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POLITICAL CRISIS

Slogans

The four political slogans launched in November 1988 appeared in most issues of The Working People's Daily throughout the month, as did the "Noble Desire" slogan begun in January 1990. We reprinted them in the January 1991 issue.

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

Apr. 1-4: Sippanca, to acquire skill in sciences; this is the way to auspiciousness.

Apr. 5-7: Vinayo ca susikkhito, to be well-trained in discipline; this is the way to auspiciousness.

Apr. 8-12: Subasita ca Yavaca, to speak good and unselfish words; this is the way to auspiciousness.

Apr. 13-14: Matapitu-upatthanam, to serve the parents; this is the way to auspiciousness.

Apr. 15-17: Puttadarassa sangaho, to support the wife and children; this is the way to auspiciousness.

Apr. 18-21: Anakula ca kammanta, to be engaged in peaceful occupations; this is the way to auspiciousness.

Apr. 22-24: Dananca, generosity; this is the way to

auspiciousness.

Apr. 25-29: Dhammacariya ca, lawful conduct; this is the way to auspiciousness.

Apr. 30: Natakananca sangaho, to support the relatives; this is the way to auspiciousness.

Since Jan. 3, 1991, most issues have also run the following slogan:

The interests of the State cannot be served and promoted by disturbances and instability. Join hands with the Tatmadaw in preventing disturbances and acts of instability.

On Apr. 29-30 a new slogan appeared across the middle of the inside fold: Today's Tatmadaw (SLORC) is not a political organization. Hence, no need to attack it politically.

Cartoons

There continued to be several political cartoons in each issue. E.g.:

Apr. 4: 1st Myanmar {at Pagoda}: "Friend, why is the SLORC making endeavours in religious affairs with might and main?" 2nd Myanmar: "You nit! The SLORC is the Tatmadaw... they are service personnel. Service personnel are free from party politics. So they can carry out religious matters without bad conscience."

Apr. 4: 1st Myanmar: "As you have realized your misdeeds and returned to the legal fold, I would like to ask you the actual condition of -underground leaders." 2nd Myanmar: "Yes, they are like about ten lions in the same cave, and they are waiting for a chance to attack each other."

Apr. 4: Signs: "No race will become extinct if swallowed by the earth. But a race will become extinct if swallowed by another race." "Only a pure race can be patriotic." 1st Myanmar: "These are...you know ...are meant for those who wish to have you-know-what done to them only by the made-in-where and also to those who have been looking forward like you-know-what for you-know-who..." 2nd Myanmar {cheering}: "Our State! Our Nation! Our Land! Our Waters! Master race we Myanmar." "We Myanmar."

Apr. 19: 1st Myanmar: "This Thingyan was very crowded, very disciplined, relatively fight-free and with no illegalities. It must be regarded as a model new year." 2nd Myanmar: "Of course...it is a taste of democracy which the SLORC has been paving the way for a new Democratic State...." 3rd Myanmar: "There is only one thing.... It would have been better with a little bit of more water." 2nd Myanmar: "Ha! Water pumps have just arrived at the Mayor's. You'll get soaked like a rat next year, you wait and see."

Apr. 20: 1st Myanmar: "If the State is attacked by various means we must protect it by sacrificing our lives. This is patriotism." 2nd Myanmar: "If our race, language, religion, traditions and customs and cultural heritages are attacked, we must protect them by sacrificing our lives. That is the true patriotism of the untainted bloodline."

Apr. 20: 1st Myanmar: "If one confronts or defies the person who is holding that three powers or does not abide by the orders and directives of that person or commits deceit in filling up biography or balance sheet,... Yes, what can be done?" 2nd Myanmar: "What! What can be done? Don't you know? You are too naive. He will be dealt with according to martial law."

Apr. 22: 1st Myanmar: "Aba...why are you studying English at your old age?" 2nd Myanmar: "It is like celebrating foreign traditional Thingyan when I visited some of the Thingyan pandals of some of the prominent wards in Yangon. The names of the pandals were in English. The music and the dresses so westernized. So, I'm taking english tuition in order to join them next year."

Apr. 23: 1st Myanmar: "The SLORC (Tatmadaw) annulled the Law Safeguarding National Solidarity (1964) with Order No 1/88, but at present it is striving for the National Solidarity. How is that?" 2nd

Myanmar: "Hah! That's doing practically and not politically. I think they will work out politically at the National Convention....now they do not discuss ideology, I don't understand... But they have said that at the time of canvassing votes... It's so dumb of you..." 1st Myanmar: "Oh yes...we will see how it is worked out at the National Convention."

Apr. 23: 1st Myanmar: "Can religion be used for politics?" 2nd Myanmar: "Bodaw don't fuss,..everybody knows about this....because Tatmadaw is not a political party, it is promoting affairs of all religions.... It is quite clear."

Apr. 25: Soldier: "The Tatmadaw reviewed the experiences throughout the Parliamentary Democracy Era, the Revolutionary Council Era and the Socialist Era and is now paving the democratic path in harmony with the times." Civilian: "Oh! So, we need only to walk along the way in accordance with the law."

Apr. 27: Deva {spirit} in heaven drilling women who are chanting "Love your Race": "Fall in. Attention. Start saying... Repeat." 2nd Deva: "What are you up to, Ko Marga? 1st Deva: "Those were women who love foreigners when they were at the abode of the humans. Our race will be perpetuated only if those fashions are eliminated. That is why I am giving them some training to keep patriotism alive, Thusita..."

Apr. 27: Officer with copy of "Speeches of the SLORC Chairman" addressing a military audience: "State powers have not been transferred yet because the situation is not yet suitable." 1st member of audience: "What is that? Please clarify." Speaker: "Aw... Yebaws... There is work to be done by the parties; Hluttaw representatives who took part in the election; and the Commission itself. There is no need to demand for TIME FRAME.... Aye...the issue of parallel government is like searching for lice on the bald head of a chettyar...a deliberate attempt to create problem... Is that clear?" 2nd member of audience: "Very good ...now do I understand very clearly ...sir..."

Apr. 30: 1st Myanmar {pointing}: "That man looks upon that nation very much and usually talks about it ingratiatingly. He ever supports whatever that nation does. However, he looks at all the activities of the SLORC from pessimisting point of view and even denounces it. He also looks down upon his own race and says that Myanmars are this or that ... Hmmm..." 2nd Myanmar: "He is a traitor of national cause who wishes to be under servitude by `pinning for an aunt over his own mother'. He was born and grew up in this country but ...he lacks patriotism..."

Apr. 30: 1st Myanmar: "To obtain power is the main cause... National welfare is just an ordinary cause." 2nd Myanmar {pointing at him}: "Here ...here...here is a political charlatan. Stay away from such persons."

Apr. 30: 1st Myanmar: "Hey, our country is now called Myanmar not Burma any more." 2nd Myanmar: "What if it is still called Burma?" 1st Myanmar: "Hah! It's quite clear... there's Martial Law. It doesn't matter how small or big an offence. It can be charged according to Martial Law."

Book and Periodical Ads

[Officially published books and periods are advertised or publicised regularly. These were featured this month:]

Senior General Saw Maung's Addresses, Vol. III.

Acts of brutality and cruelty committed on the Myanmar nationals by the imperialists and fascists as well as the true accounts of how Myanmar Royal Gems and Jewellery were looted by them, by Bo Thanmani. (In Myanmar)

Trade Directory of Myanmar-1990. "Only limited quantity for this year."

Working People's Daily (subscriptions for foreigners).

Encyclopedia Myanmarnica (Concise) for 1991. Sarpay Beikman Board. 330 pages, K 50. To be distributed by Sarpay Beikman Book-shop beginning Apr. 8.

Clarifications of the Secretary-1 of the [SLORC] Maj-Gen Khin Nyunt at the special 10th Press Conference (in Myanmar).

Book on nefarious conduct of NLD and other political parties (in Myanmar).

Skyful of Lies Vol. 1, No. 2 (in Myanmar).

Apr. 13: "The Supervisory Committee for Publishing, formed by the Ministry of Education on assignment of the [SLORC], has published 110 books (2,007,402 copies), which the State wished to publish. The Committee also published 10 books (82,000 copies) for other organizations... totalling 120 kinds of books (2,089,402 copies)."
" (WPD 4/14)

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:

Apr. 1-4,8-9: A Concise History of Myanmar and the Tatmadaw's Role (1948-1988), by A Tatmadaw Researcher. [Cont. (129-134) History of Tatmadaw activities against insurgencies.]

Apr. 1: Hands off Myanmar, by Thura Thumein. [Certain diplomats, on Independence Day 1989, "were in the cortege of a society funeral when they found it expedient to switch their route," and fly to Bangkok, and were "conspicuously absent from the gala dinner hosted by the Chairman of the {SLORC} a few days later." As Gen. Saw Maung said on Armed Forces Day, "I have heard reports that their behaviour have been tantamount to paying less respect to our Independence Day than to massage parlors in Thailand." "Whether such faux pas will be repeated, or has already been repeated by the time this article goes to press, is a diplomatic privilege only the unusually indiscreet can utilize."]

Apr. 2,7: 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. (53) Oct. 25, 1988. (54) Oct. 26.]

Apr. 3-5,8,11-12,17,19: Has expansionism really come to an end, by Thihathu. [(1-8) Not necessarily. History of colonialist expansion around the world.]

Apr. 4-7: Foreign interference will not be tolerated, by Bo Thanmani. [(1-4) Congressman Solarz, Dana Rohrabacher [sic], Senator Moynihan, US Ambassador Burton Levin, Bertil Lintner, UN Human Rights Commission, foreign broadcasts and periodicals, etc. "On 2nd January 1989 a group of diplomats in Yangon attended a funeral service and then hurried to the airport and flew away to Bangkok. News immediately spread ...that these diplomats had evaded attendance at...Myanma Independence Day Ceremony of 4th January 1989. [Later] a news correspondent asked one of these diplomats: 'Are we to suppose that you intentionally stayed away from our Independence Day dinner?' This diplomat, from a western country, said: 'Let us put it this way. We suddenly had the urge to go to Bangkok and thus we went to Bangkok and got ourselves massaged at massage parlours there.' The news correspondent repeated his question and the diplomat said 'You can presume so;' and laughed it away.... Foreign correspondents began to talk about that particular diplomat valuing his visit to a brothel house in Bangkok more than he valued the ceremony that marked that precious Myanma national independence that had to be fought for. Myanmars can gauge how mean the diplomat has been"]

Apr. 5: Imperialist perfidy unearthed after a century, by Kyaukkar. [How the British hid the tomb of Zafar Shah (1772-1862), the last Mogul Emperor, after he was imprisoned and brought to Yangon. The tomb was recently discovered and ordered preserved. "The English imprisoned the Indian King Zafar Shah in Myanmar and Myanmar King Thibaw in India. The two monarchs were given obscure endings to their royal lives. The perfidy of imperialists should be recorded on dog's leather. these two nations should help each other in their anti-colonialist struggles."]

Apr. 6-7: World Health Day 1991: Should Disaster Strike--Be Prepared, by Dr. U Thaung (Director (Disease Control) Department of Health. [Various kinds of disasters around the world outlined. Cited for Myanmar were: El Tor cholera in 1963--792 people killed; dengue haemorrhagic fever in 1970 in Yangon--1651 children in Yangon affected, 80 died; viral hepatitis in Mandalay and elsewhere in 1976/77--310 people died, largely pregnant women. 40% of world population is without safe water--figure in Myanmar is 68%. Even more lack sanitation facilities--figure in Myanmar is 66%. In Myanmar, 69% of disasters are fires; 14% storms and floods; 17% other. In 1990 there were 1,519 fires, 1303 caused by negligence. Recent Myanmar disasters: The Rakhine cyclone of May 10, 1968, hit Sittwe with 80-100 mph winds followed by a 10-12 foot tidal wave. 57,663 houses in 619 villages were destroyed in 9 Rakhine townships; 1037 people and 17,537 livestock died. The Aug-Sept. 1974 floods affected 127 townships in 12 states/divisions, inundating 291,946 houses in 4,308 villages, and leaving 65 dead and 1,245,627 homeless. The Ayeyarwady cyclone of May 1975 hit Ayeyarwady, Bago, Yangon and Rakhine, affecting 727,335 people in 132,927 households, killing 303 people and 10,191 livestock, and destroying 84,947 acres of paddy. The Bagan-Naung-U earthquake of July 8, 1975 (6.8 Richter) damaged 5,000 ancient pagodas and historic structures; affecting 90% of Bagan's pagodas, and destroying many wall paintings. The Mandalay fire of March 1984 destroyed 2,344 houses and caused K284 million damage. The Bago earthquake of May 5, 1930 destroyed the Shwemawdaw Pagoda for the 32nd time in 1115 years. "There is every likelihood of disasters increasing their frequency in the present decade."]

Apr. 9-10: KNDO as told by history, by Myan Pyi Thar. [The first Kayin insurgency.]

Apr. 10: To be repaid in kind, by Thukhi Aung. ["Those who live as insurgents will have to be treated as insurgents. When they die they will be repaid in kind what they have done in this life.... The BBC,

, and the AIR will also be repaid in kind what they are now doing." {Note: A blank space after BBC, where normally "VOA" would be inserted, appears twice in this article--HMacD.}]

Apr. 11-12: About the history of Shwedaung battle, by Soe Nyunt. [Mar. 29, 1942 joint Japanese-Burma Independence Army attack against British in Pyay {Prome} and Shwedaung, in which both towns "were reduced to ashes...."]

Apr. 11,13-19: Who dare amend or delete Section 10(e) of Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law 1989?, by Bo Thanmani. [(1-8) Section of law, taken from 1947 Constitution, barring from candidacy "(e) those persons who are loyal to a foreign government, or subordinate to a foreign government or those persons who are entitled to enjoy benefits accruing to subordinates or subjects of a foreign government; (f) guest citizens, naturalized citizens and foreigners." "When the election {of 1990} was over, certain persons in certain political parties were reported to have decided to amend or delete Section 10(e), (f) and 11(d) of the Election Law...." 1947 Leaders and independence debates spelled out at length, including 1947 Constitutional provision (Art. 73(1) (a)) making ineligible anyone who "is under any acknowledgement of allegiance or adherence to a foreign power or is a subject or citizen or entitled to the rights and privileges of a subject or a citizen of a foreign power."]

Apr. 14,16: The threat of BCP UGs' organizational infiltration against which we must always be on guard, by Maung Khaing Aung. [Danger of BCP infiltration of youth and students.]

Apr. 15: A Merry Thingyan and A Happy New Year, by Htin Linn. [The Water Festival; "No rough play or jeering in water-throwing with buckets or fire hoses is permissible in our custom, and the custom does not approve of even 'sprinkling'...water on one who is unwilling to be a party to such fun."]

Apr. 18,20: Not for racialism, by Maung Thamadi. [Myanmars from all national races have shared its struggles, share many common cultural traits, and "are therefore blood brothers." For example,

they all like fish paste, which would shock "the long-nosed Englishmen." Insurgents must give up insurrection or be eliminated.]

Apr. 20,22-23: Service personnel & State affairs, by Kyaw Min Tun. [Since records of civil servants were destroyed {at the order of Lt-Col. Sein Lwin} in 1963 as part of the general amnesty, etc., the SLORC is reconstituting them by requiring civil servants to prepare biographies. Omissions may be punished.]

Apr. 20-25: The flower of peace blooming in the region of Pa-O nationals, by Ye Goung Kyaw Swa. [Return to legal fold of Pa-0 insurgents. History of Pa-O National Army (PNA), which fought only to repel outsiders.]

Apr. 21,24: For youths to become those who will safeguard and build the country, by Warazein. [Youth warned against blandishments of political parties.]

Apr. 24,26: Let me speak out, being unable to remain silent, by Maung Than Lon. [He now understands the wiles and misbehavior of the political parties.]

Apr. 25,27-30: Flower buds from the hills, by Kyaw Zeya. [(1-5) Accompanying youths on visits to Pyin-Oo-Lwin {Maymyo}, Yangon, Pyay {Prome}, and Bagan.]

Apr. 25: Take care of the eyes and ears, by Manizawta. [TV should do more to "promote traditional culture, strengthen nationalism and generate charitable spirits of the pious."]

Apr. 26-30: Fruits of peace in Kokang, Kachin, Wa and Shan lands, by Yegoung Kyaw Swa. [(1) Outline of present status of Burma Communist Party (BCP):

-- Burmese Group:

Central Committee members are: Ba Thein Tin, Pe Tint, Khin Maung Gyi, Zyaw Zaw, Yan Kuan (a) Tin Yi, Zaw Maing (a) Kyauk Myint, Myo Myint (a) Yebaw Aung, Kyaw Mya, Kyin Maung (a) Yebaw Tun, Pe Thaug (a) Ba Than, Frangagdee (a) Phone Swe Kyin, Saw Han, Saw Lwin, Aye Hla, Ye Tun, Soe Thein (a) Lin Htin, Mya Thaug (a) Kaw Sit Mein, San Thu (a) Lin San, Mya Min (a) Tun Myint, Ye Din (a) Yi Kyint (a) Tun Lwin, Aye Ngwe (a) Wu Min, Tin Hlaing, Kyaw Myint (a) Kyin Wint, Kyauk Nyi Hlaing (a) Kyin Whay Hlaing, Liaiyu, Baukyuchan, Saw Ba Moe, Sai Aung Min, and Tun Tin.

Politburo Members are: Ba Thein Tin (a) Khaw Sin, Pe Tint (a) Khemin, Khin Maung Gyi (a) Kufan, Kyaw Mya, Myo Myint (a) Yebaw Aung, Yan Kuan (a) Tin Yi (a) San Nyun (a) Ne Win, Kyin Maung (a) Maung Tun.

Military Commission Members are: Ba Thein Tin (a) Khaw Sin, Kyaw Zaw, Myo Myint (a) Yebaw Aung, Ye Din (a) Ye Kyint (a) Tun Lwin, Kyauk Lin (Kachin), Zaw Maing (a) Kyauk Myint, Phon Kyar Shin, Yan Kuan (a) Tin Yi (a) Than Nyun (a) Ne Win.

"This reveals that Ba Thein Tin group dominates the BCP central committee, the Politbureau and the Central Military Commission."

-- Kachin Group: Kachins joined the BCP under the influence of Defector Naw Saing; after his death disagreements arose. Only Frangagdee, out of the Kachin group, became BCP North-East Military Region Commander. Kachins led by Zaw Maing (a) Kyauk Myint began to complain of Burmese domination.

-- Kokang Group: U Phon Kyar Shin was only a candidate CC member and was promised a Brigade command actually given to Ye Din (a) Yi Kyint. U Phon Kyar Shin has stayed away from BCP headquarters since.

[(2-5) History of Kokang break from BCP, and Tatmadaw attacks on BCP.]

Apr. 29: Happy prospect of seeing all of them back in school, by Pha Tha Oah. [Yangon higher education institutions will soon reopen. "Students are fully capable of knowing what is good for them, and what is not."]

Apr. 30: Editorial: No Rival Political Organization. ["Today's Tatmadaw, the government of the {SLORC}, is not a rival political organization.... From its very advent,...[it sought to bring] to reality the aspirations of the Myanmar peoples for political plurality. At the same time it made clear...that it would act only as

referee and not contend in the new multiparty structure being brought into being.... The freest and fairest of multiparty general elections were held.... But ...certain political parties, drunk with what they assumed to be overwhelming popularity, began to turn on the referee in attempts to browbeat and bully it into accepting their demands, to the detriment of national well-being. Contestants should compete only among themselves and should not consider the referee to be a contender, much less a rival"]

Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt's Speeches

Apr. 1: Speaking to Co-ordination Meeting No. 2/91 of the Higher Education Department, State LORC Secretary (1) Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt said [excerpts]:

-- "I wish to clarify certain aspects of the basic reasons and conditions regarding the continued closure of the universities. The basic reason why the universities and colleges have had to remain closed must be said to have begun with the fight that broke out between a few students of the Institute of Technology and a few local youths on 12 March 1988. The incident was taken advantage of by certain unscrupulous elements to exacerbate the situation through incitement and agitation so as to create instability within the nation.... The universities were closed a bit earlier than usual. But when re-opened...demonstrations continued [and] when conditions proved beyond control the respective universities and institutes had to be closed...." [Review of events of 1988, flight of students to the insurgents, and the return of 3,859 of them.]

-- "To enable the reopening of universities, colleges and Basic Education schools, the first meeting was held with teachers...to know whether they could take responsibility...and whether or not the parents could stand responsible for their children.... The teachers...did not say that they would take the responsibility and the parents...could not ...guarantee that their children would pursue education peacefully Due to this the [SLORC] did not comment on the reopening of universities and colleges...." [Reopening of lower schools in 1989-90. Social cost to students and parents of keeping universities closed.] "In spite of knowing that such losses suffered, the universities and colleges were kept closed for months so that the disturbances of 1988 may not occur again...."

-- [Reopening of Medical and Dental Institutes in Jan. 1991, after extensive renovation of facilities.] "The remaining classes of institutes of medicine and...dental medicine will be reopened if rectors, professors and the principals involved give assurances...."

-- "I would like to disclose... that the rectors and principals concerned are taking steps for the reopening of the universities not only in Yangon and Mandalay but also colleges and universities in the various states and divisions.... Principals of the colleges and universities...except in Yangon and Mandalay are making arrangements to resume classes. The Lashio College and Taunggyi Colleges...have been reopened since February...."

-- [Statistics: 5,000 primary, 360 middle, and 132 high schools have been opened. 31,965 primary, 4,164 middle, and 1,848 high school teachers were appointed. 161 teachers have been sent abroad for training or meetings. K982 million has been spent on school renovation and construction. The Mandalay Institute of Technology is being constructed; 154 faculty and 36 other personnel have been appointed. K30 million has been spent on medical institute renovation and K249 million on other colleges and universities, not including the Chin State College or Mandalay Institute of Technology.]

-- "When BCP UG movements were exposed, action had to be taken against nine persons from Higher Education Department...27 persons from the Basic Education Department, five persons from affiliated schools and 15 private-tuition teachers.... Now they are serving their terms. They include U Htay Thein, tutor, from Myanmar Language Department, Yangon University; Thiha Latt, tutor, from Yangon Institute of Technology, Kyaw Thiha, tutor, from History Department, Mandalay University, Mya Minthu, tutor, from Myanmar Language

Department, Mandalay University, and Aung Aung, part-time tutor, from Yangon University."

-- "Concerning the students, some embassies in Yangon made contacts with them, instigated them and created more disturbances. The embassies gave them financial support. Some diplomats manipulated the students.... The embassies provided money to member of the Myanmar Naing-Ngan Students Union Min Zeyar and group in September 1988, and then, to student organizations through U Ye Tun.... They gave Kyats 30,000 to Tint Hsin, Chairman of the Yangon Division Students Union, in June 1989, to hold Ya-ka-tha conference, kyats 50,000 to U Sein Mya who went underground...and kyats 30,000 to Ya-ka-tha. The Embassy which provided...kyats 80,000 secretly during March 1989, is the Embassy of India"

-- Congressman Stephen Solarz... visited Myanmar Naing-Ngan on 4-9-88 [and] met student representatives Min Ko Naing, Thurein, Nay Nwe and Myint San...and instigated them...."

-- False allegations by U Aung Gyi that two girls students were "run over by car to death by PPF security unit members in Myenigon on 21-6-88...the two girl students were not harmed in any way...." False allegations by BBC that "some girl students were molested in the Insein Prison...." 27 girls were arrested Mar. 16-27, 1988; of these 23 were released Mar. 21 and the other four July 7, 1988...."

-- "Effective action according to law will be taken against any service personnel found to be active under the influence of a political party...."

-- "If only the political parties had accepted the ideal of holding the elections at that time [as proposed by Council of State Chairman Dr. Maung Maung on Sept. 11, 1988] I believe the current conditions involving the transfer of power would no longer be a problem by this time A new government would have emerged.... But at that time political parties and organizations as well as so-called veteran politicians became active in attempts to directly gain sure-fire personal power for themselves.... The National League for Democracy...made up of ...U Aung Gyi, U Tin Oo, and Daw Suu Kyi, demanded an interim government" (WPD 4/2)

-- Service personnel should "write up their personnel history truthfully." Personnel records were destroyed in April 1963 as part of the Revolutionary Council amnesty. Others may have disappeared during the disturbances of 1988. "If truth is avoided and incorrect matters are entered in the records...that service personnel is bound to have action taken against him one day or another when the points written in are at variance with intelligence reports we have managed to collect by other means...."

-- The [SLORC] differs from the 1962 Revolutionary Council in that it is not an embryonic political party, it does not maintain separate economic development or administrative controls, but works through the Ministries and departments, and has made and carried out specific promises like conducting "the most fairest and free election...."

-- "If anybody violates the law aimed at disrupting the enforcement of rule of law and order, no matter who he may be, a politician, political leader or a public servant, action will be taken against all...."

-- "All service personnel should study this [Gen. Saw Maung's Armed Forces Day speech] to know everything in it.... The speech...contains the facts relating to Tatmadaw and those in connection with election...."

-- "Another thing [about service personnel] is the bad news that we are hearing. There are favouritism and biasness [sic] within the service personnel and also bribery and curruption...[which] is more widespread in organizations and departments which deal with economic undertakings...."

-- "The principals and faculty members are making efforts for the reopening of universities and colleges. In doing so, the principals, students and the parents are to take responsibilities...so that disturbances would not break out.... The Ministries concerned

are co-ordinating with the faculty members present here for reopening of universities and colleges. The government does not want the institutions of higher learning to remain closed for a long time...."

-- "In conclusion I would like to say that every citizen is to preserve his or her race, culture and religion; he or she is to cultivate the spirit of patriotism.... We are to pay heed to the motto `only he or she who has pure blood will have patriotism'. I will repeat it. Only he or she who has pure blood will have patriotism. This is true indeed. If one is mixed-blood one will not possess patriotism. It is necessary for our service personnel and the citizens to make concerted efforts for the people to get rid of their minds in which they think highly of foreign countries...."

-- "Certain foreign countries from West bloc are interfering in the internal affairs of Myanmar Naing-Ngan under the pretexts of democracy and social rights so that they will have the opportunities to manipulate our political affairs and economic matters.... It is necessary for our citizens...not to be swayed by them" (WPD 4/3)

Apr. 23: Speaking to the Motion Picture Asiayone Executive Committee, Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt congratulated it for participating in "activities beneficial to the State," and said: "It is expected that the new Asiayone Executive Committee like the existing Asiayone EC will co-operate and participate dutifully to whatever duties beneficial to the public will be assigned." (WPD 4/24)

Gen. Than Shwe's Speeches

Apr. 5: Speaking to the 32nd graduating class of the Defence Services Academy in Pyin-Oo-Lwin [Maymyo], SLORC Vice Chairman Gen. Than Shwe said, inter alia, that: "There are destructive elements within and without the country who are still active. We must be very careful of them who relied very much upon foreign nations to endanger the lives and property of the people, so we must try hard to annihilate those above and under ground elements. Next we must strive for the emergence of the new constitution which is our main duty...." (WPD 4/6)

Apr. 11: Speaking to officials in Kengtung Gen. Than Shwe said: "It is important that the people will not have misunderstanding of service personnel because of corruption. You should be extremely careful that you do not do things that will undermine national unity. The State will take legal action against those who make an attempt to cause unrest. Regarding this, there have been false allegations that this is a human rights violation. Only when the people abide by law will they be able to enjoy human rights; and this will ensure democracy." (WPD 4/12)

Grenades Seized

Apr. 5: Two BA-91 hand grenades were seized from a carriage roof-top water tank on the Mottama [Martaban]-Yangon train on Apr. 4. [photo] (WPD 4/6)

Military Tribunal Sentences

Apr. 8: Absconder Htwe Aung, involved in the decapitation of four people on Aug. 26, 1988, was arrested on Nov. 11, 1990, and on Apr. 3 sentenced by the Military Tribunal to 3 years imprisonment. Absconders Soe Lwin (a) Maung Soe and Win Naing (a) Nar Kouk, involved in the Aug. 10, 1988 killing of six policemen, were arrested on Dec. 10, 1990 and sentenced to death by Military Tribunal [date not specified]. A Military Tribunal has been established to try Khin Maung Oo and Tin Maung Oo for killing Private Cho Tu of 1st Batt., Kachin Rifles, and using his weapons for robberies. [photos] (WPD 4/9)

Youths Return

Apr. 11: Fifteen youths "who had fled to Thailand on the instigation of unscrupulous elements have returned to the legal fold, after realizing the past misdeeds, renouncing the policy of armed insurrection." They arrived in Yangon from Kawhoun and were turned

over to parents and relatives [names]. (WPD 4/12) // Apr. 13: They were turned over with ceremony to their parents. (WPD 4/14)

Maj-Gen. Tin Oo's Speeches

Apr. 20: Speaking in Peinzaloke [Bago] on Apr. 19, State LORC Secretary (2) Maj-Gen. Tin Oo (accompanying Gen. Than Shwe) told officials:

"Nowadays, there still remains more than 80 political parties and the majority of them are making efforts to get power and to cause instability in the country. So, you all must always beware of them.

"Some foreign broadcasts alleged that we craved for power, that we would not transfer power and that we were violating human rights and attacking national groups. We have time and again clarified that we did not crave for power. We have not yet handed over State responsibilities because condition does not permit yet and we still do not find an organization that can rule the country properly. So we are carrying out tasks in accordance with Declaration No 1/90 so as to be able to draft a firm constitution.

"We are taking action against only those who breach the laws, saboteurs and those who cause instability in the country and those who try to cause disintegration of the Tatmadaw" (WPD 4/21)

Apr. 29: Speaking in Kyauktaw [Rakhine] Maj-Gen. Tin Oo said: "Now there is political stability in the country and so also there is peace and security. The BCP has disintegrated and the majority of the insurgents, realizing the Tatmadaw's true cetana towards the country, are now coming to join hand with us. The Pa-O nationals have come to join us recently. We have learnt that a handful of destructive elements are making efforts to disrupt peace in Rakhine State. As the Tatmadaw is making efforts to bring peace and tranquillity, the departmental officials are to help it in exposing the destructive elements and crushing them." (WPD 4/30)

NLD Leaders Ousted

Apr. 23: Election Commission Press Release No. 7/91 of Apr. 23 notes, inter alia, that the Central Executive Committee of the National League for Democracy headed by Chairman U Tin Oo and General Secretary Daw Aung San Suu Kyi "has become null and void" and the Central Executive Committee reconstituted, "as submitted by the parties concerned" [see below under Party Registration Changes]. (WPD 4/24)

7 Hluttaw Members Absconders

Apr. 24: Seven elected Hluttaw members, one NLD Central Body member, and four others have been declared absconders ["wanted"] by the township courts concerned:

U Tun Oo (NLD Kyaukkyi) went to "the Manerplaw Camp of KNU insurgents and joined Sein Win's interim government";

U Myint Maung (NLD Einme-2), and U Hla Oo (NLD Kyauktaga-1) "have been working in collusion with insurgents at Manerplaw Camp of the KNU";

U Than (a) U Than Sein (NLD Pale-1) went "to Mizoram State, India, where he is engaged in anti-government activities";

U Saw Win (a) Kyaw Zaw Lin (NLD Htilin) "failed to provide the Yangon-Tanyin Bridge Project with timber extracted at Pyinmanaa for the project";

U Win Khet (NLD Central Body) "gave shelter to an accused murderer at the NLD HQ and then absconded to the KNU Manerplaw Camp";

Dr. Zahle Thang (CNLD Falam-2) "absconded to India while he was on trial at the Kale Township Court";

U Lian Hok (Ind. Haka) "absconded while he was on trial at the Haka Township Court";

Aung Saw Oo (a) Maung Maung (NLD organizer, Bago Division), Nyo Ohn Myint (NLD youth organizer, Tanintharyi Division), U Aye Myint (member of NLD CEC, dissolved), and U Thant Zin Myaing (member of NLD CEC, dissolved), "went to Manerplaw Camp of KNU insurgents and joined Sein Win's parallel government." [photos] (WPD 4/25)

Apr. 27: The Bahann Twp. [Yangon] court declared Myint Aung (NLD Mandalay organizer) and Aung Moe Zaw (DPNS Secretary) as absconders "as they have gone to Manerplaw Camp of KNU insurgents and are engaged in the activities of Sein Win's parallel government". [photos] (WPD 4/28)

Maj-Gen. Myo Nyunt's Speech

Apr. 25: Speaking to officials at City Hall, Yangon Commander Maj-Gen. Myo Nyunt said that "although more and more insurgents have returned to the legal fold and are participating in the national construction work, some political parties are attempting to seize power through armed insurrection.... Some departmental heads still do not report on their sons and daughters who have returned to them stealthily from the under ground, that measures should be taken to be on guard against the danger of under-ground elements who tried to mix up with the sons and daughters of the department heads, that effective action would be taken against those who failed to report, and that security plans in conformity with the present conditions should be drawn up and implemented at factories and work establishments [He] urged those present to give all-out help in reopening the Universities to enable the students to pursue their education peacefully." (WPD 4/26) // Apr. 29: Paragraph on reporting returned students repeated in an Editorial titled "A matter of security." (WPD 4/29)

ELECTIONS

Election Tribunals

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

Tribunal 2: Apr. 26: Heard final arguments in the Bogale-1 case. A report will be sent to the Government. (WPD 4/27)

Party Registration Changes

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

(2) National League for Democracy: "The Central Executive Committee which was formed with U Tin Oo as Chairman, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi as General Secretary, U Win Tin as Secretary, U Chit Khaing as Secretary, U Kyi Maung as Researcher, U Aung Shwe as Organizer, U Lwin as Treasurer, U Aung Lwin as Information Officer and Daw Myint Myint Khin as head of mass and class section has become null and void." New officers are, as of March 20, 1991: Ch Aung Shwe; Sec. Lwin; Treas. Nyunt Wai; members Shwe, Than Tun, Hla Pe, Mya Lay, Soe Myint, Lun Tin, Min Wai. (WPD 4/24)

(12) National Peace and Democracy Party. Patron U Ha Vi has died. New VCh is Zaw Thura. (WPD 4/24)

(161) National Ethnic Reformation Party (Headquarters): Patron Maung Maung; VCh Abdul Mahabul; Sec Saw Myint (a) Mohammed Ismail; CEC members Zauhi Taya, Hla Kyaw (a) Baw Chaw, Ba Maung, Hla Pru, Maung Thein (a) Mohammed Hussein have resigned. CEC member Maung Nyo (a) Saleh Mullah has been dismissed. (WPD 4/ 24)

DIPLOMATIC

Diplomatic Calls

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

Apr. 1: Chinese Ambassador Cheng Ruisheng on State LORC Secretary (1) Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt. Vietnamese Ambassador Nguyen Van Tiep on Minister for Industry 1 and for Industry 2 Lt-Gen. Sein Aung. (WPD 4/2)

Apr. 3: Vietnamese Ambassador Nguyen Van Tiep on Minister for Energy and for Mines Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin, and on Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries and for Agriculture & Forests Lt-Gen. Chit Swe. (WPD 4/4)

Apr. 4: The Vietnamese Ambassador on Minister for Home & Religious Affairs and for Information and for Culture Lt-Gen. Phone Myint, and on Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the University Training Corps Col. Pe Thein. (WPD 4/5)

Apr. 5: The Vietnamese Ambassador, accompanied by Second Secretary Pham Ngoc Thuan, on Election Commission Chairman U Ba Htay, and on Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Brig-Gen. Abel. Soviet Ambassador Dr. Vadim I. Chabaline on Yangon Mayor U Ko Lay. (WPD 4/6)

Apr. 8: American Charge d'Affaires Franklin P. Huddle, Jr., on State LORC Secretary (1) Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt. (WPD 4/9)

Apr. 9: Vietnamese Ambassador Nguyen Van Tiep on Minister for Construction and for Co-operatives Lt-Gen. Aung Ye Kyaw, on Chief Justice U Aung Toe, and on Attorney-General U Tha Tun. Indian Ambassador Shree Preet Mohan Singh Malik on Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries and for Agriculture & Forests Lt-Gen. Chit Swe. (WPD 4/10)

Apr. 12: New Cuban Ambassador Aldo Pena Enriques on Minister for Home & Religious Affairs and for Information and for Culture Lt-Gen. Phone Myint, on Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries and for Agriculture & Forests Lt-Gen. Chit Swe, and on Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the University Training Corps Col. Pe Thein. (WPD 4/13)

Apr. 13: Indian Ambassador Preet Mohan Singh Malik on State LORC Secretary (1) Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt. UNDP Resident Representative Gerd Merrem on Minister for Transport & Communications and for Social Welfare and for Labour Lt-Gen. Tin Tun. In addition to discussing transport matters, Mr. Merrem said he would hand over US\$45,000 from UNDP and US\$25,000 from UNICEF for Meiktila fire victims, and would contact Singapore for cement, corrugated iron sheets, nails, medicine and blankets needed for fire victims. (WPD 4/14)

Apr. 24: British Ambassador J.D.N. Hartland Swann on Yangon Mayor U Ko Lay. (WPD 4/25)

Apr. 26: Pakistani Defence Attache Col. Zafar Abbas on Chief of Staff (Navy) Rear-Adm. Than Nyunt and Chief of Staff (Air) Maj-Gen. Thein Win. (WPD 4/27)

Apr. 27: Chinese Ambassador Cheng Ruisheng on Election Commission Chairman U Ba Htay. "The Ambassador said he would leave Yangon for his country soon as he has completed his duties." (WPD 4/28)

Cuban Ambassador Arrives

Apr. 9. Mr. Aldo Pena Enriques presented credentials to State LORC Chairman Senior General Saw Maung as Cuban Ambassador to Myanmar. (WPD 4/10)

Ambassador to UN (Geneva)

Apr. 12: U Tin Kyaw Hlaing presented credentials Apr. 9 to UN Office Director-General Mr. Jan Martenson as Permanent Representative of Myanmar to the United Nations, Geneva. (WPD 4/12)

Ambassador to Nepal

Apr. 12: State LORC Chairman Senior General Saw Maung appointed U Hla Myint Oo as Myanmar Ambassador to Nepal. (WPD 4/12)

Spanish Ambassador Approved

Apr. 22: Myanmar has approved the nomination of Mr. Tomas Chavarri Del Rivero as Spanish Ambassador to Myanmar. Ambassador Rivero was born in 1929 and joined the Foreign Ministry in 1959. He served as Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Yemen, and Oman, with residence in Jeddah, from 1983-87. In 1987 he became Director-General of Protocol, and since 1990 has been Ambassador to Thailand. (WPD 4/22)

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Workshops and Courses

Apr. 20: A Workshop on Dental and Oral Health Care, jointly sponsored by the Health Department and WHO, will be held at the Nurses' Training Centre from Apr. 29-May 2. (WPD 4/ 21) // Apr. 29: It opened. (WPD 4/ 30)

Apr. 23: A 2-day Seminar on Business Application Solutions with Special Emphasis on Computerized Banking System, jointly sponsored by the Inspection and Agency Service, M/s IBM World Trade Corporation (Yangon Branch), and M/s Myanma Computer Co., Ltd., opened.

Foreign Donations

Apr. 2: Union Carbide Singapore Pte., Ltd. donated K 48,198 to the Myanmar Red Cross. (WPD 4/3)

Apr. 7: The reliquary was enshrined and the htidaw raised on the Caturattha Sumangala Zedidaw at Kengtung [Shan], in the presence of SLORC Vice Chairman Gen. Than Shwe. Contributions to the 45 ft. pagoda totalled K3.7 million from well-wishers in China, Laos, Thailand, and Myanmar. K20,000 came from Sithsaung Pannartaing of China, and K1.1 million from Thailand. (WPD 4/7)

Apr. 10: The Korean Women's Association in Yangon, represented by Chairman Mrs. S.K. Kim, wife of Ambassador Kim, donated K102,550 to six residential nurseries under the Social Welfare Department; the money was raised at an Embassy fundraiser Mar. 30. (WPD 4/11)

Agricultural Census

Apr. 1: The first meeting of the National Agricultural Census Committee was addressed by Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries and for Agriculture & Forests Lt-Gen. Chit Swe. The Census, jointly financed by Myanmar (K 24 million) and UNDP (US\$ 1.9 million) will be the first in Myanmar, although one had been planned in 1953. (WPD 4/2)

FOREIGN VISITORS

International Organizations

Apr. 3: The Asian Development Bank mission headed by Dr. Wan Azmin called on Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the University Training Corps Col. Pe Thein. (WPD 4/4)

Apr. 11: UNDP/ICAO Aviation Consultants Mr. James M. Yeoman and Mr. Erik T. Svensson called on Minister for Transport & Communications and for Social Welfare and for Labour Lt-Gen. Tin Tun to discuss "progress made in civil aviation strengthening project and extending the Civil Aviation Training Institute." (WPD 4/ 12)

Apr. 23: Regional Adviser of the UN Department of Technical Co-operation for Development Dr. S.I. Saleeb, called on Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Brig-Gen. Abel to discuss "development of computer utilization works including projects currently under UN aid." (WPD 4/24)

Business Visitors

Apr. 11: President Mr. S.Y. Roh and Manager Mr. I Chang of Seoul Air International Ltd. called on Minister for Transport & Communications and for Social Welfare and for Labour Lt-Gen. Tin Tun to discuss "civil aviation, training of Korean civil helicopter cadets by the Civil Aviation Training Institute of Civil Aviation Department, lending of Myanmar helicopter pilots and technicians to petroleum companies." (WPD 4/12)

Apr. 23: Mr. and Mrs. Julian M. Sobin and Mr. Christopher P. Harney, metallurgy and chemicals entrepreneurs from Arvin International Inc., of the US, called on Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Brig-Gen. Abel. (WPD 4/24) // Apr. 26: They called on Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the University Training Corps Col. Pe Thein. (WPD 4/27)

Apr. 25: Chief Executive Officer Mr. J. Lloyd and International Territory Manager Mr. D. Fishwick of National Computing Centre Ltd.

(NCC), Britain, called on Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the University Training Corps Col. Pe Thein to discuss teaching of computer science. They arrived Apr. 24. (WPD 4/26)

Foreign Sayadaws

Mar. 31: State LORC Secretary (1) Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt paid homage to visiting Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Vepulla, who was undergoing medical treatment at the Yangon General Hospital, and toured the facility. (WPD 4/1) // Apr. 13: Members of the Yaw Region Association (Yangon) will pay homage to Sayadaw Vepulla (of Moji World Peace Pagoda Monastery, Kita-Kyushu, Japan) at the Myanma Timber Enterprise Dhammayon on Apr. 21. (WPD 4/14) // Apr. 21: He was so honored. The Sayadaw is a native of the Yaw Region. (WPD 4/22)

Japanese Welfare Delegation

Apr. 3: The delegation from the Japan International Corporation of Welfare Service, headed by Managing Director Mr. Tsunashima Mamoru, called on Minister for Transport & Communications and for Social Welfare and for Labour Lt-Gen. Tin Tun. (WPD 4/4)

Korean Foreign Trade Ass'n

Apr. 4: Mr. Kim Uhn Sang and party, from the Korean Foreign Trade Association (KFTA), called on Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Brig-Gen. Abel, and on Minister for Industry 1 and for Industry 2 Lt-Gen. Sein Aung, and met with trade officials. (WPD 4/5)

WHO Conference

Apr. 19: Deputy Director General of the World Health Organization Dr. M. Abdelmoumene, accompanied by WHO Director (Planning and Admin) for South-East Asia, Dr. D.B. Bisht, arrived to attend the 17th WHO South-East Asian Health Research Consultative Meeting, and called on Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the University Training Corps Col. Pe Thein. (WPD 4/20) // Apr. 20: Other delegates arrived. The conference will be Apr. 21-27. (WPD 4/21)

Apr. 21: State LORC Secretary (1) Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt addressed the Conference, as did Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the University Training Corps Col. Pe Thein. (WPD 4/22) // Apr. 27: The conference concluded. (WPD 4/28)

Pakistan Defence Delegation

Apr. 22: A Pakistani defence study delegation headed by Air Commodore Bashir Ahmed Chaudhry of the National Defence Academy called on Deputy Commander in Chief Gen. Than Shwe. (WPD 4/23)

MYANMAR DELEGATIONS

Study Delegations

Apr. 7: U Soe Than, U Tint Swe, and U Khin Maung Aye of the Beekeeping Department left for Israel to attend a bee-keeping course. (WPD 4/8)

Apr. 8: U Khin Maung Oo, Director (Line) of the Posts and Telecommunications Department left Apr. 6 for India to attend a course on optical fibre cable and systems at ALTTC training school in India, sponsored by Asia and Pacific Telecommunications (APT). (WPD 4/9)

Apr. 12: Director-General U Min Aung and Director U Kyaw Win of the Factories and General Labour Laws Inspection Department left for Phuket, Thailand, to attend an Apr. 5-7 Regional Workshop on Assessment of Relevant Policies and Programme in the Construction Industry, sponsored by the ILO. (WPD 4/14)

Apr. 21: Mechanical Technician Daw Khin Khin Pyone and Assistant Supervisor U Soe Win of Myanma Farms Enterprise left for Israel to attend a four-month International Postgraduate Course on Agricultural Engineering in Small Scale Farming. (WPD 4/22)

Apr. 22: Staff Officers Daw Soe Soe Aung and Daw Tin Tin Myint of the Immigration and Manpower Department left for Bangkok on Apr. 20 to attend a workshop on the evaluation of birth rate by micro-computer, under a UN grant. (WPD 4/23)

Apr. 25: The Assistant Supervisor of Myanma Farms Enterprise [name not given] left for China to attend a 4-month training course on integrated fish farming. (WPD 4/26)

Delegations to Meetings

Apr. 8: Managing Director U Thawda Sein, General Manager U Chan Tha, and Deputy General Manager U Tin Htay of Myanma Hotels and Tourism Services left for Thailand to attend the Apr. 9-10 meeting of the Board of Directors of Myanmar Hotels International Co., Ltd., at Phuket. (WPD 4/9)

Apr. 17: A study delegation led by Supreme Court Justice U Myo Htun Lynn left to attend the 30th session of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee in Cairo. (WPD 4/18)

Apr. 20: Minister for Transport & Communications and for Social Welfare and for Labour Lt-Gen. Tin Tun left for Beijing to attend the 12th Asia and Pacific Labour Ministers Conference to be held Apr. 23-26. He was accompanied by Lt-Col. Khin Myint and personal staff officer Capt. Thein Naing. (WPD 4/21) // Apr. 24: He addressed the meeting [text published]. (WPD 4/25)

Apr. 24: U Mya Oo of Myanma Agricultural Produce Trading left for Bangkok to attend the Apr. 22-24 7th National Coordinator's Meeting of Regional Network for Inter-Country Cooperation on Post Harvest Technology and Quality Control of Foodgrains, under FAO sponsorship. (WPD 4/25)

Apr. 25: A delegation led by Minister for Construction and for Co-operatives Lt-Gen. Aung Ye Kyaw left for Zimbabwe to attend the 13th session of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (UNCHS) in Harare, Apr. 29-May 8. (WPD 4/26)

Delegations Return

Return of delegations whose departure was announced in previous months:

Apr. 18: The Myanmar delegation to ESCAP, headed by Foreign Minister Political Director General U Ohn Gyaw, returned. (WPD 4/19)

Thai Ramayana Festival

Apr. 2: Minister for Home & Religious Affairs and for Information and for Culture Lt-Gen. Phone Myint told musicians and dancers from the Fine Arts Department who will participate in the Ramayana Festival in Bangkok "to present their skills to the full and to live in unity." (WPD 4/3) // Apr. 3: The 35-member troupe, led by the Director-General of Fine Arts Department, left for Bangkok. (WPD 4/4) // Apr. 20: The troupe returned. (WPD 4/21)

Trade Minister to China

Apr. 10: A delegation headed by Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Brig-Gen. Abel left for Yunnan Province, China, and will go on to attend the 69th Spring Trade Fair in Guangzhou beginning Apr. 15. (WPD 4/11) // Apr. 13: The delegation to the Fair left, including Deputy Quartermaster-General Lt-Col. Aye Maung and representatives of the Ministries of Construction, Agriculture & Forests, Mines, Transport & Communications, and Trade. (WPD 4/ 14) // Apr. 20: The Minister returned. (WPD 4/21)

Myanmar-Thai Border Committee

Apr. 22: A 24-member delegation headed by Eastern Commander Maj-Gen. Maung Aye, and including South-East Commander Brig-Gen. Soe Myint left for Thailand to attend the 5th regular Myanmar-Thai Regional Border Committee meeting. (WPD 4/23) // Apr. 27: The delegation returned. (WPD 4/28)

Probationary Appointments

The SLORC made the following appointments, on probation:

Apr. 3: U Kyaw Myint, Director (Admin), to be Managing Director, Myanma Metal Industries, Ministry of Industry-1. (WPD 4/4)

Apr. 10: U Kyaw Hlaing, Deputy Director-General, to be Director-General, Budget Department, Ministry of Planning and Finance. (WPD 4/11)

GOVERNMENT

Armed Forces Day

Mar. 31: 9,000 people visited the Armed Forces day exhibition, which will remain open until Apr. 7. (WPD 4/1) // Apr. 1: 2,000 people visited. (WPD 4/2) // Apr. 2: 3,000 people visited. (WPD 4/3) // Apr. 3: 2,500 people visited. (WPD 4/4) // Apr. 4: 22,000 [sic] people visited. (WPD 4/5) // Apr. 5: 1,900 people visited. (WPD 4/6) // Apr. 6: 3,000 people visited. (WPD 4/7).

Photo captions identified Ambassadors who attended last month's Armed Forces Day dinner: Singapore, Philippines, Yugoslavia, and Indonesia, and the Permanent Representatives of the UNDP and FAO. (WPD 4/1-3)

Profit Tax Amendment

Mar. 31: SLORC Law No. 7/91 of Mar. 31, the Law Amending the Profits Tax Law, provides for deductions from income for donations, not to exceed 25%, to "religious or charitable organizations sponsored by the different levels of the State Organization or by the...Ministry of Planning and Finance by notification for the purpose of this subsection..." (Section 5(c)). It also eliminates profit tax on income between 8001 and 10000 kyats (Section 4(a) and (b)). (WPD 4/1)

Yangon Municipal Act Amendment

Apr. 22: SLORC Law No. 8/91 of Apr. 23, the Law Amending the City of Yangon Municipal Act [full text published], amends various sections of the original act to increase fines and/or add imprisonment for violations. In the few sections where the existing amount is indicated, the increase is 10 times (1000%). (WPD 4/23)

Apr. 25: At a Press Conference called to clarify the law, newsmen were told that 37 sections of the 1922 Law relating to buildings had been amended, and that other sections "not in conformity with the present conditions" would be. Before World War II, YCDC Secretary U Pan Aung said, Yangon was "the most beautiful city in Asia...because the City of Yangon Municipal Act well suited that period and it was widely observed by the public." But as a result of war and insurgency, refugees had crowded "the monasteries, cemeteries and garbage dumps of the city." There was laxity in enforcement as well. New satellite towns, such as South Okkalapa, North Okkalapa and Tharkayta were built for these refugees." U Pan Aung said that "with a view to making Yangon stand tall not only in Asia but also in the world and have people observe the provisions of the law, the SLORC enacted the Law Amending the City of Yangon Municipal Act. People therefore were to abide by the Law so that the capital would become a fitting capital. If there was laxity in observance of the law...effective punishment would be meted out." Water shortages would be ended when the new Phugyi Reservoir was brought in, giving Yangon 108 million gallons per day. (WPD 4/26)

MILITARY

Insurgent Attacks

Apr. 7: KNU insurgents opened fire Apr. 6 with 2.75 rocket launchers against residential wards in Kawkareik, wounding four civilians. (WPD 4/8)

Apr. 8: 40 KNU, Muslim and ABSDF insurgents entered Mawton

village, Tanintharyi Twp., on Apr. 5, and fired on civilians in a bomb shelter, killing 11 and wounding 6. (WPD 4/9)

Apr. 10: 20 KNU insurgents entered Tayokhla village, Hpa-an Twp. [Kayin] on Apr. 6, abducted 9 villagers, wounded one, and stole 15 cattle and K100,000 of jewellery. (WPD 4/11)

Apr. 20: KNU insurgents on Apr. 14 mined the Mongpong Bridge on the Mudon-Khale Tagundaing road, and set fire to the Khaymya Bridge [Mudon Twp., Mon]. On Apr. 19, insurgents fired upon the Sithu Vessel en route to Shwegun from Hpa-an [Kayin], wounding two passengers. (WPD 4/21)

Apr. 28: Two Thai border-crossers stepped on a KNU insurgent mine on Apr. 26 near Htikhotaw village, Thetkaya region, Myawady Twp. [Kayin]; one was killed and the other wounded. (WPD 4/29)

Insurgents Surrender

Apr. 9: Eight SURA insurgents from the No. 63 battalion "returned to legal fold at Mong Hsat after realizing their past misdeeds," with their weapons, and "were warmly welcomed." (WPD 4/10)

Apr. 18: From Mar. 3-13, 26 insurgents surrendered with their arms [names and details]. (WPD 4/19)

Apr. 19: From Mar. 14-21, 28 insurgents surrendered with their arms [names and details]. (WPD 4/20)

Apr. 20: From Mar. 22-31, 27 insurgents surrendered with their arms [names and details]. (WPD 4/21)

KNU Camps Captured

Apr. 3: Beginning Mar. 16 the Forward 66 LID, with artillery and air support, attacked KNU forward camps at Hpaw Hta, 12 miles southeast of Papun, in 14 close engagements and one major battle. The KNU camps, defences for the KNU Headquarters at Meneplaw, were defended by over 400 insurgents of the No. 4 column, battalion No. 20, KNU No. 7 brigade. Camps at Points 2709 and 2336 fell on Mar. 16. The Point 4044 camp fell on Mar. 26, the Tokaykyo camp on Mar. 28, the Kahikyo camp on Mar. 29, and the Point 2017 camp on Mar. 30. Tatmadaw losses were 20 killed and 79 wounded. 85 insurgents were "captured dead", along with 7 weapons, 7,698 rounds of ammunition, 92 magazines, 25 mines, 35 60mm mortars, 64 rocket grenades, 13 Energa grenades, 70 baskets of rice and 50 viss of salt. [maps] (WPD 4/4)

Pa-O Defectors

Apr. 11: State LORC Secretary (1) Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt met with "(PNO) Pa-O national leaders led by U Aung Hkam Hti, who have returned to legal fold...and held discussions on measures for development of border areas and national races..." U Aung Hkam Hti "explained that (PNO) Pa-O national leaders held a Pa-O national conference from 21 to 23 March and declared their quitting the National Democratic Front (NDF) and Democratic Alliance of Burma (DAB), and requested the Government to carry out the measures for development of the national races and eradication of narcotic drugs. Then, a (PNO) Pa-O leader U Khun Weik Zar reported requirements for regional development." [photos] (WPD 4/12)

Apr. 12: Speaking to the Pa-Os on Apr. 11, State LORC Secretary (1) Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt said [excerpts]: "Senior General Saw Maung has an attachment for Pa-O nationals.... [About 1950] He erected the 'Pa Ya Ma Pha' signboard together with U San Aung in Taunggyi. Therefore he knows many things about Pa-O nationals. He also has an attachment for them.... Our leaders have an affection for Pa-O nationals. We often speak about Pa-O nationals. Pa-O nationals are simple, hard-working and pious. Therefore we will do our best for the development of Pa-O regions which have remained backward...."

U Aung Hkam Hti said [excerpts]: "I am U Aung Hkam Hti who represented the PNO at the ceasefire discussions [which]...began on 24-12-90, through the arrangements made by U San Aung.... After reaching agreement in the preliminary discussions we held a PNO conference from 21 to 23 March for a ceasefire and development. The PNO conference passed two resolutions: resolution one welcomed and

accepted the ceasefire and resolution two declared resignation from membership of the National Democratic Front (NDF) and Democratic Alliance of Burma (DAB). After the PNO conference, a conference attended by representatives of the entire Pa-O nationals was held on 29-3-91...passed three resolutions. Resolution one welcomed and accepted a ceasefire, resolution two assured that the Pa-O nationals would actively and extensively co-operate in implementing Pa-O region development projects, and resolution three formed and assigned duties to a national committee to supervise development projects for the Pa-O region.... Either as the PNO or the entire Pa-O nationals we are determined to join hands with the [SLORC] (Tatamdaw), with complete confidence, to bring about peace and development of Pa-O region...." (WPD 4/14)

Apr. 13: U Hkun Weikza said [excerpts]: I am U Hkun Weikza of the PNO.... I will discuss points on the development of Pa-O region. Our Pa-O region is backward in development for about 20 years compared with regions of fellow nationalities of the Union. This has been due to the practice of divide and rule employed by the expansionist capitalists, to the efforts of feudalism and capitalist parliamentary system and to the effect of civil war for a long time.... We welcomed the leaders' far-sightedness and kindness towards the national groups.... We request them to extend help in preserving the specific characteristics of Pa-O nationals in introducing the constitution...." (WPD 4/15)

Apr. 15: Editorial: Welcome back to the legal fold [excerpt]: "At present organization which have been returned to the legal fold and have been actively co-operating in the developments of border areas are Kokang nationals headed by U Phone Kyar Shin and U Phone Kyar Phu; and Wa national group headed by U Kyauk Nyi Hlaing which came out of the BCP. U Saing Lin and U Ryi Myint's group of the BCP Kaw (815) military region; U Laung Hkam and U Sanmalu's group of the BCP (768) brigade; U Zekhun Taing Yaing and U Ze Lun's group of BCP (101) military region; U Say Htin's group of the SSA; U Mahtu Naw's group of the KIA 4th brigade. On 11 April SLORC Secretary-1 Maj-Gen Khin Nyunt met with the Pa-O national leaders U Aung Hkam Hti and U Hkun Weikzar who returned to the legal fold at the meeting room of the Eastern Command in Taunggyi and discussed development measures of Pa-O regions which were nine townships in the Shan State. The nine townships are Sesaing, Loilem, Hopong, Taunggyi, Yawnghwe, Pinlaung, Lawksawk, Namhsan and Kalaw. And with Pa-O (PNO)s coming back to the legal fold we are sure that yet other groups of insurgents are going to follow the same path for the national wellbeing after realizing the genuine cetana of the Tatmadaw." (WPD 4/15)

ECONOMIC

Economic Articles

Apr. 1: New hospital annexe for Taikon, by Myint Lwin. [Visit to Feb. 17 opening of new facility in Taikon Twp., Mandalay.]

Apr. 8,10,13,17: Construction and renovation work in Tanintharyi Division: Turning Dawei into a capital town of the Division, by Saw Thura. [Development in Dawei {Tavoy}.]

Apr. 9,21: Popular products of Daewoo, by Soe Tin Win. [(1) Visit to Daewoo Electronic Myanmar Company. It has 97 Myanmar and 9 Korean workers, and makes {assembles} TV's (14" and 20"), radios, cassette tape recorders, and refrigerators. Myanma Heavy Industries, the Myanmar partner in the joint enterprise, rents its former radio factories to the company for US\$ 50,000 per year. (2) Refrigerators and 2 kinds of radio cassette recorders will go on sale in April, and 14-inch black-and-white TVs soon. The latter AC/DC sets will cost K6,500. Said Managing Director Mr. Chung, "Twenty percent of our products will be sold in Myanmar Naing-Ngan and eighty per cent will go to European Community and America. Daewoo products are popular at those markets and every items has a level {sic--label} 'Made in Myanmar.'" There are 97 workers, with 50 to be added soon, and a total of 200 by the end of 1991. 13 Myanmarers were sent for training

in Korea in Aug. 1990. Pay is from K1,100 to K3,000 for an 8 hour day. Cost of colour TVs will be K29,500 for 20" and K19,650 for 14".]

Apr. 12-13,22,26: Attractive Myanmar gems, by Thein Aye Ko. [Cont. interviews with Gems Emporium participants.]

Apr. 14-16: Construction in Kungyangonn: Beautiful Scenes of Kungyangonn Township, by Ye Myint Pe. [Report of visit in March to Yangon Division township with newly accessible beach.]

Apr. 18-19: Beautification of Letkhokkon, by Ye Myint Pe. [Beach at Kungyangonn.]

Apr. 23: A Study Tour of Forests: Inexhaustible Myanmar Forests, by Soe Tin Win. [Tour of Pyay area with Senior Editor Rolf Bokemier of GEO Magazine (Germany).]

Apr. 28,30: Kungyangon-Letkhokkon motor road, by Pe Myint Pe. [Opening up of area with new road.]

Joint Ventures

Apr. 1: The Kandawgyi Hospital (Diplomatic Hospital) at Natmauk Road was transferred from the Department of Health to Joint Venture Corporation No. 7. (WPD 4/2)

Apr. 5: "The Myanma Gems Enterprise is making arrangements to mine gems and jade in co-operation with private individuals for the second time beginning from 10 April, 1991." Anyone with a National Registration Card or National Scrutiny Card may apply. (WPD 4/5) // Apr. 6: Applicants must register and pay K1000 at centers in Yangon, Mandalay, Mogok, Myitkyina, and Lonkhin, and apply by sealed bid, specifying the capital they can provide (minimum K100,000 per mine, for not more than 3 mines per person). After a 10% mineral tax is paid on the value of jade and gems mined, the proceeds will go 60% to the private party and 40% to the Myanma Gems Enterprise (MGE). If gems and jade are sold for foreign exchange, the division of proceeds will be: Mineral tax 10%; Service charge 9%; MGE 32.4%; private party 48.6%. Gems and jade the MGE does not want will be returned to the private party after the 10% tax is paid. Sealed bids due by May 17. (WPD 4/6)

Apr. 23: Deputy Director of Defence Services Intelligence Col. Than Tun, on behalf of the National Intelligence Bureau, met with officials of Joint Venture Corp. No. 8 and "warned them about malpractices by some members of the Corporation." He said that although the Corporation was formed to export indigenous medicines, it not only failed to do so but some of its senior members "took out from K 3 million to about K 4 million each without giving explanations to the members" and were also engaged in exporting pe-pi-sat and sesamum. From Dec. 12, 1990 to Jan. 17, 1991, Associate Managing Director U Tin Maung took out K 7.3 million without authorization, and K 2,950,000 between Jan. 11-21, 1991. He bought for Sandhi Brothers International Ltd., which he owns, pedisein at K1,350 per 57 viss, and then sold it to Joint Venture Corp. 8 at K1,600 per 60 viss. He allowed Aye Ko to buy 300 tons of pedisein with for Sandhi Brothers Co. with JV-8 money, and then sold it to JV-8 at K1,600 per 60 viss. Board Member U K. Gangatharan took out K10.8 million and bought pulses and sesamum, which he comingled with pulses of the Four-nines Company which he owns. Further irregularities detailed. "I had to give such warnings as a means of preventive measures I would like to suggest that the JVC No 8 carry out reforms and seek better ways and means beneficial to the State as well as to members of JVC." (WPD 4/24-25)

Construction Projects

Mar. 31: A new market building, a township Sangha hospital, and electricity were inaugurated Mar. 25 in Malun village, Thayet Twp. [Magway]. Thukhita Road, which cost K2 million, was inaugurated Mar. 27 in Magway. (WPD 4/1)

Apr. 2: The new Ngapali Beach Hotel at Thandwe [Sandoway], Rakhine State, was inaugurated. The cornerstone was laid for the 300-bed Thingangyunn Hospital [Yangon]. The Thaketa Twp. Courthouse [Yangon] was opened. On Mar. 30, a new bridge across the Shwe-Kyun-

Hla-Mu River in Kyunhla Twp. [Sagaing] opened. (WPD 4/3)

Apr. 3: The Letkhottkon Beach Hotel in Kungyangon Twp. [Yangon] was inaugurated. On Mar. 27, a K15.1 million hospital was inaugurated in Kyauktan Twp. [Yangon]. (WPD 4/4)

Apr. 4: The Kungyangon-Letkhokkan motor road was opened by State LORC Secretary (1) Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt. On Feb. 24, the telephone exchange at Natogyi [Mandalay] was inaugurated. (WPD 4/5)

Apr. 6: On Mar. 27 the Taungwaing extension road in Mawlamyine [Mon] was inaugurated. On the same day the Monywa-Mawlaik (187 miles) and Monywa-Phaungpyin (268 miles) roads [Sagaing] were opened, reducing travel time on these routes from 7 to 2 days. (WPD 4/7)

Apr. 8: The new telecommunications centre was opened at Mawlamyinegyunn Twp. [Ayeyarwady] on Apr. 7. (WPD 4/9)

Apr. 13: A bridge across the Ngawun River near the Pathein-Monywa Road in Ayeyarwady Division was inaugurated Apr. 12. (WPD 4/14)

Apr. 13: Shan roads. "In accordance with the guidance given by Chairman of the Central Committee for the Development of Border Areas and National Races General Than Shwe, the 216-mile Tarkaw-Kengtung-Monghpyak-Tachilek-Pyidaung Su Road, 69-mile Kengtung-Monghkat-Mongyang road, 47-mile Monghpyak-Mongyhawn road and 94-mile Monghsat-Monghpyak road will be turned into all-weather ones. The project will be implemented by Public Works under supervision of No 77 LID. The work will begin in April to be completed in three months. Moreover, the Tarson-Mongton-Monghsat road is being constructed under contracts to be completed before monsoon." [map] (WPD 4/14)

Apr. 14: The Myoma Clock Tower and No. 2 Myoma New Market were inaugurated Mar. 27 in Thanbyuzayat [Mon]. The Wamtahkat Bailey Bridge across the Namhka Creek in Mawpha region [Shan] was inaugurated Apr. 12. (WPD 4/15)

Apr. 17: The Mawlamyine southern extension road was inaugurated Mar. 27, and a ceremony held to launch the Attaran (1) water supply extension project. (WPD 4/18)

Apr. 18: A hydro-electric power station was inaugurated in Laikha [Shan] on Mar. 27. (WPD 4/19)

Apr. 19: The Myanma Economic Bank building, at the corner of Bohmu Pho Tun Road and Khomar Road in Toungoo [Bago], built at a cost of K4.7 million, was inaugurated Apr. 18. A K1.5 million 3-mile road linking Tinteinyan village, Ye-U Twp. [Sagaing] with Dabayin Twp. was inaugurated Apr. 6. (WPD 4/20)

Apr. 22: A new two-story school building was handed over at Zayatgyi village, Htantabin Twp. [Bago]. (WPD 4/23)

Apr. 24: A new radio telegraph office and telephone exchange was opened Apr. 22 at Nanyun Twp. [Sagaing]. (WPD 4/25)

Apr. 26: Restaurants were opened Apr. 25 in Dagon Myothit (North) and Dagon Myothit (South) [Yangon] by the Restaurant and Beverage Enterprise. "Beverages and foods including paratta and noodle will be sold from 10 am to 6 pm every day at the restaurants." The Myanma Port Authority Computer Room was opened in Yangon; it has US\$536,000 of equipment furnished by International Computer Corp. of China. (WPD 4/27)

Apr. 27: The new Aung Thiri Market in Pathein-West was inaugurated Apr. 23; cost was K1,301,000. A 16-bed hospital and a high school building were inaugurated Apr. 20 in Maukmai [Shan]. (WPD 4/28)

Advertisements

Apr. 3: Rubyland Tourism Services, 90 Upper Pansodan St., Kandawgalay, Yangon (Ph. 81219 or 82464) advertises an Apr. 13-17 "Mandalay Thingyan Tour" to Meiktila, Mandalay, Pyin Oo Lwin, Amarapura, Inwa [Ava], and Sagaing, and an Apr. 12-17 "Shan States Scenic Tour" to Meiktila, Kalaw, Pindaya, Inlay, Khaungdaing, Spa (Hot Springs), Taunggyi. De luxe hotels and all meals inclusive. (WPD 4/3)

Apr. 19: Myanmar Motors (an Inchcape Company Joint Venture) display ad: "New Arrival. Suzuki Swift 16 GLX 16 Valve. US\$ 11,400

Kyats 250,000. Supported by 6 Months Warranty. Spare Parts, Service and Repairs Workshop." 23 Alanpya Paya Road. Tel: 78433." (WPD 4/19) // Apr. 24: Anniversary Sales: Land Rover 90--was US\$27,400, now 23,000 (Ky 93,020) (only 3 left). Toyota Station Wagon (8 seats)--was US\$11,700, now 9,999 (Ky 310,450 [sic]) (only 2 left). Suzuki Pick Up --was US\$4,750, now 4,250 (Ky 22,000) (only 2 left). Toyota Pick Up--was US\$8,500, now 7,000 (Ky 36,450). (WPD 4/24)

Private Enterprise

Apr. 4: The Workshop No. 1/91 on Management and Finance for Private Enterprise concluded. Workshop No. 2/91 will be opened. (WPD 4/5)

Foreign Capital Due

Apr. 6: Ministry of Trade Press Communique No. 4/91 of Apr. 5 calls on foreign companies/branches to bring in the foreign capital required under their permits or joint-venture agreements. "Foreign companies/branches are hereby permitted to utilize up to 75% of the capital (foreign currency) brought in...by the foreign shareholders, in importing commodities from abroad or in buying them in the country...." This does not apply to companies with permits from the Foreign Investment Commission. (WPD 4/6,7)

ESCAP Speech

Apr. 6: Speaking at the ESCAP session in Seoul, Korea, on Apr. 3, Foreign Ministry Political Department Director-General U Ohn Gyaw [full text printed] reviewed Myanmar's anti-narcotics activities since 1974, pointing out that "the eradication of poppy culture is closely linked to poverty alleviation." The government has spent K 228 million in border area economic development. Myanmar's overall economic growth rate was 5.6% in 1990/ 91, up from 3.6% in 1989/90. Foreign trade recorded substantial growth "partly as a result of expansion in private sector export and import, including border trade with China and Thailand. Myanmar has also changed its economic system from a centrally planned system to a market-oriented one. We are making a vigorous effort to restructure our economy, its industrial structure and its trade pattern...." (WPD 4/7)

Banking Rules Issued

Apr. 9: The Ministry of Planning and Finance issued Notification No. 31/91 of Apr. 9, the Central Bank of Myanmar Rules relating to the Central Bank of Myanmar Law; Notification No. 32/91 of Apr. 9, the Financial Institutions of Myanmar Rules relating to the Financial Institutions of Myanmar Law; and Notification No. 33/91 of Apr. 9 the Myanma Agricultural and Rural Development Bank Rules relating to the Myanma Agricultural and Rural Development Bank Law. [Chapter headings listed but no details of contents.] (WPD 4/10)

Car Import Fee Exemptions

Apr. 6: Ministry of Trade Order No. 2/91 of Apr. 6, the Import Licence Fees Exemption Order, provides that "enterprises, companies, Joint Ventures, Foreign Oil Companies operating under production sharing contracts...and the Diplomatic Missions are exempted from payment of Import License Fees...for brand new motor vehicles bought in Foreign currency for office and departmental use, from Vehicles Machinery and Equipment Trading, Inspection and Agency Services, Myamar Motors Limited, the said motor vehicles being imported and sold on consignment basis...." (WPD 4/10)

Border Trade

Apr. 9: Speaking to the Myanma Timber Enterprise, Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries and for Agriculture & Forests Lt-Gen. Chit Swe said that "the border trade would be extended in addition to Thailand. When the situation is favourable the countries like Laos, China, India and Bangladesh will have desire to do border trade and at that time the border trade will be carried out under joint

system The Minister also explained how elephants are important in carrying out timber extraction work...." (WPD 4/10)

Apr. 26: Goods imported from China and Thailand have arrived at Yangon's Bayintnaung and will be sold "at reasonable prices." Shopkeepers should inquire at the Market. Goods include cement, soap-powder, milk-powder, condensed milk, and torchlights. (WPD 4/27)

Gen. Saw Maung Views Gems

Apr. 18: State LORC Chairman Senior General Saw Maung viewed gems extracted from the Nawayat Stone Tract (Pyinlon) and the Namhsa Ruby Land, as well as gem mining camps in Mogok and joint-venture mining sites, displayed at the Military Operation Hall of the Ministry of Defence. [Extensive descriptions and photos of major stones, raw, polished, and cut.] (WPD 4/19-20)

Export Prices

Apr. 24: Actual export prices during March 1991 were (US\$ per metric ton, F.O.B.):

Pulses and Beans

Black Matpe SQ 1991	\$450
Black Matpe FQ 1991	290
Pedesein Beans FAQ 1991	290
Bocate Beans FAQ 1991	280
Toorwhole FAQ 1991	350

Miscellaneous

Live Red Breasted Parakeets	4.00
Live Hill Mynahs	14.50
Black Buffalo Horn Tips (Kg)	4.95

(WPD 4/24)

Oil Wells

Apr. 27: A ceremony marked the beginning of drilling at Kandaw test-well No. 1 of the UNOCAL Myanmar Oil Co. in Magway Division. (WPD 4/28)

Dredger Delivered

Apr. 28: The 1,665 ton dredger Areindamar, built under the Third Yangon Port Development Project, arrived from D W E Company of Germany. It cost 16.6 million Deutsch marks (K64 million) and is 68 meters long and 14 meters wide. (WPD 4/29)

Rainfall in Yangon

Rainfall since January 1, 1990, in inches, at Yangon's three weather stations of Yangon Airport (YA), Kaba-Aye (KA), and Central Yangon (CY) was:

As of	YA	KA	CY
April 1	0.00	0.00	0.00
April 15	0.16	0.35	0.67
April 30	0.79	1.10	1.42

HEALTH

AIDS

Apr. 12: Speaking to the 7th National Health Committee meeting, State LORC Secretary (1) Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt said that "educative and preventive work against AIDS disease must be accelerated more than at present, that the infection of the disease in border areas becomes widespread through cross-border trade and so, educative work needs to be carried out to effect changes in social relations and activities in the areas.... He said that prevention of the AIDS disease is to be carried out as a national task by the entire mass, and that as first priority, projects are to be laid down for border areas, and then, the task is to be extended throughout the country...." Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the University Training Corps Col. Pe Thein noted that "international organizations are ready to render help in educative and preventive

work on the disease and personnel concerned are to carry out the task as a national duty." (WPD 4/13)

SPORTS

Sports Teams Abroad

Apr. 4: A Myanmar track and field team headed by Maj. Ohn Maung left for Bangkok to participate in the April 6-8 Inter-club track and field championships. The team comprises Coach Daw Nu Nu Yee and athletes Khin Khin Htwe, Aye Aye Nwe, Htay Win, Sergeant Than Myint Swe, and Sergeant Myint Kan. (WPD 4/5) // Apr. 7: On Apr. 6, Khin Khin Htwe won the gold in the women's 3,000 metres race, with a time of 9:48.88. Aye Aye Nwe won the gold in women's discus with a record throw of 42.64 metres. Than Myint Swe won the silver in the men's 5,000 metre with a time of 15:24.38. (WPD 4/8) // Apr. 8: On Apr. 7, Khin Khin Htwe won the gold in the women's 800 metre race with a time of 2:14.27. Myint Kan won the gold in the men's 3,000 metre steeplechase with a time of 9:15.18. Htay Win won the bronze in the men's 400 metre hurdles. (WPD 4/9) // Apr. 9: On Apr. 8, Khin Khin Htwe won the gold in the women's 1500 metre race with a time of 4:30.79. Aye Aye Nwe won the gold in the women's shotput with a throw of 12.72 metres. Myint Kan won the gold in the men's 10,000 metre event with a time of 31:49.91. Than Myint won the bronze in the men's 1500 metre race. All told, Myanmar won 7 golds, 1 silver, and 2 bronze medals. (WPD 4/10) // Apr. 11: The team returned. (WPD 4/12)

Apr. 22: A Myanmar team left for Chiba, Japan, to participate in the 41st World Table-Tennis Championship beginning Apr. 23. It consists of Secretary of the Table-Tennis Federation U Ba Wai as coach and Tin Swam of Transport and Communications (Port) as player. (WPD 4/23)

Sports Delegation to USSR

Apr. 16: A sports delegation headed by Sports and Physical Education Department (SPED) Deputy Director-General U Aung Nyein left for a visit to the Soviet Union. Members are SPED Director U Saw Shwe and Assistant Director U Khin Maung Lwin, and Lt-Col. Tint Swe from the No. 11 Light Infantry Division. (WPD 4/17)

Sports Basic Course

Apr. 22: Speaking to 150 physical education teachers and 15 officials attending the eight-week Physical Education and Sports Basic Course No. 1, Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the University Training Corps Col. Pe Thein said Myanmar youth were "short of physical growth" compared to foreign countries, and that sports would help them physically and mentally, as well as teaching them "the practise of obeying orders and observing discipline." He called on teachers to train "outstanding sportsmen who will represent the State." (WPD 4/23)

Hole-in-One

Apr. 27: "Captain of the Yangon Golf Club Dr. Kyaw Myint Tun scored an ace at the par-3 4th hole of the Yangon Golf Course on 27 April 1991. He used a No. 4 boron iron against formidable head-wind. His ball, a top-flite No. 3, landed on the apron and rolled into the cup after a couple of bounces. His feat was witnessed by his 4-ball partners, Dr. Thein Nyunt, U Aung Pe and Daw Law Lay Nyunt." (WPD 4/30)

CULTURAL

Literary Articles

Apr. 7,14,21,28: Foundations of Myanmar Culture. Myanmar Literature & the ten major Jatakas, by Hnaphet Hla. [Cont. (37-40)]

Apr. 7,28: Poems on ancient Bagan, by Zawgyi, in Myanmar and English. [Cont. (25 2 pts) "Asawlat's Compassionate Giving."]

Apr. 7,14,21: 20th Century Myanmar Poets & Poems, by Htila

Sitthu. [Cont. (76-78) Poet Gon Win: Twelve selected poems.]

Apr. 7,14,21,28: Short Stories. [(1-4) Cont. "Nga Ba" by Maung Htin AÄ {17} Exterminating the Japanese. {18-19} Public enemy. {20} The red star rises, the sun sets. (1-2) "The broken vow" by Htin Lin. (3) "Emptying the puppet box" by Pe Than. (4) "Aung Baw and the four-eyed dog" by Zawgyi.]

Apr. 14,21,28: Poems (in Myanmar and English). [(1) "Where beauty is" by Ngwe Ta Yi. (3) "The Country Girl" by Dagon Taya. (4) "Poem in the storm" by Dagon Taya.]

Buddhist Culture Courses

Apr. 5: The Thingangyun Twp. [Yangon] Buddhist Culture Instructor Course was opened by Yangon Commander Maj-Gen. Myo Nyunt. 270 teachers are taking part. (WPD 4/6)

Apr. 8: The Insein Twp. [Yangon] Buddhist Culture Course began. (WPD 4/9)

Apr. 10: The Buddhist Culture Exam will be held throughout Myanmar on May 25-27; candidates must register by Apr. 24, and may take one, two, or all three of the subjects prescribed. (WPD 4/11)

Apr. 11: The Buddhist Culture Instructor Course No. 1/91 in Yankin Twp. [Yangon] concluded. (WPD 4/12)

Apr. 17: The Apr. 18-22 Buddhist Culture Instructor Course opened at Pathein [Ayeyarwady], with 725 teachers in attendance. (WPD 4/18)

Apr. 28: The Buddhist Culture Course at Tharkayta Twp. [Yangon] opened. Yangon Commander Maj-Gen. Myo Nyunt said "it was necessary for instructors to guide their pupils well and to make greater efforts to ensure flourishing of Buddhist Sasana in the whole world." (WPD 4/28)

Apr. 29: A Buddhist culture course opened at Yangon Command Headquarters; 150 students will attend the five-week course. (WPD 4/30)

Religious Examinations

Apr. 6: Homage will be paid May 11 at the Kaba Aye Cave to those who passed the 43rd Tipitakadhara Examinations. 1 Vinayakovida Sayadaw, 2 Dighanikayakovida Sayadaws, 1 Visithatdighabhankaka Sayadaw, 8 Vinayadhara Sayadaws, and 1 Sayadaw passed the Abhidhamma (1st part), and 30 Sayadaws passed the oral examination of Vinaya (1st part). (WPD 4/7)

College Reopenings

Apr. 4: Final exams for 1991 at Taunggyi Degree College began
Apr. 1. The College reopened Feb. 11. (WPD 4/5)

Apr. 11: Southern Commander Maj-Gen. Aye Thoung told a coordination meeting that Bago and Pyay Colleges "will be opened on 7 May. The students will be sent to their respective colleges by Township LORCs. The Township Zone LORCs are responsible for the convenience of the students." (WPD 4/12)

Apr. 23: All classes of Mandalay University (Main) will reopen May 14, including the Yadanabhommi day and evening classes and University Correspondence courses. Students who registered for 1987-88 are to present "their application forms, together with the prescribed pledge and letters of approval," beginning May 2. Students who had been admitted to hostels for 1987-88 may take up residence from May 12. (WPD 4/24)

Apr. 25: Mawlamyine University will reopen May 14. Hostel students will be accepted beginning May 11. Correspondence courses (all science subjects) of 1987-88 will be started May 18. (WPD 4/26)

Apr. 25: Magway Degree College will reopen May 15. Students in hostels should report beginning May 10. (WPD 4/26)

Apr. 26: The Universities Central Council held its meeting 1/91 in Yangon. It discussed facility renovation, reopenings of colleges and universities, upgrading of certain schools, admission policies, and the formation of a Universities admission scrutiny body. (WPD 4/27)

Apr. 28: All classes of the Institute of Agriculture (including forest) for 1987-88 will reopen May 15. Students should report "with their pledges and recommendations" between May 13-15. (WPD 4/29)

Apr. 28: First-year to final-year courses at the Institute of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Science will reopen May 15. Students registered for 1987-88 should submit applications, with their "pledge and recommendation papers," beginning May 13. Hostels will admit students beginning May 13. (WPD 4/29)

Art and Sculpture Competitions

Apr. 11: Plans were launched for an art and sculpture exhibition on the theme "Keeping patriotism alive and dynamic," by the Plays, Theatre, Painting and Sculpture Agitation Committee of the Committee for Agitating and Propaganda on Keeping Patriotism Alive and Dynamic, at the Fine Arts Department. Among those present were U Ba Kyi, Chairman of the Myanmar Naing-Ngan Artists and Artisans Asiayon, and sculptor U Han Tin, Chairman of the Exhibition and Competitions Organizing Committee. (WPD 4/12) // Apr. 26: The prizewinners were announced. (WPD 4/27) // Apr. 29: State LORC Secretary (1) Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt previewed the exhibit. (WPD 4/30)

Cultural Miscellany

Apr. 12: U Htut Ya, of Padigon village, Thegon Twp. [Bago] who found an ancient Pyu gold bowl while digging for water, was rewarded with K274,833 by Archaeology Department Director-General Col. Than Maung. (WPD 4/13)

Apr. 12: A statue of King Kyansittha was unveiled in Hti Hlaingshin Park in Myaung [Sagaing] on Mar. 22. (WPD 4/13)

Apr. 17: The Shwedagon Pagoda Buddhist Museum, built over a 19 month period at a cost of K15 million, was inaugurated by Alternate Chairman of the Shwedagon Board of Trustees U Nyan Lwin. (WPD 4/18)

Thingyan

Apr. 14-16: Myanmar celebrated its traditional New Year, ushering in the Year 1353 (Myanma Era) on Apr. 17, with traditional water throwing, Thingyan dances, and the release of fish and other animals. The WPD gave extensive coverage to events around the country in both articles and photos. Foreign diplomats were invited to festivities at the Foreign Ministry, and foreign military attaches to festivities sponsored by the Defence Services Intelligence [no details published of which foreign missions participated]. (WPD 4/15-17, etc.)

Movie Asiayone Officers

Apr. 28: The Myanmar Naing-Ngan Motion Picture Asiayone held its annual meeting, and elected a 16 member Executive Committee:

Chairman: U Nyunt Win

Vice Chairmen: U Khin Zaw, U Kyaw Pe

General Secretary: U Myat Tin Aye

Joint General Secretaries: U Sinyaw Maung Maung, U Than Myint

Treasurer: U Kyaw Myint. (WPD 4/29)

MISCELLANEOUS

Crime News

Names and addresses of culprits generally included.

Apr. 2: A hit-and-run driver who killed a 14-year old boy on Pyay [Promé] Road in Yangon on Apr. 1 was arrested when he brought in his car for repairs. (WPD 4/3)

Apr. 3: Yangon police on Mar. 3 seized 14 kilos of hashish on the circular route [commuter] train; 3 women were booked. The Railway Police on Mar. 12 seized 3 kilos of marijuana at the Central Railway Station, and booked a woman from Kyaukkyi [Bago]. (WPD 4/4)

Apr. 5: Yangon police on Feb. 21 arrested two car part thieves, who stole from cars parked at markets and cinemas. Two pickpockets were arrested Mar. 3 after stealing a gold chain and bangles worth

K22,000 from a bus passenger in Yangon; the goods were recovered. The Myitkyina anti-drug squad seized 2.8 kilos of raw opium on Mar. 18 at Waingmaw Jetty, and 0.7 kilos of heroin on Mar. 24 at Bhamo. (WPD 4/6)

Apr. 10: Kyaukyee [Bago] police seized 19.6 kilos of marijuana, and booked one man. Mayangon Twp. [Yangon] police on Apr. 1 seized 38 kilos of marijuana and booked three people. (WPD 4/11)

Apr. 19: Yangon police apprehended 8 persons involved in stealing and selling 100 bicycle freewheels from Yangon Port on Apr. 3. (WPD 4/20)

Apr. 20: The Mohnyin police [Kachin] on Mar. 19 seized 15 kilos of raw opium and arrested a man. (WPD 4/21)

Apr. 21: The Katha [Sagaing] anti-drug squad on Feb. 18 seized 6.2 kilos of raw opium in Gyohtaung village, and booked two men. The Kalay [Sagaing] anti-drug squad on Apr. 5 seized .25 kilos of heroin and booked two persons. (WPD 4/22)

Apr. 23: The Yangon Crimes Squad on Mar. 29 seized 8,000 imitation Duya cigarettes and booked four people. (WPD 4/24)

Apr. 26: The Lashio anti-drug squad on Apr. 9 seized 4 kilos of heroin in Muse; four people were booked. A man and wife in Yangon were sentenced to five years rigorous imprisonment for kidnapping two girls in 1989 and selling them to Thais in Kawthoung for 7,000 bahts. (WPD 4/27)

Apr. 27: Tonzang [Chin] police on Mar. 15 seized 13 litres of phensedyl in Htok Hlaing village; two men were booked. (WPD 4/28)

Obituaries

[English language obituaries only; there are occasional obituaries in Burmese as well.]

Feb. 18: Daw Khin Khin E, daughter of Sir Maung Khin, and widow of Maj-Gen. Tun Hla, died in New Delhi, aged 87. (WPD 4/6)

Feb. 27: Sithu Mr. G.S. Dillon, B.Sc., B.L., BCS(1), Commissioner, Ayeyarwaddy Division, Pathein (Retd), Secretary to Government of the Union of Myanmar, Ministry of Health (Retd), UNICEF Regional Director, Eastern Mediterranean (Retd), son of Sardar Sahib Sohan Singh, K.i.H., Municipal Commissioner and Honorary Magistrate (deceased) Sagaing...husband of Daw Khin Nu May (deceased)...died in Dillenburg, Germany, aged 87. (WPD 4/5)

Mar. 30: U Tun Yin died in Yangon. [Baptist]. (Acknowledgement, WPD 4/ 13)

Apr. 2: Dr. Saw Be Graf, MBBS, died in Yangon, aged 80. [Christian] (WPD 4/3)

Apr. 4 (In Memorium): The most Rev. Friedrich V. Lustig (1912-1989). [photo] "In ineffable memory of my dear beloved Guru, the late Buddhist Archbishop of Latvia, who passed away on this day, April 4, two years ago. Aung Kyin (Popa). (WPD 4/4)

Apr. 6: Saw Clifford Costello, husband of Naw Clara, died in Insein [Yangon], aged 63. [Christian] (WPD 4/7)

Apr. 10: Daw Saw Yee (Shwe Hintha Thingan House), wife of the late U Kyaw Nyein, died in Yangon, aged 66. (WPD 4/11)

Apr. 10: Mr. Anthony Francis, former employee of the Philippine Embassy (Myanmar), died in Yangon, aged 62. [Christian] (WPD 4/12)

Apr. 18: Mrs. Maude Stanley, widow of Ralph Stanley (II.) died in Yangon, aged 76. [Christian] (WPD 4/ 19)

Apr. 20: U Aye, Retired Ass't Director, Land and Revenue and former E.O. (Survey) NHB., husband of Daw Thein Yin, died in Yangon, aged 86. [Christian] (WPD 4/24)

Apr. 24: Sampson Martin (Uniteam Marine-Joseph Rock), husband of Lucia Martin, died in Yangon, aged 40. [Christian] (WPD 4/25)

Apr. 25: Daw Betty Lun Pum (Nuam Pau), daughter of U Lun Pum and Daw Ciang Khaw Ciin, died in Yangon, aged 45. [Christian] (WPD 4/26)

Apr. 26: Major Ralph F. Booth (Retd) B.A., B.L., B 5118, husband of Naw Helen Byaw, died in Yangon, aged 73. [Christian] (WPD 4/28)

Apr. 27: Daw Maisie Thein, wife of U Wilson Thein, Retd. D.A,

Customs, died in Yangon, aged 70. [Christian] (WPD 4/28)

Apr. 28: Sithu U Pe (Letpadan), Myanmar Foreign Service (Retired), husband of Daw Mya May, father of Dr. Maung Myint (UN/ESCAP)-Daw Thit Thit Lwin and U Aye-Daw Ni Ni Wynn (Ministry of Foreign Affairs), died in Yangon, aged 80. (WPD 4/29)

Storm in Mandalay

Apr. 1: A 67-MPH wind tore off tree branches, blew off roofs, and temporarily cut electricity in Mandalay. (WPD 4/2)

Earthquakes

Apr. 1: An earthquake of slight intensity (4.9 Richter scale) was registered at 10:23:42 MST, Apr. 1, with epicenter 123 miles Southwest of Yangon. Another of moderate intensity (5.0 Richter) was registered at 12:16:10 MST, Apr. 1, with epicenter 50 miles Southwest of Yangon. Another of slight intensity (4.6 Richter) was registered at 14:07:26 MST, Apr. 1, with epicenter 90 miles Southwest of Yangon. (WPD 4/2)

Fires

Apr. 1: A fire on Mar. 31 in Pathein West Twp. [Ayeyarwady] destroyed 465 houses, leaving 2,741 people from 500 households homeless. On the same day a fire in Mandalay South-East Township destroyed 86 houses and one Dhammayon, leaving 693 people from 160 households homeless. (WPD 4/3) // Apr. 9: Relief goods from the people for the Pathein fire total K319,457, 1,141 rice bags, 100 yards of clothing, 100 blankets, 500 viss of salt, and 52,129 packets of meal. (WPD 4/10)

Apr. 4: A fire in Shwethalyaung Pagoda Road, Mazin Kha Ward, Bago, destroyed 34 houses, leaving 281 persons from 56 households homeless and causing K4 million damage. (WPD 4/5)

Apr. 8: A fire on Apr. 7 in Thayet [Magway] destroyed 23 houses, leaving 26 households homeless and causing 6 lakhs damage. One person was killed. (WPD 4/10)

Apr. 20: Fire destroyed the loft of a nail polish factory in Mingala Taungnyunt Twp. [Yangon], causing K90,000 of damage. (WPD 4/21)

Huge Fire in Meiktila

Apr. 7: STOP PRESS. Fire broke out at Thanakhadan in Zaygon Ward, Meiktila [Mandalay] and spread to nine wards--Zaygon, Dahattan, Kyigon, Wunzin, Hpa-Hsa-Pa-La, Butahaung, Pwehsartan, Martinpale, and Yadanar Manaung. (WPD 4/8)

Apr. 8: The fire destroyed public buildings, schools, and 5,125 houses in 6 wards, killing 11 men and 9 women and leaving over 25,000 homeless. Destroyed were a cinema, a Myanma department store, railway station, and primary schools in Dahattan Ward and near the market; four family lines of the No. 1 Fuel Oil Stores Company, one horse and mule breeding farm of Forward No. 1 Base Supply and Transport Battalion, one Fire Services Station, 1,050 houses in Ashaybyin Ward, 1,800 in Dahattan Ward, 1,400 in Yadanar Manaung Ward, 760 in Martinpale Ward, 14 in Myoma Ward, and 100 in Pha-Hsa-Pa-La Ward. Property loss was over K500 million. Relief measures are under way. (WPD 4/9)

Apr. 10: SLORC Notification No. 20/91 of Apr. 10 establishes a Central Committee for Relief and Resettlement of Meiktila Fire Victims headed by Minister for Transport & Communications and for Social Welfare and for Labour Lt-Gen. Tin Tun, and Notification No. 21/91 of Apr. 10 establishes a Meiktila Fire Enquiry Commission headed by Minister for Home & Religious Affairs and for Information and for Culture Lt-Gen. Phone Myint to investigate the cause of the fire and assess losses. (WPD 4/11)

Apr. 13: People with information on the Meiktila fire can write to Lt-Col. Than Nyunt at the Enquiry Commission or to Township LORC Zone Chairman Lt-Col. Myint Lwin, or telephone to Yangon 82272 or Meiktila 21780 and 21079. (WPD 4/14)

Apr. 15: At a meeting on relief and resettlement chaired by Central Commander Co. Aung Khin, Col. Soe Tint said:
-- 25,337 people from 5,026 houses were rendered homeless.
-- Eight primary schools and 2 co-op buildings were destroyed.
Food packages are being sent in to seven relief camps.

Col. Aung Khin said: "the present fire at Meiktila could be assumed as the biggest fire and the greatest loss in property by a single fire in Myanmar Naing-Ngan. The Enquiry Committee will continue to make enquiries to find whether the fire was due to negligence or caused by arson." (WPD 4/16)

Apr. 18: The Chinese Red Cross donated K62,571 for Meiktila fire victims. (WPD 4/19)

Apr. 22: US Charge d'Affaires Franklin P. Huddle delivered a US donation of K535,000 to the UNDP, and British Ambassador J.D.N. Hartland Swann a British donation of K55,650 to the Red Cross, for Meiktila fire relief. (WPD 4/23)

Apr. 23: US Charge d'Affaires Huddle, accompanied by Cultural Officer Robert C. Schmidt, delivered a donation of K125,000 to the Red Cross [photo]. (WPD 4/24)

Apr. 25: Italian Ambassador Dr. Giorgio Bosco donated K10,000 for Meiktila fire victims. (WPD 4/26)

Apr. 27: The WHO donated emergency medicines "that can be used for three months for 20,000 victims...." (WPD 4/28)

Apr. 28: UNICEF donated medicines worth US\$8055, and UNDP donated 2000 longyis worth K350,000. US, Chinese, and British donations were used to buy K113,640 of household utensils and 524 1/2 bags of rice worth K118,000. The Japan Red Cross donated 1000 exercise books. (WPD 4/29)

Throughout the month there were extensive articles detailing relief efforts, goods supplied the fire victims, and persons and organizations making donations for fire relief. Total cash donations, as of Apr. 27, were K 5,019,937.

Cyclone Warnings

Storm News--13:00 hours Apr. 25: A depression is centered 300 miles SW of Coco Island, and expected to intensify and move northerly. (WPD 4/26) // 11:00 hours Apr. 26: It has intensified to a cyclonic storm, and is 350 miles SW of Coco Island, expected to intensify and move northwestward. (WPD 4/27) // 11:30 hours Apr. 27: Cyclonic storm 450 miles SW of Coco Island, expected to intensify and move northwestward. (WPD 4/28) // Noon Apr. 28: Cyclonic storm 550 miles SW of Sittwe, expected to move north or northeast and cross the North Rakhine or Bangladesh coast during next 48 hours. Windspeed may reach 60 mph. (WPD 4/ 29)

Storm Warning--Noon Apr. 29: Severe cyclonic storm centered 230 miles SW of Sittway, expected to cross coast between Sittway and Chittagong today midnight or tomorrow morning. Frequent rain storm squalls and very rough seas...surface winds may reach 80 mph, the storm surface wind speed reaching 150 mph is expected when it approaches or crosses the coast. A storm surge of 10-20 feet will rise in the area during the Cyclonic storm crossing. (WPD 4/30)

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