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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 the month.

Since Apr. 7, 1989 the The Working People's Daily has run a political slogan across the bottom of each front page:-

Dec. 1-11: Respect and abide by law.

Dec. 12-17: All citizens must respect the law for the successful holding of free and fair election.

Dec. 18-21: Be mindful of the fact that enforcement of the rule of law is meant not for a particular individual but for all citizens.

Dec. 22-29: Citizens shall enjoy justice and freedom by living within the framework of law.

Dec. 30-31: The rule of law has originally been in existence and it is the bounden duty of every citizen to abide by it. Action will be taken only against those who do not abide by it.

Political Articles (Excerpts)

Following the pattern begun in October 1988, 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:

Dec. 1: An open-letter to the AIR and Professor Robert Taylor, by Bo Thamani. [Cont. (2) Denunciation of a Mr. Michael Laifer. The blood shed in Sept. 1988 was created by "the managing director of the BBC and the responsible personnel from the VOA ..., the BCP UG's, old and new politicians...and those who wanted to form a parallel government...."]

Dec. 2: A fabricated story by colonialists & their minions KNU insurgents, by Bo Thamani. [Fabricated story that Kayins {Karens} are Caucasians from Babylon, rather than of Mongolian extraction, spread by Naw Emma (a) Phi Phi Emma, in charge of the KNU central education and culture department in a videotape entitled "The Edge of Burma." Blood type research demonstrates that this is false {see article under Health, below--HCMacD}.]

Dec. 3: The country will be peaceful only if the Tatmadaw is strong, by Ye Myint Aung. [Cont. "When national unity crumbled...in 1988, a neighbouring nation, shedding off 'its mask of a prince' without taking into consideration the friendship that had existed between the two nations for over 50 years took a stand unfriendly towards Myanmar Naing-Ngan with a view to furthering its own interests." Therefore, "a nation can be assured of security from danger only if it is strong enough to defend and protect itself." The Tatmadaw has been established "with the manpower strength of 0.5 per cent for the population so that military expenditure will not be a burden" and thus "we may not be strong enough when...we have to defend...our nation from both external and internal dangers." Therefore, with "unscrupulous persons who have imperialistic designs...in collaboration with the traitors and their lackeys within the country," and a 4,000 mile-long boundary, "it will be necessary for us to review and calculate the strength the enemy possesses and to equip our armed forces with necessary weapons and materials." Bogyoke Aung San quoted on military needs and need for support from the home front.]

Dec. 3,7,19,28: Myanmar Naing-Ngan that has passed through the flames of hell, by A Tatmadawman. [Cont. (11) "It never rains but pours." "A 'Ba Ba Gyi,' an aged man who is the leader of a political party" falsely accused the Tatmadaw of looting during the 1988 disturbances, as an excuse for encouraging civilians to loot. Crimes of the disturbance period described in detail. Rumors and propaganda.]

Dec. 3,5: Raise, grow and produce, by Myo Chit Thu. [Cont. (3) State economic policies; importance of agriculture and livestock breeding. (4) Rice production urged.]

Dec. 4,6,8,22-23,25-28: Extracts from the history of internal insurgency, by Yebaw Thit Maung. [Cont. (4) Communist Party split in 1945-46. (5) Formation of AFPFL. (6) Origin of BCP insurgency. (7) Leftist disturbances at independence by Communists, Rakhines, Karens, etc. Rightist insurrections by Karenni, Pa-O, Padaung. (8) Communists go underground. Beginning of KNU insurgency. (9) PVO goes underground; KNU insurrection. (10) Leftist insurgents. (11) BCP activities in 1951-52; Revolutionary Council attempts to enlist support of parliamentarians in 1963.]

Dec. 4: The unscrupulous acts of the BBC, the VOA and the AIR and the atrocities of the colonialists, by A Listener. [Cont. (7) False KNU claim of seizing 5,000 tons of opium from the Tatmadaw; KIA narcotics activities {facsimiles of KIA documents, etc.}; Pres. Reagan's praise for Burmese anti-narcotics efforts in 1986.]

Dec. 5-6,19,21,26-27: A goodwill {friendly} visit to USSR, by Htila Sitthu. [1989 journalistic visit. Cont. (5-6) Leningrad (22-7-89). (7-8) Baku (25-7-89).]

Dec. 5: Revelations to flabbergast unbelievers, by Yebaw Thet Zin. [Cont. Collapse of BCP detailed.]

Dec. 5: International Volunteer Day, by Maung Loktha. [Volunteerism encouraged.]

Dec. 7-8,13,15,21-22: If I speak out, it may amount to Aung Min's taking too much for granted, by Aung Min. [(1) Who are the "sorcerers" broadcasting from abroad? "They are none other than the persons with long noses and reddish complexion who, looking down upon us, used to call us `Lugalay' (Little boys) and themselves `Thakin' (Masters)... They want to interfere in our internal affairs {and act} as advocates of the axe-handles within the country who are ready to dance to their tunes." The election process is being insulted. "...they want the KNU and the KIA insurgents and their relatives, the so-called descendants of the Caucasoids to take part in the election and win seats." They must not interfere with our path.

[(2) "Everybody knows that Aung Min's `Ba Ba Gyi' {U Nu-HCMacD.} declared on his own, on 9-9-88 that he had become `king'.... Ba Ba Gyi, your parallel government still exists doesn't it?... Ba Ba Gyi and Ba Ba Gyi's associates are planning, attempting and committing a big offence." U Nu's Press Release No. 1/88 of Sept. 22, 1988, asserting power as Prime Minister and purporting to dismiss senior Tatmadaw officers, quoted in full {text on request}.

[(3) It's not nice to call Ba Ba Gyi disrespectful nicknames, but you should be more careful not to give people reason to. Back in 1949-50 you were called "Kayin {Karen} Nu"; now they are calling you "Mon Nu" because you recently promised to name a Mon as President. When you visit Kachin will you be "Kachin Nu"? But when you were Prime Minister the President had no power, as former President U Win Maung (Mahn Win Maung) {a Shan} said at the time. Why didn't you report the defection of your "Health Minister" Thanmani Bo Khin Maung when he ran away to practise alchemy? As I told my great-aunt Daw Wazi, "if {U Nu} is in his second childhood, he should be playing with toys or he should be saying sweet nothings into the ears of a woman of his age. But now, look! He is playing with guns and his second childhood is dangerous."

[(4) Exposure of "U Nu's unlawful acts" in U Zan Htar Sin's book Di-mo-karay-si Byaungbyan (Democracy Upsidedown) quoted. U Nu now wants to give the Presidency to the Mon "Rambo Kyaikmaraw U Thwin", "once an insurgent together with Ba Ba Gyi as well as Ba Ba Gyi's disciple." (5) Treason is always with us; British invasion of 1851 recalled. (6) "Attempt to split the army amounts to brutally committing high treason."]

Dec. 9: The nation will be strong only if the Tatmadaw is strong, by Tin Myint Aung. [Necessity for a strong Army.]

Dec. 9: If one studies the budget of Tatmadaw, by Nyan Htet. [Defence expenditures in Myanmar were K1,871, 224,800 in 1986-87; K1,944,933,000 in 1987-88; and K2,242,332,000 in 1988-89. According to the London International Institute for Strategic Studies, the 1988-89 Myanmar defence expenditure was US\$252.56 million or 3.08% of GDP. The Armed Forces total about 200,000 men or .05% of the population. Other Southeast Asian countries spend 3-6 times more per soldier [statistics given]. To be cost effective, a major effort should be made to end the insurgencies in a short period of time, so as to free the Tatmadaw for nation building. "The work that will take many long years if done with inadequate funds can be finished in a short period of time if more money is spent. This should be regarded as an economically feasible plan which must be undertaken without fail as a form of investment for the development of the nation."

Dec. 9: To have peace of mind, by Khin Aung Tun. [Need for greater traffic safety in Yangon.]

Dec. 10-11: For the perpetuity of the Union, by Thihathu. [Dangers of federalism and secession. Ethnic makeup of Myanmar explored:

[-- Kachin State: Population (latest data) is 819,774. Of this 38% or 312,195 belong to the 12 racial groups of the Kachin national race. In addition, there are Kayahs, Kayins, Chins, Bamars, Mons,

Rakhines, Shans, Chinese, Indians, Nepalese, Pakistanis and Bangladeshis. Shans constitute 24% of the Kachin State population, or 198,266.

[-- Shan State: Population is 3,090,339. Of this, 76% or 2,360,541 belong to the 33 racial groups of the Shan national race. Of other groups, Kachins are 4% or 117,937; Bamars are 11% or 343,941. There are 33 racial groups of the Shan national race, such as Shan, Danu, Palaung, Kokang, and Wa. Of these the Shan racial group totals 1,145,227 or 37% of the total population of Shan State.]

Dec. 12,14,17-18,20,23: To abide by laws is the primary duty of citizens, by Bo Thanmani. [(1) Broadcasts by BBC, AIR, and Malaysian Radio, denouncing house arrest of Aung San Suu Kyi and U Tin Oo, quoted at length. "The people of Myanmar Naing-Ngan have come to lose faith in the foreigners from the West and some of the Embassies from the West...{and} have also become so bitter that they do not want to see these people at all. They have even come to abhor some westerners and some foreign broadcasting...stations {They} will never come to accept the imperialists and colonialists who had oppressed and exploited them for over 100 years as well as the Voice of America and the AIR that take every opportunity attacks {sic} Myanmar Naing-Ngan and tries to cause its disintegration. They will never forgive them. Those who had turned Myanmar Naing-Ngan into a colony were the English imperialists. Those who assassinated Myanmar Naing-Ngan National Leader Bogoyoke Aung San were...the minions and lackeys of the British imperialists. Those who had given out weapons...to assassinate Bogoyoke Aung San were some British Army officers.... The person who married Daw Aung San Suu Kyi...is Dr Michael Aris, an Englishman. I would like one and all to think of these deeply."]

[(2) Legal basis of restricting Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and U Tin Oo, whose anti-SLORC statements, some as broadcast by VOA, are quoted.

[(3) U Nu statement of support for Daw Aung San Suu Kyi quoted. "It has been heard that U Nu admitted that what he had done {establishing parallel government} amounted to committing high treason. A person who has rebelled against the Government has sided with a person who has violated the law and asked the Government not to act according to the law. I would like to ask you to think it." Improperities by members of world-famous political families cited {obliquely; one reference appears to be to Sen. Ted Kennedy-HCMacD.}. It is clear that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and U Tin Oo "have violated the restrictions by law." State LORC Declaration No. 8/88 of Oct. 19, 1988, prohibiting "personal attacks on any individual person or any particular political party" reprinted in full.

[(4) Parable of upright restraint by a King; likened to that of Tatmadaw.]

[(5) {WPD 12/20 with first part not received} Parliamentary qualifications under 1947 Constitution. 1989 election law quoted.]

Dec. 15: What I want you to know, by Maung Hmat Kyauk. [Crimes of politicians, expatriates, and insurgents denounced. Crimes of expatriate U Thwin revealed in 1970.]

Dec. 16,18: The history of democracy in Myanmar, by Min Win Htain. [(1) {Dec. 16 issue not received}. (2) Problems of democracy during 1946-62 Parliamentary period.]

Dec. 22-23: Refutation to the falsehood broadcast by AIR on 16-12-89, by Bo Thanmani. [Broadcast in question, quoted at length, read a letter received from one Moe Zin Hein of Mingaladon Township, Yangon, denouncing an article by Bo Thanmani, "a mercenary writer of the military government," refuting an article by Professor Robert Tailor. Tailor had said "the Tatmadaw today is in no way connected with the armies such as the BIA, the BDA which played the principal role in the struggle for independence.... The members of the upper group of the army today consider Bogoyoke Aung San an ordinary leader but they are openly saying that Ne Win is the father of the Tatmadaw.... That was said by Saw Maung himself last week." These are false accusations. [Gen. Ne Win himself said in 1986 that Aung San was the father of the Tatmadaw. "Both of them are the Fathers of

the Myanmar Tatmadaw." The AIR is "very rude and vulgar" for not using ranks and titles. "The AIR's calling `Ne Win' instead of General Ne Win (Retired), who is now 78 years old and who is a leader of Myanmar Naing-Ngan, and `Saw Maung' instead of General Saw Maung, who is Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council and Commander-in-Chief of the Defense Services is very rude and it is because those who broadcast it are those whose parents have not properly brought them up and have not admonished them." {Note: one of the the AIR broadcasters is Than Than Nu, daughter of former Prime Minister U Nu-HCMacD.}}

Dec. 24: If you want to conquer enmity and harm (Thitsa-Myitta discussion), by Byamaso. ["If you want to conquer enmity and harm, cultivate love and spread it."]

Dec. 25: The tradition of Myanmar-Indian friendship & the falsehood spread by AIR, by Bo Thanmani. [(1) Friendship between Mahatma Gandhi and Sayadaw U Ottama; between U Aung San and Subab Chandra Bose {of the pro-Japanese Indian Liberation Army-HCMacD.}]

Dec. 26,28: ADNG for national solidarity, by Maung Maung Ohn Khaung. [(1) Impressions of the Academy for Development of the National Groups, established in 1964 at Ywathitgyi, 23 miles from Sagaing. (2) Towards victory through unity. Visit continued.]

Dec. 29: Those of AIR who have no `longyis & htameins' to sit well covered up; a Letter to the Editor by Sam Zoya Singh (an Indian born in Myanmar Naing-Ngan). [AIR's slandering can "cause misunderstanding between the Myanmars and people like us who are Indians but who are also citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan." Many Indians have supported Myanmar nationalism. "We honestly consider that the activities of U Maw Thiri, who lived in Myanmar Naing-Ngan and who ate Myanmar's rice and Daw Than Than Nu, former Prime Minister U Nu's daughter and U Aung Nyein, U Nu's son-in-law, their interference, their spreading lies and falsehood ...are not good at all.... They are shouting...as if they were the only persons who love Myanmar Naing-Ngan most but in fact they are traitors."]

Dec. 29: Unremitting dedication to good-neighbourliness, by Nyan Htet. [Myanmar's friendly policy has led to close relations with Thailand, following dismantling of the "super-power military bloc within that country." Cessation of blackmarket support to KNU, return of Myanmar students, and development of border trade are cited.]

Dec. 30: Myanmars at one time, by Maung Maung Aye. [Legends of ancient Myanmar "courageous, loyal, and patriotic heroes."]

Dec. 31: The Second Myanmar Empire, by Maung Maung Aye. [Ethnic cooperation and literature in 15-16th centuries. "To be benefitted most were none other than the people of the empire under systematic administrative and judicial machinery."]

Press Conferences

Dec. 1: At the 67th State LORC Press Conference, the Information Committee spokesmen said:

-- Election rules reviewed. "Every political party that has got itself duly registered...is to contest the election without fail," and should begin choosing candidates.

-- A Traffic Rules Enforcement Committee was formed Oct. 29, and "checking and taking action will be carried out as a serious task for six months...so that observance of traffic rules will reach a normal level."

-- Despite the 1962 Printers and Publishers Registration Law, "some parties and organizations have not abided by the law and published whatever they like." For example: A statement dated Nov. 5 from the Patriotic Democratic Youth Front [No. 48] "contains groundless accusations and slanders as well as instigations to disturb peace and tranquillity." An investigative pamphlet entitled "Assessment of Current Situation" from the Revolutionary New Society Headquarters, "contains false accusations and slanderous attacks" on the SLORC and the Election Commission. A pamphlet entitled "To reform the student union," from the All Myanmar Students Union, Yangon Division, instigates youths to join the union secretly. Declaration

No. 1 of the National League for Democracy (Youth) of 97(A) West Shwegondine Road, which is not a registered organization, is illegal and the responsibility of the higher-level National League for Democracy [No. 2]. "The distribution of investigative booklets and pamphlets which are nothing but provocative, slanderous and anarchistic acts is to be prevented before it does any harm."

-- A drinking water pot at the ninth standard (A) of the No. 4 Basic Education High School, Mingala Taungnyunt Township (Yangon) was poisoned on Nov. 17 with Polo brand insecticide. Aung Than Swe (aged 15) was instigated to do it by four older students in order to carry out "propaganda work putting the blame on Ma-Hsa-la army." Action will be taken.

-- In action against insurgents, porters are mobilized "in accordance with the laws, rules and regulations concerned," and first promulgated in 1948 by Chief-of-Staff Maj-Gen. Smith Dun [a Karen--HCMacD.]. Porters are paid "the prescribed allowance," and compensation for "loss of lives and limb in accordance with the Workman's Compensation Law concerned." They also get medical treatment. They are used where motor vehicles cannot go, and mostly for carrying food. "Either in marching or in camping, the porters are placed in safe places and they eat together with the soldiers. Hence, the porters become friendly with the Tatmadawmen and there were many instances that some porters asked to take them along when the operations were launched."

-- "No one has been arrested for engaging in politics," only for having committed criminal offences. (WPD 12/1)

Dec. 8: At the 68th State LORC Press Conference, the Information Committee spokesmen said:

-- Provisions of the Election law relating to qualifications of candidates reviewed. "Those who have been given prison terms by a court of law cannot stand for election."

-- It has been announced that each party must contest at least three constituencies. Alliances or Fronts of Parties must contest at least three constituencies; and so must each member of such alliance or front. "In other words, every organization registered with the Election Commission is to contest at least three Pyithu Hluttaw constituencies without fail."

-- The 44th Light Infantry Division on Dec. 1 attacked and captured the Thitkara camp in Myawaddy area of Kayin State, held by KNU insurgents of the No. 7 brigade numbering about 50. Captured were a .22 rifle, 4 motor vehicles, 16 huts and a 3-story building, and extensive lumbering equipment. On Dec. 4, the Tatmadaw captured the Mawphathu timber camp 4 miles north of the Thitkara camp, held by 150 enemy. 25 houses and huts were seized. 16 Tatmadawmen and many enemy were wounded. According to accounts in The Bangkok Post and The Nation, Dec. 2-6, 400 KNU insurgents retreated, and 500-1,000 Kayin nationals fled to Thailand. Details of previous attacks on these KNU camps, in 1987 and May 1989, recalled. [map]

-- Members of the Kya-in-Seikkyi Township [Kayin] committee of the National League for Democracy [No. 2] "committed crimes but failed to face law and joined insurgent groups." In particular, Acting Ch. U Tin Win, Sec. U Hla Shwe, and members U Nyein Shwe, U Paw Khin, and U Ohn Thwin, who were "under trial for unlawful detention of a service personnel during the disturbances," fled on Nov. 25 and joined Thamani Bo Khin Maung's group. They had detained postman U Maung Pwa and "put him in stocks from 7 to 18 September, 1989 [sic-should be 1988] accusing him of making contact with the Council." U Nyan Tun, a colleague, has become commander of No. 3 company of No. 206 ABSDF battalion.

-- Journalists should call the insurgents "insurgents," and not "rebels," since they have no belligerent status under international law. "Foreign periodicals exaggerate and fabricate news.... they said about 10,000 KNU insurgents instead of about 1,000 and about 12,000 KIA instead of about 3,000." Rebels can lawfully be punished for treason.

-- "The situation in Wanka will be announced when the time is

ripe. News of battles and skirmishes is released from time to time when the time comes."

-- U Nu has admitted that his formation of a parallel government "was tantamount to rebellion against the government.... The fact that action has not been taken against him shows the practice of democracy. One can know the attitude of the State Law and Order Restoration Council by looking at its not yet taking action against U Nu." However, "whether or not action will be taken for not dissolving the parallel government" is to be considered by the LORC. (WPD 12/9)

Dec. 15: [WPD 12/16, reporting 69th Press Conference, not received.]

Dec. 22: At the 70th State LORC Press Conference, the Information Committee spokesmen said:

-- An insurgent group of 27 led by Soe Lwin and sent by Thanmani Bo Khin Maung went secretly to an Indian island in July on the Aung Chit Thein trawler, hoping to set up a training course on Narcondam Island. Following meetings with Indian authorities, they were eventually sent back to sea Nov. 20. The trawler went aground and sank, their weapons were lost, and they were rescued by the Korean No. 72 Sinbo fishing vessel which delivered them to Myanmar authorities at Cocogyunn [Coco Island] on Dec. 19. Details of adventure given.

-- Two members of U Nu's parallel government, U Ye Gaung Nyunt and U Aung, submitted letters of resignation dated Dec. 4 and Dec. 20. Only the latter was correct and valid. "In connection with the matter of U Nu's having not yet dissolved the parallel government, the State [LORC] is dealing with the matter with magnanimity.... As it will be just and fair to act according to law, the State [LORC] will do so."

-- "As the US aggression into Panama by using military force is against the Five Principles of Peaceful Co-existence [quoted] and as it violates the UN Charter, we regret it." [Note: This is the first official criticism of a specific foreign government act not related to Burma that this compiler can recall. WPD carried extensive reports of Panama events throughout the month.-HCMacD.]

-- Most of the counterfeit K 90 notes were destroyed by their holders. "As repeatedly declared...the State [LORC] will never demonetize any currency notes including the K 90 notes."

-- Rumors that houses between 1st and 10th Streets in Yangon would be razed for a new hotel, and that "all houses in China town in Yangon would be moved to outside of Yangon are totally untrue...and spread by unscrupulous persons." Rumors that "Bogyoke Market [Scott Market] would be dismantled are untrue."

Dec. 29: At the 71st State LORC Press Conference, the Information Committee spokesmen said:

-- With regard to the parallel government formed Sept. 9, 1988, by U Nu, Patron of the League for Democracy and Peace, few of the members named were part of the 1962 U Nu government, and the others had not been approved by the President as required by the 1947 Constitution. Some resigned, saying they had been named without their permission. The parallel government was recognized by BCP Politburo Tin Yi, and so it "continues to exist with the support of the BCP." Although it was formed before the SLORC took over, it subsequently officially condemned the SLORC government.

On Nov. 29, 1989, State LORC Secretary (1) Brig-Gen. Khin Nyunt, "sincerely wishing to enable the League for Peace and Democracy to stand for election...." asked LPD officials to dissolve the parallel government "if it existed only on paper assuring them that the matter will not be made public and rectify the matter in time." He repeated the request on Dec. 22. However, "on December 25, 1989, U Nu called a press conference and "declared that he could not dissolve his parallel government."

The Government's position is this: "(1) All those who are in the parallel government will have no more right to contest the election...although...the League for Democracy and Peace...is a legal

organization (2) The LDP will be allowed... to contest the election.... However, if the parallel government is said to be still in existence, then the members of that government have no right to contest the election as they belong to an organization that is against the State. (3) Since U Nu's issuing the declaration...makes it necessary to clearly ascertain the attitude of the persons concerned other than U Nu...some persons from the LDP will be called and asked as necessary. No action is to be taken against them so long as there is no other offence committed by them."

-- LDP patron U Nu has said "he was right and the others were wrong in connection with the Tatmadaw's taking over State power in 1958 and in 1962." The Commission for Compiling Historical Facts is studying and compiling the facts so that the people will "come to know the truth." Extensive quotations from speech made by Gen. Ne Win in 1962, and 1980 letter and other documents signed by U Nu in effect recognizing the Ne Win government [photocopies printed]. "In conclusion we wish to state that we have nothing whatsoever to do with the demands made by U Nu that it should be admitted that the action taken in '62 was wrong."

-- The "Parallel Government" named by U Nu on Sept. 9, 1988 comprised:

President: U Win Maung

Prime Minister: U Nu

Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies: Bohmu Aung

Speaker of the Chamber of Nationalities: U Tun Aye

Ministers:

Agriculture and Forests: Widura Thakin Chit Maung

Health: Bo Khin Maung

Defence: Bogyoke Tin Oo

Home: Brig-Gen. Aung Shwe

Information: Col. Saw Myint

Foreign Affairs: U Vum Ko Hau

Commerce: Thakin Thein Pe

Finance: U Aung

Religious Affairs: U Ba Swe (Phongyi)

Public Works: Bohmu Tun Tin

Justice: U Ye Khaung Nyunt

Culture: U Than Sein

Portfolios to be named later: Thakin Khin Aung, Thakin Chit, U Ba Tun, U Nyunt Aung, U Thu Wai, Bo Tun Sein, U Saw Nge Doo, Thakin Pan Myaing, U Thein Maung, U San Ohn.

Of these, U Win Maung has died, Thanmani Bo Khin Maung has "resorted to armed insurrection," and U Tun Aye, U Ye Khaung Nyunt, Widura Thakin Chit Maung, U Tin Oo, U Aung Shwe, U Saw Myint, U Aung, U Thu Wai, U Tun Sein, and Thakin Pan Myaing have resigned. That leaves the 14 who have been restricted.

-- Activities of U Nu abroad in 1969-80 discussed critically and in detail.

-- The election will be held. "We are being unfairly accused that General Ne Win (Retired) is pulling the strings and that we are supporting the NUP [National Unity Party {No. 17}; successor to BSPP-HCMacD.]. There is no one pulling the strings from behind us. Regarding the accusation that we are supporting the NUP, then show evidence if any."

-- From Dec. 28-29, 14 parties have submitted candidature lists for 140 seats.

-- "On being asked regarding the attitude towards Romania, the spokesman replied that the matter of Romania was their internal affair and so only their people had the right to decide their own internal affairs." (WPD 12/30)

Political Books Advertised

Daily 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) [throughout month]

-- The Conspiracy of Treasonous Minions within the Myanmar Naing-Ngan and Traitorous Cohorts Abroad. (K25) [Dec. 1-10]
-- Burma Communist Party's conspiracy to take over State power. (K25) [Dec. 1-10]

Film on Returnee-students

Dec. 14: A documentary film, "The Return Journey of Students from the Border Areas," produced by the Motion Picture Enterprise (Documentary Films) will be shown beginning Dec. 15 at the Naypyidaw, Tabinshwehti, Mayoosan, Thiha, and Sanpya Cinemas for one week. (WPD 12/15)

Michael Aris Arrives

Dec. 17: Dr. Michael Aris, husband of National League for Democracy General Secretary Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, arrived in Yangon Dec. 16. He is staying at 54 University Avenue, the residence of his wife. (WPD photo caption 12/17)

U Tin Oo Jailed

Dec. 22: Special Military Court No. 5 sentenced U Tin Oo (aged 63), Chairman of the National League for Democracy, to 3 years imprisonment with labour, for encouraging demonstrating soldiers and instigating disintegration of the Tatmadaw in Sept.-Oct. 1988; sending "anti-government as well as false news" to foreign countries Sept. 1988-Mar. 1989; instigating mass uprising in May-June 1989. Details of charges given. He may petition within a month to the Commander-in-Chief (Army) for commutation of sentence. (WPD 12/23)

BG Khin Nyunt Warns Employees

Dec. 27: In a speech to personnel of the Customs Department [typical of many such addresses to various groups of government employees-HCMacD.] State LORC Secretary (1) Brig-Gen. Khin Nyunt said notably:

-- Government employees "must be loyal to the country and abide by service rules and politics. If they want to do politics, they should resign.... Salaries...have been raised. Arrangements have been made for the service personnel to take buses free of charge.... Arrangements have been made for granting promotion for service personnel due to their duty-consciousness and loyalty. Thus [they] should be loyal to the government. They should be loyal to any government which will come to power in the future."

-- "Some big countries are still interfering with the aim of making a puppet government of them and a government formed with those they have wanted.... No foreigners can love our country more than we do.... No foreign countries will love our country without their interests.... Our country will never accept any aggression."

-- "The Tatmadaw will remain whichever party formed a government. No one can cause disintegration of our Tatmadaw, our Tatmadaw will always remain united."

-- "The Customs Department has estimated that about K 1200 million will be collected for this financial year, an increase of K 250 million than last year." (WPD 12/28)

U Nu Under House Arrest

Dec. 29: The government, acting under Section 10(b) of the Law Protecting the State from Dangers of Disruptive and Destructive Elements, has imposed "restrictions of movements" against the following 14 persons, for having on Sept. 9, 1988, formed a 26-member parallel government, for having subsequently sown discord within the Tatmadaw and instigated people to lose faith in the government, and for not dissolving this government or resigning from it:

- 1) U Nu
- 2) Bohmu Aung
- 3) Thakin Chit
- 4) U Than Sein
- 5) Thakin Thein Pe

- 6) U Vum Ko Hau
- 7) U Ba Swe (Phongyi Ba Swe)
- 8) Bohmu Tun Tin
- 10) U Ba Tun
- 11) U Nyunt Aung
- 12) U Saw Nge Doo
- 13) U Thein Maung
- 14) U San Ohn

"The activities of U Nu and his associates are worse than" those joining unlawful associations or insurrections. "These persons are not entitled to stand for election and U Nu and his associates are committing an offense which is worse than the acts of those who are included in these categories.... Nevertheless, since they are aged and have political traditions, [only] restrictive action has been taken against them ...in consideration of the said facts on humanitarian grounds." [see also Press Conference report] (WPD 12/30)

ELECTIONS

Party Registration Changes

The following changes were made in party registrations, including cancellations "as submitted by the Central Executive Committee members of the respective parties," and are listed numerically by party:

(15) Democracy Development Organization. Registration cancelled at the request of Party Executive Committee, Dec. 11, 1989. (WPD 12/12)

(18) Democratic Party for New Society. GS Ye Naing Aung; CEC members Kyaw Mya Thein, Daw Naw Chris Tun have resigned. Ch Tin Htut (Thet Tun); VCh Kyaw Win Thein; GS Phone Swe; JGS Than Oo; Org. Zaw Naing Oo; News & Info. Zay Ya; Admin. & Disc. Aung Mow Zaw; Tr. Myo Win were appointed. (WPD 12/7)

(26) Youth Union for Burma's Progress. Registration cancelled at the request of Party Executive Committee, Dec. 4, 1989. (WPD 12/5)

(32) People's Progressive and Freedom Democracy Front. Registration cancelled at the request of Party Executive Committee, Dec. 21, 1989. (WPD 12/22)

(33) Democratic Labour Party (Burma). CEC member Daw Moe Moe Aung has resigned. (WPD 12/13)

(35) The Union of Burma (Main) A.F.P.F.L. (Hq). VCh Naing Win, Maung Maung Myint; CEC members Myat Thu, Tint Swe have been dismissed. (WPD 12/13)

(38) Democratic Human Rights Party. VCh Daw Kyi Kyi (Pyay) has resigned. (WPD 12/26)

(40) Peace and Economic Development Party of the Union of Burma. VCh Dr. Hla Oo has resigned. New officers are VCh Myint Aung, Aung Gyi (South Okkalapa); GS Myo Myint; JGS Kyaw Thein, Saw Mya Than. (WPD 12/13) Registration cancelled at the request of Party Executive Committee, Dec. 19, 1989. (WPD 12/31)

(44) People's Student Democratic Party. Registration cancelled at the request of Party Executive Committee, Dec. 11, 1989. (WPD 12/12)

(45) Shan Nationalities League for Democracy. Patron Sao Sei Hom has resigned. CEC member Sai Saing Khay has been suspended. New officers are Patrons Sao Yip Hpa (Hsipaw), Shwe Moe (Mandalay), Hsan Maung (Mandalay), Sei Ba Nyan (Myitkyina), Kyaung Hein (Mandalay), San Nyunt (Namhkam), Daw Nang Aye Kyar (Kamaing); Ch Khun Htun Oo (Hsipaw); VCh Saing Maung Maung (Mandalay), V. Aung Than, Sao Tha Tint (Taunggyi); GS Sai Aik Paung (Yangon); JGS Saing Nyunt Lwin (Yangon), Sai Hla Pe (Namhsan), Sai Twee (Laikha); 26 CEC members [not named]. (WPD 12/26)

(46) Progressive Democratic Youth League (Burma). Registration cancelled at the request of Party Executive Committee, Dec. 20, 1989. (WPD 12/21)

(48) Patriotic Democratic Youth Front (Burma). Patron Aung Then; VCh Ko Lay; GS Thein Tun; CEC members Khin Maung Aye, Maung

Aung, Daw Htwe Yi have resigned. New officers are Ch Myint Soe (Bogalay); VCh Ye Naing; GS Thet Naing Aung (a) Ba Moe Aung; JGS Kyaw Min Htut (a) Win Htut Oo, Aung Kyaw (a) Min Naing, Tun Bo Aung; and 8 CEC members [not named]. (WPD 12/13)

(50) Democratic Youth Organization (Mon State). VCh Thein Han has resigned. (WPD 12/13)

(51) People's Solidarity and Action Party. Patron Chit Han; JGS Aung Myint Aye have resigned. New officers are JGS Thang; CEC member Soe Paing. (WPD 12/13)

(54) Youth and Student Union Association. Registration cancelled at the request of Party Executive Committee, Dec. 4, 1989. (WPD 12/5)

(55) Peasants' Unity Organization. New officers are CEC (Organization) members Kyaw Hla Oo (Rakhine State), Kyaw Aye (Shan State), Tun Maung (Sagaing Division), Min Lwin (Tanintharyi Division), Shwe Thaung (Ayeyarwaddy Division), Aye Ko (Ayeyarwaddy Division). (WPD 12/13)

(56) Youth Unity Organization. New officers are CEC members Khin Myint, Ye Myint, Tun Lwin. (WPD 12/ 13)

(58) Rakhine Unity and Democracy Association. Sec. Kyaw Tha has resigned. (WPD 12/26)

(61) Youth's Solidarity Front (Union of Burma). VCh Wai Law Win; Pub.Rel.Off. Hal Myo Tun; Org. Ye Myint Oo have resigned. (WPD 12/7)

(64) Arakan People's United Organization. Registration cancelled at the request of Party Executive Committee, Dec. 28, 1989. (WPD 12/31)

(67) Party for Unity and Peace. Registration cancelled at the request of Party Executive Committee, Dec. 11, 1989. (WPD 12/12)

(70) Students Revolutionary Party for Democracy. New officers are: Ch Aye Lwin; VCh Tin Maung Maung Htwe; GS Maung Maung Wan; JGS Aung Kyaw Soe (Hla Soe); CEC Nyan Lin, Ye Htun, Myint Khaing. (WPD 12/7)

(71) Independent Democratic Union Party. Registration cancelled at the request of Party Executive Committee, Dec. 11, 1989. (WPD 12/12)

(73) Northern Shan State Youth Unity and Development Organization. Registration cancelled at the request of Party Executive Committee, Dec. 14, 1989. (WPD 12/15)

(80) Shan State Democratic Party. Registration cancelled at the request of Party Executive Committee, Dec. 14, 1989. (WPD 12/15)

(87) Patriotic League for Peace. Registration cancelled at the request of Party Executive Committee, Dec. 4, 1989. (WPD 12/5)

(88) National Democratic Party for Human Rights. Patron Haji U Shwe Bin has resigned. (WPD 12/26)

(95) Party for National Development. JSec. Kyaw Zeya; CEC members Aung Thaw, Daw Aye Aye Thaw have resigned. Appointed are CEC members Bo Bo, Daw Su Su Thaw. (WPD 12/26)

(97) Organization of Students and Youth for National Politics. Registration cancelled at the request of Party Executive Committee, Dec. 11, 1989. (WPD 12/12)

(100) New Burma Party. EC member Kyaw Kyaw Nyein has resigned. (WPD 12/7)

(102) United Democratic Youth League. Registration cancelled at the request of Party Executive Committee, Dec. 20, 1989. (WPD 12/21)

(111) League for Mother Democracy. Registration cancelled at the request of Party Executive Committee, Dec. 11, 1989. (WPD 12/12)

(113) Democracy Reformation League (DRL). Registration cancelled at the request of Party Executive Committee, Dec. 29, 1989. (WPD 12/31)

(115) League for the Vitality of People's Democracy. Registration cancelled at the request of Party Executive Committee, Dec. 11, 1989. (WPD 12/12)

(119) Justice Party. VCh Chit Ko Ko; Audit. Nyunt Hlaing; Tr. Daw Than Than Win; Org. Hla Win have resigned. (WPD 12/24)

(120) National Fitness and Peace Party. Registration cancelled

at the request of Party Executive Committee, Dec. 20, 1989. (WPD 12/21)

(122) Union of Burma Unity Democracy League (BUDL). Patrons J.D. Gosh, Dr. A.L. Ganeisan; VCh S.N. Varmar; Sec. Papo Ganeisan; Acc't Aung Soe; CEC members Kasi, Hla Shwe, Saw Maung (a) Raju have resigned. (WPD 12/26)

(124) Republican Party. Registration cancelled at the request of Party Executive Committee, Dec. 29, 1989. (WPD 12/31)

(126) All Burma Peasant Organization. Registration cancelled at the request of Party Executive Committee, Dec. 12, 1989. (WPD 12/13)

(127) Trade Union Congress (Burma). Registration cancelled at the request of Party Executive Committee, Dec. 12, 1989. (WPD 12/13)

(129) New Life Party. Registration cancelled at the request of Party Executive Committee, Dec. 7, 1989. (WPD 12/9)

(135) Guidance Democracy Party (GDP). Registration cancelled at the request of Party Executive Committee, Dec. 21, 1989. (WPD 12/22)

(139) Youth Organization of Anti-Fascist People's Freedom League (Original) (Burma) (HQ). Registration cancelled at the request of Party Executive Committee, Dec. 12, 1989. (WPD 12/13)

(140) All Burma Youth League (Hqrs) (ABYL). JGS Tun Sein (Min Yetkha) appointed. (WPD 12/7)

(143) National Democratic Peace and Solidarity Party (NDPSP). Patrons Haji U Twal Hir; CEC members Aung Myint, Shwe Maung, Ba Yi, Jala (a) Ko Ko Aung have resigned. New officers are VCh Thein Han; GS Kyaw Htun; Sec. Khie [sic] Maung Thet; Tr Nyunt Maung; CEC members Aung Thein, Haji U Than Shwe, Kyi Htay. (WPD 12/26) Registration cancelled at the request of Party Executive Committee, Dec. 29, 1989. (WPD 12/31)

(145) People's Justice Party (Burma). Registration cancelled at the request of Party Executive Committee, Dec. 26, 1989. (WPD 12/27)

(150) People's Front for Democracy Construction. Registration cancelled at the request of Party Executive Committee, Dec. 21, 1989. (WPD 12/ 22)

(154) Patriotic Democracy Party (PDP). CEC member Ba Tin has died. CEC members Zaw Min, Nyo Min Hlaing have resigned. (WPD 12/24) Registration cancelled at the request of Party Executive Committee, Dec. 26, 1989. (WPD 12/27)

(155) Progressive New Burma Party. VCh Tin Soe has resigned. New officers are CEC members Win Myint, Daw Khaing Soe. (WPD 12/26)

(157) Coalition League for Democratic Multi-Party Unity. Registration cancelled at the request of Party Executive Committee, Dec. 26, 1989. (WPD 12/27)

(161) National Ethnic Reformation Party (Headquarters). Patron M. Harbi Boolbor Hsawkari; CEC members Maung Thein, Maung Mya, Kyaw Win (a) Abdullah have resigned. (WPD 12/24)

(162) People's Pioneer Party. CEC member Ba Myaing has resigned. (WPD 12/26)

(164) Kuki Chin National Unity Party (KCNUP). New officers are: Patrons Thang Pu, Ham Za Thang, Ram Khaw Mang, Sun Khaw Ram; Ch Khai Khaw Lun; VCh Do Za Thang, Let Kho Thang; GS Pau Khaw Lin; Sec. Thang Khaw Pau, Kun Khaw Let; 15 CEC members [not named]. (WPD 12/24)

(166) Mara People's Party (MPP). VCh J T Zo Peng and EC member Vai Chum have resigned. (WPD 12/7)

(167) Union Nationals Democracy Party. Sec. Tun Shwe has resigned. (WPD 12/7)

(173) Democracy New Building Social Milieu Party (Pathein, Ayeyarwadi Division). Registration cancelled at the request of Party Executive Committee, Dec. 20, 1989. (WPD 12/ 21)

(175) Southern Chin Democracy Party (SCDP). Sec. Salai Aung Tun; CEC members Thein Zaw, Salai Tin Oo, Hlaung, Maing Yin Yin Saing have resigned. (WPD 12/26)

(176) Youth and Students Democracy Forces. Registration cancelled at the request of Party Executive Committee, Dec. 11, 1989. (WPD 12/12)

(178) Patriotic People's Parliamentary Party. VCh Daw Myint; CEC members Hlaing, Than Myint have resigned. (WPD 12/24)

(180) All Burma Liberated Womens' Organization. Registration cancelled at the request of Party Executive Committee, Dec. 12, 1989. (WPD 12/ 13)

(184) Non-Aligned People's Democracy Party. VCh Lu Din has resigned. (WPD 12/24)

(185) Wa National Development Party. CC members Aik Khaing, Aik Roy, Nyi Paung, Hsai Lin have resigned. New officers are Patron Saw Philip (a) Philip Sam; CC member Ngo Karein. (WPD 12/24)

(186) Mi Khin Bama Pyay Aphwe. CEC members Daw Thein Kyi, Daw Tin Tin Hla, A.T. Win May have resigned. (WPD 12/24)

(188) National Economic League for Trade. Registration cancelled at the request of Party Executive Committee, Dec. 12, 1989. (WPD 12/13)

(189) Karen National Congress for Democracy (KNCD). EC members Saw R. Seing Gyi, Saw Kenneth C. Pho, Saw Bonny Tun have resigned. (WPD 12/24)

(190) National Progressive Socialist League (NPSL). CEC members Min Maung, Ni Aung Kyaw, Aung Kyaw Tin, San Aung, Myo Myint, Daw Hta Hta Mu have resigned. New officers are Kyaw Myint Shwe, Than Sein, Win Oo, Daw Tin Pyone. (WPD 12/26)

(191) Matured Democratic Party (MDP). Registration cancelled at the request of Party Executive Committee, Dec. 5, 1989. (WPD 12/6)

(195) People's Party. Registration cancelled at the request of Party Executive Committee, Dec. 11, 1989. (WPD 12/12)

(196) Union Party (UP). Registration cancelled at the request of Party Executive Committee, Dec. 14, 1989. (WPD 12/15)

(197) Federal Development Organization (Myanma). JGS Win Naing; Youth Development Off. Aung Naing have resigned. (WPD 12/13)

(202) National Politics Women Force (NPWF). Registration cancelled at the request of Party Executive Committee, Dec. 20, 1989. (WPD 12/ 21)

(203) National Economic Development Force (NEDF). Registration cancelled at the request of Party Executive Committee, Dec. 20, 1989. (WPD 12/21)

(204) National Politics Peasant Force (NPPF). Registration cancelled at the request of Party Executive Committee, Dec. 20, 1989. (WPD 12/ 21)

(205) National Politics Labour Force (NPLF). Registration cancelled at the request of Party Executive Committee, Dec. 20, 1989. (WPD 12/ 21)

(208) National Democracy Establishment Party (Central) (NDEP). Patron Aung Thein; VCh Hla Tin; CC members Mya Aye, Win Myint have resigned. New officers are VCh Aye Ko; GS Ko Yi; Dep. GS Zaw Htut; CC members Ni, Maung Maung Aung Hein. (WPD 12/24)

(209) Patriotic Indigenous Physicians League. Registration cancelled at the request of Party Executive Committee, Dec. 20, 1989. (WPD 12/ 21)

(210) Esprit De Corps Restoration Party. Registration cancelled at the request of Party Executive Committee, Dec. 11, 1989. (WPD 12/12)

(212) Party for National Democracy. CEC member Sein Thuang has resigned. (WPD 12/26)

(217) People's Revolution Party (PRP). Registration cancelled at the request of Party Executive Committee, Dec. 14, 1989. (WPD 12/15)

(218) Organization of Democratic Youth for National Politics (ODYNP). Registration cancelled at the request of Party Executive Committee, Dec. 8, 1989. (WPD 12/9)

(225) National Unity and New Youth Party (NUNP). Registration cancelled at the request of Party Executive Committee, Dec. 28, 1989. (WPD 12/ 31)

(231) Congress "D" Party (Burma). Registration cancelled at the request of Party Executive Committee, Dec. 12, 1989. (WPD 12/13)

Minimum Candidacies Specified

Dec. 5: Election Commission Announcement No. 337 of Dec. 5, on

Least number of Pyithu Hluttaw constituencies each of political parties must contest in elections, requires each registered political organization to contest at least three Pyithu Hluttaw contests. (WPD 12/6)

Party Election Plans

Dec. 8: Election Commission Press Release No. 150/89 of Dec. 8 states that according to reports submitted to date by political parties, the number of constituencies to be contested by political parties is as follows:

- over 300 seats - 2 parties
- 101-200 seats - 2 parties
- 51-100 seats - 1 party
- 11-50 seats - 12 parties
- 3-10 seats - 10 parties

More information will be provided as other parties submit reports. (WPD 12/9)

Dec. 12: Election Commission Chairman U Ba Htay said that as of Dec. 11, 104 party organizations had said they would contest the election, as follows:

- over 300 seats - 6 parties
- 100-200 seats - 4 parties
- 51-100 seats - 3 parties
- 11-50 seats - 30 parties
- 3-10 seats - 61 parties.

It is hoped that reports from parties in "regions of difficult access" will be accepted later. The candidature list is to be scrutinized and announced Jan. 5-9, 1990. (WPD 12/13)

Dec. 16-18: List of Political Parties which will contest the elections. [First part, which appeared Dec. 16 and covered Parties contesting more than 100 constituencies, not received.]

Parties contesting 50-100 Constituencies:

1. Shan Nationalities League for Democracy [No. 45]: 66
2. League for Democratic Allies [No. 216]: 86
3. Students Revolutionary Party for Democracy [No. 70]: 70
4. Democratic People's League [No. 66]: 66

Parties contesting 11-50 constituencies:

1. Arakan League for Democracy [No. 16]: 26
2. Federal Republic Development Party [No. 93]: 14
3. People's Democratic Party [No. 3]: 44
4. Democratic Labour Party [No. 33]: 44
5. People's Volunteer Organization (Burma) [No. 19]: 33
6. Zomi National Congress [No. 30]: 15 (Chin-13; Sagaing-2)
7. Chin National League for Democracy [No. 31]: 23
8. Mon National Democratic Front [No. 24]: 21 (Mon-16; Kayin-3; Bago-2)
9. Union Progress and Justice Action Party [No. 131]: 14
10. All Burma Democratic People's Power Organization [No. 27]: 17
11. Democratic League for the National Races of the Shan State [No. 33]: 31
12. Union Karen League [No. 13]: 50 (Bago, Yangon, Ayeyarwady, Kayin)
13. Democratic Human Rights Party [No. 38]: 30 (estimate)
14. Union Paoh National Organization [No. 85]: 20 (Shan, Mon, Kayin, Kayah, Bago)
15. Kachin National Congress [No. 153]: 20
16. Worker's Unity Organization [No. 57]: 19 (estimate)
17. Peasant's Unity Organization [No. 55]: 39
18. Unity and Development Party [No. 6]: 17 (Yangon-5; Mandalay-4; Magway-4; Sagaing-1; Ayeyarwady-1; Rakhine-1)
19. Karen National Congress for Democracy [No. 189]: 22 (Kayin-5; Bago-2; Mon-5; Yangon-1; Ayeyarwady-5)
20. United League of Democratic Parties [No. 199]: 15
21. Patriotic Youth Organization [No. 25]: 45 (Kayin-1; Sagaing-1; Bago-5; Magway-8; Mandalay-7; Mon-2; Yangon-14; Shan-2;

Ayeyarwady-3)

22. National Peace and Democracy Party [No. 12]: 12-40.
(WPD 12/17)
23. Arakan Nationalities Democracy Party [No. 96]: 11 (Rakhine)
24. National Democratic Party for Human Rights [No. 88]: 11
25. All Burma National Progressive Party [No. 59]: 10-20
26. Arakan People's Democratic Front [No. 217]: 16-21
27. United National Congress [No. 37]: 18
28. Democratic Party for New Society [No. 18]: 50-300
29. Leading Strength of National Realism Centre [No. 232]: 37-492
30. Union Stability Party [No. 77]: 20-100
31. The Kachin State National Congress for Democracy [No. 74]: 20

Parties contesting 3-10 constituencies:
[72 Parties listed, with number of seats to be contested. List available on request-HCMacD.]
(WPD 12/18)

Sub-commissions Formed

Dec. 11: Election Commission Announcement No. 340 of Dec. 11, on Formation of State/Division, Township Zone/Township Election Sub-commissions announces the formation of such sub-commissions "to enable voters and Pyithu Hluttaw candidates to make contacts with... [them] in connection with the multi-party general election." (WPD 12/12)

The Sub-commissions are as follows [Note: this list reflects current Myanmar transliteration of township names, and also may be of interest in that regard-HCMacD.]:

- I - Kachin State {Sub-commission}
1. Myityina Township/Zone {Sub-commission}: (1) Myitkyina {Township Sub-commission}; (2) Waingmaw; (3) N'jangyang; (4) Mogaung; (5) Mohnyin; (6) Kamaing; (7) Tanai; (8) Chipway; (9) Hsawlaw.
2. Bhamo Township/Zone: (1) Bhamo; (2) Shwegu; (3) Momauk; (4) Manai.
3. Putao Township/Zone: (1) Putao; (2) Sumprabum; (3) Machambaw; (4) Khawbude; (5) Nogmun.
- II - Kayah State
4. Loikaw Township/Zone: (1) Loikaw; (2) Dimawhso; (3) Phruhso; (4) Hsadow; (5) Pasawng; (6) Bawlake.
- III - Kayin State
5. Hpa-an Township/Zone: (1) Hpa-an; (2) Hlaingbwe; (3) Papun; (4) Thandaung.
6. Kawkareik Township/Zone: (1) Kawkareik; (2) Myawadi; (3) Kya-in-Seikkyi.
- IV - Chin State
7. Mindat Township/Zone: (1) Mindat; (2) Matupi; (3) Kanpetlet; (4) Paletwa.
8. Falam Township/Zone: (1) Falam; (2) Hakha; (3) Thantlang; (4) Tiddim; (5) Tonzang.
- V - Sagaing Division
9. Sagaing Township/Zone: (1) Sagaing; (2) Myinmu; (3) Myaung; (4) Ngazun.
10. Kathar Township/Zone: (1) Kathar; (2) Indaw; (3) Htigyaint; (4) Bamauk; (5) Kawlinn; (6) Wuntho; (7) Pinleibu.
11. Shwebo Township/Zone: (1) Shwebo; (2) Khin-U; (3) Wetlet; (4) Kantbalu; (5) Kyunhla; (6) Ye-U; (7) Dabayinn; (8) Dazei.
12. Monywa Township/Zone: (1) Monywa; (2) Budalin; (3) Ayadaw; (4) Choung-U; (5) Yinmabin; (6) Kany; (7) Salingyi; (8) Pale.
13. Kalay Township/Zone: (1) Kalay; (2) Hpoungbyin; (3) Tamu; (4) Kalay-wa; (5) Mawlite; (6) Minginn.
14. Khanti Township/Zone: (1) Khanti; (2) Hommalinn; (3) Leshi; (4) Lahei; (5) Nanyunn.
- VI - Taninthayi Division
15. Dawei Township/Zone: (1) Dawei; (2) Lounglon; (3) Thayetchoung; (4) Yebyu.

16. Beik Township/Zone: (1) Beik; (2) Kyunzu; (3) Bokpyinn;
(4) Palaw; (5) Taninthayi; (6) Kawthoung.

VII - Bago Division

17. Bago Township/Zone: (1) Bago; (2) Thanatpyin; (3) Kawa;
(4) Nyaunglebin; (5) Waw; (6) Kyaukdaga; (7) Daik-U; (8) Shwegyin.

18. Pyay Township/Zone: (1) Pyay; (2) Paukkaung; (3) Padaung;
(4) Paungde; (5) Thegon; (6) Shwedaung.

19. Tharrawaddy Township/Zone: (1) Tharrawaddy; (2)
Letpantan; (3) Minhla; (4) Ok-po; (5) Zigon; (6) Nattalin; (7) Monyo;
(8) Gyobingauk.

20. Toungoo Township/Zone: (1) Toungoo; (2) Yedashe; (3)
Kyaukkyi; (4) Pyu; (5) Oaktwin; (6) Htantapin. (WPD 12/12)

VIII - Magway Division

21. Magway Township/Zone: (1) Magway; (2) Yaynangyoung; (3)
Chauk; (4) Taungdwingyi; (5) Myothit; (6) Natmauk.

22. Minbu Township/Zone: (1) Minbu; (2) Pwintbyu; (3) Ngahpe;
(4) Salinn; (5) Setoktayar.

23. Thayet Township/Zone: (1) Thayet; (2) Minhla; (3)
Mindonn; (4) Kamma; (5) Myayde; (6) Sinbaungwe.

24. Pakokku Township/Zone: (1) Pakokku; (2) Yesagyo; (3)
Myine; (4) Pauk; (5) Seikphyu; (6) Saw; (7) Gantgaw; (8) Htilinn.

IX - Mandalay Division

25. Mandalay Township/Zone: (1) Mandalay (South-East); (2)
Mandalay (North-East); (3) Mandalay (South-West); (4) Mandalay
(North-West); (5) Amarapura; (6) Patheingyee; (7) Madayar; (8)
Sintgu; (9) Pyin-U Lwin; (10) Mogok; (11) Thabeikkyinn. (WPD 12/13)

26. Kyaukse Township/Zone: (1) Kyaukse; (2) Sintgine; (3)
Myitthah; (4) Tada-U.

27. Myingyan Township/Zone: (1) Myingyan; (2) Taungthar; (3)
Nahtogyee; (4) Kyaukpadoung; (5) Nyaung-U.

28. Yamethinn Township/Zone: (1) Yamethinn; (2) Pyawbwei; (3)
Tarkonn; (4) Pyinmanaa; (5) Leiway.

29. Meiktila Township/Zone: (1) Meiktila; (2) Mahlaing; (3)
Thazi; (4) Wundwinn.

X - Mon State

30. Mawlamyine Township/Zone: (1) Mawlamyine; (2) Kyaukmaraw;
(3) Chaungzon; (4) Thanbyuzayat; (5) Mudon; (6) Yay.

31. Thaton Township/Zone: (1) Thaton; (2) Paung; (3)
Kyaikto; (4) Bilinn.

XI - Rakhine State

32. Sittwe Township/Zone: (1) Sittwe; (2) Ponnagyunn; (3)
Rathetaung; (4) Mrauk-U; (5) Kyauktaw; (6) Minbyar; (7) Pauktaw; (8)
Maungdaw; (9) Buthidaung; (10) Myaybon.

33. Kyaukphyu Township/Zone: (1) Kyaukphyu; (2) Man Aung; (3)
Ramree; (4) Ann.

34. Thandwe Township/Zone: (1) Thandwe; (2) Taunggok; (3)
Gwa.

XII - Yangon Division

35. Yangon Township/Zone: (1) Mayangonn; (2) Kamaryut; (3)
Hline; (4) Yanginn; (5) Kytmyindine {sic?}; (6) Sangyoung; (7) Alon;
(8) Lanmadaw; (9) Lathar; (10) Pabedann; (11) Kyaukdadah; (12)
Botahtaung; (13) Pazundaung; (14) Bahann; (15) Dagon; (16) Mingalar
Taungnyunt; (17) Tarmwe; (18) Tharkayta; (19) Dawbon; (20) Hseikkann.

36. Hantharwaddy Township/Zone: (1) Tanyin; (2) Kyauktann;
(3) Thongwa; (4) Khayann; (5) Tuntay; (6) Kungyangonn; (7) Kawthmu;
(8) Hseikkyee-Khanaungto; (9) Dala; (10) Cocogyun.

37. Insein Township/Zone: (1) Insein; (2) Mingaladon; (3)
North Okkalapa; (4) South Okkalapa; (5) Thingangyun; (6) Hlegu; (7)
Hmawby; (8) Taikkyee; (9) Htandabin; (10) Hlaingthayar; (11)
Shwepyithar; (12) Dagon Myothit.

XIII - Shan State

38. Taunggyi Township/Zone: (1) Taunggyi; (2) Hopong; (3)
Yawnghwe; (4) Hsiseng; (5) Kalaw; (6) Pindaya; (7) Ywangan; (8)
Lawksawk; (9) Pinlaung; (10) Hpekon.

39. Loilem Township/Zone: (1) Loilem; (2) Leihka; (3)
Namsan; (4) Kunhein; (5) Mongne; (6) Lanhkio; (7) Maukme; (8)

Mongpang; (9) Kheethi; (10) Mong Kaing; (11) Mongshu.
 40. Lashio Township/Zone: (1) Lashio; (2) Hsenwi; (3) Kutkai;
 (4) Muse; (5) Namhkan; (6) Tangyan; (7) Mongreh; (8) Manpham; (9)
 Pangyan; (10) Napham; (11) Kongyahn; (12) Panwaing; (13) Mongmaw.
 41. Kyaukme Township/Zone: (1) Kyaukme; (2) Nawngkhio; (3)
 Hsipaw; (4) Namtu; (5) Namhsam; (6) Mongmeik; (7) Mabein.
 42. Kunlon Township/Zone: (1) Kunlon; (2) Hopang.
 43. Kengtung Township/Zone: (1) Kengtung; (2) Mongkhat; (3)
 Mongyan.
 44. Mongping Township/Zone: (1) Mongping; (2) Mongton; (3)
 Monghsat.
 45. Monghpyak Township/Zone: (1) Monghpyak; (2) Mongyawng;
 (3) Tachilek.
 XIV - Ayeyarwady Division
 46. Pathein Township/Zone: (1) Pathein (East); (2) Pathein
 (West); (3) Tharboung; (4) Ngapudaw; (5) Kyonpyaw; (6) Yegy; (7)
 Kyoungonn.
 47. Hinthada Township/Zone: (1) Hinthada; (2) Zalun; (3)
 Laymyethnar; (4) Myanaung; (5) Kyanginn; (6) Ingapu.
 48. Myoungmya Township/Zone: (1) Myoungmya; (2) Einme; (3)
 Latputtar; (4) Mawlamyinegyunn.
 49. Maubin Township/Zone: (1) Maubin; (2) Pantanaw; (3)
 Nyaungdonn; (4) Danubyu.
 50. Phyarpon Township/Zone: (1) Phyarpon; (2) Bogalay; (3)
 Kyaiklat; (4) Daydaye. (WPD 12/14)

Articles on Elections

Dec. 13: Political parties and election, by Nyan Htet. [The final date for estimating the number of constituencies to be contested is Dec. 11, and over 100 parties have done so. Among the "strong and well-known parties" are the National Unity Party (NUP) {No. 17; ex-BSPP}; League for Democracy and Peace (LDP) {No. 141; U Nu}; Union Nationals Democracy Party (UNDP) {No. 167}; National League for Democracy (NLD) {No. 2; Daw Aung San Suu Kyi & U Tin Oo}; and the Democratic Front for National Reconstruction (Union of Burma) {No. 8}. The new elected Pyithu Hluttaw representatives "will form a constituent assembly...to formulate a new constitution. Earlier constituent assemblies described. "The political parties that are not going to contest the election are opposed to the spirit of their registration and have for all practical purposes boycotted the election and action has to be taken against them."]

Dec. 25: Important facts about election, by Yaykhe Maung. [(1) Compilation of voter lists. "I...advise voters to go and see the electoral rolls being announced by the Ward or Village-tract Sub-Commission concerned whether or not their names are on the electoral rolls, whether their bio-data are correct or not so that they may be able to fully exercise the electoral rights."]

Voters Abroad

Dec. 17: The Election Commission has requested the Ministry of Foreign Affairs "to enable the Myanmar citizens staying abroad with the permission of the Government to fill the respective forms to be included in the voting list." (WPD 12/18)

Requirements for Candidates

Dec. 21: Election Commission Announcement No. 348 of Dec. 21 instructs Pyithu Hluttaw candidates to "keep account of the expenditure incurred by him" from the day he submits his candidature.

Election Commission Press Release No. 153/89 of Dec. 21 says Candidates may present their "short biographies according to their wishes." They are to mention: (a) Name; (b) National Registration Number; (c) Date of birth (age); (d) Father's name; (f) Permanent address; (g) Name and number of constituency in which running; (h) Name of party represented, or independent candidature; (i) "Bio-data of the candidate which will be kept in record if he or she is elected."; (j) General [sic]; (k) Signature. Also six photos,

1.9"x1.4" together with the Hluttaw Candidature list. (WPD 12/22)

Dec. 22: Election Commission Announcement No. 351 of Dec. 22 notes that Candidates are "to have their citizenship scrutinized in advance." However, since the deadline is approaching, "the Commission hereby announces that the Hluttaw candidature list can be submitted by mentioning the NRC number if their citizenship has not been scrutinized yet." (WPD 12/24)

Six Shan Schedules Changed

Dec. 22: Election Commission Announcement No. 352 of Dec. 22 reschedules to February the dates for establishing candidate lists in the Constituencies of Konkyan, Narphan, Pangwaing, Pangyang, Mongmao, and Manphant (Thanlwin) Townships in Shan State, though the election will be held there as scheduled on May 27. (WPD 12/23)

Candidates File Papers

Dec. 30: Election Commission Press Release No. 156/89 of Dec. 30 notes that Pyithu Hluttaw candidates began Dec. 28 to file nominating papers for the May elections. So far 366 candidates have filed (Kachin-9; Tanintharyi-9; Bago-79; Magway-66; Mandalay-69; Mon-7; Yangon-89; Shan-16; Ayeyarwady-22. Of these, 9 are independent and 357 are from 21 parties. (WPD 12/31)

DIPLOMATIC

Diplomatic Calls

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

Nov. 30: Australian Ambassador Geoffrey Charles Allen and First Secretary Phillip Stonehouse on Multi-Party Democracy General Election Commission Chairman U Ba Htay and members. (WPD 12/1)

Dec. 5: Australian Ambassador Geoffrey Charles Allen on State LORC Secretary (1) Brig-Gen. Khin Nyunt. (WPD 12/6)

Dec. 7: Australian Ambassador Geoffrey Charles Allen on Minister for Home & Religious Affairs and for Information and for Culture Maj-Gen. Phone Myint. Chinese Ambassador Cheng Ruisheng on State LORC Secretary (2) Brig-Gen. Tin Oo. (WPD 12/8)

Dec. 8: Pakistani Ambassador Mohammad Qurban on Attorney-General U Khin Maung Aye. (WPD 12/9)

Dec. 11: Malaysian Ambassador Sallehuddin bin Abdullah on Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries and for Agriculture & Forests Maj-Gen. Chit Swe. (WPD 12/12)

Dec. 21: Laotian Charge d'Affaires Veng Saysana on Minister for Health and for Education Dr. Pe Thein. (WPD 12/22)

Dec. 22: Laotian Charge d'Affaires Veng Saysana on Minister for Transport & Communications and for Social Welfare and for Labour Maj-Gen. Tin Tun. Japanese Ambassador Hiroshi Ohtaka on State LORC Secretary (1) Brig-Gen. Khin Nyunt. (WPD 12/23)

Dec. 28: Israeli Ambassador Menashe Zipori on Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries and for Agriculture & Forests Maj-Gen. Chit Swe. (WPD 12/29)

Ambassador to India

Nov. 30: U Saw Hlaing presented credentials on Nov. 27 to President Shri Ramaswamy Venkataraman as Myanmar Ambassador to India. (WPD 12/1)

Hungarian Ambassador

Dec. 12: Dr. Andras Balogh presented credentials to State LORC Chairman Gen. Saw Maung as Hungarian Ambassador to Myanmar. (WPD 12/13)

Yugoslav Ambassador Approved

Dec. 14: The Myanmar Government has approved the nomination of Dr. Svetozar Jovicevic as Yugoslav Ambassador to Myanmar. Ambassador Jovicevic was born in January 1942, and graduated from the Faculty of

Electrotechnics of the University of Titograd in 1965. He received a Master's Degree from the Faculty of Electrotechnics, University of Belgrade, in 1969, and a Doctorate from the University of Zagreb in 1972. He has studied in the USA and United Kingdom and has published scientific works in Yugoslav and foreign publications. He is now a full Professor at the University of Titograd as well as Director for Technical Research and Dean of the Technical Faculties. He is married with 2 children. (WPD 12/13)

Cypriot Ambassador Approved

Dec. 29: The Government has approved the nomination of Mr. T.V. Theophilou as Cypriot Ambassador to Myanmar. Ambassador Theophilou was born Sept. 9, 1946, in Famagusta, Cyprus, and studied Political Science, Economics, and Law. He entered the Foreign Service in 1974 and served in the Ministry until 1989. He has several times been a member of the Cypriot UNGA delegation. He is concurrently Ambassador to India and resident in New Delhi. He is married with 3 children. (WPD 12/29)

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Chinese Trade Agreement

Dec. 4: A Memorandum of Understanding regarding economic and trade co-operation between China and Myanmar was signed by the visiting Yunnan Provincial delegation and the Ministry of Trade. Yunnan Province will open department stores in Mandalay and Lashio; Yunnan commodities will be sold in Myanmar department stores; branch company offices will be opened; and tourism between Yangon and Kunming will be encouraged. (WPD 12/5)

Dec. 5: Further Memoranda of Understanding were signed for: (1) joint exploration of tin in Namhkam and coal trading in Lweje region, Momauk Twp. [Kachin]; (2) a Caustic Soda Plant Project at Sittaung, and a feasibility survey for a small cement plant at Muse. (WPD 12/6)

Review of UNICEF Projects

Dec. 14: A preliminary discussion of the UNICEF Situation Analysis Exercise for 1991-94 was held. The Annual Review was also held Dec. 12-13. UNICEF has given US\$32 million for the 1987-90 period. (WPD 12/15)

Chinese Photo Exhibit

Dec. 18: A photographic exhibit for the 40th anniversary of the Foundation of the People's Republic of China, opened at the National Museum (ground floor) on Pansodan St., Yangon. It will be open until Dec. 22. (WPD 12/19)

FOREIGN VISITORS

Business Delegations

Dec. 8: Dr. Tae Won Kwon, President of the Korean Food Research Institute, and Mr. Kun Young Park, Director of the Office of Rural Development of Korea, called on State LORC Chairman Gen. Saw Maung. (WPD 12/9)

Yunnan Governor's Visit

Nov. 30: Yunnan Province (China) Governor He Zhiqiang called on State LORC Chairman Gen. Saw Maung, on Minister for Energy and for Mines Rear-Adm. Maung Maung Khin (who hosted a dinner for him), and on Minister for Industry 1 and for Industry 2 Maj-Gen. Sein Aung. He also visited the People's Square and People's Park in Yangon. (WPD 12/1)

Dec. 1: He called on Minister for Home & Religious Affairs and for Information and for Culture Maj-Gen. Phone Myint, on Minister for Transport & Communications and for Social Welfare and for Labour Maj-Gen. Tin Tun, and on Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries and

for Agriculture & Forests Maj-Gen. Chit Swe. (WPD 12/2) // Dec. 7:
The delegation left. (WPD 12/8)

UNFDAC Director

Dec. 2: Mr. G. Di Gennaro, UN Assistant Secretary General and Executive Director of UNFDAC in Vienna, arrived to study anti-drug abuse activities, accompanied by Senior Programme Officer Mr. Christopher Ronald, and Field Advisor Mr. Odd A. Halhiem. He will stay until Dec. 4. (WPD 12/3) // Dec. 3: He visited Lashio to inspect treatment facilities and crop substitution programs. (WPD 12/4)

Singapore Trade Delegation

Dec. 4: A 40-member trade delegation headed by Singapore Minister of State of Trade & Industry and of Communications & Information Mr. Mah Bow Tan arrived. It will remain until Dec. 9. Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Col. Abel gave a dinner attended by other Ministers. (WPD 12/5)

Dec. 6: The delegation met with State LORC Chairman Gen. Saw Maung, with Minister for Energy and for Mines Rear-Adm. Maung Maung Khin, and with Minister for Industry 1 and for Industry 2 Maj-Gen. Sein Aung. (WPD 12/7)

Dec. 7: The delegation met with Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries and for Agriculture & Forests Maj-Gen. Chit Swe, and then departed. (WPD 12/8)

Soviet War Veterans

Dec. 5: A Soviet War Veteran Committee delegation led by Maj-Gen. B.B. Baitasovitch, and including Lt-Col. B.S. Bagrasovitch of the Soviet War Veteran Organization's International Affairs Committee, arrived in Yangon. It was met by Union of Myanmar War Veterans Organization Vice-Chairman Maj-Gen. Ko Gyi (Rtd.) and others. (WPD 12/6)

Dec. 6: The delegation met with Myanmar War Veterans Organization Chairman Maj-Gen. Aung Khin (Rtd.). (WPD 12/7) // Dec. 7: It visited the National Museum and the 'Sitpyan' Magazine Press. (WPD 12/8) // Dec. 12: It visited Pagan-Nyaung U, Mandalay, Maymyo and Inle Lake, and then returned to Yangon. (WPD 12/13) // Dec. 13: The delegation left. (WPD 12/14)

Malaysian Air Chief

Dec. 6: A delegation headed by Malaysian Chief of Air Force Lt-Gen. Tan Sri Mohamed bin Ngah Said and his wife Puan Sri Lat Kamariah arrived, and called on Commander-in-Chief (Air) Maj-Gen. Tin Tun. (WPD 12/7) // Dec. 7: The Malaysian delegation called on State LORC Chairman Gen. Saw Maung. (WPD 12/8)

Dec. 10: The Malaysian air chief left after visiting Mandalay, Inle Lake, and Panglong. (WPD 12/11)

Thai Border Delegation

Dec. 11: A Thai delegation headed by 3rd Army Region Commander Lt-Gen. Siri Siwaphan arrived to take part in the second meeting of the Myanmar-Thailand Regional Border Committee, which will be held in Taunggyi. From Yangon the delegation flew on to Heho. (WPD 12/12)

Hepatitis Expert

Dec. 12: Dr. Alfred Prince, Chairman of the International Viral Hepatitis Control Unit, and a consultant to Myanmar, called on Minister for Health and for Education Dr. Pe Thein. (WPD 12/13)

UNESCO Official

Dec. 13: Mr. C.S. Hakansson, Chief of the Operational Section for Asia and Far East, Science Sector, UNESCO, arrived to study the expansion of marine science and research at Mawlamyine University, which is being carried on with UNDP assistance. He called on Minister for Health and for Education Dr. Pe Thein. (WPD 12/14)

Japanese Forestry Aid

Dec. 13: Mr. Goto, Director of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) called on Forest Department Director-General U Ba Thwin to discuss the curriculum for the project training school of the Central Forest Development Training Centre at Hmawby. He will also visit Yezin and Maymyo. (WPD 12/14)

Chinese Assistant Minister

Dec. 23: Chinese Assistant Minister for Foreign Economic Relations and Trade Wang Wendong arrived with a delegation, and was given a dinner by Managing Director of Public Works U Khin Maung Yin of the Ministry of Construction. (WPD 12/24) // Dec. 24: He visited the No. 1 Sittaung Paper Mill, and was given a dinner by Budget Department Director-General U Min Aung. (WPD 12/25) // Dec. 25: He visited the Cultural Theatre Construction Project, the National Indoor Stadium No. 1, and the Yangon-Tanyin Bridge Construction Project. (WPD 12/26)

Dec. 26: The Chinese Assistant Minister called on Minister for Industry 1 and for Industry 2 Maj-Gen. Sein Aung, on Minister for Construction and for Co-operatives Maj-Gen. Aung Ye Kyaw, and on Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Col. Abel. (WPD 12/27) // Dec. 27: The delegation departed. (WPD 12/28)

Chinese Writers Delegation

Dec. 27: A Chinese writers delegation led by Mr. Xie Pu arrived for a 15-day visit. Other members are Mr. Zhao Le Pu, Mr. Zuo Jian Ming, Ms. Wang Fang (Fang Fang), and English interpreter Ms. Gong Jie. (WPD 12/28) // Dec. 28: The delegation called on U Soe Nyunt (Htila Sitthu), Chairman of the Writers and Journalists Organization of the Union of Myanmar. (WPD 12/29)

MYANMAR DELEGATIONS

Cyclone Workshop

Nov. 29: U Htu Aung Cho, Deputy Director of the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology left Nov. 27 to attend the second International Workshop on Tropical Cyclones (IWTC-II), sponsored by the WMO in Manila, which will last until Dec. 8. (WPD 12/1)

Tax Delegation Returns

Nov. 30: The 5-member delegation headed by Director U Khin Maung Than Oo returned from a seminar on Organizational and Methodical Problems of Tax Auditing and Investigation sponsored by the German Foundation for International Development in West Berlin, Nov. 13-24. (WPD 12/1)

Maritime Employment Delegate

Nov. 30: Director-General of the Maritime Administration Department Dr. Tin Hlaing returned from the Nov. 20-25 Regional Conference on Employment of Seamen from Asian Region sponsored by the ILO in Manila. In addition to questions involving seamen, Dr. Tin Hlaing discussed "measures to enable foreign ships to get temporary registration in Myanmar Naing-Ngan under bare-boat charter system." (WPD 12/1)

Drug Abuse Delegation

Dec. 7: A delegation headed by Secretary of the Drug Abuse Control Central Committee Director-General of the People's Police Force Col. Thura Pe Aung left to study anti-drug activities in Thailand, Hong Kong, Malaysia, and Singapore. It included PPF Regiments Control Body Commander Tin Maung Oo, Narcotics Division Director PPF Director Ngwe Soe Tun, PPF Director U Hla Myint and Mandalay Division PPF Director Kyaw Myint. (WPD 12/8) // Dec. 30: The delegation returned. (WPD 12/31)

Energy Minister to Korea

Dec. 9: Minister for Energy and for Mines Rear-Adm. Maung Maung Khin left for a study tour in Korea. He was accompanied by State LORC member and Central Commander Brig-Gen. Aye Thoung, Ayeyarwady Region Naval Commander Capt. Sein Lwin, Energy Planning Department Director-General U Tin Tun, Myanma Petroleum Products Enterprise Managing Director U Aung Hlaing, Planning and Inspection Department Director-General U Hla Sint and others. [presumably covered in WPD 12/10, not received] // Dec. 21: The delegation returned. (WPD 12/22)

Livestock Chief in Thailand

Dec. 9: Managing Director Col. Khin Myint of the Livestock, Foodstuff and Milk Products Enterprise led a delegation to Thailand to study livestock breeding. He was accompanied by Manager U Aung Kyaw, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Department Director-General U Than Tint and Head of Division U Saw Palei Saw, Directorate of Resettlement Staff Officer Lt-Col. Thein Han, and Myanma Fisheries Enterprise Deputy General Manager U Myo Naing. [presumably covered in WPD 12/10, not received] // Dec. 26: The delegation returned. (WPD 12/27)

Education Delegation

Dec. 10: A delegation headed by Chairman of the Myanmar Naing-Ngan Educational Research Bureau Dr. Khin Maung Gyi left to study primary education and non-formal education in Thailand and Indonesia under the UNICEF program. Other members are Director of the Budget Department, Ministry of Planning and Finance, Daw Khin Ohn Thant, and Principal of the Yangon Teachers Training Institute Daw Muriel Tun Gyaw. (WPD 12/11)

Weatherman to Bangladesh

Dec. 11: Meteorological and Hydrological Officer U Pike left Dec. 9 to attend the UNDP Workshop on the Application of Remote Sensing to Flood Plain Mapping and Flood Monitoring in Dhaka. The Workshop will last from Dec. 11-15. (WPD 12/12)

MYANMAR GAZETTE

Appointments Confirmed

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

Dec. 7: U Kyaw Aye as Director-General, State Law and Order Restoration Council Office. (WPD 12/7)

GOVERNMENT

Traffic Rules Enforcement

Nov. 30: Stern action will be meted out to violators of the 1989 Motor Vehicles Rules Notification, the Traffic Rules Enforcement Committee announced. New, higher fines reiterated. (WPD 12/1)

Dec. 22: "Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervision Committee has extended the last date for vehicle owners to paint their vehicles to 31 January 1990 instead of the original date of 31 December 1989 to give them enough time for the work." (WPD 12/24)

State Enterprise Procedures

Dec. 6: Government Notification No. 15/89 of Dec. 6, Procedures relating to the State-owned Economic Enterprises Law, regulates private economic involvement in areas reserved by law to Government. Article 3 of the Procedures provides that:

"In exercise of the powers conferred under section 4 of the Law, the Government may, in the interest of the State permit any economic enterprise which is prescribed under section 3 of the Law to be carried out solely by the Government, in any of the following forms:-

- (a) Joint Venture between the organization and a citizen or a foreigner;
- (b) Joint Venture between the organization, a citizen and a

foreigner;

(c) Joint Venture between a citizen and a foreigner;

(d) Enterprise by a citizen or a foreigner."

The other articles govern the application, supervision, and procedures governing this provision. [Text on request] (WPD 12/11)

MILITARY

Insurgent Attacks

Dec. 7: KIA insurgents on Dec. 3 exploded bombs on two bridges in Mogaung Township [Kachin], damaging them 75 per cent. (WPD 12/8)

Dec. 14: KNU insurgents on Dec. 1 abducted 10 Mon nationals from Falamchaungwa village in Ye Twp. and demanded K20,000 ransom each. On Dec. 2 NMSP insurgents killed a woman in Kanni village, also in Ye Twp., while trying to abduct a Kayin couple. (WPD 12/15)

Dec. 20: KNU insurgents on Dec. 6 entered Paluchaung Village, Shwekyin Twp. [Bago], and on Dec. 7 killed a villager coming from Songon Village. A KIA mine on Dec. 10 killed a villager in Manlwaisup village, Kutkai Twp. [Shan]. (WPD 12/21)

Dec. 21: KNU insurgents on Dec. 20 attacked the motor vessel Myitta Shin at Kywe-seik near Shwegun, killing one passenger and wounding two. They also attacked the passenger boat Bo Aung Gyaw, wounding one passenger. (WPD 12/22)

Dec. 22: KNU insurgents on Dec. 20 entered a village in Yebyu Twp. [Tanintharyi Div.] and burned the primary school, including test papers, causing a loss of K 30,000. (WPD 12/ 24)

Dec. 23: 30 KNU insurgents wounded a jeep passenger on Dec. 22 near Wai-kayin village, between Hpa-an and Kawkareik. (WPD 12/24)

KNU Phalu Camp Seized

Dec. 29: The 331 Tactical Operations Command battalions under the command of No. 44 Light Infantry Division captured the KNU Phalu Camp, headquarters of the KNU No. 6 brigade, in a surprise attack Dec. 29. The KNU left behind 55 dead bodies and 63 weapons [described] one motorvehicle, 30 sheet-roofed buildings, 4 brick buildings, and 90 ordinary buildings. 22 Tatmadawmen were killed and 52 wounded. [map] (WPD 12/30)

ECONOMIC

Economic Articles

Dec. 4,7,12,17: Developing trend of Myanmar economy, by A Journalist. [Cont. (10) Shar Supply of 241 Shwebontha St., Yangon, has exported 72 tons of jellyfish to Japan for US\$ 81,200. Owner U Zaw Lwin plans to send another 25 tons worth US\$32,875 during 1989. (11) Annawa Dewi Producers Co-operative Society, Warden Market (formerly Keighley Market) is exporting sea fish to Thailand and Japan; US\$35,000 worth was sent to Thailand Apr.-June 1989. (12) Myanmar Nyunt Trading Enterprise, 103, 93rd St., Kandawgale, Yangon, has exported 500 tons of butter beans to Japan for US\$300,000, and 45 tons of wa tubers to Hong Kong for US\$ 270,000. It has imported US\$80,000 of raw materials for making soap. Areas of trade open to private enterprise reviewed. (13) Green Vegetable Production CMN Enterprise, of U Chit San, at Room 14, Building No. 233, Ward 6, Yankin Twp., Yangon, has been exporting preserved cucumbers to Japan. Petroleum joint ventures reviewed.]

Dec. 11-14,17,19: Shan State (North) development activities, by San Tun Aung and Kyaw Lwin. [Impressions of visit to Northern Shan State. (1) Development measures discussed. (2) Lashio-Kunlong trip. (3) Visit to Chinshwehaw. (4) Kunlong-Lashio trip. (5) Kunlong-Laukkai trip. (6) Auspicious day for Chinshwehaw.]

Dec. 21: Successful paddy cultivation work in Ayeyarwady Division, by Aung Nyunt and Soe Thein. [November visit to Ayeyarwady.]

Dec. 24: Heho Dam project in Shan State: 5,000 acres of farmland irrigated, by Tun Nu. [3,000 foot-long dam at Heho,

completed in 1964-65.]

Dec.27: Development activities of border areas gaining momentum, by Myint Lwin and Khin Maung Myint. [Visit to Eastern Shan State by State LORC Secretary (1) Brig-Gen. Khin Nyunt, Oct. 11-13, 1989.]

Myanma Gems Enterprise

Nov. 30: The Myanma Gems Enterprise will handle gem sales for private individuals on a consignment basis between Dec. 1, 1989 and May 31, 1990. A K500 assessment fee will be charged. The gems will be sold at the Emporium, and the proceeds will be divided as follows:

Seller: 60% in foreign currency, and 30% in Myanmar currency.
MGE commission: 10%.

A 2% commission will be charged for gems not sold within 3 months, and it will be returned to the owner. Seller must pledge in writing "that the gems are owned by his ancestors or owned by him legally (not obtained through illegal gem mining)." (WPD 12/1)

Nov. 30: The 27th Myanmar Gems Emporium will be held in February 1990. (WPD 12/1)

Transportation News

Dec. 4: 120 more commuter buses will be placed in service on private bus lines in Yangon as of Dec. 4. Routes detailed. (WPD 12/5)

Dec. 7: 200 Renault 70-passenger buses have been bought from France, and 50 of them will be shipped Dec. 26, for use in Yangon. The Road Transport has 380 vehicles in service for over 180,000 commuters; a total of 86 TE-21 trucks were "added for the convenience of travellers" beginning Dec. 1. (WPD 12/8)

Dec. 7: Measures for the sale of Japanese Hino buses to bus owners under the Yangon Division All Bus Services Control Committee, and to introduce new express bus services in Yangon, were discussed at City Hall. (WPD 12/8)

Dec. 8: "Certain unscrupulous persons have cut some sofas using blades" on new Hino buses placed on the Insein-Sule route Dec. 7. They should be exposed. (WPD 12/9)

Dec. 11: A Mingaladon-Sule Express Bus Line was opened, using 10 Japanese Hino buses. The fare will be K1 from Mingaladon-Mayangonn intersection, and K1 from Mingaladon-Sule. Government servants may use a bus coupon. (WPD 12/12)

Dec. 12: A North Okkalapa-Sule Express Bus Line was opened, using 10 Japanese Hino buses, with fares of K1-K1.50. Government servants may use coupons. (WPD 12/13)

Dec. 16: A jetty for Z-craft [ferries] was opened Dec. 15 at Setkawt, across the Ayeyarwady River from Nyaungdon. This will make it possible to travel by car from Pathein to Yangon in 6 hours; the Pathein-Yangon motor road was completed in Sept. 1989, but there was difficulty in crossing the river at Nyaungdon. (WPD 12/17)

Dec. 20: Beginning Dec. 28, Myanma Airways will begin a weekly Yangon/ Penang/Singapore/Penang/Yangon route leaving Yangon each Thursday at 7:15 am and returning at 5:45 pm. (WPD 12/21) // Dec. 27: The Flight numbers are UB-235 and UB-236, and the one-way fares are K2318 (US\$ 347.85) for Yangon/Singapore, and K 1719 (US\$ 258.00) for Yangon/Penang. (WPD advertisement 12/ 27)

Dec. 27: Yangon-Mandalay boat service will resume Jan. 1, 1990, using the vessel Myadipar. The upstream trip will take 9 days and the return 6 days, with stops at Ma-ubin, Danubyu, Hinthada, Myanaung, Kyanginn, Pyay, Thayet, Myayde, Minbu, Chauk, Pakkoku, Simeegon, Myinmu, and Sagaing. A weekly Monywa-Hkamti (express) service on the Chindwin River was inaugurated Dec. 16, leaving Monywa every Saturday. The vessel Panglong will be put into service between Mandalay-Nyaung-U, after repair at a cost of K 103,000. It will leave Mandalay every Sunday and Thursday, and can be used by local passengers as well as foreign tourists. (WPD 12/29)

Rice Prices and Sales

Dec. 6: In November Ngasein rice was K12-K10 per pyi; at the

beginning of December it has fallen to K10-K6 due to the abundant paddy harvest in Ayeyarwady Division. Emahta rice has fallen from K15-K10 to K11-K6. (WPD 12/7)

Dec. 10: A rice distribution centre was opened Dec. 7 in Toungoo, and sold 1,100 baskets of rice at K8 per pyi between Dec. 7-10. Sales will continue. (WPD 12/15)

Dec. 17-18: To stabilize prices of rices in normal situation, by Aung. [Rice production history, and rise in rice prices, chronicled. Political parties should not exploit the situation. Other countries compared. "Exhorbitant price of rice this year will not be acceptable for the government."]

Dec. 25: A Joint Venture (2) Ltd. rice shop was opened in Thonze, Thayarwady Township [Bago], where rice will be sold at K8 per pyi. JVC (2) is also selling rice at K8 per pyi in 6 retail shops in Pathein [Ayeyarwady]. It has sold over 7,300 baskets in Ayeyarwady Division and 35,000 elsewhere. (WPD 12/26)

Hotels Open

Dec. 10: The new Chaungtha Beach Hotel was opened near Chaungtha village, Pathein-West Township, Ayeyarwady Division. There are 20 double-bed rooms [in bungalows], with air conditioners, TV sets and video decks, refrigerators and hot and cold shower taps in every room. Tourists may travel from Yangon to Pathein-Thanhlyetsoon by the motor vessel 'Byinnya Dalla' and from there to Chaungtha Beach by motor vehicles of the Myanmar Hotels and Tourism Services. They will be shown Pathein and its environs on the return trip. (WPD 12/11)

Dec. 18: The Kyaiktiyo Hotel was opened near the Kyaukthanban Pagoda, not far from the Kyaiktiyo Pagoda platform [Mon State]. "Pilgrims from both within and without the country and tourists can put up at the Kyaiktiyo Hotel and there are 12 double-rooms and six rooms in which a family of six can put up and arrangements have also been made to sell food at the hotel." Reservations through Myanmar Travels and Tours. (WPD 12/21)

Business Activities

Dec. 11: Joint Venture Corp. (3) Ltd. has opened a stationery shop at the Myanmar Railways sports welfare shop on Bogyoke Aung San St., Yangon. It will shortly accept colour film for developing at No. 542 Merchant St. The Corporation is located at 124/128 Bo Aung Kyaw St. (WPD 12/12)

Dec. 14: A shipment of sesamum oil-cake jointly exported by the Magway Division Syndicate of Township Co-operatives and the Central Co-operative Society to the Yow Cheong Co. of Singapore left on the MV Pyidaw Aye. More will follow. (WPD 12/15)

Dec. 26: Joint Venture Corp. No. 3 Ltd., of 124-128 Bo Aung Kyaw Street, Botahtaung, Yangon, exported 1,000 tons of pedisein to India on Dec. 24. (WPD 12/27)

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Azin Dam Opened

Dec. 18: The Azin irrigation dam was opened in Mudon Township,
Mon State, on Dec. 15. Begun in 1983 with World Bank funds, its
completion was "delayed one year by the incident of last year." It
cost more than projected, though the foreign exchange component was
lower than targeted. The dam will irrigate 2,000 acres for double
cropping, and 850 acres for other crops, as well as supplying
drinking water. (WPD 12/19)

Export Market Prices

Dec. 29: The WPD will commence publishing periodically "the
actual transacted prices of Myanmar Export Products."

-- Oct. and Nov. 1989 prices::

Price (US\$, PMT, FOB)

Broken Rice

1. Zeera Broken Rice		
1989 crop		
1. A1 & Extra		210.00
2. A1 & 2		190.00

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1. Butter Beans	535.00	
2. Butter Beans Non FAQ	85.00	
3. Matpe (O/Q)	231.00	
4. Matpe (S/Q)	550.00	
		C&F
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1. Musical Instruments 5834.00/set
(Saing Waing) Imitation
Gold
2. Black Buffalo Horn Tibs 3.00/kg
(WPD 12/29)

Japanese Pay Compensation

Dec. 28: The Japanese firm, Messers Inlay Supplies Co. Ltd., which was dissolved July 31, 1983, paid a first installment of Yen 5,547,208 to 51 Myanmar citizens; full payment of the money due will total Yen 8,337,955 owed to 79 citizens. The Inspection and Agency Services spent Yen 70,000 to get the compensation money. (WPD 12/29)

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
December 1	96.22	100.59	102.76
December 15	96.22	100.59	102.76
December 30	96.22	100.59	102.76

HEALTH

Drug Abuse Exhibition

Nov. 30: Chinese Ambassador Cheng Ruisheng visited the Exhibition on Drug Abuse Control Work at Tatmadaw Hall. (WPD 12/1) // Attendance was 7,100 on Nov. 30; 10,600 on Dec. 1; 18,000 on Nov. 2 [Sat.]. (WPD 12/1-3)

Dec. 3: Minister for Home & Religious Affairs and for Information and for Culture Maj-Gen. Phone Myint presented prizes. He instructed that anti-narcotics talks are to be given in schools at least six times per year, and introduced wherever possible into the classroom. Parents should be informed through the parent-teacher associations and the dangers of smoking explained. Books, pamphlets, articles, posters, mottos, and cartoons should be put on display. There should be exhibits and student visits to treatment centers. Schools with problems in arranging anti-narcotics programs should consult the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control and its branches for assistance. (WPD 12/4)

Blood Groups

Dec. 1: Health research findings of the Union of Myanmar, by Health researcher. [Statistics on differences in blood group distribution among Burmese and minority ethnic groups, concluding that the population consists of three main original groups: Mon-Khmer, Tibeto-Burma, and Thai-Chinese. {details on request}]

AIDS

Dec. 1: Health education for the prevention of AIDS, by Dr. Tin Tun Oo. [Avoid sexual contact, contaminated needles (and hence use of narcotics, tattooing, and unnecessary injections), and passing on the disease to others. "Since it is not quite easy for one to avoid sexual contact at all, one should use FL if one has to have sexual contact."]

Dec. 2: World AIDS Day, 1 December 1989, by Dr. U Thuang. [History of AIDS; how it is transmitted and not transmitted; statistics. "There is no case of AIDS in Myanmar, despite invasion of this country by the AIDS virus since 1988.... The Department of Health started...field studies... since 1985. A test positive person was found in 1988 and the rest of the test positive persons are found in 1989. Till the end of October 1989, 18,275 persons in Yangon, Mandalay, Mawlamyine, Pagan Nyaung-U and Taunggyi were studied by means of blood test, out of whom 266 were found to have antibodies to the virus giving an infection rate of 1.4%. The group with the highest rate of infection is that of intravenous drug abusers: 170

out of 510 intravenous drug abusers tested show infection to their blood; that is 33.3% of such drug addicts are infected.... Very few females are infected...but there is no place for complacency.... HIV infected people ...will develop clinically overt AIDS in near future and AIDS may thus become a public health problem within the next five or six years. The Department of Health has embarked on AIDS Control Programme by adopting various measures such as case detection, surveillance, health information and counselling and intersectorial collaboration, the latter through National AIDS Control Committee which consists of representatives from other governmental departments."]

Dec. 11: A five-day Workshop on Prevention and Control of HIV infection/AIDS for medical officers opened at the Health Department, Theinbyu Road, Yangon. (WPD 12/12)

SPORTS

Traditional Boat Race

Dec. 1: Myanmar traditional boat-race for the SLORC Chairman's cup, by Soe Win Myint. [Article on forthcoming Dec. 1-3 traditional boat races, with 9-oar, 7-oar, and 5-oar events on Kandawgyi Lake. Such events were held from 1960-76 under the auspices of the Yangon Division Boat-Rowing Sub-Committee, and are now being revived on a national basis.]

Dec. 1: The races began, in the presence of State LORC Secretary (1) Brig-Gen. Khin Nyunt and others. (WPD 12/2) // Second day. (WPD 12/3)

Dec. 3: State LORC Chairman Gen. Saw Maung presided over the finals and prizegiving. Classes included Traditional (9, 7, and 5-oar); Intha Traditional [leg rowing]; and Western. (WPD 12/4) // Dec. 5: The SLORC Chairman's Cup and other awards were handed over at City Hall. (WPD 12/6)

Athletes Honored

Dec. 5: At a dinner in the Inya Lake Hotel, Minister for Health and for Education Dr. Pe Thein honored athletes who participated in the 8th Asian Track and Field Tournament held in New Delhi, and the 29th South-East Asian Amateur Team Golf Tournament (Putra) in Manila. (WPD 12/6)

Malaysian Golf Tourney

Dec. 7: Zaw Moe took the lead Dec. 6 in the first round of the 12th leg of the 14-tournament Tour of Malaysia Golf series in Kuala Lumpur, with a four-under-par 68. Tied at 70 were Mya Aye, the American Jay Nichols, and others. Each leg carries a 40,000 ringgits (US\$14,715) prize. (WPD 12/8)

Dec. 8: Zaw Moe "fired a sizzling seven-under-par" 65 on Dec. 7 for a two-day total of 133 and the lead in the leg. (WPD 12/9)

Dec. 10: Zaw Moe won the 12th leg of the Tour of Malaysia Golf series at Cinta Sayang Golf and Country Club in Sungei Petani on Dec. 9. His scores for the four games were 68-65-67-72 for a total of 272. Of the 13 contestants, the American Jay Nichols came in 8th with 291, and Mya Aye tied for last with 293. (WPD 12/11)

Disabled Athletes Federation

Dec. 30: The 15-member Myanmar Naing-Ngan Disabled Athletes Federation was formed on Dec. 29. Officers are:

Chairman: Col. Myo Swe.

Vice-Chairmen: Col. (rtd.) Tin Oo, Lt-Col. Thein Han.

Secretary: Col. Hla Myint.

The Federation will hold competitions in Feb. 1990, in track and field, swimming, badminton, table tennis, and volleyball. (WPD 12/31)

CULTURAL

Literary Articles

Dec. 3: Pedantic poems of Sebani Sayadaw, by Sann Thamein. [A nationalist poet of King Thibaw's time.]

Dec. 3,10,17,24,31: Hyacinth Way. [Poems, in English and Myanmar, by Zawgyi. (24-28)]

Dec. 3,10,17,24,31: Myanmar Proverbs, by Dr. U Hla Pe. [Cont. (33-37)]

Dec. 3,10,17: Poems, in English and Myanmar. [Cont. "To the Shwe-Byon Nat Festival" by Zawgyi. {Dec. 10 issue not received}. "The strings of beads" by Nu Yin.]

Dec. 3,10,17,24,31: 20th Century Myanmar Poets & Poems, by Htila Sitthu. [Cont. from series previously published in the Guardian magazine. (6-10) Poetess Nu Yin (and other writers) of the 1920s Experimental Khitsan school.]

Dec. 24: Animated Myanmar cartoons, by Win Pa. [Detailed history of Burmese animated cartoons, beginning in 1927, but concluding that only some 10 have ever been produced and that "the future of cartoon films in Myanmar film industry is very bleak."]

Dec. 31: Poet Minister Padetha Raza, by Soe Thein. [Biography; he lived 1683-1754.]

Historical & Cultural Articles

Dec. 3,10,24,31: Picturesque Myanmar, by Htin Lin. [Cont. descriptions for tourists and visitors. (4) Pilgrims on a picnic (Bago {Pegu}). (5) {WPD 12/10 not received}. (6) Mandalay and its environs. (7) Pagodas and their legends.]

Dec. 6: Myainghaywun Gardens, by Myat Tha. [20-acre flower garden in Mayangonn Twp., Yangon.]

Dec. 15: A recreational, educative trip to Hlawga, by Hla Tun (Tuntay). [Visit to game park described.]

Dec. 17,24: Chronicle of Tuntay Shwe Sandaw Pagoda and its historical data, by Dr. Khin Maung Nyunt. [History of a famous pagoda.]

Dec. 17: The old city of Tagaung, by U Maung Maung Tin (MA). [Archaeological work in Tagaung summarized.]

Dec. 23: Cultural Heritage of Ancient Myanmar, by M.T.A. [Pyu and Tagaung heritage.]

Dec. 29: Glorious Bagan dynasty, by Myint Thein Aung. [Pagan period recalled.]

Dec. 31: Theingottara Sacred Garden, by Myat Tho. [New public garden at the western stair of the Shwedagon Pagoda in Yangon.]

Moral & Religious Articles

Dec. 10,17,31: 'Mangala' an introduction, by Maung Arnt. [Cont. The Way to Auspiciousness. (18) {Dec. 10 issue not received}. (19) Arati Virati papa mangala; Staying away from evil is auspicious. (20) Mijjapana sanyama mangala; To exchew intoxicants and narcotics is auspicious.]

Dec. 31: Use of British and Japanese currency in Myanmar Naing-Ngan during the war and post-war period, by A Researcher. [(1) Japanese wartime currency issues.]

Literature Prizes Given

Dec. 7: Minister for Home & Religious Affairs and for Information and for Culture Maj-Gen. Phone Myint presented the National Literary Awards for 1987 and 1988 and the Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Awards for 1987. In his address, he said the winners had been chosen "in conformity with the following new principles [text]:

(1) To bring about development of Myanmar literature; (2) To keep the Myanmar traditional culture alive and flourishing; (3) To strengthen patriotism and love for one's own country; (4) To ensure solidarity of all the national races; (5) To get the people have correct outlooks {sic} and to develop their intellect; (6) To promote correct knowledge; (7) To be conducive to training of character and to contribute towards promoting moral integrity; (8) To contribute towards ensuring perpetuity of sovereignty of the State, the development of the nation and peace and tranquillity of the country,

and (9) To get writers strive their utmost to produce works of literary qualities and merits and aesthetic values." (WPD 12/8)

Shwedagon Escalator

Dec. 8: U Kyan Gin (a) Mr. K.K. Lee, Managing Director, P L International (Pte) Ltd., contributed US\$ 10,000 for the new escalator to be installed in the Shwedagon Pagoda Western Terrace. Maresoma Marine Products (Pte) Ltd. contributed US\$ 5,000 and Uni Firstery (S) Pte. gave Sing\$2,000. (WPD 12/9)

Dec. 14: US\$17,000 was donated by Garmin Marine Products Trading Co., Ltd. of Hong Kong and its officials. (WPD 12/15)

Dec. 17: Installation of the escalator was discussed with "a company from Singapore." (WPD 12/18)

Dec. 20: US\$10,000 was donated by Vela Co. Ltd. of Thailand and its officials. (WPD 12/21)

Language Computer Planned

Dec. 12: The Myanmar Language Commission held its first 1989 meeting. Minister for Health and for Education Dr. Pe Thein "urged [Commission members] to co-operate with the University Computer Centre in the attempt to invent the Myanmar language computer." Approval was sought for the Myanmar-English Dictionary Draft (From Ta-wun-pu to Na-nge). (WPD 12/13)

Gold Relics Found

Dec. 30: Gold antiques were dug up Dec. 9 in Muktama village, Paung Twp., Mon State, consisting of a round locket weighing 1 tical, 6 ywe [photo], its lid weighing 10 pe, 6 ywe, a ring weighing 4 pe, and a ring weighing 2 pe, 6 ywe. They were turned over to the Mon State LORC to be displayed in the Mon State Cultural Museum. (WPD 12/31)

MISCELLANEOUS

Crime News

Names, addresses, and photos of culprits generally included.

Dec. 15: A security unit in Kengtung [Shan] on Dec. 11 seized 7.5 kilos of heroin, worth K 2,250,000, from a motorcyclist en route to Tachileik. (WPD 12/17)

Dec. 25: A gang of armed robbers was captured Dec. 23 following a shootout in Kyaikmaraw Township [Mon]. Kyaw Lwin (aged 19) and 5 gang members were seized, along with 1 AK-47, 1 M-16, 1 M-79 rocket launcher, 4 40mm bombs, a pistol and an American hand grenade. (WPD 12/ 26)

Dec. 28: Yangon Division Military Tribunal (1) sentenced a murderer and two accomplices to death. Zaw Zaw (a) Naing Naing (24) on June 17, 1989, slit the throat of Aung Aung, who was melting gold in Pabedann Twp. [Yangon], and stole 22 ticals of gold. He was abetted by Jimmy (a) Kyaw Soe (22) and Khin Maung Tun (22). (WPD 12/29)

Obituaries

Oct. 2: Miss Cecil M. Allison, former teacher and Vice-Principal, St. George's School, Tanyin, died at the age of 89. [Christian] (WPD 12/ 7)

Nov. 30: Mrs. Mable Martin-Pereira, (nee) Mc Crea, widow of Major Thura A. Martin-Pereira, died in Yangon, aged 87. [Christian] (WPD 12/2)

Dec. 9: Mrs. Olive Tabarias, C.O.S. Myanma Railways, ...aunt of Mervyn (a) U Thet Lwin (Charlotte American Embassy) ...died in Yangon, aged 68. [Catholic] "Australian, British and Indian papers please copy." (WPD 12/11)

Dec. 15: Daw Khin Khin Than (Pauline), elder sister of Col. Thura Tin Maung Aye..., died in Yangon, aged 73. (WPD 12/17)

Dec. 15: Mrs. Ba Tun Hlaing (Insein), widow of U Ba Tun Hlaing, died in Insein, aged 78. [Christian] (WPD 12/17)

Dec. 16: Miss M. Minus, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Simon Mackertish Minus, died in Yangon, aged 87. [Christian] (WPD 12/17)

Dec. 17: U Saw Lastin, (Taungoo), husband of the late Naw Essie, died at home, aged 80. [Christian] (WPD 12/19)

Dec. 24: Mrs. Lalitha Roy, wife of N.G. Roy, died in Yangon, aged 67. [Baptist] (WPD 12/25)

Dec. 24: Dr. Khin Mya Than, M.B. B.S. (Rgn.), D.Bact. (Lond), M.D. (U.S.A.), retired mycologist, wife of U Myint Thein, residing at Van Nuys, California, sister of...U Aung Khin (U.S.A.) (Daw Khin Win May) and beloved mother of Mg Ye Myat (Final year, Electronic Engineering, UL. A.), Wah Wah Myint Thein (3rd year, Law-Northridge College) and Sein Nu Myint Thein died in Los Angeles, U.S.A. aged 51. [Christian]. (WPD 12/30)

Dec. 28: Dr. C.I. Aiya Pan, (Ret'd Major, No. 1 BMH, Pyin-Oo Lwin), husband of Daw Ruth Win, died in Pyin-Oo Lwin [Mandalay], aged 80. [Christian] (WPD 12/29)

Turn in Scofflaws!

Dec. 8: The public is invited to report violators of traffic rules, by filling in the appropriate form [copy printed in WPD] and sending it to the Traffic Rules Enforcement Committee Office, No. 57, Bank Road (Ground Floor), Kyauktada Twp. [Yangon]. "Action will be taken against the cars as necessary." (WPD 12/9)

Journalist U Sein Win Honored

Dec. 8: U Sein Win, AP Correspondent in Myanmar, has become the correspondent for Japan's Kyodo News Agency, and Daw Aye Aye Win has become the AP correspondent. U Sein Win went to Paris on May 25, 1989 to receive the "Gold Pen Award" conferred on him in 1963 by the Paris based International Press Union (IPU). (WPD 12/9) // U Sein Win is President of the Myanmar Naing-Ngan Foreign Correspondents' Club. He started as an apprentice reporter with the Myanma Alin Press in 1946; worked as chief reporter for the Si-bwar-yay newspaper; editor of the Labour Gazette; editor of the New Times of Burma; Information Officer in the Ministry of Information 1952-55; assistant editor of The Nation 1955-58; chief editor of The Guardian 1958-63; and AP News Agency correspondent 1963-89. He is now the Kyodo News Agency correspondent. "His famous book is the 'Split Story'." (WPD photo caption 12/11)

Bus Accident

Dec. 12: Three passengers were killed and 36 hospitalized when a bus overturned at the North Okkalapa Railway Overhead Bridge. Dead are Ko Aung Gyi (32), Daw Dhammasari (55), and Daw Thumarla (16), all from North Okkalapa. Action is being taken against the driver. (WPD 12/13)

Erosion Victims Resettled

Dec. 14: Over 800 households from Nyaungdon have been resettled in 600 houses after being evacuated due to riverbank erosion along the Ayeyarwady River. It is feared the erosion will continue. Details. (WPD 12/15) // Dec. 21: State LORC Secretary (1) Brig-Gen. Khin Nyunt visited the area. (WPD 12/22)

Counterfeit K90 Plates Seized

Dec. 16: The National Intelligence Bureau in the second week of December seized plates for printing counterfeit K90 Myanmar currency notes on the Myanmar-Bangladesh border. The offset printing plates contained twelve sheets, and were made by one Laury Barry from India, who also counterfeits US dollars and Indian and Bangladeshi currency. Of two sets of plates, one was seized by Madras police in October 1989, and the other by the NIB. The plates had been used to produce K5.6 million in counterfeit K90 notes, of which K5.2 million had entered Myanmar. However, all but about K200,000 was destroyed by "those who hid them." [photo of plates] (WPD 12/17)

Dec. 18: Detailed discussion of how to identify counterfeit K90

notes, all of which bear serial numbers Ta-Ya 8729886-8729891. (WPD 12/19)

Dec. 28: After seizure of the counterfeit K 90 plates, "people were reluctant to accept K 90 notes. Some politely refused to accept the notes giving excuses." This is unjustified, and the description of the counterfeit notes has been published. "With firm assurance on the part of the Government we do not have to worry about the currencies in circulation. No doubt, those who are spreading rumours are responsible for public anxiety and should be severely dealt with." (WPD editorial 12/28)

Divorce

Dec. 29: Htay Htay Hla (a) Marissa (NRC/PBDN-002149) was divorced from Win Naing Myint (NRC/S/OKA-092886) by the Kyaukdada Court. (WPD 12/31)

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