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BURMA PRESS SUMMARY (from the WORKING PEOPLE'S DAILY)-December 1990-#  
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.c.POLITICAL CRISIS

.c.: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.

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

Dec. 1-31: \* 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.

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During December, the following was printed on the first page of many issues of WPD:

National Objectives for

43rd Anniversary Independence Day

--For all citizens to make concerted efforts with the leadership of the State Law and Order Restoration Council for perpetuation of independence, sovereignty and integrity of the State;

--For all citizens with the leadership of the State Law and Order Restoration Council, to unitedly safeguard and prevent the Union from disintegration;

--For all citizens to join hands with the Tatmadaw to expose and crush the destructive elements;

--For all citizens to conscientiously make efforts to draft and adopt

a firm constitution in accordance with the wishes of the national races.

.c.:Cartoons

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

Dec. 1: 1st Myanmar: "It is said that the salaries of the local staff of some foreign embassies here will be paid in dollars." 2nd Myanmar: Let them pay as they wish....this is democracy....But the local staff from those embassies must take care not to become minions of their employers... It is necessary for them not to loose [sic] their spirit of patriotism."

Dec. 2: 1st Myanmar: "Declaration 1/90 has already been signed. What is going to be done? 2nd Myanmar: "Oh! Don't be so naive! There remains Rule 81, the Commission report, certificates of representatives, etc."

Dec. 3: 1st Myanmar: "The VOA on 22-11-90 broadcast that the spokesman from the State Department 'Kabauk Kachar' (Disorderly) denounced the imprisonment of the two opposition leaders for security reasons." 2nd Myanmar: "It is Richard Boucher ...not Kabauk Kachar..." 1st Myanmar: "As he is saying things in a disorderly manner he should be called Kabauk Kachar...."

Dec. 13: BBC Announcer: "Military authorities of Myanmar Naing-Ngan announced that about 50 opposition politicians were accused of planning to form a parallel government and were arrested." Myanmar man: "They were not accused to be arrested... Action must be taken to any organization which violates the law." Myanmar woman: "There is no country which does not take action against law breakers."

Dec. 13: 1st Myanmar: "The VOA alleges that the press conference given by the SLORC Secretary-1 is propaganda to discredit the opposition party." 2nd Myanmar: "There are such firm evidence and it is quite obvious like an elephant roaming in the field. It is quite laughable for them to allege that saying the truth is propaganda!"

Dec. 14: 1st Myanmar: "Pam O'toole of the BBC said that it will be quite a benefit if the opposition groups opposing the Myanmar Military government were all united. With what intent are you saying this, Mr Pam O'toole?" 2nd Myanmar: "What are the BBC and Pam O'toole doing? Interfering in the internal affairs of other nation is overt violation of the Geneva Convention. And they say they are citizens of a civilized nation.... hmmm...."

Dec. 17: 1st Myanmar: "The poorest nation." 2nd Myanmar: "No...No.. Least Developed Country. We don't sell slaves and prostitutes. We have good character. No one has ever died of starvation. We are very rich in natural resources. Take note of that, you Dabbleduck!"

Dec. 18: Computer Screen: "214.6 THOUSAND US \$ TO MYANMAR." American: "Look here! The computer says we will have to pay back to the Myanmar Tatmadaw." Uncle Sam: "Leave it alone."

Dec. 22: 1st Myanmar: "Friend.... Who appointed the central body members in the political parties at present? Were they appointed by the people?" 2nd Myanmar: "No! They weren't. They just appointed themselves. Let us go, friend."

Dec. 22: AIR's 21.12.90 morning news: "Myanmar Military Government declared the National League for Democracy an unlawful organization." 1st Myanmar: "Huh... How is that? The Voice of Myanmar announced only the deregistration of the Party for National Democracy." 2nd Myanmar: "The error was made because they wanted to gossip about other nations very much."

Dec. 23: 1st Myanmar: "BBC broadcast on 20-12-90 morning that.... Aung San Suu Kyi will be sent back to England during the Christmas holidays." 2nd Myanmar: "This was not in the press release of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and was not included in what U Ohn Gyaw said. They have just fabricated it and said it by themselves."

Dec. 25: "Christmas Present"-- Stone table supported by Tatmadawmen and Myanmar inscribed: "The people of all the national races, Defend and protect the country; build up the nation. Don't bully and oppress the weak. Avoid confrontation. No need to go into the jungles. Carry out your work within the bounds of law. Be united and share things in weal and woe."

Dec. 29: 1st Myanmar: "We gave our votes for choosing as Hluttaw representatives----but what's happened now?" 2nd Myanmar: "They must have gone into the jungle hoping to find democracy there----that's what!"

Dec. 30: "Timed rumour and a Thingyan gas cannon." Rumour: "Twenty-one groups of racial insurgents headed by parallel prime minister Dr Sein Win are going to attack Yangon on January 3..." 1st Myanmar: "Well, far from being able to launch attacks, they have to cling to two small bases." 2nd Myanmar: "Ko Sein Win, if you have guts, come and attack instead of acting like gas cannon. Then we can watch a jolly good show."

Dec. 31: 1st Myanmar: "Of the Pyithu Hluttaw representatives, 13 were declared absconders and 8 were stripped of Pyithu Hluttaw representation." 2nd Myanmar: "Oh yes... Then the number of Hluttaw representatives who were elected only by 38 per cent of eligible voters has considerably decreased."

Dec. 31: 1st Myanmar: "Hey friend .... It was said that the parallel government which was formed in the jungle was given Mandate by the 250 Hluttaw representatives." 2nd Myanmar: "It is certain that truth will come out in this regard."

.c.: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)

[SLORC]'s Stand Clarified Regarding Myanmar Naing-Ngan's National Objectives. Presentation by State LORC Secretary (1) Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt (English and Myanmar).

Cruel and brutal conditions experienced along the history of Myanmar's political journey. (Burmese).

Dec. 21: The Attorney-General's Office will publish Laws, Rules, and Orders having the force of Law issued by the SLORC in 1988, 1989, and 1990 in three volumes, to be distributed simultaneously in January 1991. "Copies of the dictionary of law terms in English and Myanmar languages and the book on code of conduct, duties and rights of lawyers are being distributed, it is learnt." (WPD 12/22)

.c.:Foreign News Coverage

In marked contrast to pre-1988 practise, the WPD in the past two years has regularly given prominence to news stories reflecting unfavorably on domestic events in countries deemed to be hostile to Myanmar, especially the UK, US, and India. As a sample of this, we provide headlines (only) of such stories appearing on the first page (only) of the WPD during December 1990:

USA: Youths and police clash after Miami officers' acquittal (WPD 12/ 5); Murder rate in New York hits new high before Christmas (12/6); American youth in racial assault of Japanese students (12/7); Cities across US experience bloodiest year (12/9); New York city faces new \$250m budget gap (12/13); Two trains collide in Boston underground (12/14); Ex-CIA agent gets 16 months in jail in Iran-Contra tax case (12/16); US consumer prices rise in December (12/20); Hunger, homelessness tightening grip on American cities (12/ 22); Report says US underestimated civilian deaths in Panama (12/22); Five Washington students shot by gunmen (12/24); Philadelphia murder rate reaches all-time high (12/26); Freak weather hits US (12/26); One killed, over 100 injured in US subway fire (WPD 12/30).

UK: British teen accused of drug smuggling appears in Thai court (12/ 10); Britain's economy in grip of recession (12/23).

India: India's FE reserves hit red alert (12/5); Bhopal gas victims observe sixth anniversary of incident (12/6); Nine killed in fresh Hindu-Muslim violence in Hyderabad (12/ 13); Three killed in street gunfights, 10 militants killed on border (12/15); Call for UN troops to control sectarian violence in India (12/16); Hindu-Muslim violence continues (12/17); Indian Premier vows use of force to end civil strife (12/20); Indian troops moved into Srinigar to stifle protests (12/31).

.c.:Political Articles (Excerpts)

Following the pattern begun in October 1988, each issue contains lengthy feature articles, translated from Burmese, designed to bolster government views and policies. We note them briefly, with excerpts of particularly significant portions, but can provide copies if needed:

Dec. 1,3,5-6,19: The record of important events of 1988, 1989 and 1990, by Yadanabon Maung Hmat. [Cont. Political Chronology, with texts of foreign broadcasts, and other documents. (14) Sept. 17, 1988. (15) Sept. 19. (16) Sept. 20. (17) Sept. 21. (18) Sept. 22.]

Dec. 1-4: We say what we do and we do what we say, Or, The victory of the national races in the north-east area of Myanmar Naing-Ngan, by Myan Pyi Thar. [(1-4) Background and history of Kokang revolt against BCP and narcotics.]

Dec. 2,4: Union Flag, worthy of respect, by My Chit Thu. [The 1974 flag should be honored. History of Myanmar flags. Law against desecrating the flag.]

Dec. 3,6: National priorities, by Aye Win Khin. [Cont. (4) "Buddhist ethics in touch with reality." "Getting hold of ordinary law-breakers may be an easy matter, but having to deal with even a few of the much-revered Sangha who had misused the robe of Buddha and were engaging in acts unbecoming of their status, is of a magnitude that transcends others. In Mandalay firm acts of restoring order had to be taken.... Here again, it must be pointed out that foreign media... bent on fanning the flames, had come up with unwarranted criticism, proved unfounded.... Certainly, no one would allow a whole boatload to stink because of a few rotten fish. Monks, to be correctly respectful, are no rotten fish, but when they prove errant, they must be duly reined in, with the approval of the Sayadaws, and the law must take its course." (5) "Only hard work brings satisfactory results."]

Dec. 5-7,10,12-13,16-17,26: Narcotic drug abuse control work of Myanmar Naing-Ngan & the participation of the national races of north-eastern area, by A Journalist. [November visit of State LORC Secretary (1) Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt to Kokang area, destruction of drugs and opium refineries, construction and social welfare projects.]

Dec. 6,14,17,19-20,28,31: A Concise History of Myanmar and the Tatmadaw's Role (1948-1988), by A Tatmadaw Researcher. [Cont. documentary study, with numerous facsimiles: (95) History of AFPFL. (96-98) Rise of insurrections by PVO in 1948. (99-100) Creation of Burma Army and police in 1948; Karen insurgency suppressed in 1949. (101) BTF-Burma Territorial Force.]

Dec. 10-11: Historic wars incessantly waged against the British imperialists by the entire people of Myanmar Naing-Ngan, by Tin Htwe. [(numbered 4-5) British capture of Hainggyi Island in 1753.]

Dec. 10: No short cut; no other way, by An observer. [No shortcut to transfer of power.]

Dec. 11: BBC should not broadcast only portions of the facts to suit its purpose of causing suspicions, by Bo Thanmani. [BBC on Dec. 8 said that: "It is learnt...that 48 NLD members have been arrested {of whom} 35 are elected members of Parliament. The Government said that according to the documents seized from the NLD headquarters the NLD members were found to be trying to adopt a constitution and to form a parallel government. The Government said that after they had formed the parallel government, they intended to strive to get it

recognized by the United Nations and some of the nations.' It is found that this broadcast was based only on some of the facts {explained by Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt in his Press Conference}..." It did not mention facts about the BCP, the DAB led by KNU Bo Mya, Mr. Adam and Keith Riffin from the United States Embassy who are interfering in the internal affairs of Myanmar, financial aid by the Indian embassy, etc. "I would like to tell the BBC that the {SLORC} (Tatmadaw) will never tolerate forming of a parallel government and pushing of Myanmar... into the flames of a civil war."

Dec. 12-13,15: How King Maha Dhamma Yarzar crushed the Portuguese imperialists, by Myo Chit Thu. [(numbered 6-7) De Brito in Syriam in 16th century.]

Dec. 13: No right to interfere in the internal affairs of a nation (Thitsa-Myitta Discussion), by Byammahso. [Dialogue denouncing false VOA broadcasts, "the handiwork of Maung Aung, son of former prime minister U Nu," in collusion with Tin Maung Win.]

Dec. 14: For unity in the face of external interference, by An observer. [Review of Gen. Saw Maung's Dec. 10 speeches.]

Dec. 15-16: Is BBC going to waste its time spreading skyful of falsehoods?, by Bo Thanmani. [The BBC on Dec. 5 broadcast two articles by Bertil Lintner from the Far Eastern Economic Review, stating that "`Although some of the arms and ammunition and military equipment are especially suitable for fighting the insurgents in the jungles, the SLORC is equipping the Tatmadaw with modern weapons to raise the morale of the officers, non-commissioned officers and other ranks as it knows the people's displeasure with the Tatmadaw since 1988. The SLORC has bought these modern weapons with the money obtained from permitting foreign countries to explore oil deposits and from sale of petroleum.... The fact is that the SLORC is determined to fully equip the armed forces with these weapons in order to threaten the citizens and it has also made its mind up more than ever before so as not to have to give up State power.' These writings are very bad and Bertil's writing falsehoods... are of a very cheap and vulgar nature.... {His statement about not giving up power} is as horrible and disgusting as the rotten excrement one has discarded.... Patron of the War Veterans Organization General Ne Win said {30 July 1982},...`our Tatmadaw is...based on the working class and the peasantry of the masses and was founded by and with real and genuine politicians who really served the interests of the country ....'" ]

Dec. 15: Ethics and law to safeguard against outside interference, by An Observer. [As stated in the Clarification of the Election Law on Mar. 1, 1989: "In a Pyithu Hluttaw which is to exercise national sovereignty of the people, persons who have connexions with foreign states and have allegiances to them and are subject to the authority of foreign governments should in no way be included. Should they be included, foreign states are most likely to interfere in one way or another. Only citizens who have allegiance to the State and the people should be included in the Hluttaw {as provided for in the 1948 Constitution and the present Election Law}. " ]

Dec. 16: The Successful Third Congregation of the Sangha of All Orders, by Ba Sein (Research). [Review of July 14-16,1990, meeting. A Congregation is held every five years.]

Dec. 17-18: Open letter to Japan Socialist Party leader Takako Doi for 177,000 Myanmar conscripted labourers, by Maung Myanmar. [Crimes against Myanmar on "River Kwai" railway by Japanese during World War II. No compensation was received; it all went to the British.]

Dec. 18-19: Commander Colonel Ba Htoo, a Myanmar Hero, by Soe Nyunt. [(numbered No. 8) [Bo Ba Htoo of the Burma Independence Army, the first who "took initiative and launched the resistance movements against the Japanese fascists." ]

Dec. 18,22: Decapitations during the 1988 disturbances, by An Eye Witness. [Events in Mandalay recalled.]

Dec. 19: If there were no Tatmadaw, by Manizawta. [Need for

Army to prevent disorder, like a referee in sports.]

Dec. 19: Hailing the 43rd Anniversary of Independence {hereafter H-43}: Burma Independence Army, by Maung Dawna. [History of BIA.]

Dec. 19-20,22-25: Incident of 25-2-42 in which 27 Myanmar people were brutally massacred at Kyontu Village in Kayan Township by the British Army, by Bo Thanmani. [British brutalities from 1885 on; in particular the World War II killing of villagers.]

Dec. 23: U Yewata, the pivotal figure in leftist & rightist machinations, by An Observer. ["One notorious participant in the scheme of the BCP UGs was U Yewata, leader of Mandalay Sangha Samaggi Organization ...." Review of U Yewata's activities in 1989-90, including contacts with US diplomat First Secretary Martin Adam, and British Information officer Ma Nita.]

Dec. 24-25: The sinister acts of the BCP-UG--dark manifestations which augur ill for the national wellbeing, by Thura Thamein. [Recent machinations by the BCP.]

Dec. 24: H-43: Warning against enemies, internal or external, by Maung Maung Aye. [US supported activities of Chinese Nationalist KMT recalled.]

Dec. 26: An act of magnanimity, humanitarianism and leniency, by Yi Mun. [SLORC's offer to let Daw Aung San Suu Kyi leave the country is proof.]

Dec. 26,30: Myanmar Hero Alaungpaya, who re-organized and consolidated Myanmar Naing-Ngan that had disintegrated, by Tin Htwe. [(numbered 9,11) How King Alaungpaya restored Myanmar unity when "national solidarity was at its lowest ebb."]

Dec. 27-28: Safeguard independence & protect the nation from foreign interference, by Saw Kyaw Aye (Pabedan). [(numbered 10) Importance of a strong Tatmadaw.]

Dec. 27: Who are refugees? (Thitsa-Myitta Discussion), by Byammahso. [Japanese Prof. Ogata, who recently visited Myanmar to study human rights, may become UN High Commissioner for Refugees. "Only if UNHCR and similar organizations differentiate between the genuine refugees and those who pose themselves as refugees, will they be able to establish peace."]

Dec. 28: Adhere to laws and rules for peace and tranquillity, by An Observer. [Review of election rules, and requirements for candidates.]

Dec. 29: H-43: History of Myanmar independence written with the blood of patriotic national groups, by Ye Nyunt. [Ethnic minorities in the struggle against the British.]

Dec. 29: To turn out good citizens and fine leaders, by Sein Kalaung. [Advice to ADNG students given by Gen. Saw Maung.]

Dec. 29: An expose of dangerous manoeuvres to wrest State power, by An Observer. ["Attempts by some leading members of the National League for Democracy to get State power" as exposed by State LORC Secretary (1) Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt at the Press Conference.]

Dec. 30: H-43: Thirty Comrades and the Anti-Fascist Resistance, by Maung Dawna. [Story of 30 Comrades.]

Dec. 31: Naymyo Thiha Thura Bo Aung Kyaw amidst the anti-imperialist struggle, by Maung Myanmar. [(numbered 12) 1938 Oil Workers movement, and the Student's Strike.]

.c.:Historical Exhibition

The SLORC exhibition on "the historical trend of Myanmar politics and national objectives," at the Tatmadaw Hall on U Wisara Road, continued for government employees only, with attendance as follows [agencies indicated]: Nov. 30--534;

December 1--487; 2--449; 3--544; 4--571; 5--549; 6--606; 7--598; 8--574; 9--579; 10--587; 11--548; 12--660; 13--615; 14--601, exhibit will close Dec. 16 for Kayin New Year Day; 15--534; 17--573; 18--659; 19--535; 20--575; 21--622; 22--618; 23--612; 24--615, exhibit will close on Christmas; 26--546; 27--392; 28--502; 29--394; 30--587. (WPD 12/2-31)

Dec. 18: Indonesian Ambassador Maj-Gen. B.P. Makadada and wife, and other [Indonesian] diplomats, visited the exhibition. (WPD 12/20)

.c.:Speech by Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt

Dec. 1: Speaking in Pakkoku on Nov. 30, State LORC Secretary (1) Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt said [excerpt]: "[This is] one of the two towns, Mandalay and Pakokku, which contribute most towards the propagation of Sasana.... Attempts are being made to undermine unity among the people and to upset the economy of the State through the interferences of internal traitors and those of certain big foreign countries in our internal affairs.... Political parties are to draft a Constitution, which is acceptable to all national races, through coordination among themselves.... The SLORC will take action against anybody who violates law...not because he or she is a political leader or a politician but because of his or her violation of law.... The dangers of BCP insurgents is like cancer. If it occurs it cannot be eradicated.... Just as the leftists organizations are doing things against us, the rightists organizations are threatening [Myanmar] through foreign broadcasting stations saying that [Myanmar] would be blocked economically and politically and they are making efforts so that [Myanmar] would be under their influence. There are those people who think highly of other countries and they are creating conditions which will lead to the fall of Myanmar to colonialists...." (WPD 12/2)

.c.:Hluttaw Members Abscond

Dec. 3: One Hluttaw member "opposed the State Government and took part in forming a parallel government and was nominated to head an interim government to be formed in the jungles and while legal action was being taken against him, he absconded." He is Dr. Sein Win (Party for National Democracy-PND; Paukkhaung), who is also Chairman of the PND. [photo] (WPD 12/4)

Dec. 4: Seven Hluttaw members, five of them from the National League for Democracy, have absconded to avoid legal action against them. They "had taken part in a series of clandestine meetings held during the months of September and October this year where the formation of a parallel government in Mandalay and the formation of a temporary government in the jungles were discussed." They are: U Bo Hla Tint (NLD; Mogok-2); U Thein Oo (NLD; Mandalay SW-2); U Hla Pe (NLD; Pyawbwe-2); U Win Ko (NLD; Ye-U-2); U Mya Win (NLD; Ingapu-1); U Peter Limbin (Indep.; Pyin-Oo-Lwin-2); and Dr. San Aung (Indep.; Ingapu-2). [photos] (WPD 12/5)

Dec. 5: Three Hluttaw members, all from the National League for Democracy, "have been declared absconders by the Bahann Township Court as they have absconded to avoid legal action to be taken against them." They are Dr. Tint Swe (NLD; Pale-2); U Than Kywe (NLD; Shwedaung-1); and U Si Maung (NLD; Laymyethnar-1). In September and October they discussed "formation of a parallel government in Mandalay and a temporary government in the jungles." [photos, with correction 12/7] (WPD 12/6)

.c.:Speech by Maj-Gen. Myo Nyunt

Dec. 5: Maj-Gen. Myo Nyunt, Yangon Division LORC Chairman and Yangon Commander, said [excerpt]: "Imperialists are obviously attempting to subjugate Myanmar Naing-Ngan. The 43rd Anniversary Independent Day will be celebrated on an elaborate scale to propagate the will to protect and to safeguard the independence wrestled back at the cost of lives and blood." (WPD 12/6)

.c.:Press Conference

Dec. 7: At a special 107th State LORC Press Conference, State LORC Secretary (1) Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt said [excerpts]:

-- "This is a press conference held in order to make known to the people through the journalists how the insurgent organizations and political parties made their moves to seize State power."

-- The BCP tried to seize power during the 1988 disturbances by creating a "mass uprising." But Kokang nationals rebelled and captured the BCP central headquarters and northern bureau at Mong Ko on Mar. 13, 1989; Wa nationals captured the BCP central headquarters at Panghsang on Apr. 17, 1989; the No. 768 and 815 brigades, made up of Shan and Akhar nationals, revolted and drove out the BCP from their area. The BCP No. 101 unit split in Nov. 1989. Action was taken



against the BCP UG's [Underground] led by Thet Khaing in July-Aug. 1989, breaking up the BCP UG's in lower Myanmar.

-- Bo Kyin Maung continued to lead the BCP, and sought to infiltrate other insurgencies under the name of People's United Democratic Front.

-- BCP UG members Tin Maung Lwin and Than Tun were caught Oct. 8, 1990 with 18,000 bahts and documents at Hninpale Railway Station. Subversive materials were seized from National League for Democracy [NLD] member U Tin Hla of Thaton. BCP UG members Ohn Than and Thet Hmu were arrested Oct. 22, 1990, acting as liaison between the BCP and ABSDF. Further details given at length.

-- Activities of U Yewata and the Sangha Samaggi Organization in Mandalay discussed at length, including ties with AFPFL General Secretary Daw Cho Cho Kyaw Nyein.

-- In Sept.-Oct. 1990, plans were made to form an NLD temporary government in Thailand beginning Oct. 15. "The NLD's holding a meeting at Gandhi Hall and demanding holding of the Pyithu Hluttaw on 15 October 1990 at the latest strangely coincided with the taking of measures to form a temporary government outside the country."

-- The Democratic Alliance of Burma (DAB) was formed Oct. 14, 1988, of 22 insurgent organizations. On Apr. 24, 1990 it formed the "National Coalition Government, Union of Burma" with Bo Mya [KNU] as President and Prime Minister, and Brang Seng (KIA) and Nai Shwe Kyin (NMSP) as Deputy Prime Ministers, and drew up a constitution. A second effort to form a parallel government was made from Nov. 11-17, 1990 at the KNU headquarters at Marneplaw, with a Provisional Government headed by KNU Bo Mya, Tin Maung Win of CRDB (who shortly resigned for family health reasons), and U Sein Mya of PDF. It entered into contact with political parties, mostly the NLD.

-- Further lengthy discussions of BCP UG activities in Mandalay, and efforts to call strikes in the oil fields.

-- U Yewata, after causing disturbances in Mandalay, made contacts with the National Politics Front Force, the Ever Green Young Men Association, and the People's Progressive Party, etc. "U Yewata led the boycott and the ceremony for offering dry rations...on 8-8-90." Lengthy discussions of U Yewata's subversive activities, including ties to NLD.

-- U Yewata met with an American diplomat. Nay Lin, leading the Basic Education Students Thamagga in Yangon, met with US Embassy First Secretary Martin Adam at the Hawaii Restaurant in Mandalay, and arranged the meeting at the Dekkhinayama Taik with U Yewata. Various other meetings of Mr. Adam with U Yewata described, including at an Embassy building on Dubern Road. U Yewata arranged meetings between Mr. Adam and NLD official U Maung Ko. "This shows how embassy officials are interfering in the internal affairs of Myanmar Naing-Ngan."

-- "Making use of members of Sangha the insurgents established contact, UG elements took a foothold and manoeuvred the movements and student organizations sought refuge in the 'liberated areas.' Amidst these situations, diplomats incited unrest and gave advice for bringing about confusing situations in the internal affairs in breach of their code of conduct." [photos] (WPD 12/8)

-- "I shall continue to present... how the NLD employed various devices in its attempts to come to power. The authorities took into custody U Kyi Maung and U Chit Khaing of the NLD on 7 September 1990 on the strength of mounting evidence. When the authorities searched the NLD office and examined the documents on 23 October 1990, they found that meeting Chairman U Kyi Maung had formed at the 4/90 meeting of the NLD central body meeting committees to explore ways and means of action to be taken if the demands made in the Gandhi Hall declaration, particularly that the Hluttaw session be held during September were not met ...."

-- Three NLD groups were formed. Group (1) (the "Hardline" group) comprised U Myo Aung, U Hla Pe, U Tin Aye, U Khin Maung Tun and U Soe Nyunt. Group (2) (the "soft line" group) comprised U Tin Win, U Min Wai, U Ohn Maung (Shan), U C. Vang Ciul (Chin). Group (3)

(the "principled line" group) comprised U Ohn Myaing (Mandalay), U Tin Shwe (Monywa), U Thein Dan (Mandalay), U Tin Tun Lay (Ayeyarwady), U Chit Than (Kayin), Win Hlaing, Myint Soe and Moe Zaw Oo from the Lu-nge Baho (Youth Central). There was no Group (4) because the Japanese [sic] believe it an unlucky number. Group (5) comprised U Ye Htut (Mon), Thakin Soe Myint (Yangon), and U Hla Pe (Mawlamyinegyun).

-- Four papers were prepared, by Groups 1, 2, 3, and the Youth Central people. "It was found that the paper compiled by the Youth Central contains facts aimed at opposing and attacking the Government. The papers compiled by the other groups contain ambiguous expressions which can only be interpreted as opposing the Government. Therefore, those who compiled these papers have been called in and are being interrogated."

-- The Youth Central paper "includes such ways and means as launching a general strike movement, getting service personnel take part in the strike, destroying machineries at mills and factories and other critical things, like cutting off transportation and communication links all over the country. Also included...are ways and means such as 'opposing and facing up the blockades and hindrances placed by the military government,' rushing headlong if the military government opens fire, taking one's own life in protest, kidnapping the authorities and members of their families, assassinating them, hijacking aircraft and destroying buildings by mines or bombs.'"

-- The Youth Central paper called for convening a Hluttaw session on Sept. 30 or Oct. 15, either in an embassy compound or a monastery in Mandalay. The Pyithu Hluttaw meeting "was to immediately form a government" and get it recognized by organizations abroad and at home. "It assumes the nature of going along the path of violence." It also relied on aid from "the BBC, the VOA and the AIR, the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and some ambassadors."

-- General Staff Officer (1) Major Than Tun then read out an extended description of the Youth Central paper, describing its main purposes as: (1) a general strike; (2) violence and terrorism; and (3) the calling of a Hluttaw session to form a government and get it recognized by the "UN and...the EEC nations, the United States of America, the United Kingdom, Australia, India, Thailand, Singapore."

-- Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt continued. "The plan which was drawn by the NLD is of great danger to the nation ...." Narrative of subversive activities by Youth Central member Myint Soe, establishing contacts with insurgents. "What I have presented shows that the youth central of the NLD is planning to use terrorist means if the transfer of power is not in a way they desired and they were planning to form a parallel government together with the insurgents and even to raise an armed insurrection."

-- Some members of the NLD objected to the NLD CEC [Central Executive Committee] Declaration 5/90 that the NLD would lead in drafting a constitution and enter into a dialogue with the SLORC, claiming that the majority of NLD Hluttaw representatives were not consulted, and that Declaration 5/90 in effect repealed the Gandhi Hall Declaration calling for a Hluttaw session in September.

-- Some NLD Hluttaw representatives from Mandalay wrote the CEC on Aug. 15 threatening to call a Hluttaw session on their own in October. A secret faction met on Sept. 29, comprising U Naing Naing (Pazundaung) [parenthetical designations are of Pyithu Hluttaw constituencies represented], U Hla Than (Cocos Is.), U Tin Maung Win (Kayan), Daw San San (Port), U Aung Khin Sint (Mingala Taungnyunt), Daw San San Win (Alon), U Kyaw Thwin (Kayan), U Mya Win (Ingapu-2), U Hla Tun (Kyimyindine), and U Maung Ko (member of Central Workers Affairs Work Committee). They decided to convene a Second Gandhi Hall conference, and sent out two groups to go to Mandalay.

-- A group comprising U Hla Tun, U Hla Than, Daw San San, and Daw San San Win went to Mandalay Sept. 27; that comprising U Kyaw Thwin, U Mya Win, Dr. San Aung, and U Tha Saing went on Sept. 29. Dr. Soe Lin (Mandalay SW) made arrangements for them to meet Sept. 29-30

at the home of U Ba Phwa (Amarapura). About 28 Hluttaw representatives agreed to oppose Declaration 5/90.

-- "While those responsible CEC members of the National League for Democracy were clarifying matters on 5/90 approved by the party, the other faction formed a separate group...and this led to making efforts to form a parallel government and to carry out activities against the Government...." Thus even in a party, some act correctly and others go against the law.

-- The faction members who met at the home of U Ba Phwa decided to try to hold a Hluttaw meeting if there were over 280 representatives, and to form an interim government in Mandalay. The Hluttaw representatives would be protected by 3-5,000 monks and students. The first and second attempt by the SLORC to arrest the new Cabinet would be resisted; "on the third time it would let the cabinet be arrested peacefully."

-- After the Amarapura meeting, a second secret meeting of Hluttaw representatives was held "in a building of a rice mill belonging to a doctor on the Mandalay-Maymyo motor coach road," attended by: U Bo Hla Tint (Mogok-2), U Win Ko (Ye-U-2), U Hla Tun (Kyimyindine), U Mya Win (Ingapu-2), and U Chit Tin (Minhla).

-- This meeting arranged to "form a government in a jungle on border area...." U Aye Ko, U Bo Hla Tint, U Mya Win, and U Chit Tin are to maintain "connections with armed forces in the jungle and internal communications." 15-20 Hluttaw representatives are to meet in jungle, and "get support from the armed forces in the jungle for the temporary government." "To form that Provisional government at the insurgent camp and to get recognition of the diplomatic community does not include taking up the three executive powers of the State at once. It was just a step to pressure the SLORC to transfer power to the remaining Hluttaw representatives in the country. And in so doing, they intended to get support from the students, workers, the public and foreign countries...."

-- "When that new government came into power U Sein Mya's group would recognize and support it. Mon insurgents headed by Nai Shwe Kyin would be loyal to NLD...."

-- "Another plan was to take refuge in a foreign embassy and form a provisional government. They planned to convene a meeting of over 250 Hluttaw representatives at a certain place." NLD Hluttaw representatives would be asked to reject Declaration 5/90. They would then join with the "allied parties which was United Nationalities League for Democracy Party."

-- U Hla Tun, relying on U Tin Maung Win and U Khin Maung Swe, was to make foreign contacts. At a clandestine meeting on Oct. 8, 1990, he clarified the details with U Maung Ko, who was to go to the jungle to form the parallel government.

-- However, before they could act "the Tatmadaw systematically dealt with the strike of the Mandalay Lay-byin-lay-yet Sangha Samaggi" and frustrated their plans. "U Maung Ko...became an informer and revealed his plans, the plan to form a parallel government and plan to go underground. Only after revealing these, he could not control himself and committed suicide."

-- "These are the attempts of the National League for Democracy to establish a government in the name of a provisional government, a government in exile or a government in the jungles without fail.... Acts within the NLD, therefore, posed a grave danger to the nation. So, we knew their schemes in time and took action, called them in and interrogated them but foreign radio stations are often spreading falsehoods that the SLORC Government is indiscriminately taking action and arresting NLD personnel...."

-- "Are we not bringing about a change from the old one-party system and socialist democratic practices to a multi-party system and democratic practices? At the this juncture, the Tatmadaw is laying down protects [sic] and implementing them in order that a smooth transformation might be brought about...."

-- "Veteran politicians began wishing a return to multi-party system in 1983. I would like to recall discussions...based on a

letter of U Aung Kyi dated 6 January 1983 sent to Lanzin Party Chairman U Ne Win and documents obtained from U Htwe Myint. It was at U Nu's house on 1 January 1983. Veteran politicians U Kyaw Nyein, Bo Khin Maung Gale, U Aung Gyi and U Htwe Myint...and U Nu was reported to have said that Chairman U Ne Win was a man of two different minds. The first, he said, was that he had no fear if there was something to do; he just went ahead and did it. The second, he said, was sympathy towards others...and so it was believed U Ne Win would hold a free and fair elections.... U Nu is said to have called for preparations (for the election).... U Kyaw Nyein was unanimous chosen leader.... Daw Cho Cho Kyaw Nyein, daughter of U Kyaw Nyein, visited the [historical exhibition] on the very first day. She is said to have remarked after viewing the documents displayed that her father had spoken of the facts and that points mentioned were correct...."

-- When demonstrations broke out in 1988, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi came back to visit her mother and "was dragged into the political arena" by none other than U Htwe Myint, himself "once an expatriate." Afterwards, U Htwe Myint switched to the Democracy Party. "We have ample proof of the letters signed by U Htwe Myint and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and sent...."

-- Review of 1988 events. "Illegal students organizations were formed through the help of U Ye Htoon and steps were taken to enable U Sein Mya to flee to the jungle...with the aid of one of the embassies...the embassy of India.... Second Secretary Mr Keith E. Riffin from American Embassy...put letters in his diplomatic pouch for communications with U Ye Htoon and insurgents' groups in Thailand...."

-- "I have clarified the activities of some Hluttaw representatives who...wanted to gain power within a short period as well as the attempts made by the National League for Democracy to gain power through formation of a parallel government or an underground government. Exploiting these situations, insurgents groups AAKNU, DAB, ABSDF and NMSP whose days are numbered, and PDF, which is led by U Sein Mya and is supported by an organization, made attempts to get arms and ammunition...putting democracy in the forefront and using of students on the border areas, political party members and some Hluttaw representatives as pretext ....

-- "At the meeting of...DAB held in July 1990, leader of ABSDF insurgent group Moe Thee Zun...." hoped to get foreign aid. "Moe Thee Zun is a leftist trained by the BCP...." (WPD 12/9)

[Individual Photos of: "Those who conspired to form a provisional government" -- all NLD Hluttaw members and/or officers:

["In custody": U Khin Maung Swe (CEC member; Sangyoung), U Tin Maung Win (Khayan-2), U Chit Tin (Minhla), U Hla Tun (Kyimyindine), U Maung Ko (deceased) (Central Workers Body Member), Daw San San (Hseikkann), Shwe Wah Soe (NLD member), U Tun Aung (Yedashe-2).

["Abscondees": Bo Hla Tint (Mogok-2), Dr. Sein Win (PND Chairman {not NLD}; Paukkhaung), U Win Ko (Ye-U), U Mya Win (Ingapu-2).

["Those from NLD who took part in anti-government activities": U Tin Win (CEC member), Thakin Soe Myint (CC member; South Okkalapa-1), U Maung Maung (Yegy) (CEC member; Yegy-2); U Tin Htut (CEC member; Einme-1); U Myo Aung (CEC member; Dawei-2); Myint Soe (CEC member); U Chan Aye (CEC member; Mawlamyine-2); U Soe Thein (CEC member; Waw-2); U Kyaw Min (CEC member; Pathein-2); U Sein Hla Oo (Insein-2); Moe Zaw Oo (Youth Central member); Yan Aung (Youth Central member); Win Hlaing (Youth Central member; Tatkon-2); Ko Ko Gyi (Youth Central member). (WPD 12/9)]

[Individual Photos of "Those who conspired to form parallel government in Mandalay" [NLD Hluttaw representatives]: U Chit Tin (Minhla); U Hla Tun (Kyimyindine); U Hla Than (Cocogyunn); U Ba Htwe (Amarapura-2); U Paik Ko (Pakkoku Twp. Organizer); Daw Khin San Hlaing (Wetlet-2); U Saw Hlaing (Indaw); Dr. Zaw Myint (Hinthada-2); U Khin Maung Thein (Khin-U-1); U Kyaw Thwin (Kayan-1); Dr. Soe Lin (Mandalay SW-1); Daw Win May (NLD Information Office staff); U Tun Aung (Yedashe-2); U Thein Tun (Thegon-2); U Thaug Myint (Khin-U-2);

U Myint Kyi (Katha); U Tin Aung Aung (Mandalay NW-1); Daw Ohn Kyi (Myittha-1); U Ye Htut (Daik-U-1); U Thein Pe (Kanbalu-1); Dr. Zaw Myint Maung (Amarapura-1); U Tha Hsaing (Twantay-1); Daw San San Win (Alon); Daw San San (Hseikkann); U Aung Hsan Myint (Myaing-1); Dr. Myint Naing (Kanbalu-2); Dr. Maung Maung Latt (Tharkayta-1). (WPD 12/10)]

.c.:Speeches by Gen. Saw Maung

Excerpts from speeches by State LORC Chairman Senior General Saw Maung:

Dec. 10: At Kungyangonn [excerpts]: "I will speak on matters which ought to be told.... If you speak about [a] good person, don't speak about that person by mentioning his name, as it would amount to flattery and similarly, if we speak about a bad person by mentioning his name it would amount to downgrading him.... Lord Buddha preached not to praise or to degrade...." (WPD 12/11)

[There were 1,393 kings in 11 Pyu Dynasties.] "Calculated, there were over 25,000 years of reign in the history of Myanmar based on the average of over 18 each.... What I mean is that we have really had a long history.... There is no other country like ours in the world. Westerners of developed nations also feel that there is no country like this any more in the world. So I am telling you with cetana that we should preserve our traditions. There are many countries in the world but there is no longer a country like Myanmar Naing-Ngan which preserves its traditions and culture ...."

[Expulsions and derobing of monks in ancient Buddhist Synods. Purifications of the Sangha by early Myanmar kings. Resistance against the British. Various religious and historical books discussed.]

[Debt of K 356 million Myanmar had to pay to Britain after independence to pay for the World War II Burmese Government in exile in India. Long discussion of Myanmar debts to Britain. Myanmar's debt to Britain was 1,280,448 pounds for 1942-43; 3,447,592 for 1943-44; 1,291,980 for 1944-45; and 1,235,455 for Apr.-Sept. 1945; for a total of 7,255,475 pounds sterling.] "We had to repay all that to the British.... Then the British reoccupied the country...and how much was charged during Civil Administration?... In 45-46 it was 8,361,065; in 46-47...it was 27,195,625 pounds...those two would add up to about 35,556,690 pounds .... How much debt did they make us repay? It was 42,812,165.... We had to repay 1,100,000...then under Nu-Attlee Agreement...they said 15 million was written off...what remained to be paid was 26,712,165 pounds... it was the debt that came along with independence.... The simple fact is that we did not get our independence for free."

[Lengthy discussion of insurgencies, negotiations with insurgents, and other historical matters.]

[Lengthy discussion of 1948 Citizenship law and regulations.] "There is only one called citizen of the Union of Myanmar. The one who lives in this country is a citizen. We should understand it well...."

[Pensions still being paid to 7,000 British army veterans.] (WPD 12/12)

Dec. 10: At Lethhokkon village, Mokkyun region [excerpts]: "When there is disunity in our country, foreign nations want to interfere in our internal affairs.... In order to bring about development, everybody must work.... The most important thing is for everybody to know his or her respective work. What duty do I have...? I have the duty to defend...the nation...by suppressing and crushing the internal insurgents, the external insurgents and those who are out to cause the disintegration of the nation...." [Duties of Army, Navy, Airforce, Intelligence Services, Police discussed.]

"What must be there in a village to keep it peaceful and tranquil.... One is the law.... There are sections such as High Treason, Sedition ...Abetment.... One must know the laws which one has to abide by...." [Myanmar different from other countries. No cold weather; plenty of food. Customs, like offering hospitality to strangers, respecting elders, maintaining family ties through

generations] "Their culture has not been for long. The history of America is known to be just over 200 years. Our history and our culture are known to have existed for tens of thousands of years...."

"We cannot let our country become a slavedom.... We cannot bear to be down-graded and ridiculed.... What I mean to say is we are quite different from them...."

"We have a covenant. If one takes over the reins of state power then, there must be a covenant.... [In 1962] Bogoyoke Tommy Clift was Vice-Chief of Staff (Air) [and] a member of the Revolutionary Council. But Bogoyoke Tommy Clift was married to a woman from England. Since the one he married was from England and since there was the covenant...[he] on his own volition resigned from the Revolutionary Council...."

"I think there is no problem here today. In Yangon and other places, this girl's [Daw Aung San Suu Kyi--HCMacD] problem is the same. This is a covenant. There can never be a case of the leaking out of State secrets. If we look at this girl in terms of law she cannot be come a State leader on the one hand according to the covenant...."

[Myanmar rich in rubies and jade.] "Ours is not a country that can starve. Why shall we be poor because others say so?..."

[Discussion of the Thirty Comrades; of splits in the AFPFL; of different slogans; of periodic nature of modern Myanmar history; of change.] (WPD 12/11)

.c.:Speech by Gen. Than Shwe

Dec. 10: Addressing students from the Academy for the Development of National Groups (ADNG), who have been touring Yangon, SLORC Vice Chairman Gen. Than Shwe, Chairman of the Central Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races reviewed at length the suppression of BCP insurgents and Government development activities. He called on cooperation from the border area peoples. "As long as there is insurgency and as long as there are people who have the mentality to carry out destructive activities nothing can be done for development of the area. So you must tell the future generations and make them realize that if they want their region, country and race to develop and prosper they must get rid of insurgency." (WPD 12/11)

.c.:Re Daw Aung San Suu Kyi

Dec. 19: Press Release from Ministry of Foreign Affairs [text]:

"The morning 0630 hours VOA Myanmar language broadcast and the 0640 BBC Myanmar language broadcast of today, 19 December 1990 carried reports that on humanitarian grounds, the United Nations Secretary-General has requested the release of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, against whom action has been taken according to the laws of Myanmar, from the restrictions placed upon her.

"As the case of people who have had action taken against them is considered solely from the viewpoint of the existing laws of Myanmar, the Leader of the Myanmar Delegation U Ohn Gyaw informed the Secretary-General about the developments in Myanmar during the meeting with the latter at his office in New York at 1530 hours on 11 October 1990. In the course of the discussion, the Secretary-General inquired about the case of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, and U Ohn Gyaw replied that action was taken against her because of her violation of existing laws, and not because of her political convictions; and that the restraining order is the most lenient legal measure possible. He further added that if there were individuals or Governments who had written to the Secretary-General on the matter and who had expressed their desire for leniency to be applied on humanitarian reasons, the Leader of the Myanmar Delegation would like to apprise the Secretary-General of the fact that during the visit of the Member of the Japanese House of Councillors Mr Michio Watanabe to Myanmar at the end of July and the beginning of August 1990, the Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Senior General Saw Maung, in response to Mr Watanabe's mentioning of the case of Fang Lizhi while he visited China, commented that should Daw Aung San Suu Kyi wish to stay together with her husband and children, she would be allowed to

leave Myanmar Naing-Ngan on humanitarian grounds.

"It is our belief that the Secretary-General would convey the views of the Myanmar Government to the people who have expressed concern on the matter. This Press Release, giving the true facts of the situation, has to be issued since two foreign broadcasts of this morning carried news reports presenting their own viewpoints. What the Leader of the Myanmar Delegation informed the Secretary-General remains valid today.

"Moreover, as Article 100 paragraph (1) of Chapter 15 of the United Nations Charter provides that the Secretary-General and the staff shall not seek or receive instructions from any Government or from any other authority external to the Organization, we are confident that the Secretary-General will not be receptive to pressure from any Government or organization.

"It should also be mentioned that the Prime Minister of Myanmar Naing-Ngan on 31st July 1990 and the Myanmar Permanent Representative to the United Nations on 25th May 1990 had written letters to the Secretary-General on the matter."

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.c.:Sangha Directive 82 Explained

Dec. 20: In a meeting with Yangon Sangha officials, Yangon Commander Maj-Gen. Myo Nyunt explained that the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Directive No. 82 "includes measures to be taken for demarcating the religious land, holding Sangha membership cards systematically, for compiling the lists of members of Sangha who adorn [sic] yellow robes on temporary basis, for compiling the list of visiting members of Sangha, and for compiling the lists of members of Sangha who will go into monsoon retreat. We are taking necessary measures to implement the provisions of the Directive." (WPD 12/21)

Dec. 20: In a "Saraniyakatha" delivered on the occasion [full text published], Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Vannasiri, Joint Secretary Sayadaw of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee, called for responsibility by Sayadaws. "Generally speaking, they know they are responsible but the number of those who have a sense of responsibility is not up to the mark." Examples of errors at township levels cited, in building of monasteries, in supervising religious examinations, etc. In contrast to the past, both monks and novices these days are well provided for by the laity; there is no shortage of robes and other essentials (including cheroots). "Therefore, all of us must make concerted efforts to prevent this organization from breaking up." (WPD 12/22)

.c.ELECTIONS

.c.:Election Tribunals

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

Tribunal No. 1: Dec. 5: Heard the Ingapu-2 case. Counsel for Dr. San Aung said he was surprised to read that his client was declared an absconder. The tribunal will "seek legal advice from the Attorney General whether to go on with the case or not." (WPD 12/6) // Dec. 19: Arguments continued in the Ingapu-2 case; decision on continuing the case will be given Jan. 3. (WPD 12/ 20) // Dec. 26: Heard the Kyaikmaraw-2 case; next hearing Dec. 31. (WPD 12/27)

Tribunal No. 2: Dec. 4: Heard the Bogalay-1 case. (WPD 12/5) // Dec. 26: Heard the Bogalay-1 case. (WPD 12/27) // Dec. 27: Heard the Bogalay-2 case; next hearing Jan. 17. (WPD 12/28) // Dec. 28: Heard the Bogalay-1 case; next hearing Jan. 24. (WPD 12/29)

Tribunal No. 3: Dec. 4: Heard the Myaung case. (WPD 12/5) // Dec. 5: Heard the Pyin-Oo-Lwin-2 case, and will "seek legal advice from the Attorney General whether or not to continue on with the case...now that Peter Limbin...is declared absconder." (WPD 12/6) // Dec. 19: Hearings continued in the Pyin-Oo-Lwin-2 case; a decision on continuing the case will be made Jan. 3. (WPD 12/20) // Dec. 26: Heard the Myaung case. (WPD 12/26) // Dec. 27: Heard the Myaung case;

next hearing Jan. 17. (WPD 12/29)

Tribunal No. 4: [no activity]

Tribunal No. 5: [no activity]

.c.:Party Registration Changes

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

(13) Union Karen League. New officers are: Patrons Mahn Tha Hsin, Saw Pe Than, Saw Aung Din; Ch Mahn Tin Aung Than; VCh Saw Than Aung; GS Mahn Nyunt Maung; JGS Saw Maung Thein; Saw Win Bahd; CEC members Saw San Ba Aung, Mahn Tin Maung (a) Mahn Myo Nyunt, Saw Daniel, Saw Kyaw Swe, Mahn Thaung Kywe Linn, Dr. Sal Htoo, Saw Rubi, Mahn Saw Maung, Mahn Win Khaing Than, Mahn Pan Shwe, Mahn Moh Moh (a) Mahn Thein Myint, Saw Ye Si, Mahn Soe Shwe, Mahn Aung Hsal, Saw Jew, Mahn Soe Thein. (WPD 12/13)

(25) Patriotic Youth Organization. VCh Phone Yaung Oo has resigned. (WPD 12/13)

(37) United National Congress. Ch Tin Win and VCh Tha Nyan have resigned. New chairman is Patron Pathi U Kyaw Myint. (WPD 12/13)

(38) Democratic Human Rights Party. New address is 156 Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, Saya San Ward (Kokkine), Bahann Twp., Yangon. (WPD 12/7)

(57) Workers' Unity Organization. New officers are Ch Ohn Kyaw; Sec Pau Kham Thang; JSec Mya Aung; CEC members Khin Soe, Tin Hla, Ba Htoo, Mya Maung, Lakwai Tu, Aung Than, Kyi Than, Nyunt Thein, Nyunt Lwin, Ba Htwe, Min Aung, Daw Myint Myint Swe, Aung Kyi. (WPD 12/13)

(86) National Peace Party (NPP). New address is 52 (top fl.) 54th St., Ward 2. Pazundaung Twp., Yangon. (WPD 12/7)

(98) Anti-Fascist People's Freedom League. New address is 58 (1st fl.) Maha Bandoola Garden St., Kyauktada Twp., Yangon. (WPD 12/7)

(117) Student and Youth League for Mayyu Development (Arakan). GS M. Tiyas and CEC member Saw Myint have resigned. (WPD 12/13)

(167) Union Nationals Democracy Party (UNDP). CEC member Nan Nwe has retired. (WPD 12/13)

(212) Party for National Democracy. Registration cancelled by the Election Commission as of Dec. 20, 1990. (WPD 12/21)

(216) League of Democratic Allies (LDA). New address is 58 (1st fl.) Maha Bandoola Garden St., Kyauktada Twp., Yangon. [sic] (WPD 12/7)

.c.:National Democracy Party Banned

Dec. 20: Election Commission Announcement No. 902 of Dec. 20 cancels the registration of the Party for National Democracy [No. 212]. The Announcement states that PND Chairman Dr. Sein Win "is now known to have formed a parallel government in alliance with insurgents without resigning from the party; the Party for National Democracy is therefore found to have infringed Section 3(b) of the Political Parties Registration Law. Moreover, the remaining executive committee members are found to be in no position to present themselves to carry out party duties in accordance with paragraph 14 of the party's organizational rules. Hence, the Commission, exercising the powers entrusted under Section 6 of the Political Parties Registration Law hereby announced deregistration of the Party for National Democracy...." (WPD 12/21)

.c.:Eight Hluttaw Members Ousted

Dec. 26: Election Commission Announcement No. 903 of Dec. 26 ousts the following elected Hluttaw representatives: U Win Ko (Ye-U-2); U Tun Oo (Kyaukkyi); U Sein Win (Paukkaung); U Than Kywe (Shwedaung-1); U Hla Pe (Pyawbwe-2); U Peter Limbin (Pyin-Oo-Lwin-2); U Bo Hla Tint (Mogok-2); and U Thein Oo (Mandalay SW-2). The announcement notes:

"The Court concerned decided that there is firm evidence that the persons mentioned above, after forming a parallel government, are conspiring with insurgent organizations that are waging armed insurgency against the State or with members of such organizations in order to rise against the State.



"The persons mentioned in paragraph 1 have infringed Section 11 (g) of the Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law and the Commission hereby announces that they have no right to continue to be elected Hluttaw representatives and that these persons are cancelled as elected Hluttaw representatives." (WPD 12/27)

.c.DIPLOMATIC

.c.:Diplomatic Calls

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

Nov. 30: French Ambassador Alain Briottet on Minister for Energy and for Mines Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. Soviet Ambassador Vadim I. Shabalin on Minister for Home & Religious Affairs and for Information and for Culture Lt-Gen. Phone Myint. (WPD 12/1)

Dec. 4: WHO Resident Representative Dr. R.R. Chaudhury on State LORC Secretary (1) Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt. Deputy UNDP Representative Mr. Michael P. Gautier, Adviser Mr. Paul Cook, and Lecturer Mr. Martin Michael Minogue, on Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Brig-Gen. Abel. (WPD 12/5)

Dec. 5: UNDP Officer-in-Charge Mr. Gerd Merrem and Deputy Representative Michael P. Gautier on Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Brig-Gen. Abel to discuss the Border Areas Development Project. (WPD 12/ 6)

Dec. 6: French Ambassador Alain Briottet on Auditor-General U Khin Zaw. UNDP Officer-in-Charge Mr. Gerd Merrem and party on Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the University Training Corps Col. Pe Thein. (WPD 12/7)

Dec. 7: French Ambassador Alain Briottet on Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Brig-Gen. Abel. (WPD 12/8)

Dec. 10: Indian Ambassador Shri Preet Mohan Singh Malik on Deputy Attorney-General U Khin Maung Aye. UNICEF Representative Mr. Rolf C. Carriere on Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Brig-Gen. Abel to discuss the 1991-95 UNICEF Country Programmes. (WPD 12/11)

Dec. 13: Vietnam Ambassador Nguyen Hua on State LORC Chairman Senior General Saw Maung. Soviet Ambassador Vadim I. Shabalin on Attorney General U Tha Tun. (WPD 12/14)

Dec. 14: UNDP Officer-in-Charge Mr. Gerd Merrem on Minister for Home & Religious Affairs and for Information and for Culture Lt-Gen. Phone Myint. (WPD 12/14)

Dec. 18: Malaysian Ambassador Sallehuddin bin Abdullah on Minister for Construction and for Co-operatives Lt-Gen. Aung Ye Kyaw. (WPD 12/ 19)

Dec. 20: Czech & Slovak Federal Republic Ambassador Jaroslav Richter on Minister for Industry 1 and for Industry 2 Lt-Gen. Sein Aung. WHO Resident Representative Dr. Ranjit Roy Chaudhury on Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Brig-Gen. Abel, to thank him for support during Chaudhury's four-year term. (WPD 12/21)

Dec. 21: The WHO Representative on Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the University Training Corps Col. Pe Thein on Dec. 20, and on Minister for Home & Religious Affairs and for Information and for Culture Lt-Gen. Phone Myint on Dec. 21. (WPD 12/22)

Dec. 23: Czech & Slovak Ambassador Jaroslav Richter on SLORC Vice-Chairman Gen. Than Shwe. (WPD 12/24)

Dec. 24: French Ambassador Alain Briottet on Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries and for Agriculture & Forests Lt-Gen. Chit Swe. (WPD 12/25)

Dec. 26: Czech & Slovak Ambassador Jaroslav Richter on Minister for Construction and for Co-operatives Lt-Gen. Aung Ye Kyaw, and on Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries and for Agriculture & Forests Lt-Gen. Chit Swe. (WPD 12/27)

Dec. 27: The Czech & Slovak Ambassador on Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Brig-Gen. Abel. (WPD 12/28)

Dec. 28: United States Charge d'Affaires a.i. Franklin P. Huddle, Jr., and Ms. Shirly C. Pinkham from the Embassy, on Minister

for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries and for Agriculture & Forests Lt-Gen. Chit Swe to discuss "matters relating to agriculture, meat, fish and forestry sectors and social affairs." (WPD 12/29)

.c.:Vietnam Ambassador Approved

Dec. 3: The Myanmar government has approved the nomination of Mr. Nguyen Van Tiep as Vietnam Ambassador to Myanmar. He was born in 1931 in Thanh Hoa Province, joined the Foreign Ministry and served as Consul-General in Myanmar from 1964-67. He subsequently served in Sri Lanka and Indonesia. He is currently Deputy Director of the South Asia Department in Hanoi. He is married with 3 children. (WPD 12/3)

.c.:Relations with Venezuela

Dec. 14: Myanmar and Venezuela established diplomatic relations by an Exchange of Notes on Nov. 20, 1990. (WPD 12/14)

.c.:Ambassador to Egypt

Dec. 22: U Sein Yi presented credentials as Myanmar Ambassador to Egypt to President Mubarak on Dec. 19. (WPD 12/22)

.c.:False Dutch Narcotics Claim

Dec. 28: The Myanmar Embassy in Amsterdam has asked the newspaper Telegraaf to correct a news story published Nov. 16 that 40 kilos of heroin had been seized from a Myanmar ship and 3 Myanmar suspects seized. The ship was Thai and the suspects were not Myanmar. (WPD 12/ 29)

.c.:Ambassador to Malaysia

Dec. 30: U Ko has been named Myanmar Ambassador to Malaysia. (WPD 12/ 30)

.c.INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

.c.:Workshops and Courses

Dec. 6: A 2-day Symposium on Development of Capital Markets in Myanmar, jointly sponsored by the Central Bank and by the Sun Hung Kai Fund Management Ltd., represented by Directors Messrs. Tony Child and Dominic Scriven, opened. (WPD 12/7)

Dec. 18: The National Seminar on Family Health, jointly sponsored by the Department of Health and the International Planned Parenthood Federation opened at the Nurses Training Centre in Yangon. WHO Representative Prof. Ranjit Roy Chaudhery, and IPPF team leader Ms. Avabai Wadia gave speeches. 28 officials and faculty are attending the Seminar, which will last until Dec. 21. (WPD 12/19)

Dec. 21: A Dec. 11-21 Seminar on Sector Analysis for Agricultural Development, jointly sponsored by the Ministry of Agriculture & Forests and the FAO ended; 19 trainees attended. (WPD 12/22)

.c.:Foreign Donations

Dec. 9: Representatives of seven [unspecified] Thai timber companies donated K 700,000 for the renovation of the Inlay Phaungdaw-Oo Pagoda. (WPD 12/10)

Dec. 12: Soviet Ambassador Vadim I. Shabalin donated K 5,300 for the restoration of Bagan pagodas, representing the "cash realized from acrobatic shows" during the October visit of a Soviet team. (WPD 12/13)

Dec. 20: The Japan Foundation presented 90 books to the Institute of Economics and the History Department of Mandalay University. (WPD 12/21)

Dec. 24: The Japan-Myanmar Culture Association donated 4 wheel-chairs to the Social Welfare Department. Seven [unspecified] Thai timber companies donated K 700,000 for the renovation of the Phaungdaw-Oo Pagoda. (WPD 12/25)

.c.:UNDP Anniversary Celebrations

Dec. 11: A special 2-kyat postage stamp will be issued Dec. 20 in commemoration of the 40th Anniversary of the United Nations Development Programme. (WPD 12/12)

Dec. 12: A 40th Anniversary Exhibition will be open from Dec. 14-17, with 28 booths from Ministries showing UNDP assisted projects. (WPD article and ad 12/13) // Dec. 14: Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries and for Agriculture & Forests Lt-Gen. Chit Swe opened the exhibition. (WPD 12/15) // Dec. 16: 1,500 students and

2,000 others visited. (WPD 12/17)

.c.FOREIGN VISITORS

.c.:Chinese Industry Delegation

Nov. 30: The Chinese Industry Delegation headed by Deputy Minister of Machinery and Electronics Industry Mr. Tang Zhongwen visited the Shwedagon Pagoda, the Yangon-Tanyin Bridge Project, and the Satellite Ground Station at Toegyauunglay in Thingangyunn Twp., and called on Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Brig-Gen. Abel. (WPD 12/1) // Dec. 1: It toured Yangon. (WPD 12/2) // Dec. 4: After visiting Bagan and Thandwe [Sandoway] Dec. 2-4, the delegation returned for a dinner hosted by Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Brig-Gen. Abel. (WPD 12/5) // Dec. 6: The delegation left. (WPD 12/7)

.c.:Chinese Red Cross Delegation

Dec. 5: A delegation headed by Chinese Red Cross Secretary-General Mr. Han Chang-Lin arrived under the cultural exchange program. Other members are Mr. Zhang Yuan-Mao (Vice President of the Fu Zhou Town Red Cross Society, Fu Jian Province); Mr. Jiang Jian (Manager of the Qu Fu Town Red Cross Clinic, Shan Tong Province); Mr. Zhang Jian-Ping (newspaper correspondent, Red Cross Headquarters); and Mr. Zhou A-Yan (interpreter, International Relations Dept.) (WPD 12/6) // Dec. 12: The delegation toured Yangon, and was given a dinner by Myanmar Red Cross President Dr. Hla Nwe. (WPD 12/13) // Dec. 13: The delegation left. (WPD 12/14)

.c.:UNFDAC Teams

Dec. 6: A United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control (UNFDAC) delegation headed by Prof. Havor Kolshus met with PPF Director Ngwe Soe Tun, after visiting Kengtung, Heho, Pinlaung, Mandalay, Pyin-Oo-Lwin, Nawngkhio and Lashio from Nov. 28-Dec. 3. An UNFDAC team headed by Mr. Alen Howorth [sic] also visited Myitkyina, Mandalay, Taunggyi, and Kalaw Nov. 22-27. (WPD 12/7)

.c.:UPU Consultant

Dec. 9: Mr. A.V. Seshanna, consultant of the Universal Postal Union, arrived in Yangon Dec. 3 and left Dec. 8, after meeting with postal authorities to promote the UPU-sponsored conference planned for "Moresby, Papua New Guinea, during the last week of February 1990 [sic]." (WPD 12/10)

.c.:Chinese Railway Vice-Minister

Dec. 10: A delegation headed by Chinese Vice-Minister for Railways Sun Yongfu arrived to study transportation. (WPD 12/11) // Dec. 11: The delegation visited the Shwedagon Pagoda and the Insein Loco Shed, and was dined by Minister for Construction and for Co-operatives Lt-Gen. Aung Ye Kyaw. (WPD 12/12) // Dec. 12: The delegation visited the Tanyin [Syriam] bridge project. (WPD 12/13) // Dec. 13: It called on officials of the Ministry of Transport & Communications. (WPD 12/14) // Dec. 15: It visited Bagan-Nyaung-U and Mandalay. (WPD 12/16) // Dec. 16: It toured Yangon. (WPD 12/17) // Dec. 17: After calling on Managing Director of Public Works U Khin Maung Yin, the delegation departed. (WPD 12/18)

.c.:WHO Regional Director

Dec. 12: Dr. Ko Ko, World Health Organization Director for the South-East Asian Region, called on Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the University Training Corps Col. Pe Thein. (WPD 12/13)

.c.:UN Management Programme

Dec. 19: Mr. Paul Cook, Non-resident Adviser of the United Nations Management Development Programme and Mr. Martin Michael Minogue, Consultant on Policy Advisory Unit, called on Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Brig-Gen. Abel to discuss implementation of the project financed by the Programme grant. (WPD 12/20)

.c.:Planned Parenthood Federation

Dec. 20: Mrs. Avabal B. Wadia and 3 members of the International Planned Parenthood Federation called on Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the

University Training Corps Col. Pe Thein. (WPD 12/21)

.c.MYANMAR DELEGATIONS

.c.:Study Delegations

Dec. 2: U Hla Win Aung, Assistant General Manager of Myanmar Department Stores, and U Kyin Khin, Managing Director of Diamond International Ltd., left for New Delhi to attend a Dec. 3-12 Workshop on Export Management and Marketing Techniques sponsored by ESCAP. U Sein Myint, Assistant Director of the Trade Department, and Customs Officer (2) U Aye Lwin left for Singapore to attend the Dec. 3-8 Workshop on Computerization and Electronic Data Interchange in Trade and Customs co-sponsored by UNDP and the Netherlands Government. (WPD 12/3)

Dec. 3: Dr. Daw Ma Ma Yi, Assistant Director of the Health Department, and Daw Khin San Yu, Principal of Taungoo Teachers Training School, left for Thailand Dec. 2 to attend the Dec. 3-14 Expansion of Skills-based Literacy Programmes for Women and Girls. Daw Hla Kyu, Deputy Director of Education Planning, Higher Education Department, left of Seoul Dec. 1 to attend the Dec. 3-8 Workshop on New Training Strategies in Educational Planning and Management. U Ye Win, Division Manager of Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications left for China Dec. 1 to attend the Seminar-cum-Workshop on National and Regional Telecommunications Computerization Issues. Dr. Thet Lwin, Lecturer in Statistics at the Institute of Economics, left for Kuala Lumpur Dec. 1 to attend the Dec. 3-7 Seminar on Integration of Human Resources and Sociocultural and Technological Development Planning Process. (WPD 12/4)

Dec. 6: U Tun Sein and U Win Myint, Assistant Managers of the Myanmar Hotels and Tourism Services left for Islamabad, Pakistan, to attend a Dec. 8-20 Tourism Destination Marketing Course jointly sponsored by World Tourism and UNDP. (WPD 12/7)

Dec. 6: An 8-member Myanmar Youth Study Group led by U Aye, Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, left for Japan under the youths exchange program. (WPD 12/7)

Dec. 10: Rector Dr. Khin Maung Nyunt of the Institute of Economics left Dec. 8 for Manila to attend the Dec. 10-12 Workshop on Regional Technical Assistance for Study of Centrally Planned Managed Developing Member Countries [sic]. (WPD 12/11)

Dec. 11: Dr. Myint Han, Director of the Central Research Organization, left for Thailand to attend the Dec. 11-14 Workshop on Research and Human Resources in Six Asian Pulp and Paper Institutes. (WPD 12/12)

Dec. 13: A 5-member Social Welfare Department delegation left for China on Nov. 29, comprising Daw Khin Khin Lay, Principal of the Yangon Disabled Training School; Daw Khin Than Ohn, Administrative Officer of Kengtung Nursery; Daw Yi Yi Myint, Principal of the Patheingyi Pre-Primary School; Daw Khin Mya Mya, Instructor at the Mandalay Training School for Women; and Daw Myint Myint Hlaing, Instructor at the Yangon Training School for Women. They returned Dec. 10. (WPD 12/14)

Dec. 27: U Than Win, Electrical and Mechanical Technician of the Medical Research Department, left for India to attend the Nuclear Electronic Instrumentation in Medical Application Training Course sponsored by UNDP. (WPD 12/28)

.c.:Delegations to Meetings

Nov. 30: U Aung Kyi and U Maung Maung Yi, Director and Deputy Director of the Trade Department, Ministry of Trade, left for Brussels to attend the Dec. 3-7 final meeting of the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations. The delegation will be headed by Ambassador to the UN Missions in Geneva U Aung Thant, and will include First Secretary U Thein Tun from that mission. (WPD 12/1)

Dec. 8: U Khin Kyaw, Lecturer at the Hotels and Tourism Training School of the Myanmar Hotels and Tourism Services left for Amsterdam to attend the Dec. 11-16 Tourist Trade and Public Fair Tour '90. (WPD 12/9)

.c.:Delegations Return

Dec. 8: The delegation led by Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries and for Agriculture & Forests Lt-Gen. Chit Swe returned after attending the 33rd meeting of the Colombo Plan Consultative Committee in Bangkok. On the way home, it visited South Korea. (WPD 12/9)

.c.:Delegation to Laos

Dec. 4: A delegation headed by Foreign Ministry Director-General of the Political Department U Ohn Gyaw left for Vientiane. It includes representatives of the Ministry of Defence, Foreign Ministry, Naval Hydrographic Depot, Survey Department, and SLORC. (WPD 12/5) // Dec. 10: The delegation returned, having called on high Lao officials and held discussions on "Myanmar-Lao boundary demarcation and other bilateral matters." (WPD 12/11)

.c.:Delegation to China

Dec. 5: A good-will delegation headed by Minister for Transport & Communications and for Social Welfare and for Labour Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen. Tin Tun left for China. (WPD 12/6) // Dec. 20: It returned. (WPD 12/21)

.c.:Gen. Than Shwe to Thailand

Dec. 12: Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Gen. Than Shwe led a delegation of 22 to Bangkok to attend the 1990 Asian Defence Services Exhibition. Other members include Director of the Defence Services Intelligence Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt, Director of Procurement Brig-Gen. Abel, Chief of Staff (Navy) Commodore Than Nyunt, Chief of Staff (Air) Brig-Gen. Thein Win, Director of Signals of the Ministry of Defence Brig-Gen. Myo Thant, and Director of Ordinance Brig-Gen. Thein Tun. (WPD 12/13) // Dec. 17: He returned; visit described. (WPD 12/18) // Dec. 18: More details of visit. (WPD 12/19)

.c.MYANMAR GAZETTE

.c.:Probationary Appointments

The SLORC made the following appointments, on probation:

Dec. 19: Dr. Sein Yi, Director, to be Director-General, Indigenous Medicine Department, Ministry of Health. (WPD 12/20)

Dec. 26: Col. Khin Maung Ohn, Deputy Director-General, to be Director-General, Department for Myanmar Missions Abroad, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Col. Than Maung (BC/8792), Tactical Operation Commander, Southern Command, to be Director-General, Archaeology Department, Ministry of Planning & Finance. (WPD 12/27)

.c.GOVERNMENT

.c.:Gold Coins Announced

Dec. 28: The Central Bank of Myanmar will issue Gold Proof coins, beginning Jan. 4, 1991, in denominations of 1 tical, 1/2 tical, and 1/4 tical. The coins will be sold at shops of the Myanma Gems Enterprise, Myanma Jewels House, and Myanma Hotel and Tourism Services hotels, for US dollars. Descriptions and price are as follows:

1 tical: Circular, 26.0 mm diameter, 2.0 mm thick. Obverse: Star, with inscription CENTRAL BANK OF MYANMAR, 1991, and 16.329 gm 999.9 Fine Gold (in English). Reverse: Central Bank of Myanmar, 1991, 1 tical, 999.9 Fine Gold (in Myanmar). [photos] Price: US\$ 175.

1/2 tical: Circular, 22.0 mm diameter, 1.5 mm thick. Obverse: Picture of ploughing a rice field, with inscription CENTRAL BANK OF MYANMAR, 1991, and 8.164 gm 999.9 Fine Gold (in English). Reverse: Central Bank of Myanmar, 1991, 1 tical [sic], 999.9 Fine Gold (in Myanmar). [photos] Price: US\$ 137.50.

1/4 tical: Circular, 18.0 mm diameter, 1.0 mm thick. Obverse: Picture of elephant hauling a log, with inscription CENTRAL BANK OF MYANMAR, 1991, and 4.082 gm 999.9 Fine Gold (in English). Reverse: Central Bank of Myanmar, 1991, 1 tical [sic], 999.9 Fine Gold (in Myanmar). Price: US\$ 68.75.

Purchasers will receive a numbered Certificate of Authenticity [photo]. (WPD 12/29)

.c.MILITARY

.c.:Insurgent Attacks

Dec. 2: 25 KNU insurgents on Nov. 30 stopped and robbed 7 vehicles between Kamarwet village and Mawlamyine. (WPD 12/3)

Dec. 3: KNU insurgents on Nov. 29 fired on a car between Kawkareik and Myawady, wounding four. (WPD 12/4)

Dec. 12: Members of the No. 701 Battalion of the ABSDF insurgents in KIA No. 5 Battalion area on Nov. 14 shot and killed 2 villagers. (WPD 12/13)

Dec. 15: A KNU land mine killed a woman at Tabetswe Village, Bilin Twp. [Mon], on Dec. 13. (WPD 12/16)

.c.:Insurgents Surrender

Dec. 19: 21 insurgents surrendered, with their arms, between Nov. 1-17 [names and details]. (WPD 12/20)

Dec. 20: 13 insurgents surrendered, with their arms, between Nov. 18-30 [names and details]. (WPD 12/ 21)

.c.ECONOMIC

.c.:Economic Articles

Dec. 1,5: A township called Tonzang, by R. Zatu. [Cont. (3) "The Grand Opening" of development projects. (4) "The border village of Cikha."]

Dec. 7: SLORC's economic endeavours paving the way with flowers, by Duwun Kyai. [Cont. (54) Business Representatives. Laws and regulations.]

Dec. 21,25: Honey and other bee products for all, by Maung Yin Swe. [(1) Bee-keeping first studied under FAO auspices in 1979-80, and a project for importing the western honey bee *Apis mellifera* was carried out under UNDP auspices from 1980-June 1983. The Bee-Keeping Department was formed in mid-1983, and now has 72 apiaries in 24 townships, and branch offices in 9 state/divisions. Functions outlined. (2) In the past ten years, bee pollination has added K 627 million to the value of crops {table}. 1,400 farmers have been trained in bee-keeping since 1985.]

Dec. 27: SLORC's construction activities paving the way with flowers, by Kyattika Kyai. [Cont. (12) Hlawga Wildlife Park. 1,650 acres, of which 818 acres are wildlife sanctuary; 62 acres are "mini-zoo"; 770 acres buffer zone. Majority of animals in the sanctuary are: brow-antlered deer (thamin), hog deer (dayai), barking deer (jee), sambar deer (hsat), and mythun (nwanauk). "There are 33 kinds of mammals, numbering 79; 13 kinds of carnivorous animals numbering 43; nine kinds of animals which live mainly on grass; six kinds of reptile, numbering 13 and 35 kinds of birds, numbering 318. Therefore there are a total of 71 kinds of animals and birds numbering 826 being raised at the park." Facilities include one Yengan Lodge, 4 view decks, 1 view tower, 1 cafeteria, and 2 souvenir shops.']

Dec. 31: Centenary of Gyobingauk, by Ye Myint Pe. [History and description of Gyobingauk, in Tharrawaddy Township Zone.]

.c.:Joint Ventures

Nov. 30: A production sharing agreement for the mining of lead ores in Mong Kyawt was signed between the No. 1 Mining Enterprise, represented by Managing Director U Yoe Sein and the Saha Pongsiri Co Ltd. of Thailand, represented by Chairman Mr. S. Montree. Mr. Montree said he hoped to expand the project to include other minerals along the border. (WPD 12/1)

Nov. 30: Ministry of Trade Notification No. 32/90 of Nov. 30 establishes Public Joint-Venture Corporation Limited No. 8 between the government, represented the by Managing Directors of Myanmar Department Stores and Medicines and Medical Equipment Trading, and the following private enterprises: Chandi Brothers Ltd., represented by Maj. Ohn Lwin (Rtd.); Huan Cho Drug House (U Hla Htay); U Aye Chan, Indigenous Physician; Shwe Myin Tin Drug House (U Nyo); Golden Global Group Ltd. (U Sein Lwin (a) Shiv Prasad); and Four Nines Co. Ltd. (U K. Gangatharan). The capital will be K 50 million, in 50,000 shares of K 1,000 each, of which Myanmar Department Stores and

Medicines and Medical Equipment Trading will hold 7,500 each, and the public may subscribe up to 35,000. Anyone buying K 500,000 is qualified for directorship. Joint Venture Corp. No. 8 will "carry on the business of production, marketing and export of indigenous medicines, growing medicinal plants, opening up of out-patient and in-patient indigenous clinics and related economic activities." The Corporation has opened an office at 253/255 Shwebontha St., Pabedann Twp., Yangon. (WPD 12/1)

Dec. 19: Ministry of Trade Notification No. 34/90 of Dec. 19 establishes the Myanmar Sea Fishers Joint Venture Enterprise Limited for "fishing along the Rakhine Coastal Area and processing and marketing of marine products," with capital of K 100 million divided into 10,000 shares of K 10,000 each, of which 5,000 are subscribed to the Myanmar Fisheries Enterprise, and 5,000 by Sea Fishers Overseas Ltd., of 117/A Old Airport Road, Dhaka, Bangladesh, represented by Managing Director Mr. A. Rouf Chaudhury and Director of Operation Mr. Amanullah Chowdhury. (WPD 12/20)

Dec. 29: Ministry of Trade Notification No. 35/90 of Dec. 29 established Myanmar Daewoo International Limited, a private joint venture company "for manufacturing and marketing of all kinds of garment and apparel products," with an authorized capital of K 30 million, divided into 3,000 shares of K 10,000 each, of which 1,350 will be held by the Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd., and 1,650 by Daewoo Corporation of the Republic of Korea, 541, 5-Ga, Nandaemoon-Ro, Jung Gu, Seoul, Korea, represented by President Mr. Young-Suk Yoon. Both categories of shares shall be subscribed in foreign capital. (WPD 12/30)

.c.:Revised Trading Procedures

Nov. 30: "The Ministry of Trade has revised procedures and conditions on registration of business representatives, on importing goods and putting on sale in the country in Myanmar kyats under consignment basis, on export of goods only after importing goods, on import of reconditioned goods, and on collecting fees for changes in import licences and payment of import license fees. The revised conditions will be published in the TIS News of the Ministry of Trade it is learnt." (WPD 12/ 1)

.c.:Trade Ministry Registrations

Nov. 30: During November 1990, the Ministry of Trade registered 80 limited companies, 3 branch offices of foreign companies, and 9 partnerships. This brings the totals to 615, 76, and 512 respectively. (WPD 12/1)

Dec. 1: During November 1990, the Ministry of Trade registered 95 exporters, 59 importers, and 21 business representatives. This brings the totals to 1,543, 681, and 431 respectively. (WPD 12/2)

.c.:Motel Begun

Dec. 3: A ground-breaking ceremony was held Nov. 28 for the construction of a 48-room, three story, motel in Mogok, built by the Restaurant and Beverage Enterprise. (WPD 12/4)

.c.:Workshop

Dec. 10: Workshop 9/90 on trade matters for private entrepreneurs concluded after four weeks, with 90 trainees. (WPD 12/11)

.c.:Truck Crackdown Planned

Dec. 12: Beginning Jan. 1, a mobile team will make surprise checks on buses and trucks in Yangon to verify weights. Htaukkyant and Ngamoeyeik toll gates will charge K 100 for every ton of overweight in passenger buses and haulage trucks. (WPD 12/13)

.c.:Water Taps To Be Closed

Dec. 14: The Yangon City Development Committee will close down public water taps in the eight downtown Yangon townships of Botahtaung, Pazundaung, Pabedan, Latha, Kyauktada, Lanmadaw, Dagon, and Bahann, as of Jan. 1, 1991. About 30% of 70 million gallons supplied is wasted "due to defects in water taps, lack of supervision and lack of care." Residents are to contact the water department "for installation of water taps of their own." (WPD 12/15)

.c.:Oil Wells

Dec. 14: Minister for Energy and for Mines Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin began oil drilling at No. 1 Test Well in Kawhmu Township, and visited Dala No. 1 Test Well in Dala Township, Yangon Division. (WPD 12/15)

Dec. 15: Minister for Home & Religious Affairs and for Information and for Culture Lt-Gen. Phone Myint and State LORC Secretary (2) Maj-Gen. Tin Oo visited No. 634 Test Well in Mann Oilfield, Minbu Twp. It was drilled July-October 1990 and struck oil and natural gas at 4,000 feet; since then it has been producing 84 barrels (US) of oil and .045 million cubic feet of gas. (WPD 12/ 16)

Dec. 16: They visited No. 79 Test Well in the Kanni area of Htaukshabin Oilfield, Minbu. Drilling began Oct. 9, and it reached 2,180 feet on Nov. 29 and began producing 110 barrels (US) of oil daily. (WPD 12/17)

Dec. 18: Drilling of Indaw Yukong Test Well No. 1 in Indawgyi, Mawlaik Twp., Sagaing, began. The well will be 14,000 feet deep and will take 90 days. (WPD 12/19)

.c.:Imports

Dec. 16: Photograph albums (at K 150) and attache cases (at K 2,100) are available at the JVC No. 3 stationery shops at the Railways Yeiktha, Bogyoke Aung San St., etc. Typewriters have been ordered, and departments wishing to buy them may place orders. (WPD 12/17)

Dec. 17: The Toshiba Sales Centre gave a raffle ticket for each US\$200 spent between Oct. 16 and Dec. 15. 80 winners, of goods valued at US\$ 10,000, were drawn Dec. 16, and may pick up prizes before Jan. 17. Prizes include "television sets, videocassette players, refrigerators, air conditioners, radio cassettes, hot pots, walkman cassettes, and electric fans." (WPD 12/18)

Dec. 24: The MV Magway arrived with 11,013 tons of cargo from Japan, including machinery; trucks, and tyres for Vehicles, Machinery and Equipment Trading; ironware for Myanmar Ceramic Industries; paper for Myanmar Paper & Chemical Industries; textiles; general merchandise; and private cars. (WPD 12/25)

.c.:Ruby Miners Rewarded

Dec. 30: North-East Command Commander Maj-Gen. Maung Thint on Dec. 25 honored "departmental staff and security personnel with cash awards in mining the Nawayat Tharaphu Ruby from Pyinlon in Nawayat Stone Tract ...." He complimented them for "their conscientious and honest efforts in mining the Nawayat Ruby on 23 April 1990." Eight service personnel were given K 298,947.36, and 11 security personnel were given K 184,973.69. "Geologist U Myo Aung Hlaing, on behalf of the honoured persons, spoke words of thanks." (WPD 12/31)

.c.: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
December 1	118.35	109.92	122.84
December 15	118.35	109.92	122.84
December 30	118.35	109.92	122.84

.c.HEALTH

.c.:AIDS in Myanmar

Dec. 1: "Women and Aids"--World Aids Day 1990, by Dr. H. Thaug. [No HIV infected persons were found in Myanmar in 1985-87. One was found in 1988 and 300 in 1989. As of Aug. 1990, 50,965 persons had been serologically examined and 986, or 2%, tested HIV positive. Among those tested, rates increased as follows:

	1985-88	1990
Males	1.6%	2.8%
Females	0.1%	1.7%
Intravenous drug addicts	17.3%	58.2%
Prostitutes	0.0%	9.8%
Sexually promiscuous		



persons 0.0% 8.3%

"The disease will thus become a public health problem in not too distant future."]

.c.:Pure Food & Drug Regulations

Nov. 8: Ministry of Health Notification of Nov. 8, 1990, the Food and Drugs Control Supervisory Order [full text published], establishes Food and Drugs Control Supervisory Bodies at the national, state/division, township zone, and township levels, mostly composed of health and police officials, with authority to license the sale of drugs and, at the township level, to control the presence of "those who are infected with infectious diseases" on premises, inspect "sanitation of the environment", collect and test samples of food and drugs produced, inspect whether "substandard, imitated, adulterated or misbranded" food or drugs are produced or sold, and prohibit the production and sale of and confiscate food and drugs "believed to be dangerous", etc. Various appeal provisions are provided. (WPD 12/1)

.c.:Health Manual Distributed

Dec. 19: 300,000 copies of "Facts for life," have been distributed free of charge. The book written by UNICEF, WHO and UNESCO and translated into Myanmar, deals with "cost-efficient methods for child care and basic facts for family health." (WPD 12/20)

.c.SPORTS

.c.:Traditional Boat Racing

Dec. 1: Editorial--A cultural heritage revived. ["Systematic efforts are being made to hold for the second year running, Myanmar traditional boat races for the [SLORC] Chairman's Bowl.... What is at stake is nothing less than the meaningful revival of a cultural heritage which goes back to antiquity, to the days when the Myanmar Naing-Ngan was a sovereign entity in its own right under the reign of Myanmar monarchs .... {How British tried to discourage such races in 1877.} We cannot but applaud that no less a personage than the Head of State himself is lending his patronage to the revival of this little known but extremely important aspect of our cultural heritage."]

Dec. 6: The Organizing Committee for the SLORC Chairman's Bowl race met. The Boat Race will take place at Kandawgyi [Yangon] on Dec. 27-30, 1990. (WPD 12/7)

Dec. 12: The Ministry of Cooperatives held Myanmar traditional boat races, starting Dec. 10. (WPD 12/13)

Dec. 14: Second Myanmar Traditional Boat Race for the SLORC Chairman's Bowl {hereafter SMTBR}: The Second Step, by Maung Maung Aye. ["Do not miss this opportunity; be a member of the cheering crowd at the boat race" on Dec. 27-30.]

Dec. 15: Traditional boat races began at Mingyi Kyauktan, Sittwe, to celebrate Rakhine State Day. (WPD 12/16)

Dec. 21: Four Inn-tha rowing teams from Shan State with 206 members, led by Maj. Myat Soe, arrived in Yangon to take part in the boat races. (WPD 12/22)

Dec. 23: SMTBR: Revitalization of a traditional Myanmar sport, by D. Vanni. [Restoration of the sport sponsored by Myanmar Kings.]

Dec. 24: The heats began for boat races. (WPD 12/25) // Dec. 25: The heats continued; "crowds thronged to watch the boat races." The SLORC Chairman's Bowl race will begin Dec. 27, and will receive live radio/TV coverage. (WPD 12/26) // Dec. 26: The heats continued. (WPD 12/27)

Dec. 25: The objectives of the race are defined as [text]:

1. to revive and revitalize Myanmar traditional boat races which nearly became diminished during the rule of British colonialists;
2. to organize the traditional boat races under a national drive, based on the factors such as keeping the spirit of patriotism and the Union Spirit alive and dynamic;
3. to portray unity;

4. to foster perseverance, zeal and enthusiasm and to promote health and fitness and nurture strong will power;

5. to promote the practise of collective endeavour, the spirit of sacrifice and team work."

(WPD 12/26)

Dec. 27: SMTBR: Collective Efforts and Team Work, by Maung Dawna. [Qualities needed for rowing.]

Dec. 27: The Second Myanmar Traditional Bowl Race began, in the presence of State LORC Chairman Senior General Saw Maung. Opening the event, State LORC Secretary (1) Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt reviewed the history of boat races under Myanmar Kings from the Bagan period on, and their suppression by the British imperialists, who "made use of every possible means to diminish and consequently eliminate Myanmar cultural traditions and customs, the race, language and religion during the period of national servitude." Even after independence "there remain many traitors who pine for the aunt over the shoulders of the mother, think highly of foreign nations and foreign cultures and wish to rely on them.... In response to incitements by foreign countries and traitors in the country, the [SLORC], while assuming the State responsibilities, organize Myanmar traditional boat races to portray Myanmar cultural traditions and the strength and vitality of Myanmar people. It is doing so to revive patriotism and the love for the country." [photos] (WPD 12/ 28)

Dec. 28: The Traditional Boat Race continued, with further live radio/ TV coverage. Prizes--silver bowls, K106,000 in cash, and prizes worth K 305,250--will be distributed Dec. 30. (WPD 12/29) //

Dec. 29: The Traditional Boat Race continued with semi-finals; attendance was over 300,000. (WPD 12/30)

Dec. 30: SMTBR: The most exciting sports event of the year, by Khin Aung Tin. [History; meetings with rowers; results.]

Dec. 30: The Finals were watched by 650,000 people, with live radio/ TV coverage. Movies were also made, from the surface and from a Tatmadaw helicopter.

Winners were:

ISD 3-oar: 1 Ayeyarwady (A), 2 Yangon (A), 3 Yangon (B) and Mon.

ISD 5-oar: 1 Ayeyarwady (A), 2 Yangon (B), 3 Ayeyarwady (B) and Sagaing.

ISD 7-oar: 1 Ayeyarwady (A), 2 Yangon (A), 3 Mandalay and Mon.

ISD 9-oar: 1 Ayeyarwady (A), 2 Yangon (A), 3 Ayeyarwady (B) and Kachin.

Inter-Ministry 3-oar: 1 Agriculture & Forests [A&F] (A), 2 Energy, 3 Planning & Finance [P&F] and Home & Religious Affairs [H&RA]

Inter-Ministry 5-oar: 1 H&RA (A), 2 Education (Basic Ed.), 3 A&F (A) and Construction.

Inter-Ministry 7-oar: 1 H&RA, 2 A&F (A), 3 H&RA (B) and YCDC [Yangon City Development Committee].

Inter-Ministry 9-oar: 1 Co-operatives, 2 A&F (A), 3 Trade (B) and YCDC.

Inlay boat race (men): 1 Myakaylar, 2 Naung Inlay.

Inlay boat race (women): 1 Linkin, 2 Monghauk.

Inter-Ministry 9-oar (demonstration): 1 Livestock Breeding & Fisheries, 2 Energy.

International 4's (men's senior): 1 Education, 2 Tatmadaw (Navy) (A).

International 4's (women's senior): 1 Education (A), 2 Education (B).

International pairs (women's senior): 1 Education (A), 2 Education (C).

International Men's sculls: 1 Kyaw Win (Yangon Command Hq), 2 Min Thu (Education).

International pairs (men's senior): 1 Tatmadaw (Navy) (C), 2 Tatmadaw (Navy) (D).

The SLORC Chairman's Bowls were presented to the Ministry of Agriculture & Forests (A) team, and to Ayeyarwady Division (A) team.

Special prizes went to veteran rowers Aba U San, 98 years, and Aba U Hla Kyaw, 73 years. (WPD 12/31)

.c.:Sports Teams Abroad

Dec. 4: A Myanmar chinlon team and delegation headed by U Shwe Bo Sein, Director of the Sports and Physical Education Department, left for Bangkok to attend the international paikkyawchin (cane-ball) coaches workshop and the 7th international paikkyawchin tournament for Thai King's cup, Dec. 4-8, sponsored by the Asia Paikkyawchin Federation. Other members are Sports Officer U Khin Maung Myint (Secretary of the Myanmar Naing-Ngan Chinlo Federation, U Soe Tint (Assistant Engineer, Ministry of Construction), and Sports Officer U Khin Myint (Sports and Physical Education Department). (WPD 12/5)

Dec. 5: The Myanmar Taekwando team headed by U Sam John has returned from the First South-East Asian Taekwando Tournament in Singapore. Kyaw Moe won a gold medal, and Win Kyaw and Khin Maung Kyi each won a bronze medal. 40 sportsmen from Singapore, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand, Indonesia, and Myanmar competed. (WPD 12/6; correction 12/7)

Dec. 7: A Myanmar marathon team led by Coach U Hla Aung left for Singapore to take part in the Singapore International Marathon '90. The team includes athletes Myint Kan, Philip, and Victoria. (WPD 12/8)

Dec. 16: The judo team taking part in the South-East Asia Judo Tournament in Kuala Lumpur has won 5 gold, 2 silver, and 2 bronze medals, as follows: Thanda Sit Naing gold in Women's 66-kilo division; Tin Tin Maw gold in Women's 72-kilo; Thida Mon silver in Women's 72-kilo plus; Zaw Lwin bronze in Men's 66-kilo; Kyi Kyi Wai gold in Women's 52-kilo; Hla Hla Myint bronze in Women's 56-kilo; Phyu Phyu Thant gold in Women's 61-kilo; Kyaw Nyunt silver in Men's 71-kilo; and Than Maung gold in Men's 78-kilo. (WPD 12/17) // Dec. 18: The team returned, after winning 5 gold, 5 silver, and 4 bronze medals. (WPD 12/19)

Dec. 18: Myanmar professional Myo Win tied for second in the Tourist Development Corp. Golf Championship in Kuala Lumpur with a 225. (WPD 12/19)

.c.:Soviet Volleyball Team

Dec. 18: The Lithuania Vilnius men's volleyball team arrived for friendly matches in Yangon on Dec. 20, 22, and 24, in Bagan-Nyaung-U on Dec. 27, Pyinmanaa on Dec. 28, and Monywa on Dec. 30. Mr. Algirdas Bellavichus leads a team of 15, including 5 managers. (WPD 12/19) // Dec. 20: The Soviet team won 5-15, 15-9, 5-15, 15-11, and 15-6 (3-2), in the presence of Olympic Committee Chairman Minister for Construction and for Co-operatives Lt-Gen. Aung Ye Kyaw and of Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the University Training Corps Col. Pe Thein. (WPD 12/21) // Dec. 14: The Soviets won in the third match, 3-2 (15-6, 6-15, 7-15, 15-7, 15-10). (WPD 12/25)

.c.:SLORC Chairman's Golf Bowl

Dec. 22: The SLORC Chairman's Bowl Golf Tournament for 1990 began at the Tatmadaw Golf Course. State LORC Chairman Senior General Saw Maung met with the participants. (WPD 12/23)

.c.CULTURAL

.c.:Literary Articles

Dec. 2,9,16,23,30: Myanmar Proverbs, by Dr. U Hla Pe. [Cont. (85-89)]

Dec. 2,9,16,23,30: Short Stories. [(1-2) "About Adam & Eve" by Hitn Lin. (1-2) "His spouse" by Zawgyi. (2) "A despicable character" by Pe Than. (3-4) "The village road" by Htin Lin. (3-5) "Nga Ba: A pine-wood box" by Maung Htin. (5) "Too simple" by Pe Than.]

Dec. 2,9,16,23,30: Poems on ancient Bagan, by Zawgyi, in Myanmar and English. [Cont. (17 2 pts) "Food for thought at Thatbyinnyu." (18 2 pts) "Return from Kyauk Umin." (19) "Bagan period Sapada."]

Dec. 2,9,16,23,30: 20th Century Myanmar Poets & Poems, by Htila Sitthu. [Cont. (58-62) Poet Budalin Chit Lay: Ten selected poems

{poems in Myanmar}.]

Dec. 2,16,23,30: Foundations of Myanmar Culture. Myanmar Literature & the ten major Jatakas, by Hnaphet Hla. [Cont. The Temiya Jataka or Ten Major Jatakas. (20-23 {sic})]  
.c.:Historical & Cultural Articles

Dec. 22: The Cultural Theatre, a symbol of good neighbourly and friendly relations between the Union of Myanmar and the People's Republic of China, by Ye Myint Pe. [History and description of Theatre, built by China after 1985 to replace Yangon's traditional "Open-air Cultural Theatre."]

.c.:SLORC Religious Activities

Throughout December, there continued numerous articles reporting donations by SLORC and military personnel to pagodas, etc. Extensive coverage was given to Buddhist religious ceremonies, processions, etc.

.c.:Religious Exams

Dec. 4: The 43rd Tipidakadara examinations will be held Dec. 30-Jan. 31. 119 sangha members will sit for the oral, and 77 for the written, exams. (WPD 12/5) // Dec. 30: They began. (WPD 12/31)

Dec. 6: The 70th Vinaya examination of the Thudamma Gana of Mawlamyine was held Nov. 24-28. 1,402 samaneras sat for it. (WPD 12/7)

Dec. 18: A ceremony was held Dec. 12 at Kaba Aye to present certificates to 405 members of Sangha and nuns who passed the Pali Pathamabyan and other exams on Buddhist scripture. (WPD 12/19)

Dec. 21: The 3-day 38th Abhidhamma and Visuddhimagga examinations began throughout the country. At the Yangon Centre at Kaba Aye Cave, 942 candidates are sitting. (WPD 12/22)

.c.:School Exams

Dec. 5: The Eighth Standard Examination will be held from Feb. 25-March 6, 1991. (WPD 12/6)

Dec. 7: The Basic Education High School Examination will be held from Mar. 11-16, 1991. (WPD 12/8)

.c.:Puppet Video

Dec. 7: The Myanmar Traditional Marionette Dances Video Movie, "twelve items of the most exciting dances/ SP 40 Min." will go on sale Dec. 7 at specified Department Stores, Hotels, the Tourist Department, and the airport Duty Free Shop. "Enquiries to (01) 31682, (01) 70029." (WPD ad 12/7, etc.)

.c.:Publishers Association Office

Dec. 14: The Myanmar Naing-Ngan Printers and Publishers Association opened its office at No. 9, 50th Street, Botahtaung Twp., Yangon, in the presence of Chairman Col. Kan Nyunt (retd) and Joint Secretary Daw Khin Than Kyi. The Chairman of JVC No. 3, U Thein Tun, donated K 10,000. (WPD 12/15)

.c.:Medical Schools to Reopen

Dec. 17: Courses will resume Jan. 15, 1991 at the Institutes of Medicine and the Institute of Dental Medicine. Courses to be opened are: Second MB, BS (Senior) (5/87); Third MB, BS (11/87); Final MB, BS(A)/ (11/87); Fourth BDS (5/87); and Fifth BDS (11/87). Students are to report from Dec. 24, and hostel students to Hall Wardens beginning Jan. 13. (WPD 12/18)

.c.:1989 Motion Picture Awards

Dec. 28: Minister for Home & Religious Affairs and for Information and for Culture Lt-Gen. Phone Myint presented the Outstanding Motion Picture Awards for 1989. He noted that virtually no films were made in 1988, and that only 17 films had been screened at cinema halls during 1989. He noted that the former target was 60-80 Myanmar films per year, and that the SLORC had authorized importation of enough film for 87 pictures, 46 of them in colour.

"The Censor Board of the Ministry of Information has drawn up and laid down the basic principles and rules to be in accord with the changed conditions. The basic principles are:

- (1) politics
- (2) religion
- (3) friendship among and between the national races

- (4) preservation and upholding of national culture
- (5) promotion and uplifting of moral character and personal integrity
- (6) elimination of crimes
- (7) to keep films free from scenes of brutality and cruelty
- (8) to keep films free from sexual provocation
- (9) to keep films free of indecent scenes
- (10) the children's affairs...

"The rules prescribed include do's and don'ts in connection with the foreign policy of the Government of the Union of Myanmar, sovereignty, the rule of law and peace and tranquillity, non-disintegration of the Union, preserving and safeguarding such fine traditions of the Union of Myanmar's national races' living together in unity and friendship, with respect and love for one another and helping one another and matters relating to the national races' customs, traditions, cultures, languages, literatures, their modes of dress."

Film costs have increased, and admission fees have been raised, so "those who screen films are earning more." The entertainment tax has been reduced from 40% to 30%. Myanmar films are similar in many ways to those made in other countries. However, "the film artistes taking part in it speak Myanmar. The main backgrounds of a film are also created with Myanmar land, Myanmar natural scenes, Myanmar thoughts and Myanmar customs and habits.... Generally speaking, a Myanmar film is like a pot of tasty curries all mixed together. If it is artistic, it is enjoyed to the full just as that pot of curries is enjoyed...."

Awards were given in seven categories, as follows:

Best Film: Doe (Amyotha Films)

Best Director: Kyi Soe Tun for Doe

Best Photographer: [apparently not given]

Best Actor: Kyaw Hein for Pan-myaing-lai-ga-Oo-yin-hmu

Best Actress: Moe Moe Myint Aung for Khat-sein-sein-be-nay-ba-

mai

Best Supporting Actor: [apparently not given]

Best Supporting Actress: [apparently not given] (WPD 12/29)

#### .c.MISCELLANEOUS

##### .c.:Crime News

Names and addresses of culprits generally included.

Dec. 1: Yangon police on Nov. 30 recovered a pistol and ammunition stolen during the 1988 disturbances. Three persons were arrested. The Mandalay anti-drug squad on Nov. 21 seized a woman with 0.95 kilos of heroin. (WPD 12/2)

Dec. 2: The Kale anti-drug squad on Nov. 13 arrested two persons and seized 50 phensedyl bottles. Pabedan Twp. [Yangon] police have arrested a man for enticing young girls (aged 7-11) and stealing their gold jewellery. (WPD 12/3)

Dec. 3: Yangon police on Nov. 30 arrested a man for snatching a gold chain and diamond locket worth K 200,000 from a Yangon-Mawlamyine train passenger on Nov. 18. (WPD 12/4)

Dec. 4: Two license forgers were apprehended Nov. 12 in Yangon; they had forged 11 motorcar licenses at K 500, and motorbike licenses at K 300, for drivers who did not want to have their vehicles inspected. (WPD 12/5)

Dec. 5: Security personnel at the fired on oil thieves Dec. 2 near Oilfield No. 52, Pyay Taungdan, Shwedaung Twp., killing one. Some nine others escaped. (WPD 12/6)

Dec. 7: The Yangon anti-drug squad on Nov. 18 arrested three persons and seized over 16 kilos of marijuana. (WPD 12/8)

Dec. 8: Yangon railway police on Dec. 6 arrested a man who snatched a K 12,000 gold chain from a woman passenger on the Yangon-Mandalay express train. (WPD 12/9)

Dec. 8: Hmawby police on Nov. 28 arrested four men for stealing two seinphudaws (diamond buds) from the Pawdawmu and Swe-mya-lar Pagodas on Pawdawmu hillock in Hmawby Township on Nov. 19, and one

for receiving stolen property. The buds were apparently recovered.  
(WPD 12/10)

Dec. 12: Kayah police on Dec. 4 seized 3.2 kilos of raw opium in Loikaw and arrested 3 people. (WPD 12/13)

Dec. 13: Yangon railway police on Dec. 11 seized 68 bottles of comethazine from a passenger on the Mandalay-Yangon train; the culprit tried to bribe an agent with K 6,500. Tachilek security unit members on Nov. 25 seized 10.3 kilos of raw opium near Makaw-wam Village, Mongkoe Village-tract, Tachilek Twp. (WPD 12/14)

Dec. 14: Pabedan police [Yangon] on Dec. 4 exposed a counterfeit jewellery gang selling fake gold at Bogyoke Market, and arrested four people; one person has absconded. (WPD 12/15)

Dec. 18: Penwagon police on Nov. 28 seized 42.5 kilos of marijuana from a woman at Penwagon Railway Station. (WPD 12/19)

Dec. 19: Lashio and Taunggyi anti-drug squads on Dec. 6 searched a car from Kyuhkok at a Lashio checkpoint and seized 1.3 kilos of heroin. A woman was arrested. (WPD 12/20)

Dec. 21: Yangon police caught two snatch-and-run thieves, who had committed 7 crimes, on Nov. 18. Gold chains worth K 78,750 were recovered. Myaungmya police on Dec. 16 arrested 2 people with 396 bottles of phensedyl and comethazine worth K 220,000. (WPD 12/22)

Dec. 22: Yangon police on Dec. 19 arrested 2 snatch-and-run thieves, who had been snatching baggage at bus terminals in Mandalay, Pyin-Oo-Lwin, Lashio, and Muse. K 32,495 and K 9,500 of clothing were recovered. (WPD 12/23)

Dec. 29: Loikaw police on Dec. 15 seized 31 kilos of opium from a man at the Loilemlay bus terminal. (WPD 12/30)

Dec. 30: The Yangon anti-drug squad on Dec. 17 seized 1.3 kilos of raw opium and K 4,000, arresting 5 people. On Dec. 20 it seized 31.55 grammes of heroin and K 679; 3 people were arrested and a further K 8,500 was seized. (WPD 12/31)

.c.:Obituaries

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

Oct. 27: U Aye Kywe, B.Sc. Maths. (Q), 2/o M.V. Van Hawk, Van Shipping Co, Ltd., died at sea, aged 36, and was cremated at Masan City, South Korea, Nov. 19. (WPD 12/5)

Nov. 3: Jeing Tung Maha Devi Nang San Kiao (Temporary Bangkok), consort of Jeing Tung Sao Hpa Long Sao Hpa Sai Long Meing Rai, died in Bangkok, aged 59. (WPD 12/14)

Nov. 30: U Tun Hlaing (Tanyin), Deputy Director-General, Irrigation Dept....elder brother of U Myint Hlaing-Daw Patsy (Australia) and U Aung Hlaing-Daw Chit Thwin (Australia), died in Yangon, aged 59. (WPD 12/1)

Dec. 5: Pascal Kyaw Win, B.Sc. (Botany), Head of Section, President's Office, husband of Ma Tin Tin Shwe, died in Yangon, aged 39. [Catholic] (WPD 12/7)

Dec. 7: U P.G. Peel (Port Corp. Retd.), husband of Matron Naw Yeh Peh (reted.), father of...Tyrone-Babara [sic] (Australia), George (Singapore)...died in Yangon, aged 78. [Christian] (WPD 12/9)

Dec. 7: Daw Mya Than, mother of Ma Ohmar Hlaing of Sumitomo Corp., Yangon Branch [condolence message]. (WPD 12/10)

Dec. 8: Daw Son Za Cing (a) Daw Thein Thein, wife of Major H. Mang Ya, of Pyin-Oo-Lwin, died in Yangon, aged 72. [Christian] (WPD 12/9)

Dec. 9: Maung Nyan Htet Sein, son of U Thaw Da Sein, Managing Director of Myanma Hotels and Tourism Services, died in Japan [condolence message]. (WPD 12/15)

Dec. 22: Arthur H. Paul, BA, BL (Cal 1920), died, aged 97 [rest of obituary in Myanmar]. (WPD 12/23)

Dec. 25: Wallace J. Kangyi, M.A., Rtrd. Lect., Dept. of Anthropology, University of Yangon, died in Yangon, aged 61. [Christian] (WPD 12/ 27)

Dec. 25: "The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) delegation in Myanmar, and staff tender their deepest condolences to the bereaved families of Khin Swe Aye (Cherry) ICRC, Saw Tah Eh Moo

ICRC, Venetia N Kadoe (Naw Say Paw's daughter) and Tin Maung Lay MRCS on their sudden and untimely demise on Christmas Day, 25-12-90 Tuesday. May their soul rest in peace.

ICRC & Staff, 2 Cr,  
Kaba-Aye Pagoda Road,  
Mayangonn, Yangon."  
(WPD 12/28)

Dec. 26: Daw Margaret John (former teacher of the Methodist Myanmar High School, Myoma National High School, and St. Mary's Diocesan Girls' High School), died in Yangon, aged 88. [Baptist] (WPD 12/27)

Dec. 27: P'dohmu Gertrude Taynaw, retired Administrative Officer, D.G.S.E.,...mother of Saw Ronald Taynaw and Naw Tha Ble...died in Yangon, aged 66. [Christian] (WPD 12/28)

Dec. 28: U Khin Maung Htun, Major (retd.) BC/8703, General Manager, Myanmar Fisheries Enterprise, husband of Daw Khin Than Nwe, died in Yangon, aged 51. (WPD 12/29)

Dec. 28: Rev. Fr. John U Mg Kalay, Archdiocese of Mandalay, died in Chan Tha Gone, aged 78. [Christian] (WPD 12/29)

Dec. 29: M. Shankar, died, aged 26 [rest of obituary in Myanmar]. (WPD 12/30)

.c.:Narcotics Destroyed

Dec. 1: 11.82 acres of poppy plantations were destroyed on Sept. 20 and Oct 12 in Pinpon, Phyushar, Htin-ne, and Kaunglay villages, Pinlaung Twp., Shan State. (WPD 12/2)

Dec. 18: 10 acres of poppy plantations were destroyed Dec. 8 "in the area between the eastern sector of Hsihseng and Yunchaung." (WPD 12/19)

Dec. 28: 12 acres of opium poppy were destroyed Dec. 22 near Tonhtan village and Wamhwe village in Hsihseng Twp. (WPD 12/29)

.c.:Building Collapses

Dec. 2: A 50 year-old two-storey wooden building at No. 76/78/80/82 50th Street, Ward 1, Pazundaung Twp., Yangon, collapsed, leaving 25 people from 7 households homeless. "The authorities...warned, about two weeks ago, that the house be demolished as it was dangerous to reside in." Nobody was injured. (WPD 12/3)

.c.:Road Accidents

Dec. 4: During November, there were 84 road accidents in Yangon, causing 17 deaths and 121 injuries. 33 resulted from motorist infractions, and 24 from lack of discipline by pedestrians. (WPD 12/5)

.c.:Traffic Enforcement Equipment

Dec. 5: The Yangon police received "an alcohol meter for checking drunken drivers, a trip track for examining speeds, and a weight bridge for examining the loads" from the Yangon City Development Committee. "They are equipped with video-records, computers, telephoto-lens and auto-recorders of mileage and speed." (WPD 12/6)

.c.:Engagements

Dec. 9: Win Thin, B.A. (Brandeis Univ.), M.A. (Georgetown Univ.), M.Phil (Columbia Univ.) candidate for Ph.D. in Economics (Columbia Univ.), son of Dr. Tun Thin and Mya Saw Shin of Washington, D.C. became engaged to Lisa Carrie Cohen, B.A. (Brandeis Univ.), J.D. (Columbia School of Law), Attorney, Member of the NY and DC Bars, daughter of Joseph and Judith Cohen of Long Island, N.Y., at the Inya Lake Hotel on Dec. 9, 1990. (WPD 12/10)

Dec. 9: Ma Aye Aye Khin, B.Sc. (I.C.), daughter of Capt. Tin Htut, Master Mariner (F.G.) and Daw Tin Tin Hla of Yangon, became engaged to Maung Zaw Win Tun, 3rd year Physics (Mariner Shipping), son of U Thayne Toon and Daw Khin Myint. (WPD 12/10)

.c.:Bridge and Train Accidents

Dec. 23: "The metal pontoon bridge of the Tanyin-Yangon Jetty collapsed under the weight of passengers this evening, and two men were killed and four men and five women were slightly injured in the accident." (WPD 12/24)

Dec. 30: The No. 6-Down Express jumped the rails Dec. 26 between Nyaungbintha and Kanyutkwin, overturning 9 upper-class carriages and 3 ordinary-class carriages. Two passengers were slightly injured. The accident was caused by the break-up of old rails laid in 1943. (WPD 12/ 31)

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