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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:

Oct. 17: Today is the final day for parties to submit returns of election expenses according to Election Rule 81.

Nov. 1-8,30: \* All the citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan must be loyal to Myanmar Naing-Ngan. They must abide by the laws of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.

\* Citizens of any nation resident in Myanmar Naing-Ngan must respect and abide by the law of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.

Nov. 9-29: Emergence of the state constitution is the prime task of all nationals.

#### Cartoons

[There continued to be one or two political cartoons in each issue, generally denouncing foreign broadcasts, those who listen to them, and political parties in general.] E.g.:

Nov. 4: First Myanmar: "Was given the Grafto Human Rights Award for 1990 and an Honorary Doctorate in Research Work was conferred by Oxford University." Second Myanmar: "But one against whom action was taken under section 10(b) of the Law to Protect the State from Dangers of Disruptive and Destructive Elements, it shows that one is a destructionist."

Nov. 7: First Myanmar: "It is very important to abide by the law for peace and tranquillity and the rule of law." Second Myanmar: "One's abiding by the law alone will not do. It is necessary for one to be conscious of one's duty and to promptly inform the authorities concerned to enable them to take action against offenders."

Nov. 17: First Myanmar: "They have been using the word 'MP'...'MP' so much nowadays that it is becoming very very rowdy." Second Myanmar: "According to law, one is to be called a Hluttaw representative only after one has taken the oath of office. But let them say what they wish...because it's a democracy...Aba...ha..ha..ha..ha.."

Nov. 24: "A political panorama of the world." First Myanmar: "The other day Misses Thatcher said she would fight the second ballot after failing to secure enough votes in the leadership contests.... But now she has resigned. Why is that?" Second Myanmar: "Ahe...She said it was for the victory of her party..... That is Democracy."

Nov. 29: "The world of BBC"; three Myanmars listening to the BBC. No. 1 says: "Action has been taken against local staff Nita...may be Rita...or may be Pali-Pala of the British Embassy according to law by the government...and they are alleging that it is violation of human rights." No. 2 says: "Don't forget that she is a citizen of Myanmar." No. 3 says: "Leakage of secret information... just like Mata Hari...Have you ever read about her?...have you ever read about it, my friend?"

Nov. 29: "There's an invitation... in the daydream.." First Myanmar (dreaming of wearing a gaungbaung and riding in a car with telephone, marked "MP"): "The 27-5-90 election's over. Now I am a member of parliament. It must be according to Gandhi Hall Declaration..she..anticipation...anticipation..how pleasant it is!" Second Myanmar: "Hey saya..don't be day-dreaming...you'd better read Election Rule 81...you will get into trouble...you ought to study SLORC's Declaration (1/90)."

Nov. 30: First Myanmar: "The CIA ...oops..the VOA that is, urges swift transfer of power." Second Myanmar: "Yes, yes...but one prominent party said it might take three years."

#### Political Books

[Official political books and collections continue to be advertised regularly. Unless otherwise indicated, they are available from the Sarpay Beikman bookstore, the News and Periodicals Enterprise head office at 173/175 Pansondan St., Yangon, and other outlets. These were featured this month:]

State LORC Chairman Senior General Saw Maung's Addresses (Second Volume). Addresses of Mar. 27, Apr. 18, May 9 & 10, May 30, July 3, and July 7, 1990. (English)

September, 1988. First Volume (Burmese)

Mirrors of an age. 39 "Objectively presented articles of 20th Century Myanmar History." Blurb: "Senior General Saw Maung has been

serving the interests of the country for over 40 years and at present he is also a very important Myanmar leader who is paying [sic] the way for the cause of democracy in Myanmar Naing-Ngan." (Burmese)

State Law and Order Restoration Council's Stand Clarified Regarding Myanmar Naing-Ngan's National Objectives. (Bilingual)

A book on "realities of life and historical facts of Myanmar Naing-Ngan". (Burmese)

#### 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:

Oct. 17: When I met 'Ko BBC', by Ye Oo. ["The man, who is a BBC listener, like the BBC does not really know anything thoroughly and even in things he knows, he is talking recklessly and one-sidedly because of greed, anger and ignorance such as his dogmatism, bitterness and false hopes. Being a Myanmar, I do not have any grudge against him but I pity him."]

Oct. 19: In connection with interfering in the internal affairs of Myanmar Naing-Ngan, by Thiha Thu. [(1) "There are some big powers and blocs that have wanted to give Myanmar...its guidance and directives and keep it under their control. There are also many nations that want to get Myanmar...chained with monetary aids with strings.... They want to get Myanmar...under their sphere of influence because of its strategic geographical location and it being very rich in natural resources.... The rightist traitors and 'axe-handles' who are no longer citizens of Myanmar..., who are abroad and who serve the foreigners offer their masters the opportunity to meddle in the internal affairs of our nation.... They want their puppets to come to power in our country. They want their disciples to play important roles.... If Myanmar ...had had to act according to their wish...it would have been very rare for us to see Myanmar girls wearing htamains (longyi) according to our cultural tradition; we would have been socially, culturally and economically swallowed up and the traditional characteristics of Myanmar culture would have been lost. One could visualize this kind of thing in a nation not far from ours." {EEC protests denounced}.]

Nov. 1: Ovadakatha of Sayadaws from State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee and SLORC Chairman Senior General Saw Maung's supplications, by A Reporter. [Cont. (2) Sayadaw U Vicittasarabhivamsa "said that he (Senior General Saw Maung) is a Bhaddekaratta person.... What the leader said was in accord with teachings prescribed in the Sutta .... It has been found that he is doing things which should be done for the good of the Sasana, the country and the people."]

Nov. 1: May the people be able to say 'Sadhu!' (Thitsa-Myitta Discussions), by Byamahso. [Violence in US and UK. Need for peaceful constitutional deliberations.]

Nov. 2-3,6-9,11-13,15-16,18-21,23, 25,29: A Concise History of Myanmar and the Tatmadaw's Role (1948-1988), by A Tatmadaw Researcher. [Cont. documentary study, with numerous facsimiles: Events of 1989: (77-79) Text of attack on Daw Aung San Suu Kyi issued Feb. 10, 1989 by the New Society Democratic Party. (80) Denunciations of National League for Democracy. "The NLD is especially hostile to the Tatmadaw. It is also blazing its own trail in defiance of all proclamations, orders and instructions issued by the {SLORC}. This may perhaps be because its leader lacks any knowledge about Myanmar, its cultural traditions, habits and customs, the characteristics of contemporary Myanmar society and the attitude and standpoint of the {SLORC}, in other words, the Tatmadaw." (81) Jan. 14, 1990 report that Kachin insurgents backed Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's NLD {with copies of article and Nov. 3, 1989 notification outlawing Kachin, Kayin, Mon, and Kayinni insurgent organizations}.

[(82-86) U Nu's "parallel government." (87-89) Voting and

candidate eligibility rules. (90-92) Misbehavior of parties and press in 1988-90. (93-94) History of AFPFL.]

Nov. 2-3,5: SLORC serving the interests of both the Sasana and the State, by Maung Myanmar. [Cont. (2-4) Review of SLORC crackdown on "unlawful Sangha organizations."]

Nov. 4: Why not you tell us these, AIR?, by Nay Balu. [Why no news on AIR of the religious riots in Ayodhya?]

Nov. 5-6: Open letter to Professor Sadako Ogata from United Nations Commission on Human Rights, by Bo Thanmani. [(1) British massacres of Burmese during World War II recalled; where is compensation? Japanese "River Kwai" atrocities; "I ask Professor Sadako Ogata...to ask for compensation for the forcibly conscripted Myanmar labourers numbering 80,000..." British theft of Kongbaung relics in 1886 detailed; "The people of Myanmar...wish to get them back." (2) Wartime damage caused by Japanese; British demonetization of Japanese-issued currency; Japanese tortures; British destruction of Mandalay palace; "The war reparations given by Japan to Myanmar were minimal." Damage and deaths caused by disturbances and instigating foreign broadcasts in 1988. Free elections held.]

[Editorial, 11/6: "We can merely echo Bo Thanmani's sentiment that these two {human rights} representatives take the opportunity to also take note of the great many documented transgressions committed by the imperialists and the fascists against the rights of the Myanmar peoples and hopefully, help find redress for grievances so long suffered."]

Nov. 7: U Yewata, his background, his activities, by Katpiya Melone. [A lay disciple denounces U Yewata, leader of the Mandalay Laybyin Layyat Sangha Thamaggi, and "now spending his days at a safe and reliable place." U Yewata backed the NLD, recruited for the ABSDF, assisted BCP agents to go into hiding, organized students under BCP tutelage, and diverted K40,000 of religious donations to the ABSDF, etc. He is a "bogus monk."]

Nov. 8-13,15-16,23-26,30: The record of important events of 1988, 1989 and 1990, by Yadanabon Maung Hmat. [Political Chronology, with texts of foreign broadcasts, and other documents. (1) Mar. 12-Aug. 3. (2) Aug. 6-10. (3) Aug. 11-13. (4) Aug. 13. (5) Aug. 18-20. (6) Aug. 22-23. (7) Aug. 25-28. (8) Aug 29-Sept. 2. (9) Sept. 3-7. (10) Sept. 8-10. (11) Sept. 10-12. (12) Sept. 12. (13) Sept. 14-15.]

Nov. 8: The Valiant and Resolute Tatmadaw (Thitsa-Myitta Discussions), by Byanmahso. [Foreign broadcasts on crackdown on monasteries described and denounced.]

Nov. 9-10: Massacre at Taunggan Village by the British Army (2 May 1942), by Bo Thanmani. [(1-2) Accounts of event, with lists of those killed, wounded, and orphaned, and references to "inhuman massacres" in 1886 as well. - 4 page articles.]

Nov. 10,13,30: Ruthless designs and evil motives of unscrupulous persons in Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, by Shwe Nyar Thar. [Slaughter of police and other mob atrocities during 1988 disturbances.]

Nov. 10: The day we lost our Independence, by Tin Htwe. [Deposition of King Thibaw on Nov. 29, 1885, recalled.]

Nov. 12: Declaration No 1/90 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council in which everybody is interested, by A Reporter. [Text of Declaration reprinted, since it is still applicable.]

Nov. 17: Decapitations during the 1988 disturbances, by An Eye Witness. [Survey of decapitations by mobs throughout Myanmar in 1988.]

Nov. 17,20: About unscrupulous and evil persons with bundles of cash and treasure in their laps, by A Political Reporter. [(1) Political corruption, in 1949-50. (2) In 1963.]

Nov. 17,22: Was hijacking of an aircraft welcomed? by Kaung Lwin. [Hijackers are terrorists.]

Nov. 17-22: Presentation of historical facts and documents of Myanmar Naing-Ngan to the nation. [Facsimiles of British documents referring to Gen. Ne Win in 1945 and 1949, as mentioned by Gen. Saw Maung in his Nov. 13 speech in Meiktila.]

Nov. 21: Refutation against wrong and evil views of Joe Dostine of the US broadcast by the BBC on 17-11-90, by Bo Thanmani. [Southeast Asian expert said that "Once the government knew that they had lost the election and that the people had won the election, they changed their own rules.... They said...`Yes, you elected a national Hluttaw, but it is not the kind of Hluttaw that you thought.... [It] is to draw up a constitution.... After we have drafted it, we must get it approved and adopted by the people from 135 national races.... Only [then] will we be able to hold a new election....' What Joe Dostine has written are his one-sided views.... We in the East have our own cultural norms and concepts as regards human rights."]

Nov. 22: In connection with a militarily tactfully coined historic speech, by A Journalist. [Bogyoke Aung San speeches.]

Nov. 23: The people realize more than they think, by Maha Thamun. [People don't believe rumours that K 500 notes will be issued, K 200 and K 90 notes will be demonetized, and "even K 45 currency notes cannot safely be kept in hand." The SLORC has stated that it "will not demonetize any currency note in its time."]

Nov. 25: It is difficult to wake up a person who pretends to be asleep, by Warazein. [Bertil Lintner is the one. AIR criticism of crackdown on monks denounced.]

Nov. 26-27,29: National Priorities, by Aye Win Khin. [(1) "To come to grips with reality"--Good work of SLORC. (2) "Situation unique to our nation"--"Take VOA to be Very Overtly Aggressive, BBC to be Bellicose Bungling Corrosive or AIR to be Agitative Irritative Rat." (3) "A matter of attitude, sense of values" --Unethical diplomats contrasted with Myanmar's American friend "Uncle Dan Rose...who hitched AMOCO, the oil people, into a JV with us, as part of an undertaking initiated by General Ne Win when he was party chairman."]

Nov. 26: A reminder for keeping the spirit of patriotism alive and dynamic, by Bo Thanmani. [Everyone should promote patriotism.]

Nov. 27-30: Historic wars incessantly waged against the British imperialists by the entire people of Myanmar Naing-Ngan, by Bo Thanmani. [(1-2) History of resistance to British. (3) Same {4 page article with list of 127 "leaders in the Third Anglo-Myanmar War and the national liberation war"}. (4) Anglo-Myanmar wars.]

Nov. 18,29: However aloud they may be shouting (Thitsa-Myitta Discussion), by Byanmahso. [Myanmar has a legitimate government.]

#### Historical Exhibition

The SLORC exhibition on "the historical trend of Myanmar politics and national objectives," at the Tatmadaw Hall on U Wisara Road, continued. Daily visitors were described.

Oct. 15: 228 Tatmadaw officers. (WPD 10/17)

Attendance noted (generally reported in WPD the day following):

Oct. 31: 28 Sangha + 614 others; Nov. 2: 14+557; Nov. 3: 11+655; Nov. 4: 15+635; Nov. 6: 41+1,092.

The exhibition continued open for government employees only, with attendance as follows [agencies indicated]: Nov. 7: 391; Nov. 8: 393; Nov. 9: 420; Nov. 10: 118; Nov. 12: 618; Nov. 13: 488; Nov. 14: 596; Nov. 15: 528; Nov. 16: 600; Nov. 17: 541; Nov. 18: 522; Nov. 19: 553; Nov. 20: 555; Nov. 21: 565; Nov. 22: 510; Nov. 24: 579; Nov. 26: 609; Nov. 27: 617; Nov. 28: 352; Nov. 29: 539.

Nov. 22: A colour documentary film based on the Exhibition will be shown at Yangon cinemas beginning Nov. 23. (WPD 11/23)

#### Crackdown on Unlawful Monks

Oct. 18: State LORC Chairman Senior General Saw Maung's "supplication" to the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee at Zabuddipa Hall on Kaba Aye Hill [excerpts]:

"I am wholeheartedly carrying out ...all the work that needs to be done...in the interests of the Sasana, the country and the people. There ought to be a limit in time for tolerance. I am also a pure Buddhist. All my ancestors on both sides of the family are Bamars. I

am also a native of Mandalay. I tolerate as much as possible.... I will do what should be done after I have made a decision....

"I am in a position to do what should be done for the purification of the Sasana. What I mean is about the affairs in Mandalay...."

Officials on Oct. 13 met with 25 Sangha members in Mandalay to discuss "matters relating to the boycott." Despite great Government support for Buddhism in Mandalay [detailed], "the members of the Sangha in Mandalay unexpectedly staged a boycott. This is really saddening to note. It was heard in Mandalay, Yangon, Monywa, Sagaing and Shwebo Townships that as there were members of the Sangha who accepted the boycott in some places there were also members of the Sangha who did not accept in some places. It was not heard that there were boycotts in Pakokku, Yenangyoung, Magway, Shan State, Kachin State and Kayah State. Therefore there is a need to seek ways and means for members of the Sangha who do not support the boycott to be of one accord and to have unity."

Mandalay Sayadaw U Sirindabivamsa "discussed...that the boycott was staged based on the problems which arose a month and a few days ago. Mandalay Sayadaw U Kumara urged that "the members of the Sangha on their part are to call off the boycott and practise according to vinaya rule ...." Sayadaw U Thuzatasara said the Military Command had twice supplicated the Sayadaws about the boycott but that "there were no replies from the Sangha side up to this day and this is probably because they dare not come out of the Kyaungtaik. Having heard that arrests would be made, there was hesitation on their part."

"It is necessary to select someone who could stop the boycott.... Commander Maj-Gen. Tun Kyi said:...I want to know whether the Sayadaws who attend the discussion have the authority to solve problems or control other members of the sangha. Tatmadawmen and members of the PPF...do not have the same idea as you. As true Buddhists they pay obeisance to the sangha.... [But] some are not sangha. They are bogus sangha.... Masoeyien Kyaungtaik called security personnel nearby 'dogs' and told them not to come back.... Some monks mixed politics with religious matters.... Anti-governmental forces are in the monasteries. They published incorrect and instigative papers.... The students' unrest was the result of directives from the Kyaungtaiks. He also said that it is necessary for Sayhadaws to ensure that there are no such things in monasteries....

"The date, time and place for the reversal of the boycott was coordinated with Sayadaws present... [for] 16 October 1990. Three monks each from Myataung Payagyi, East Sagu, East Khinmakan and West Taiktaw and Sayadaws from Sangha Nayaka totalling 45 were to be present. Commander Maj-Gen Tun Kyi and Religious Department Director-General U Arnt Maung were to beg for forgiveness and members of the sangha were to stop the boycott.

"But from 2 pm to 4:30 pm on 15 October 1990 some 80 members of the sangha led by the Chairman of Mandalay Four Townships Sangha Union U Yewata made five demands...[that]... General Saw Maung personally ask for forgiveness over the TV and radio so that the people can know; for arrested sangha to be released; not to station troops inside religious buildings and for [Maj-Gen. Tun Kyi and U Arnt Maung] to ask for forgiveness in townships where boycott took place and to issue a complete list of rahans and laity killed in Mandalay on 8-8-90. The latest news is that the ceremony to terminate the boycott was not held ....

"What wrong have I committed? Which monk, which student or which person was killed on 8-8-90? All such things indicate the existence of evil and malicious influence.... If I have done wrong...I beg the Saydadaws forgiveness. I am prepared to suffer even in the future existences....

"On 3-12-88 about three months after we had assumed the responsibilities a lady said at a ceremony ...: 'Buddha was an ordinary man. Dog is more loyal than man.' There is such kind of woman who uses such kind of words...."

"My supplication is being submitted in advance.... I have allowed three days. Today is the first day. Tomorrow is the second day. If the answer doesn't come out on the third day, I will have to do what has to be done. It is my duty. It is just to keep the Sayadaws informed of the matter...." (WPD 10/19)

Nov. 1: Security forces in Mandalay on Oct. 27 seized 3,000 sheets of student union letterhead, and meeting minutes, from Sangha Samaggi Organization Chairman U Yewata of Ahlay Kyaung, Laytha Kyaungtaik, and 48 jade stones, pieces, and slabs from Yadana Thiri Kyaung of Kinwunmingyi Taik. On Oct. 30, they seized from different locations in Mandalay: 58 viss of jade and 38 jade bracelets; 160 jade bracelets; 87 viss of jade stones; and 408 viss of uncut jade [photos]. Action will be taken under the Public Property Protection Act. "In Mandalay, anti-government political activities are being exposed." (WPD 11/2)

Nov. 1: Central Commander and Mandalay LORC Chairman Maj-Gen. Tun Kyi "inspected the work of compiling data for Samanera membership cards" being carried out by the Ministry of Home and Religious Affairs. He told the Sayadawgyi of the Myataung Kyaungtaik "that the measures for issuing Samanera membership cards were being taken in accordance with the wishes of the Sayadaws." He also said the Army had shown mercy even for armed insurgents, and that most Tatmadawmen "were Buddhists who donned robes at monasteries in their childhood." The government, he said, "cleared up monasteries after seeking permission from Sayadaws to expose unlawful associations and materials incompatible to the Samsara, that we would allow those who entered novicehood or monkhood and those who wished to peacefully study religion to reside in monasteries with the permission of the presiding Sayadaws, that we would not allow politicians and students who wished to cause unrest to take refuge in the monasteries and that we were making efforts for non-disintegration of the Union." (WPD 11/2)

Nov. 8: "The names of those taking shelter in the religious grounds and monastery premises in Mandalay were collected on 28 and 29 October. This was followed by the removal of 310 residential dwellings on 30 October, 507 on 31 October, 275 on 1 November, 248 on 2 November and 302 on 3 November from monastery premises in Mandalay four townships. The people were resettled at Kanthaya Myo Kwetthit in Patheingyi Township." The work was inspected by Central Commander Maj-Gen. Tun Kyi, who "met with people whose houses had been partially dismantled and told them that action had to be taken to keep the surroundings of the monasteries clean." (WPD 11/9)

Nov. 10: In a "supplication", U Arnt Maung, Director-General of the Religious Affairs Department, said [excerpts]:

"Four essentials are being provided to members of the Sangha so that [they] may stay in Sasana-baung without having anxiety. So there are some persons who entered the sasana field without firm belief but looking forward only to earning an easy living. But the numbers of such persons is very small.... It seems that there are a large number of such persons because they are often found on roads and among the public. [The majority of Sangha] are not found in public places but only found in Kyaungtaiks when and if obeisance is paid to them there.

"The rahans who violate vinaya rules must be removed...and it is the responsibility of the kings and the governments who are pious to give more honours to the rahans and samaneras who are noble....

"The work for purification of Sasana...can only be carried out by the governments which have not only great faith in religion but also great courage.... [Royal precedents.] Currently, the [SLORC]... is successfully carrying out the Sasana purification....

"Families taking shelter in the religious grounds and monasteries were removed.... I would like to make supplication...so that such problems may not arise again in monasteries as well as to prevent laity from residing in monasteries ....

"I would like to make supplication to Sangha Nayaka Committees to deliver ovadakatha so as to prevent such cases accepting materials



which are not in accord with Vinaya rules and participation in political affairs which do not conform to the Sasana.

"Arrangements have been made to designate the plots of land on which pagodas and monasteries are situated as the religious land and to collect exact measurements of the plots of land.

"It is also needed to make rules and regulations as regards the ownership of religious buildings in order that disputes may not arise. The Sangha Nayaka Committees concerned have to scrutinize the presiding monks and Kyaungtaik Nayaka Sayadaws to see whether they possess qualities compatible with their status.... [The Sayadaws] have to systematically keep the lists of Waso Sangha (resident monks), Dullabha Sangha, Samanera and Agantu Sangha (visitor monks) and draw up monastic administrative rules.

"Efforts are being made for prompt issuance of Sasana registration cards....

"Cases of committing sins are being exposed...and members of Sangha who committed sins should admit their commitments of their own will before they are exposed. If they do not do so, they are to bear the consequences of their sins for now and for ever...." (WPD 11/11)

Nov. 23: Purification Committees were formed in Mon State on Nov. 22. (WPD 11/24)

#### Cultural Traditions Defended

Nov. 1: Editorial [excerpts]: Revival of cultural traditions.

"Increasing loss of cultural traditions and traditional values has been largely recognized as a modern phenomenon. Some, in fact, tend to consider it inevitable. Their argument is that the advent of progress and development must be achieved at the price of a certain loss in traditional concepts and values.

"Nothing could be further from the truth. Such people who advocate such concepts, are to say the least, muddled in their thinking, or worse still, they seek to undermine existing cultural traditions and values and substitute it with other alien values, usually materialistic, hedonistic and invariably of ulterior motive.... The only kind of substitution which such advocates of cultural sabotage are capable of suggesting is that we abandon our cultural traditions and values, for those of the imported variety.... 'What is foreign is good!'

"Allow such people to have their way...and...we...would have lost our identity within a couple of generations....

"What is evident...is that, the argument put up by these self-styled modernists is fraudulent and untenable....

"Hence we cannot but view with satisfaction the wide-ranging measures [by the SLORC] for the definitive revival and resurrection of our traditional cultural values...from ...the revival of traditional sports to the more meaningful recognition of cultural values including with particular emphasis the purification, propagation and perpetuation of the Buddha Sasana. Not the least are the affirmative measures to further enforce [sic] our language and literature." (WPD 11/1)

#### Gen. Saw Maung's Nov. 2 Speech

Nov. 2: Speaking to South-West Command in Patheingyi, State LORC Chairman Senior General Saw Maung spoke of "the link between Islam and Christianity," saying that he was speaking as a serviceman "with a right to talk about matters relating to religion," and not a "party politician."

Islamic countries require laws in addition to the Koran in order to administer justice. Thus Malaysia has harsh laws against narcotics. Pakistan's president "is vested with the power to dissolve the government." In said-to-be democratic Thailand, "if the members of parliament from below and what not demand, the government will topple according to law," and the King can "appoint a government to manage the affairs of the nation."

As to the "problem between Israel and the Arabs," we learn from

the "Good New Bible Today" that Abraham's children by Sarah are the Jews and his children by Hagar are the Arabs. "These can be found in the Holy Bible...translated into Burmese from original terms by Rev. A Judson D.D. United Bible Society" in Genesis page 12, 12:1. "If we look at that age we will find that the kings were rulers. That is why the term 'king' is used. If we use modern term it is the 'government'...."

"Who pointed out the rule by the authority of the king? It was Colonel Hkun Nawng when I was serving as Commander of the Northern Command .... What he meant to say, in essence, was that a Christian must not take part in a rebellion against the government of the State...." (WPD 11/3)

"Why are the Jews and Arabs, who are brothers, waging a war today?... According to Christianity, there should be no revolt against the government. So, why are the Arabs, who are Muslims, and Christians preparing for war?... Christ was in Tibet at the time Lord Buddha attained the Buddhahood. This is known by those who are of Christian faith. This is the period in which Christ was missing. What I mean to say is there are links between Islam, Christianity and Buddhist philosophy.... There is no reason for one religion to downgrade another religion...."

In the Mandalay "problems arose ...beginning from 8-8-90.... The problem started in connection with religious and political matters. We...have been constantly watching them. I have been patient with the hope that they would mend their incorrect ways. And I received a report on 18-10-90 that I myself was to apologize. Only then did I come to a decision that the matter was to be settled...."

"I gave the warning to abolish the illegal organizations within three days.... I ordered [the troops] to compile a list of monasteries where there may be those who might have a linkage to the BCPs. Not only those who were linked to the BCPs, but those from foreign embassies especially that of one embassy who were making frequent visits to the monasteries.... All got confused.... I found that the [Mandalay chief] Sayadaw was threatened.... He knew that the spiritual authority would not do. And so, I, exercising secular authority issued SLORC's Order No 6/90 on 20-10-90...."

"The demand 'Transfer power quickly' was shouted from Mandalay Ma-Soe-Yein Kyaungtaik.... The front windshield of the [Mandalay Commander's] car was shattered by stones from the Kyaungtaik. The Commander had to pay K 10,000 for the damage caused to the car.... And so I instructed the Central Command Commander Maj-Gen Tun Kyi to do what had to be done...."

"I cannot yet say how many were arrested.... We have already discovered earlier on that this matter is connected with top level personnel of a party. There have been instances when individuals of party organizations have had to be called in and questioned about connection with religious matters. Some also had to be interrogated for opposing our Declaration No 1/90. These matters are too complex and complicated. Saying too much will only make it more complicated. They did all sorts of things; they [the NLD--HCMacD.] did the Gandhi Declaration and they also did the 5/90 and the 6/90.... I want to reiterate that we will not tolerate any organization or individual if it is against us. Such things are called influences and interferences. More about this later...."

[General discussion of Gen. Saw Maung's experience with Hinduism, Gurkha religion, Christianity, animism, etc. during his career.] He asserted that he was a Buddhist. "I have not read Marxism. And I haven't studied it much. It is the same with capitalism. And I've no knowledge of this ism at all. But I have books on them." [Lengthy discussion of Buddhism.]

"They [NLD--HCMacD] created a problem by saying that two members of the Sangha and two persons died. The boycott by members of Sangha against the Armed Forces started at that time.... We were accused blindly and when these were revealed to be false accusations, we had to take action. At that time Monywa Tin Shwe who spread false rumours and instigated has now become an absconder. The most

complicated and tangled problems in the world have taken place in this country.

"There are many political parties which support the Gandhi Hall declaration. If we are to take action in these matters as I see in legal terms, there will not remain a single party registered with the Election Commission. I will wait and see to what extent they will continue to tell lies. If I decide there will not be any parties left. But I fear that if I do so, there is the problem that I would be thought of as one wanting power. We as well as the Tatmadaw do not want our names to get smeared in history and therefore we are acting with care and restraint....

The Asiaweek Annual says Myanmar's "foreign debt is 4.5 billion." It says Japan, Singapore and Taiwan have no foreign debt. But Bangladesh has 10.4 billion, China ("This is our closest nation") has 41.3 billion, India has 62.8 billion, etc. "Then, the inflation of our nation. He has written 'Burma'. The inflation is shown as 17.0 per cent. This figure should be rechecked. It is very doubtful. The inflation is not that much....

"We do not allow Asiaweek to be legally sold in our country" because it refuses to use 'Myanmar' instead of 'Burma.' The Far Eastern Economic Review agreed to put 'Burma' in brackets next to the world 'Myanmar.' "We accept this. It does not matter. If we look back at the Time and Newsweek magazines, we find that they have used 'Myanmar.' We have allowed them to be sold in our country depending on our financial situation." Everybody accepts 'Thailand' for 'Siam' and 'Sri Lanka' for 'Ceylon.' Why not 'Myanmar'?

[Discussion of planned full publication by Myanmar of BBC, VOA, and AIR broadcasts.]

[Japanese tortures during 1943 "independence" recalled.] "We do not do such things today.... I shall take action against anybody if he or she commits an offence.... I am going to launch a discipline drive. I shall drive out. I shall establish discipline by any means. I am one who was once a yebaw (private).... I have never had any stain in my character throughout my life.... I have worked hard even at the risk of my life. I have never experienced this kind of difficulty in my life. I'm just telling the truth. I'm just revealing my feelings. I should have the right to say like this.

"It is broadcast that a Japanese woman, a human rights woman will come.... I am not one to be questioned. She may study the situation. I will declare from now on. Those who have been saying that you would get chocolate and human rights when somebody came. If you want those rights and want to enjoy human rights of America, England and AIR and if these countries accept you, I will allow anyone of you to go there. In our Union of Myanmar, I can only give human rights that conform with the Myanmar within the framework of the prescribed law.... I will not give the kind of rights demanded by VOA.... I will...not give the students the right to stage demonstrations.... I won't let the people emulate the incidents in East Europe.... I cannot give the right to make demands for democracy by writing...on walls of every street corner at night. I will not accept such a call for the Tatmadaw and the people together to eliminate dictatorship like the termination of Ceaucescu in Romania. I cannot give the rights demanded on behalf of the insurgents on solving the problems of civil war by political means.... In short, I cannot give any of the rights such as those demanded by Christopher Gunness and Bertil Lintner.... We will strictly adhere to Declaration No 1/88.... Choose from that and frame a constitution....

[This paragraph was repeated in an Editorial on 11/5: "There cannot be straighter talk, or a clearer declaration of the stand being taken by the Government...."]

"How shall we do?... Are we going to frame a constitution on the basis of the national races? If we do this, I think there would be many variations.... According to existing law, everybody has the right to live freely at any place. There are Chin officers and colonels in the Tatmadaw. At present, the Chairman of the Chin [SLORC] is a Bamar. I said this to...General Than Shwe to be able to

send there a suitable person. Then he said that it was suitable only for a Bamar. That was what he said. This was my practical experience....

"There are allegations made against us through the media.... I say that allegations against us are absolutely untrue.... And look what it says here 'Army planning chemical attack'.... It is not true that we will make chemical attacks upon KNU insurgents. I strongly deny that allegation here today...."

[Long discussion on false foreign news stories.]

"Therefore, I don't care for anything.... I will do things that have to be done." [History of Lanzin Party--it is not Marxist.] "Now I am changing the economic system. It is being transformed into market economy. The political system has been changed to a multi-party system.... How do things get done in foreign countries where there is full democracy? How do they build their countries?... I don't know what to say ...." [Discussion of development, social services, border development.]

"Where shall we go? Don't think too much. You will be confused. What I would like to say is that I will not do anything that is wrong.... The Constitution is to be drafted .... There is freedom to practise one's faith. I will not impose restrictions on your rights. But not in that way. There are countries I have been to. I have been to Germany. The kind of rights permitted in Hamburg in the north cannot be asked from us. We will not allow a person in our country to stand under a street-lamp with a cigarette at dusk and do this and that. I will not go into details because people will be confused. Otherwise people will not understand it. What I have said will be printed...."

[Rice will never return to 75 pyas per pyi. But today there are many millionaires in Myanmar. Rice is now 6 kyats; when the government distributed it it was 2-3 kyats. But salaries of the lowest-pay workers have been increased five-fold. "There is no reason they cannot make ends meet." For development and progress people must "work to the full." (WPD 11/4)

#### Sangha Directive

Nov. 5: The Third State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee issued Directive No. 81 [text]:

"The Sangha organizations at different levels are carrying out tasks for the purification, perpetuation and propagation of the Sasana.

"All members of Sangha and samaneras in the Union of Myanmar are to be under the supervision of one of the Sangha Nayaka Committees formed in accordance with the organizational rules of the Sangha Organization.

"Therefore, it is hereby supplicated that the Presiding Sayadaws shall admonish members of Sangha and samaneras under their charge so that they will refrain from forming, being members and giving support, to unlawful Sangha organizations which refuse to accept the control of Sangha organizations at different levels." (WPD 11/6)

#### Gen. Saw Maung's Nov. Speeches

Nov. 11: Speaking to officials in Pyay, State LORC Chairman Senior General Saw Maung said [excerpts]:

"The hardcore force of the State is the Tatmadaw..... It cannot and must not be divorced from the people ....

"[The students] say they want to get the schools (institutions of higher learning) reopened.... I don't say 'Open them' or 'Don't open them'.... If the situation is that they can be reopened, they don't have to ask for permission from me. If the parents, teachers and students take responsibility they can be reopened and that there are no disturbances, this can be undertaken ....

"What is the main duty of the Tatmadaw? To crush the internal insurgency.... The BCP organizations in the border area disintegrated but they established them in Mandalay ....

"This morning...A plane from Thai Airways was hijacked. It landed at Calcutta. When it reached there, they made demands. Release such and such persons and 'Transfer power at such and such a time'.... If you service personnel listen to the broadcasts and do things, you will also get into trouble.... I am a man who never tells lies....

[Parties reminded of election accounts rules, which must be made by sworn affidavit, and include both expenses and income.]

"What was this morning's demand? Lift Martial Law; transfer power to civilian government... I will go on with this process.... I do not care about such intimidations.... There is a code of conduct for the police. Follow it and act according to it. You must carry out our instructions .... We repeatedly say that it is not allowed to assemble five or more persons. They should not assemble with the intention of inciting unrest...." [But we say nothing about movie-goers, crowds at markets, religious meetings.]

"I will simply tell you what Martial Law is.... The PPF members also do not know it. The judges will not know it. The lawyers will not know it. This law is exercised only by the Army. Only the Army has the right to exercise it....

"In our Military Tactics there is no 'dialogue'. Why? Because it is politics that must undertake 'dialogue'. I have said that I will not do politics. I go in for 'Military' .... There is no reason for me to have any dialogue with armed insurgent organizations....

"I have in detail about [the political parties].... I know who are included in the other organizations. I also know who were elected and who are included in the organization which say that it is the party that wins (the election) and that leads the State.... I know on a nation-wide scale. I have found many who have lied in giving their bio-data. How can I hand over into the hands of such persons?....

"The attitude of some towards the Tatmadaw.... They said this army must be reformed, that it must first be dissolved and reformed, that the head of this army must be cut off and the body must be taken. I have all the evidence. However, those parties are permitted to exist.... (WPD 11/12)

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Nov. 12: State LORC Chairman Senior General Saw Maung told officials in Magway [excerpts]:

"When I visited the Pagoda yesterday, I enquired about the price of rice...it was something like K 11 or K 9. The same night by Secretary-2 said that the price of rice should not be like that and we coordinated and took necessary measures.... [Later, State LORC Secretary (2) Maj-Gen. Tin Oo said that "I co-ordinated with them to supervise and sell rice at K 7.50 to K 8 in the meantime." (WPD 11/13)]

"I came to know...only when I arrived here [that] the production of petroleum went down from 14,000 or 15,000 gallons a day to 13,360 gallons. Why? So I asked them to review it.... Production will increase up to 14,500 gallons a day. Why? Because of the efforts made....

"The decisions of the 'Khut Daung' (fighting peacock) camp, Mandalay Laybyin Layyat Sangha Thamaggi No. 3" of Oct. 17 were: "(1) to effectively make known the essence of 'Pattanikkuzana Kan' (2)... all the Sangha Nayaka Organizations...and the Law and Order Restoration Councils...that are the bad inheritors of the Ma-Hsa-La are to be boycotted and efforts made to get this recorded in history; (3) to carry out instigative and agitative work to get the members of the Sangha to boycott ...the...Pali...Examination...and (4) to re-form the army; to re-form the army with all those excluding officers from the rank of colonel and above; agitative work for this must be carried out.

"The other matter concerned the Sangha.... To fight and cut off the head [of the Sayadaw of Tanyin Min Kyaung].... Then there is another decision which they made; it is that when the people's democratic government comes to power, measures and demands must be made to give deserving posts and positions to those who stand on the

side of the people and who are in the jungles.... The hijacking of an airplane yesterday is connected with that matter. They also said, the students' revolutionary heroes must be honoured and rewarded. (7) Abolition of the Sangha Nayaka Organization at different levels must be demanded. (8) Every effort must be made to get the existing SLORC fascist government fall into all kinds of troubles and difficulties. These eight points were adopted with reference to eight Ariya Thudawzin (ascetics)...." [photocopy of resolutions] (WPD 11/ 13)

[Reminiscences of British demonetization of Japanese currency after 1945.]

"[Only] two persons...earned foreign exchange....Bo Setkya [and]... then Chief of Staff of the Defence Services General Ne Win.... Bo Setkya and General Ne Win earned together.

"When I asked who was with them, he [U San Maung] said that an American...was with them. He was a friend of General Ne Win who is retired now and he is called Mr Daniel Rose.... We call that American 'Uncle Dan Rose'.... This person often comes to Myanmar Naing-Ngan.... He came to see me in 1989 [and] told about the attitude of the American people as well as his own attitude.... He told the [American] Ambassador [Mr. Burton Levin] that his views on Myanmar Naing-Ngan were wrong. He told me all about this. He presented me with video on golf lessons saying that I was interested in golf....

"There is joint venture oil exploration work being undertaken between us and an American company...I think it is AMOCO. The one who made efforts for AMOCO to carry out joint venture oil exploration work in Myanmar...was this uncle Daniel. These are the tasks which were initiated from the time of...General Ne Win who had taken up the duties as Chairman of the Lanzin Party at that time. This is the work now being continued by me. I will say only this much."

[Long defense of statements about Thakin Tin Mya.]

"They accuse us of many things. The organizations say that this matter may be just floating along. There is a term they use. It's time frame. When will the national convention be held?... Do first what you have to do.... They don't do what they have to do...."

[General discussion of visit by Japanese human rights representative Ogata, and on presentation of credentials by new French Ambassador.] (WPD 11/14)

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Nov. 12: State LORC Chairman Senior General Saw Maung told Mann Oilfield workers at Minbu that [excerpts]:

"Why did the PVO [People's Volunteer Organization] go underground? Why has it reappeared today and why is it shouting 'democracy?' As a Tatmadawman I should like to say 'No, it is not right.' Chairman U Ne Win retired... When one retired, they vied for that post. I find it rather difficult to carry out the work.... Those who are on the Patriotic Old Comrades League today were once my Commanding Officers, my superiors.... Why are they saying this and that about us? Why are they associating with the organization that is attacking us? Why are they trying to cause our disintegration? ....

"Many of the parties have signed pledges that they will abide by Declaration 1/90 issued by us. I will tell you in connection with the National League for Democracy.... The Patriotic Old Comrades League which is an ally of that has also signed .... The National Democracy Party, which is an organization under it, has also signed.... The organization which is split into two factions [U Nu's Party--HCMacD] has also signed ...but not as a party.... The National Unity Party has, as far as I know, already signed it. Bo Aung Gyi the (UNDP) I mentioned yesterday, has already signed it. Then, what happened? They said, 'Give us time-frame'.... This is a 'demanding process'. Don't do that. Do what you have to do till you finish it....

"You are government servants. You are given houses to live in. You are sold foodstuffs. I just heard about it on that side in Magway. Rice is K 11 in Magway.... The State still gives rice to government servants .... You live in State-owned buildings. Do you think you will have the right to live in such buildings if what you

want prevails?... Think carefully.... (WPD 11/13)

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Nov. 13: State LORC Chairman Senior General Saw Maung spoke to officials at the Textile Mill, Meiktila [excerpts]:

"When the persons and the organizations concerned come to know things and mend their ways, our nation will, in future, become a democratic state which the majority people desire and aspire for....

"What I said yesterday did not include the person in yellow robe who signed the letter.... The name `Kaythara' [was] signed on behalf of the chairman. Ko Tun Kyi has the person in your hands. You have got it. He is no longer in yellow robes. He has been disrobed. We are required to do this kind of things ....

"I went to Bagan this morning.... Foreign radio stations broadcast that we gave trouble to people from Bagan. But the people there are satisfied (with what we have done) and are happy. Previously, people lived on land belonging to pagodas and monasteries...illegally. Now they have been allotted plots of land and the town of Bagan has been established. I found them happy....

"My heart is heavy. If the situation goes on like this, what will be the future of Myanmar Naing-Ngan? I have already paved the way for the journey ahead....

"I have no desire to take over power. But there is reason to ponder greatly in handing over power to those who will plunge the country over a precipice. In yesterday's journal published by Kaythara, it is mentioned that officers above the rank of colonels are to be removed. Isn't it so? And then it is to be formed at will. Those in the jungles will be recognized legally and will come to town. If the country is governed by such persons, what will happen to the country?..."

[Reminiscences of Gen. Saw Maung's service in Meiktila. Army did not take sides in elections after the Caretaker Government. Asiaweek and raising of possible Nuremburg Tribunal for Myanmar.]

"A meeting of the NLD and allied parties Hluttaw representatives said: "However, serious consideration is to be made regarding the army. A clever approach is to be made so that the motto `Decapitate the Tat; take the body only' may be materialized. Ha! How about this? We ...what a thing. Decapitate; take the body only.... Here is also Ko Yu's line. Ko Yu is now in custody ....

"What are the BBC and the VOA today?... What is that Ko Thein Win, tell me. What happened in the jail? ...that NLD is wanted...tell me, stand up and say." Brig-Gen Thein Win: "Something about death. They said something about. death, His family and Western diplomatic circle do not believe [sic]."

Senior General Saw Maung: "The problem of that Maung Ko.... Necessary interrogation was made and we had no reason to kill him off.... He committed suicide. I said that it could not be helped. We did not torture him while interrogating him.... After he had given his confession on what they had done and what plans they had he took his own life by hanging himself with a rope made from torn blankets.... He died not because of our action....

"I will tell you candidly. If the NLD forms a government, you will not become prime ministers or ministers. There are not even enough posts for all of them to divide among themselves. If UNDP wins and forms a government, you will not become ministers....

"They say, `human rights', `democratic rights' and then they accuse us of having been involved in opium. I have never been involved in opium matters.... I met San Tun [in 1964] .... We stopped Lo Sit Han and the opium caravan at Mongtong [and] seized the arms and ammunition as well as opium.... They carried narcotic drugs by helicopter. In those days there was a lot of opium and there were also KMT (White Chinese) troops.... I saw Hkunsu in Mandalay Jail when I was serving as General Staff Officer (G1).... That also was a coincidence....

"Efforts must be made for Buddhist Sasana to flourish.... The activities which I have performed; some of which I will tell. But remember that we are not persons who are selling our country by

pointing our fingers. I...cannot and can never accept those who tried or who are trying to sell the country by pointing their fingers....

"Another thing is U Sein Mya.... He is one who was once the commander of North-West Command.... This U Sein Mya has now fled to Thailand and is waging armed attacks against Myanmar Naing-Ngan.... At the No 77 Division he was responsible for crushing the BCPs at Bago Yoma.... But now, he is acting like a child in Thailand where there is no one. The hijacking which took place yesterday may have been the work of that group or students.... It is not clear whether they belong to U Thwin group, ABSDF or DAB....

"I do things with zest and zeal .... I prepare for the defensive. When I prepare for this and they attack me, I counter it with great force.... And they will be crushed. Defensive-offensive. I am practising it. I defend myself under the right of self-defence. My defence later becomes an offensive. Without strength it will collapse and if that happens I will be in trouble. They ask for the multi-party system. We have signed Declaration 1/90....

[How Lord Mountbatten recommended General Ne Win to General Slim in 1945; British views of Ne Win in 1949.] [British documents cited reproduced beginning Nov. 17--see above under Political Articles.]

"I am a pure Buddhist. I take refuge in the Triple Gems. I refrain from the ten evil deeds as much as possible. But I have not time to meditate.... I do not engage in politics.... [One should visualize the Buddha when reciting....] (WPD 11/ 14)

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Nov. 14: State LORC Chairman Senior General Saw Maung, speaking to officials in Toungoo, said [excerpts]:

"We decided to open information reading rooms in towns. Lt-Gen Phone Myint will get the information reading rooms opened soon. Newspapers and books will be made available in the reading rooms. Television sets will be provided where needed and where they can be used. Radios will be provided where TV sets cannot be used. Formerly, information departments were not opened in towns because there were party base camps. Now it is found that information departments are necessary and so arrangements are under way to open them. A decision to that effect has been made....

"There is only one newspaper today .... There must be all sorts of newspapers in a democratic nation .... We have had to impose restrictions...so that no allegations could be made against us. There is the right to publish news without attacking us.... We have had to seize books published by party organizations...because they attack us. That's why we take action.... We are giving permission for novels and magazines to be published. People buy them and read them. I am talking about freedom of the press taking this opportunity.... We want democracy. That is why we mention this in the newspapers everyday...to make you remember it....

"Serious cases are tried by the military courts.... This is the nature of Martial Law. Candidly speaking, it is Martial Law. If I say 'do it,' it will be done. This is the nature of Martial Law. This ought to be understood....

"As far as I know, all through the ages Daw Myint Myint Khin, Ko Yu have served as defence counsels of the cases in which anti-government activities were involved...."

[Book on religious organization under King Mindon discussed. Heseltine-Thatcher dispute in England; reminiscences of British Military Attache named by Heseltine. Discussion of why blackmarkets have disappeared since private enterprise freed.]

"The private traders are preparing from now to fleece the farmers.... If paddy is not grown, then all of you will suffer. If there is no paddy we cannot buy from abroad and feed you.... It is mere fantasy that India will feed you, America will feed you....

"Yesterday...I met a Chin, Ngo Cin Pau...in Meiktila. Hey Ngo Cin Pau your uncle is saying there. U Vum Ko Hau... I am not trying to bring enmity between the uncle and the nephew. Ngo Cin Pau said that the old man is in his dotage.... That U Vum Ko Hau wrote letters



to us.... He expressed much satisfaction with victories achieved in the attack against KIA (Headquarters) in Kutkai area. I can't make head or tail of it....

"Do you want democracy? If you want democracy, then it will be like what I have mentioned just now.... I have become quite weary. They want things to become smooth without any efforts. If they continue to go this way, it is rather difficult for us. In reality the farmers rights are the workers rights.... What rights have you lost?... Just tell me and if possible I will fulfil them....

"I think Daw Shwegu May Hnin cheated at the office. It is her financial matter. I don't know how the party will solve it.... If one does this it is a matter of seven years in jail...."

[Reminiscences of life in Toungoo.] (WPD 11/15)

"The State owns all land according to the Constitution, but if that was so, why was the '55 Act introduced? ... Landowners at that time were chettyas, Indians, foreigners, weren't they?... Then when the Revolutionary Council came into being the Law Protecting the Rights of Peasants was introduced. That was followed by the Tenancy Act. Then only did they (the chettyas) flee.... So, farmers have the right to work the land....

"I shall not stand for election in the future under whatever circumstances. I will not contest an election. This is my promise....

"What I told the [Commander] is to breed fish...the rest is not my concern. I am only telling you to do breeding.... Then you will go and catch and eat, isn't it so? If I were to tell you to catch and sell and kill and eat, I would be committing Panatipata. This is the reason why I tell you to breed fish, make them grow and multiply. It becomes difficult, doesn't it? If you mix up things with religion....

"I once mentioned the matter regarding U Aung Shwe and U Chit Khaing. They were called in once. On the second time...they asked, 'You are U Chit Khaing. You are a follower of U Ba Swe and U Kyaw Nyein and you are a great socialist, aren't you?...' U Chit Khaing admitted that it was true. The very person who claims that he dislikes the socialist system has admitted that he himself is a socialist.... Including U Kyi Maung.... Let it be. You have forgotten and I also have forgotten....

"After detaining Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, the NLD has not made clear who the NLD leader is. If we are to say, what we know is that the one who is responsible is U Aung Shwe. However [foreign radio mentions] U Kyi Maung as acting leader. When we call and ask U Aung Shwe and U Chit Khaing who the leader was they beat about the bush and did not commit themselves. We have recorded tapes on this...being put up at exhibits ...."

[Reminiscences of U Nu, the Ne Win period, etc.] (WPD 11/16)

#### Airliner Hijacked

Nov. 11: A Thai Airways Airbus-300 flying from Bangkok to Yangon with 192 passengers was hijacked on Nov. 10 by "two Myanmar terrorist youths" and forced to land in Calcutta [photo shows hijackers Ye Marn and Ye Htin Kyaw in Calcutta]. The passengers from 23 nations, including 44 Myanmars, arrived back in Yangon this afternoon. According to passengers, the hijackers threatened to blow up the plane with a bomb, and said they hoped to negotiate with the Myanmar government. They wore headbands with a fighting peacock, but did not say what organization they belonged to. On arrival in Calcutta, they kept the passengers on board 7-8 hours and "demanded the release of two persons who hijacked a plane last year and were serving prison terms in Thailand, the lift [sic] of martial law and others." [photos] (WPD 11/12)

#### Two NLD Leaders "Absconded"

Nov. 26: Two NL+ leaders have been declared "abscondees." They are Tin Shwe (Monywa), member of the Mandalay Division Organizing Committee for the NLD, and U Maung Maung Aye, Hluttaw representative for Mandalay NE-1. They absconded upon learning that they were being sought for posting a letter of complaint to the Mandalay LORC

Chairman about the August 8 Mandalay riot. (WPD 11/27)

## ELECTIONS

### Election Tribunals

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

Tribunal No. 1: Oct. 17: Allowed a revised complaint in the Ingapu-2 case. (WPD 10/19) // Nov. 5: Heard the Ingapu-2 case; did Independent candidate Dr. San Aung improperly use the NLD name and facilities? (WPD 11/7) // Nov. 21: Heard evidence in the Ingapu-2 case; next hearing Dec. 3. (WPD 11/22) // Nov. 22: Heard evidence in the Kyaikmaraw-2 case; next hearing Nov. 26. (WPD 11/23)

Tribunal No. 2: Nov. 22: Heard evidence in the Bogale-2 case. (WPD 11/23) // Nov. 23: Heard evidence in the Bogale-2 case; next hearing Dec. 6. (WPD 11/26)

Tribunal No. 3: Oct. 31: Heard the Pyin-Oo-Lwin-2 case and allowed the complainant to submit a revised complaint. (WPD 11/1) // Nov. 5: Heard the Pyin-Oo-Lwin-2 case. Heard evidence in the Myaung-1 case; next hearing Nov. 16. (WPD 11/9) // Nov. 20: Heard the Pyin-Oo-Lwin-2 case; next hearing Nov. 26. (WPD 11/21)

Tribunal No. 4: Nov. 6: Heard the Sittway-1 case. (WPD 11/9) // Nov. 20: Heard evidence in the Hopang-1 case; the NUP winner denied BCP connections. Next hearing Dec. 17. (WPD 11/21) // Nov. 21: Heard the Sittway-1 case. (WPD 11/22) // Nov. 22: Heard evidence in the Sittway-1 case; next hearing Jan. 7. (WPD 11/ 23)

Tribunal No. 5: Nov. 5: Heard Homalin-2 case; next hearing Nov. 7. (WPD 11/9)

### Party Registration Changes

Party registration changes announced by the General Election Commission [recorded by Party as in previous issues].

(6) Unity and Development Party. Political leading committee member Daw Khin Su (Yangon) has resigned. (WPD 11/17)

(12) National Peace and Democracy Party. GS Lay Myint has resigned. New officers are: GS Daw Yin Yin May; JGS Hla Shwe. (WPD 10/19)

(16) Arakan League for Democracy. New address is: 393 (1st fl.) Bo Aung Gyaw St., Kyauktada Twp., Yangon. (WPD 10/19)

(24) Mon National Democratic Front. CEC member Nai Pan Hla has resigned. (WPD 11/17)

(25) Patriotic Youth Organization. Patron U Tin Oo (retired Commissioner) has resigned. (WPD 11/18)

(55) Peasants' Unity Organization. New officers are: Ch Than Nyunt; Sec Aung Win; JSec. Kyaw, Nyunt Tin; CEC members San Tun, Sein Maung, Tin Wan, Maung Maung Aye, Win Maung, Kan Tun, Kyaw Hla Oo, Kyaw Aye, Khin Maung Win, Dr. Chit, Chit Swe, Saw Kyaw Sein, Saw Lin, Tin Maung, Pyar Maung, Marga, Min Lwin, Mang Lian, Shwe Thaug, Waphai Naw, Aye Ko, Daw Aye Myint, Aung Kyin, Ohn Kyaing, Ohn Shwe. (WPD 11/17)

(56) Youth Unity Organization. New CEC members are: Daw Saw Saw Oo, Kaman Du Naw. (WPD 11/17)

(78) Arakan National Unity Organization. Patron San Tun Khaing has resigned. (WPD 11/17)

(86) National Peace Party (NPP). JSec Thaug Myint has been dismissed and replaced with Tin Aung (Mandalay). (WPD 11/18)

(161) National Ethnic Reformation Party (Headquarters). New address is: 423 (1st fl.) Lower Pazundaung Road, Pazundaung Twp., Yangon. (WPD 10/19)

(163) Kamans National League for Democracy. New officers are: Patrons Aung Tha Tun, Maung Ni Kyar, Sein Min; Ch Pe Tin; VCh Tun Yee, Shwe Ya; GS Min Naing; JGS Tha Din; Sec. Thein Shwe, Tun Ngwe, Kyaw Min, Tin Maung Win; Tr. Shwe Hla; Org. Ba Kyaw; Info.Off. Tun Thein; CEC members Shwe Bu, Ba Lon, Khin Maung Yin, Maung Hla Pru, Kyaw Din. New address is: 48 (grd. fl.) Yenandan St., Ponnagonn Ward, Tarmway Twp., Yangon. (WPD 10/19)

(167) Union Nationals Democracy Party (UNDP). New officers are Patron Aung Gyi; Ch Kyaw Myint Lay; VCh Tha Hto, Khin Maung Maung, M A Daw Ohn; GS Kyi Han; Sec Maung Maung, Thein Naing; Tr Htin Aung; CEC members Ba Shwe, Khin Nyo, Bo Aung, Nan Nwe, Soe Myint, Myint Thein, Than Shwe, Zaw Linn, Dr. Sein Yi, Myat Soe Swe, Myat Thein. (WPD 11/18)

(177) Amyothar Party (AP). New address is: 180 (2nd fl., left), Bo Sunpet St., Pabedan Twp., Yangon. (WPD 11/17)

(183) Might of New Generation Youth Front (Burma). Registration cancelled at the request of Party Executive Committee, Nov. 9, 1990. (WPD 11/10)

(187) Lisu National Solidarity (LNS). New address is: 75 Hninsi Chan 14th St., Pyigyianlon Ward, Mandalay NW Twp., Mandalay. (WPD 11/ 17) New officers are: Patrons Sein (a) Mushin Saik, Moses, Bya Lay; Ch Saw Hla Maung; VCh Mar Htay, Gu Tar; GS Hla Myat Thar; Sec Lar May Tar, Bya Lay, Ngua Phi Tui; Tr Khin Bo; CEC Nyan Win, San Sa, Ngua Wo, Bya Win, Ngua Tar (a) Yaw Shu, Ngua Sar, Maung Cho, Mu Shwe Ya, Wa Si Di, Bya Lu, Alo Ba. (WPD 11/18)

(200) Anti-Communist, Anti-Socialist, Anti-Totalitarian Free Democracy League. New officers are: Patrons Aung Khun Swe, Nyo Seint, Chit Swe; Ch Thet Aung; VCh San Aung, Maung Maung Lay; GS Maung Maung Yi; JGS Sein Win, Than Myint (a) Myint; Tr. Nay Win; Aud. Aye Maung; Org. Daw Nwe Nwe Myint, Nay Win Saw, Thein Han; CEC members Pyi Soe, Myint Aung, Saw Harry, Aye Myint. New address is: 10, 19/Ka Ward, Dagon Myothit Twp. (South), Yangon. (WPD 11/17)

(207) Lahu National Development Party. New officers are: Ch Daniel Aung; VCh Aung Thu; GS Kya Oo; JGS Po Thein Shin, Yaw Aye Hla; Hq.Sec. Aye Maung, Kyet U-Mu, Tin Maung Lwin, Marku; CEC members Kyar Nu, Kyar Tawt, Daniel Htee, Sha Nwe Hla, Kyar Soe, Dau Hla Thein, Kyar Har Shell, Kyar Le, Yudu, Kyar Shee. (WPD 10/19)

(215) Union of Burma Democratic Front. New address is: 1 Panhlaing St., Kyimyindine Twp., Yangon. (WPD 10/19)

## DIPLOMATIC

### Diplomatic Calls

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

Oct. 16: Indian Ambassador Shri Preet Mohan Singh Malik on Minister for Transport & Communications and for Social Welfare and for Labour Lt-Gen. Tin Tun, and on Election Commission Chairman U Ba Htay. (WPD 10/17)

Oct. 31: Laotian Deputy Chief of Mission Mr. Akhom Saignasith with Drug Abuse Control Committee Joint Secretary and PPF Director Ngwe Soe Tun to discuss "co-operation in narcotic drug abuse control measures." (WPD 11/1)

Nov. 5: Korean Ambassador Hang Kyung Kim on Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries and for Agriculture & Forests Lt-Gen. Chit Swe. Soviet Ambassador Vadim I. Chabaline on Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the University Training Corps Col. Pe Thein. (WPD 11/6)

Nov. 6: The Soviet Ambassador on Minister for Transport & Communications and for Social Welfare and for Labour Lt-Gen. Tin Tun. (WPD 11/7)

Nov. 8: The Soviet Ambassador, accompanied by Counsellor Konstantine K. Provalov and First Secretary Victor I. Zagrekov, on Election Commission Chairman U Ba Htay, and on Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries and for Agriculture & Forests Lt-Gen. Chit Swe. (WPD 11/9)

Nov. 9: The Soviet Ambassador on Minister for Energy and for Mines Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin, and on State LORC Secretary (1) Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt. (WPD 11/10)

Nov. 12: The Soviet Ambassador on Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Brig-Gen. Abel. UNDP Programme Officer Gerd Merrem on Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the University Training Corps Col. Pe Thein. (WPD 11/13)

Nov. 16: The Soviet Ambassador on Chief Justice U Aung Toe. Indian Ambassador Shri Preet Mohan Singh Malik on Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the University Training Corps Col. Pe Thein. (WPD 11/17)

Nov. 19: The Indian Ambassador on Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries and for Agriculture & Forests Lt-Gen. Chit Swe. (WPD 11/20)

Nov. 20: Vietnam Ambassador Nguyen Hoa on Minister for Transport & Communications and for Social Welfare and for Labour Lt-Gen. Tin Tun. (WPD 11/21)

Nov. 21: The Vietnam Ambassador on Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the University Training Corps Col. Pe Thein. (WPD 11/22)

Nov. 22: The Vietnam Ambassador on Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries and for Agriculture & Forests Lt-Gen. Chit Swe. (WPD 11/23)

Nov. 23: French Ambassador Alain Briottet on Minister for Transport & Communications and for Social Welfare and for Labour Lt-Gen. Tin Tun, and on Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the University Training Corps Col. Pe Thein. (WPD 11/24)

Nov. 26: Soviet Ambassador Vadim I. Shabalin on Minister for Construction and for Co-operatives Lt-Gen. Aung Ye Kyaw. (WPD 11/27)

Nov. 27: Chinese Ambassador Cheng Ruisheng on Minister for Home & Religious Affairs and for Information and for Culture Lt-Gen. Phone Myint to discuss culture. Vietnam Ambassador Nguyen Hoa on Minister for Energy and for Mines Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. French Ambassador Alain Briottet on Election Commission Chairman U Ba Htay. (WPD 11/28)

Nov. 28: Austrian Commercial Counsellor Dr. Hubert H. Schwetz on Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Brig-Gen. Abel. (WPD 11/29)

Nov. 29: Soviet Ambassador Vadim I. Shabalin on Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the University Training Corps Col. Pe Thein. Vietnam Ambassador Nguyen Hoa on Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Brig-Gen. Abel. (WPD 11/30)

#### French Ambassador Arrives

Nov. 8: French Ambassador Alain Briottet presented credentials to State LORC Chairman Senior General Saw Maung. (WPD 11/9)

#### Attaches Tour Eastern Command

Nov. 8: The Dean of the Foreign Military Attaches Indian Col. C.S. Brar and 15 foreign attaches toured Taunggyi, Yawnghwe, Inlay Lake, and Pindaya on Nov. 5-7. (WPD 11/9)

#### INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

##### Fisheries Workshop Agreement

Oct. 16: An agreement on a Workshop on Fishery Industries Development was signed on World Food Day between the FAO, represented by Mr. Oscar J.S. Lazo, and the Myanma Fisheries Enterprise, represented by Managing Director U Khin Maung Htun. The FAO will provide US\$ 105,000 for the workshop, which will "initiate assistance for laying down a national fishery policy, identifying donor support from multilateral and bilateral donor agencies...for the action Programme to be implemented for the development of the fisheries industries. It will also include a programme which would benefit private fishermen and fishfarmers." (WPD 10/ 17)

##### Workshops and Courses

Nov. 2: A 3-day Workshop on Atomic Absorption/Emission Spectrophotometry, jointly sponsored by the UNDP and the Department of Medical Research, opened. (WPD 11/3)

Nov. 5: A 5-day Workshop on Continuing Education for Nurses and

Nursing-related Personnel, jointly sponsored by the UNDP, Japan International Co-operation Agency, WHO, and the Department of Health, opened at the Nurses Training Centre. (WPD 11/6)

Nov. 6: A Nov. 6-23 Training Course in Agrometeorology, jointly sponsored by the Israeli and Myanmar governments, opened at the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology, with lecturers Dr. Moshe Mandel, Director, and Dr. Alexander Manes, Deputy Director of the Israeli Meteorological Service. (WPD 11/7) // Nov. 23: The course ended. There were 30 participants and 5 observers. (WPD 11/24)

Nov. 16: A technical seminar on rice mills, jointly sponsored by the Inspection Agency Services, by Messrs. Sern Fa International Trading and Development Co Ltd,, Thailand, and Messrs. Satake Engineering Co Ltd, Japan, was held at the 100-ton rice mill, ABC Ward, Mingala Taungnyunt Twp., Yangon. Various mills were demonstrated. (WPD 11/17)

Nov. 19: A Workshop on National Execution, co-sponsored by the Foreign Economic Relations Department and UNDP, opened. (WPD 11/21)

#### Chinese Art Exhibit

Nov. 7: An exhibition of graphic paintings from Zhejiang Province opened at the National Museum, in the presence of Mr. Li Chang Lian, Manager of the Foreign Relations Department of the International Arts Exhibition Agency and Mr. Lu Wen Hu, Research Officer of the Public Arts Institute, etc. It will last until Nov. 13. (WPD 11/8)

#### Religious Donations

Nov. 7: Bangkok Container Lines Co. Ltd., represented by Mr. Porn Prasith Sinbunruang, donated vacuum cleaners to the Botahtaung and Sule Pagodas in Yangon. (WPD 11/8) // Nov. 8: It donated a vacuum cleaner to the Shwedagon Pagoda. (WPD 11/9)

Nov. 22: The Department of Religious Affairs presented the Pitaka Treatises and Buddha Images to the USSR, in the presence of U Kyaw Lwin, Director in Charge of USSR Missionary Work (Assistant Head of Department). He said that "a Theravada Buddhism study delegation was sent to the USSR last June and the present ceremony is the result of the delegation's efforts." (WPD 11/ 23)

#### Myanmar-Korea Symposium

Nov. 15: A 2-day Symposium on Economic Cooperation between Myanmar Naing-Ngan and Korea opened; one of the four activities in the implementation of the program formulated after the visit of Dr. Dalchoong Kim, Director of the Institute of East and West Studies, Yonsei University, to Yangon in August 1989. This symposium, the "third activity under this project." Research papers were presented by professors from Yonsei University and Myanmar officials, and participants came from 12 ministries. The Professors from Yonsei University also called on Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Brig-Gen. Abel. (WPD 11/16)

#### Myanmar-Laos Air Agreement

Nov. 15: A draft Air Transport Agreement was initialed on Nov. 9; Laos is the 37th country to sign an air agreement with Myanmar. Laos was represented by Mr. Theng Phoueiphanith, Director General of Civil Aviation, accompanied by Mr. Kongpheng Phenthavong, Deputy Managing Director of the National Airpor Authority, Mr. Bounsoum Somsihakhom, Chief of the Air Navigation Division, and Laos Charge d'Affaires a.i. Veng Saysana. (WPD 11/16)

#### FOREIGN VISITORS

##### Japanese Aid Delegation

Oct. 18: A delegation from the Japanese Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF) led by Deputy Director Mr. Kazushi Hashimoto called on Minister for Transport & Communications and for Social Welfare and for Labour Lt-Gen. Tin Tun to discuss Phase II of the

Myanma Railways modernization project. (WPD 10/ 19)

#### Soviet Acrobats

Oct. 31: The Soviet Acrobatic team performed again in Mandalay. (WPD 11/1) // Nov. 2: Another Mandalay performance. (WPD 11/3) // Nov. 4: An acrobatic display for schoolchildren in Yangon. (WPD 11/5) // Nov. 8: The team left. (WPD 11/9)

#### Human Rights Expert

Nov. 3: Prof. Sadako Ogata, an independent expert of the UN Commission on Human Rights, arrived. She was accompanied by Mr. Jakob Moller, senior official from the Centre for Human Rights in Geneva. (WPD 11/4)

Nov. 5: Accompanied by Mr. Moller, Prof. Ogata called on U Ohn Gyaw, Director-General of the Political Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and on Election Commission Chairman U Ba Htay. (WPD 11/6) // Nov. 6: She called on Minister for Transport & Communications and for Social Welfare and for Labour Lt-Gen. Tin Tun, on Minister for Home & Religious Affairs and for Information and for Culture Lt-Gen. Phone Myint, on Attorney-General U Tha Tun, and on Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the University Training Corps Col. Pe Thein. (WPD 11/7) // Nov. 7: She visited Dagon Myothit [new satellite town] and the Yangon City Development Committee. (WPD 11/8)

Nov. 8: She called on Religious Affairs Department Director-General U Arnt Maung. (WPD 11/9) // Nov. 9: She called on State LORC Secretary (1) Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt and on Chief Justice U Aung Toe. (WPD 11/10) // Nov. 11: She departed. (WPD 11/12)

Nov. 14: [text] "The visit of Prof Sadaka Ogata... The 46th session of the Commission on Human Rights had in its resolution passed on 15 February 1990 decided to appoint an independent expert to carry out contacts with the Myanmar government on developments relating to the human rights situation in Myanmar. After consultations with the Myanmar authorities, the Chairman...appointed Professor Sadako Ogata as an Independent Expert. This led to the visit of Professor Sadako Ogata to Myanmar from 3 to 11 November 1990.

"With the visit of Professor Ogata, Myanmar will continue to cooperate with the Commission on Human rights and its subsidiary bodies.

"Professor Sadaka Ogata's visit was not to investigate any single subject but to observe and note the developments in the related subjects in which the Commission is taking up its consideration.

"The issues discussed by the Independent Expert are:--

- A. Present functions of the State Law and Order Restoration Council (SLORC)
- B. Developments since the 27 May 1990 multi-party general elections
- C. Personal freedoms
- D. Administration of Justice
- E. Improvement of the living environment
- F. Minority rights
- G. Disruptive activities of insurgents
- H. Any other issues which government authorities may wish to raise." (WPD 11/15)

#### Thai Historical Delegation

Nov. 12: A 24-member Thai delegation for Studying Historical Monuments and Museums, headed by Gen. Pat Akkanibut arrived; it will remain until Nov. 16. It called on Gen. Than Shwe, SLORC Vice Chairman and Deputy Commander-in-Chief. (WPD 11/13) // Nov. 13: It visited the Shwedagon Pagoda, donating K 1,000, and left for Mandalay and Bagan-Nyaung-Oo. (WPD 11/14) // Nov. 15: It returned from upcountry, and called on State LORC Chairman Senior General Saw Maung. (WPD 11/16) // Nov. 16: After visiting Bago, the delegation

departed. (WPD 11/17)

#### Japanese Research Centre

Nov. 16: Mr. Tomoo Takahara, President of the Century Research Centre of Japan, currently visiting Myanmar, called on State LORC Vice-Chairman General Than Shwe, and on Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Brig-Gen. Abel. (WPD 11/ 17)

#### SEACEN Centre Meeting

Nov. 22: Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Brig-Gen. Abel hosted a dinner for the delegations from the SEACEN [South East Asian Central Banks] Centre and eight SEACEN member countries (Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Nepal, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Myanmar) attending the Annual Meeting of the SEACEN Directors of Research and Training being held at the Inya Lake Hotel Nov. 23-29. (WPD 11/23) // Nov. 23: Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Brig-Gen. Abel addressed them. (WPD 11/24)

#### Chinese Industrial Delegation

Nov. 29: A Chinese delegation headed by Deputy Minister of Machinery and Electronics Industry Mr. Tang Zhongwen arrived, and was received by Deputy Commander-in-Chief Gen. Than Shwe. (WPD 11/30)

#### MYANMAR DELEGATIONS

##### Study Delegations

Oct. 31: A 6-member art and sculpture delegation led by Principal U Maung Maung Lay of the Mandalay State School of Music and Drama left for China for a 2-week study tour. (WPD 11/1) // Nov. 14: It returned. (WPD 11/15)

Oct. 31: A delegation headed by Technical, Agricultural and Vocational Education Department Director-General Dr. Khin Maung Win left to study technical and vocational education in Malaysia and Singapore. Other members are Yangon Institute of Technology Rector U Maung Maung Than, Department technical consultant U Tint Swe, and Deputy Director U Soe Maung. (WPD 11/1)

Oct. 31: Daw Khin Nyein Nu, Head of the Agricultural Division, Myanmar Farms Enterprise, left for a 13-month course on plant protection methods in Germany. (WPD 11/1)

Nov. 3: U Khin Maung Win, Section head from No. 8 Taunggyigon Plantation, Wundwin Twp., left for Thailand to attend a six-month Group Training Course in Agricultural Extension & Communication. (WPD 11/4)

Nov. 11: U Robert Than Swe, Deputy Director of Myanmar Agricultural Service, left for Bangkok to attend a Nov. 12-15 FAO Seminar on Expert Consultation on Agro-Sericulture to Support Animal Production. (WPD 11/ 12)

Nov. 20: U Hla Myint, Assistant Director of the Myanmar Agricultural Service, left for Germany to attend the Nov. 16-Dec. 14 training course on Farming Systems Development, under a German grant. (WPD 11/21)

Nov. 25: U Thein Tun, General Manager of Myanmar Agricultural Produce Trading, and U Tun Hla, Assistant Director of Myanmar Farms Enterprise, left to attend a Nov. 26-Dec. 16 International Workshop and Conference on Food Problems in Developing Nations; Production, Stabilization, Nutrition and Storage in Israel. (WPD 11/26)

Nov. 26: Programmer Daw Win May Thaug of the Institute of Computer Science and Technology left to attend a Nov. 26-Dec. 14 Training of Trainers Course on Electronic Data Processing in New Delhi, sponsored by the Indian Central Statistical Organization and the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and Pacific. (WPD 11/27)

Nov. 26: U Aung Kyi, Deputy General Manager of Myanmar Port Authority, left to attend a Nov. 28-30 seminar on shipping policy in Bangkok. (WPD 11/27)

Nov. 29: Chief Instructor U Soe Naing and Instructor U Than Win

from the Hotel and Tourism Training Centre left to attend Training Methodology I Course being held Dec. 3-21 in New Delhi, co-sponsored by UNDP and the World Tourism Organization. (WPD 11/30)

#### Delegations to Meetings

Nov. 19: A 5-member delegation left to attend the 33rd Colombo Plan Consultative Committee Official Meeting in Bangkok. The delegation is headed by Dr. Myint Thein, Director-General of the Planning and Statistics Department of the Ministry of Agriculture & Forests, and includes Daw Yi Yi Thwe, Deputy Director-General of the Planning Department, Ministry of Planning & Finance; U Tin Htut Oo, Assistant Director of the Agriculture Ministry Planning Department; U Soe Myint, Assistant General Manager of Myanma Fisheries Enterprise; and U Maung Maung Khin, Foreign Economic Relations Department Staff Officer. (WPD 11/20) // Nov. 24: Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries and for Agriculture & Forests Lt-Gen. Chit Swe left for Bangkok to attend the Nov. 22-28 Ministerial-level meeting. (WPD 11/25) // Nov. 29: The Minister participated in discussions on rural natural resources development. The 34th Consultative meeting will be in 1992 in Yangon. (WPD 11/ 30)

Nov. 25: U Myo Lwin, General Manager of Myanma Hotels and Tourism Service, left to study tourism in France from Nov. 26-Dec. 8, and to attend the Tourist Trade and Public Fair Tour '90 in Amsterdam from Dec. 11-26. (WPD 11/26)

#### Delegations Return

Nov. 1: Foreign Ministry Political Department Director General U Ohn Gyaw returned from New York, where he had headed the Myanmar UNGA delegation. (WPD 11/2)

Nov. 24: The Myanmar Red Cross delegation returned from the Asia/ Pacific Resource Persons Workshop in Cox Bazaar, Bangladesh. Red Cross Deputy Executive Secretary U kyaw Soe also returned from the Disaster Management Course in Bangkok. (WPD 11/25)

#### Delegation to Tokyo Coronation

Nov. 8: A delegation headed by Attorney-General U Tha Tun left for Tokyo to attend the coronation of Emperor Akihito, Nov. 11-14. Members are the Attorney-General's wife, Daw Hteik Tin Nyunt, Director-General of the Foreign Ministry Protocol Department Col. Thura Aung Htet, and Assistant Director U Thet Bo. (WPD 11/9) // Nov. 19: The delegation returned. (WPD 11/20)

#### MYANMAR GAZETTE

##### Probationary Appointments

The SLORC made the following appointments, on probation:  
U San Thein, Deputy Director-General, to be Director-General, People's Police Force. (WPD 11/1)

#### GOVERNMENT

##### Sangha Organization Law [text]

Oct. 31: State LORC Law No. 20/90 of Oct. 31,  
Chapter I - Title and Definition

1. This law shall be called the Law Relating to the Sangha Organization.

2. The following expression contained in this law shall have the meanings given hereunder:-

(a) "Sangha" means all monks who have attained the noble monkhood by the Natticatutthaupasampada Kammavaca and who have the same religious vows and precepts;

(b) "Basic Regulation" means the Union of Myanmar Sangha Organization Basic Regulation approved and prescribed by the Congregation of the Sangha of All Orders for purification, perpetuation and propagation of the Sasana;

(c) "Sangha Organization" means the different levels of Sangha



Organization formed in accordance with the Basic Regulation.

(d) "Theravada" means the Pitaka such as Pali, Atthakatha and Tika which have been submitted to and reviewed by the Six Buddhist Councils commencing from the First Buddhist Council to the Sixth Buddhist Council.

#### Chapter II - Stipulations

3. There shall be only one Sangha Organization in the Union of Myanmar, comprising all Orders of the Sangha prescribed under the Basic Regulations.

4. All Sanghas from the respective Theravada Sangha Sects in the Union of Myanmar are members of the Union of Myanmar Sangha Organization.

5. The following nine Sects of Sangha approved by the Basic Regulation within the Sangha Organization have the right to abide by the code of discipline of their respective Sects:-

- (a) Sudhamma Sect;
- (b) Shwekyin Sect;
- (c) Dhammanudhamma Mahadvara Nikaya Sect;
- (d) Dhammavinayanuloma Muladvara Nikaya Sect;
- (e) Ah-nauk-Chaung Dvara Sect;
- (f) Veluvana Nikaya Sect;
- (g) Catubhummika Mahasatipatthana Nget-twin Sect;
- (h) Ganavimut Kudo Sect;
- (i) Dhammayutti Nikaya Ma-har-yin Sect.

6. The Sangha Pavarana Sects existing in the respective localities are included in the Sangha Sects contained in Section 5.

7. The Sangha Sects contained in Section 5 have the right to amalgamate with agreed Sects.

#### Chapter III - Prohibitions

8. No new Sects other than the Sangha Sects mentioned in section 5 shall be formed separately.

9. No Sangha Organization which is not subject to the supervision of the respective Sangha Nayaka Committee, other than such organization under the supervision of the respective Sangha Nayaka Committee as Ovadacariya Sangha Organizations, Nayaka Sangha Organizations of Buddhist Association, Sangha Organizations convening the Theravada Pariyatti Oral or Written Examinations shall be formed.

10. No one shall organize, agitate, deliver speeches or distribute writings in order to disintegrate the Sangha Organizations at different levels.

11. When any monk or novice is admonished by the Sangha Organization at different levels in accordance with the Basic Regulation of Sangha Organization or the Procedures, such monk or novice shall abide by such admonition.

#### Chapter IV - Penalties

12. Any monk or novice who violates the provision of section 8 or section 9 shall, on conviction, be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend from a minimum of 6 months to a maximum of 3 years.

13. Whoever violates the provision of section 10 shall, on conviction, be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend from a minimum of 6 months to a maximum of 3 years.

14. Any monk or novice who violates the provision of section 11 shall, on conviction, be punished with imprisonment for a term of 6 months.

#### Chapter V - Miscellaneous

15. On being informed by any Sangha Organization or any State Organization that it is necessary to institute legal proceedings under section 12 or section 13 of this Law, the Ministry of Home and Religious Affairs shall institute legal proceedings.

16. On being informed by any Sangha Organization or any State Organization that it is necessary to institute legal proceedings under section 14 of this Law, the Director General of the Department of Religious Affairs or any person delegated by the Director General for this purpose shall make a direct complaint to the relevant court.

17. No suit, prosecution or other legal proceedings shall lie

against any public servant in respect of anything which is in good faith done under this Law.

18. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Law, the Ministry of Home and Religious Affairs may, in consultation with the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee issue orders and directives as may be necessary.

(Sd.) Saw Maung

Senior General, Chairman, The State Law and Order Restoration Council (WPD 11/1)

Nov. 16: A Central Committee for Ensuring Purification, Perpetuation and Propagation of Sasana has been established under the Chairmanship of the Minister for Home & Religious Affairs. The Yangon Division committee is headed by Gen. Myo Nyunt, who said: "Vinaya disciplinary rules are life-blood of Buddhism for only when vinaya rules can be enforced will the perpetuation of Sasana be ensured. Action is to be taken against imposters and bogus monks. And the spiritual authority is to be supported by secular authority." (WPD 11/17)

#### Child Welfare Law

Nov. 9: State LORC Law No. 21/90 of Nov. 9, the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Law, establishes a Central Maternal and Child Welfare Association, and similar Township and branch associations, to disseminate basic education in maternal and child health, provide aid and assistance to the public, and coordinate such activities [full text published in WPD]. The Law establishes a 39-member Central Council, mostly appointed by the government but with 2 representatives each from the Myanmar Medical Association, Myanmar Red Cross, and Myanmar Nurses Association, and provides for township and branch organizations. Members of religious orders are excluded from membership, and officers at all levels "shall be free from party politics and shall also be citizens." In addition, "no association using the name of such associations or a similar name shall be formed." (WPD 11/10)

#### National Day Message [text]

Nov. 11: State LORC Chairman Senior General Saw Maung issued the following message on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of National Day [text]:

To the people of all the national races.

Today is the 70th Anniversary of the National Day. I send my greetings to you with this message on this occasion as the essence of the National Day today, according to the prevailing situation of the State, is deep and significant.

The students of the Yangon College launched the Boycott movement at the Shwedagon Pagoda on 5 December 1920 (The 10th Waning of Tazaungmon, 1283 ME) in protest against the Yangon University Act. The students' Boycott was not only an attack on the colonial education system but also a protest against the political restrictions, the economic exploitation and the one-sided oppression under the bureaucratic administrative machinery of the colonialists which they could not endure any more. The Boycott movement was the first open and practical political struggle launched against the British colonialists and imperialists by the Myanmar people. Therefore, the National Day represents and signifies a struggle of great tradition among all the great anti-imperialist struggles.

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

and administratively oppressed and tortured them.

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

Today, the imperialists, taking advantage of the difficulties and hardships of Myanmar Naing-Ngan, are striving by violent means to re-establish their domination and rule of Myanmar Naing-Ngan under the new form of colonialism. They are especially striving, using various means and making use of "axe-handles" within the country to cause disintegration of the solidarity of all the national races, to sow discord and disunity within the Tatmadaw and to bring about the disintegration of the State. Therefore, keeping the deep and true meaning and essence of the National Day in their memory fresh, the people of all the national races must resist and repulse, with a sense of patriotism, the dangers posed by the imperialists. I urge the people of all the national races to hold in high esteem "Our Three Main Causes" -- non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty -- and defend and protect the nation, under the leadership of the State Law and Order Restoration Council from the dangers posed by the imperialists.

(WPD 11/11)

#### Industrial Enterprise Law

Nov. 26: SLORC Law No. 22/90 of Nov. 26, the Private Industrial Enterprise Law [full text published], regulates private industry. Provision is made for registration of such enterprises, and supervision by appointed Supervisory bodies. Enterprises must maintain records and accounts, etc. They may call on the Government for: land, water, power, communication and transport; exemption from taxes; local and foreign raw materials, machinery, and spare parts; local and foreign technical know-how. The Director General of the Private Industrial Enterprises Co-ordination Body shall provide for these, and for loans for fixed capital and working capital; acquisition of local and foreign markets; acquisition of industrial land sites. (WPD 11/27-28)

#### MILITARY

##### Insurgent Attacks

Nov. 1: On Oct. 27 6 KNU insurgents entered Ywagyi-In village, Kyaukkyi Twp. [Bago], and "shot and hacked with dahs" one Ko Ohn Sint. (WPD 11/2)

Nov. 7: KIA insurgents on Nov. 4 fired on a passenger jeep heading for Myitkyina, killing one passenger and wounding two. (WPD 11/8)

Nov. 9: 5 KNU insurgents on Nov. 5 abducted and beheaded a 60-year old farmer from Upper Mezaung village, Shwekyin Twp. [Bago]. (WPD 11/10)

Nov. 17: 30 KNU and ABSDF insurgents on Nov. 13 fired on a bus between Yebyu and Dawei, killing a monk and a layman and wounding 7 others. (WPD 11/18)

Nov. 28: Eight persons were wounded by a bomb exploded near the Myawady checkpoint. (WPD 11/29)

#### ECONOMIC

## Economic Articles

Oct. 17: To ensure secure and smooth transportation, by Min Kyaw Min. [Cont. (9) "Taxi Service at Reasonable Rates."]

Oct. 19: Extending irrigation networks for greater food production, by Maung Yin Swe. [Brief survey of irrigation projects.]

Nov. 1: The economy of Meiktila, by Ye Myint Pe. [Cont. (2) Survey of township.]

Nov. 3-6,27: SLORC's economic endeavours paving the way with flowers, by Duwun Kyai. [Cont. Foreign Investments (49-50) List of "30 enterprises allocated to foreign investors by the Union of Myanmar Foreign Investments Commission:

1. Gold Star Ltd. (Chi Chi Trdg Co Ltd and Transi Kwan Singapore (Pte) Ltd)--Joint Venture Limited Company (JVL); Production and marketing (P&M) of animal feed.

2. Myanmar-N Woodwork Co Ltd (Myanmar Metal Products Industries and N Woodwork & Construction Pte Ltd, Singapore)--JVL; P&M of wooden door-leaves.

3. Myanma Oil and Natural Gas Enterprise (MONGE) and U Kong Ltd (ROK) Production Sharing Contract (PSC) for Field No. Gange; Exploration and production of oil land (oil).

4. MONGE and Edimitsu Myanmar Oil Exploration Co Ltd Japan, PSC for Field No. Gagyi; oil.

5. MONGE and Myanmar-Shell Exploration BV (Netherlands) PSC, [no field specified]; oil.

6. MONGE and Petrocanada (Myanmar) Inc (Canada) PSC for Field No. Nga; oil.

7. MONGE and Amoco Myanmar Petroleum Co (USA) PSC for Field No. Kha; oil.

8. MONGE and Unocal Myanmar Ltd (USA) PSC for Field No. Sa; oil.

9. MONGE and Kranie Exploration Myanmar Ltd (UK) PSC for Field No. Zamyinswe; oil.

10. MONGE and BHP Myanmar Petroleum Inc (Australia) PSC for Field No. Zagwe; oil.

11. MONGE and Catlan Resources (Myanmar) Ltd (UK) PSC for Field No. Nya; oil.

12. Yangon Garment Co Ltd (Myanma Textile Enterprise and Belyu Industries Co Ltd (HK))--JVL; P&M of ready-made dresses. (WPD 11/3)

13. No. 2 Mining Enterprise and Open Sea Mineral Exploration and Extraction (Myanmar) Co Ltd (Thailand) PSC; offshore tin exploration and extraction.

14. Myanma Ace Metals Enterprise Co Ltd (Myanmar Metal Works and Ace Pressureweld International (Pte) Ltd (Singapore))--JVC; P&M steel and steel products, iron constructions, and dismantling ships.

15. The Golden Triangle Resort Hotel Betabat International Co Ltd (Thailand)--100% foreign investment; Hotels and recreation services.

16. Daewoo Electronic Myanmar Co Ltd (Myanma Heavy Industries Enterprise and Daiwoo Group (ROK))--JVC; P&M of household electric and electronic appliances.

17. Myanma Segal International Ltd (Union of Myanma Economic Holdings Ltd and Segal Corporation (ROK))--JVC; P&M of ready-made garments.

18. Thahtay Gyun Resort Hotel (Union Palm Engineer Co Ltd (Thailand))--100% foreign investment; Hotels and recreation services.

19. No. 2 Mining Industry and Soonthal Construction & Trading (Myanmar) Ltd (Thailand)--PSC for Field No. 7; offshore tin exploration and extracting.

20. Myanmar Indies Corporation Ltd (Myanmar Textiles Industries and Indies Enterprise (HK) Ltd)--JVC; P&M of T-shirts and denims.

21. MONGE and Premier Petroleum Myanmar Ltd (UK)--PSC for Field No. Dayingauk-13; oil.

22. MONGE and Premier Petroleum Myanmar Ltd (UK)--PSC for Field No. Dayingauk-14; oil.

23. Myanma Hotels International Co Ltd (Myanma Hotels & Tourism Enterprise and Strand Hotels International Ltd)--JVC; Hotel business.

24. No. 2 Mining Enterprise and Open Sea Minerals Exploration & Extraction (Myanma) Co Ltd (Thailand) AAPSC in Field No. 10; offshore tin exploration and extraction.

25. Myanma Swonsan No. 1 Co Ltd (Myanma Foodstuff Industries and Swonsan Group International Company Ltd (Thailand))--JVC; P&M of sugar and beer and land development for cultivation of industrial crops.

26. Myanma Swonsan No. 2 Co Ltd (Myanma Foodstuffs Industries and Swonsan Group International Company Ltd (Thailand))--JVC; Beer brewing and marketing.

27. Myanma-Bangladesh Marine Industries Ltd (Myanma Marine Industry Enterprise and Cox Bazaar Seafood (Bangladesh))--JVC; Deep-sea fishing, processing and marketing.

28. Myanma-America Marine Industries Co Ltd (Myanma Marine Industry Enterprise and N Marshal & Associates (USA))--JVC; Deep-sea fishing, processing and marketing.

29. Myanma Motors Ltd--JVC; Repair and refitting of used motor vehicles, repair maintenance and overhaul of motor vehicles.

30. Myanmar MCG Corporation--100% foreign investment; Construction of one 4-star international Hotel and leasing of hotels to MM3 Corporation.

[Of these, three are fully foreign owned, and one (Gold Star) is a joint venture between a foreign private business and a Myanmar private business. (WPD 11/4) (51) Gold Star's plans.

[(52-53) Import/Export Trading. Relevant regulations quoted. Plans of Ayewarwady Trading Enterprise Ltd.]

Nov. 7,21: SLORC's construction activities paving the way with flowers, by Kyattika Kyai. [Cont. (10) "Turning Kandawgyi and its environs green and pleasant." (11) "Myainghaywun Garden."]

Nov. 18-20: Business beneficial to the State and private individuals, by Hla Thein Sein. [(1-3) Profits private individuals have earned selling gems through the Gem Emporium; regulations for private gem miners.]

Nov. 22,28: A Township called Tonzang, by R Satu. [(1) Visiting a Chin township. (2) "Facts about Tonzang Township"]

#### Courses

Nov. 12: Workshop on Trade Matters for Private Entrepreneurs No. 9/90 opened with 92 participants, and will last one month. (WPD 11/13)

#### Imports

Nov. 1: The MV Pinya arrived from the Far East with 6,326 tons of goods, including: 206 tons from Hong Kong; 10 cars, 144 vehicles, and 3,573 tons of merchandise from Japan; and 2 containers for the Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise from Singapore. (WPD 11/2)

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#### Barge Contract

Nov. 6: A contract was signed between Myanma Shipyards and Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise for building a methanol barge of 500 ton capacity. This is the second such barge; the first was built in

1989. (WPD 11/7)

#### Gems Inspected

Nov. 7: State LORC Chairman Senior General Saw Maung inspected gems from the "Namsa New Ruby Tract" in northern Shweli, adjoining the Nawayat Tract, the Nawayat Stone Tract (Pyinlon), and the Mogok Myanma mining camps. The new tract is 10 miles north of the Nawayat Stone Tract. The Tatmadaw recently took "a foothold in the Namsa area after about 30 engagements with the insurgents." Review of major gems found in various tracts. [map and photos] (WPD 11/8)

Nov. 28: State LORC Chairman Senior General Saw Maung inspected more gems from Myanma Gems Enterprise and joint-venture private sites. [photos] (WPD 11/29)

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Nov. 9: Highest Prices of commodities sold by registered exporters from Apr. 1-Sept. 30, 1990 (FOB, per Metric Ton, in US\$):

Sesame seed (White) \$ 640

Sesame seed

(Red/Brown/Black/Yellowish) 625

Burmese Arabica coffee beans 1300

Tumeric 300

Corriander [sic] seed 300

Yellow Maize 95

Matpe (Special Quality-SQ) 470

Matpe (First Quality-FQ) 300

Matpe (Fair Aver. Qual.-FAQ) 295

Pedisein (FAQ) 320

Pedisein (Big size) 310

White Pelum-Black eyes beanFAQ 350

Butter bean (FAQ) 450

Toorwhole (FAQ) 350

Gramwhole (FAQ) 345

Peyin Beans (FAQ) 290

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Live Crab (Male) (p/ton) 1240

Live Crab (Female) (ton) 1840

Lobster (ton) 11800

Top shell (ton) 4600

Trochus shell (ton) 5000

Jelly Fish (ton) 1200

Sea Water (Pomfret) (ton) 1710

Sea & fresh water Hilsa (ton) 1000

Fresh water fish (Carp) (ton) 750

Threadfin & Sea Eel (ton) 39000

Dried Black Sea Cucumber (t.) 8100

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Tin Concentrate (ton) 4207

Cane/Rattan (Metric ton) 680

Cane/Rattan (pole) 1.55

|                                                   |            |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Cane/Rattan (sun dried) (mt)                      | 450        |
| Cane/Rattan (sun-dried) (pole)                    | .90        |
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| Live Rhesus Money (each)                          | 225        |
| Live Parakeet (each)                              | 4          |
| Live Mynah (each)                                 | 15         |
| Live baby Elephant (each)                         | 1700       |
| ---                                               |            |
| Cutch (per 50K box)                               | 48         |
| Cassia (whole) (metric ton)                       | 1070       |
| Gurjan log (8'+) (Hoppus ton)                     | 172.50     |
| Gurjan log (7'-7'11") (HT)                        | 168.50     |
| Gurjan log (6'-6'11") (HT)                        | 163.50     |
| Gurjan log (5'-5'11") (HT)                        | 158.50     |
| Kanyin scantling (HT)                             | 260        |
| Tongue & groove Padauk (2 q.)                     | 800        |
| Padauk burl (ton)                                 | 6000       |
| Padauk log (2nd grade) (HT)                       | 1056       |
| Padauk log (3rd grade) (HT)                       | 850        |
| Padauk log (4th grade) (HT)                       | 775        |
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| Padauk log (assorted) (HT)                        | 550        |
| Padauk scantling (HT)                             | 690        |
| Padauk (red) flooring) (HT)                       | 530        |
| Padauk parquet (HT)                               | 525        |
| Lam parquet, t. & gr. (HT)                        | 620        |
| Pyingadoe (rejection) (HT)                        | 225        |
| Pyingadoe conversion (HT)                         | 500        |
| Tamalan log (HT)                                  | 500        |
| Tamalan log (rejection) (HT)                      | 300        |
| Tamalan log (assorted) (HT)                       | 340        |
| Taukkyan log (HT)                                 | 240        |
| Hnaw conversion (HT)                              | 400        |
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| Split Bamboo (50 pieces)                          | 9          |
| Bamboo mat (45"x55") (3 p.)                       | 1.50       |
| Panel Solid Teak Doors (each)                     | 110        |
| Vedic Tape (each)                                 | 35         |
| Vedic Tape (The Land of Pagodas<br>Master) (each) | 4000       |
| Bamboo fishing poles (12'-24')<br>(each)          | .75 - 1.13 |
| Wooden Boat (40')                                 | 8200       |
| (WPD 11/9)                                        |            |

#### Joint Ventures

Nov. 9: An agreement was signed between No. 3 Mining Enterprise, represented by Managing Director U Myint Thein, and Burapa Coal Co. Ltd. of Thailand, represented by Chairman Mr. Sue Seng Chi. The companies will "jointly mine coal from Mawtaung area near the Thai-Myanmar border and sell it to Thailand." (WPD 11/10)

#### Import Licence Fees Eased

Nov. 13: Ministry of Trade Order No. 1/90 of Nov. 13, exempts foreign investors from import license fees on machinery and equipment used in construction projects using foreign capital; raw materials of exports and export packing materials for a period of three years after construction finished. State enterprises and departments are exempted from such fees on goods imported for their own use, or capital goods under the annual Investment Programme; goods imported for "general trading" are not included. [full text published] (WPD 11/15)

#### Water Supply Discussed

Nov. 23: Yangon City Development Committee Chairman Yangon Mayor U Ko Lay and British Consultant Engineer Christopher D. Walter

from Binnie and Partners discussed Yangon water distribution. Binnie and Partners was established in 1890, and it Yangon's Gyobu Reservoir in 1937-40. Now "there is need to replace the outdated water supply system with a new and modern one." Rare documents and photographs were presented to the YCDC. (WPD 11/24)

#### 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     |
|-------------|--------|--------|--------|
| November 1  | 116.54 | 107.80 | 121.46 |
| November 15 | 118.35 | 109.92 | 122.84 |
| November 30 | 118.35 | 109.92 | 122.84 |

#### HEALTH

##### Treatment for Drug Recidivists

Nov. 1: In the past, those who go back to drugs after completing the "agricultural and livestock breeding training course" may be treated as criminal. The Central Committee has now decided that "cured drug addicts who re-used narcotic drugs after completing the...course will be given medical treatment if they come and ask for receiving treatment on their own wishes." Otherwise, action will be taken against them under the 1974 Narcotics Drug Law. (WPD 11/2)

##### Preventive Drug Education

Nov. 18: An Evaluation and Monitoring Workshop on Preventive Drug Education opened, with talks by Dr. Alan Haworth and Dr. Doris Buddenberg of UNFDAC and Myanmar officials. (WPD 11/19) // Nov. 19: The UNFDAC representatives met with PPF Director-General U San Thein. (WPD 11/20)

##### Illicit Prescription Drugs

Nov. 20: Editorial, Dangers of self-treatment [excerpt]: "We do wish to emphasize the dangers inherent in such easy access to potent medicines provided by such operators to the public. A lot of the medicines so freely being sold are actually 'prescription medicines' which are not supposed to be sold without a qualified practitioner's written prescription.... And appallingly, in many cases, they are being sold on the mere say-so of the seller who can by no means be considered qualified in any way, either to diagnose [sic] or prescribe.... It is time that some kind of regulatory measures be taken.... All shops selling internationally or nationally recognized 'prescription medicines' ought to be registered and made accountable for sales made only on the basis of genuine prescriptions given by qualified practitioners. Such a measure would help to regulate and at the same time retain the easy convenience in service which these small shops are making available to the general public." (WPD 11/20)

Nov. 28: The Ministry of Health issued an order "concerning the controlling of foodstuff and medicines" on Nov. 8, 1990. The full text will appear later. (WPD 11/29)

##### Surgeons' Conference

Nov. 20: The Eighth Surgeons Conference of Myanmar Naing-Ngan Medical Association, which opened Nov. 15, closed on Nov. 19. Elected to the Surgeons Committee were Prof. U Aung Kyaw as Chairman and Dr. Khin Maung Aye as Secretary. 20 papers were read. (WPD 11/21)

##### Traditional Medicine Seminar

Nov. 27: A Seminar on Specialties of Myanmar Traditional Medicine, jointly sponsored by UNDP, WHO, and the Department of Traditional Medicine, opened at the Nurses Training Centre. The seminar, with 75 participants, will last until Nov. 29. (WPD 11/28)

#### SPORTS



#### Soviet Shooting Coach

Nov. 6: Mr. Marat Niazov, a Soviet shooting coach, arrived to train the Myanmar Shooting Federation for one month. (WPD 11/7)

#### Traditional Sports

Nov. 9: A meeting was held to organize the second 1990 SLORC Chairman's Bowl traditional boat-race. The aim is "to revive a Myanmar traditional sport of rowing which has gone out of practice,...to demonstrate the characteristics of unity, ...[and] to better strengthen a Myanmar traditional custom...on a grand scale." Inter-Ministry and State/Division events will be held. (WPD 11/10) [Further meetings held during the month.]

Nov. 29: A song on the Boat race composed by Gitalulin Maung Ko was recorded by Vocalist May Sweet. A movie on "Myanmar traditional boat race" will be shown at Yangon cinemas beginning Nov. 30. (WPD 11/30)

#### Myanmar Wins Marathon Gold

Nov. 25: Four Myanmar athletes won gold medals in the Invitational Marathon in Bangkok. In the Men's event, Augustin won with 2:11.7; Myint Kan came in 5th with 2:29.41. In the Women's event, Victoria won with 2:55.15. In the Women's under 15 mini-marathon, Ma Kathy Cho won with 1:00.26. In the Men's over-40 event, Mya Thwe won with 2:41.39. (WPD 11/26) // Nov. 27: The team returned home. 2,600 runners from 22 countries took part in the events. (WPD 11/28)

#### CULTURAL

##### Literary Articles

Nov. 4,11,18,25: Myanmar Proverbs, by Dr. U Hla Pe. [Cont. (81-84)]

Nov. 4,11,18,25: Short Stories. [(1) "Feeling young" by Pe Than. (1-2) "The situation's good, Saya" by Htin Lin. (3) "A doggy story" by Pe Than. (3-4) "The Diamonds" by Htin Lin.]

Nov. 4,11,18,25: Poems on ancient Bagan, by Zawgyi, in Myanmar and English. [Cont. (16 2 pts) "Alaungpaya's repentance." (16 [sic] 2 pts) "The sound of prayer from Shwegugyi."]

Nov. 4,11,18,25: 20th Century Myanmar Poets & Poems, by Htila Sitthu. [Cont. (54-55) Budalin Chit Lay: Thanat-khar ta-gwet shunt ta-zet. (56) Poet Budalin Chit Lay: His motivation & direction. (57) Poet Budalin Chit Lay: Ten selected poems.]

Nov. 4,11,18,25: Foundations of Myanmar Culture. Myanmar Literature & the ten major Jatakas, by Hnaphet Hla. [Cont. The Temiya Jataka or Ten Major Jatakas. (16-19)]

Nov. 11: Poem, by Gon Win. "Gift of the month of March." (English and Burmese)

##### Historical & Cultural Articles

Nov. 1: King Ajatasattu's taking of refuge in the Triple Gem, by Tint Lwin. ["Special article for Fullmoon of Tazaungmon." Meaning of the Triple Gem.]

##### Sarpay Beikman Awards

Oct. 18: The awards in the 1989 Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Competition are:

Novels: (1) Naw Yin Hmwe by Mya Thandar; (2) Ywet Nu Wai Phyar Than Yaw Zin Kabar by Chit Ko Ko Yu; (3) Naga Myay Hma Yadanar Myar by Naga Tin Oo.

Collected Short Stories: (2) [sic-1st prize presumably not awarded] Kyu Yadanar Wuthtudo Myar by Kyu Yadanar Maung Mya Kyaing; (3) Myitta Hnaung-gyo and other stories by Khaing Lwan Wai.

Belles Lettres: (1) Pontaung Ponnya Khayeethe by Tin Myint; (2) Tawpan Tayon Thu Gon Hnint Hla Zay Daw by Than Aung (Anyamyay); (3) Thwaychindoh Htar-nay Kachin Myay by Hinthia.

Children's Literature: (1) Kyaylet Detha Hma Khalaymyar by

Kanbalu Khin Maung Swe; (2) Satsuma Hnint Thabawa Yadanar Myar by Maung Kyi Thant.

Youth Literature: (2) Shinma Taungchay Hmar Maung Sint Nay Thi by Maung Myo Sint (Myanmar-sar);

Myanma Culture and Art: (1) Pantra Gita Lan Hnyun by Thanlyin Mya Oo; (2) Zat Sayagyi U Kyin Oo Hnint Thu Ei Pyazat Myar by Thaung Shwe Nyo; (3) Kaukthin Sar by Kyu Yadanar Maung Mya Kyaing.

General Knowledge (Arts): (1) Wunhtan Hsee Kan by U Tin Maung; (2) Kanan Ahla by Maung Kyaw Shin.

General Knowledge (Science and Applied Science): (1) Thanday Thar by Dr. Myint Than; (2) Sabar Hnint Achar Kaukpe Thee Hnan Myar Go Amyit Aywet Do Hma Sike Pyo Nee by Dr. Maung Thinn; (3) Kyotin Karkwe Adika Kutha Pyusu Sauntshauk Kya by Maung Maung.

Plays: (2) Myanma Bagan Kyun Makhan By Bo Kyaw San.

Political Literature: (2) Myanma Naing-Ngan Yay Khit Apyaung Alai Hnint Pyidwin Kontin Koncha Alokthamar Bawa by Thakin Khin Zaw.

First prize is K7,000; second is K6,000; third is K5,000.

Prizes will be awarded Nov. 17. (WPD 10/19)

#### National Literary Awards

Oct. 31: Continued interviews with winners of the 1989 National Literary Awards.

Belle Lettres winner Ledwintha Saw Chit (U Tin Hlaing) won prizes in 1977, 1978, and 1980. He said he wrote to demonstrate that "parents were to prove themselves to be good parents if they were desirous of good children." He was born in 1941, graduated from Mandalay University, first published in 1960, and is an officer with the General Administration Department.

Youth's literature winner Saya Su Kyi Myo (U Myo Tint) said parents are responsible for preventing youths from becoming wayward. He has won prizes in 1976, 1982, and 1986. Born in Thaphankan village, Pyawbwe Twp., in 1340 ME, he "loves the countryside and rural areas," and is a surveyor of the Meiktila Township Survey Department. (WPD 11/2)

Nov. 17: The National Literary Awards and Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Awards for 1989 were presented to the previously announced winners. The "nine principles" followed in making awards are:

1. To bring about development of Myanmar literature;
2. To promote Myanmar traditional culture;
3. To strengthen patriotism and love for one's own country;
4. To ensure solidarity of all the national races;
5. To get the people to have correct outlooks and to develop their intellect;
6. To develop correct knowledge;
7. To be conducive to training of character and to contribute towards promoting moral integrity;
8. To contribute towards ensuring perpetuity of the State, development of the nation and peace and tranquillity of the country; and
9. To get writers [to] strive their utmost to produce works of literary qualities and merits and aesthetic values. (WPD 11/18)

#### SLORC Religious Activities

Throughout November, there continued numerous articles reporting donations by SLORC and military personnel to pagodas, etc. Extensive coverage was given to Buddhist religious ceremonies, processions, etc. The texts or summaries of many discourses by eminent Sayadaws, often in response to "supplications" by authorities, were printed.

Thus, on Nov. 13, Sayadaw Bhaddanta Candima told Gen. Saw Maung in Meiktila that "The successful propagation of the Sasana can exist like this due to having subdued the Adhammavadas and impostor or bogus monks who should be subdued or degraded." (WPD 11/15)

#### Maha Wizaya Reliquary

Nov. 1: On the occasion of the Fullmoon of Tazaungmon, the

ceremony for opening the Gandakuti Reliquary of the Maha Wizaya Zedi in Yangon was held with the pouring of libation water. This pagoda "is constructed in commemoration of the purification, perpetuation and propagation of the Sasana and of marking the unity of Sangha of all orders," and cost K 34.7 million. The relics were donated by the King and Queen of Nepal. The ceremonies were presided over by the Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee and other ranking Sayadaws, and by Construction Committee Chairman Maj-Gen. Myo Nyunt. [Note: This pagoda, under construction just south of the Shwedagon Pagoda since 1980, has long been popularly associated with U Ne Win--HCMacD.] (WPD 11/2)

#### Puppet Video

Nov. 2: The Inspection and Agency Services and Nan Aung Trading have produced a video show on 13 kinds of traditional Myanmar puppet [marionette] dances. It will be distributed in Myanmar and abroad from Dec. 7. (WPD 11/3)

#### Monks Disrobed

Nov. 5: Mayangonn Twp. [Yangon] SLORC members on Oct. 30 found "a monk in a compromising position with a prostitute." U Vilasa, Sasana membership No. 000355-12-Ma Ya Ka (Tha), aged 40, had his lay disciple bring a prostitute from South Okkalapa to the Nan-U Monastery. He was booked for prostitution and "disrobed before the Township Sangha Nayaka Committee members the next day, it is learnt." (WPD 11/6)

Nov. 6: Police on Oct. 23 found a monk unconscious near the University Boat Club, after he had gotten himself injected with a narcotic drug. Action is being taken. He was disrobed the same day by Sayadaw U Sopita from Aungbawdi Monastery. (WPD 11/7)

Nov. 7: Bahann Twp. [Yangon] police on Nov. 2 raided Shwebontha Pariyatti Kyaung, Theingon Kyaungtaik, and found a woman and political items in the bedroom of a monk, U Kethara, Sasana Registration Card No. 12/Ta Ma Na (Tha)/000461. The woman, aged 17, "is the niece of the monk, and her husband is an acquaintance.... She claimed that U Kethara had raped her twice." He was arrested and disrobed for committing criminal offences. (WPD 11/8)

Nov. 8: Two monks "who were drunk and got rowdy" at the Tanyin [Syriam] Kyaikkhauk Pagoda festival on Nov. 4 were disrobed by the Village Sangha committee Sayadaws and handed over to the authorities. (WPD 11/9)

Nov. 12: Two intoxicated and rowdy monks, who assaulted a member of the Sangha in Yangon on Nov. 8, were disrobed. (WPD 11/13)

Nov. 13: A monk, aged 57, from Paijo Karyon Kyaungtaik in Dagon Myothit (South) was disrobed for living together with a woman as man and wife and for earning money by engaging in worldly practises. (WPD 11/15)

Nov. 15: A monk from Khamauk Taung village monastery in Kawlin Twp. [Sagaing] was disrobed on Oct. 22 for drug trafficking, after being found with 0.014 gram of heroin. (WPD 11/16)

Nov. 16: A monk from Shin Ottamasara Kyaungtaik, Sangyaung Twp., Yangon, who "participated in the activities of unauthorized Sangha organizations as well as in the demonstration held at the Shwedagon Pagoda on 3 October," disrobed himself "with the aim of absconding" but was arrested with "agitative" and "Che-hti gambling" documents. (WPD 11/17)

Nov. 17: A monk in Monywa stole a car on Nov. 12 and was caught the next day. (WPD 11/18)

Nov. 18: A Mandalay monk who "lived with a woman as man and wife and seduced another" has been disrobed following his arrest for using obscene gestures and language against a sunbathing girl Nov. 13. (WPD 11/19)

Nov. 19: A Mandalay monk was disrobed Nov. 14 for "having consummation with a woman" on Nov. 1 at his monastery. (WPD 11/20)

Nov. 20: A monk in Yangon was disrobed for getting drunk. Action was also taken against an imposter monk begging cash on Nov.

18, and a bogus novice who stole a radio while begging for alms. (WPD 11/21)

Nov. 21: Five Sangha members were caught watching a porno video show at the Pyidawwin Kyaung, Nadaweizza Sarthintaik, Dawbon Twp. [Yangon] on Nov. 19, and have been disrobed. Another 20 Sangha and samaneras fled. (WPD 11/22)

Nov. 22: A Mandalay monk was reported on Nov. 15 for living with a woman as man and wife, and disrobed. (WPD 11/23)

Nov. 23: Disrobing and other action has been taken against three dusila monks in Yangon for having sex with women. They were caught in Hmawby on Nov. 20, in Dagon Myothit on Nov. 18, and in North Okkalapa on Nov. 15. (WPD 11/24)

Nov. 24: South Okkalapa police on Nov. 20 arrested four bogus monks; married men who donned robes to collect alms. They earned about 30 kyats a day and paid 5-10 kyats to the woman who kept their robes. (WPD 11/25)

Nov. 26: A monk from Kyaukme [Shan] has been disrobed for having sexual intercourse with a 15-year old girl 10 times. (WPD 11/27)

#### Buddhist Examinations

Nov. 7: The 73rd vinichhaya examination of the Sagaing Taungyoe Maha Gandayon Shwekyin Ganna is being held Nov. 4-9 at Pan Mandat, sponsored by Shwekyin Sasanabaing Abhidhaja Maha Rattna Guru Shwehintha Taikthit Sayadaw, aged 97 and 78 vassa. 816 Sangha members sat for the examination. (WPD 11/8)

#### Sarpay Magazine Bought

Nov. 16: The Literary and Journalist Organization (Headquarters) has bought out the "Sarpay Magazine" in time for the 1352 ME Sarsodaw Day issue. It will be sold for K 25 per copy. (WPD 11/17)

#### MISCELLANEOUS

##### Crime News

Names and addresses of culprits generally included.

Oct. 18: The Yangon drug squad on Oct. 10 seized 1.65 grammes of heroin in Bahann Twp., and arrested one man. (WPD 10/19)

Oct. 31: Pyaytaungdan oilfield security in Shwedaung Twp. fired at three persons "sneaking into the oilfield to steal crude oil" on Oct. 27, killing 1 and scaring away the others. (WPD 11/1)

Nov. 5: Yangon police on Nov. 1 seized four che-hti gamblers and K 46,319 in stake money. (WPD 11/6)

Nov. 6: Mandalay railway police seized 1 kilo of heroin at the Mandalay station on Oct. 26, and have booked one man. (WPD 11/7)

Nov. 7: Mrauk-U [Rakhine] police on Oct. 14 seized 3.3 kilos of marijuana and arrested a woman. The Monywa drug squad on Oct. 27 seized 143 bottles of phensedyl (125 ml) from the MV Net-Gyi-1 on the Chindwin River at Thayetpin Jetty, Monywa, and arrested five persons. (WPD 11/8)

Nov. 9: A liquor squad on Nov. 6 arrested 22 moonshiners in Bago Division, siezing 450 gallons of illicit liquor (OP), 673 quarts of country spirit, and distilling equipment. (WPD 11/11)

Nov. 15: Mogaung police on Sept. 18 seized 39 kilos of raw opium and arrested 5 people. (WPD 11/16)

Nov. 18: Two women were arrested at Heho Airport Nov. 6 for attempting to smuggle a young woman out by putting her on a flight to Tachilek, after promising her "a job with good income in the other country." Mong Ton [Shan] police seized 42 kilos of raw opium in Taw Kaw Ti village, Sept. 5, and arrested four men. Yangon police on Oct. 21 arrested four men in a drug and loot scheme whereby restaurant patrons were drugged and robbed. Gold worth K 124,000 was seized. (WPD 11/18)

Nov. 21: Hline Twp. [Yangon] on Nov. 16 arrested a 7-man "underwater gang" using diving gear to steal iron beams and frames

from an old bridge. Yangon police arrested two men for forging motor vehicle licenses. They charged K 50 for a wheel-tax paper, K 300 for a driver licence, K 200 for a professional driver licence, and K 500 for a taxi driver licence. A vandal destroying Yay-tama plants on Kanna Road in Pazundaung Twp. [Yangon] was caught Nov. 17. (WPD 11/22)

Nov. 22: Three men were arrested Nov. 20 for stealing and fencing a TV set from the Kandawgyi Hotel "special parlour" on Sept. 1. Dagon Twp. [Yangon] police on Nov. 7 seized 16.8 kilos of marijuana from a vehicle. (WPD 11/23) (WPD 11/23)

Nov. 23: Hmawby Twp. [Yangon] police on Nov. 12 arrested two murderers who killed and robbed a woman and her son in her home on Oct. 20. Five ticals of gold were recovered. The Lashio drug squad on Nov. 20 seized 2.5 kilos of heroin from a vehicle arriving from Kutkai. (WPD 11/24)

Nov. 25: Five dealers in imitation cement were arrested Oct. 23 in Yangon; 120 bags of "horse-head" brand imitation cement and 1,183 empty bags were seized. (WPD 11/26)

#### Obituaries

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

Nov. 3: Dr. Koe Kheng Loke (a) U Thein Han, husband of Daw Gait Sue, died in Yangon, aged 81. (WPD 11/5)

Nov. 3: Reggie Simons (a) U Sein Min, Ex-General Manager of M-G-M Film Co., husband of Daw Minnie (Daw Ni Ni), [many relations in New York and in Australia] died in Perth, Australia, aged 71. (WPD 11/5)

Nov. 9: Mr. K.L. Lin died, aged 75. (WPD 11/10 [obit mostly in Burmese].)

Nov. 10: Mr. B.B. Banerjee, retd. Nursing Supdt Clerk (YGH), husband of Mrs. Polly Banerjee, died in Yangon, aged 83. [Hindu] (WPD 11/11)

Nov. 11: U Aung Myint, medical detailer, Bago, husband of Daw Yin Yin Myint, died in Yangon, aged 73. [Muslim] (WPD 11/13)

Nov. 13: Dr. Aung Myat, WHO Representative in Kathmandu, Nepal, husband of Daw May Thwin, died in New Delhi, aged 58. [Christian] (WPD 11/ 22)

[Nov. 19: Joseph C. Satterthwaite, United States Ambassador to Burma from 1955-57, died in Washington, aged 90. A career U.S. Foreign Service Officer from 1924 to 1965, he was also Minister to Tangier (1953-55), Ambassador to Ceylon (1949-53) and to South Africa (1961-65), Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs (1958-61), and Director General of the Foreign Service (1957-58). He is survived by his wife, the former Leyla Ilbars, a daughter Ruth Hartmann and two grandchildren.-HCMacD.]

Nov. 20: Wunna Kyaw Htin Alhaj S.M. Hassan (a) U Han Sein, husband of Hajima Sher Banoo (a) Daw Nu, died in Yangon, aged 63. [Muslim] (WPD 11/22)

Nov. 29: Tharamu Annie, Paku Toungoo, wife of Ref. Dwe Myat, died in Yangon, aged 98. [Baptist] (WPD 11/30)

#### NLD Politician Sex Conviction

Nov. 2: Dr. Maung Maung Kyaw, National League for Democracy Hluttaw representative for Botahtaung Twp., Yangon, was sentenced to one-year rigorous imprisonment for living as man and wife for three months with Daw Thein Thein, a teacher, but refusing to marry her. The NLD had failed to act on Daw Thein Thein's complaints. (WPD 11/3)

#### Refugees from Iraq

Nov. 2: Six Myanmar seamen captured August 2 in Kuwait on board a Bangladesh vessel returned home via Bangkok [names]. (WPD 11/3)

#### \$800 Millions in Drugs Burned

Nov. 23: On Nov. 22 State LORC Secretary (1) Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt flew to a heroin processing plant near Narhsaing village, near

Lauk-Kai village in the Kokang Region [Shan] to supervise the public burning of US\$500 million worth (US street prices) of narcotics, including 110 kilos of Heroin (US\$264 million); 147 kilos of morphine (US\$235 million); 97.98 kilos of opium (US\$ 117,576); and US\$800,000 of chemicals. Present were numerous Myanmar officials, UNFDAC Senior Evaluator Hans-Ulrich Hugo, UNDP Officer-in-charge Gerd Merrem, US Drug Enforcement Agency officials Angelo M. Saladino and Bruce Stubbs, and Chinese Drug Officials Yuan Yongyan, Wang Quiangrong, Peng Jianfai, and Chen Chunyi. Speeches were given by Kokang National Leader U Hpon Kyar Shin [text printed], Lt-Col. Kyaw Thein of the Ministry of Defence [text printed], and CCDAC Joint Secretary PPF Director Ngwe Soe Tun [text printed]. (WPD 11/24) [photos WPD 11/25]

Nov. 26: Over US\$398 million of drugs were publicly burned in Yangon, including 165 kilos of heroin, 11.5 kilos of opium oil, 86.7 kilos of liquid opium, 1,190 kilos of marijuana, and 5,601 litres of phensedyl. All told, in 1990 narcotics drugs worth US\$ 1.8 billion have been publicly burned in Myanmar.

At a press conference, spokesmen said that there were over 30,000 registered addicts in Myanmar, and that 10,000 addicts had been rehabilitated since 1976. There are 9 vocational centres and 2 integrated rehabilitation centres. (WPD 11/27)

Nov. 28: The Chinese drug officials, led by Deputy Director of the Division for Suppressing Drug Trafficking Mr. Yuan Yongyan, and UNFDAC officials present at the narcotics burning called on Police Director General U San Thein. (WPD 11/29) // Nov. 29: The Chinese departed. (WPD 11/30)

#### Road Accidents Down

Nov. 23: Road accidents have decreased in Yangon since Nov. 1989. Statistics are: Nov. 138; Dec. 119; Jan. 106; Feb. 82; Mar. 96; Apr. 106; May 101; June 89; July 76; Aug. 68; Sept. 71, and Oct. 66. (WPD 11/ 26)

#### Fires in October

Nov. 27: There were 90 fires causing K2,355,639 of damage in October. Of these 81 arose from negligence in the kitchen, 8 from short circuits, and 1 from arson. Burned were 92 houses, 1 factory, and 2 godowns. Four persons died and 7 were injured. 1 buffalo, 200 chickens, and 400 quail were killed. 412 people were left homeless. 90% of the fires were due to negligence. (WPD 11/28)

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