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Issues for Feb. 24-25, 27-28 not yet received. Because of problems with subscription renewal, there may be some delay in the March issue.

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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:

Feb. 1-5: Freedom and justice is to be maintained through observance of law.

Feb. 6-13: Law is the dividing line between anarchy and democracy.

Feb. 14-15: It is necessary to differentiate the political outlook from the legal aspect.

Feb. 16-20: Lawless speech and acts are not democracy.

Feb. 21: Indiscriminate belief in all rumours leads to spread of rumours.

Feb. 22-23: Maintain mutual respect, fraternity and equality among nationalities.

Feb. 26: Road-building and bridge-construction; collective endeavour of all national races.

A New Slogan

Feb. 18-28: A new slogan was added to the others, generally on page one, as follows:

Noble Desire

Although the State Law and Order Restoration Council has had to take over, due to unavoidable circumstances, the sovereign power of the State to prevent the Union from disintegration and for ensuring the safety and security of the lives, homes and property of the people, it wishes to retransfer State power to the people, in whom it

was initially invested, through democratic means within the shortest time possible.

Therefore, the entire people are urged to give all their co-operation to ensure the rule of law and for prevalence of peace and tranquillity.

The Tatmadaw

(WPD 2/18-28)

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:

Feb. 1-3: 100-year-old record and the new record with old tunes, by Tekkatho Myat Thu. [Cont. (4) British press accusations of Burmese Royal massacres in 1885; photos of US KKK burning alive a black, and of 1988 "unsavoury elements" burning someone alive "copying the American Lynch Law." (5) British libels against King Thibaw; White crushing of Indians and Blacks in America. (6) Current libels on VOA, BBC, and AIR are like old libels against King Thibaw; various parallels cited.]

Feb. 2: There are no refugees but unsavoury elements, by Thiha Thu. [So-called refugees are only a ploy to raise money abroad; "begging rice by showing the monkey." "This is the last resort of the leaders of unscrupulous organization, CRDB, 'Da Nya Ta' and ABSDF. They are Maung Aung (son of U Nu), Tin Myint Oo (son-in-law of U Thant), Tin Maung Win, Ye Kyaw Thu, Zarli Maw (expatriate), Thanmani Bo Khin Maung, Mi Mi Myint Phu and KNU Nga Mya."]

Feb. 4,6-8,15-21,23,25-26: Bombay Burmah timber theft, KNU timber theft and associates of advisor Moynihan, by Bo Thanmani. [(1) KNU is smuggling timber, but "some...within and without the country that do not like the government accuse it of carrying out activities that might lead to depletion of forests." (2) Senator Moynihan is trying to ban American imports of Myanmar teak and fish; this is just an effort to help insurgents. (3) Thai seizure of weapons intended for KNU. (4) More reports of arms seizures. "All such things...constitute concrete material evidence which neither the KNU insurgents or their supporters such as the American Daniel Patrick Moynihan, Alexander Thompson and Joseph Silverstein would be in a position to deny." {photos of Silverstein, Moynihan, and Cong. Solarz}. (5-7) Tatmadaw attacks on KNU border camps reviewed, with statistics and maps. [(8) Sen. Moynihan's false accusations that anti-KNU actions are aimed at student refugees. "US Senator Moynihan is a person who has left a black mark in the history of Myanmar-US friendship. I would like to say that the people of Myanmar Naing-Ngan and generations after generations of their descendants will not forgive, till the Myanmars disappear from this universe together with this earth, American Patrick Moynihan, who has spread false news, and made false allegation, Stephen J Solarz, who interfered in the internal affairs of Myanmar Naing-Ngan and who predicted that a civil war would break out in our country, Professor Joseph Silverstein, who is encouraging and instigating the KNU insurgents, Bertil Lintner, a Swede, who has been writing malicious articles about Myanmar Naing-Ngan based on false news and rumours and the group of anti-Myanmar Naing-Ngan, anti-Myanmar people and anti-Myanmar government capitalists and imperialists." {photos of captured KNU weapons.}]

[(9) Continued account of offensives against KNU timber camps; KNU timber thefts. 1885 Burmese mission to France. (10-13) British thefts of timber in 1885 and conspiracy to annex Burma.]

Feb. 4,11,14,18: If I speak out, it may amount to Aung Min's taking too much for granted, by Aung Min. [Cont. (11) "Beware of U Phyu Thees." Parable of a troublemaker. (12) In conducting the election, as in cooking hta-ma-ne, we must abide by the rules. (13) "Boisterous and confused situation." Parties warned that "you must be prepared to have action taken against you if you commit an offence."

(14) "To abide by the law for ensuring peace and tranquillity." Message for Sen. Moynihan: "Do not underestimate and belittle the people of Asian countries. They should know how to draw lessons from the experience they gained at Vietnam just over a decade ago."

Feb. 5: Outlooks are not the same, by Manizawta. ["The outlook of some political parties which are opposing and attacking the State {LORC} is merely a political outlook that defies the law and the outlook of the Tatmadaw government is not a political outlook but is the one which does not defy the law."]

Feb. 5,13,15-16: Myanmar Naing-Ngan that has passed through the flames of hell, by A Tatmadawman. [Cont. (11) "It never rains but pours". Army intervention in 1988 was necessary; people "inadvertently put the BCP in the leadership role. Thus the demonstrations were pushed on the road to `destructionist path.'" BCP efforts to subvert armed forces with false documents. During disturbances, there were 75 newspapers in Yangon and 67 in Mandalay: "if they knew how to curse, slander or use abusive language, the paper was acceptable to people who claimed that they wanted democracy.... There were lots of people who earned, exploited, benefited and capitalized on the pretext of democracy." The newspapers "were not better than dustbins of rubbish. The so-called reporters did not observe the journalistic ethics and some even deliberately ignored them."]

Feb. 5-6: Who are those persons who do not see things clearly?, by Ko Pho Zaw. [Cont. Squatter clearance and resettlement in new townships is good for people, despite some inconveniences.]

Feb. 8-9: Though you shroud it in a smile, a single teardrop gives you away, by Po Kan Kaung. [Memoirs of a student who fled to Thailand in 1988, and his contacts with various expatriates, especially Dr. Tin Myint Oo who supplied refugees with money. The NDF. Escape and return to Myanmar.]

Feb. 9,12: The qualified political leader, by Thukhi Aung. [Qualified leaders chosen in the May 27 elections should be healthy, of good moral character, loyal and patriotic, abide by law and observe discipline, make correct decisions, have administrative and organizational skills, and have political, economic, social and general knowledge.]

Feb. 10: Are they called KNU because of their abominable viciousness?, by Win Zaw Win. ["...the KNUs are hated and contemptuously rejected by the people. Now the KNU's life is nearing its end. Their stupidity has no limits."]

Feb. 10: For the perpetuation of the Union of Myanmar, by Tho Han. [Ethnic group relations reviewed.]

Feb. 11: Further Development and Consolidation of National Unity, by Min Kyaw Min. ["Belief of the Revolutionary on the Question of Nationalities," first published in Feb. 12, 1964, revisited.]

Feb. 12: United, we shall march together toward prosperity, by Min Kyaw Min. [Panglong, border area development, the elections.]

Feb. 19,21,26: KIA murderers, by Saw Chan. [(1-3) KIA recruits by terror. They smuggle out opium and jade, and sell jade abroad through the "Shwe Naga Nyi Naung" Company. KIA mistreatment of conscripts and villagers.]

Feb. 20,23: Atrocities committed by KNU insurgents, minions of the imperialists, by Ye Zar Ni. [(1-2) KNU atrocities in 1989 detailed.]

Press Conferences

Feb. 2: At the 76th State LORC Press Conference, spokesmen said:

-- Burma Army units [specified] on Feb. 2 captured the the 600-man KNU No. 6 brigade Wawley camp. 9 KNU were killed, and the Army had 1 wounded. Numerous weapons, buildings, etc. captured. The Wawley camp was held by the KNU and by the Muslim Liberation Army (MLA) formed 4-5 years ago. [map]

-- On Jan. 31, the Army captured the KIA No. 5 brigade in five engagements in Mong Hawn region [Shan]. Nine KIA were killed; 1 ABSDF

and 43 KIA family members were captured. [map] [see also under MILITARY]

-- Election candidates will be allowed three months to canvass, but are prohibited from "carrying out organizational work, making speeches, launching whispering campaigns and writing agitative pamphlets with intent to cause disintegration of the Tatmadaw."

-- The BCP has a head but no body. There is no need to mount an operation against central committee members and their families at the Panwa camp.

-- Thai-Myanmar cooperation is good. Joint action is being taken against Thai fish poachers and timber smugglers.

-- The State LORC "has not stopped or prevented any one or any organization from contesting the election." The applicable election law of May 31, 1989, in which the parties concurred, spells out ineligibilities [details].

-- It is false that 2,000 members of the New Democratic Party have been detained, and that they are being tortured at the Tharyarwadi Jail. Som NDP members have been detained "as they have violated law," and some may be in solitary confinement "if they have violated prison rules."

"The Thai government does not harbour the KNU insurgents in their region. They drove out those insurgents who go there to take refuge. They regard such insurgents as refugees. But they never barbour these refugees. Action is being taken according to the Immigration Act against those who do not return despite their being driven out." (WPD 2/3)

Feb. 9: At the 77th State LORC Press Conference, spokesmen said:

-- Five saboteurs sent back to Myanmar by the KNU to disrupt the elections with bombs are linked to National League for Democracy members. Four of them, Kyaw Kyaw (a) Kyaw Kyaw Htay, Hla Than, Zaw Win Htut, and Myo Minn Oo returned to Yangon on Jan. 27-28, 1990, equipped with grenades, and stayed at the house of Myo Khin who had "returned to the legal fold" from the ABSDF on Nov. 11, 1989.

Kyaw Kyaw turned himself in on Jan. 30, Hla Than was arrested on Jan. 31, and Zaw Win Htut on Feb. 2. Myo Minn Oo absconded and went underground Jan. 31, together with Saw Naing and Soe Htun. Myint Thuang, "aboveground contact man for ABSDF No. 206 battalion deputy commanding officer and political commissar Soe Moe Oo" was arrested Feb. 4, 1990. He said that U Khin Maung (CEC member of the Tharkayta Twp. National League for Democracy), U Chit Swe (Also National League for Democracy member and father of Htun Win who went underground) and his wife gave K 325 to Hla Than when he went underground for the second time; U Kyin Maung gave K 200 to Htun Win and Than Hlaing when they went underground, and gave the saboteurs other assistance. U Khin Maung was arrested Feb. 6 and confessed to hiding two Hitachi walkie-talkies, stolen from the Yangon-Tanyin bridge project, on behalf of Soe Moe Oo and Ko Ko Soe "who are now in the jungles."

Those arrested described their training in sabotage and demolition by the KNU. Myo Khin was to link "youths of the National League for Democracy to...the ABSDF...." Myo Minn Oo was to recruit students for the KNU. Hla Than and Zaw Win Htut were given "Operation Nay-pyi-daw" with instructions to go into hiding in Yangon "to wait and see the outcome of the elections and if the party which they favour does not fare well, then to carry out demolition and destructive work in various places in Yangon and to disrupt the election."

"Action will also be taken against those who were apprehended together with demolition equipment and grenades and U Kyin Maung, U Chit Swe and Myint Thuang who hid the walkie-talkies during the disturbances." Parties are urged to "expose those who together with the KNU insurgents and ABSDF will come and disrupt the election." [photos--more photos in WPD 2/11]

-- South-East Command troops on Jan. 30 entered the Payathonzu region [Three Pagodas Pass--HCMacD.] to attack the NMSP insurgents.

The 101 Regiment on Feb. 2 clashed with 50 NMSP insurgents near Point D-290030. 3 Tatmadawmen were wounded. Two other Tatmadawmen were injured by a mine at Point D-265105 on Feb. 4. On Feb. 6, the 101 Regiment attacked 100 NMSP insurgents at their Mukyahteik camp, but only "held the enemy at bay." 10 Tatmadawmen were killed and 21 wounded; 1 insurgent body was found. The 106 Regiment on Feb. 7 attacked 100 insurgents at the Payathonzu perimeter; 6 Tatmadawmen were killed and 15 wounded, and 13 enemy bodies seized. The 31 Regiment captured 1 insurgent. Payathonzu Village was captured Feb. 8, and 6 enemy bodies seized. [map]

-- The battle continues. On Feb. 8, 60 insurgents led by NMSP 2nd Lt. Nai Htawata opened fire from the Pa-Nga road at the entrance to Thanbyuzayat [see below under MILITARY].

-- The amnesty period for payment of unpaid Profit Tax [see below under ECONOMIC] has been granted "to enable [people] to use their money freely, boldly and in accordance with the law.... Previously, 50 per cent of tax was to be paid on the declared money amounting to more than K 300,000. [Now] a fixed 25 per cent will have to be paid on K 50,000 and above. The sources of income are not needed to be revealed and the value of money is to be declared on free will."

-- Legal measures have been taken for holding the election. "If one is shocked and scared for the inability of some people to stand for election because of a law, that someone wants to overrule the law and wants to take the law into his own hands." We have learned that "some political parties...are trying to lobby for a certain person to stand for election although the person is not fit do do so and the person concerned has expressed no intention." Myanmar is not like India, where detainees have been allowed to stand for election, because India has a "party government" and "ours is a military government...trying to restore law and order...."

-- Before 1988 there were 4 Myanmar and 2 English newspapers, with a total circulation of 570,000. Now, only the Loktha Pyithu Nezin and the Working People's Daily are being published, with circulation of about 250,000. The Loktha Pyithu Nezin circulation will be increased to 300,000. Both papers have been increased in pages; the Working People's Daily by 4 pages, to 12 pages on weekdays and 16 on Sundays. "Previously newspapers featured only one article but they now carry five to six each day." (WPD 2/10)

Feb. 16: At the 78th State LORC Press Conference, spokesmen said:

-- On Feb. 11, Northern Command troops captured the KIA No. 6 battalion headquarters, No. 2 brigade, at Khasan, about 30 miles north-west of Mogaung [Kachin]. Powder believed to be heroin, as well as arms and equipment were seized. [map]

-- KIA smuggling of jade and opium reviewed, with details of past drug seizures and evidence of KIA taxation of narcotics. [photos, also in WPD 2/18]

-- It is false that 200 Myanmar soldiers crossed the border into Thailand to attack KNU insurgents.

-- It is not known how many civilians were wounded in the attack on Payathonzu.

-- Troops in hot pursuit of KNU insurgents who attacked the Theinzeik bungalow in Thaton Twp. on Feb. 12 clashed with 40 insurgents 12 miles east of Theinzeik, killing five enemy with a loss of one wounded. (WPD 2/17)

Political Books Advertised

Advertisements continued for:

-- State LORC Chairman Commander in Chief of the Defence Services General Saw Maung's Addresses. New large size edition. Cont: Addresses of Sept. 12 and 23, 1988; Interview with Asiaweek Jan. 17, 1989; Speech of Mar. 27, 1989; Speech to journalists July 5, 1989; Speech of Nov. 11, 1989; Speech of Jan. 9, 1990. (WPD 2/1-28)

-- State LORC Secretary (1) Brig-Gen. Khin Nyunt's Statement on BCP infiltration and BCP politburo resolutions. In both Myanmar and

English. (WPD 2/1-28)

Squatters Warned

Feb. 16: The Yangon City Development Committee reminds that construction of homes and buildings in Yangon requires a permit from the Committee. "Builders of squatter houses have been asked to dismantle their homes and they have been allotted sites for constructing houses in suitable new towns and villages. If such squatter houses are built again they will be destroyed and action taken against those who did so." (WPD 2/20)

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:

(99) Burma Reporter's Association. Registration cancelled at the request of Party Executive Committee, Feb. 7, 1990. (WPD 2/8)

(208) National Democracy Establishment Party (Central) NDEP. Registration cancelled at the request of Party Executive Committee, Feb. 19, 1990. (WPD 2/20)

Election Procedures Announced

Jan. 31: Elections Commission Notification No. 371 of January 31 prescribes the paper ballot to be used in the May 27 elections with name of candidate (in alphabetical order), name of party, party symbol, and box to be marked with an "X". The size will vary with the number of candidates. [sample printed]. (WPD 2/1)

Shan Constituencies Suspended

Feb. 16: Elections Commission Announcement No. 384 of Feb. 16, acting under Section 42(b) of the Election Law, temporarily suspends the general elections in Konkyan, Narphan, Pangwaing, Pangyang, Mongmao, and Manphant (Thalwin) Constituencies, Shan State, because "it is learnt that the election sub-commissions concerned find it difficult to complete the election work on time." (WPD 2/17)

DIPLOMATIC

Diplomatic Calls

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

Jan. 31: Israeli Armed Forces and defence Attache Col. Eliahu Barak on Commander-in-Chief (Army) Lt-Gen. Than Shwe. Singapore Charge d'Affaires Lam Peck Heng on Minister for Energy and for Mines Rear-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. (WPD 2/1)

Feb. 5: Thai Ambassador Tongchan Jotikasthira on Minister for Energy and for Mines Rear-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. (WPD 2/6)

Feb. 7: The Thai Ambassador on Minister for Home & Religious Affairs and for Information and for Culture Maj-Gen. Phone Myint. (WPD 2/8)

Feb. 8: The Thai Ambassador on State LORC Chairman Gen. Saw Maung. (WPD 2/9)

Feb. 9: Yugoslav Ambassador Dr. Svetozar Jovicevic on Minister for Transport & Communications and for Social Welfare and for Labour Maj-Gen. Tin Tun. (WPD 2/10)

Feb. 14: The Yugoslav Ambassador on Minister for Industry 1 and for Industry 2 Maj-Gen. Sein Aung, and on Election Commission Chairman U Ba Htay. Korean Ambassador Byong Hyon Kwon on State LORC Secretary (1) Brig-Gen. Khin Nyunt. (WPD 2/15)

Feb. 15: Yugoslav Ambassador Dr. Svetozar Jovicevic on Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the University Training Corps Col. Pe Thein, and on State LORC Secretary (1) Brig-Gen. Khin Nyunt. (WPD 2/16)

Feb. 16: The Yugoslav Ambassador called on Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Col. Abel. Chilean Ambassador Adm. Sergio Fernando Cabezas Dufeu called on Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Col. Abel, and on Minister for Energy and for Mines Rear-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. (WPD 2/17)

Feb. 19: Australian Ambassador Geoffrey Allen on Minister for Construction and for Co-operatives Maj-Gen. Aung Ye Kyaw. (WPD 2/20)

Feb. 20: Yugoslav Ambassador Dr. Svetozar Jovicevic on Minister for Energy and for Mines Rear-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. (WPD 2/21)

Yugoslav Ambassador Arrives

Feb. 2: Dr. Svetozar Jovicevic presented credentials to State LORC Chairman Gen. Saw Maung as Yugoslav Ambassador to Myanmar. (WPD 2/3)

Mongolian Ambassador Approved

Feb. 8: The government has approved the nomination of Mr. Yondongiin Ochir as Mongolian Ambassador to Myanmar, succeeding Mr. Nyamyn Luvsanchutem. Ambassador Yondongiin Ochir was born in 1927 in Gobi Altai Aimak, Mongolia. He was Deputy and First Deputy Minister of Foreign Trade from 1962-69. From 1969-84 he served in the Ministry of Foreign Trade. From 1984-88 he was Ambassador to Czechoslovakia. He was named Ambassador to China in Sept. 1988, where he serves concurrently. He resides in Beijing. He is married with 5 children. (WPD 2/8)

Thai Ambassador Approved

Feb. 8: The government has approved the nomination of Mr. Surapong Posayanond as Ambassador of Thailand to Myanmar. Ambassador Surapong joined the Foreign Ministry in 1969 and since 1985 has been Minister-Counsellor at the Thai Permanent Mission to the UN in Geneva. He is married with 3 children. (WPD 2/8)

Austrian Ambassador Approved

Feb. 8: The government has approved the nomination of Dr. Peter Klein as Austrian Ambassador to Myanmar. Ambassador Klein was born in 1934. He received a D.Jur. degree from the University of Vienna in 1957 and passed examinations for Court Interpreter (Italian) in 1960 and Translator for French in 1961. He has served as a Junior Officer in various courts in Vienna in 1958; lawyer in the Federal Economic Chamber in 1959; Attorney General's Office staff in 1960-66; staff of the Federal Ministry for Trade and Industry in 1967-68; private lawyer and Ministry Consultant in 1968-69; Deputy Austrian Representative, European Free Trade Association in 1969-74; and Member of the Austrian Delegation for negotiations with the European Communities in 1972. He served in the Foreign Ministry in 1974-76; was Minister-Counsellor in London in 1976-79; Deputy Legal Adviser in 1979-82; Consul-General in Trieste in 1982-88, and Ambassador to Thailand since 1988. He is concurrently Ambassador to Thailand and is resident in Bangkok. (WPD 2/8)

Ambassador to Mauritius

Feb. 16: U Saw Hlaing, who is concurrently Myanmar Ambassador to India and resident in New Delhi, was named Myanmar Ambassador to Mauritius. (WPD 2/16)

Ambassador to Israel

Feb. 20: U Aung Gyi was named Myanmar Ambassador to Israel. (WPD 2/21)

Ambassador to West Germany

Feb. 20: U Win Aung was named Myanmar Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany. (WPD 2/21)

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Artificial Limb Agreement

A memorandum of understanding on the artificial limbs fitting programme was signed between the Ministries of Health and Defence, the Myanmar Red Cross Society, and the International Committee of the Red Cross represented by Asia and Pacific Regional Representative Mr. A. Tacheffili. (WPD 2/6)

Foreign Religious Donations

Feb. 22: Mr. Satoshi Kambe and representatives of the Sanwa Trading Co. Ltd. of Japan donated 340,000 yen for construction work at the Maha Wizaya Zedi in Yangon. Previously, they had donated US\$ 200,000 and K 57,500 to projects at the Shwedagon Pagoda. (WPD 2/23)

FOREIGN VISITORS

Business Delegations

Feb. 14: Mr. T. Hashimoto, President of the Japan National Oil Corporation, met on Feb. 13 with Minister for Energy and for Mines Rear-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. (WPD 2/15)

Feb. 16: M/S Digital Equipment Corp., Maynard, MA, U.S.A., held a seminar on computer technology in the 1990's at the IAS Auditorium, 504/506 Merchant Street, Yangon. Speakers were Mr. Chris Harney, President of Arvin International Inc., Mr. Lars Matsson, Legal Council of General International Area Digital Equipment Corp., and Mr. Peter Chan, Channel Marketing Manager, Far East Region, Digital Equipment Corp. [photo] (WPD 2/17)

UNESCO Mission

Jan. 31: Mr. Baudouin Duvieusart of UNESCO and Mr. David Klaus of the World Bank, in Yangon to write a Proposal for a Project on Education Sector Analysis, met with Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the University Training Corps Col. Pe Thein. (WPD 2/1)

Thai Deputy Prime Minister

Feb. 1: Thai Deputy Prime Minister Pong Sarasin and his wife arrived on a goodwill mission, accompanied by Commerce Minister Dr. Subin Pinkayan and his wife. They called on State LORC Chairman Gen. Saw Maung. Other delegation members included Prime Minister's Office Secretary General Jia Kokphol, Department of Foreign Trade Director General Mrs. Oranuj Osatananda, and Fisheries Department Director General Plodprasop Suraswadi. At a banquet hosted by Commander-in-Chief (Army) Lt-Gen. Than Shwe, the Thai visitor called for strengthened friendly cooperation, while Lt-Gen. Than Shwe noted that "Thailand has been one of our close friends which showed understanding and sympathy at the period of anarchism..." and expressed hope that the two nations "will be able to avert the new dangers of becoming victim once again of foreign domination..." (WPD 2/2)

Feb. 2: The Thai Deputy Prime Minister visited the Gems Emporium, called on Minister for Energy and for Mines Rear-Adm. Maung Maung Khin, on Minister for Transport & Communications and for Social Welfare and for Labour Maj-Gen. Tin Tun, and on Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Col. Abel. In the evening he gave a return dinner for Commander-in-Chief (Army) Lt-Gen. Than Shwe. (WPD 2/3) // Feb. 3: Following a visit to Bago, the Deputy Prime Minister and his entourage left. (WPD 2/4)

U.S. Medical Delegation

Feb. 5: A four man delegation headed by Dr. William D. Sawyer, Chairman of the China Medical Board of New York, in Yangon to study the Institutes of Medicine, called on Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the University Training Corps Col. Pe Thein. (WPD 2/6) // Feb. 9: Dr. Sawyer called on Acting Minister for Health and for Education and Minister for Construction and for Co-operatives Maj-Gen. Aung Ye Kyaw. (WPD 2/10)

IMF Missions

Feb. 9: An International Monetary Fund Mission led by Deputy Director Mr. Donovan called on Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Col. Abel to discuss technical assistance. (WPD 2/10)

Feb. 16: An IMF mission led by Mr. Kadhim A. Al-Eyd called on Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Col. Abel. (WPD 2/17)

UNICEF Consultant

Feb. 13: Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the University Training Corps Col. Pe Thein received Dr. Alan B. Williams, Consultant on Primary Education, in Yangon to study UNICEF assistance to primary education. (WPD 2/14) // Feb. 15: They met again. Dr. Williams was accompanied by Program Officers Kiaticchai Pongpanich and U Robert Biak Cin. They discussed the World Conference on Education for All to be held in Thailand in March. (WPD 2/16)

Lao Trade Delegation

Feb. 14: A 6-member Lao trade delegation headed by Minister of Commerce and External Economic Relations Phao Bounnaphol arrived for 3-day stay, and was met by Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Col. Abel, who hosted a dinner in the evening. (WPD 2/15) // Feb. 15: The Minister called on State LORC member Lt-Gen. Than Shwe, on Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Col. Abel, and on Minister for Industry 1 and for Industry 2 Maj-Gen. Sein Aung. (WPD 2/16)

Feb. 16: The Minister called on Minister for Energy and for Mines Rear-Adm. Maung Maung Khin, and on Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries and for Agriculture & Forests Maj-Gen. Chit Swe. Minutes of discussions on trade and co-operation were signed at the Inya Lake Hotel by the Lao Minister and Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Col. Abel. The Laotian side hosted a dinner. (WPD 2/17) // Feb. 17: The Minister departed. (WPD 2/18) [Note: all events during the Minister's visit were attended by both Lao Charge d'Affaires Veng Saysana and Vietnamese Ambassador Nguyen Hoa.--HCMacD.]

Korean Delegation

Feb. 19: A three-man Korean delegation led by Dr. [Hyung Sup] Choi, Adviser of Research, Institute of Industrial Science and Technology and member of the Korean National Academy of Sciences arrived in Yangon. (WPD 2/20)

Feb. 20: A Seminar on Future Myanma Science and Technology was held at the Medical Research Department, Ziwaka Road. Myanmar dignitaries included Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries and for Agriculture & Forests Maj-Gen. Chit Swe, Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Col. Abel, Attorney-General U Tha Tun, and Public Service Selection and Training Board Chairman U Maung Maung Kyee. Koreans included Dr. Hyung Sup Choi, and delegation members Mr. Y.S. Choi, President of the Kyong Bo Chemical Co., Ltd., and Mr. Hun Pyo Ha, Director of Policy of R and D Management, etc.

Feb. 20: Dr. Hyung Sup Choi called on State LORC Chairman Gen. Saw Maung, on Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Col. Abel, and on Minister for Industry 1 and for Industry 2 Maj-Gen. Sein Aung. (WPD 2/21) // Feb. 21: The seminar continued. (WPD 2/22) // Feb. 22: Dr. Choi departed, after visiting the Central Research Organization. (WPD 2/23)

Thai Economic Mission

Feb. 22: A 48-member Thai economic and trade mission headed by Mr. Yukta Na Thalan, Chairman of the Board of Trade of Thailand, arrived to discuss trade. It will remain until Feb. 26. (WPD 2/23)

MYANMAR DELEGATIONS

Health Minister to Malaysia

Feb. 1: Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the University Training Corps Col. Pe Thein left for Malaysia to study health, development of regional colleges, and educational matters. He was accompanied by Higher Education Department Director General U Win Maung, Technical and Vocational Education Department Director General Dr. Khin Maung Win, Health Planning and Statistics Department Director General Dr. Aung Tun Thet, Deputy Director Dr. Kan Tun, and the Personal Assistant to the Minister. (WPD 2/2) // Feb. 10: The Minister returned. (WPD 2/11)

Narcotics Delegation Returns

Feb. 5: The delegation to the 11th Session of the Narcotic Drugs Commission in Vienna, headed by Police Director General Col. Thura Pe Aung returned. (WPD 2/6)

Air Chief to Singapore/Thailand

Feb. 13: Commander-in-Chief (Air) Maj-Gen. Tin Tun left to attend the 5th Asian Aerospace '90 in Singapore, and on a goodwill visit to Thailand. He was accompanied by Commanding Officer of the Defence Service Records Office Col. Khin Latt, Acting Commander of No. 503 Air Base Lt-Col. Khin Maung Myint, Staff Officer (Grade I) Lt-Col. Min Thwin, Capt. Tin Naing Tun, and Capt. Thein Naing. (WPD 2/14) // Feb. 20: He returned. (WPD 2/21)

Delegation to UNGA Drug Session

Feb. 15: A delegation led by U Ohn Gyaw, Director-General of the Political Department, Foreign Ministry, left to attend the 17th UNGA special conference on drugs in New York on Feb. 20-23. He was accompanied by Col. Tin Hla, Lt-Col. Ye Htut, and Major Kyaw Thein of the Department of Defence, Police Deputy Director General U San Thein, and Foreign Ministry Assistant Director U Thet Bo. The delegation will also include UN Permanent Representative U Kyaw Min, Deputy Representative U Win Mya, and First Secretary U Thaung Tun. (WPD 2/16)

Feb. 25: Addressing the session on Feb. 22, U Ohn Gyaw said that from 1977 to 1988 12 military operations against narcotics growers had destroyed 200,000 acres of poppy fields, thus preventing the production of 933 tons of opium worth US\$ 810 million. In these operations, 109 members of security forces were killed and 571 wounded. 15 opium refineries were destroyed. Seized were 7,216 kilos of opium, 528 kilos of morphine, 224 kilos of heroin, 2,033 gallons of liquid opium, 257 gallons of acetic anhydride, etc. In 159 armed encounters, 176 traffickers were killed and 9 captured, and 748 weapons and much ammunition seized. In parallel operations, police seized 3,033 kilos of heroin and 151,734 kilos of marijuana, worth US\$ 220 million. On Feb. 13, authorities publicly destroyed heroin and other drugs worth US\$ 418 million. Task forces have been established to promote rural development and crop substitution; the Government is providing support to them at a rate of US\$ 150,000 per task force and US\$ 2.8 million per township over 3 years. (WPD 2/26)

MYANMAR GAZETTE

Probationary Appointments

The State LORC has appointed, on one-year probation:

Feb. 8: Col. Thura Aung Htet as Director-General of the Protocol Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. (WPD 2/8)

Appointments Confirmed

The State LORC has confirmed the following probationary appointments:

Feb. 8: U Than Pe as Director General, Pyithu Hluttaw Office.
U Khin Kywe as Director General, President's Office. (WPD 2/8)

GOVERNMENT

Health Minister a Colonel

[Though we have seen no announcement, Health and Education Minister Dr. Pe Thein, the only civilian in the Saw Maung Cabinet, has since the beginning of February been referred to as Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the University Training Corps Col. Pe Thein. - HCMacD.]

Union Day Message

Feb. 12: State LORC Chairman Gen. Saw Maung's Message to the 43rd Anniversary Union Day Ceremony [text]:

Esteemed brothers and sisters of all the national races,

The 12th of February 1990 is the 43rd Anniversary of Union Day. On this auspicious occasion of Union Day which is full of Mangala, I send greetings to all of you with the very best wishes for your health and happiness.

Our Union of Myanmar Naing-Ngan Daw belongs to all of us, Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Bamar, Mon, Rakhine and Shan who are all national races born and bred in the Union. From many aeons ago, we, the national races of the Union have lived together unitedly through weal and woe. Whenever our nation was threatened with danger, we, of this great family of peoples have always stood together in keeping with the saying that blood relatives always gather in time of need, and we have always defended the country together unitedly and resolutely at the cost of our lives.

In the 19th century our country was victimized and occupied by greed-possessed colonial-imperialists. The national races of the Union defended the country patriotically and heroically with whatever arms they could lay their hands on; but eventually, they succumbed to overwhelming odds and were forced to enter a life of servitude. But even while under the colonial-imperialists, our patriotic leaders and all the people of the national races continued the struggle with a high sense of nationalistic solidarity, making use of all means and methods until finally the colonial-imperialists were driven out.

Even as the struggle continued to free themselves of servitude, our national brothers and sisters got together to sign the Panglong Agreement as a veritable milestone of national solidarity. With this document, the colonial-imperialists were made to realize beyond all doubt the unified strength and aspirations of the national races and thus independence was successfully re-gained.

Though the colonial-imperialists were forced to grant independence much against their inclinations, they did not give up their aim of trying to push this nation and its people once more under servitude. With this intention, the colonial-imperialists deliberately sowed seeds of distrust and disunity among the national races. Because of this some of those with narrow racialist views were led to armed insurgency with their hopes centred upon aid and assistance from the colonial-imperialists. All citizens of the Union joined hands with the Tatmadaw to fight and annihilate such insurgents as well as the BCP. In this way, much sweat and blood were sacrificed in the name of the Union and its peoples in the collective defence of national independence, national sovereignty and territorial integrity. It is due to such herculean efforts that our Union today is able to proudly retain its place among the family of the world's nations and as an independent sovereign entity.

The colonial-imperialists are continuing to strive with all kinds of methods even today to enslave once more this great Union of ours which is immensely rich in natural resources. I urge all the national brothers and sisters to beware and be vigilant against such attempts.

The kind of political and economic system which the national peoples of the Union want and wish for will be brought into being and practised in our Union of Myanmar. What is more, it is further believed that besides politics, the differences in economic and social development among the national races must be resolved. It is widely known by all that the State Law and Order Restoration Council

has been giving particular priority to the practical development of the national races of the frontier regions even as strenuous endeavours are being made for the overall development of the entire nation. The government and all the peoples of the national races must keep this in mind and endeavour with unflagging momentum in continued implementation of these activities. Besides this, the final task out of the Four Tasks which the State Law and Order Restoration Council announced in the initial declaration is soon to be concretely implemented in the holding of a multi-party democracy general election according to law; the free and fair multi-party democracy election is to be held on 27 May 1990 as scheduled. All brothers and sisters of the national races are urged to join in for the smooth implementation of this great task according to law.

Finally, on this auspicious occasion of Union Day full of Mangala, I wish to emphatically urge all our brethren, the national races of the Union, to dedicate themselves to the concrete realization of the three fundamental concerns; that of the prevention of the disintegration of the Union, the prevention of disintegration of national unity and solidarity and for the perpetuation of national sovereignty, under any circumstance and for all time. (WPD 2/12)

Union Day Festivities

Feb. 12: In commemoration of Union Day, State LORC Chairman Gen. Saw Maung and his wife Daw Aye Yee held a reception and dinner for top government and military officials, political party chairmen and secretaries, [ethnic] cultural troops participating in the ceremonies, and journalists. Traditional ethnic dances were performed. The Union Day flag was carried from City Hall, where it had rested for one year, to the People's Square for the Flag Hoisting Ceremony. [Note: the traditional ceremony of carrying the Union Day flag through the 14 States and Divisions has not been observed for several years, presumably for security reasons. HCMacD.] (WPD 2/ 13)

Feb. 12: State LORC Notification No. 10/90 of Feb. 12 awarded the following medals [names given]:

1 Medal (Second Class) for Excellent Performance in Administrative Field.

1 Medal (Second Class) for Excellent Performance in Social Field.

11 Medals (Third Class) for Excellent Performance in Social Field.

1 Ye Thurein Medal. (WPD 2/12)

Saw Maung Addresses ADNG

Feb. 22: State LORC Chairman Gen. Saw Maung addressed the trainees of the 21st course of the Academy for the Development of National Groups [teacher training school for youth from ethnic minorities, located near Mandalay], which has been visiting Yangon. He called on them to ask their grandfathers about the oppressive "nightmare" of the colonial period, with its economic exploitation and social discrimination, and of the rise of nationalism that led to independence. He exhorted them to teach their charges honesty, diligence, and morality. "Everyone must practise according to religious teachings. But they must not be made use of in party politics. Everybody has a right to profess the religion of one's choice. All must enjoy human rights. But people must curb their greed, anger and delusion as far as possible and must practise without fail, the giving of charity, observing of the precepts and meditation." A philosopher may become a politician, but to lead the country one must also be well-versed in law, management, economics, and personnel management. He reviewed the role of the Tatmadaw in saving Myanmar from disintegration. Teachers, as civil servants, must abide by rules and regulations. (WPD 2/22)

MILITARY

[See also under Press Conferences]

Insurgent Attacks

Jan. 31: A man was killed and 2 children wounded by a KNU mine on Jan. 26 near Kamarko village, Hlaingbwe Twp. [Kayin]. (WPD 2/1)

Feb. 1: On Jan. 21 KNU insurgents seized and killed a contractor en route to Htaik-pauk Wet-la-baw Village [Bago]. (WPD 2/2)

Feb. 8: 60 NMSP insurgents led by Naing Hta Wara attacked a police outpost at the south entrance of Thanbyuzayat, killing Township Judge U Hein Tin and 4 policemen, wounding 5 people, and damaging the micro-wave station. (WPD 2/9)

Feb. 12: 40 KNU insurgents with rocket launchers attacked a public works rest house in Theinseik village, Thaton Township [Mon], burning it down. (WPD 2/13)

Feb. 14: On Feb. 2, 5 KIA insurgents entered Nan Kham Thayargonn village, Nanmar Village-tract, abducting two men; one was killed and the other released on Feb. 4. On Feb. 7 a man was injured by a KNU mine at Kyaw Pale-ni Hill near Mi Kyaung village, Hlaingbwe Twp. [Kayin]. (WPD 2/15)

Operations Against KIA

Feb. 5: Following up on the Jan. 31 operation against Mong Hawn [see Feb. 2 Press Conference], the Burma Army on Feb. 3 seized arms and equipment [specified] from the KIA No. 4 brigade camp near Khaphauk [Shan]. Totals are 81 weapons and 1,263 rounds of ammunition. [map] (WPD 2/6)

NMSP Headquarters Seized

Feb. 13: The 31, 101, and 106 Myanmar Regiments captured the NMSP insurgent Central Headquarters in the Payathonzu [Three Pagodas Pass] Area, beginning Jan. 31. On Feb. 6 the Mukyahteik camp was attacked, but with restraint because of terrain and because it is close to the border. On Feb. 7 100 NMSP insurgents were defeated at the Payathonzu defence post; on Feb. 8 Payathonzu village was captured; on Feb. 9 the NMSP Thamainbaran regiment defence post was captured; on Feb. 11 the Mawlamyine District Headquarters and the insurgent camp at Japan Yedwin were captured; on Feb. 10 the Thamainbaran camp was overrun; on Feb. 11 the NMSP headquarters was captured; on Feb. 13 a sawmill in the northern part of Payathonzu was captured, along with the Mukyahteik camp [details given]. Tatamadaw losses were 20 soldiers and 2 workers killed; 49 soldiers and 10 frontline workers injured. One insurgent was captured alive and 40 dead; 51 weapons and other equipment [specified] was captured. [map] (WPD 2/14) // Feb. 26: [photos of operation]. (WPD 2/26)

KNU Timber Camp Captured

Feb. 20: Tatmadaw units captured "the major timber smuggling camp of the KNU insurgents of Mawtaung region," following skirmishes en route through Thabawleiky on Feb. 11-17. On Feb. 20, the Army clashed with 80 insurgents at Point 1056 and 150 insurgents at the Mawtaung camp, killing 12 KNU and capturing 44 weapons, vehicles, 2 saw mills, 27,000 logs, and 100 tons of lumber. 2 Tatmadawmen were killed and 18 wounded. Mopping up operations continue. [map] (WPD 2/22) // Feb. 26: [photos of operation.] (WPD 2/26)

ECONOMIC

Economic Articles

Feb. 1-2,4: World-renowned Myanma jade dykes on the hills, by Myint Thein and Kyaw Sein. [Cont. (3) Visit to Sama and Lonkhinn jade camps. (4) Phakant is the "Hong Kong of Myanmar.... Rice was sold at K 1,800 to K 2,000 per basket. Pork at K 500 per viss, chicken K 600 per viss, fish K 300 per viss. An egg was sold at K 10; one banana K 5, a cup of tea K 15 and boiled noodle with pork K 45. If parents give pocket money to their children, they usually give K 45 to...K 90.... All sorts of foreign goods are available The price of land is very high (6) Jade resources at Sama estimated; total

value US425-1,275 million.]

Feb. 12,16: Myanma Railways strives to help bring about secure and smooth transportation, by Myint Lwin. [(1) Visit to new Mandalay circular {commuter} rail line. (2) The new Yangyi Aung Overhead Bridge in Mandalay, which carries traffic over the Mandalay-Yangon rail tracks at 78th and 80th Streets.]

Feb. 13: Developing Trend of Myanmar Economy, by A Journalist. [Cont. (18) Joint Venture Corp. No. 5 has reportedly agreed to export 500 tons of pyinkado timber to Japan for US\$ 200,000.]

Joint Ventures Formed

Jan. 31: Ministry of Trade Notification No. 3/90 of Jan. 31, announces formation of Myanmar Joint Venture Corporation No. (7) Limited, to "provide medical treatment...by opening modern hospitals and clinics,...modern diagnostic facilities, to undertake production of medicines and medical equipment...." Authorized capital is K500,000,000, divided into 50,000 shares of K10,000 each. The Government of Myanmar, represented by the Managing Directors of Medicines and Medical Equipment Trading, and Myanmar Export Import Services, will hold 20,000 "A" shares. The remainder will be divided into 12,500 "B" shares, which may be bought for kyat, and 17,500 "C" shares to be held by foreigners or others subscribing in foreign currency or in kind. 11 medical doctors are listed as subscribing to "B" shares. (WPD 2/1) // Feb. 1: It opened offices at 91-93 Anawrahta Street, Yangon. (WPD 2/2) // Feb. 12: It opened the Lake View Clinic, at 87 Pyay [Promé] Road, Sixth Mile [Yangon]. (WPD 2/13)

Feb. 1: Ministry of Trade Notification No. 4/90 of Feb. 1, announces formation of the Yangon Garment Manufacturing Company Limited, as a joint venture, with K 11,212,70 capital divided into 112,127 K100 shares, of which Myanma Textile Industries holds 44,985 "A" shares and Value Industries Limited of Hong Kong, represented by Managing Director Peng Kai Man, holds 67,142 "B" shares. (WPD 2/2)

Feb. 14: Ministry of Trade Notification No. 6/90 of Feb. 14, announces formation of the Myanmar-ACE Metal Industries Company, Ltd., for "the production and marketing of steel products and steel fabrication and ship breaking." The capital is K 1,600,000 in 1000 shares of K 1,600, of which the Ministry of No. (1) Industry holds 550 "A" shares and ACE Pressureweld International (Pte) Ltd. of Singapore, represented by Director Kwan Kai Phang, holds 450 "B" shares to be subscribed in foreign capital. (WPD 2/15)

Feb. 19: Ministry of Trade Notification No. 7/90 of Feb. 19 establishes The Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Limited as a joint venture company between the Directorate of Procurement, Ministry of Defence, Defence Services Personnel, Defence Regimental Institutes, or any body of the Defence Services and War Veterans (organization or individually) "to form subsidiary companies and affiliate companies with citizens and foreigners under the guidance of the Directorate of Procurement with the object of carrying on business internally and abroad and of making investments, etc." The authorized capital is K 10 billion, divided into 10 million shares of K 1000 each, of which K 10 million "A" shares will be subscribed by the Directorate of Procurement, and the remaining 6 million "shall be subscribed by Defence Services personnel, Defence Regiments, and the War Veterans (organization or individually) up to K 300,000; those with K 100,000 of shares are eligible to be elected directors. First subscriber members are: (a) the Managing Director, General Manager, and Deputy General Manager (Procurement) of the Directorate of Procurement, Ministry of Defence; (b) the Judge Advocate General, Vice Quartermaster General, and Vice Adjutant General; (c) the Commanders of the Yangon and Central Commands, and the Directors of Defence Industries, Ordnance, and Supplies and Transport; and (d) Col. Aung Koe (rtd), Ministry of No. (1) Industry, Lt-Col. U Thaung (rtd), Ministry of Mines, and Col. Maung Maung (rtd), Ministry of Trade, representing the Myanmar War Veterans Organization. (WPD 2/21)

Gems Emporium

Feb. 1: The 27th Myanma Gems, Jade and Pearl Emporium will be held at the Inya Lake Hotel from Feb. 5-11. 1,051 lots of gems, jade and pearls, with a reserve price of US\$ 18,255,490, will be sold at auction, in addition to jewellery worth US\$ 2,204,539 and jade carvings worth US\$ 283,135. 457 gem merchants from 17 countries are expected. (WPD 2/2)

Feb. 4: 351 gem merchants from 8 countries have arrived. (WPD 2/5) // [Daily summations of sales omitted--HCMacD.]

Feb. 7: As impressive as ever, by Maung Maung Aye. [Review of Emporium, including an 11.10 carat ruby worth US\$999,000.]

Feb. 12: Total sales were: 262 lots of jade for US\$ 7,237,973; 140 lots of gems for US\$ 1,826,302; 253 lots of pearls for US\$ 5,159,195; 867 pieces of jewellery for US\$ 510,716; 906 jade carvings for US\$ 105,705. Grand total: K 95,778,140 or US\$ 14,839,891, a new record for the Gems Emporiums. 484 merchants from 302 companies in 15 countries participated. (WPD 2/13)

Feb. 14-15: The record-breaking 27th Myanma Gems, Jade and Pearl Emporium, by Hla Thein Sein. [(1) Review of Emporium. (2) Private sellers at the Emporium, selling on commission with 60% of receipts payable in foreign currency, will be protected, said Emporium Chairman U Thaung: "No customs duty nor profit tax will be levied. Effective action will be taken against those who come to the owner of the gems and jewellery to investigate how he got these gems and jewellery and also against those who try to collect taxes. As such interrogation and investigation amounts to interfering in our work, those who make enquiries and those who try to collect taxes will not be tolerated."]

Feb. 18-19,23: 27th Gems Emporium: Privately-owned gems and jewellery sold at Emporium for first time, by Hla Thein Sein. ["(Arrangements beneficial to the owners as well as to the State.)" Hitherto, K10-20 million of gems have been smuggled out of Myanmar each year, sold usually at only 50-60% of their real value. Under the new arrangement, one private necklace was sold for US\$ 30,000. "Myanmar jade, Myanmar ruby, Myanmar Sapphire and Myanmar pearls are the best." Interviews with jade satisfied buyers. {photos}]

Basic Supplies Arrive

Feb. 6: The trawler Naungyoe-5 landed 60,000 hilsa [fish] weighing 30,000 viss. 20,000 will be distributed to 17 Tatmadaw welfare shops and co-operative shops at the rate of K 30 per viss. 10,000 viss will go to the units and regiments in Eastern command "where fish is scarce." (WPD 2/7)

Department Store Opens

Feb. 5: The Myanma Department Store opened at No. 181/189 Sule Pagoda Road (Ground Floor) [Yangon]. "Imported foodstuffs, textiles, consumer goods, stationery, electronic and electrical goods will be sold separately...[including] electro audio visual equipment and electrical goods imported from the Motiwalla Enterprise Pte, Ltd of Singapore by consignment basis." (WPD 2/6)

Profit Tax Amnesty

Feb. 8: Ministry of Planning and Finance Notification No. 22 of Feb. 8 notes that some people would like to make investments, but are afraid because they haven't paid profit tax on their money. They may declare their money and materials to the Township Income Tax Department from Feb. 7-Apr. 30, 1990, and pay only the following:

- 25% on money and materials over K 50,000.
- The declared value will be assessed separately and not combined with other income.
- Exemption from fines will be given under Section 19 of the Profit Tax Law.

"The above relaxation is for money and materials for which no profit taxes have been assessed for inability of saying how they were obtained. It has nothing to do with incomes whose sources are revealed. Action will be taken...against owners of money and

materials whose sources are not revealed during the stipulated period. This law does not apply...[to] goods obtained illegally." (WPD 2/9)

Feb. 17: Directives have been sent to the Township Revenue Departments "not to question those who come to make declaration of money and property but to assist them readily." 41 persons filed under the amnesty between Feb. 13-16, declaring property worth K 18,893,000. They have "been relieved by at least K 4,723,000 in their due taxes." Others are expected to take advantage of the amnesty. (WPD 2/18)

Feb. 25: Between Feb. 19-23, 99 persons filed, declaring property worth K 35.87 million; and have been relieved by at least K 8.967 million. From Feb. 13-23, 140 persons filed, declaring property worth K 54.76 million. (WPD 2/26)

Pugyi Reservoir Opened

Feb. 9: A ceremony was held to mark the beginning of water supply from Pugyi reservoir to the Hlawga reservoir [Yangon]. (WPD 2/10)

New Market Opened

Feb. 11: The new Bayintnaung Market in Yangon was opened in Yangon. Begun Oct. 7, 1989, it covers 21 acres, with 22 sheds built at a cost of K 1.15 million each. It is one of the largest markets in the country. (WPD 2/12)

Natural Gas Feasibility Study

Feb. 15: A feasibility study for the exploration of offshore Mottama natural gas, and for the production of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) was signed between the Ministry of Energy Planning Department and the Idemitsu Oil Development Co., Ltd. of Japan, represented by Chairman A. Watanabe. The Idemitsu company already has a production sharing contract for the exploration of oil and liquefied natural gas in onshore Block D. (WPD 2/16) // Feb. 15: An Idemitsu Operation Office was inaugurated at Padonmar Yeiktha, No. 16(B) Thukhawaddy Road [Yangon]. (WPD 2/16)

Exports

Feb. 16: The Mandalay Division Syndicate of Township Co-operatives exported US\$ 78,844.29 of Myanmar handicrafts to Chicago and Baltimore via the MV Pathein. They include lacquerwares, gold embroideries, puppet dolls, elephant figures, rattans, and Bilugyun walking sticks. Arrangements have been made to sent US\$ of 87,522.48 of handicrafts to Los Angeles, Savannah, and Fort Worth in March. (WPD 2/17)

Tanyin No. 1 Refinery

Feb. 18: On a visit to the No. 1 Oil Refinery (Tanyin), State LORC Secretary (1) Brig-Gen. Khin Nyunt noted that "as raw materials are inadequate at present, the Tanyin Oil Refinery can produce only 120,000 gallons a day but soon when the machines are run in full swing it will be able to produce 900,000 gallons a day." (WPD 2/19)

Hotel Opened

Feb. 19: The Bagan Thande Hotel was opened by the Myanmar Hotels and Tourism Services at Bagan [Pagan]. It has 30 2-bed rooms, each with air conditioner, TV, hot and cold water, and a refrigerator. It is the 12th hotel constructed in 1989-90. (WPD 2/21)

Rainfall in Yangon

Rainfall since January 1, 1990, 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
February 1	00.00	00.00	00.00
February 15	00.00	00.00	00.00

February 28 0.43 0.98 0.26

HEALTH

Safe Driving

Feb. 13: Give priority to road safety, by Ko Thet. [Article on safe stopping distances for drivers.]

SPORTS

Badminton Team to Malaysia

Feb. 15: The Myanmar Men's Badminton Team, led by U Kyi Nyunt, left to participate in the International Thomas Cup Badminton Championship in Kuala Lumpur Feb. 18-25. Other members are Maung Maung, Win Tun Thein, Myo Thant, and Myint Han. (WPD 2/16)

Officials to SEA Games Session

Feb. 15: U Khin Maung Lwin, External Sports Affairs Officer of the Sports and Physical Education Department, accompanied by Division Sports Organizer U Than Nyunt Swe, left for Manila to attend the SEA Games Federation Council Meeting. (WPD 2/16)

CULTURAL

Literary Articles

Feb. 4,11,18: Hyacinth Way. [Poems, in English and Myanmar, by Zawgyi. (33-35)]

Feb. 4,11,18: Myanmar Proverbs, by Dr. U Hla Pe. [Cont. (42-44)]

Feb. 4,11,18: 20th Century Myanmar Poets & Poems, by Htila Sitthu. [Cont. from series previously published in the Guardian magazine. (15-17) Cont. Life and work of contemporary Poetess Nu Yin.]

Feb. 11,18: Nucleus of Myanmar Literature. [Cont. (36) Sale U Ponnya {19th cent. poet}, by Chit Kyi Yay Kyi Nyunt. (37) U Ponnya's Humour; Sale U Ponnya and Achoktan Saya Pe , by Chit Kyi Yay Kyi Nyunt.]

Historical & Cultural Articles

Feb. 4,11: Picturesque Myanmar, by Htin Lin. [Cont. descriptions for tourists and visitors. (12) Rock dam and elephant festival {at Kyauske}. (13) Poppa the abode of Nats {Mt. Popa}.]

Feb. 18: Folk Songs: Big Drum Duets, by Saw Mon Nyin. [Traditional big drum songs.]

Union Day Historical Articles

Series of articles "Hailing the 43rd Anniversary of Union Day."

Feb. 1: Strong kingdom of Bagan Period, by Ko Soe. [Pagan period history.]

Feb. 3: Unity brings peace and prosperity, by S T A. [Unity between races in Bagan and Taungoo dynasties.]

Feb. 6: Unity among the national races in Kongbaung period, by Myint Thein Aung. [Shans and Mons prospered and were given high office.]

Feb. 7: The Anglo-Burmese wars and the nationalities resistance, by R. Zatu. [Wars reviewed.]

Feb. 8: Formation of Burma Independence Army, by Maung Dawna. [Ethnic minorities in Aung San's army.]

Feb. 9: Armed with the spirit of Panglong, by Maung Maung Aye. [1947 Panglong Agreement between ethnic groups.]

Moral & Religious Articles

Feb. 4,18: 'Mangala' an introduction, by Maung Arnt. [Cont. The Way to Auspiciousness. (25) Katanuta Mangala (To be grateful for a good turn received is auspicious). (26) Dhamma Savana Mangala (Listening to discourses on doctrines or sermons is auspicious.)

Feb. 11: The Mingala Sutta, by Maung Myat Mingala. [The 38 ways

to auspiciousness.]

Art Shows

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84259 <or> 84821. (WPD 2/4 etc.)

YANGON YWCA FLOWER ARRANGEMENT COMPETITION & DISPLAY

The WYCA invites competitors for a Flower Arrangement Display
on 16-2-90. Those who wish to compete please contact YWCA, 119,
Bogalayzay Street. Phone 72109 during office hours. (WPD 2/5)

Sangha Congregation

Feb. 22: The Third Congregation of All Ganas of the members of
the Sangha will be held for 3 days at the Maha Pasana Cave on Kaba
Aye Hill [Yangon] from Mar. 6-8. Representative Sayadaws should plan
to arrive by Mar. 4. (WPD 2/23)

MISCELLANEOUS

Crime News

Names and addresses of culprits generally included.

Feb. 17: A woman was seized on Feb. 15 with 7.6 grams of heroin
in an envelope, while boarding a plane from Yangon to Beik [Mergui].
She said a man she did not know offered her K 200 to carry the
envelope to Beik. (WPD 2/18)

Obituaries

Feb. 1: U Aung Myaing, husband of the late Daw Hla E Yin, died in
Mawlamyaing, aged 86. [Christian] (WPD 2/9)
Feb. 3: Thakin Kyaw Sein (People's Literary House), husband of Daw Mi
Mi Gyi, died in Yangon, aged 72. (WPD 2/4)
Feb. 3: Sister Andre Atkinson, former English teacher, St. Joseph's
A.V. Convent, died in Mandalay, aged 83. [Christian] (WPD 2/14)
Feb. 11: Thiripanchi U Mya Sein (retired Ambassador), B.A. Hons.
English; Mawgunwin 1st Class; Legion of Honour (France); Naingangonyi
Class II; former President of East Asiatic Youth league and Anti-
Fascist People's Freedom League (Patheingyi District), husband of Daw Nu
Nu, brother of U Tun Shein, died in Yangon, aged 74. (WPD 2/13)
Feb. 13: Dr. Daw Ohn May Taw (a) Dr. Florence Taw (PhD), sister of
Daw Briar Rose Taw, died in Yangon, aged 77. [Baptist] (WPD 2/14)
Feb. 14: U Aung Gyi (Victor), B.O messenger, husband of Daw Yin May
(Lily), died in Yangon, aged 72. [Baptist] (WPD 2/16)
Feb. 14: Sam Hkun Awng, B.Sc., husband of Dr. Seng Raw (East Yangon
Hospital), died in Yangon, aged 53. [Christian] (WPD 2/16)
Feb. 15: Mrs. Salatte Mary, wife of the late Mr. D. Bernard, died in
Yangon, aged 76. [Catholic] (WPD 2/16)
Feb. 20: Thiri Pyanchi Sithu U Ko Gyi, (a) Hteik Tin Lwin, Rtd.
Secretary, husband of Daw Ahmar, son-in-law of U Pu, former Premier
of Burma, died in Yangon, aged 84. (WPD 2/21)

Fires

Feb. 2: A fire in Meiktila on Feb. 1 destroyed 800 houses and
left 874 people homeless in Pha-sa la and Dadattan Wards. Damage is
estimated at K 16 million. (WPD 2/3)

Feb. 3: A fire in Kyimyindine and Kamaryut Townships [Yangon]
destroyed 1,200 houses from Strand Road in Kyimyindine Township and
Wards 5 and 6 in Kamaryut Township. (WPD 2/4) // Feb. 4: Officials
met with the victims to discuss relief operations. (WPD 2/5) // Feb.
6: Over 400 [sic] houses were destroyed, affecting 4,500 people from
831 households. 80% of fires "are due to kitchen fires or
negligence." (WPD editorial 2/6)

Feb. 4: A fire destroyed 5 of 8 apartments in the Defence

Industry I family quarters building on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, Yankin Township [Yangon]. A fire at the Golden Gate Restaurant, 157 Bo Aung Kyaw Street, Kyauktada Township, Yangon, killed 7 workers sleeping on the mezzanine. Loss was K300,000. Action is being taken against the owner. (WPD 2/5)

Feb. 5: A fire on Feb. 4 in the Pyin-Oo-Lwin Market [Maymyo] killed 6 people. (WPD 2/6)

Feb. 22: A fire in Yan Pyay Ward, Wetsu Ywama of Tharkayta Township [Yangon] destroyed 81 houses, leaving 579 people from 128 households homeless. (WPD 2/23)

Narcotics Destroyed by DEA

Feb. 13: An exhibition on destruction of seized narcotic drugs was held at the Aung-tha-pye Ye-yeiktha hall on Kyaikwaing Pagoda Road, Mayangonn Township [Yangon]. PPF Narcotic Department Director Ngwe Soe Tun reviewed Myanmar anti-narcotics efforts since 1961, with statistics [text given]. Figures given for seized narcotics destroyed since 1977. Drugs worth US\$ 418 million (NY street value), including 209 kilos of heroin, 15 kilos of opium oil, 2 kilos of opium liquid, and 54 kilos of phensedyl were set on fire by Mr. Angelo Saledino, Country Narcotics Attache, US Drug Enforcement Agency, in the presence of Myanmar officials and journalists. [photos] (WPD 2/14)

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Engagement

Feb. 17: Col. Aung Koe (Rtd) and Daw Yin Yin May announce the engagement of their daughter Yin Yin Myint Aung, B.A. (Myanmar) (Dip. in Cosmetology) (Maryland) to Kyaw Mya Thin, B.A. (Antioch Univ.), Parts and Accessories Manager (Cycle, Sport - Springfield), son of Dr. Tun Thin and Daw Mya Saw Shin of Washington, D (WPD 2/18)

Earthquake

Feb. 20: An earthquake of moderate intensity was reported at 17 hrs., 10 mins., 21 secs. with epicentre about 30 miles Northeast of Thandwe. It was slightly felt at Pyay [Promé] and Thandwe [Sandoway]. (WPD 2/22)

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