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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, as did the "Noble Desire" slogan launched in February 1990.

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

Aug. 1-2: Breed, grow and produce. Breed whatever can be eaten and grow whatever can be consumed. Do everything with might and main.

Aug. 3-4: The three tasks of preventing the Union from disintegration, preventing disintegration of national unity and perpetuating national sovereignty are essential for continued independence of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.

Aug. 5-12: The Myanmar peoples must undertake Myanmar affairs according to their own reasoning.

Aug. 13-19: All Myanmar who reside in their homeland must maintain their status in accord with Myanmar reasoning.

Aug. 20-27: The Constitution of our Naing Ngan-Daw should be approved and adopted only according to the wishes of all the national peoples of our country.

Aug. 28-29: If one longs for this or that with misconceptions one will eventually become exhausted with longing.

Aug. 30: Don't try to push the nation into a dangerous abyss by creating destructive disturbances.

Aug. 31: To exist and earn a livelihood in peace and tranquillity is the over-riding desire of the people.

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:

June 29, July 7: The life of absconding Myanmar Youths in India, by An India-returner. [Cont. (3), (6) Life of Myanmar youths in India.]

Aug. 1-3,5-7,9-13,15-31: In solving the problem of internal peace by political means, by Ye Gaung Kyaw Swa. [Cont. (31-58) 1980 negotiations with Kachins.] [Also advertised as a book (in Burmese) (WPD 8/24, etc.)]

Aug. 1,3-15,17-29,31: A Concise History of Myanmar and the Tatmadaw's Role (1948-1988), by A Tatmadaw Researcher. [Cont. documentary study, with numerous facsimiles: (4-5) Introduction by Bo Thanmani; biographies of the 30 Comrades. (6-8) AFPFL split in 1958; establishment of the Caretaker Government. (9-10) 1962 Tatmadaw takeover. (11) Panglong agreement quoted. (12-23) 1962 takeover. (24) Socialist democratic government in 1962-88 was "not totalitarian" because it functioned "in accordance with enacted laws." Totalitarian governments were those of Ba Maw, and even of "a Prime Minister after independence, dubbed by his closest associates as 'Bawashin Mintaragyi (Lord Arbitor of Life)'. BSPP programme was just a revival of that of Bogyoke Aung San. (25) Socialist democracy built. (26-31) 1974 Constitution.] [Also advertised as a book (in Burmese) (WPD 8/23, etc.)]

Aug. 1,4: The last days of the creators of grave dangers, by Kaung Myat. [Cont. (4) KNU and Mon insurgents. Doctors in KNU camps used refugees to test "uncertain" medicines. (5) KNU atrocities.]

Aug. 2: Take care not to harm the Three Main Causes, by Maung Maung Tun. [Don't permit national disintegration. SLORC declaration No. 8/88 prohibiting anti-Tatmadaw activities by political parties, quoted. Need to draft a constitution.]

Aug. 5: "The joke's on joker Aung Bala", by Reporter Kway Gyi. ["There is no one smarter, more crooked and more ready to do anything for self-interest than U Thaung. He is prepared to work for any 'ism' for his personal interest. What matters for him is the 'price.'" In 1963 he was one of the "former Red Flag followers whose latent sympathy towards the Red Flag surfaced again," who "presented an Akai tape recorder to Thakin Soe on his return to the jungle." In 1962, U Thaung "exaggerated a news story in his 'Kyemon' newspaper involving a University faculty member and his second wife," because he feared the people would support the Revolutionary Council.

[He publishes falsehoods in the "Burma Review," published by the CRDB expatriate group headed by Tin Maung Win. His accusation in the April issue on "Military officers and Myanmar economy" is a big joke when he says the economy has declined since "the advent of Senior General Saw Maung's administration." In 1988 enormous damage to the economy was caused "by machinations of destructionists like Aung Bala outside the country and minions and traitors inside...." It is a second joke when he says "the military government had opened the door for the capitalists abroad while it had closed the door for those within," since "a growing number of partnership firms, importers, exporters and joint venture companies are getting themselves registered...."]

[He accused the 1962 Revolutionary Council of suppressing the Associated Press of Burma and founding the News Agency Branch (NAB). "Only at that stage I have come to realize what he is driving at.... It has become quite evident that the decision not to put a news agency responsible for...distributing foreign news in the hands of a person like U Thaung (Aung Bala) was correct considering his running away from the motherland, traitorous acts and betraying the country if he gets money.... His words broadcast by foreign radio stations and published in bulletins influenced by expatriates have become the best jokes of 1990 for the people of Myanmar Naing-Ngan"]

Aug. 6-8: A constitution acceptable to the people, by An Observer. [Review of previous constitutions. "In the process of drafting and adopting a constitution, elected Hluttaw representatives

will have to study the past events, constitutions of the past, guiding speeches of national leaders, then drafted {sic} a constitution and sought the approval of the people through a national referendum in order that the constitution may be acceptable to all the national races of the country."]

Aug. 8: It is not the time to create the kinds of disturbances of 1988, not to make demands and attacks, by Moe Kyaw. [Foreign and party criticism of SLORC denounced. A party pamphlet of July 15, 1989 urged people to "defy all authority" in emulation of Bogyoke Aung San's programme in 1945-46. This is wrong. In the words of Gen. Saw Maung, "What the SLORC has done for demands of a multi-party democratic system. It is implementing the programme by removing the obstacles. So, all the organizations and all the people are to act as directed by the SLORC in disregard of whoever says whatever he likes."]

Aug. 9-10: The multi-party system and the role of government servants, by Maung Maung Tun. [(1) Government employees should be party-neutral (2) Privileges extended to Government employees in housing, wages, and transport.]

Aug. 12: Election returns that ought to be studied and the Election Commission that ought to be praised, by Maung Maung Swe. [Election statistics reviewed; the Commission deserves praise.]

Aug. 13,17: Those cultivating flowers and those destroying flowers, by Kaytu Maung. [Positive role of Tatmadaw in Myanmar history.]

Aug. 15-16: The BBC, the VOA & the AIR spreading skyful of falsehoods & lies, by Bo Thanmani. [False reports of Aug. 8 disturbances aimed at causing unrest.]

Aug. 20-23: The incident that took place on Ministry of Trade Office on 17-9-88, by A Lawyer (An eye-witness). [Account of incident, in which weapons were stolen from Army.]

Aug. 22,24: Whither Myanmar Naing-Ngan?, by Mya Win. [People want to know "what type of democracy is genuine democracy. Is it bourgeois democracy? Is it communist democracy? Is it socialist democracy? Is it new democracy for which no name has been given? Or is it the people's democracy of the type practised by the BCP?"]

Aug. 25: Students have to dance according to the tune set, by Kyi Nyo (Eco). [How students have been used by the BCP.]

Aug. 26: To the teachers, by A Parent. ["I would like to request the teachers to teach, train and cultivate their pupils by the Myanmar ways and Myanmar styles to ensure that they become all-round outstanding, good and able persons."]

Aug. 27: What religion means (Thitsa-Myitta discussions), by Byamahso. ["SLORC leaders read literature not only on Buddhism but also on other religions.... We must not get angry if we are blamed or criticized through false accusations.... If we really adhere to the teachings of religions, live in amity with people who profess different faiths and persons of different religions help one another everything will be good."]

Aug. 31: For the return of Konbaung Dynasty Crown Jewels and eleven statues of royalty taken away by British Imperialist, by Bo Thanmani. [Four-page special article on artifacts taken in 1886, with extensive documents and illustrations.]

[During the month, there were considerably more than the usual number of political cartoons, often several per issue, denouncing foreign broadcasts, diplomatic misbehavior, and political party machinations, in contrast to the virtue of the Tatmadaw and SLORC.]

[Beginning Aug. 30, advertisements for How the Panglong Conference and the Panglong Agreement emerged, in Burmese, appeared. Advertisements continued throughout August for the speeches of State LORC Chairman Senior General Saw Maung (in English).]

Forestry Defended

Aug. 1: A Letter to the Editor from the "Forest Department of Myanmar," denounces a [London] Daily Mail article of June 4 by Sean Ryan called "Burma Teak Faces a Chainsaw Massacre." The whole [Thai]

concession covers only 3,890 square miles of the 149,870 sq. miles of forests in Myanmar, or 2.6%. Myanmar extracts 350,000 "hoppus tons" of teak annually, which, at 90 tons per acre, equals 3,889 acres. Since current annual plantings of 80,000 acres include over 40,000 acres of teak, this is more than adequate for replacement.

Press Conferences

[These conferences have been held weekly since 1988. On July 19 it was announced that the July 20 conference would not be held and that, thereafter, official press conferences would be held fortnightly unless otherwise deemed necessary.]

Aug. 10: At the 102nd State LORC Press Conference, spokesmen said:

-- Rumours were spread of disturbances in Yangon and Mandalay to mark the second anniversary of the Shitt Lay Lon (8-8-88). "All these pieces of news are absolutely incorrect. The news about the true events was published on 7 August." [see below]

-- "An AP news item in the 8 August issue of The Nation in Thailand mentions that a western diplomat said...that a [policeman] bayoneted a student on his face. This is not true at all.... Two diplomats...went to the Masoyein Taikhaung in an embassy car at 4.30 pm on 4 August and asked questions in connection with rumours of student Win Naing being bayoneted and took video shots.... The fact is that some students of No. 13 High School were shouting on 3 August and student Ngwe Soe... tried to persuade other students to take part in causing disturbances. When others did not follow him he got angry and fisted the glass window thereby injuring himself. The student made a complaint that he got ...bayoneted. However a lady teacher who knew what really happened reported the matter to the headmistress.... At No 13 High School itself, a scuffle involving throwing of stones broke out between some parents...and some members of Sangha.... One novice Shin Eindaw Bhasa, 17, was injured in the head."

-- "We would like to clarify other exaggerated rumours. On the morning of 8 August in Mandalay, some members of Sangha and some students caused unrest and shouted.... [In] a scuffle...three security personnel and one novice were injured...."

-- Extensive quotes from BBC, VOA, AFP, and other new stories alleging, on the basis of information from diplomats, that four protesters--2 students and 2 Sangha--were killed when security forces opened fire in Mandalay. "Those news items sent by the diplomats are totally false."

-- The false rumours were instigated by Directive No. 24 issued Aug. 2 by the National League for Democracy, citing Aug. 8 as the "2nd anniversary of the mass movement for democracy which began on 8 August, 1988," and calling for ceremonies to mark the occasion. "The terms, 'do like this when conditions are favourable and do like this when conditions are not favourable to honour "four Eights" mass movement', have deep meanings. If we think deeply, we can know that they amount to instructing their men to cause disturbances."

-- The Government has not taken note of reported remarks by NLD Central Body member U Chan Aye on July 30 that a meeting was needed between the SLORC and the NLD to resolve a difference of opinion over the constitution, and by U Kyi Maung "that 'Mai' (the NLD) could not accompany 'Maung' (the SLORC) wherever he (it) would take her." However, "U Kyi Maung...had even said something in connection with the Nuremburg trials."

-- Myanmar welcomes the reestablishment of diplomatic relations between China and Indonesia.

-- As to constitutional developments, "the exact date for summoning the Pyithu Hluttaw cannot be said but we have no wish to cause delay."

-- The Government has no knowledge of rumours that "two men...entered one of the embassies [and] said they wished to meet the responsible personnel for an important matter. The security men of the Embassy received them temporarily and then took them to the

Washington Park [US diplomatic residential compound---HMacD.] in Yangon.... After...they had been looked after and fed for about two weeks...they begged for political asylum." Diplomatic rules forbid improper use of embassy premises.

-- Asked about rising prices of food (except rice), "the prices of commodities are gradually changed from the base to their real value Instability...is also connected with rumours spread and instigations made to cause disturbances. The rumours spread include that two-hundred kyat notes will be demonetized, that commodities are to be stored up with the approach of...the `four Eights' and that attempts will be made to cause unrest between 1 and 15 September."

-- Prices vary; thus pork is K130 per viss in Yangon and K60 in Bago. Price rises are lower than in Eastern Europe during its transitory period. The consumer price index rose from 144.89 in July 1988 to 201.79 in July 1989 and 214.14 in July 1990. Inflation rate is now 14.86.

-- As to [edible] oil, 24,911 tons were imported in 1988-89. As of July this year 18,600 tons were imported and have been received. Altogether, 55,199 tons is to be imported this year, of which 36,599 by private entrepreneurs.

-- "Exporting of groundnut through border trade has been banned because exporting it through Yangon port can fetch a higher price."

-- Foreign debt: Foreign debt was 5.878 billion on Mar. 31, 1988 (1.693 billion undisbursed); it was 5.679 billion on March 31, 1989 (1.446 undisbursed); and 5.238 billion on March 31, 1990 (1.133 undisbursed). So debt declined .64 billion over 1988 and .44 over 1989.

-- "Investigations are under way for exposing the instigators. Since the main reason for the taking place of disturbances in townships is the National League for Democracy's issuing of directive No 24, those who are responsible for this has [sic] been called in yesterday to give warning to them.... Action will be taken according to the law...." (WPD 8/11)

Aug 24: At the 103rd State LORC Press Conference, spokesmen said:

-- Bulletin No. 2/90 of the National League for Democracy gives a false account of the Aug. 8 disturbances in Mandalay, including a letter from 41 NLD Hluttaw representatives and others in Mandalay suggesting that "security units had used force causing bloodshed...." "Those responsible for publishing the bulletins...numbering 51 persons were called in by authorities for questioning." It was learned that Monywa U Tin Shwe who wrote the pamphlets was not an eye-witness. Others who signed pamphlets said they were not eye-witnesses. U Sein Win said he had not attended the NLD meeting or signed the document.

-- Other publications discussed. Suggested that some are being sold for commercial purposes; that a Union Nationals Democracy Party has been disowned by the UNDP, which denies an alleged interview of U Aung Gyi by Richard Muller of the Far Eastern Economic Review; that the National Unity Party was not responsible for pamphlets in its name on why it had lost the election.

-- "Political attacks on us... creating demands and attacks [are inappropriate].... The [SLORC] is not an organization that will hold on to State power for a long time."

-- "We know that a big embassy in Yangon is secretly looking after two persons whose identities are not yet known.... Three or four embassies are carrying out acts incompatible with the diplomatic functions...but we have been patient with them.... For instance, we have not yet revealed the name of an embassy that provided financial assistance to U Ye Tun who in collaboration with an insurgent group had been engaged in above-ground and under-ground activities, as well as to some youth organizations. We have withheld the name, with magnanimity; to prevent the nation concerned from losing face in the world."

-- "Some embassies are getting involved with some student circles, political circles and national races ...and are carrying out

instigative activities...[and] even using their respective intelligence agencies and the 'axe-handles' within the country as informers by giving money and gifts.... The prominent journalists should extend a helping hand in exposing the malpractices of certain embassies.... Politicians who represent the people should tell the people what is true...[and] with patriotic spirit should reveal foreign interferences and involvements."

-- "We have heard the news that the [SLORC] has formed the military council only now and that the military council will continue to govern the nation.... There are now some people who have deliberately fabricated such news...there is no need to form a military council."

-- With the...election having been held, the [SLORC] will continue to carry out the remaining three tasks till the coming into being of a firm government.... We will continue taking the responsibility of the State till the emergence of a government formed in accordance with constitution accepted by all the national races."

-- Since all constitutions are now void, demands to hold a Hluttaw session are intended "to cause unrest and disturbances...." Various political parties [NLD; Mra People's Party] are framing constitutions, even some without a single seat. Parties without a seat "will have to stop their illegal acts if they want to continue to exist." Parties should not "incite acts defying the authority nor of making demands for an interim government."

"Newspaper editorials and articles have exposed improper diplomatic behavior, but "No warnings have been given...up to now to the diplomats who violate the code of conduct of diplomats. But if the interferences become too much excessive necessary action shall be taken."

-- The embassies "using their intelligence organizations, giving financial assistance to their lackeys and trying to create unrest and disturbances...are from western countries."

-- The spokesman said "the SLORC Ruby was mined in Mogok and that Than Tun and party of Mandalay Naypyidaw were trying to smuggle it out when the Tatmadaw intelligence recovered it on 18 August without any cost to the State, that action would be taken against U Than Tun, Daw Soe Soe Tun, U Hla Myint and U Zaw Win of Mandalay who tried to smuggle out the ruby.... Some persons from some political parties are engaged in illegal trading of precious stones"

-- Asked about 700 students allegedly in Bangkok and afraid to return, and as to when the colleges, closed for 2 1/2 years, would reopen, the spokesman said the reception centers were still open and students would be warmly welcomed. 3,300 youths have returned, plus 300-400 ABSDF insurgents who have returned to the legal fold, and "there were no arrests whatsoever." Action will be taken only "if they infringe laws after they come back." Example of Maung Maung Kyaw who was arrested with an "instigative document." "As regards the opening of colleges and universities, the Ministry of Education will do so when the time and circumstances are right."

-- Asked whether "the rumours that the rationing of petrol was temporary" were correct, the spokesman said "best measures" would be taken, and cited the recent address by the Yangon Commander [see below under Economics]. (WPD 8/25)

Disturbances and Trouble-making

Aug. 7: Mandalay: In recent days, "rumours [in Yangon] had it that in some high schools in Mandalay there were student unrests and that security forces opened fire on them and that two school boys and one school girl were killed; that 20 members of the Sangha and students were arrested; that the schools where disturbances took place were closed; that one student from Masoeyein Kyaungtaik was bayoneted to death by security forces; that one woman was also killed in the same way and that members of the Sangha were arrested.

"The rumours spread in Mandalay had it that there were disturbances in High Schools No 11 and No 13 of Mandalay on 3 August and that security forces entered the school compounds to disperse the

students and that in doing so some impatient security forces bayoneted to death two schoolboys, one schoolgirl and two members of the Sangha and that those killed were picked up by the security units.

"The truth was that members of the Sangha gathered at U Pwa Pagoda compound in Mandalay at 1 pm on 5 August. Responsible personnel and security personnel went there and prevented them from rallying. About 200 members of the Sangha went out and shouted at 4 pm. Then the security forces dispersed them.

"On 6 August in Mandalay from about 30 to 60 students each gathered in the school compounds of high schools No 3, 5, 9, 15 and 16 and shouted and created disturbances. Teachers and parents let them go home early and they dispersed peacefully.

"Also on 7 August in Mandalay from 30 to 50 students gathered in the compounds of high schools No 1 and No 2 and shouted. Teachers and parents controlled the disturbances, let the students go home early and dispersed them peacefully."

The rumours are intended to disrupt peace, and "to team up with unscrupulous profiteers to create price instability." (WPD 8/8)

Aug. 8: Mandalay: "Some members of Sangha and students caused unrest in Mandalay this morning...[and] threw stones at security unit members and tried to wrest fire-arms.... Three security unit members and a novice were wounded in the scuffle.

"At about 5.30 am today, about 500 members of Sangha carrying alms bowls marched from the junction of 38th Street and 84th Street along 84th Street to the north and they proceeded along 35th, 80th and 26th Streets up to the junction of 26th Street and 84th Street. The number ...increased to 700.... From there they headed to the south along 84th Street. Then about 200 civilians and students followed them.... [At] 84th Street between 32nd and 33rd Street, some youths...shouted and instigated to create unrest and disturbances Some members of Sangha and students threw stones at the security unit members and tried to wrest firearms from them. Three security unit members received injuries in the head and novice Ananda, 15, of Mingyikyaung, Mogaungtaik received an injury on his left forearm....

Yangon: "Likewise, about ten youths went up the Taw-win overhead bridge of Sule Pagoda Road and Bogyoke Aung San Street in Yangon at 8.30 and hung on the bridge two wreaths made of red papers and ran away. Furthermore, about 100 youths gathered at the junction of Anawrahta Street and 36th Street. A youth ...stuck pamphlets instigating to create unrest on...a bus.... The youths ran.... At about 3.30 pm, five youths...arrived at the junction of Bogyoke Aung San Street and Shwedagon Pagoda Road and shouted and instigated to cause arrest and disturbances...they ran away. At about 4 pm, some youths from the Pabedan side went towards the City Hall with bouquets in their hands. On arrival near the Bandoola Park, the number of people, including the onlookers, grew to about 100. They youths then shouted and instigated to cause disturbances. But they ran away when the security unit members came to bring order in the area. Investigations are underway...." (WPD 8/9)

Aug. 9: Pakokku, Monywa, Meiktila: There was unrest on Aug. 8, but demonstrating youths were dispersed without injury.

At Pakokku [Magway] High School No. 1, 15 youths gathered and went to Nos. 1 and 3 Middle Schools on Pauk Road, where they climbed over the fence and unsuccessfully "instigated the students to join them." They they went on to the Kyaungywa No. 2 Middle School "and shouted. When the students did not come out and join them, the youths broke the flag pole, shouted and dispersed."

At Monywa [Sagaing] Nos. 1 and 3 High Schools, 50 youths and Sangha gathered and shouted. The crowd at No. 3 grew to 300, which marched through Dawnachan up to the south circular road, and threw stones at security unit members. "They dispersed only when security unit members fired shots into the air."

At Meiktila [Mandalay] No. 1 High School youths "shouted and instigated the students." The crowd grew to 300, which went to the

junction of Mar Din Pale Ward, where security unit members dispersed them. At 8 pm, "about 25 youths wearing masks shouted near the Zwe Hall in Meiktila." They entered Dahattan Ward and went along the Main Road, but fled when security unit members arrived. (WPD 8/10)

Arms and Explosives Seized

Aug. 8: On July 25, Bhamo police seized demolition equipment from a house in Kokkodaw Ward, including 86 TNT slabs, a pot of gunpowder, detonators, etc. On Aug. 7, Mandalay police seized 3 guns, 2 hand grenades, and ammunition from a trishaw near the Yayzingway Myohaung junction. (WPD 8/9)

Party Official Prosecuted

Aug. 15: Police have called in for questioning and will take action against U Sann Linn, 42, Patron of the Kayan Township [Yangon] Democratic Party for New Society [No. 18], on charges of illegally distributing agitative pamphlets to students and forming an illegal students thamagga [union] at Kayan High School to cause unrest. (WPD 8/16)

Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt's Views

Aug. 19: In a speech in Nyaungdon Township, where he was inspecting erosion controls, State LORC Secretary (1) Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt said:

"We know that power should be handed over in accordance with constitution at the suitable time. There must be a firm constitution in our country and it is the life of the country. A government should not be formed and power be handed over in a slipshod manner with a temporary constitution. We successfully held the election for we have arrangements for handing over power from the very beginning.

"Myanmar Naing-Ngan has two significant conditions. One is that the country is made up of 135 different national races and the other is that there is insurgency that emerged with our independence. These things are to be taken into consideration in drafting a constitution. A constitution is to be drafted in such a way that it is in accordance with the wishes of the national races who are residents of the Union and that it is in their interests.

"Myanmar Naing-Ngan remained backward due to insurgency. Now insurgents remain only in certain border areas. The State Law and Order Restoration Council has been carrying out activities for development of border areas and this work has been going on for more than one year. The work is aimed at strengthening national solidarity.

"Certain political parties and some organizations are making demands for swift transfer of power. Broadcasting stations of certain big nations are making attempts to interfere in our internal affairs to undermine national solidarity and to cause disintegration of the Union and then to make Myanmar Naing-Ngan their satellite country. We shall continue to carry out tasks for the benefit of the country and its people.

"We have no political party that backs us. We are doing things through co-ordination among Tatmadaw leaders and under the leadership of Senior General Saw Maung according to our belief and objectives for the good of national races." (WPD 8/20)

Aug. 26: Speaking in Rakhine State, State LORC Secretary (1) Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt said:

"The [SLORC] carries out giving priority to Our Three Causes—non-disintegration of the Union; preservation of national solidarity and perpetuation of national sovereignty. Our Three Causes are the concern of every citizen.

"Our country must have a firm constitution. It is the life of a nation. It is impossible for us to hand over power to a government formed under a provisional constitution. We should see the long-term interests of the nation.

"It is necessary for the political parties to do their work within the bound of law.

"I would like you to realize that certain diplomats got themselves involved in the movements that had taken place in Myanmar Naing-Ngan and foreign broadcasting stations such as BBC, VOA and AIR broadcast false news in an attempt to cause disintegration of the Union. True events have been clarified in the press conferences.

"UG [underground] elements headed by BCP Bo Kyin Maung have infiltrated into the world of service personnel and parties.

"Market economy is being practised and natural resources of the State are systematically being exploited. Especially in the onshore oil exploration, we have signed contracts with ten foreign companies. It is expected that oil can be produced between six months and one and a half year from now. Myanmar Naing-Ngan will make rapid progress if the work meets with success....

"The most important task today is to draw up a constitution concerned with each and every citizen. Hluttaw representatives, leaders of nationalities and the people, therefore, are to take part in drawing up the constitution.... The constitution cannot be framed by one person or one organization...[it] must be in full accord with the wishes of the people.

"The National League for Democracy has made demands in publishing resolutions passed at Gandhi Hall and excerpts of its eighth press conference. Matters concerning the constitution and transfer of power cannot be dealt with hastily. In view of national interests these tasks must be carried out state by stage taking appropriate time.

"At present, the rule of law and peace and tranquillity are essential requirements and each and every person must abide by the law...." (WPD 8/27)

Maj-Gen. Myo Nyunt's Views

Aug. 27: Yangon Commander and Divisional LORC Chairman Maj-Gen. Myo Nyunt told judges and police:

"Just as organizations within the country are continually demanding speedy transition of power, so also the organizations outside our country are meddling in our internal affairs.... As their attempts to cause disturbances in August have come to naught, they have made another move to cause unrest in September. They are again spreading rumours that something will happen on 9-9-90...15-9-90...and 18-9-90.... Some organizations...are now demanding the convening of Hluttaw on this and that date, quoting the paragraph 3 of chapter 2 of the Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law.... But it does not mention a date on which it is to be constituted as they are demanding

"The very essence of Declaration 1/90 is transfer of power according to a constitution which is acceptable to all national races.... We have...put up sign-boards bearing the three main causes. But some students, persuaded by some unscrupulous politicians, are now putting down or destroying sign-boards. And these acts amount to the implication that those politicians who are pulling the strings from behind will forsake the three causes if they ever come to power....

"Greedy merchants and traders do not hesitate to join the propaganda campaign. They do not try to make money by simply competing among themselves. They resort to unscrupulous means, spreading fabricated news...[that] may heighten the anxieties of the people. Taking advantage of the government's revised fuel distribution the destructive elements spread various rumours. They'll always attempt to push us into a corner.... We, on our part, must keep an eye on their acts so that their destructive activities can be prevented." (WPD 8/28)

"Don't Do It!"

Aug. 31: "Do we not benefit by having peace and tranquillity to prevail...? Is not the [SLORC] living up to its promise to strive for better conditions of food, clothing and shelter for the people and is it not rendering appropriate assistance to the private and co-

operative sectors in this endeavour?

"We can look around us and the answers are too obviously a resounding `Yes!'"

"Look anywhere and everywhere at the common decent people in the crowded markets and stores, in the parks and in the theatres and you will find the answers on their happy, satisfied faces.

"Ask them if they wish this peace and stability to be broken asunder. Ask them if they want to experience once more the terror, the confusion and the destructive anarchy of 1988. Their answer in the negative would be all too apparent on their faces.

"The self-styled political organizations claiming to have the interests of the nation and the people at heart would do well to ask such questions and watch the faces of the common decent people...if confrontational tactics and aggressive demands are conducive to the continuance of peace and stability so much appreciated by the common decent people.

"What is required now is peace, stability and sanity; time to re-think the past and initiate measures for a promising future.... Don't let devil's advocates persuade you that destruction is necessary to build anew.... Disinformation may try to persuade otherwise. Don't let such perversions persuade you. Don't be drawn into repeating past errors. Don't be persuaded into making demands, attacks and confrontations.

"Don't do it!"

(WPD editorial 8/31)

ELECTIONS

Election Tribunals

The Government has formed Election Tribunals to hear specific election complaints:

Election Tribunal No. 1. Aug. 7: To hear the complaint of U Thein Tun against Dr. San Aung and 2 persons, in Ingapu-2 constituency, Ayeyarwady Division. (WPD 8/8) // Aug. 11: It will investigate a complaint by U Tin Ngwe against Nai Khin Maung in Kyaikmaraw-2 constituency, Mon State. (WPD 8/12) // Aug 16: Hearing began in the Ingapu-2 case; the complainant was not present in person. The Tribunal accepted a letter of refutation from U Chit Swe, and will give decision Aug. 24. (WPD 8/17) // Aug. 21: It heard the Ingapu-2 case and will continue Sept. 10. (WPD 8/22) // Aug. 24: It heard the Kyaikmaraw-2 case and will continue Sept. 3. (WPD 8/25)

Election Tribunal No. 2. Aug. 10: To hear the complaint of U Mya Han against U Win Kyaing in Bogale-1 constituency, Ayeyarwady Division, and of U Tin Hsan against Dr. Sein Myint in Bogale-2. (WPD 8/11) // Aug. 17: To hear a complaint by U Raw Bon against U G. Bawn Hlan in Chipwe constituency, Chin State. (WPD 8/18) // Aug. 23: It set Sept. 13 to hear the Bogale-1 and Sept. 12 to hear the Bogale-2 dispute. (WPD 8/24) // It heard the Chipwe case, and will continue Sept. 11. (WPD 8/25)

Election Tribunal No. 3. Formed Aug. 1. Chairman: U Ba Than (ret'd. Supreme Court Judge. Members: U Sein Tun (ret'd. Divisional Law Officer); U Ohn Than (ret'd. Director, Public Services Selection and Training Board Office). To hear the complaint of Col. Maung Maung (ret'd.) against U Peter Lin Pin and 6 others in Pyin-Oo-Lwin-2 [Maymyo] constituency, Mandalay Division, and that of Dr. Kyaw Naing Tun against U Win Shein and 3 others in Myaung-1 constituency, Sagaing Division. (WPD 8/1) // Aug. 17: The Myaung-1 case was made public. (WPD 8/18) // Aug. 30: It heard the Pyin-Oo-Lwin-2 case and will continue Sept. 17. (WPD 8/ 31)

Election Tribunal No. 4. Formed Aug. 1. Chairman: U Hla Thuang (ret'd. Law Officer). Members: U Khin Maung Oo (ret'd. Law Officer) and U Chit Hsaung (ret'd. Director, Supreme Court). To hear the complaint of U Saw Philip (a) U Philip Sam against U Hkun Tun Lu (a) U Tun Lu in Hopang constituency, Shan State. (WPD 8/1) // Aug. 7: Also to hear the complaint of U Maung Tha Zan against U Shwe Ya and 6 persons in Sittway-1 constituency, Rakhine State. (WPD 8/8) // Aug. 21: It heard

the Sittway-1 case and will continue Sept. 10. (WPD 8/22) // Aug. 25: It released details of the Hopang case. (WPD 8/26)

Election Tribunal No. 5. Formed Aug. 8. Chairman: U Than Maung (ret'd. Ministry of Defence). Members: U Aung Kyi (ret'd. Legal Adviser, Supreme Court) and U Pe Thein (ret'd. Judicial Officer, Central Court). To hear the complaint of U Nun Uk against Dr. Hmuh Thang and 3 persons in Thantlang constituency, Chin State. (WPD 8/8) // Aug. 11: To hear the complaint of U Maung Thwin against U Hla Thein and 3 persons in Homalin-2 constituency, Sagaing Division. (WPD 8/13) // Aug. 16: It heard a complaint by U Maung Bwint against U Hla Saung in Homalin-1 constituency, Sagaing Division; decision on a change of venue will be made Aug. 24. It also heard the Thantlang case and will continue Aug. 17. (WPD 8/17) // Aug. 24: It heard the Homalin-2 case and will next meet Sept. 25. (WPD 8/25) // Aug. 25: Details of the Thantlang case revealed; U Nun Uk "claimed that he be declared as the elected Hluttaw representative"; the other 3 defendants, along with Dr. Hmuh Thang, are U Ngwe Soe (a) U Ngun Su, U Hmung Kio, and U Than Iang. (WPD 8/26)

Party Registration Changes

[Format as in previous issues]

(3) People's Democratic Party. GS Tin Shwe has retired. CEC members Thakin Saw Yin and Hla Myint have resigned. Thakin Tun Yone was dismissed. New officers are GS Nyo Lwin; JGS cum Sec. Kyaw Myint; CEC members Baw Ga, Thakin Khin, Tun Khin, Yebaw Soe Win. (WPD 8/14)

(10) Graduates and Old Students Democratic Association. Patron Dr. Ko Ko Gyi has resigned. New officers are: Patron Aung Bala; Ch Yan Kyaw; VCh Soe Win, Ko Ko; GS Maung Maung Aung; JGS Kyi Win, Win Naing; Tr Myo Aung-1; Liaison Myo Aung-2, Khin Maung Win; CEC 8 members [not named]. (WPD 8/11)

(12) National Peace and Democracy Party. Patron Khin Maung Galay; Ch Dawood Jamal; VCh Kam Raj Thapa; Sec Khin Maung Yin; CEC members Shwe Kyaw, Harry Peter (a) Tun Pe have resigned. New officers are: Patron Havil; Ch A K Tin Ngwe; VCh Aye Kha; GS Lay Myint; JGS Daw Yin Yin May; CEC 10 members [not named]. (WPD 8/10)

(18) Democratic Party for New Society. Ch Tin Htut (Thet Htun) has resigned. New officers are: Ch Myint Zaw; VCh Kyaw Win Thein; GS Aung Moe Zaw; JGS Zayya; Org. Nyein Chan; Liaison Myint Aye; management/discipline Than Oo; research Win Myint Naing. (WPD 8/11)

(19) People's Volunteer Organization (Burma). New officers are: Patron Ohn Tin, Ba Hla Aung, Ba Tun, Thaug Nyunt; Ch Aung Naing; VCh Nyo Maung, Maung Nyo, Tin Hla Oo, Sein Aung Linn; GS Tin Aung; JGS Thein Toe, Than Tun, Hla Tin; CEC 19 members [not named]. (WPD 8/11) // Address changed from 29/70 Min Nanda St., Bo Tun Zan Ward, Dawbon Twp., Yangon [new address not given]. (WPD 8/15)

(25) Patriotic Youth Organization. New officers are: Patron Tin Oo; Ch Ba Tint Swe; VCh Khin Maung Myint, Phone Yaung Oo; GS Aung Win (Kaung Aung); JGS Thein Tun; Secret. 3 members [not named]; CEC 7 members [not named]. (WPD 8/10)

(27) All Burma Democratic People's Party. JGS San Tin (Hlan Mintha) has resigned. (WPD 8/14)

(37) United National Congress. Info&Prop.Off. Daw Baby Myint (Writer-Shwebo Thiri Marla); CEC member Kan Tun, Soe Tint (Taunggyi) have resigned. (WPD 8/14)

(77) Union Stability Party (USP). Patrons Ba Aung, Khin Maung Aye, Thakin Pe Hla, Daw May May Shin; Sec. Tun Aung, Daw Mya Mya Khin; JTr. Yay Chan have resigned. GS Hla Aung; CEC members San Hlaing, Nai Min Zaw have been removed. New officers are: Patron Ashin U Kyaw; Ch Ba; VCh Mya Sein; GS Than Aung; JGS Sunny; Sec. Thein Htay, Moe Hein; Tr Aye Ko; Aud. Daw Than Than; CEC 5 members [not named]. (WPD 8/10)

(88) National Democratic Party for Human Rights. VCh Kyaw Myint (Buthidaung) and CEC members Sultan Ahmad and Phaw Yud have resigned. CEC member Dr. Tun Aung (Maungdaw) has been removed. New officers are: VCh Kyaw Hla Aung (Sittway); JGS Khin Zaw; Tr. Maung Aye (a) Abdul Mornan, Tin Hla (Minbya); Patron Min Lwin; CEC Ba Kyaw, Kyaw

Min, Hussein, Chit Maung, Hajji U Karein, Abdul Sortar, Tin Maung.
(WPD 8/11)

(153) Kachin National Congress (KNC). CEC members L W Zau Naw, Daw Ja Awng have resigned. (WPD 8/11)

(167) Union Nationals Democracy Party (UNDP). New address is 423 Lower Kyimyindine Rd., Alon Twp., Yangon. (WPD 8/15)

(187) Lisu National Solidarity (LNS). New address is No. 13, corner of 81/82 Streets, Pylonchantha Ward, Mandalay North-West Twp., Mandalay. (WPD 8/15)

(199) Union League of Democratic Parties. New address is 68 Laydaungkan Rd., Laydaungkan Ward, Thingangyunn Twp., Yangon. (WPD 8/15)

(216) League of Democratic Allies (LDA). New officers are: Patrons Thakin Lwin, Sayagyi U Ba Hla Aung, Bo Aung Naing; Ch Aung Than; VCh Aung Myint, Nyunt Thein, Dr. Maung Maung Kyaw, Bo Nyo; GS Ye Myint; JGS Win Swe Oo; CEC 2 members [not named]. (WPD 8/10)

DIPLOMATIC

Diplomatic Calls

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

June 28: Korean Ambassador Byong Hyon Kwon on State LORC Chairman Senior General Saw Maung. // Japanese Ambassador Tomoya Kawamura on Chief Justice U Aung Toe. (WPD 6/29)

July 6: The Korean Ambassador on State LORC Secretary (1) Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt. (WPD 7/7)

July 31: Bangladesh Ambassador Mostafa Faruque Mohammed on Minister for Transport & Communications and for Social Welfare and for Labour Lt-Gen. Tin Tun. (WPD 8/1)

Aug. 1: Singapore Ambassador Tan Seng Chye on SLORC Vice Chairman Gen. Than Shwe. // Philippine Ambassador Mrs. Rosalinda V. Tirona on Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the University Training Corps Col. Pe Thein. (WPD 8/2)

Aug. 2: The Singapore Ambassador, and the Philippine Ambassador, on Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Brig-Gen. Abel. (WPD 8/3)

Aug. 3: The Philippine Ambassador on Minister for Energy and for Mines Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. Korean Ambassador Hang Kyung Kim on Minister for Transport & Communications and for Social Welfare and for Labour Lt-Gen. Tin Tun. (WPD 8/4)

Aug. 6: The Philippine Ambassador on Minister for Construction and for Co-operatives Lt-Gen. Aung Ye Kyaw, and Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries and for Agriculture & Forests Lt-Gen. Chit Swe. The Korean Ambassador on Minister for Industry 1 and for Industry 2 Lt-Gen. Sein Aung. Bangladesh Ambassador M.F. Mohammed on Minister for Construction and for Co-operatives Lt-Gen. Aung Ye Kyaw. (WPD 8/7)

Aug. 7: The Korean Ambassador on Chief Justice U Aung Toe. (WPD 8/8)

Aug. 9: The Korean Ambassador on Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the University Training Corps Col. Pe Thein, and on Election Commission Chairman U Ba Htay. (WPD 8/10)

Aug. 10: The Korean Ambassador on Attorney-General U Tha Tun, on Minister for Energy and for Mines Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin, and on Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Brig-Gen. Abel. (WPD 8/11)

Aug. 13: The Korean Ambassador on Minister for Construction and for Co-operatives Lt-Gen. Aung Ye Kyaw. Philippine Ambassador Mrs. Rosalinda V. Tirona on Minister for Transport & Communications and for Social Welfare and for Labour Lt-Gen. Tin Tun. (WPD 8/14)

Aug. 14: The Philippine Ambassador on Election Commission Chairman U Ba Htay. Australian Ambassador G Allen on Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the University Training Corps Col. Pe Thein to discuss education matters.

(WPD 8/15)

Aug. 16: The Philippine Ambassador on Attorney-General U Tha Tun, and on Chief Justice U Aung Toe. (WPD 8/17)

Aug. 17: The Philippine Ambassador on Minister for Home & Religious Affairs and for Information and for Culture Lt-Gen. Phone Myint. (WPD 8/18)

Aug. 20: Korean Ambassador Hang Kyung Kim on Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries and for Agriculture & Forests Lt-Gen. Chit Swe. (WPD 8/21)

Aug. 22: Israeli Ambassador Ori Noy on Minister for Industry 1 and for Industry 2 Lt-Gen. Sein Aung. (WPD 8/23)

Aug. 23: The Israeli Ambassador on Minister for Transport & Communications and for Social Welfare and for Labour Lt-Gen. Tin Tun, and on Chief Justice U Aung Toe. (WPD 8/24)

Aug. 24: The Israeli Ambassador on Election Commission Chairman U Ba Htay, and on Attorney-General U Tha Tun. Bangladesh Ambassador Mostafa Faruque Mohammed on Minister for Home & Religious Affairs and for Information and for Culture Lt-Gen. Phone Myint. (WPD 8/25)

Aug. 27: The Israeli Ambassador on Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the University Training Corps Col. Pe Thein. (WPD 8/28)

Aug. 28: The Israeli Ambassador on Minister for Construction and for Co-operatives Lt-Gen. Aung Ye Kyaw, and on Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries and for Agriculture & Forests Lt-Gen. Chit Swe. British Ambassador J.D.N. Hartland Swann on Attorney-General U Tha Tun. (WPD 8/29)

Aug. 30: Israeli Ambassador Ori Noy on Minister for Energy and for Mines Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. (WPD 8/31)

Israeli Ambassador Arrives

Aug. 14: Ambassador Ori Noy presented credentials to State LORC Chairman Senior General Saw Maung as Israeli Ambassador to Myanmar. (WPD 8/15)

Soviet Ambassador Approved

Aug. 21: The Myanmar government has approved the nomination of Mr. Vadim Ivanovitch Chabaline as Soviet Ambassador to Myanmar. Ambassador Chabaline was born in 1931, and has served in China (1961-67) and as Ambassador to the Philippines (1985-87). Since 1968 "he has held responsible positions in the Central Committee of the CPSU." He is married. (WPD 8/21)

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Workshops and Courses

July 31: The National Workshop on Viral Hepatitis opened under the co-sponsorship of the Japan International Co-operation Agency. 31 participants and 18 observers will present papers at the Workshop, which will last until Aug. 3. (WPD 8/1)

Aug. 21: A 2-day seminar on population and development, jointly sponsored by the Institute of Economics and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), represented by Mr. Kazuko Kano, opened. (WPD 8/22)

Aug. 27: The first Methodology Seminar on Education Sector Study, co-sponsored by UNDP and UNESCO, opened at the Ministry of Education. It will last until Sept. 7. Present were UNESCO Task Manager Mr. Baudouin Duviesusart and Project Coordinator Mr. Antoine Schwartz. Departmental chairmen and others from a variety of Ministries, Educators, UNDP, UNESCO, UNICEF, and WHO representatives, and 48 observers will take part. (WPD 8/28)

Foreign Donations

July 31: The Indonesian Women's Association (Harma Wanita) of the Indonesian Embassy donated a refrigerator, bed-sheets, and food worth K 26,000 to the Children's Hospital on Pyidaungsu Yeiktha Road. (WPD 8/1)

Aug. 4: The Federal Republic of Germany on Aug. 2 donated a 20-MA X-ray machine valued at K 400,000 to the Jivitadana Sangha Hospital. (WPD 8/5)

Myanmar Donations Abroad

Aug. 3: The Myanmar Government contributed K 15,000 for the "Summit for the Children" to be held by UNICEF at UN Headquarters in September. (WPD 8/4)

FOREIGN VISITORS

International Agency Missions

June 28: UNICEF education consultant Mr. Cecil T. Crellin, on Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the University Training Corps Col. Pe Thein. (WPD 6/29)

Aug. 16: Mr. B. Allen and Mr. E. Perez of the IMF met with Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Brig-Gen. Abel to discuss the Budget Department policy and management project. (WPD 8/17)

Aug. 22: Mr. Dominique Dufour, representative of the League of Red Cross Societies to Myanmar, called on Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the University Training Corps Col. Pe Thein. (WPD 8/23)

Aug. 22: Dr. Zakir Husein, Project Director of the WHO South-East Asia Region, called on Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the University Training Corps Col. Pe Thein to discuss health plans. (WPD 8/23)

Japanese Financial Mission

Aug. 2: A Japanese Mission headed by Mr. Nagatomi, Chief of the Institute of Financial and Monetary Policy in the Ministry of Finance called on Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Brig-Gen. Abel. (WPD 8/3)

Business Delegations

Aug. 3: Chairman Mr. Koichi Yamada of the Myanmar Okinawa Development Corporation of the Okinawa Free Trade Zone, Japan, called on Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Brig-Gen. Abel, accompanied by Mr. Morikazu Usami and Mr. Toshiyuki Yamanaka, and personnel of Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd. (WPD 8/4)

Aug. 22: A delegation led by Mr. Keith Tay, Chairman of the Institute of Public Accountants of Singapore called on Auditor General U Khin Zaw to discuss the Myanmar Naing-Ngan Accountancy Council and training of accountants and auditors. He was accompanied by Institute Executive Director Mr. Lee Wai Kok, Training Director of the Association of Accounting Technicians Singapore Ltd. Mr. Peter Fong Weng Sun, and Tax Principal of KPMG Peat Marwick Mr. Damian Hong. (WPD 8/23)

Laotian Vice Foreign Minister

Aug. 5: Mr. Soubanh Srithirath, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Laos, arrived for bilateral talks with U Ohn Gyaw, Director-General of the Foreign Ministry Political Department. The visit will last until Aug. 9. (WPD 8/6) // Aug. 6: He called on State LORC Chairman Senior General Saw Maung. (WPD 8/7) // Aug. 8: He discussed demarcation of the Myanmar-Laos boundary. (WPD 8/9) // Aug. 9: The delegation departed. (WPD 8/10)

Thai Border Delegation

Aug. 13: A Thai delegation headed by Lt-Gen. Sann Sripen, Commander of the Thai First Army Area, arrived for the fourth meeting of the Myanmar-Thailand Regional Border Committee meeting to be held in Mawlamyine [Moulmein]. (WPD 8/14) // Aug. 16: Lt-Gen. Sann Sripen called on SLORC Vice Chairman Gen. Than Shwe, and flew back to Bangkok; other members of the group under Deputy Leader Maj-Gen. Manas Aranari toured Mandalay and Bagan. (WPD 8/17) // Aug. 18: Maj-

Gen. Manas Aranari and delegation were hosted at dinner by State LORC Secretary (1) Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt. (WPD 8/19) // Aug. 19: The delegation left. (WPD 8/20)

Thai Cultural Delegation

Aug. 16: A 29-member delegation headed by the Director of the Academy of Local Government Administration of Thailand Mr. Sripong Youman arrived for a 5-day study tour to Yangon and Bago, to study preservation of cultural artifacts, drug education, and trade. (WPD 8/17) // Aug. 17: It called on Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Brig-Gen. Abel to discuss Myanmar's open door economic practices. (WPD 8/18) // Aug. 19: It was briefed on drug abuse control activities. (WPD 8/20) // Aug. 20: The delegation left. (WPD 8/21)

Amoco Corp. Chairman

Aug. 17: Mr. Richard Martin Morrow, Chairman of the Amoco Corp. of the United States arrived to discuss joint exploration of onshore oil with Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise. He was accompanied by Mr. Patrick Joseph Early, President of the Amoco Production Company, and Mr. Robert Lawrence Blanton, President of the Europe, Latin America & Far East Region of Amoco Production Company. The delegation called on State LORC Chairman Senior General Saw Maung, and on Minister for Energy and for Mines Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. (WPD 8/18) // Aug. 18: The Minister for Energy hosted a dinner for the Amoco delegation, which is carrying out seismic surveys in Block B, and expects to start drilling in 1991. (WPD 8/19)

Singapore Trade Delegation

Aug. 20: A Singapore trade delegation arrived, headed by Mr. S. Chandra Das, Member of Parliament and Chairman of the Government Parliamentary Committee for Defence and Foreign Affairs. (WPD 8/21) // Aug. 21: The delegation called on Minister for Transport & Communications and for Social Welfare and for Labour Lt-Gen. Tin Tun, on Minister for Industry 1 and for Industry 2 Lt-Gen. Sein Aung, on Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries and for Agriculture & Forests Lt-Gen. Chit Swe, on Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Brig-Gen. Abel, and on Minister for Energy and for Mines Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin; the last gave it a dinner. (WPD 8/22) // Aug. 22: The delegation gave a return dinner for Minister for Energy and for Mines Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. (WPD 8/23) // Aug. 23: Members of the delegation left. (WPD 8/24) // Aug. 24: The rest of the delegation left. (WPD 8/25)

Chinese Narcotics Delegation

Aug. 22: A 6-member delegation led by Mr. Yuan Yong Yuan of the Chinese Ministry of Public Security arrived to study narcotic drug abuse control in Myanmar. It called on Chairman of the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control (CCDAC) Minister for Home & Religious Affairs and for Information and for Culture Lt-Gen. Phone Myint. (WPD 8/23) // Aug. 24: It called on State LORC Secretary (1) Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt. (WPD 8/25) // Aug. 25: It was given "a demonstration on the art of self-defence" by police officers. (WPD 8/26) // Aug. 27: It visited the Yangon Psychiatric Hospital, and the Social Welfare Department. (WPD 8/28) // Aug. 28: It met with the CCDAC education committee. (WPD 8/29)

Thai Deputy Agric. Minister

Aug. 25: A Thai delegation headed by Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Co-operatives Dr. Charoen Kanthawongs arrived. (WPD 8/26) // Aug. 26: The delegation visited the Shwedagon Pagoda, went on a "pilgrimage" to Bago [Pegu], and were entertained by Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries and for Agriculture & Forests Lt-Gen. Chit Swe at a dinner. (WPD 8/27) // Aug. 27: It called on Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries and for Agriculture & Forests Lt-Gen. Chit Swe, and then returned to Thailand. (WPD 8/28)

Japanese Political Delegation

Aug. 29: A Japanese delegation led by Member of the House of Representatives Mr. Michio Watanabe arrived. (WPD 8/30) // Aug. 30: He called on State LORC Chairman Senior General Saw Maung. (WPD 8/31)

MYANMAR DELEGATIONS

Study Delegations

Aug. 5: U Khin Maung Win, Staff Officer of the Internal Revenue Department, left for Malaysia to attend the International Certificate Course in Property Valuation to be held Aug. 6-Sept. 22 under the Malaysia Technical Cooperation Programme. (WPD 8/6)

Aug. 6: U Kyi Win, Assistant Director of Technical, Agricultural and Vocational Education left Aug. 4 to attend a seminar on agricultural education for Asia and the Pacific Region in Thailand sponsored by the FAO. (WPD 8/7)

Aug. 12: U Yin Aung, Deputy Director of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications, left for Japan to attend the Aug. 12-Oct. 6 Radio Frequency Monitoring Training Course conducted by the Japan International Co-operation Agency (JICA). (WPD 8/13)

Aug. 20: U Mya Than, General Manager of Myanma Department Stores, Ministry of Trade, left to attend the 8th ADB Roundtable on Management of Public Enterprises and Privatization, to be held in Seoul Aug. 22-25. (WPD 8/21)

Aug. 20: U Win Maung, Principle of the Agriculture and Livestock Breeding High School in Myittha left for Switzerland Aug. 19 to attend the 25-day 17th International Vocational and Agriculture Training Course sponsored by the Swiss government. (WPD 8/21)

Aug. 20: Assistant Lecturer U Than Nyunt of Insein Technical Teachers Training Institute left Aug. 18 to attend an advanced course on curriculum planning and developing lessons in India, sponsored by the Colombo Plan. (WPD 8/21)

Aug. 20: Assistant Engineers U Ne Lin and U Thein Aung of Myanma Port Authority left for Norway to attend a 10-month course on Port Engineering with scholarships from the Norwegian government. (WPD 8/21)

Aug. 27: U Kyaw Oo, Attached Assistant Instructor of the Myanmar Educational Research Bureau left for West Germany on Aug. 25 to attend a Course on Studio Production Training under a West German government grant. (WPD 8/28)

Delegations to Meetings

Aug. 5: A delegation headed by Deputy Attorney General U Khin Maung Aye left to attend the Meeting on the Rights of the Child in South-East Asia, to be held under UNICEF auspices in Bangkok, Aug. 7-9. Other members are Director of the Health Department [Health Min.] Dr. Ba Tun and Assistant Director of the International Organizations and Economic Department [For. Aff.] U Kyaw Thu. (WPD 8/6) // Aug. 13: The delegation returned. (WPD 8/14)

Aug. 19: A 7-member delegation headed by Deputy General Manager of the Myanma Fisheries Enterprise (MFE) left to attend the Seafood Asia '90 Exhibition and Conference in Singapore, Aug. 21-24. Other members are Manager U Tun Aung Thinn (MFE), Secretary U Htay Myint (Supervised Fisheries Committee), Joint-Secretary U Aung Myin (Yangon Div. Fisheries Co-operative Society), U Kyaw Tint Aung (Joint Venture Corp. No. 6), Director U Kyi Lwin (Tanintharyi International Ltd.), Deputy General Manager U Than Tun (Kyaikkhami Trading Ltd.), and Managing Director U Than Ko (KTK Import Export Co.). (WPD 8/20)

Aug. 20: Librarian U Thaw Kaung of the Universities Central Library left Aug. 18 for Stockholm to attend the 56th International Library Associations and Libraries General Conference Aug. 20-24. (WPD 8/21)

Aug. 30: Attorney-General U Tha Tun left for Seoul, Korea, to attend the second Conference of the Attorneys General of the Asia-Pacific Region, Sept. 2-6. He was accompanied by Law Officer Dr. Tun

Shein. (WPD 8/31)

Delegation to Singapore

Aug. 27: At the invitation of Tradewinds Airlines, which inaugurated Yangon-Singapore air service [see below under Transport and under Advertisements], State LORC Office Director-General U Kyaw Aye left by Tradewinds on a visit to Singapore. He was accompanied by Director General of Government Office U Ko, Director General of Pyithu Hluttaw Office U Than Pe, Director General of the Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development U Aung Phone, Managing Director of Myanma Hotels and Tourism Services U Thaw Da Sein, Managing Director of Myanma Airlines U Chit Than, Yangon City Development Committee Secretary U Pan Aung, and Head of Office of the Ministry of Defence U Khin Latt. (WPD 8/28)

Delegations Return

Aug. 1: School children who attended the second get-together of young students from Asia and Pacific Region in Fukuoka, Japan, July 25-51, returned. (WPD 8/2)

Aug. 1: 150 hajjis (108 men and 42 women) returned from Mecca, via Dhaka. (WPD 8/2)

Aug. 8: Farmers from 8 States/Divisions who studied crop cultivation techniques in Thailand returned. (WPD 8/9)

MYANMAR GAZETTE

Appointments

Aug. 8: State LORC Notification No. 38/90 of Aug. 8 named the following as members of the Yangon City Development Committee:

BC/8493 Lt-Col. Kyaw Han, Tatmadaw Inspector-General's Office;

BC/8772 Lt-Col. Aung Mying, No. 99 Light Infantry Division.

(WPD 8/9)

GOVERNMENT

Agricultural Bank Law

July 6: The State LORC Law No. 17/90 of July 6, the Myanma Agricultural and Rural Development Bank Law [full text published in WPD], establishes a bank to: make easy agricultural loans, promote rural banking, encourage saving, support rural development, encourage banking habits, and develop banking business. Capital is authorized at K 1000 million, of which 60 million shall be fully paid up by the State, which is the sole shareholder. A paid-up Reserve Fund of K 20 million is established, to which will be added 25% of net profits until the Fund equals the paid-up capital of the Bank. Other profits go to the Government. The Board of Directors will consist of a Chairman, and four members appointed ex-officio by the Ministry of Planning & Finance, the Ministry of Agriculture & Forests, the Ministry of Livestock Breeding & Fisheries, and the Ministry of Co-operatives. The bank may make annual, short-term (1-4 years), and long-term (4-20 years) loans to public and private institutions and to individuals; the last two categories shall be secured, and interest and repayment terms shall be set by the Bank. Unpaid loans may be collected as land revenue [tax] arrears. The Bank may also receive deposits "on the basis of rural development," and make loans, advances, and overdrafts with or without security. It may organize, recognize, and supervise village banks. The Bank may deal in various kinds of remittances, and borrow money at home or abroad. It shall act as successor to the Myanma Agricultural Bank established by Pyithu Hluttaw Law No. 9 of 1975, which is repealed. (WPD 7/7)

MILITARY

Insurgents Surrender

Aug. 3: Three KNU insurgents "returned to the legal fold" with their weapons at Wa [Bago] on July 30. (WPD 8/5)

Aug. 7: One KNU insurgent "returned to the legal fold" with his weapon in Dawei [Tavoy] Twp. on Aug. 3. (WPD 8/8)

Aug. 11: Between July 1-19, 17 "repentant insurgents" surrendered with their weapons [names and details]. (WPD 8/12)

Aug. 12: Between July 20-31, 17 insurgents "returned to the legal fold" with their weapons [names and details]. (WPD 8/13)

Aug. 15: 15 KIA insurgents surrendered with weapons Aug. 4-8; on Aug. 12 they "begged people's forgiveness" at the Garayan school. (WPD 8/16)

Insurgent Attacks

Aug. 9: On Aug. 3, 20 KNU insurgents stopped a bus at Thurein village between Kawkareik and Hpa-an [Kayin], and robbed 10 passengers. During the robbery, they fired on a passing jeep, wounding 2 passengers. On Aug. 9, a KNU mine injured three passengers in a truck at the Hsin Hnamaung Bend on the Myawaddy-Kawkareik [Kayin] road. (WPD 8/10)

Aug. 11: Two time-bombs exploded on Aug. 8 and one on Aug. 9 in Myitkyina, killing one and wounding two people. The bombs were at a truck terminal, on a passenger bus, and in a clock tower. (WPD 8/12; photos 8/16)

Aug. 12: KIA insurgents blew up the Myitkyina-Mandalay Express train at Mile Post 708/20 between Pyihtaung and Mayan, injuring five passengers and destroying three feet of rail. (WPD 8/13)

Aug. 25: Eight KNU insurgents on Aug. 23 attacked a bus at Kawkathaung Village between Hpa-an and Kawkareik [Kayin], robbed the passengers of property worth K 50,000, and burned the bus. (WPD 8/27)

ECONOMIC

Economic Articles

June 29: The activities of foreign oil companies, by R. Zatu. [Cont. (3) "The overall benefits." Employment and training.]

Aug. 2: Monghpyak, a town with a legend, by Ye Myint Pe. [Cont. (3) Electricity; hospital; water supply.]

Aug. 14,16,18-19: Sugarcane, one of the sweetest things, by Aye Kyin Maung. [Plans of Songserm [Thailand] Joint Ventures 1 and 2 [see below under Joint Ventures]. Sugarcane will be grown at Pyinmana, Zeyawaddy, and Yedashe; beer will be produced in Mandalay and a new beer factory will be built in Yangon. The JV-1 agreement is for 30 years, with a review every 10 years; capital is US\$ 50 million, contributed 60% by Songserm and 40% (in Kyat equivalent) by Myanma Foodstuff Industries. Myanma Foodstuff Industries is guaranteed US\$3 million annually for leasing sugar mills, and S\$380,000 for leasing the Mandalay brewery to the JV; it will also get 6% of the profits. Sugar growers who were getting K180 per ton will get K270. Exports will pay for imported parts and raw materials. Carbon dioxide production will enable soft drink factories to run at full capacity. Visits to sites, and past statistics.]

Aug. 28,30: Tachilek, a growing town, by Ye Myint Pe. [History and description.]

Aug. 29-31: SLORC's economic endeavours paving the way with flowers, by Duwun Kyai. [Cont. (37-39) Joint Ventures. Summary of government actions encouraging joint ventures.]

Basic Commodities

July 31: Joint Venture Corp. No. 4 "has made arrangements to sell three viss of edible oil to each public servant in Mandalay, Magway, Monywa, Pakhokku and Pyay at K 40 per viss." So far, the Corporation has exported 10,700 tons of beans and pulses as of July 15, and has distributed 2,646 tons of palm oil and US\$30,000 of pesticides in the country. It has signed contracts for the purchase of 1,900 tons of palm oil and 100,000 corrugated iron roofing sheets. "Since it has exported another 14,500 tons of beans and pulses it will place orders for the purchase of chemical fertilizers, foodstuffs and construction materials needed in the country." (WPD

8/1)

July 31: Nyaungyoe trawlers Nos. 6 and 8 brought in 17,000 viss of fish, to be sold in 17 Tatmadaw welfare shops in Yangon and Township Coops in 4 military regions. (WPD 8/1)

July 31: 3,500 metric tons of palm oil imported by General Merchandise Trading arrived in Yangon on the MV Pathein. (WPD 8/1)

Aug. 3: "People need not worry for cooking oil any longer" since the MV Pinya arrived in Yangon with 6,631 tons of palm oil. This is the 11th shipload of palm oil, totalling 25,911 tons of which 19,494 was imported by the Ministry of Trade and the rest by private entrepreneurs. (WPD 8/5)

Aug. 6: 007 T Trawler belonging to Joint Venture Corp. No. 6 brought in 15,000 viss of sea fish, which will be distributed to the public at reasonable prices, and also sold "at special rates" to the Tatmadaw Commodity Supervision Committee. (WPD 8/7)

Aug. 7: Tatmadaw Commodity Supervision Committee Chairman Vice Quartermaster-General Brig-Gen. Kyaw Tint said "Tatmadaw welfare shops have been opened since November 1988 for the well-being of the public. It has been found that the people do not rely on co-operative shops because the prices are higher than those in open market and as they do not have sufficient commodities. So the co-operatives must take measures to always make available all kinds of goods and at reasonable prices." (WPD 8/8)

Aug. 7: On Aug. 4, 13,800 viss of charcoal arrived in Yangon from Yegyí Twp. On Aug. 6, 3,000 viss of potatoes, 2,000 viss of tomatoes, and 3,000 gawrakhathis arrived from Shan State in two military trucks. 20,000 duck eggs arrived from Kawa Twp. They will be sold in 17 Tatmadaw Welfare Shops and co-operative welfare shops in four military regions. (WPD 8/8)

Aug. 13: Five truckloads of green groceries arrived in Yangon, including 2,000 viss of potatoes, 1,500 viss of tomatoes, 12,221 gawrakhathis, 314 viss of garlic, and 37,000 citrons. (WPD 8/14)

Aug. 14: The MV Myaik and MV Mawlamyine arrived from Malaysia and Singapore Aug. 10 and 11. The first brought 3,729 tons of edible oil, and the second 5,061 tons of general goods. (WPD 8/15)

Aug. 15: Food arrivals: Three vessels from Nyaungdon arrived in Yangon with 656 bags of beans and pulses, 37 pigs, and 340 viss of fish. A vessel from Danubyu brought 2,162 bags of beans and pulses, 248 viss of chicken, and 123 pigs. One from Maubin brought 1,500 viss of fish, 200 viss of chicken, 200 viss of ducks. One from Pantanaw arrived with 531 viss of fish, 300 viss of chicken and ducks, 1,150 viss of fish paste, and 200 viss of salt-fish. (WPD 8/16)

Aug. 20: At a workshop on quality of edible oil Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Brig-Gen. Abel said: "In importing edible oil, it is necessary to import only oil which meets the norms and standards set so that it will be fit for human consumption. By adopting the knowledge gained in the workshop in importing edible oil the consumer public will be free from harm." Personnel from 58 organizations importing edible oil are attending the two-day workshop. (WPD 8/22)

Aug. 22: 10 truckloads of sesamum oil and garlic from Lashio arrived at the Defence Services Records Office in Yangon. The oil will be sold in Tatmadaw Welfare shops, etc., at K 41 per viss, and the garlic at K18-25 per viss. (WPD 8/23)

Aug. 24: "Rice will be made available according to required amounts at the Tatmadaw welfare shops and at the rice shops of JVC No 2 in Yangon beginning from 27 August. Rice is available at K 10 per pyi and K 250 for Emahta, Ngasein (35%); at K 11.5 per pyi and K 280 per bag for Meedon (38%); at K 13.5 per pyi and K 320 per bag for Pawhsan (25%); at K 15 per pyi and K 360 per bag for Pawhsan (15%); at K 18 per pyi and 430 per bag for Pawhsan (5%) and at K 20 per pyi and K 480 per bag for Pawhsan (100%) at these shops, it is learnt." (WPD 8/25)

Transportation

July 31: The MV Indian Courier, of Messrs. Bangkok Container

Lines, under contract to the Myanmar Port Authority, became the first container ship ever to arrive at Yangon. It docked at the new Yangon Port Container Service at Wharf-2, Bo Aung Kyaw Street, with 206 empty containers and 19 containers of electrical goods, cigarettes, and food for Myanmar Fisheries Enterprise, Restaurant and Beverage Enterprise, Myanmar Department Stores, and private owners. The containers are 20 and 40 feet long; some are air-conditioned. (WPD 8/1)

Aug. 2: 29 buses imported by the Forest Department from Japan, which arrived July 29 on the MV Bago, were handed over to transport agencies. A total of 50 city buses have been ordered. (WPD 8/3)

Aug. 8: Twenty upper-class rail coaches purchased with World Bank loans from Daewoo Corp. of Korea arrived on the MV Bago from Inchon. They cost US\$ 3,279,180, plus spare parts worth US\$ 761,560. 10 are fitted with 30 revolving chairs and 10 with 40 revolving chairs. They will be placed in express service between Yangon and Mandalay. "With the influx of a great quantity of imports the Myanmar Port Authority has been reminding consignees to claim their cargo in time," or face having it sold at auction. (WPD 8/9)

Aug. 21: A dinner to mark the inaugural flight of Tradewinds Airline of Singapore [see below under advertisements] was given at the Inya Lake Hotel, attended by Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Brig-Gen. Abel and others. (WPD 8/ 22) // Aug. 24: A delegation from Tradewinds, led by Chairman Mr. Syn Chung Wah, arrived Aug. 20 and left Aug. 24. (WPD 8/25)

Aug. 24: 33 buses for Yangon arrived from Japan on the MV Mawlamyine. Another 17 are expected. (WPD 8/25)

Special Projects Committee

Aug. 3: [SLORC] Vice Chairman Gen. Than Shwe chaired the 8/90 co-ordination meeting of the Special Projects Implementation Committee, composed of Ministers and bureaucrats concerned with economic matters. He outlined major irrigation projects, notably the Mu River Valley Irrigation Development Project [Sagaing], Sittoung [Sittang] River Valley Irrigation Project [Bago and Mandalay], Mon, Man and Salin Reservoir Project [Magway], and the Yin Valley Irrigation Development (Yin Chaung Basin Tank Series) [Magway]. Without irrigation projects, Myanmar might have to import rice by the year 2000. At present only 13% of Myanmar is irrigated. Following discussions, Gen. Than Shwe said priority would be given to the Mu River Valley Project and the Multi-purpose Ye Nwe Dam Project. [maps] (WPD 8/4)

Courses for Entrepreneurs

Aug. 6: Workshop No. 1/90 on exporting timber and forestry products began at the Myanmar Export and Import Service Office, 577 Merchant St., Yangon. 100 private entrepreneurs are attending the workshop, which will last until Aug. 10. (WPD 8/7)

Aug. 13: Workshop No. 2/90 on export of timber and forest products began, with 110 participants. It will last until Aug. 17. (WPD 8/14)

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Construction Projects

Aug. 7: The foundation-stones were laid for the new building of the Thamaing Road Junction Development Project in Mayangonn Twp. [Yangon]. The 7-story building will be 96'x42' x80', and will be completed in May 1991. "Those wishing to buy flats may enquire at the project office at the construction site." (WPD 8/8)

Joint Ventures

Aug. 9: Ministry of Trade Notification No. 17/90 of Aug. 9 establishes the Myanmar Songserm No. 1 Co. Ltd., as a joint venture "for production and marketing of beer and sugar, and development of agricultural land for related raw materials," with authorized capital of K 650 million in 65,000 shares of K 10,000, of which 39,000 shares are held by the Myanmar Government, represented by the Managing Director of the Myanmar Foodstuff Industries (Min. of Industry No. (1)), and 26,000 shares subscribed with foreign capital by Songserm Group International Co. Ltd. of Thailand, represented by Managing Director Mr. Thitiphong Songtrakul of 121/44, Soi Chalermmla, Payathai Road, Bangkok 10400, Thailand. (WPD 8/10)

Aug. 9: Ministry of Trade Notification No. 18/90 of Aug. 9 establishes the Myanmar Songserm No. 2 Co. Ltd. as a joint venture "to establish a new factory for manufacturing and marketing of beer," with authorized capital of K 650 million in 65,000 shares of K 10,000 each, of which 26,000 are held by the Myanmar Government, represented by the Managing Director of Myanmar Foodstuff Industries (Min. of Industry No. (1)), and 39,000 subscribed with foreign capital by Songserm Group International Co. Ltd. of Thailand, represented by

Managing Director Mr. Thitiphong Songtrakul [same address as above].
(WPD 8/10)

Aug. 17: Ministry of Trade Notification No. 19/90 of Aug. 17, establishes the Myanmar American Fisheries Co. Ltd., as a joint venture "for production, processing and marketing of offshore fish and marine products," with a capital of K 3,000,000 divided into 600 shares of K 5,000, of which half will be held by the Myanmar Government, represented by the Managing Director of Myanma Fisheries Enterprise, and half in foreign exchange by MMA FINANCO, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of M. Marshall and Associates of the United States, represented by Senior Managing Director Philip J. Rivkin.
(WPD 8/18)

Aug. 24: Ministry of Trade Notification No. 20/90 of Aug. 24 establishes the Myanmar Bangladesh Fisheries Ltd. as a private joint venture for "production and marketing of shrimps including expansion of production base, management of farms and consultancy services along Neff river, Maungdaw Township, Rakhine State," with authorized capital of K 100,000,000 divided into 100,000 shares of K 1,000, of which 55,000 in kyats are held by the Myanmar Government represented by the Managing Director of Myanma Fisheries Enterprise, and 45,000 subscribed in foreign currency are held by Cox's Bazar Sea Foods, represented by Managing Director Mr. Syed Mahmudul Huq, 68 Agrabad Commercial Area, Chittagong, Bangladesh. (WPD 8/25)

Aug. 25: Joint Venture Corp. No. 4 Ltd. Overseas Trading opened its Yangon Branch Office at the Joint Venture Corp. No. 2 building at Mawtin Port. Chairman U Kyaw Thein was present. (WPD 8/26)

Export Prices

Aug. 15: The following are actual market prices for export products in July 1990, FOB in US\$ per metric ton:

Rice	
Long boiled 10% 1990	\$ 205
Beans and pulses	
Black Matpe SQ 1990 (C&F Sing)	510
Black Matpe SQ 1990	470
Butter Beans FAQ 1990	420
Pedesein FAQ 1990	315
Bocate FAQ 1990	270
Gram whole FAQ 1990	335-336
White Pelun FAQ 1990	315
Miscellaneous	
Red Sesame	560
Dehusked Tamarind Seed	155

(WPD 8/15)

Salesroom Opened

Aug. 17: A salesroom was opened at 555 Merchant St., Yangon, by Dai-Ichi Trading (Singapore), represented by Chairman Mr. Sng Sze Hiang, and Y C Enterprise (Myanmar), represented by U Ba Hson. "Televisions, Video cassette recorders, radio cassettes, refrigerators and zinc roofings are now available at the saleshop."
(WPD 8/18)

World Record Ruby

Aug. 20: A flawless, crimson rose ruby, weighing (uncut) 504.5 carats [496.5 carats when cleaned] and measuring 43x37x33 mm, has been recovered from abroad. It has been named the "SLORC Ruby" and will be kept as a national treasure. It was part of a group of rubies weighing 1,870.1 carats illegally mined in Mogok in Feb.-June, and "sent to the other country about June for sale abroad," but were recovered thanks to efforts of the Defence Services Intelligence. Other illegally mined rubies were recovered in Mogok since July, for a total of 28,858.5 carats, including rubies weighing 330, 260, and 250 carats. The authorities will take legal action against illegal mining in Mogok. Other famous Burmese rubies mentioned. [photos] (WPD 8/21, editorial 8/24)

Fuel and Energy

Aug. 23: Yangon LORC Chairman Maj-Gen. Myo Nyunt clarified the "revised distribution programme of fuel oil," and denounced rumours. In the Yangon City Development Committee area there are 29,941 private vehicles, 7,112 taxis, and 8,103 motor cycles, not counting buses and long-distance trucks. The previous allocation of 1.5 million gallons of petroleum has been changed to 1.49 million gallons, a drop of 100,000. Diesel has been increased from 330,000 to 450,000 gallons. Methanol fuel and oil are unchanged. "In fact, we have no problem of fuel oil shortage...and there is no connection whatsoever with the Middle East events as the rumours suggest." The number of buses has increased from 1,300 to 2,100, and bus lines from 51 to 58. However, there are problems when long-distance buses carry goods instead of passengers, or fail to complete runs but claim fuel as if they had. Some taxi drivers have asked K 25 for journeys less than a mile. Price rises are not connected with fuel distribution. (WPD 8/24)

Aug. 26: Minister for Energy and for Mines Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin visited the Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise (MOGE) projects in Ayeyarwady Division on Aug. 25. At Kyarkike Senior Engineer U Kyi Lwin said that as of Aug. 1, 28.5 billion cubic feet of gas were produced, and that 12 of the 18 wells in the Kyarkike region were successful. At Seinhine Field, MOGE Project Director U Sein Hlaing said that work at Payagon Camp, with an area of 200 square miles, started in 1979. Oil and gas were first found in Well No. DT-1 in the Seinhine region, and oil was produced at an average rate of 31 barrels per day and gas at 8.7 million cubic feet per day; oil and gas were [also] being produced from Nos. 1 and 5 Wells in the Hteinkyun region. At Payagon, 75% of the investment has been recovered. Altogether, 70 [oil and gas] wells have been targeted this year. The Minister then visited the Hlezeik region of the Payagon oil field project in Bogale Township. (WPD 8/27)

Rice Production Needs

Aug. 24: Speaking at a workshop on rice production technology, Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries and for Agriculture & Forests Lt-Gen. Chit Swe said that because of world population increases, world rice production should rise from 485 million tons of paddy to 556 million tons by 2000; "for this reason there is a need to increase world rice production by nine million tons per year." As Myanmar's population will be about 50 million by 2000, 696 million baskets of paddy will be needed for home consumption. In order to export 1 million tons, there is need to produce 776 million baskets of paddy. Thus paddy production must rise by 13 million baskets to meet home consumption needs. Land reclamation and water supply are major factors in this. The Minister went on to describe the Mu River Delta area irrigation project. (WPD 8/25)

Role of Co-operatives

Aug. 28: Minister for Construction and for Co-operatives Lt-Gen. Aung Ye Kyaw said:
"Co-operative societies are required to be competitive with the State-owned economic enterprises, joint venture corporations and private enterprises. But they should not be profit-oriented.... It is incumbent on the co-operative societies to help stabilize and bring down commodity prices. The co-operatives are necessary to sell basic commodities and kitchen items at a cheaper price without being profit-oriented." He cautioned them against mingling with the political parties. (WPD 8/29)

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
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August 1	68.39	62.52	75.55
August 15	80.79	73.98	86.34
August 30	92.52	86.54	98.31

HEALTH

Indigenous Medicine

Aug. 2: The Indigenous Medicine Practitioners Committee has been increased from 9 to 15 members. Chairman U Kyaw, Director-General Dr. Hla Tun of the Indigenous Medicine Department, met with Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the University Training Corps Col. Pe Thein. (WPD 8/3)

New Drug Rehabilitation Center

Aug. 15: Ground was broken for a new treatment and rehabilitation centre for drug dependents at the Youth Training Centre on North Moat Road, Mandalay. It is being built by the Social Welfare Department with assistance from UNFDAC, and will provide vocational training in such areas as car and bicycle repair, photography, leatherwork, and printing. (WPD 8/16)

SPORTS

Sports Articles

July 6: 24th Far East Amateur Rowing Association Regatta: Myanmar crews return to international competition after long absence, by Dr. Than Toe. [Myanmar participation on June 22-23 regatta in Sri Lanka. Myanmar won two silver and one bronze medals, despite having to use "heavy wooden oars," against the Sri Lankan team's "light weight carbon fibre oars."]

Aug. 3: Youth Training Centre, by Takkatho Soe Win. [Description of the stadium, built with Japanese aid in 1984-87.]

Myanmar Teams Abroad

Aug. 4: Myanmar boxers led by Treasurer of the Myanmar Boxing Federation U San Hla left for Singapore to compete in the 25th invitational Paster Sukan competition beginning Aug. 5. Team members are coach Tin Maung Pe (CID) and boxers Sai Htay Hlaing (CID), Paw Lu (CID), Thaung No (No. 55 LID), and Tint Lwin (CID). (WPD 8/5) // Aug. 7: Thaung Tun (featherweight) advanced to the semi-finals by defeating Aurl Mani of Singapore with a KO in the second round. Tint Lwin (light welterweight) advanced to the semi-finals by defeating Lawrence Climbinar with a TKO. Paw Lu (bantamweight) lost to Gerri Adrienne of Seychelles on points. Eight nations are taking part. (WPD 8/8) // Aug. 11: In the finals, Sai Htay Hlaing (pinweight) won the gold medal against a Thai opponent with a KO in the first round; Thaung Tun (featherweight) won the gold on points against an Indonesian; and Tint Lwin (light welter-weight) won a bronze. (WPD 8/12) // Aug. 12: The team returned. (WPD 8/13) // Aug. 14: They recounted their experiences. (WPD 8/15)

Aug. 16: A Myanmar Golf Team headed by Brig-Gen. Maung Maung of the No. 502 Air Force Base left to compete in the 30th South-East Asia Putra Cup Amateur Team Championship Golf Tournament to be held Aug. 22-25 in Singapore. Other team members are Nay Win Myint (Public Works), Myint Thaung (Eastern Command), Thein Pe (South-West Command), and Soe Myint Lay (Forestry). Coach is U Tin Myint (Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise). (WPD 8/17) // Aug. 28: It returned Aug. 27; Myanmar placed sixth out of nine countries participating. (WPD 8/29)

Myanmar Sports Delegations

Aug. 8: Officials gave advice to members of a sports delegation which will make a good-will visit to Yunnan under the Myanmar-Yunnan (China) Sports Exchange Program. (WPD 8/9) // Aug. 12: The delegation left, headed by No. 99 LID Tactical Operation Commander Col. Ngo Cin Pau. It includes two study teams, swimming and track and field athletes, and will visit Yunnan sports institutions, train, and take

part in friendship competitions. (WPD 8/13)

Foreign Sports Teams

Aug. 14: The Yunnan (China) Men's Volleyball Team will play a series of goodwill matches on Aug. 18-21 in Yangon, Aug. 24 in Mandalay, and Aug. 25 in Sagaing. (WPD 8/15) // Aug. 17: The 15-member team arrived in Yangon, headed by Mr. Zha Jial Jun, Deputy Director of the Yunnan Province Sports and Physical Education Department. It had arrived in Kyuhkok-Pangsai by road from Yunnan Aug. 15, and visited Muse, Kutkai, Hsenwi, and Lashio, before flying on to Yangon. (WPD 8/18) // Aug. 18: In the first goodwill match, in Yangon, the Myanmar team beat the visitors 3-0 (15-1, 15-1, 15-12). (WPD 8/19) // Aug. 19: In the second match, Myanmar won 3-1 (15-12, 15-11, 4-15, 15-6). (WPD 8/20) // Aug. 20: It was given dinner by Sports and Physical Education Director-General U Aung Din. (WPD 8/21) // Aug. 21: Myanmar won 3-2 (15-8, 13-15, 12-15, 15-13, 15-10). (WPD 8/25)

CULTURAL

Literary Articles

Aug. 5,12,18,26: Myanmar Proverbs, by Dr. U Hla Pe. [Cont. (68-71)]
Aug. 5,12,18,26: Short Stories. [Cont. (1-2) "The Worldlings" by Htin Lin. (1) "Intemperate Habit" by Pe Than. (3-4) "The Song of love" by Htin Lin.]
Aug. 5,12,18: Poems on ancient Bagan, by Zawgyi, in Myanmar and English. [Cont. (11 3 pts.) "Wonderment at Abayadana."]
Aug. 12,18,26: 20th Century Myanmar Poets & Poems, by Htila Sitthu. [Cont. (42-44) Min Yu Wai: Ten selected poems.]
Aug. 12,18,26: Foundations of Myanmar Culture. Myanmar Literature & the ten major Jatakas, by Hna Phet Hla. [Cont. (5 2 pts.) Avoiding faults in grammar, and literary "virility", from a study of Minbu U Awbartha's Temiya Jataka. (6) More on virility.]

Historical & Cultural Articles

Aug. 5,12,18,26: Old Myanmar Paintings, by Tint Lwin. [(English translation of booklet published in 1967) (3) Buddhavamsa and Buddha paintings in Bagan. (4) Paintings in Gubyaukkyi Temple. (5) Jataka stories in Gubyaukkyi Temple. (6) Mahayana and Tantra paintings.]

Buddhist Sites Restored

[During August, as for several months, there have been frequent news items on the renovation and restoration of Pagodas and religious edifices, and news stories commemorating private cash donations for that purpose. SLORC representatives regularly visit and inspect progress on such projects. This month, news items on specific Pagodas have often specified that "donors throughout the country are notified so that they may not miss the chance of gaining merit," with addresses for contributions provided.]

Aug. 18: The 23rd Abhidhamma recitation ceremony opened in Yangon; 173 members of the Sangha, 42 nuns, and 61 others will sit for oral examination between now and Aug. 20. (WPD 8/19)

Agricultural Museum Opened

July 31: The museum of the Myanma Agricultural Service was opened at the Myaypadetha-kyun of Kandawgyi, which will be open from 9am-4pm daily except Monday, and is free. Managing-Director of the Service U Tin Hlaing, said the museum "had been renovated so that it would become a modern one with various showrooms." He added that 76% of Myanmar's population is rural and 63% are engaged in agricultural work. (WPD 8/1)

Relics Found

Aug. 6: A farmer in Hmawzar village-tract, Pyay Township, on July 22 unearthed an elephant-shaped sinda-nilar stone locket weighing nearly 3 ticals, with a circumference of 5.5 cm. and length

of 6 cm., capped on both ends with gold filigree work. The locket dates from the Srikestira era. The locket was appraised by the Myanma Gems Enterprise at K 265,000 and the farmer will receive K 281,500. [photo] (WPD 8/7)

MISCELLANEOUS

Crime News

Names and addresses of culprits generally included.

July 31: The 79th Myanmar Regiment on July 28 seized 2.6 kilos of Chu-hnit-kaung Kabalon brand heroin near Nam-hsa-lat village in Hsenwi Twp. [Shan], where it had been brought by KIA orders. The No. 5 Myanmar Regiment on July 27 seized 20 viss of opium, K 74,900, and a KIA travelling pass in Nawngmon Village, Namhkam Twp. [Shan]. (WPD 8/1)

Aug. 2: Tatkon Station police on July 24 seized 8.2 kilos of raw opium buried in a garden in Gyogon village. One person was arrested. (WPD 8/3)

Aug. 3: Dagon Myothit Police [Yangon] seized 5.6 kilos of marijuana on July 19, and arrested 3 persons from Theinchaung village. (WPD 8/4)

Aug. 4: Pyu Police on July 23 seized 8 kilos of marijuana at Okphyat village jetty, arresting one person. (WPD 8/5)

Aug. 8: Four persons were arrested in July in Yangon for theft of power cables in Tanyin [Syriam]. Due to frequent power cable thefts in Yangon, "police stations were on the lookout for such thieves." (WPD 8/9)

Aug. 9: Yangon police seized 86 grammes of heavy opium solution in Hline Twp. On July 20, Lashio anti-drug squad men seized 2.4 kilos of heroin on a bus entering Lashio for Kutkai [Shan]. On July 17, the Myeik [Mergui] anti-drug squad seized 26 bottles of phensedyl from a passenger on a boat leaving Kawthoung for Dawei [Tavoy] [Tanintharyi]. The various suspects are being prosecuted. (WPD 8/10)

Aug. 8: Thura Zaw (a) Thar Gyi Maung, 17, was apprehended in an attempted kidnapping of a 2 year-old child; he was arrested after grabbing the child and presenting a ransom note for K 50,000. On his person was found a letter "appointing him instructor of internal guerrilla" from Aung San Lin, commander of the No. 5 Field Battalion of the ABSDF(K). Investigation disclosed that he had participated in the 1988 disturbances, fled to India and joined the Burma Democratic Guerrilla Front (BDGF), and "returned to the legal fold" on Jan. 4, 1990. Later he met with a combined KIA and ABSDF group and joined the ABSDF in Mohnyin. The letter from Aung San Lin "he himself wrote" to "impress his friends in Yangon." (WPD 8/11)

Aug. 10: Yangon police arrested two men attempting to steal jewellery worth K 10,000 from a store in Lanmadaw Township. The Lashio anti-drug squad on July 25 seized 1.3 kilos of heroin from two passengers from Kutkai Twp. on a bus entering Lashio. (WPD 8/12)

Aug. 11: Kyauktada Twp. police [Bago] on July 26 seized 8 kilos of marijuana, worth K 2,500. Two men were arrested. (WPD 8/12)

Aug. 13: The Yangon Crime Suppression Squad "has been trying all-out to bring down acts of burglaries, thefts and other crimes." On Aug. 7 it arrested a gang of five burglars guilty of over 8 burglaries, including 3 TVs, 8 cassette players, a fan, clothes, etc., with a total value of K224,400. (WPD 8/14)

Aug. 14: Yangon police on July 29 seized 3 kilos of marijuana in North Okkalapa. Payagon village officials in Tanyin [Syriam] Twp. on July 17 caught 2 people trying to steal a lamp post, 1 got away. (WPD 8/15)

Aug. 14: The Forward No. 79 Myanmar Regiment on Aug. 12 seized 16 kilos of opium from a "suspicious-looking person" in Kutkai. (WPD 8/ 15)

Aug. 15: Mawlaik Township [Sagaing] police have arrested a gang of four responsible for an armed robbery in Nyaungdon village, Phatin village-tract, on July 10, and recovered stolen gold and jewellery.

(WPD 8/16)

Aug. 16: Sanyoung [Yangon] police, beginning Aug. 2, have arrested 11 members of a mobile robber gang guilty of three robberies using two cars in July. The 2nd Battalion Kachin Rifles on Aug. 4 seized 65 kilos of opium loaded on mules crossing the Namteng bridge in Kunlong Twp. The muleteers absconded. (WPD 8/17)

Aug. 18: Lashio and Kutkai authorities seized 2 kilos of heroin from jeep passengers near Nawngkhio village on July 25, 0.1 kilos of heroin from a bullock-cart, and 80 kilos of opium from a house in Tarmoeyee village, Kutkai Twp. on July 26. 5 people were arrested. // Myitkyina anti-drugs police on Aug. 6 seized 2.3 kilos of heroin on a riverboat about to sail for Mandalay; 4 persons were arrested. (WPD 8/19)

Aug. 22: Thuwunna police on Aug. 18 seized a burglar who had stolen K 64,500 of car parts on Aug. 12. An accomplice absconded. Tatkon Twp. [Yangon] police on July 24 seized 8 kilos of raw opium near Gyogon Village. (WPD 8/23)

Aug. 28: Three gangs of pickpockets working Yangon buses have been rounded up; Alon Township [Yangon] Police on Aug. 7 arrested five men; Pabedan Township Police on Aug. 21 arrested five; South Okkalapa Township Police on Aug. 22 arrested four; with a total of about K 20,000 in cash, watches, and other property. "The modus operandi they employed is for one of them to cut open a passenger's bag with a razor blade while his accomplices closed in on the victim physically." (WPD 8/29, photos 8/30)

Aug. 29: Mandalay Police on July 14 seized 5.3 kilos of raw opium, and arrested two persons. Yangon Airport Police on Aug. 21 seized 8.2 grammes of opium and arrested one man. (WPD 8/30)

Aug. 30: Latha Township [Yangon] Police on Aug. 23 caught three burglars along with stolen property worth K 13,000 from a Tanyin [Syriam] godown and two jacks from a car parts store. One burglar absconded. The Forward 4th Battalion, Kachin Rifles, on Aug. 23 seized 13 viss of opium in the Hmawswi/Namhsar region. (WPD 8/31)

Obituaries

[English language obituaries only; there are periodic obituary notices in Myanmar as well.]

July 27: Mr. Francis Biak Thiang, B.A. Philosophy Final Year, son of U Ral Hoe and Daw Chia Tial of Hakha, died, aged 23. [Christian] (WPD 8/ 25)

Aug. 1: Daw Janet (a) Janet Fernandez, retired teacher, St. Paul's High School, died in Yangon, aged 88. (WPD 8/2)

Aug. 1: Chellammal, widow of Govindaswamy Pillay, died in Yangon, aged 85. [Hindu] (WPD 8/2)

Aug. 3: Dr. Lawrence Fook Hlui, M.B.B.S.; DPTM; FACTM (USA), Chin State Health Director, husband of Daw Hliu [sic] Moy, died in Yangon, aged 56. [Catholic] (WPD 8/6)

Aug. 5: Pi Sawm Cing, wife of the late Pu Kham Za Kam, mother of...Tg. Vung Teng Suai (San Francisco-USA), died in Yangon, aged 73. [Baptist] (WPD 8/7)

Aug. 5: U Thang Lian Tai Kwei, Naing-Ngan Gon-Yi Class-2, former Minister of Chin Affairs (retd. Captain), died in Yangon, aged 65. [Christian] (WPD 8/8)

Aug. 6: Daw Khin Yi, wife of the later Dr. U Hla Maung, died in Yangon, aged 83. (WPD 8/7)

Aug. 9: Daw Naw Hilda Po, wife of the late U O.W. Po, died in Yangon, aged 71. [Christian] (WPD 8/11)

Aug. 10: S. Chanan Singh, husband of the late Balwant Kaur, died in Yangon, aged 105. (WPD 8/11)

Aug. 10: Daw Ruby Nakane Jeewa (a) Daw Ngwe Sein died in Yangon, aged 76. [Christian] (WPD 8/12)

Aug. 11: John Abreu, retd. Excise Officer, husband of Daw Thaug, died in Yangon, aged 71. [Christian] (WPD 8/12)

Aug. 12: U Htin Leong, Retd. Director (PPC), husband of Dr. Daw Nyein May, died in Yangon, aged 74. [Christian] (WPD 8/13)

Aug. 21: Brigadier General Lazum Tang (a) Lazum Tang Gyi

(Retd), OBE, CMA-Bronze Star, Naing-Ngant Gon-Yi Cl. I, husband of Daw Lasi Hkawn Doi, died in Yangon, aged 90. [Christian] (WPD 8/23)

Aug. 22: U Zaw Oung (a) U Kyaw Oung (Douglas), Preventive Officer, Customs Dept., husband of Daw Aye Aye (a) Daw Kyu Kyu, died in Hsipaw, aged 42. (WPD 8/24)

Aug. 22: Daw Thein Thwin (a) Mrs. Manson (Daw Amar), wife of Mr. R.F. Manson, died in Yangon, aged 84. [Christian] (WPD 8/24)

Aug. 23: U Kyaw Myit (Percy D'castro), husband of Daw Aye Kyi (Angela), died in Yangon, aged 76. [Catholic] (WPD 8/24)

Aug. 26: U San Ba, Rtd. D.F.O., husband of the late Dr. Daw Cissie, died in Yangon, aged 89. [Anglican] (WPD 8/27)

Aug. 28: Mr. F.T. Mellican (a) U Tun Shein, Pensioner (Salt Revenue Dept.), husband of the late Daw Ohn Kyi, died in Yangon, aged 80. (WPD 8/30)

Fires

June 28: During May there were 86 fires in Myanmar (33 kitchen fires; 44 due to negligence; 7 arson; 1 forest fire; 1 arson by insurgents; 2 lightning). Total damage was K 6,610,168, and one person killed. 235 buildings and 5 godowns [warehouses] were destroyed, and 1,170 people made homeless. (WPD 6/29)

Aug. 29: During July there were 62 fires in Myanmar (49 kitchen fires; 7 due to electricity; 6 due to arson). Total damage was K 4,588,331. 313 homes, 1 factory, and 2 godowns were destroyed, and 1,497 people made homeless. (WPD 8/30)

Garbage Bags Required

July 6: Residents of Dagon Township in Yangon are required, on an experimental basis, to dispose of "kitchen garbage in sanitation bags," to be purchased at K3 each from Township Offices. The system will later be extended to Botahtaung, Kyauktada, Pazundaung, Latha, Pabedann, and Lanmadaw Townships. (WPD 7/7)

Floods

Aug. 4: State LORC Secretary (1) Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt visited flooded areas in Hpa-an and Hlaingbwe [Kayin]. He delivered relief goods and donated K 273,000 for renovation of the Zwegabin Pagoda at Mebaung Monastery {Hpa-an}. (WPD 8/5)

Aug. 11: Yangon SLORC Chairman Maj-Gen. Myo Nyunt inspected "reinforcement work for preventing the Katwe embankment from being breached," in Htantabin Township. (WPD 8/ 12)

Aug. 29: On an Aug. 21-24 tour of Kachin State, Northern Commander Maj-Gen. Kyaw Ba visited "roads and bridges along Namti/Mogaung motor-road which were damaged by floods." (WPD 8/30)

Flood warnings and bulletins continued through the month.

Marriage

Dec. 22, 1989: It is "made known" that Maung Khin Aung Myint, son of U Hlaing Myint and Daw Khin Nu Nu, married Ma Aye Aye (a) Guu Meei Jen, B.A. (Myanmar), daughter of of Guu Guo Jin and Daw Leong Yin, at Mya Kan Thar Hall, Natmauk Lane, Yangon. (WPD 8/23)

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