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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 (in recent months, religious) slogan across the bottom of each front page:

June 1: Katannuta, gratitude towards the grateful; this is the way to auspiciousness.

June 2-4: Kalena dhammasavanam, timely audition of the doctrines; this is the way to auspiciousness.

June 5-7: Khanti ca, patience; this is the way to auspiciousness.

June 8-11: Sovacassata, obedience; this is the way to auspiciousness.

June 12-14: Samanananica dassanam; to visit the monks; this is the way to auspiciousness.

June 15-19: Kalena dhammasakaccha, timely discussion of the doctrines; this is the way to auspiciousness.

June 20-23: Tapo ca, ascetic practices; this is the way to auspiciousness.

June 24-25: Brahmacariyanca, chastity; this is the way to auspiciousness.

June 26-28: Ariyasaccana dassanam, to discern the noble-truths; this is the way to auspiciousness.

June 29-30: Nibbanasacchikiriya ca, to realize the Nirvana; this is a [sic] 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.

Cartoons

There continued to be a number of political cartoons in each issue. E.g.:

June 1: 1st Myanmar: "Perhaps the political government of the political era can be cheated but not the SLORC (Tatmadaw) Government, my friend." 2nd Myanmar: "However, some political parties are cheating in the name of democratic rights without paying attention to law. I'm astonished by them."

June 5: 1st Myanmar: "The Commission has been issuing a lot of announcements lately." 2nd Myanmar: "Ahe...it is in accordance with the Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law and rules. It has been mentioned time and again at the press conferences. If one violates the law, one will be dealt according to law." Cat (thinking): "Martial Law."

June 6: "(Military Tactics taught by Bogoyoke)." Japanese soldier: "The one who called for us was Aung San and the one who drove us out was Aung San. Birmas, you no good!" Patriotism: "Of course, it's good. It was a political tactic to drive out colonialists. When we are rich in political tactics no destructionists can approach us."

June 8: Myanmar young woman, with man in trousers: "He is my hubby, a foreigner." Older Myanmar woman: "Are men scarce so [sic] in our country?... A race can become extinct not by being swallowed by the earth but by another race. No! I don't approve ...!"

June 9: Soccer player: "When sporting spirit and national spirit are mixed...and gambling spirit is removed, there will emerge outstanding athletes who will bring honour to the nation."

June 13: 1st Myanmar: "Don't care about foreign attempts to sow discord among us. Don't pay attention to such attempts made by internal axe-handles and traitors." 2nd Myanmar: "Don't worry! We fully accept the slogan--The Tatmadaw and the people are on very good terms; anyone who sows discord among us is our enemy."

June 13: 1st Myanmar: "There are too many `Manokthiha' (mythical creature with human head and lion body) in that world." 2nd Myanmar: "Oh, yes...the ones who are sitting on either side with two buttocks." 1st Myanmar: "Right...absolutely." Mouse (examining rear

end of politician): "It is lucky. He only has twin buttocks...phew...."

June 15: 1st Myanmar: "Let me ask about the constitution. Was there any constitution before the 1935 constitution?" 2nd Myanmar: "It was like this...for we were in servitude ...and one of the states of India... we fought for Home Rule and administration of 91 camps. Such was the craftiness of the imperialist British to prolong our servitude." 1st Myanmar: "Right, Aba... That is why it is so important to draft a constitution with all the national races taking part in it."

June 21: Hippies (in trousers and miniskirts): "We have to fight for achieving democracy, heeheehee...." Myanmar in car: "Oh, in which nation am I? Oh, God!"

June 22: "[One should be aware of these dangers if one loves the nation and the people]" Myanmar, to friend: "You should not be easily flattered or easily coerced. Because ...Imperialists' minions; those who give daggers to thieves; and traitors, both internal and external do not want to see peacefulness and tranquillity in the country and they are attempting to create trouble through many means."

June 24: 1st Myanmar: "The AIDS disease was discovered by an American doctor named Smith. He submitted a report about it on 5-6-81." 2nd Myanmar: "Aba, I want to know one thing... Why did it spread to such an extent in a decade? I would like to request the scientists to make enquiries to find out the place where the AIDS originated." 1st Myanmar: "You are rather too high-sounding." 2nd Myanmar: "Well, if a thing is big, it is broad."

June 26: "[Attitude to be adopted by video producers.]" Myanmar (to "Video producers."): "You should produce video films which are: suitable for enjoyment by both parents and children together; educative and enlightening as to inspire people to be patriotic in every way. And of course which will also bring you good earnings!"

June 27: "Open letter to Bertil Lintner": "Using Myanmarpyi as a pasture/ Writing fabricated false news/ Producing more and more fraud and deceit/ We, the people, do not care a whit/ We ignore him out of loathing/ You should stop your evil doings. /You really should!"

June 27: Myanmar (to two young women in short skirts): "To preserve Myanmar traditions and culture and to be chic...hey, girls...you'd better attire decently."

June 28: Song on radio listened to by two armed soldiers: "The song for the Tatmadawmen at the forward areas who love and cherish Myanmarpyi till the end of the world is... The brave never die, and even if he dies he will not be in hell."

June 28: 1st Myanmar: "How many parties left in our country as of now, friend?" 2nd Myanmar: "82 parties. Oh, 82 presidents and 82 premiers. Whom will I call father?"

June 28: 1st Myanmar: "When Sovereignty and the rule of law and order are harmed, it is to be dealt with Martial Law." 2nd Myanmar: "Yes, about the Martial Law...the definition of the US Martial Law is mentioned on pages 976 and 977 of Encyclopaedia Britannica [sic] (volume 14)."

June 29: Bo Mya (to 2 Myanmar): "If you are taking refuge under me ... You are my underling... Take only what I give you... Eat only what I feed you... Stay as I keep you... Do what I order you to do... hehehehe..."

June 30: Myanmar to Myanma Director and artistes: "You must be careful to ensure that our Myanmarpyi which has great cultural tradition is not influenced by western culture."

June 30: Myanmar to Westerner: "The attitude of our race is...they are kind-hearted...helpful and live peacefully. But if they are bullied or their nation and people are harmed they will surely repulse with full patriotism."

Official Books and Periodicals

Officially published books and periodicals are advertised or

publicised regularly. These were featured this month:

Foreign subscriptions to Working People's Daily.

Book (in Burmese) on misbehaviour of political parties.

Nga Ba (in Burmese) "Original Myanmar classical novel" written 44 years ago.

The Minami Organ, by Izumiya Tatsuro (in Burmese and English editions) on the World War II Japanese "Minami Kikan" which recruited and trained the 30 Comrades.

Book (in Burmese) on documents relating to political parties. Volumes I and II.

The Sittoung Valley Battles (in Burmese). Campaign against Japanese in 1945.

Book (in Burmese) on British massacres of Myanmar civilians in World War II; theft of Royal jewels, by Bo Thanmani.

Book (in Burmese) on falsehoods on BBC, VOA, and AIR, and refutations of them.

Book (in Burmese) on the historical role of the Tatmadaw.

Illustrated book (in Burmese) on the development of border areas.

June 28: "The Office of the Attorney-General has published books on laws, rules, orders, martial laws and declarations promulgated by the State Law and Order Restoration Council. These books are available at the office of the Attorney-General, office of the Council of the Supreme Court and the Supreme Court and Township Law offices." (WPD 6/ 29)

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. Editorials sometimes touched on similar themes. We note them briefly, with excerpts of typical or particularly significant portions:

June 1,3-4: Fruits of peace in Kokang, Kachin, Wa & Shan lands, by Ye Goung Kyaw Swa. [Cont. (27-29) A 1990 Wa group's visit to Yangon and Ngapali {at Thandwe [Sandoway] in Rakhine State--"a world standard sea beach where visiting foreign dignitaries invariably took a spell of rest and relaxation."}, Taungup, Pyay {Prome}, etc., before returning home via Lashio.]

June 1: Importance of moral education, by Ko Soe. [Duties, according to Lord Buddha, of parents, children, teachers, and students.]

June 1-2,6-9: University for the Development of National Races: Determined to better serve the interests of National Races, by Maung Maung Tun. [(1-6) New University reviewed. In the Regular Course, 250 trainees a year will be admitted to the 4-year Primary Assistant Teachership course; 100 to the 1-year Junior Assistant Teachership course; and 50 to the 1-year Senior Assistant Teachership Course. As necessary, there will be Special Courses (140 trainees in 1990-91; 150 in 1991-92), diploma and post-graduate degree courses, and orientation courses.]

June 2-3: The Minami Kikan and related historical accounts, by Soe Nyunt. [Story of Aung San and the Japanese intelligence unit, the Minami Organ.]

June 2,6: The exercise of Martial Law, the highest military administration law, by the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services, by Thihathu. [Cont. (2-3) History and nature of martial law.]

June 3: Knowledge of truth as guide to action, by An Observer. [Review of Gen. Saw Maung's May 24 speech.]

June 4: Cause and effect of hikes in commodity prices, by Myo Lwin. ["To put it in a nutshell, the instability and exorbitant prices are due to the JVCs, companies and brokerages and also to malpractices of service personnel."]

June 4: Letter to Hong Kong journalist Mr David, by Reporter Kyauk Khe. [Defence of SLORC record and policies.]

June 5,7: The fabrications of the cheap mercenary

correspondents from Bangkok, by Nyan Htet. [Cited and denounced at length are Bertil Lintner and Christopher Gunness.]

June 5,22: Bloody Blood-shed at Hparkant Jade Region: Brutal Massacre by KIA Insurgents, by Nyo Sein Win. [Cont. (4-5) Account of KIA massacre.]

June 6-9: Ethics and Journalism: Interpretations of mass media morality, by Kyaw Thura. [(1-4) "In our country, resurgence of Buddhist culture has been generated in the face of counter-culture which threatens to negate the values we hold dear There are certain journalists who had made capital out of provocation and defilement. To name names, Bertil Lintner is one.... He never hesitates to misinterpret official statements, distort facts, and paint a gloomy picture of Myanmar.... Bertil Lintner runs a rumour mill sans morality.... Bertil has betrayed his profession minding other people's business. Foul-play is apparent. Bertil, behave."]

June 6: The World Environment Day and the Union of Myanmar, by Aung Kyaw Htoo. [Myanmar, through the National Commission for Environmental Affairs, co-operates fully in international environmental matters.]

June 7-9,11: Foreword to the book on "Thirty Comrades", by Soe Nyunt. [History of "Minami Organ" and the 30 Comrades in 1941-42.]

June 8,10: That Imitation Independence! by Aung Minn. "Independence" granted Burma by Japan in 1943 was a fake. Now that the Japanese have apologized for World War II to Canada, "I wonder how they are going to `yoroshi' the `Birumas' who are close to them and have been trounced and pulverised and robbed of their teak, cotton, paddy, rice, rubies, lives, shame and all else...!"]

June 10: Letter to Human Rights Organization based in London, by Reporter Kyauk Khe. [HRO silent about insurgent crimes. "The human rights do exist in Myanmar."]

June 10: To those with a blurred vision, by Mya Win. [Cont. (5) "Black sheep" in the Tatmadaw referred to by U Nu in 1959 "are no more in the Tatmadaw.... They have now become leaders of political parties. They do not possess any ability to obey laws and rules. The difference is that present leaders of today's Tatmadaw are all law-abiding persons. Their thoughts and acts will always be within the law.... Should vision remain still blurred, the Law would have to be called in to do the needful."]

June 12-13: A Concise History of Myanmar and the Tatmadaw Role (1948-1988), by Tatmadaw Researcher. [Cont. {from Apr. 9} (138-139) Documentary history of Tatmadaw.]

June 12-15,17: Sittoung Valley battles of Yangon Battalion, by Soe Nyunt. [(1-5) July-August 1945 offensive against Japanese by No. 106 Myanmar Battalion led by Major Bo Min Gaung, Bo Htin Kyaw (Ret'd Col. Htin Kyaw, BC/3628; member of Council of State), and Bo Tun Yi (Ret'd Lt-Gen. Tun Yi, BC/5896), Vice Chief of Staff {Army}).]

June 13: 1988 Replay of Gory BCP Pogroms, by Mung Pyithu. [Cont. (5) BCP massacre of villagers.]

June 14,16: Why? by Manizawta. [(1-2) "Since some writers from West Europe and BBC, the VOA and the AIR have not said (they have deliberately left it out) why power has not been transferred yet and why action has been taken against Daw Suu Kyi, I am clarifying, from the point of view of law.... If the question `why' is left out, it will be just one-sided and it will amount to hiding the truth."]

June 16: Thitsa-Myitta Discussions: Useless jaw-boning, by Byamahso. [The "anti-Myanmar government voice of the recalcitrant BBC has appeared again in the last couple of days."]

June 17-18: Are these facts wrong? Who dares deny them?, by Naybalu. [(1-2) Election laws; reasons for Martial Law; Thai Prime Minister Ananda Panyarachun in saying that "if nations...exert pressure on Myanmar Naing-Ngan to get it to practise democracy, this can be counter-productive" and that there are fundamental differences between Asian and Western approaches to human rights. Can anyone deny these?]

June 18: Myanma meaning of the word `SLORC', by Tun Myint (Shwe Hintha) Advocate. ["The wisdom of ancient Myanma sages is indeed

awesome," though they "were not Oxford College graduates nor did they have a string of academic qualifications attached to their names." Names are important. BBC says 'SLORC' is a dirty word in Myanmar, meaning the sound of a frog. But frogs are good, not bad. And "slorc" can be pronounced sa-lawt, meaning "begin, let us begin," or so-hla, meaning "you talk so beautiful." "The present Myanmar government use only elegant and effective words and technology." However, the closest approximation in Myanmar to a certain "person from the west" is Sint-phin so-larr, which means "It is big and large but is not an elephant's head, it is just an elephant's anus." "What comes out of this westerner's mouth are all dirty lies. Myanmarers have not seen him in person and can only visualize him from the Myanmar meaning of his name."]

June 19, correction June 21: Roads bearing the names of colonialists, by San Thamein. ["Some continue to call road using the name of colonialists.... It should not be the case. I would like to present some of the roads...so that those who love their country will drop that habit." Dalhousie St. (now Maha Bandoola St.); Latter St. (Latha St.); Godwin Rd. (Lanmadaw); Phayre St. (Pansodan St.); Fraser St. (Anawratha St.); Crisp St. (Bo Tun Myat St.); Fytche St. (Manawhari St.).]

June 19: "Don't discard traditions & customs, don't be a spendthrift, by Kyaw Zaw. ["Many young people think it fashionable to ape western ways. They may think wearing shabby clothes, listening to so-called pop music and watching indecent movies are the epitome of modernity.... The Buddhist Cultural Courses...during the summer holidays...will help our youth to have correct concepts...."]

June 20-21,23-24,27: Brave Never Die, by U Thet Shay. [(1-5) "Brave never die: Nor go to hell in death." This Buddhist saying "is a talisman that protects the life of those who have to contend with death or danger in their work," and originated "as a dynamic energiser and a stirring stimulant in days when the glory of Myanmar fighting forces blazed like fire and sun light." Great men live on in the minds of their countrymen. Examples from ancient and modern history.]

June 20: Youths and Education, by Moke Thon. [Author's son enjoys school, which is a "well-planned, systematically-organized, closely-knitted and well-designed institution organized by the State."]

June 21-22: EC's effort to put pressure on Myanmar Naing-Ngan and how ASEAN rejected, by Bo Thanmani. [(1) At the May 1991 meeting between the EC and ASEAN, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Thailand refused to put pressure on Myanmar. (2) Photocopy of article--"Asean, EC clash on human rights criteria: Values for Money" by Shada Islam in Brussels {publication not identified}.]

June 23: For those who care to listen, by Khaing Mya Khaing. [Need to set youth a good moral example.]

June 24: May they be thankful also in the future, by Warazein. [Trip to Hong Kong on new direct Myanmar Airlines service.]

June 24,26,29: The example of striving to achieve what one wants by working overtime, by Maung Hmat Kyauk. [(1-3) Good and bad strikes. Myanmar word for strike is "Thabeik Hmauk" or turning the begging bowl upside down--as monks do to ostracize those who injure the Sangha. Nationalist strikes and boycotts. "Rightist instigation" during Revolutionary Council days. BCP-instigated strikes in 1988.

June 25-27: A Review of Historical Setting of 'Nar Khan Daw', by Soe Nyunt. [(1-3) Review of historical novel written 59 years ago about the Portuguese adventurer De Brito in the Toungoo period, 1527-1596 AD).]

June 25: United shall we be more than ever, by Shwebophyo (Sindewa). [Unity of national races against internal and external threats.]

June 28-30: Initial step in a new phase of combat against narcotic drugs, by Thihathu. [(1-2) Myanmar's accession to the 1988 Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, deposited June 11, 1991, marks a new phase in the anti-

drug war emphasizing development and substitutes for narcotics income.]

June 28-30: A review of pre-independence press (1945-1948), by Shwe Kalaung. [(1-3) Survey of press. "Part of the press indulged in personal, policy and organisational attacks even though their ultimate aim was independence."]

June 29: Editorial: Preserving national personality [excerpt]: ["If we begin to abandon our customs, our traditions, our mores and our deeply ingrained culture values we would inevitably also lose our national personality as a distinct entity. Our language, our literature, our dress and our very way of thinking our thoughts and doing things would undergo, perhaps irreversibly so, such a complete alteration that our forefathers themselves would not be able to recognize us as their off-spring. The question is, would we like to be recognized by our grandfather, great-grandfather and great-great grandfather that we are of their blood? Or would we rather have us and our offspring be seen by our forefathers as total aliens in the land of our own birth? Putting it bluntly, would anyone wish to see his son not as his own but someone else's? This is the raison d'etre for the vigorous efforts being made for the preservation of our cultural identity and national personality. It is a natural reaction of anyone who cares for his own nation and his own people and is proud of his birthright!"]

June 30: The main issue is to keep the Union together, by Kyaw Thura. ["Our current leaders are dedicatedly and untiringly exerting their energies toward the weal of all the peoples of the Union in the long-term interest. The criticism and attempts by those who cannot bear to see them do a good job in persuance of the national cause only strengthens their resolve to strive harder."]

June 30: Myanmar Naing-Ngan War Veteran Organization: A milestone, by Sitpyan Kan Tun. [Outline of organization, founded by law No. 17/89 of Aug. 18, 1989. WVO's have already been formed in 300 townships.]

Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt to Diplomats

May 31: Speaking to personnel of the Foreign Ministry, State LORC Secretary (1) Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt said [excerpts]:

-- "It is found that mercenary correspondents and so-called writers are spreading false news claiming that they get the news from some diplomats in Yangon. It is not known whether diplomats really said like this or whether they deliberately claim so to cause misunderstanding between diplomats and us. This is the matter to be taken into serious consideration by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs which is directly concerned with diplomats.

-- "I would like to explain one of the tasks to be undertaken by our diplomats when they are assigned duties in other countries.... What is said by the Ambassador is regarded as the voice of his State. Our diplomats are obliged...to observe the rules which are internationally recognized...in Vienna Convention signed by the nations of the world It is necessary to supervise the work of making our diplomats observe these rules. The diplomats... are to investigate and report legally the situations of the country which accepts them but they must avoid committing illegal means....

-- "Since the [SLORC]'s assumption of the State responsibilities, 120 officers, including ambassadors, and 226 clerical staff have been promoted. Altogether 74 officers and 78 clerical staff have already been sent to Myanmar embassies abroad. Eighty-five members of delegation and 18 scholars have also been sent abroad.... Arrangements are being made to send officers and clerical staff abroad in turns.

-- "Service personnel from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs must stay away from politics. The SLORC did not take action against those who were involved in 1988 disturbances for various reasons, for they realized their misdeeds and have concientiously carried out duties during the time of the SLORC....

-- "Plans have been laid down and are being implemented for

eradication of opium trafficking and poppy cultivation.... U Ohn Gyaw of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, who has been assigned the duties of Deputy Minister, attended seminars on... narcotic drugs in other countries" (WPD 6/1)

Three NLD Insurgents Return

June 6: U Than Tun (a) Eusoof, Vice-Chairman of the Kyaukkyi Twp. [Bago] National League for Democracy (NLD); U Tun Aung, Kyaukkyi NLD Secretary; and U Tin Win, Kyaukkyi NLD Treasurer; who had gone underground "returned to the legal fold without arms on 31 May 1991." A total of 12 NLD members from Kyaukkyi had gone underground, including Pyithu Hluttaw Representative Tun Oo, who is Minister for Social Welfare in Sein Wein's parallel government at Manerplaw. [photos of men and documents] (WPD 6/7)

Subversive Pamphlets

June 7: [Full text] "The authorities have arrested three youths who secretly distributed anti-government pamphlets at the universities and colleges in Yangon to agitate the students. The case was that agitative pamphlets under the title "Kyaungtha Ahpaung Do" were secretly distributed by some youths in certain places of the Yangon University (Main), Institute of Economics, Yangon University (Hline Campus) and Yangon University (Kyimyindine Campus) between 27 and 30 May. The authorities investigated the matter and arrested Nay Myo Oo (a) Ko Ko Gyi (a) Tun Naung Lwin, 24, son of U Myint Swe, of Room No 3, Officers Quarter, Dawbon Dockyard; Thuta Aung (a) Thuta, aged 25, son of U Aung San (deceased), of No 59, Bawga Street, Bawga Ward, Kyimyindine Township and Win Zaw, 27, son of U Maung Maung, of Thitkwa Street, Ward 6, Hlinethaya Township on 31 May who had written, photo copied and distributed the materials. Effective action will be taken against the three in accordance with law and that those who make attempts to cause unrest will be exposed, it is learned." (WPD 6/8)

Lawmaker Solarz Caught...

June 10: Full-page feature, under headline "Lawmaker Solarz caught infringing civil liberties," recalls Congressman Stephen Solarz' 1988 visit to Myanmar, when "He met the then President Dr Maung Maung and also leaders of political parties in what clearly was an act of interference in our internal affairs," and subsequently predicted "civil war." The feature goes on: "His sensitivity to bodily harm was the subject of an editorial in The Washington Times on 28 February 1991," and closes with a full photocopy of the Editorial, entitled "Wyatt Earp Solarz," concerning the reported arrest by U.S. Capitol Police of Congressman Solarz' "armed bodyguards," and suggesting as hypocritical the Congressman's support of gun control. (WPD 6/10)

Four NLD Members Arrested

June 11: Authorities on May 25 arrested four persons from the National League for Democracy "for their having contacts with armed insurgent organizations." They are Yangon Division NLD Organizer Aung Myo Naing; Lanmadaw Twp. NLD Youth Wing In-charge Robert Aung; Kyauktada Twp. NLD member Kyi Soe; and Bahann Twp. NLD member Dr. U Mon. "Since it has been found that Aung Myo Naing went to the jungle, took with him medicines needed in the jungle, persuaded Hluttaw representatives and party member youths and took them to the jungle and distributed jungle pamphlets in Yangon and that Robert Aung, Kyi Soe and Dr U Mon had contacts with the youths in the jungle, effective action will be taken against them in accordance with law." [photos, documents, and details] (WPD 6/12)

Pamphlets in Myitkyina

June 17: Addressing students and Kachin State LORC officials on June 14, Principal of the Myitkyina Degree College U Maung Maung "recounted that on 3 June a stranger aged about 25, approached a girl

student and forcefully gave her agitative pamphlets and a recorded tape, that the girl student duty-consciously reported the matter at once to a teacher [who]...without hesitation gave the pamphlets and the tape to the Principal himself, that...they were agitative pamphlets and songs of the ABSDF group and that the principal reported the matter to the authorities concerned and took necessary steps.... He then lauded the girl student who reported the matter duty-consciously." (WPD 6/18)

Gen. Than Shwe to Officers

June 21: Speaking to the passing-out parade of the 81st batch of the Tatmadaw (Army) Officers Training School at Hmawby, Deputy Commander-in-Chief and Commander-in-Chief (Army) Gen. Than Shwe said [excerpt]:

"The father of our Tatmadaw Bogyoke Aung San once said, 'We have to annihilate those who undermine our national interests whoever they may be, within or outside our country. We fight them because they are the enemy of our nationals and not because they are this and that race'.... We are fighting our national brethren because we have no other choice. In fact we are not happy about it.... Shan and Ahkar nationals in the eastern sector of Thanlwin, Kachin nationals, Kokang nationals who were once BCPs, Wa nationals in North-East region and Pa-O nationals in southern Shan State renounced their armed insurgency and returned to the legal fold. They are now working in co-operation with the government.... Altogether 60 hospitals and dispensaries have been opened and 608 service personnel appointed since assumption of State responsibilities by the SLORC. Altogether K277.39 million were spent for the development of border regions.... (WPD 6/ 22)

Two Absconders Caught

June 24: Two members of the illegal All Burma Labour Society (ABLS), Nay Lin and Maung Maung Htwe, who had absconded April 16 to U Sein Mya's People's Defence Force at its Kaleingan transit camp on the Thai border, were intercepted at the Sin-hnit-kaung checkpoint at Mudon [Mon] on May 23, while trying to return to Myanmar "for carrying out demolition and destructive activities." Legal action will be taken against them. The ABLS is led by Zaw Nyunt (a) Arkar Hein, who is "reported to be living together with a girl Mi Mi Aung of Ya-Ka-Tha in Bangkok and to have applied for refugee status with the...UNHCR." [photos] (WPD 6/25)

Gen. Saw Maung on Election

June 25: Speaking to the SLORC-State/Division LORC coordination meeting, State LORC Chairman Senior General Saw Maung said [inter alia]:

-- It is the duty of the Election Commission to see "whether parties registered under the Registration of Political Parties Law abide by that law or not," and also to "do what is necessary concerning parties which contested the election under the Election Law." The Commission must "take action against any individual or any organization that broke the law," as well as "against those causing unrest or inciting it."

-- Between independence in 1948 and the Revolutionary Council in 1962 was 14 years, and between then and the 1974 Constitution was 12 years. "If one looked at the transition from one era or one system to another from a religious point of view, one may say it occurred because it was time to occur." (WPD 6/26)

ELECTIONS

Losing Candidates Disqualified

Election Commission Announcements through the month disqualified a total of 79 losing candidates for Pyithu Hluttaw seats in the May 27, 1990, elections, and in some cases their election agents, for failure to submit "returns of election expenses under

Section 88(c) of the Pyithu Hluttaw Election Rules":

May 31: Seven candidates: (a) U Kyi Win (League for Democracy and Peace-LDP) (Mogaung); (b) U Win Maung (Graduates and Old Students Democratic Association-GOSDA) (Mohnyin-1); (c) U Soe Win (GOSDA) (Mohnyin-2); (d) U Sai Khum Leik (Shan Nationalities League for Democracy) (Demawhso-1) and agent U Sai Hla Kyaw; (e) U Tein Tun (a) U Tein Toke (Chin National League for Democracy) (Paletwa-1); (f) U Hla Win (Union Nationals Democracy Party-UNDP) (Kale-1); and (g) U Htan Khant Khine (UNDP) (Kale-1) and agent U Kyin Zahauk. (WPD 6/1)

June 3: Four candidates: (a) U Thein Tun (UNDP) (Bago-1) and agent U Than Myint; (b) U Kyaw Hsan (UNDP) (Daik-U-2); (c) U Tin Win (UNDP) (Thanatpin-1); and (d) U Myint Soe (Democratic Front for National Reconstruction-DFNR) (Thanatpin-2). (WPD 6/4)

June 4: Five candidates: (a) U Hla Tun (UNDP) (Pyu-2); (b) U Tin Myint (a) U Myint Htoo (UNDP) (Yedashe-1); (c) U Tin Maung Kyi (UNDP) (Kawa-1) and agent U Zaw Myint; (d) Daw Khin Than Nwe (Democracy Party-DP) (Nyaunglebin-1); and (e) U Myint Thein (DP) (Bago-1) and agent U Kyee Myint. (WPD 6/5)

June 5: Five candidates: (a) U Tin Myint (UNDP) (Kanbalu-1); (b) U Htay Maung (League for Democracy and Peace-LDP) (Taze-1); (c) U Zaw Win (LDP) (Tapayin-1); (d) U Ba Din (Democracy Front for National Reconstruction-DFNR) (Shwebo-2) and agent U Khin Maung Swe; and (e) U Phone Kyaw (independent) (Wetlet-2). (WPD 6/6)

June 6: Six candidates: (a) U Arphu (Lisu National Solidarity-LNS) (Khawbude); (b) U Pawsa Brang Zet (UNDP) (Putao) and agent U Saw Nwe Sein Mya; (c) U Tin (UNDP) (Budalin-2); (d) U Nay Win (League of Democratic Allies-LDA) (Monywa-2) and agent U Aung Moe; (e) U San phe (LDP) (Yinmabin-1); and (f) U Thein Tun (UNDP) (Ayadaw-2). (WPD 6/7)

June 7: Six candidates: (a) U Maung Maung Ohn (LDP) (Pyay-1) and agent U Maung Maung Lay; (b) U Aung Than (LDP) (Pyay-2); (c) U Hla Ngwe (UNDP) (Paungde-1); (d) U Sein Maung (independent) (Paungde-1) and agent U Tin Hlaing; (e) U Thein Hlaing (UNDP) (Paungde-2) and agent U Sein Hlaing; (f) U Hla Soe (UNDP) (Padaung-1). (WPD 6/8)

June 10: Seven candidates: (a) U Ye Myint (LDP) (Padaung-2); (b) U Soe Tin (LDP) (Shwedaung-1); (c) U Yin Kyi (Democratic Front for National Reconstruction-DFNR) (Shwedaung-1) and agent U Maung Shwe; (d) U Maung Thaung (LDP) (Shwedaung-2); (e) U Tin Hla (Democracy Party-DP) (Shwepyitha) and agent U Tin Aung Toe; (f) U Ba Tint (a) Bo Ba Tint (independent) (Thinangyunn-2); and (g) U Thaung Myint (National Peace Party) (Insein-1). (WPD 6/11)

June 11: Six candidates: (a) Nai Tun Pe (Mon National Democratic Front-MNDF) (Kya-in-Seikkyi-2) and agent U Nai San Pa; (b) U Soe Win (LDP) (Hlaingbwe-2) and agent U Thein Hsan; (c) U Aung Tin (UNDP) (Nattalin-1); (d) U Tin Ohn (UNDP) (Monyo-1); (e) U Han Sein (DP) (Letpadan-1); and (f) U Kywe (UNDP) (Okpo-1) and agent U Thet Wai. (WPD 6/12)

June 12: Five candidates: (a) U Tha Aung (United League of Democratic Parties-ULDP) (Okpo-2) and agent U San Thein; (b) U Zaw Pe (UNDP) (Okpo-2) and agent U Saw Lwin; (c) U Hla Myo (LDP) (Okpo-2) and agent U Maung Maung Aye; (d) U Thaung Nyunt (UNDP) (Pyinmana-2); (e) U Kyaw Myint (LDP) (Pyawbwe-1) and agent U Myo Chit. (WPD 6/13)

June 13: Five candidates: (a) Dr. Nyan Myo Oo (UNDP) (Singu) and agent U Htay Maung; (b) U Kyaw Than (a) U Maung Maung (Shan Nationalities League for Democracy-SNLD) (Pyin Oo Lwin-1) and agent U Sai Aung Thein; (c) U Ai Kyin (SNLD) (Pyin Oo Lwin-2) and agent U Sai Hla Maung; (d) U Swe Tint (UNDP) (Pyin Oo Lwin-2) and agent U Myint Than; and (e) U Maung Maung Aye (independent) (Madaya-2). (WPD 6/14)

June 14: Five candidates: (a) U Pya (DP) (Madaya-2) and agent U Soe Win; (b) U Pandi (a) U Maung Ai (Ta-ang {Palaung} National League for Democracy-TPNLD) (Mogok-1) and agent U Ba Thein; (c) U Tun Kyi (TPNLD) (Mogok-2) and agent U Than Aung; (d) U Aye Khu (a) U Myint Naing (LDP) (Mandalay NW-1) and agent U Khin Maung Chit; and (e) U Tint Swe (UNDP) (Mandalay NW-1). (WPD 6/15)

June 17: Five candidates: (a) U Than Tun (DP) (Mandalay NW-2) and agent U Chit Tee; (b) U Maung Maung (LDP) (Mandalay NW-2) and agent U Ba Than; (c) U Htein Win Bo (LDP) (Mandalay SW-1) and agent U

Thein Win; (d) U Nyo Toke (LDP) (Mandalay SW-2) and agent U Maung Oo (a) U Tin Nyunt; and (e) U Ba Nwe (LDP) (Mandalay NE-2) and agent U Chit Ko. (WPD 6/18)

June 20: Six candidates: (a) U Hla Wai (Democratic Party for New Society-DPNS) (Kamaryut); (b) U Ko Ko Myat (DP) (Bahann-2); U Soe Myint (UNDP) (Mingala Taungnyunt-2); (d) U Sunny Thwin (independent) (Lanmadaw) and agent U Tun Aye Aung; (e) U Myint Swe (DP) (Tharkayta-1) and agent U Myo Myint; (f) U Ohn Cho (DP) (Tharkayta-2) and agent U Soe Tint. (WPD 6/21)

June 28: Seven candidates: (a) U Aung Kyi (UNDP) (Kalaw) and agent U Nyunt Maung; (b) U Ba Thin (Democratic League for the National Races of Shan State-DLNRSS) (Taunggyi-1) and agent U Sao Yun Paing; (c) U Marit Tang (Shan State Kachin Democratic Party-SSKDP) (Mongmit) and agent U Hkun Tawng; (d) U Gu Tar (Lisu National Solidarity-LNS) (Mongmit); (e) U San Shwe Maung (Indigenous Races Collaboration Party-IRCP) (Buthidaung-1); (f) U Kyaw Sein (Arakan National Unity Organization-ANUO) (Pauktaw-2) and agent U Kyaw Sein; (g) U Tha Myint (Arakan People's Democratic Front-APDF) (Manaung) and agent U Myat Toe Naing. (WPD 6/29)

Hluttaw Members Resign

June 4: Election Commission Press Release No. 931 of June 4, authorizes U Tin Maung, elected National League for Democracy (NLD) Pyithu Hluttaw member for Yesagyo-2 [Magway] to resign because "some of Yesagyo Township NLD members are acting, writing and speaking as they wish without any respect for Law and that if they continue to commit such acts detrimental to law in future, it may affect his dignity as well as the dignity of the NLD." (WPD 6/5)

June 26: Election Commission Announcement No. 945 of June 26 authorizes U Thaung Tin, elected National League for Democracy (NLD) member for Pyapon-1 [Ayeyarwady] to resign because "the Ayeyarwady Division Organizing Committee of the [NLD] which he represented were found to have unilaterally dissolved the Pyapon Township [NLD] Organizing Committee in disregard of the rules, regulations and policies laid down" and "he had no confidence in the [NLD]'s Central Executive Committee and Division Organizing Committee which failed to exercise democratic practises." (WPD 6/27)

Party Registration Changes

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

(5) All Myanmar United Youths Organization. GS Daw Khin Khin Soe; CEC members Daw Khin Myat Thu Swe, Daw Thin Thin Hlaing, Myo Tint Aung have resigned. New officers are GS Khin Maung Yi (ex JGS); JGS Win (ex-CEC). (WPD 6/25)

(16) Arakan League for Democracy. VCh San Aye; Tr Dr. Aung Zan; CEC Hla Kyaw, San Shwe Maung, Maung Tha Zan; Secretariat Kyaw Zan Hla, Tun Wai are no longer on the party's CEC. (WPD 6/20) // No longer a member of the United Nationalities League for Democracy (214). (WPD 6/ 28)

(18) Democratic Party for New Society. Ch Myo Than Htut (Moe Thee Zun) has resigned as of Apr. 17, 1989. (WPD 6/29)

(21) Kachin State National Democratic Party. CEC members Dashi Naw, Aung Balay, Ko Lay, Nu Ridee, Ai Lung have resigned. (WPD 6/25)

(28) National Progressive Youth of Myanmar. Patrons Aung Ban, Tin Tun, Tin Aye; JSec Tun Tun; Tr Dr. Myo Zin Nyunt; CEC Than Dar, Aung Thwin, Tun Tun Win, Zin Naing, Sunny, Khin Maung Latt; Secretariat Daw Hla Myat Thu, Kyaw Win Lay, Myat Oo, Sein Lwin are no longer on the party's committee of patrons and CEC. (WPD 6/20) // Patrons Aung Ban, Tin Tun, Tin Aye (Myoma) are still with the party. (WPD 6/27)

(30) Zomi National Congress. // No longer a member of the United Nationalities League for Democracy (214). (WPD 6/28)

(31) Chin National League for Democracy. Patrons Kyaw Yap, Thang Talaung Ar, Ngo Cin Paul, Hal Er, Yon Dol, Khai Phon, Sein Tha

Aung, Sein Khaw Khai; VCh Lian Ok; Sec Salai Lian Hmung, Salai Ngai Hsark, Mai Ni Ni Aung; Tr Daw Sai Tel (a) Daw Elizabeth Taitwel, Tarn N Za Khwarl; Org Dr. Salai Par Ciin, San Maung; InfoOff Han Lin, Til Hu, Audit. Yam Ewe, Thang Thul, Mai Nan Cherry; and CEC Hsar Wa, Kap Lian, Buai Mang, Chang Pum, Ba Aung, Kaung Wa, Than Swe (a) Maung Maung, Vam Zaki Oh, Con Kyai Oh, Kyaw Win, T H Thawng Muin Thang are no longer with the Party. (WPD 6/22) // No longer a member of the United Nationalities League for Democracy (214). (WPD 6/28)

(33) Democratic Labour Party (Myanmar). VCh Aung Kyaw, Maung Ko; Sec Maung Maung Oo; CEC Aung Myaing, Po Cho (a) Myo Aung, Daw Sandar See, Myint Oo are no longer on the CEC. (WPD 6/20)

(36) Democratic League for the National Races of the Shan State. Patrons Hkun Saw, Sao Yip Hpa, Hkun Hti, Tun Myint, Kyaw Sein are no longer on the party's committee of patrons. (WPD 6/20) // Patrons Hkun Saw, Sao Yip Pha, Hkun Htee, Kyaw Sein are still with the party. (WPD 6/27) // No longer a member of the United Nationalities League for Democracy (214). (WPD 6/28)

(38) Democratic Human Rights Party. Patrons Tun Myint Kyu, M A Wa Harv (a) Sayagyi Ba Cho; Ch Maung Mying (a) Myint Maung; GS Ko Ni; JGS Maung Sein; Sec Kyaw Nyein, Chit Swe (a) Chit Shwe, Thein Tun, Ba Aye, Than Tun, Daw Baby, Daw Khin Thida; Tr Kyaw Khin; CEC member Htay Khwe are no longer with the party. (WPD 6/28)

(45) Shan Nationalities League for Democracy. VC Sai Maung Maung; CEC members Sai Hla Kywe, Daw Nang Shwe Kya have resigned. (WPD 6/25)

(85) Union Paoh National Organization. No longer a member of the United Nationalities League for Democracy (214). (WPD 6/28)

(89) Free People League of Myanmar. Patron Ba Kyu; Ch Daw Khin Khin Sein; VC Aye Lwin; CEC member Than Maung have resigned. New officers are Ch Maung Gyi (ex-VCh); VCh Tin Win (ex-JGS), Tint (ex-CEC); JGS Daw Khin San Lwin (ex-Sec); Sec Myint Swe, Ngwe Thein. (WPD 6/25)

(117) Students and Youth League for Mayyu Development (Arakan). Automatically dissolved as of June 18, 1991, "with no members left on the executive committee as some have resigned, some have been removed and some suspended." (WPD 6/19)

(122) Union of Myanmar Unity Democracy League (MUDL). Ch Hla Maung; CEC Shis Narayan Varma, Haba Jam Sing, Soe Myint, Sumptra Sump are no longer with the party. (WPD 6/22)

(158) Union Danu League for Democracy. No longer a member of the United Nationalities League for Democracy (214). (WPD 6/28)

(161) National Ethnic Reformation Party (Headquarters). Ch Khin Maung has resigned. (WPD 6/25)

(192) Inn-Tha National Organization. Registration cancelled at the request of Party Executive Committee, June 27, 1991. (WPD 6/28)

(198) Union People's Future and Democracy Party. VCh Chit Swe has resigned. New officers are VCh Nai Tun Khin, Lu Maung (ex-CEC). (WPD 6/29)

(207) Lahu National Development Party (LNDP). VCh Aung Thu; Sec Mar Ku; CEC Kyar Tawt, Do Hla Thein are no longer with the party. (WPD 6/22)

(214) United Nationalities League for Democracy. Patrons Ay Pe, Salai Ram Lein Hmone, Sao Ngwe Thaug, Hla Min, Tha Lu, Tarn Thang Lian Pawng, Myint Oo, Hkun Tun Lwin, Salai Aung Tun, Dr. Hsan Khammar; Sec. Hkun Tun Shwe, Salai Lyun Hmone, Saili, Nai Aung Myint, Tha Ban are no longer with the League. Six member parties [noted herein] are no longer members of the League. (WPD 6/28)

(215) Union of Myanmar Democratic Front. Has nothing to do with VCh Moe Thee Zun, who had been its VCh, or with the Democratic Party for New Society (18). (WPD 6/29)

(216) League of Democratic Allies. Myo Than Htut (Moe Thee Zun) has not been Chairman since Apr. 17, 1989, and since before the election the League has had no connection with the Democratic Party for New Society (18). (WPD 6/29)

(219) People's Peasant Union (Union of Myanmar). Ch Tin Aung;

CEC Bo Than Nyunt, Kyaw Hlaing are no longer with the party. (WPD 6/22)

(232) Leading Strength of National Realism Centre. Declared defunct and deregistered, because none of its eight member parties exist any longer, as of June 25, 1991. (WPD 6/26)

DIPLOMATIC

Diplomatic Calls

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

June 6: Singapore Charge d'Affaires Lam Peck Heng on State LORC Secretary (1) Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt. (WPD 6/7)

June 7: UNDP Permanent Representative Gerd Dietrich Merrem, presented a letter of designation from the UN Secretary General as Resident Co-ordinator of the United Nations System's Operational Activities in the Union of Myanmar to State LORC Secretary (1) Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt. (WPD 6/8)

June 13: Korean Ambassador Hang Kyung Kim on State LORC Secretary (1) Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt. (WPD 6/14)

June 15: Philippine Ambassador Ms. Rosalinda V. Tirona on Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Brig-Gen. Abel. (WPD 6/16)

June 17: WHO Resident Representative Dr. Klaus Wagner on Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the Universities Training Corps Col. Pe Thein. (WPD 6/18)

June 18: Soviet Ambassador Vadim I. Chabaline on Election Commission Chairman U Ba Htay. (WPD 6/19)

June 24: French Ambassador Alain Briottet on Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Brig-Gen. Abel. Malaysian Ambassador Sallehuddin Bin Abdullah on Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the Universities Training Corps Col. Pe Thein. (WPD 6/25)

June 27: Newly arrived Spanish Ambassador Tomas Chivarri Del Rivero on Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the Universities Training Corps Col. Pe Thein; on Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Brig-Gen. Abel; and on Minister for Construction and for Co-operatives Lt-Gen. Aung Ye Kyaw. (WPD 6/28)

Ambassador to Japan Named

June 4: State LORC Chairman Senior General Saw Maung has named U Thein Han as Myanmar Ambassador to Japan. (WPD 6/4)

Japan Grants Debt Relief

June 12: Myanmar and Japan exchanged Notes concerning "a Japanese government debt relief grant of Yen 3,000 million (about US dollars 21.8 million)." This is the third of such grants to Myanmar. The first debt relief grant of Yen 3,654 million was given in June 1988, and the second of Yen 3,500 million was given in July 1990. According to Japanese policy, debt relief grants are dependent on payment of debts; Myanmar paid Yen 3,000 in May 1991, and the Japanese Government has extended the same amount. The grant is untied, and can be used for machinery, equipment, raw materials, and spare parts. (WPD 6/13)

Boundary Agreement Signed

June 18: Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw and visiting Thai Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Wichian Watanakun signed a Memorandum of Understanding relating to Fixed Boundary on the Mae Sai-Nam Ruak Rivers Sector. (WPD 6/19)

Ambassador to Pakistan Named

June 25: State LORC Chairman Senior General Saw Maung has appointed U Pe Thein Tin as Myanmar Ambassador to Pakistan. (WPD 6/25)

France Grants Debt Relief

June 27: French Ambassador Alain Briottet presented to Minister for Planning & Finance and for Trade Brig-Gen. Abel a Note of Debt Cancellation cancelling a debt of 497 million French Francs (about K572 million) "for the implementation of projects with French Government loans under the Official Development Assistance Programme since 1976. These projects included "the purchase of diesel locomotives and track maintenance equipment and machinery, purchase of telephone exchange and teleprinter, Cement Mill Project (Hpa-an), Asbestos Cement Sheet Plant Project (Hmawby), and Canning Factory Project (Thazi). (WPD 6/28)

Spanish Ambassador Arrives

June 27: Spanish Ambassador Tomas Chavarri Del Rivero presented credentials to State LORC Chairman Senior General Saw Maung. (WPD 6/28)

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Workshops and Courses

June 3: A Workshop on Curriculum Development for Nonformal Education, jointly sponsored by the Education Research Bureau and UNICEF, opened to study adult education in border areas. It will last until June 14. (WPD 6/4)

June 4: A short course on agricultural training and extension, jointly sponsored by the Technical, Agricultural and Vocational Education Department and by Israel, opened. The three-week course includes 24 trainees (lecturers and assistant lecturers) from the Agricultural Institutes and High Schools. (WPD 6/5)

June 7: The Education Seminar & Workshop Series: UNESCO/UNDP Seminar 1 on Education Issues in Myanmar was held at Yangon Teachers Training College, and was addressed by Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the Universities Training Corps Col. Pe Thein. (WPD 6/8)

June 10: A Country Course on National Accounts, sponsored by the UN Statistical Institute for Asia and Pacific (SIAP) and the Central Statistics Organization of the Ministry of Planning & Finance opened under SIAP course director Ms. Heidi R. Arboleda. 15 officials of the Ministry, and 10 officials from other ministries, will attend the June 10-25 course. (WPD 6/11) // June 28: The course concluded with an address by Central Bank of Myanmar Chairman U Maung Maung Han. (WPD 6/29)

First Myanmar-China Trade Fair

June 3: The first Myanmar-China Trade Fair opened in Muse [Shan] on May 28. Over 500 items of goods from 6 Ministries, 11 Syndicates of Township Co-operatives, and 10 private companies are on sale, as well as gems and jewellery from Myanma Gems Enterprise. Goods from 63 Chinese companies are on sale. (WPD 6/4)

Myanmar Donations

June 10: Myanmar's contribution of 500 tons of rice to Bangladesh cyclone relief was delivered to Chittagong June 8 on the MV Loikaw. (WPD 6/11)

June 18: Members of the 11 Light Infantry Division have offered the Htidaw for the Maha Atula Marazina Pagoda in Madras, Tamil State, India, which is being built under the sponsorship of World Missionary Sayadaw Ashin Ganbhirabuddhi. (WPD 6/ 19)

Foreign Donations

June 26: French Ambassador Alain Briottet presented 260 books from the Institute of Oriental Languages and Culture of the University of Paris to the Universities Central Library of Myanmar. (WPD 6/27)

FOREIGN VISITORS

Business Visitors

June 4: Mr. Viton Vonghangool, Deputy General Manager of M/S Merieux (Thailand), called on Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the Universities Training Corps Col. Pe Thein. (WPD 6/5)

June 19: Vice-Chairman of the China National Aero-Technology Import and Export Corporation Mr. Zhao Guangshen and party called on Minister for Transport & Communications and for Social Welfare and for Labour Lt-Gen. Tin Tun to discuss "mutually beneficial aviation work, extending the Myanma Airways flight and the sale of aircraft." (WPD 6/ 20)

Korean Economic Delegation

May 31: A delegation headed by Mr. Jung Gil Hwang of the Korean Economic Development Co-operation Fund called on Minister for Transport & Communications and for Social Welfare and for Labour Lt-Gen. Tin Tun to discuss "aviation and economic development." (WPD 6/1)

Thai Military Delegation

June 17: A Thai military delegation led by Gen. Vijit Sookmark, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Royal Thai Armed Forces, arrived and was met by Director of Defences Services Intelligence Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt and Yangon Commander Maj-Gen. Myo Nyunt. (WPD 6/18) // June 18: Gen. Vijit Sookmark called on Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services and Commander-in-Chief (Army) Gen. Than Shwe. With the delegation were Army and Air Attache Col. Dumrongsuk Bejaphala and Naval Attache Capt. Chuchard Keshsathira from the Thai Embassy in Yangon. (WPD 6/19) // June 22: The General departed. (WPD 6/23)

Thai Diplomat

June 17: A delegation headed by Thai Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr. Wichian Watanakun arrived at the invitation of Myanmar Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw [Note: This is the first time we have seen U Ohn Gyaw referred to by this title--HCMacD.]. (WPD 6/18) // June 18: He called on State LORC Chairman Senior General Saw Maung, signed an agreement at the Foreign Ministry [see above, under Diplomatic] and visited the Red Cross. (WPD 6/19) // June 22: The delegation departed. (WPD 6/23)

Israeli Agricultural Delegation

June 17: Director Mr. Michael Atzmon of the International Agricultural Development Co-operation Central Committee, Ministry of Agriculture of Israel, and Director Mr. Moshe Kiron of the Agricultural Expansion Services Department called on Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries and for Agriculture & Forests Lt-Gen. Chit Swe. (WPD 6/20)

Medical Visitors

June 21: Dr. Ian MacMichael and group from the Orbis Flying Eye Hospital, Houston, Texas, called on Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the Universities Training Corps Col. Pe Thein. (WPD 6/22)

June 26: Dr. Alain Deloche and personnel from the Medecins Du Monde of France called on Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the Universities Training Corps Col. Pe Thein. \\ Surgeons Prof. James Lister and Prof. I.F. Maclaren, who have arrived to conduct the FRCS [Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons--HCMacD.] Part I Examination, on Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the Universities Training Corps Col. Pe Thein. (WPD 6/27)

June 27: A delegation from World Vision led by Mr. Wattanapong Santatiwal from Bangkok called on Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the Universities Training

Corps Col. Pe Thein. (WPD 6/28)

MYANMAR DELEGATIONS

Study Delegations

June 3: Lecturer Daw Khin Myo Aye of the History Department of the Workers College left for Japan to "conduct research relating to Japan" on a program arranged by the Japan Foundation Assistance of the Japanese government. \\ Assistant Lecturer Dr. Zaw Win of the Mathematics Department of Yangon University left June 1 for Germany for a 2-month training course on Combinatorial Optimization in Industry, Transportation and Business Management at the Institute of Mathematics, University of Augsburg. \\ U Myint Swe of the Technical Institute in Pyay, and U Khun Tun Yi of the Agriculture and Livestock Breeding High School in Hpa-an, left June 1 for Manila to attend a workshop on Management of Documentation and Information Centre and Information Networking sponsored by the Colombo Plan Staff College for Technical Education there. \\ Deputy Director (Post Office) Daw Khin May Thwe of the Post and Telecommunications Department left June 1 to attend the 23rd Postal Management Course at the Postal Training Center for Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok. (WPD 6/4)

June 9: Staff Officers Daw San San and Daw Khin Mar Aye of the Labour Department left for Bangkok to attend the June 10-21 Sub-regional Workshop on the Technical Processing of Information Concerning Women in Development sponsored by ESCAP. (WPD 6/10)

June 21: Deputy Director U Soe Myint and Assistant Director U Tun Tun of the Trade Department left for Kathmandu, Nepal to attend a June 24-28 Regional Seminar on GSP for Low-Income Developing Countries, sponsored by UNDP. (WPD 6/22)

June 22: Chief Instructor U Soe Naing of Myanma Hotels and Tourism Services left for Fiji to attend a June 27-July 5 seminar on hotel and catering management sponsored by the Asian Productivity Organization (APO). (WPD 6/23)

June 24: Lab Technician Daw Khin Aye Tha of the Medical Research Department left for Singapore to attend a course in DNA Sequencing, under Colombo Plan auspices. (WPD 6/25)

Delegations to Meetings

June 2: A five-person delegation headed by Director-General Daw Khin Than Tin of the Auditor-General's Office, left to attend the 78th session of the International Labour Organization Conference from June 5-26 in Geneva. Other members are Manager Daw Myint Myint Swe of the Inya Lake Hotel, Deputy Senior Medical Officer Dr. Daw Myint Myint May of the Social Security Board, and Director U Ohn Maung and Deputy Director U Sein Win of the Labour Department. (WPD 6/3) // June 14: Speaking at the ILO Conference, Minister for Transport & Communications and for Social Welfare and for Labour Lt-Gen. Tin Tun said "As full scale industrialization is a too ambitious objective for developing and less developed nations, promotion for the development of both rural and urban informal sectors along with encouragement of small-scale enterprise should be the main area of concern for substantial expansion of employment opportunities." He also noted: the change of name from "Burma" to "Myanmar" to reflect the multi-ethnic composition of the nation; the shift from a planned to a market-oriented economy; anti-narcotics efforts and development of border areas; and plans for a "new, strong and enduring constitution" as the basis for "a multi-party democratic system suited to the needs of our country." (WPD 6/15) // June 18: Lt-Gen. Tin Tun and his delegation returned. (WPD 6/19)

June 20: Director-General Dr. May May Yi of the Medical Research Department left for Switzerland to attend a meeting of the Joint Co-ordinating Board of the Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases, and the Eleventh Meeting of Interested Parties of the Diarrhoeal Disease Control and the Acute Respiratory Infectious Programme, being held under WHO sponsorship. (WPD 6/21)

June 23: Managing Director U Thawda Sein, General Manager

(Hotel) U Chan Than, Deputy General Manager (Project) U Tin Htay, and Assistant General Manager (Finance) U Naing Bwa of Myanma Hotels and Tourism Service left for Hong Kong to attend the June 25-27 meeting of the Myanmar-International Hotel Co. Ltd. Board of Directors. (WPD 6/26)

June 24: Lecturer Daw Khin Thein Yi of the Department of Economics at the Institute of Economics left for Seoul, Korea June 22 to attend the June 25-28 Regional Expert Meeting on Structural Adjustment of Asian Newly Industrialized Economies sponsored by UNESCO. (WPD 6/25)

Delegations Return

Return of delegations whose departure was announced in previous months:

June 4: Director General Dr. Myint Thein of the Planning and Statistics Department, Ministry of Agriculture & Forests, returned from the May 29-30 14th meeting of the Governing Council of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) in Rome. IFAD will provide assistance for border area development in Myanmar. (WPD 6/5)

June 7: The Red Cross Youth delegation led by U Ganness returned from the Red Cross Youth Camping in Kuching, Malaysia. (WPD 6/8)

June 16: The historical research study group, led by Prof. of History U Tun Aung Chein of Yangon University, and including History Prof. Daw Ohn Kyi (2) of Magway Degree College, Director (Research) of History Daw Ni Ni Myint of Yangon University [wife of U Ne Win--HCMacD,], and Senior Research Officers Daw Khin Khin Kha and U Thein Hlaing returned from China and Singapore. (WPD 6/17)

Pilgrims to Mecca

June 4: 111 men and 39 women left by Myanma Airlines on the Haj pilgrimage to Mecca, via Dhaka. (WPD 6/5)

Buddhists to Laos

June 20: A delegation of 21 member Buddhist delegation left for Laos, taking with it as donations 4 Buddha images, 2,000 sets of saffron robes, 200 dukat thingans, 1,622 belts, and a set of Buddhist canons. The delegation was led by State Ovadacariya Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Jotikabhivansa of Mogaung Kyaungtaik, Mandalay, and Vice-Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee [SSMNC] Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Nanabhivamsa. Other Sayadaws are Joint Secretary Sayadaw of the SSMNC Bhaddanta Kumara (Agga Maha Pandita), Bhaddanta Sagara, Bhaddanta Kavindacara (Agga Maha Pandita), Librarians Bhaddanta Guna Lankara and Bhaddanta Gandha Malabhivamsa of the State Pariyatti Sasana Tekkatho [SPST] (Yangon) and (Mandalay) respectively, Principals Bhaddanta Kesava and Bhaddanta Sumana of the Abbots Training School (Yangon) and (Mandalay). Also, as Secretary, U Kyaw Lwin, Director-General of the Department of Promotion and Propagation of Religion, officials of the Department, of the Foreign Ministry, and of the SPST. In Laos, the delegation will visit monasteries and meditation centres, and on June 14 will call on Laos President Phoumi Vongvichit. \\ It arrived in Vientiane. (WPD 6/21) // June 25: The delegation returned. (WPD 6/26) // June 29: Account of visit. (WPD 6/ 30)

MYANMAR GAZETTE

Probationary Appointments

The SLORC made the following appointments, on probation:

June 5: Dr. Mya Oo, Professor/Head of Department of Medicine, to be Rector, Institute of Medicine-1, Ministry of Health.

Dr. U Zaw Win, Professor/Head of Surgery Department, General Hospital, Mandalay, to be Rector, Institute of Medicine, Mandalay, Ministry of Health. (WPD 6/6)

June 19: Col. Tin Win (BC/10202), Deputy Commander of the No.

66 Light Infantry Division, Ministry of Defence, to be Managing Director, No. 2 Mining Enterprise, Ministry of Mines. (WPD 6/20)

June 26: U Khin Soe, Manager (Flight), to be Managing Director, Myanma Airways, Ministry of Transport & Communications.

Col. Maung Maung Ohn (BC/10367), Tactical Operation Commander, No. 44 Light Infantry Division, Ministry of Defence, to be Director-General, Central Inland Freight Handling Committee, Ministry of Labour. (WPD 6/27)

Appointments Confirmed

The SLORC confirmed the following appointments, after one year's probation:

June 19: Col. Than Shwe (BC/8659) as Managing Director, Myanma Heavy Industries, Ministry of Industry-2. (WPD 6/20)

Transfers

The SLORC made the following transfers and appointments:

June 5: U Saw Myint, Managing Director, Myanma General Industries, to be Managing Director, Myanma Pharmaceutical Industries, Ministry of Industry-1.

Dr. Maung Maung Sein, Rector, Institute of Medicine-1, Yangon, to be Director-General, Department of Health Manpower, Ministry of Health. (WPD 6/6)

June 26: U Khin Maung Aye, Director-General, Transport and Communications Planning and Operation Department, to be Director-General, Road Transport Administration Department, Ministry of Transport & Communications.

U Thaung Shwe, Managing Director, Myanma Airways, to be Director-General, Transport and Communications Planning and Operation Department, Ministry of Transport & Communications. (WPD 6/27)

GOVERNMENT

Accession to Drug Convention

June 14: Myanmar on June 11 deposited with the UN Secretary General the Instrument of Accession to the 1988 Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances .

At a press conference, Foreign Ministry Political Department Director General U Ohn Gyaw outlined Myanmar anti-narcotics efforts over the years. He said that these efforts were now being implemented "with a new philosophy and a new approach. In the past the physical destruction of the poppy-fields had been the great concern of the Myanmar authorities. Our new approach is aimed at winning the hearts and minds of the local populace in the poppy growing areas. We make them realize by themselves, the evils of the poppy cultivation and drug problem and thereby obtain their willing and whole-hearted co-operation in the eradication of poppy cultivation and drug menace in those areas. The key concept in our new philosophy is that of providing alternative income or livelihood for the local populace. Hence, our present anti-drug programme places great emphasis on income substitution and crop substitution."

As proof of the success of the new philosophy, U Ohn Gyaw cited the return to the legal fold, "for the first time in the history of independent Myanmar," of eight insurgent groups within a short period of two years. he went on to outline Myanmar's continued co-operation in international anti-narcotics efforts, exemplified by its accession to the 1988 Convention.

In response to questions, U Ohn Kyaw said there was no tri-partite agreement between Myanmar, Thailand, and China. Rather there were separate tri-partite agreements between Myanmar, China, and UNDCP, and between Myanmar, Thailand, and UNDCP. "Myanmar had separate plans and they differed from those of the People's Republic of China and Thailand like sub-region-level strategy...." His recent visit to China had led to "an agreement for providing monetary assistance of up to about 10 million US dollars for co-operation between Myanmar Naing-Ngan and PRC, that UNDCP would provide part of

that monetary assistance to be used in enforcement of law and some to be used for road construction and crop substitution...."

Asked about drugs in China, U Ohn Kyaw said that "according to our discussions, it is learnt that there has been no drug problem in PRC as a result of the efforts made by the Communist Party. However PRC was suffering from the evil effect of drug trafficking as trafficking routes through Yunnan to Hong Kong emerged in the past few years...."

"PRC wishes to open more medical treatment centres on the border area. As one and all know AIDS spreads together with the abuse of drugs. The PRC authorities, therefore, want foreign assistance to prevent such disease from being spread across the border as well as to prevent drug trafficking. The main point is for both the Myanmar side and their side to intercept drug traffickers if they enter the area."

Asked about Myanmar reservations to its Instrument of Accession, U Ohn Kyaw said that "the term 'accession' means an agreement to take part in the collective endeavours under the provisions of the convention.... The next step for this nation is to ratify the treaty.... Another point concerns whether to accept the International Court of Justice in resolving disputes.... In this connection, Myanmar Naing-Ngan has reservations. We have no wish to transfer our sovereign power to ICJ. The United States, too, has similar reservations for many matters...."

"U Ohn Gyaw went on to explain that Myanmar Naing-Ngan has Extradition Act. In exercise of national sovereignty, the Head of State or the President can send any accused or person to any country if he deems fit according to the act. However, he said, no agreement or treaty was concluded with any other country.... No one can sue or accuse a citizen of Myanmar Naing-Ngan; the citizen will not be sent to any other country; but he will be put on trial according to law in the country, he said." Myanmar has no extradition treaties with any nation. (WPD 6/15)

Yangon Area Expanded

June 19: Yangon City Development Committee Notification of June 19 redemarcates the boundaries of the Yangon City Development Area. The old area was 133.643 square miles (85,532 acres) and was designated on March 15, 1985. The new area is 223.217 square miles (142,858.88 acres), including parts of Hmawby, Hlegu, Tanyin [Syriam], Twantay, and Htantabin Townships. Table One gives the old boundary limits; Table Two the new limits. "Areas excluded from the new boundary are the regions provisionally designated as cantonment areas and Thanlyetsoon area." (WPD 6/30)

MILITARY

Insurgents Surrender

June 18: 27 KNU insurgents of the Saw Po Nyein group, including Company Commander Tun Myint, "returned to the legal fold at Lamaing military camp, bringing together with them 26 assorted fire-arms and a walkie talkie, after realizing their misdeeds and renouncing the armed struggle line, on 9 June.... The group had been active in Ye Creeks region on the eastern sector of Ye Township since June, 1988 under the direct control of the BCP headquarters...." [photos] (WPD 6/19)

June 26: 29 insurgents surrendered between May 1-5 [names and details]. (WPD 6/27)

June 27: 27 insurgents surrendered between May 6-14 [names and details]. (WPD 6/28)

June 28: 13 KNU insurgents of the Saw Po Nyein group, under Platoon Commander Thaung Shwe, surrendered in Yay [Ye] on June 22, bringing in 8 weapons. 27 KNU insurgents of the same Saw Po Nyein group, led by Company Commander Tun Yint, surrendered June 9 at Lamaing, bringing in 26 weapons and a walkie-talkie. (WPD 6/ 29)

June 29: 22 insurgents surrendered between May 15-24 [names and

details]. (WPD 6/28)

War Veterans Meeting

June 28: The Myanmar Naing-Ngan War Veteran Organization Central Council held its second meeting, under Chairman Maj-Gen. Tun Tin (Rtd.) and Joint Secretaries Lt-Col. J. Nau (Rtd.) and Maj. Soe Tint (Rtd.) Amendments were approved, the flag and emblem were changed [no details], and reports were approved. In closing, the Chairman said that the WVO "was a social organization that stayed away from politics, that WVO members must always put in the fore 'Our Three Main Causes' and defend and protect the country from all dangers as a reserve force of the Tatmadaw and that all members, together with the entire people, should take an active part in the framing of a firm constitution that could be accepted by all the national races as mentioned in Declaration No 1/90 of the [SLORC]."
(WPD 6/29)

ECONOMIC

Economic Articles

June 1: Construction Activities throughout the Country: Kalewa, a beautiful town, by Kyi Hlaing and Nyunt Aung. [Cont. (5) Visit to Kalewa in March.]

June 5,15: Construction and renovation work in Tanintharyi Division, by Saw Thura. [Cont. (8-9) "Turning Dawei {Tavoy} into a capital town of the Division." Noted that in Tanintharyi there are 12,720 monasteries, of which 12 are Pariyatti Sarthintaiks and 15 are meditation centres, and there are 34,533 members of the Sangha.]

June 11: Construction and renovation work in Chaungzon Township, by Kyaw Sein. [Cont. (3) "Projects for beautifying Chaungzon Township."]

June 12,16,23: Tamu, a pleasant border town in Kabaw Valley, by Kyi Hlang and Nyunt Aung. [(1-3) Visit in March to area on Indian border.]

June 13,20,27: Construction and Renovation Activities Throughout the Country: Mingin, a joyful town, by Kyi Hlaing and Nyunt Aung. [(1-3) Visit in April to Mingin Twp. {Sagaing}.]

June 14,17,22,25,29: Refreshing scenes of Lashio, by Sein Shwe. [(1-5) Visit to Lashio in March.]

June 18-19,21: Baluchaung Hydel Power Project No 1: Those who are penetrating darkness to bring light, by Swe Oo Maung. [(1-3) "At present there is frequent disruption of power supply in many parts of the City of Yangon.... Whenever the light goes out, 'Lawpita Power Station' comes out of the mouth of everybody, isn't it so?" Visit to new hydroelectric project, to be completed in May 1992. It will cost K935 million, including K533 million (Yen 16,000 million) in foreign exchange from the Overseas Economic Co-operation Fund of Japan.]

June 26-27: The Pearl, by Nyan Thin (Professor of Geology, University of Mawlamyine). [(1-2) Pearl and cultured pearls; qualities and grading.]

Railway News

May 31: Effective June 4, ordinary class tickets on Yangon-Mandalay Express trains, previously sold three days in advance, will be sold only one hour ahead of departure. Upper class tickets, previously sold five days in advance, will be sold only three days in advance. This is because "there has been blackmarketeering of tickets by unscrupulous persons who take advantage of the fact that the number of trains in service cannot cope with the increasing number of passengers.... Arrangements will also be made for the convenience of the elderly people, the sick, members of Sangha as well as Tatmadawmen and service personnel who will have to travel on duty."
(WPD 6/1)

June 5: Commuter service going around Mandalay Hill was inaugurated June 2. Construction of the 4.5 mile link began Jan. 24, and cost K8.5 million, linking Ohbo and Dawnabwa Stations; there are

16 bridges. 2,200 passengers use the service. (WPD 6/6)

Yangon-Hong Kong Air Service

May 31: Direct, non-stop air service between Yangon and Hong Kong by Myanmar Airways was inaugurated. Managing Director U Thaug Shwe said that there had been such service, via Bangkok, in the 1970's, but it had been suspended in 1976 "for various reasons." A Hong Kong office of Myanmar Airways has been opened on the 18th floor of the Tung Hip Department Store, but Cathay Pacific will act as general sales agent. (WPD 6/1)

Restauranteurs Warned

May 31: Yangon Commander Maj-Gen. Myo Nyunt warned Yangon restaurant owners that: "The State allows the restaurants to operate their business and it is necessary for them to compete with one another on the basis of their food, cleanliness and service. But it has been found that some restaurants employ young women to allure customers and that they are sending young women along the path of ruin. Rules have been prescribed for the opening of restaurants. Action has been taken against 35 restaurants for their violation of rules. The State will take effective action against violators of rules and laws. We have no reason to close the restaurants which abide by the rules and laws. We will even give them necessary help." (WPD 6/1)

Imports

June 5: Yangon Mayor U Ko Lay inspected the unloading of mild steel rods for Yangon construction projects, arriving on the MV Concensus Wind. "The officials discussed measures for transporting the goods for them to reach the work sites within the shortest time possible." (WPD 6/ 6)

Construction Projects

June 2: State LORC Secretary (1) Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt inspected the construction of the Theingyizay (D) Complex in Yangon. "Myanmar Architect U Thein Zaw explained that the Theingyizay (D) Complex would be 800 feet in length and 120 feet in breadth and there would be store rooms at the basement and that air-conditioners, lifts and escalators would be installed on every floor. There would be a car parking lot for 500 motor vehicles on the third and fourth floors, department store and a super market from the fifth to the eighth floors, and a cinema hall, restaurants and circular ways for motor vehicles on the fifth and sixth floors, and the new market would be one of the modern markets in South-East Asia...." Construction began Jan. 2, 1990, and the building will be inaugurated in September 1991 with allocation of sales rooms on the ground, first and second floors. 420 people have paid rent for sales rooms on the ground floor, and 261 on the first floor. There remain 210 sales rooms in the basement, 283 on the ground floor, 665 on the first floor, and 800 on the second floor. Rents are K75,000 in the basement; K150,000 on the ground floor; K125,000 on the first floor; and K120,000 on the second floor. The State has earmarked K650 million for the project, which is 50% completed. \\ A new high school was inaugurated in Oktha Myothit, Bago. (WPD 6/3)

June 3: Two boats for pleasure cruises, built at a cost of K400,000 each, were inaugurated on Mandalay Moat [photo]. (WPD 6/4)

June 4: A 1890 foot road leading to the Sutaungpyi Pagoda at the top of Mandalay hill was opened June 1. \\ A new K100,000 school annexe was opened in Kawkareik Twp. [Kayin]. \\ The new Hmawby Township Court House was inaugurated. (WPD 6/5)

June 6: A Bailey bridge pedestrian crossing over the Ngamoyeik Creek in Dagon Myothit (North) [Yangon] was opened. (WPD 6/7)

June 7: The Phakant-Mashikahtaung suspension bridge across the Uru Creek in Kamaing Twp. [Kachin] was opened on May 30. The bridge is 8 feet wide and 336 feet long, cost K6 million, and can carry 15 hundredweight. (WPD 6/8)

June 11: A self-help primary school building was opened May 29 in Pyidawtha Ward, Hakha [Chin]. (WPD 6/12)

June 12: The Meiktila Hotel Swimming Pool was opened. "Currently, the swimming pool is meant for the hotel guests only but arrangements are under way to enable the public to take a rest there." (WPD 6/13)

June 15: The Chaung-U-Amyint road in Sagaing Division was inaugurated. (WPD 6/16)

June 16: The Amyint-Nyaungbinsauk (Monywa) road in Amyint village, Chaung-U Township [Sagaing] was inaugurated June 12. (WPD 6/17)

June 20: The K5 million Toungoo Hotel was inaugurated at the site of the old Kaytumadi city. \ A telephone exchange was inaugurated June 15 in Namhsan Twp. [Shan]. (WPD 6/ 21)

Commercial Bank Shares on Sale

June 10: A meeting to discuss "collection of shares" for the Commercial and Development Bank (Myanmar) Limited, to be set up under the sponsorship of the Union of Myanmar Chamber of Commerce and Industry, was held. It was attended by Bank Establishment Executive Committee Chairman U Maung Maung Nyunt, Secretary Dr. Sein Maung, Joint Secretary U Ye Swe and members. Capital has been set at K1,000 million. "Of the capital shares, which is equivalent to K 200 million will be invited initially and only 30 per cent of share value will be called in the first phase." The remaining K800 million "will be invited" when the directors decide. Each share is K10,000, and "a citizen or an economic institution may buy up to K 10 million in share value," with holders of K 100,000 eligible be elected directors. "Shares are being accepted beginning today." (WPD 6/11)

Joint Ventures

June 12: Joint Venture Corporation No. 7 has been provided medical treatment to patients and foreigners at Kanthaya Hospital at 6 1/2 mile Pyay Road [Yangon], and at Kandawgyi Hospital (Diplomatic Hospital) which was previously under the Ministry of Health, since April 1. Enquiries can be made to telephone numbers 30083, 31110, and 50149. Vitamins and other medicines are available at JVC-7 headquarters at 91/93 Anawrahta Street, Latha Twp. [Yangon]. (WPD 6/ 14)

June 14: A contract for mining under joint venture was signed for the second time. Present were Secretary of Joint Venture (Mining) Central Supervision Committee Myanma Gems Enterprise Managing Director U Hlaing Win and representatives of the enterprises concerned who "get permission to do mining work." The first contract was signed May 24, 1990, with 1,543 applications to undertake gems mining and 1,637 for jade. U Hlaing Win "added that 1,015 applications had been received for mining under joint venture for the second time and contract was signed for mining in 189 blocks, that arrangements have been made to sell gems as soon as possible and that gem merchants from foreign countries would be invited." The Contract was then signed by those concerned. (WPD 6/15)

June 17: The cornerstone for "reconstruction of Mandalay Zaygyo Market into a supermarket" was laid June 15 by officials, Vice-Chairman of the Joint Venture Corporation No. 5 U Ko Gyi which will build the supermarket, and Dr. Khin Maung, Managing Director of Medicines and Medical Equipment Trading and member of the JVC 5 Board of Directors. The supermarket will have one 6-story building and 7 4-story buildings, with a park and a car park. (WPD 6/ 18)

Food Supplies

June 15: State LORC Secretary (2) Maj-Gen. Tin Oo met with the Co-operative Brokerage and Rice Trade Supervision Committee and learned from State/Division co-ops that: Rakhine will ship 11,538 heads of cattle, citrus fruits, pineapples and mangoes to Yangon; Magway has sent 40,000 viss of edible oil and 25,000 viss of gram, and arrangements are under way for 5,000 viss of tamarind and 5,000

viss of chili; Ayeyarwady has bought 8.9 million baskets of paddy as of June 12, and 600,000 viss of salt have been sent to Yangon; Sagaing is sending 3,600 viss of gram to Yangon; Bago will send "more pig, fowl, fish, gram, and edible oil"; Mon will send marine products "as much as possible"; Mandalay has sent 224,831 viss of onion, 203,497 viss of chilli, and 31,075 viss of potatoes, and will send tamarind, jaggary and gram; Shan (South) has sent 66,000 viss of garlics and nearly 40,000 viss of potatoes, and will send tomatoes, cabbage, cauliflowers and radish; Shan (North) will send gourds, pumpkins, marians, brinjals, tomatoes, and cabbage and other vegetables thrice a week.

Yangon Co-operative Societies have in stock 350,000 bags of rice; 17.647 million baskets of paddy have been bought. Between Dec. 14, 1990, and June 12, 1991, 900,000 viss of onion, 32,000 viss of dry foodstuff, 340,000 viss of potatoes, 88,700 viss of garlics, 160,000 viss of chilli have been distributed. 19,000 viss of tamarind, 15,000 viss of maize, 5,000 viss of gram, 1,130,000 viss of salt have been bought, and more salt has been bought from Ngapudaw, Labutta (Ayeyarwady) and Setse (Mon).

717 Co-operative Shops have been selling edible oil at a retail price of K63, groundnut oil at K77, and sesamum oil at K72.

K13 million of pulses and beans were exported, and K13 million of tyres, motor vehicles, machinery, pesticides, and chemical fertilizers were imported, by Co-ops in 1990-91. Contracts have been signed to export K80 million of pulses and beans.

Deputy Director General of the Co-operative Department U Tun Wa said arrangements were under way to "distribute an adequate amount of commodities to Yangon" and to buy fish from Bago Kantaya Pond, that 20,400 pigs were being bred in Ayeyarwady Division, and that "arrangements were under way to sell dry foodstuff, green groceries and meat and fish in Yangon."

Director-General of the Co-operative Department U Saw Aye Ko said the co-ops already had 19.1 million baskets of paddy for 4.5 million people in Yangon, "that people need not worry about paddy and rice," that 50,000 pigs and 80,000 chickens were being raised and arrangements were under way to distribute dry foodstuff. (WPD 6/16)

June 19: Speaking to township personnel, Mandalay Division LORC Chairman Maj-Gen. Tun Kyi said "Efforts are to be made to increase production to help bring down commodity prices.... Each township is to put at least 100 acres under essential crops...." (WPD 6/20)

June 20: 32,000 viss of onion from Yenangyoung and Seikpyu Twps., 4,000 viss of gram from Magway Twp., and 4,000 viss of charcoal from Myayde Twp. arrived in Yangon. They arrived in trucks that had carried 40,000 viss of salt to Myayde, Magway, Chauk, and Seikpyu Twps. Vehicles left with 40,000 viss of salt for Magway on June 14, and will return with 40,000 viss of cooking oil. (WPD 6/21)

June 26: Central Commander Maj-Gen. Tun Yi warned in Mandalay that "illegal slaughter of livestock would be suppressed." He urged merchants to "purchase and distribute food to the consumers instead of purchase and hoard," and said "action would be taken against those who hoard the livestock in order to make huge profits." (WPD 6/27)

Honda Showroom Opens

June 16: The Honda Showroom and Service Centre of the Star Corporation opened at 61 Tekkatho Yeiktha Road, Yangon, in the presence of Star Corporation Chairman U Myint Htay, Executive Director U Aung Gyi, and Mr. Michio Akutsu of Honda Trading Company, Japan, who explained "arrangements for importing motor vehicles, motor cycles, machinery and spare parts produced by the Honda Company. (WPD 6/17)

Visit to Oil Well

June 16: Director-General U Tin Tun of the Energy Planning Department, Managing Director of the Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise (MOGE) U Aung Min, and President of the Idemitsu Oil Development Co., Ltd., Japan, visited the Kapaing No. 1 test well in Yinmabin Twp.

[Sagaing] being drilled by Idemetsu under its production sharing contract for Block D. The test will will be 14,000 feet deep. (WPD 6/17)

Chambers of Commerce

June 20: Ministry of Trade Notification No. 16/91 of June 20 appoints members of the Central Executive Committee and Central Committee of the Union of Myanmar Chamber of Commerce and Industry, as follows:

Central Executive Committee:

President: U Ko Ko Gyi (RGN-000123)--Deputy Chairman, Union of Myanmar JVC 5;

Vice Presidents: U Khin Maung Yi (MKA-054047)--Managing Director, JVC 1, and U Hla Myint Thein (CI-045877)--merchant;

Secretary: U Hla Maung (RGN-015309)--merchant;

Joint Secretary: U Myo Nyunt (O/RGN-005710)--merchant;

Members: U Maung Maung Nyunt (CF-038824)--merchant, U Oo Htun ((CA-042951)--merchant Pulses and Beans Merchants Association (in formation), U Maung Maung (AA-120067)--merchant Union of Myanmar Printers and Publishers Association, U Tun Aye (ISN-061688)--merchant, Representative of Ministry of Trade (U Toe Kyi, advisor), Representative of Ministry of Industry 1, Representative of Ministry of Cooperatives.

Executive Committee Members: U Win Shwe (CJ-037314)--merchant, U Ye Shwe (BT-006370)--merchant, U Aung Htut (CJ-010690)--merchant, U Kyaw Zin (RGN-013693)--merchant, U Zaw Min Win (AC-038433)--merchant, U Tin Maung Htwe (AB-057867)--merchant, U Tin Win Aung (TRY-011371)--merchant, U Mya Han (EMDY-053546)--merchant, U Than Naing Aung (MGN-179609)--merchant, U Thein Hlaing (AD-051838)--merchant, U Hla Myint (AB-047802)--merchant, U Htein Win (LPN-026338)--merchant, and U Tint Swe (CI-033849)--merchant. (WPD 6/21)

June 27: The Ministry of Trade has issued a registration license to the Mandalay Chamber of Commerce and Industry, which is to be opened at Plot No. 170, 86th Street, Mandalay. Chairman will be U Kyaw Thein, and the CEC will have 14 members. (WPD 6/28)

Palm Oil Dealers Warned

June 20: Merchants "who destabilized the price of palm oil" were called in and warned at the Bureau of Special Investigation, by Chairman of the Central Committee for Ensuring Smooth Flow of Commodities and for Bringing Down Commodity Prices Brig-Gen. Maung Maung, Deputy Director of Defence Services Intelligence Col. Than Tun, and Director-General of Special Investigation U Khin Tun.

Yangon Wholesalers Association President U Mya Thaung, and Daw Mya Mya Win, proprietor of the "Phyupwint" brokerage house, violated directives in their sale of palm oil. Mr. J.N. Patel sold 137 drums of palm oil at K640 per 10 viss instead of the agreed wholesale price of K610 per 10 viss. Other palm oil dealers "sold their palm oil without taking down the full addresses of buyers." Still others "mixed palm oil in groundnut oil and sold it as groundnut oil." The NIB has booked a number of these palm oil merchants, "but they have been released upon the leniency of the State towards them. They have been released from detention as they have made assurances that they would co-operate...[in] bringing down the prices of commodities.... They were released on their assurances after they have been warned for the first and last time." (WPD 6/21)

Import License Fees Reduced

June 28: Ministry of Trade Order No. 4/91 of June 28, the Import License Fee Order, in order to reduce prices and improve competition, sets the following new fees for import licenses as of July 1, revoking the License Fees Order of Oct. 1, 1956 [full text published]. Values are C.I.F.

K 0-25,000	K	625
K 25,001-50,000		1,250
K 50,001-100,000		2,500

K 100,001-200,000	5,000
K 200,001-400,000	10,000
K 400,001-1,000,000	20,000
K 1,000,001-above	50,000

(WPD 6/29)

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
June 1	3.03	3.03	4.02
June 15	13.39	9.88	11.97
June 30	27.56	19.80	22.76

HEALTH

Child Welfare Association

May 31: The Executive Committee of the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association (Central) held its first meeting. Officers are:

President: Dr. Daw Tin Tin Hmun;
 Vice Presidents: Dr. Daw Kyu Kyu Swe and Dr. Aung Tun Thet;
 Secretary: Dr. Daw Nyo Nyo;
 Joint Secretaries: Dr. Daw Khin Win Shwe and U Nyi Nyi Ohn Tin;
 Treasurer: Dr. Daw Khin Myint Myint;
 Auditor: Daw Khin Than Tin;

Executive Committee Members: Dr. Daw Yi Yi Hla, Dr. Thaug, and Daw Shining Moon.

The Central Committee was formed with 39 members including 14 representatives from the states and divisions.

A gift of medical equipment was received from the United Nations Women Association President Dr. Daw Khin Kyi Kyi. (WPD 6/1)

28 Killed by Toxic Liquor

June 10: 21 people died, and 82 were hospitalized, after drinking toxic liquor in North Okkalapa [Yangon] June 7-8. The "country spirit" was made by Kyi Thein from Chit Tee Gon Ward, Mingaladon Twp., using urea fertilizer and "spiking" the liquor with "Dama Nge" roots "to make it more potent." Legal action is being taken. (WPD 6/11)

June 11: 7 more people have died, and a total of 123 people have been admitted to hospital. Another toxic ingredient was 7 gallons of pure methanol used in polishing furniture. "It was also exposed...that moonshiners...use dangerous chemicals, old rubber slippers, urea fertilizer, pesticides and dried toads to make huge profits." (WPD 6/12)

Article against Smoking

June 11: Stop Smoking to Save Lives! by Ye Nyunt. ["Quitting smoking habit is in keeping with the basic codes for a Buddhist as it saves many lives." Dangers of smoking to smokers, their offspring, and people around them.]

AIDS Seminar

June 14: "The seminar on searching for the causes of spread of AIDS disease in border areas and on working out means to control the disease" opened at the Ministry of Health Planning and Statistics Department.

State LORC Secretary (1) Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt said that while "the disease is not widespread in our country," it is relatively high in Thailand and its "spread...has been detected in border areas" of Myanmar. Relatively high numbers of people have been found HIV positive in Tachilek and especially Myitkyina and Bhamo. "The figures are high in the towns because the disease spread through hypodermic

needles of drug addicts. Most of the people from Kengtung and Tachilek who have been found HIV positive are women...[who] take up prostitution in the other country... [and] get infected with the disease there. In this way the disease has spread from them in border areas and this has reached an alarming state If such acts are ignored, nationalism will diminish and then cultural traditions and customs can be affected.... The level in the detection of HIV in Yangon is still low. Preventive work can be carried out in time if preventive and educational measures are extensively taken from now. Regarding the AIDS, the people of Myanmar Naing-Ngan are not yet worried and national races residing in the border areas have no anxiety...." He encouraged educational measures using radio and TV, pamphlets, posters, and school health activities.

Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the Universities Training Corps Col. Pe Thein said Myanmar had studied preventive measures taken in other countries and was thus prepared, but that "the disease was very dangerous and could endanger the entire nation." UN Resident Representative Gerd Merrem and others also spoke to an audience of concerned officials, including local officials from Kengtung, Tachilek, Myawady and Kawthoung Townships. (WPD 6/15)

June 15: The Seminar continued, with discussion of "causes of spread of the disease and preventive measures." (WPD 6/16)

AIDS Statistics

June 23: Of 76,720 people tested in 16 townships, 1,764 were found to be HIV positive between 1985 and 1991. "Those tested included homosexuals, prostitutes, persons suffering from venereal disease, patients, convicts, blood donors, addicts who use common needles, sex promiscuous persons, expectant mothers, sailors and hospital workers, and the majority of those found with the HIV virus have been found to be addicts who use common needles...." In 1989, 54 addicts using common needles, out of 313, were found HIV positive. In 1990, the figure was 440 out of 701, and in Jan.-March 1991 it was 260 out of 340. As to pregnant women, in 1989 no cases were found out of 1,107; in the 1990 5 out of 514 tested were HIV positive, and in 1991 [Jan.-March ?] one out of 330. Tests were also made among blood donors. The number of cases among pregnant women and blood donors has not increased since 1985. (WPD 6/24)

SPORTS

Sports Teams Abroad

June 6: A Myanmar women volley-ball team headed by Deputy Provost Marshal Lt-Col. Thura Win Myint left for Bangkok to participate in the 5th Women's Volleyball tourney for the Trophy of Royal Princess of Thailand, beginning June 8. Team members are Manager Daw Phyu Phyu (Sports and Physical Education Department-SPED), Chief Coach U Tint Lwin (Construction), Coach U Ohn Shein (SPED), Referee U Myint Thein (Myanma Pharmaceutical Factory) and 12 "selected players." (WPD 6/7)

June 14: A Myanma rowing team headed by Secretary of the Rowing Federation Dr. Than Toe left for Singapore for the Second World Invitational Dragon Boat Race. Accompanying him were Team Manager U Nay Soe Naing, Secretary-cum-Coach Maj. Than Tun (Defence Industry) and 25 rowers. (WPD 6/15) // June 21: Myanmar won third prize (US\$3,000) in competition with 16 nations; the team returned to Yangon. (WPD 6/22)

June 15: A Myanma Tweekwando team led by President of the Taekwando Federation Col. Kyi Aung left for Seoul to participate in the Third International Armed Forces Members Taekwando Contest; the team includes athletes Kyaw Moe, Shwe Tun, Aung Kyaw Soe, and Win Kyaw. (WPD 6/16) // June 24: The team returned. Shwe Tun (CID, People's Police Force) and Aung Kyaw Soe (No. 22 LID) each won bronze medals. (WPD 6/25)

June 23: A Myanmar volleyball team headed by Volleyball

Federation President Tatmadaw Provost Marshal Col. Myint Lwin left for Japan to participate in the Third Asia-Pacific Men's International Cup Volleyball Tournament in Fukuoka. The team includes Instructors U Tin Oo and U Toe Aung, Umpire U Kyaw Myaing, and 12 players. (WPD 6/24) // June 27: In the first day, Myanmar defeated Singapore 15-7, 15-5, 15-12. (WPD 6/ 28) // June 28: Myanmar defeated Malaysia 16-14, 11-15, 15-2, 15-4. (WPD 6/29)

Visiting Sports Teams

June 10: A goodwill football match will be played between Myanmar and Malaysia selected players on June 22. Selection trials will begin June 15; players like Baha Du, goalie Tin Aung, Maung Maung, and Khin Maung Tin will play at the selection trials match. (WPD 6/11) // June 18: A game will be played June 21; tickets K20 for grandstand and K10 for ordinary stands. (WPD 6/19) // June 20: The Malaysian team, with 17 managers and 16 veteran players, arrived. (WPD 6/21) // June 21: Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the Universities Training Corps Col. Pe Thein attended the match, which ended in a 1-1 draw. (WPD 6/22)

Traditional Boats

June 2: Minister for Health and for Education and Chief Commanding Officer of the University Training Corps Col. Pe Thein attended the launching ceremony for two new Myanmar traditional boats at the Universities Boat Club in Yangon. They are named "Me-kha Zeya" and "Malikha Zeya", and cost K43,170 each. (WPD 6/3)

June 13: A 78-year old traditional race boat, named "Pyigyaw," built in 1913 for 24 rowers, was donated by a monastery Sayadaw to the State, and brought to Yangon. [photo] (WPD 6/ 14)

Yangon Marathon

June 15: The first-ever Yangon Mayor's Marathon, by Than Win. [New race, to be held June 16.]

June 16: 2,689 contestants took part in the Mayor's Marathon: 1,150 in men's open; 159 in women's open; 997 in men's mini-marathon; 142 in women's mini-marathon; and 241 in men's (above 40) marathon. State LORC Secretary (1) Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt, Yangon Mayor U Ko Lay, and others presented the prizes. (WPD 6/17)

1992 Olympics

June 27: The Chairman of the Myanmar Olympics Committee, Minister for Construction and for Co-operatives Lt-Gen. Aung Ye Kyaw, discussed Myanmar's participation in the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona with Spanish Ambassador Tomas Chavarri Del Rivero. (WPD 6/28)

CULTURAL

Literary and Cultural Articles

[Issue for Sunday, June 2, not received.]

June 2,9,16,23,30: Foundations of Myanmar Culture. Myanmar Literature & the ten major Jatakas, by Hnaphet Hla. [Cont. (45-49)]

June 2,9,16,23,30: Poems on ancient Bagan, by Zawgyi, in Myanmar and English. [Cont. (27 3 pts.) "The Ah-manah monastery donor's prayer." (28 2 pts) "Elder aunt Hpwar Saw's prayer."]

June 2,9,16,23,30: 20th Century Myanmar Poets & Poems, by Htila Sitthu. [Cont. (84) Poet Gon Win: Twelve selected poems. (85-86) {1-2} Poet Naung; his life & times. (87-88) {3-4} Poet Naung: his poems.]

June [2],9,16,23,30: Poems (in Myanmar and English). [(2) "Craftsman" by Moe Si. (3-4) "The battle of Wethigan" by Thiha Aung. (5) "Evil inheritance" by Thiha Aung.]

June [2],9,16,23,30: Short Stories. [(2) "The inexcusable" by Pe Than. (2-5) "Golden Rice" by Zawana. (3) "The immediate cause" by Pe Than. (4) "Shock" by Pe Than. (5) "Matured love" by Pe Than.]

Buddhist Culture Courses

May 31: The Buddhist Culture Course in Tarmway Twp. [Yangon] concluded. (WPD 6/1)

Poster Competition

The exhibition of posters and sculpture on "making patriotism alive and dynamic" continued throughout the month.

Schools Reopen

June 3: Basic education high, middle, and primary schools throughout the country were reopened for the 1991-92 academic year. This year, 75 high, 210 middle, and many new primary schools were opened, for a total of 856 high, 2,036 middle, and 33,236 primary schools, and over 6.74 million pupils. (WPD 6/4)

Censorship and Indecency

June 5: Speaking to the Video Censor Board members and film and press censors, State LORC Secretary (1) Maj-Gen. Khin Nyunt said [excerpts]:

-- "It is necessary for persons from the film, literary and music world to protect the Sasana from being disappeared. It is found that stage shows and video films are contrary to the Myanmar culture and traditions and there are decadent acts and mode of dresses.

-- "Some artistes and characters only place emphasis on gaining fame and take part in decadent acts. All these may lead to disappearance of our own culture and traditions and losing the national beauty. During our time, we do not want the future generations to inherit evil-legacy. Scrutiny and supervision committee and censor board should systematically and correctly scrutinize all films by practising the system of check, recheck and counter-check. Systematic scrutiny should also be made on magazines and journals to ensure that writings and photographs which are not suitable are not mentioned. The State will also scrutinize advertisement programme of the Myanmar Television, musical programme and plays.

-- "Video film producers should not only seek for their interests but also for the interests of the State. If not they will be dealt with martial law. Those who cherish the country cannot bear to see the calamity of the majority. We will also meet with stage artistes and give clarifications to them..."

"Six video films which feature decadent stage shows, mode of dresses, indecent acts and break-dances were then shown." (WPD 6/6)

June 12: Yangon police and the Video Group of the Motion Picture Asiayone on May 29 seized 10 foreign and 2 Myanmar uncensored video tapes from the Ngapali Video hiring shop, and 1 foreign and 16 Myanmar uncensored video tapes from the Wathon-dray video hiring shop. "Action would be taken against those who illegally copy video films and show uncensored video films, it was learnt." \ Film actress Khine Khin Oo was debarred from performing for five years "from acting in films, video films, plays and theatres; entertaining through the Television, producing taped songs, appearing on covers of calenders, magazines and journals for having dressed up in alien and decadent attires contrary to Myanmar culture and customs when entertaining the public." \ The video-film Anargat-hinlinbyin, produced by "A Video Films Production Company," was banned by the Video Censor Board, effective June 7. "Although the Video Censor Board censored some parts of the Anargat-hinlinbyin video, these parts were still shown and as they are not fit for the families to watch together, the Censor Board banned the showing of this video film. (WPD 6/13)

June 24: Speaking to musical artistes at City Hall, Yangon Commander Maj-Gen. Myo Nyunt "urged them to protect and preserve Myanmar traditions and to reduce decadent forms of entertainment programmes." He noted that while "music played an important role in agitative work in the struggles for Myanmar Naing-Ngan's

independence," the situation is now such "that there are acts which are contrary to Myanma traditions and culture." He told the artistes to be "dutiful in protecting and safeguarding the nation and the race," and suggested that troupes with foreign names change them to Myanmar names.

"Next, some of the scenes extracted from video tapes on the performances by the artistes at stage shows which were contrary to the traditions and the culture of the country were shown." In closing, Maj-Gen. Myo Nyunt "said that as those who sang and played went to the extreme and acted contrary to the Myanma culture, so also there were cameramen and video cameramen, bent on making profits, showed [sic] their skills and thus they became more decadent.... He said that the State...would make arrangements to enable music troupes that protect and preserve Myanma traditions and culture to perform at stage shows." (WPD 6/25)

Maha Wizaya Zedi

June 7: At Maha Wizaya Zedi Construction Committee meeting No. 10/91, Yangon Commander Maj-Gen. Myo Nyunt said that "cash donation would be collected from students and office employees at the rate of five pyas per month...." (WPD 6/8)

UDNR Opens

June 10: The new University for the Development of National Races opened at Ywathitkyi. "Of the different courses opened today, 20 are attending the course on Education degree, 50 trainees are attending course on Junior Assistant Teachership, 160 trainees are attending the course on Special Primary Teachership and 231 trainees are attending the 26th regular course, it is reported." (WPD 6/11)

Relics Donated

June 11: An ancient glazed pot from the Hanthawady Period, and some gold "which has some connection with alchemy of Bago era" were unearthed in Bago Nandawya Ward and turned over to the Archaeology Department on June 10. (WPD 6/12)

June 19: 215 "ancient and rare treatises on indigenous medicine" were donated to the Department of Indigenous Medicine. (WPD 6/20)

MISCELLANEOUS

Crime News

Names and addresses of culprits generally included.

June 1: Photos of persons arrested May 20 with K36,095 worth of one-kyat notes and small change. (WPD 6/ 1)

June 2: U Mya Tun, head of the Dalla Twp. [Yangon] Administrative Department was arrested June 1 for taking a bribe of K6,000 from a fish merchant. (WPD 6/3)

June 5: The Mandalay anti-drug squad on May 29 seized 4.7 kilos of heroin from a car on the Mandalay--Pyin-Oo-Lwin road and arrested three men. (WPD 6/6)

June 6: Assistant Manager U Ba San, Inspector U San Myint, and 11 employees of No. 14 Saw Mill in Dalla [Yangon] were arrested by the National Intelligence Bureau for stealing sapwood. Another 23 employees who "enjoyed the shares of profit" will have action taken against them "under service rules." \\
Namtu police [Shan] on Apr. 23 seized 8.5 kilos of raw opium, and two men were arrested. (WPD 6/7)

June 7: Defence Services Intelligence on June 4 seized 2 kilos of Chu-hnit-kaung Kabalone brand heroin from a vehicle in Taunggyi, arresting two persons. (WPD 6/8)

June 8: Defence Services Intelligence on June 1 arrested two of three men involved in stealing a 300 carat raw blue sapphire from the Yadana Gadayadar Mining Camp in Mogok; recovered were 21 polished stones, totalling 204 carats, gold jewelery and cash. A third miscreant has absconded. \\
Kyauktada [Yangon] police on May 29 rounded up five burglars who the day before had stolen a TV set,

video deck, and tape recorder worth K100,000. \\ The Taunggyi anti-drug squad on May 17 seized 8 kilos of raw opium in Walithegon Village, Pinlaung Twp., and booked four men. (WPD 6/9)

June 12: The National Intelligence Bureau arrested "some employees" of the No. 4 Saw Mill in Alon, for stealing sapwood and selling it; profits were divided among inspectors and raftsmen. Action will also be taken against the saw mill manager and others "who failed to report the loss of sapwood." \\ Sangyoung [Yangon] police on Apr. 9 and May 29 rounded up three burglars who on Apr. 3 robbed the Yuwadi girls' hostel in Pyay. "The three on interrogation disclosed to the police that they were under the influence of U Sein Hlaing who pulled the strings from behind and forced them to commit robbery and theft; raised 10-year olds and made them steal things posing as buyers of old plastic and scraps and he swindled them of their money and those who disobeyed him were beaten up and tortured." U Sein Hlaing was also arrested. \\ Yangon police on May 28 raided 51 liquor shops and seized 230 bottles of illicit country spirit, 19 bottles of rum, 18 bottles of beer, and 29 tins of beer and "booked the sellers of illicit liquor." The raids were in Botahtaung, Hline, Kamaryut, Kyimyindine, Mingaladon, Lanmadaw, Insein, and Latha Townships. (WPD 6/ 13)

June 15: Yangon police between June 9-12 raided 411 liquor shops and seized 1,491 bottles of country spirit, 443 bottles of BEDC, and 132 bottles of foreign liquor. \\ Insein [Yangon] police on May 27 seized 0.1 kilo of heroin and arrested three people. (WPD 6/16)

June 20: The National Intelligence Bureau arrested Thazi Township Judge U Khin Aung Hsan (Ta-1515) for taking bribes. He took K2000, after asking for K3000 to give judgment for the owner of a car involved in an accident June 12. (WPD 6/22)

June 22: Namhkam [Shan] police on May 7 seized 55 kilos of raw opium from three women in Kunlong Village. (WPD 6/23)

June 23: Sangyoung [Yangon] police on June 19 arrested 10 card players and seized two packets of cards and K20,733 in stake money. \\ The Kale Twp. [Sagaing] anti-drug squad seized 505 bottles (63 litres) of phensedyl in Pyitawtha village on June 15, and 205 bottles of phensedyl (26 litres) in Thayagon village on June 16; two persons were booked. (WPD 6/ 24)

June 24: Mayangonn [Yangon] police on June 1 raided a house and seized 95 stolen batik longyis and K6,800, part of 100 longyis and 128 yards of cloth worth K34,240 stolen from a godown in Ahlon Twp. \\ According to the June 22 Bangkok Post, 2 Myanmar forgers were arrested in Bangkok on June 21. Myo Oo was forging Myanmar passports and other documents needed for visa applications, and Tin Tun Naing "was arrested at the US Embassy when he showed a fake Myanmar passport to apply for a visa to the United States," which he had bought from Myo Oo for 7,000 baht. \\ Mayangonn police on May 12 arrested 4 persons for "illegally bringing out out four public teak logs on a boat down the Hline River." Following investigations, 14 others were arrested, together with teak logs and planks. (WPD 6/25)

June 26: The Lashio anti-drug squad on Apr. 29 seized 2.3 kilos of raw opium on a bus between Kutkai and Mandalay; two women were booked. (WPD 6/27)

June 27: The Yangon Command Headquarters Military Court has sentenced Ma Gozia and Ma Safurabi to seven years rigorous imprisonment each, for "trying to smuggle 12 children out of the country via Kawthoung with the aim of making them earn as beggars and selling them to other country." They were arrested Feb. 5 on board the MV Myitkyina, headed for Kawthoung. They had lured the children, aged 3 to 12, with promises of earning K300/400 a month in Kawthoung. (WPD 6/28)

June 27: Alon Twp. [Yangon] police on June 3 arrested Khin Maung Soe (a) Hla Tun (a) Saw Sit Aung for impersonating the son of Defence Services Intelligence Deputy Director Col. Than Tun, along with 4 accomplices. After promising his accomplices to get permits for the purchase of confiscated lumber, he went to the heads of the

Forest Departments of Gangaw and Pakkoku Townships and of Magway Division, claimed to be the Colonel's son, "and tried to extract timber saying he had permits for purchasing 350 tons of padauk for Col. Than Tun and 150 tons of confiscated lumber for him." He also "asked for the establishment of the 'Kyaitagun' bus terminal for Pakokku-Mandalay passenger bus line saying that his father Col Than Tun had shares in the Kyai-tagun Association." He got the bus terminal established and "then obtained K 50,000 as bribes from the bus terminal association." "Effective action" will be taken against him. (WPD 6/ 28)

June 27: Since June 16, 335 reckless motorists in Yangon have been caught and sentenced under a project placing plainclothes police at specific points to "note down the erratic motorists." (WPD 6/28)

June 28: Yangon and Dagon Myothit (South) police on June 20 raided a moonshiner, seizing 16 gallons of illicit liquor and distillation equipment; two persons were booked. (WPD 6/29)

June 29: The Lashio anti-drug squad on June 15 seized 0.35 kilos of heroin on a bus coming from Chinshwehau. \ Security unit members on Apr. 29 seized 45 kilos of raw opium from three men near Mankawng Village, Hopang Twp. [Shan] (WPD 6/30)

Obituaries

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

May 27: Tipitakadhara Dhamma Bhandagarica Agga Maha Pandita Pakokku Sayadaw Ashin Neminda, died at the Payabyu Kyaung in Pazundaung Twp. [Yangon]. On May 31, Minister for Home & Religious Affairs and for Information and for Culture Lt-Gen. Phone Myint paid homage to his remains. (WPD article 6/1)

June 16: Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Candobhasa, Patron Sayadaw of the Amarapura Maha Gandayon Kyaungtaik, Vasa 51, died in Kandawgyi Hospital, Yangon, aged 71. (WPD article 6/17) // June 19: Minister for Home & Religious Affairs and for Information and for Culture Lt-Gen. Phone Myint and State LORC Secretary (2) Maj-Gen. Tin Oo paid homage. (WPD 6/20) // June 22: The remains arrived in Amarapura June 19. (WPD 6/23) // June 24: Final rites were held on June 22, followed by cremation. (WPD 6/25)

Meiktila Fire

May 31: K294,336, contributed employees, was given to the Red Cross by the Manager of UNOCAL Myanmar Ltd. Mr. Ken Bradley. Myanma citizens and others living in Hong Kong donated US\$490 to help celebrate the inauguration of direct air service [see above]. (WPD 6/1)

June 3: The Korean Government donated 11,200 corrugated iron sheets, weighing 32 tons; they will arrive this month on the MV Pathein. \ Mr. B.L. Goinka, Vice President of Petro Gold International, UAE, donated K21,001. \ Onkee Investment Co. Ltd. (Hong Kong) donated K30,000. \ U Than Hla of Uniteam Marine Co. Ltd., Cyprus donated K50,000. \ Dr. Channarong Tjuvong, World Impex Co. Ltd. donated K30,000. (WPD 6/4)

June 4: The European Economic Community has donated ECD\$ 70,000 of relief goods to the Red Cross. (WPD 6/5)

June 12: Indonesia donated K63,318 for fire relief. (WPD 6/13)

June 13: Italy donated US40,000 for fire relief to UNICEF. (WPD 6/ 14)

June 19: The Enquiry Commission on the Meiktila Fire reported that the fire was caused by "the light offered at the altar in the attic" of a shop, left negligently and despite rules against it. Fighting the fire was made difficult by mounds and ditches in the affected Wards, impeding fire vehicles; oil mills and car tyre shops with much waste material; congestion and poor water supply; shortcomings by the fire fighters; the explosive combustion of edible oil; the explosion of blackmarket barrels of petrol; wooden and bamboo construction; high winds; and lack of supervision of fire fighting.

31 persons died in the fire; 17 male, 12 female, and 2 undetermined.

Damage was K695,634,818, of which K636,067,500 was from the private sector, K20,328,177 from the public sector, K1,220,493 from the co-operative sector, K37,642,570 from destruction of religious buildings, and K266,078 from destruction of social welfare buildings. The State has allocated K10 million for fire relief. (WPD 6/20)

June 27: Project Director U Ye Tun of the Chino Jewellery Co. from Japan donated 300,000 yen for fire relief. (WPD picture caption 6/27)

June 28: Vice President Mr. Chan Choong of the Chartered Industries of Singapore donated K200,000 for Meiktila fire relief. \\ The Japan-Myanmar Cultural Association donated 500,000 yen to the Red Cross for fire relief. (WPD 6/28)

Throughout the month there were also numerous articles on donations for Meiktila fire relief by Myanmar nationals and groups.

Fires

June 2: Two men and a child were killed in a fire in a 4-story building at 57 Shwebontha St., Ward 2, Pabedan Twp. [Yangon]. 10 residents were saved by firemen and another 10 escaped, though four of them were hospitalized after jumping from windows. Loss was K50,000. (WPD 6/3)

June 5: During April, there were 221 fires throughout Myanmar, of which 189 were due to negligence. 8,288 houses, 5 mills and factories, and 7 godowns were destroyed, and 44,085 people left homeless. Loss was an estimated K772.02 million. (WPD 6/6)

June 6: Fire at the zat hall of the Thitsa Myitta Shwe Mann Theatrical Troupe at the Shwesikhon Pagoda Festival in Yamethin on May 25 destroyed the zat hall, property and equipment worth K2.5 million, and four neighbouring houses. (WPD 6/7)

June 24: Central Commander Maj-Gen. Tun Kyi "inspected the relief camp in Bugon north ward in Kyaukse on 20 June morning. The fire broke out in Bugon Ward on 17 June." (WPD 6/25)

June 27: During May there were 168 fires throughout Myanmar, of which 145 were due to negligence. 794 houses and 10 mills were destroyed, and 3,478 people left homeless. Estimated damage was K24.29 million. (WPD 6/28)

Earthquakes

June 12: An earthquake of slight intensity (4.3 Richter) was recorded at 09:36:44 Myanmar time, with epicentre 62 miles SW of Yangon. (WPD 6/13)

June 26: An earthquake of slight intensity (4.7 Richter) was recorded at 03:07:41 Myanmar time, with epicentre 115 miles N or Sittwe. (WPD 6/27)

Boats Sink

June 16: The private vessel Min Than and a cargo boat {towed barge} with K 300,000 of granite went out of control in the Hline River, got entangled with the anchor of the floating dock, and sank. 17 crew members were rescued, but the master, Daw Naw Phaw, is missing. Loss was K2.8 million. (WPD 6/17)

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