed on board the Thai research vessel RV Chulabhorn, in Yangon harbor. The two departments will carry out joint exploration of fisheries resources and marine biology along the Myanmar coast in the Myanmar Special Economic Zone during November and December. (WPD 11/4)

Exports

Nov. 7: The Shwegaba Co., Ltd. of No. 68, 30th St., Yangon, has exported 350 tons of butter beans and 25 tons of Pe-yinn to Mitsui & Co., Ltd., Japan, by MV Mawlamyine of the Myanma Five Star Line. This is a third shipment; Shwegaba has already sent 100 tons of butter beans and 200 tons of Pe-yinn to Japan. (WPD 11/8)

Imports

Nov. 8: The MV Young Soldier of the Eastern Car Liner [sic] (NAVIX) arrived in Yangon with 762 Japanese cars "bought by seamen...who work abroad and...have the right to import them." The largest previous shipment was about 200 cars. [photo] (WPD 11/9)

Rice Prices Fall

Nov. 11: Rice prices are falling in Ayayarwady, Bago and Yangon Divisions. In Yangon Division, Ngasein rice has fallen from a range of K16-22 per pyi, to a range of K10-12 [various townships cited]. E-ma-htha rice has fallen from a range of K14-21 to a range of K8.5-12. Both varieties have fallen from K18 to K12 per pyi within the Yangon City Development Committee area. (WPD 11/12) // Nov. 12: Rice is selling at K8 per pyi in Daik-U Twp. [Bago] (WPD 11/13) // Nov. 15: In Kachin State, prices have fallen from K20-30 to K14-24, depending on variety and township. (WPD 11/16)

Supermarket Plans

Nov. 21: The Theiningyizay D Shed is to be rebuilt in 1990 in "a mixture of Myanmar and modern architecture." The ground floor of the six-story structure will be "reallocated to former owners" and will comprise 1,242 shops known as the "Local market." The 2nd and 3rd floor will provide parking for 400 cars. There will be a supermarket and department store, central air conditioning, escalators and lifts, as well as a post and telecommunications center and branch banks. In the center will be constructed a 14-story office building for foreign firms and enterprises. The project will cost K600 million. (WPD 11/22)

Rice Supplies Arrive

Nov. 23: The Union of Myanmar Joint Venture Corporation Ltd. No. 2 has brought 1,661 bags of Ehmahta rice (1 1/2 baskets each) to Yangon from Einme in Ayeyarwady Division by ship, and 200 bags from Taikkyi Township, Yangon Division by bullock cart and motor vehicles. Beginning Nov. 25, 500-1,000 bags per day will arrive from Pathein, Ayeyarwady Division, and more from Einme. (WPD 11/24)

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
November 1	96.18	100.35	102.05
November 15	96.22	100.59	102.76
November 30	96.22	100.59	102.76

HEALTH

Hepatitis Workshop

Nov. 8: A 2-day National Workshop on Laboratory Diagnosis of Hepatitis B opened, with UNDP/WHO support, at the Department of Medical Research. 29 technicians from blood banks are attending. (WPD 11/9)

Drug Abuse Control Exhibit

Nov. 23: An Exhibition on Drug Abuse Control Work, sponsored by the Drug Abuse Control Committee, opened at Tatmadaw Hall, and will be open to the public from Nov. 27-Dec. 3. The Exhibition features the dangers of drugs, crop substitution programs in opium growing areas, and prizewinning painting, cartoons, posters and postcards from the Township competitions on the dangers of narcotic drugs. (WPD 11/24) // Nov. 25: The Exhibition was visited by various Cabinet Ministers and by the Diplomatic Corps. (WPD 11/26) // Nov. 27: 4,180 students and teachers, and 5,000 others attended on the first day. (WPD 11/28) // Nov. 28: Prizes were given to over 33 students (photos) for their anti-narcotics paintings, postcards, cartoons, articles and poems. (WPD 11/29-30) // Nov. 28: 6,528 students and teachers, and 7,200 others attended. (WPD 11/29) // Nov. 29: 6,800 people visited. (WPD 11/30)

AIDS

Nov. 30: Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), by Dr. Tin Oo (Children's Hospital). [Review of AIDS and how it is transmitted.] [During the month there were several advertisements, in Burmese, for "World AIDS Day--AIDS and Youth."]

SPORTS

Asian Track & Field Meet

Nov. 3: Minister for Health and for Education Dr. Pe Thein met athletes who will compete in the Eighth Asian Track & Field Meet to be held in New Delhi on Nov. 14-19. The Myanmar team headed by Sports and Physical Education Department Joint-Secretary Lt-Col. Aung Nyein (retd), and includes Manager U Kyaw Khin; Coaches U Thein Myint, Daw Than Than, and Daw Aye Shwe; and athletes Than Myint Swe, Philip, Tun Tin, Khin Khin Htwe, Mar Mar Min, Ma Kyin Lwan, Ma Hla Shwe, Ma Weikpan, Thandar Cho, Aye Aye Mar, and Mar Mar Oo. (WPD 11/4)

Myanmar winners: Nov. 18: Women's 10-kilometre walk (Bronze medal): Ma Khin Lwan with 50:32.92. Fourth was Ma Hla Shwe with 53:05.70. (WPD 11/19) // Nov. 20: Women's 1,500 metres (Gold medal): Khin Khin Htwe with 4:21.06. (WPD 11/21) // Nov. 24: The team returned. Khin Khin Htwe also won a bronze medal in the 3,000 metre race. (WPD 11/25)

Footballers to Thailand

Nov. 13: The Aung San Selected (Youth) Football team, headed by Myanmar Football Federation President Col. Saw Shwe left for Thailand to participate in the 18th Thai Queen's Cup Football Tournament in Bangkok. (WPD 11/14)

Golf Team in Manila

Nov. 24: The Myanmar golf team participating in the South-East Asia Amateur Team Golf Tournament (Putra) in Manila, Philippines, is now tied for fourth place. (WPD 11/25) // Nov. 25: Myanmar rose to 2nd place. (WPD 11/26) // Nov. 26: Myanmar finished the tournament in Second Place, with 914 strokes; Thailand won with 913 strokes. Among individual players, Myint Thaung was third with 302. Nay Win Myint and Thein Pe had 309 each, and Win Naing Tun 316. (WPD 11/27)

CULTURAL

Encyclopedia Yearbook

Oct. 31: The Myanmar Encyclopedia Yearbook (1989) went on sale by the Sarpei Beikman Board. It covers local and international events of 1988, and costs K50. (WPD 11/1)

Literary Articles

Nov. 5,12,19,26: Hyacinth Way. [Poems, in English and Myanmar, by Zawgyi. (20-23)]

Nov. 5,12,19,26: Myanmar Proverbs, by Dr. U Hla Pe. [Cont. (29-32)]

Nov. 5,12,19,26: Poems, by Htila Sitthu, in English and Myanmar. [Cont. "Will clear jungles & make them farm." "Matho Thingan fest+ival." "Lassie's paddy field.]

Nov. 19: Folk Songs, by Saw Mon Nyin. [In English and Burmese. (1) Jataka sho ratus.]

Nov. 26: Nucleus of Myanmar Literature, by Tekkatho Myat Soe. [Cont. (35) "Par" Brothers--earliest Myanmar prose.]

Historical & Cultural Articles

Nov. 5: Reminiscences, by Htin Lin. [Cont. (30) Milestones in Myanmar Way of Life.]

Nov. 5,12: Sanctuaries of Ratanapon, by Dr. Khin Maung Nyunt. [King Mindon's animal sanctuaries, and Buddhist background to them. {old map}]

Nov. 8: The Eastern Archway of the Shwedagon repaired & renovated, by Aung Nyunt. [Beginning Sept. 3, 120 shops in front of the Eastern Entrance to the Shwedagon Pagoda, on the Ok Lan (brick road) leading to Yedashe Road, were removed or dismantled. 12 new lamp posts were installed, and the road repaved. 74 houses and shops on Gyatawya Road were dismantled. Trees obstructing the view were felled. The Eastern Archway, built in 1286 BE, was renovated, using traditional techniques. The breadth of the stairways was extended by 34 feet, the archway was decorated with lotus-flower designs and mosaics and a new umbrella (hti-daw) installed. A wall clock was donated by the Army, and light green Tarazo [sic] parquets were laid.] // Nov. 9: Cash donations are being received for construction of an escalator in the Western Archway of the Shwedagon, to be built beginning in December. (WPD 11/10)

Nov. 12,19,26: Picturesque Myanmar, by Htin Lin. [(1) Yangon and its Environs--Talbot Kelly's descriptions. (2) The Shwedagon and its satellite pagodas. (3) Recreation for city dwellers of Yangon.]

Nov. 19: Blind musician A-1 Saya Hnyar, by Sann Thamein. [Biography.]

Nov. 26: Myanmar Anyein Thabin, by Saw Mon Nyin. [Cont. biographies of dancers. (14) "College" Myaing.]

Moral & Religious Articles

Nov. 5,19: 'Mangala' an introduction, by Maung Arnt. [Cont. (16-17) The Way to Auspiciousness.]

Paper to Expand

Nov. 2: Effective Nov. 3, the Loktha Pyithu Nezin will expand from 12 to 16 pages. The agent price will be K1.25 per copy, with monthly subscriptions K43 in Yangon and K45 in townships. (WPD 11/2)

Book of Lithic Inscriptions

Nov. 8: Volume One of the book of stone inscriptions within the Mandalay Maha Muni walls, published by Yangon University History Department (Research), is being distributed [photo of cover, in Burmese]. It includes descriptions, photographs, and transcriptions in original and modern form. More volumes will be published. (WPD 11/9)

Tazaungmon

Nov. 12: Tazaungmon celebrated at pagodas throughout Myanmar. (WPD 11/13)

Nov. 13: Special Article for Fullmoon of Tazaungmon: The spell of a moonlit night, by Tint Lwin. [Significance of Tazaungmon.]

Literary Awards

Nov. 16: The National Literary Awards for 1987 and 1988 were announced by the Selection Committee:

1987:

-- Short Stories: Ko Yo Kunt "Sein-lun-tu-thamar-ei Ahphwint-Ahpeik-dagar Hnit Ahchar Wuthtu-do Myar."

-- Poems: Zawgyi "Shay-khit Pagan Gabyar-myar Hnit Achar Gabyar-myar."

-- Belles-lettres: Khin Maung Latt "Meedok Thakin Thein Maung Gyi Ei Bawa-Hnit-Naing-Nganyay Hloke-sha-hmu-myar."

-- Translation (fiction): Phone Myint (Mandalay) "Kandaya Khayithai."

-- Children's Literature: Myaylat Maung Myint Thu "Kyet-taung-hsi-hnit Ma-Sabai Khalay Gabyar-myar."

-- General Knowledge (Science and Applied Science): Dr. Myo Thant Tin "Shay-khit Myanma-Theikpan Kyan-myar."

Prizes in other categories were not awarded for 1987.

1988:

-- Novels: Tin Maw (Chemistry) "Che-hto-yin Te-hto-ya-mai."

-- Short Stories: Maung Thone "Ahphay-khe-thu Mahoke Hnit Ahchar Wutdu-do-myar."

-- Poetry: Maung Yin Nwe "Yoma-Ahla Gabyar-myar."

-- Translation (Fiction): Mya Than Tint "Khan-hsaung-ni-eik-met."

-- Children's Literature: Maung Yin Hmu "Sabei-Hmway-Galay-boh."

-- Myanmar Culture and Art: Tin Ma Ma Khine (Mann Tekkatho) "Myanmar Zartar."

-- General Knowledge (Arts): U Aye Cho (MA) "Ngar-yar-ngar-hsai."

Prizes were not awarded for other categories in 1988.

Prize winners receive K20,000 (increased from K10,000). (WPD 11/17)

Nov. 17: The Sarpay Beikman Board of the Printing & Publishing Enterprise, Ministry of Information, announced the Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Awards for 1987:

-- Novel: 1. Hlaing Win Swe "Athe-hte-ga Bagan." 2. Yin Maung "Kin-hsar-go An-tu-thu-myar." 3. Tetkatho Maung Thu Hlaing "Phyu-thaw-le Ma-phyu."

-- Short Story: 1. Maung Okkar "Ko Pay-thee Ohn-bin-tet-nay-thi and other short stories." 2. Maung Thone "Leik-pya-lant-pwe wuthu-toe-myar." 3. Maung Kyaw (Myanmar Literature) "Yin-gwin-me Hnget-nge-toe-ei Taung-ban-khat-than and other short stories."

-- Belles-lettres: 1. Soe Myint Win "Ahla-ba-gyi Dok-hta-wadi." 2. Soe Tun Oo (Geology) "Buhmi Kha-yi-the-hnit Gandara-wadi." 3. Maung Chit Htwe (MA) "Ayeyawady-Shwe-li Mazar yok-ponhlwar."

-- Children's Literature: 1. Tetkatho Maung Aung Swe "Let-yway-

zin Myanmar Kha-lay, pon-wuthtu." 2. Min Nwe Thein "Myitta Yeik-mon."
3. Maung Maung "Thanda, Teza, Chaw Su Khalay Pon-wuthtu-myar."

-- Youth Literature: 1. Maung Khun Nwe (Inle) "Soon-ar-shin
Yet-nu-sein-le-myar." 2. Min Bayda (Pwint-phyu) "Ein-met-ma-hok-thaw
Law-ka-thit and other short stories."

-- Myanmar Culture and Arts: 1. U Aung Than Tun "Myanmar
Dhammathat Thamaing." 2. Seiktra "Keinaya-Keinnayi." 3. Maung Yin
Hlaing (Pyinmamaing) "Myan-mar-hmu-ne-hma Tareik-hsan Ahla-myar."

-- General Knowledge (Arts): 1. Maung Khin Min (Danubyu)
"Myanmar Sagar, Myanmar-sar Yok-pon-hlwar." 2. U Aye Cho (MA) "Myamar
Sagar." 3. Tetkatho Maung Nyein Chan "Akawk-taw hma-the Akawk-khun
tho."

-- General Knowledge (Science & Applied Science): 1. Aung Kyaw
Phyo "Ahegan Saik-pyo-mwe-myu-ye Chan-lok-ngan Seman-khant-khwe-mu
Pyinnya." 2. Col. Hla Aung (Rtd) "Hnget-myar Le-lar-gyin." 3. Ko Lay
Hla Kyauk "Hse-htwe Thee-hnan Naygyar."

The Sarpay Beikman awards began in 1969, and this is their 19th
year. First prize winners receive K7,000, second prize K6,000, and
third prize K5,000 (up from K5,000, K3,000, and K2,000). Prizes will
be distributed Dec. 8. (WPD 11/18)

Nov. 18,20: Various Literature and Manuscript Prize winners
briefly interviewed by a Staff Reporter. (WPD 11/18,20)

Musicians Given Guidance

Nov. 20: Yangon LORC Chairman and Commander Brig-Gen. Myo
Nyunt, speaking at the Music Council Headquarters, said: "This
meeting is being held as the matter of seeing to food, clothing and
shelter of artistes and musicians have not been carried out.... As
everybody is aware permission was given in the previous year for
entertaining the public with stage performances. However there were
some shameful acts which were contrary to the culture at these
performances and had to be temporarily suspended. Such behavior which
is contrary to our culture is not liked by the majority of the
people. Now at this open season we will permit entertainment
programmes and it is necessary for music artistes to refrain from
such behaviours which is against our tradition and culture.

"Music artistes should make use of their musical prowess most
effectively to benefit the people and hence such acts which would
make one person popular at the expense of the public who would
experience embarrassment should be avoided. Efforts have been made
through generations to preserve our traditions and culture and
efforts should be made in this direction and at the same time steps
should be taken to create music in such a way that it would be modern
and reach the world standard. Outlandish dresses should also be
avoided. Musicians attending the meeting should forward suggestions
on what measures to be taken and what restrictions should be imposed
regarding the stage performances."

Myanmar Naing-Ngan Music Council Headquarters Chairman Sandaya
U Hla Htut said the Council was a social organization which kept
clear of party politics.

In reply Brig-Gen. Myo Nyunt said that keeping clear of
politics meant keeping clear of party politics but not keeping clear
of national politics. He warned against organization activities aimed
at creating the disturbances again, and said arrangements for holding
shows must be co-ordinated with military commanders and Township Zone
and Township LORCs. In closing, "[he] enjoined the musicians to
compose agitative songs so that people might not vote for the wrong
candidates." (WPD 11/21)

New National Museum

Nov. 21: The cornerstone was laid for a new National Museum
building at the corner of Pyay Road and Alon Road in Dagon Township,
Yangon, at the auspicious time of 10:10 and 10 seconds in the
morning. The new building will be 500 ft. by 390 ft., and will cost
K175.4 million. Construction will take four years. (WPD 11/23)

War History Museum

Nov. 22: The foundation stone for the Tatmadaw War History Museum was laid at the corner of U Wisara and Alon Roads, at the auspicious time of 10:45 and 45 seconds in the morning. The Museum, which will face Alon Road, is to be constructed on 0.4 million square feet of land near the Pyithu Hluttaw. (WPD 11/23)

Movies to Reopen

Nov. 24: All remaining Yangon cinemas will reopen Dec. 1. Cinema films were distributed beginning October by the Motion Picture Enterprise, and 7 color and 5 black-and-white films are now being made with permission of its Feature Film Division [named]. In addition, "there are five colour movies more which have been permitted.... There are still 20 more colour movies requiring the permission for various reasons. Regarding black and white movies...five more have been permitted [and] there are still 29 more for want of required documents." (WPD 11/26)

MISCELLANEOUS

Crime News

Names, addresses, and photos of culprits generally included.

Oct. 23: Yangon Division Military Court No. 4 convicted 14 people [names and photos] of misappropriating co-operative owned rice, and sentenced them to terms from 3 to 12 years imprisonment. (WPD 10/24)

Nov. 3: Two employees of the Yangon City Development Commission are dismissed for taking bribes from contractors. (WPD 11/4)

Nov. 15: Yangon Division Military Court No. 1 sentenced 12 persons to 5-7 years imprisonment for illegally receiving imported cars by use of forged documents. 42 cars were seized and confiscated; damage was K15.3 million to those defrauded, and K5.5 million in customs duties. (WPD 11/16)

Nov. 26: Katha [Shan] police on Nov. 4 seized 0.087 kilos of heroin, worth K18,000, on a bus, and arrested 2 Bhamo women. On Oct. 9, 0.013 kilos of heroin, worth K6,000, was seized in Thabyetha Village, Katha Twp., and 2 women seized. (WPD 11/27)

Obituaries

Oct. 29: Dr. Patrick Vaz (a) Dr. Nay Oo, M.B.;B.S (Mand); Team Leader-T.B. Campaign-Pyi, husband of Daw Win Win Tin, died in Goa, India, aged 47. [Christian] (WPD 11/22)

Oct. 31: Daw Than May (Mrs. Kyaw Din), wife of late Secretary of the Ministry of Education U Kyaw Din, died in Yangon, aged 89. (WPD 11/1)

Oct. 31: Rev. Fr. Vincent Zan, of Toungoo Diocese, died in Toungoo, aged 70. [Catholic] (WPD 11/2)

Nov. 1: Edward Paul Mackey (U Aung Htwe), retd. Radio Officer, BAC, husband of the late Mrs. Mary Magdalene Mackey, died in Yangon, aged 62. [Catholic] (WPD 11/2)

Nov. 6: George C.E. Day, ex-Captain, Myanmar Army, father of Frances Daw Mala Aye, died in Toronto, Canada, aged 71. (WPD 11/10)

Nov. 7: Daw Saw Kyi, (Puntaza) (Nyaunglebin), wife of U Pu, died in Yangon, aged 76. (WPD 11/10)

Nov. 10: Matty Crampton, Ex-sister, N. Okkalapa Hospital, died in Yangon, aged 65. [Catholic] (WPD 11/11)

Nov. 12: R. John Chandran (a) U Ye Su, Refrigeration Technician, husband of Rachael (a) Daw Pa Pa, died in Yangon, aged 44. [Christian] (WPD 11/13)

Nov. 17: R.T. Moorthy, husband of Ursula Moorthy (nee Paul), died in Madras, India, aged 64. (WPD 11/19)

Nov. 22: Dr. D.N. Biswas, retd. Anaesthetist, Mandalay General Hospital (Memb. of British Medical Ass'n.), husband of Daw Winnie, died in Mandalay, aged 66. (WPD 11/23)

Nov. 25: U Edward Shwe Gaung, Asst. Superintendent (rtd), Government Printing and Stationery, husband of Daw

Rhody...grandfather of Mar Lay Shwe and Nyo Mar Shwe (Finland)...died in Insein, Yangon, aged 85. [Baptist] (WPD 11/26)

Nov. 25: Smt Madhu Malti Devi (Myitkyina), wife of the late Mr. E.B. Lal Sharma, died, aged 84. (WPD 11/27)

Hlawga Wildlife Park

Nov. 1: The LORC Information Committee conducted local and foreign journalists on a tour of the new Hlawga Wildlife Park. Park, its history, and Myanmar efforts to preserve wildlife discussed in some detail. (WPD 11/2) // Nov. 8: Two rare leopard-cats and two bear-cats were presented to the Park. (WPD 11/9)

Ship Disaster Inquiry

Nov. 7: An Enquiry Committee headed by the Supreme Court Director General has been formed to investigate the Oct. 28 sinking of the double-decker Weikza Htoon, "killing and injuring the passengers on board." (WPD 11/8)

Marriages

Nov. 10: Dr. Aye Aye Khine, M.B., B.S., daughter of Dr. U Hla Tun and Dr. Daw Khin Ma Gyi, married Dr. Hla Wynn, Ph.D (Alta., Canada), son of Thiri-Panchi U Aung Khin and Daw Than Than. (WPD 11/11)

Nov. 21: Dr. Hla Hla Aye, daughter of U Maung Maung Aye and Daw May, married Dr. Kyaw Myint Tun, son of U Tun Lin and Daw Aye Tin. (WPD 11/25)

Park Fees Reduced

Nov. 20: Entry fees for the Yangon People's Square and People's Park are reduced, as of Nov. 21, to: Adult-K2; Child-K1; Motorcar-K3; Motorcycle-K2; toilet room-50 pyas; monthly ticket-K30. (WPD 11/21)

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Nov. 27: A West-German ultra-light Omega aircraft, carrying Mr. Ovari Zoltan Csaba on a round-the-world flight, made an emergency landing on the Pathein-Monywa highway in Lemyethna Township, Ayeyarwady Division, on Aug. 21 while in flight from Thandwe [Sandoway] to Yangon. After making repairs, he left Yangon on Nov. 23 for Malaysia, with stopovers at Dawei [Tavoy] and Kawthaung. When taking off from Kawthaung on Nov. 25, he crashed, destroying the aircraft. Mr. Zoltan was rescued, and plans to return to Germany to try again. (WPD 11/28)

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